



MINUTES – VICTORIA CITY COUNCIL

MEETING OF THURSDAY, JULY 23, 2015, AT 7 P.M.

PLACE OF MEETING:

Council Chambers, City Hall

PRESENT:

Mayor Helps in the Chair, Councillors Alto, Coleman, Isitt, Loveday, Lucas, Madoff, Thornton-Joe and Young

STAFF PRESENT:

J. Johnson, City Manager; P. Bruce, Fire Chief; K. Hamilton, Director, Citizen Engagement and Sustainable Development; J. Hawkins, Council Secretary; J. Jenkyns, Deputy City Manager; A. Meyer, Assistant Director, Sustainable Planning and Community Development; C. Mycroft, Executive Assistant to the City Manager; J. O'Connor, Manager, Financial Planning; J. Paul, Manager of Underground Utilities; T. Soulliere, Director, Parks and Recreation; J. Tinney, Director, Sustainable Planning and Community Development; R. Woodland, Corporate Administrator

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The Corporate Administrator outlined changes to the agenda.

It was moved by Councillor Coleman, seconded by Councillor Thornton-Joe, that the agenda be approved as amended.

Members of Council requested that the following members of the public be added to Requests to Address Council: Wesley Ryan Boyd on Basic Adult Education, Rupert Yakelashek on Divest and Plastic Bags; Mia Frankl on plastic bags, Anna Girard on Socially Responsible Investing and Josh Christopher on Socially Responsible Investing.

Mayor Helps advised that consideration of the 2015 Strategic Plan Grants has been deferred to a Special Council Meeting on Wednesday, August 5th at 8 a.m.

Carried Unanimously

MINUTES

It was moved by Councillor Isitt, seconded by Councillor Alto, that the Regular Council meeting minutes of July 9, 2015, be approved.

Carried Unanimously

PROCLAMATIONS

It was moved by Councillor Thornton-Joe seconded by Councillor Coleman, that the following Proclamations be endorsed:

1. "World Hepatitis Day" – July 28, 2015
2. "Dart Coon Club Day" – August 9, 2015

Carried Unanimously

REZONING APPLICATION

1. 1315 Richardson Street

1. Public Hearing - Zoning Regulation Bylaw, Amendment Bylaw (No. 1018)

To amend the Zoning Regulation Bylaw to rezone the land known as 1315 Richardson Street from the R1-B Zone, Single Family Dwelling District, to the R1-B-GS2 Zone, Single Family Dwelling with Garden Suite District, to permit the construction of a garden suite.

New Zone: R1-B-GS2 Zone, Single Family Dwelling with Garden Suite District
Legal Description: Lot 9, Fairfield Farm Estate, Victoria City, Plan 1440
Existing Zone: R1-B Zone, Single Family Dwelling District

Mayor Helps opened the public hearing at 7:04 p.m.

Alison Meyer (Assistant Director, Sustainable Planning and Community Development): This is a rezoning application to permit the construction of a garden suite.

Council is to consider the proposed garden suite use and the consistency with the relevant design guidelines.

Blair Hochhalter (Applicant): This is an original Fairfield farm house so it is oddly placed on the property and in relation to the street. The garden suite will be 15 feet away from the property line

to allow neighbours more light. The proposed house will be in the traditional style to fit with the other houses around. The garden suite will be very energy efficient.

Jamie Webb (Moss Street): They live on the west side and their entire backyard abuts the property line. They have no problems and support the application.

Michael Callahan (Moss Street): They back onto the property where the garden suite will be. The applicant has moved the proposal back a further five feet from the first proposal. He has no problems with development going again.

Mayor Helps closed the public hearing at 7:10 p.m.

2. **Bylaw Approval**
It was moved by Councillor Isitt, seconded by Councillor Loveday, that the following bylaws **be given third reading:**
Zoning Regulation Bylaw, Amendment Bylaw (No. 1018)

Councillor Isitt spoke in support for the application noting that the applicant has done their homework and made adjustments to the project to address the neighbour's concerns.

Councillor Coleman spoke in support for the application noting that it is odd as this lot is in the middle surrounded by neighbours. This proposal works well as it gives added protection to the driveway and the entire neighbourhood.

Councillor Loveday spoke in support for the application.

Carried Unanimously

3. **Bylaw Approval:**
It was moved by Councillor Coleman, seconded by Councillor Alto, that the following bylaw **be adopted:**
Zoning Regulation Bylaw, Amendment Bylaw (No. 1018)

Carried Unanimously

4. **Application Approval:**
It was moved by Councillor Coleman, seconded by Councillor Alto, that Council authorize Development Permit No. 00421 for 1315 Richardson Street.

Carried Unanimously

COMBINED DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION

1. **62 Cambridge Street**

1. **Public Hearing - Zoning Regulation Bylaw, Amendment Bylaw (No. 1045)**
To rezone the land known as 62 Cambridge Street from the R1-B Zone, Single Family Dwelling District, to the R1-S1, Restricted Small Lot (Single Storey) District, and a new zone to permit subdivision and construction of a new small lot single family dwelling.

New Zones:	R1-S1 Zone, Restricted Small Lot (Single Storey) District R1-39, Cambridge Single Family Dwelling District
Legal Description:	Lot 18, Fairfield Farm Estate, Victoria City, Plan 960
Existing Zone:	R1-B Zone, Single Family Dwelling District

2. **Hearing - Development Permit with Variances Application**
The Council of the City of Victoria will also consider issuing a Development Permit for the land known as 62 Cambridge Street, in Development Permit Area 15A: Intensive Residential – Small Lot, for the purposes of approving the exterior design and finishes for the new small lot single family dwelling as well as landscaping, and associated variances with respect to setbacks.

The Development Permit will vary the following requirements of the Zoning Regulation Bylaw, R1-S1 Zone, Restricted Small Lot (Single Storey) District:

- reduce the front yard setback from 6.00m to 3.50m
- reduce the side yard setback from 2.40m to 1.50m

Mayor Helps opened the public hearing at 7:12 p.m.

Alison Meyer (Assistant Director, Sustainable Planning and Community Development): This is a rezoning application to permit a new small lot single family house.

Council is to consider the merits of a two-lot subdivision and the construction of a new small lot house.

Peter Waldhuber (Applicant): This is a proposal for a small lot subdivision to the north of his property. There will be no modifications to his house, except to the right side where an accessory building will be torn down. The separation between the neighbour and his house is 55 feet and he has worked with the neighbour to make it work for them, and they are now 100% in support. The ash tree will be maintained and there will be an extensive landscaping plan.

Pauline Kenneally (Cambridge Street): She lives several houses south and is happy to see this development. She is confused on whether there will be a suite in the new building. She is also concerned about the big tree on the front of the proposed new lot and whether it will be retained.

Peter Waldhuber: There will be no suite in the new proposed new house. The cluster of trees on the property line between the existing house and proposed house are protected trees and will be maintained.

Archie Willie (Building Designer): The one tree further up on the lot will be removed as the root zone is within the building envelope. The City Arbourist has said that the tree is on the invasive species list.

Mayor Helps closed the public hearing at 7:27 p.m.

3. **Bylaw Approval**
It was moved by Councillor Madoff, seconded by Councillor Coleman, that the following bylaws **be given third reading:**
Zoning Regulation Bylaw, Amendment Bylaw (No. 1045)

Councillor Madoff spoke in support noting that she is familiar with the project and it is interesting to see it come back with this level of support from the neighbourhood. This application speaks to the spirit and intent of the small lot zone and it responds in a contextual way.

Councillor Isitt spoke in supporting noting that sending the application back for more work has made it more supportable by Council and the neighbours.

Carried Unanimously

4. **Bylaw Approval:**
It was moved by Councillor Madoff, seconded by Councillor Coleman, that the following bylaw **be adopted:**
Zoning Regulation Bylaw, Amendment Bylaw (No. 1045)

Carried Unanimously

5. **Application Approval:**
It was moved by Councillor Madoff, seconded by Councillor Coleman, that Council authorize the issuance of Development Permit with Variances Application No. 00479 for 62 Cambridge Street, in accordance with:
1. *Plans date stamped April 20, 2015.*
 2. *Development meeting all Zoning Regulation Bylaw requirements, except for the following variances:*
 - a. *Part 1.22, Section 8(a): reduce the front yard setback of Lot B from 6.00m to 3.50m;*
 - b. *Part 1.22, Section 8(c): reduce the side yard setback of Lot B from 2.40m to 1.50m.*
 3. *The Development Permit lapsing two years from the date of this resolution.*

Carried Unanimously

HERITAGE ALTERATION PERMIT APPLICATION

1. **135 Medana Street**

1. **Hearing - Heritage Alteration Permit with Variances**
The City of Victoria will be considering the issuance of a Heritage Alteration Permit with variances for the land known as 135 Medana Street and varying the Zoning Regulation Bylaw namely:
- To allow the rear yard setback requirement to be changed from 10.7m to 4.03m.
 - To allow the placement of an accessory building (garage) in the side yard.

Legal Description of the Land: Lot 15, Beckley Farm, Victoria City, Plan 753

Mayor Helps opened the public hearing at 7:29 p.m.

Alison Meyer (Assistant Director, Sustainable Planning and Community Development): This is a Heritage Alteration Permit with Variances application to permit renovations to a deck on a Heritage Designated house.

Council is to consider the merits of the proposed alterations including the two variances: the change in the rear yard setback and to allowing an accessory building within the side yard of the building.

Emily Schedel (Applicant): They purchased the house in 2012 and with the support of the Victoria Heritage Foundation they have been refurbishing, upgrading and restoring original features of the house. The deck has been around since at least the 1990's. The previous owners began reinforcing the structure of the deck and took out the fire escape, stairs and railing. Due to insurance purposes a railing was required and they also added a trellis for privacy.

Mayor Helps closed the public hearing at 7:33 p.m.

2. **Application Approval**

It was moved by Councillor Madoff, seconded by Councillor Alto, *that Council authorize the issuance of Heritage Alteration Permit No. 00203 for 135 Medana Street subject to:*

1. *Plans date stamped April 21, 2015.*
2. *Development meeting all Zoning Regulation Bylaw requirements, except for the following variances:*
 - a. *Rear yard setback relaxed from 10.7m to 4.03m.*
 - b. *Relaxation of accessory building requirements to permit existing accessory building to be located in the side yard (due to rear deck addition projecting beyond the front of the accessory building).*
3. *Final plans to be generally in accordance with the plans identified above to the satisfaction of staff.*

Carried Unanimously

HERITAGE DESIGNATION APPLICATION

1. **1713 Government Street**

1. **Public Hearing - Heritage Designation Application No. 000151**

Under the provisions of the *Local Government Act*, the City of Victoria intends to designate the exterior and original interior elements of the building located at 1713 Government Street, legally described as Lot 7, of Lots 602 and 603, Victoria City, Plan 2779, as protected heritage property, under Heritage Designation (1713 Government Street) Bylaw.

Mayor Helps opened the public hearing at 7:34 p.m.

Alison Meyer (Assistant Director, Sustainable Planning and Community Development): This is a Heritage Designation application for the exterior and interior elements of the Yen Wo Society Building.

The applicant was not present and no members wished to speak to the public hearing.

Mayor Helps closed the public hearing at 7:35 p.m.

2. **Bylaw Approval**

It was moved by Councillor Thornton-Joe, seconded by Councillor Alto, that the following bylaw **be given third reading:**

Heritage Designation (1713 Government Street) Bylaw

3. **Bylaw Amendment**

It was moved by Councillor Thornton-Joe, seconded by Councillor Coleman, that the following bylaw **be amended** by renumbering the bylaw as Bylaw No. 15-053.

Heritage Designation (1713 Government Street) Bylaw

Councillor Thornton-Joe said that she is excited to see a second building in Chinatown designated in the last few months.

Carried Unanimously

On third reading as amended

Carried Unanimously

4. **Bylaw Approval:**

It was moved by Councillor Thornton-Joe, seconded by Councillor Madoff, that the following bylaw **be adopted:**

Heritage Designation (1713 Government Street) Bylaw

Carried Unanimously

HEARINGS – REQUESTS TO ADDRESS COUNCIL

It was moved by Councillor Coleman, seconded by Councillor Madoff, that the following speakers be permitted to address Council.

Carried Unanimously

1. **Eric Blueschke, re: Divest Victoria**

He would like to recognize the good work this Council is taking. We cannot lay responsibility for change on individual consumers. There are steps that need to be taken by the community, government and industry. We are in this together. Investing in alternatives creates more alternative and more choice. The fact that municipal governments are addressing this international issue speaks to the urgency.

2. **Simka Marshall, Canadian Federation of Students-BC, Kenya Rogers, UVic Student Society and Andrea Eggenberger, Camosun College Student Society, re: Adult Basic Education (ABE)**

Andrea Eggenberger: There are three basic categories of students; those seeking to finish high school, those upgrading their high school degree and those seeking to improve basic literacy or numeracy skills. There are also those with developmental disabilities and students studying English as a second language.

Andrea Rogers: ABE's are often the most marginalized groups in our communities such as women, indigenous people and those who are parenting. ABE is used as a stepping stone to complete academic and career goals.

Simka Marshall: What happened in December 2014 is the provincial government announced a \$15 million cut to ABE and to allow institutions fees with a fee cap per course.

Kenya Rogers: ABE was prioritized by the provincial government in 2007 as an essential service to offer.

Andrea Rogers: No reasonable justification has been made for the reversal of the policy.

3. **Wesley Ryan Boyd, re Adult Basic Education (ABE)**

He is a 29 student at University of Victoria. 2½ years ago he did not have any prerequisites to enter any post-secondary school program but ABE gave him a second chance. He owes his future to ABE. 70% of students who use ABE have gone on to some form of higher education.

4. **Rupert Yakelashek, re: Divest and Plastic Bags**

Seven months ago the City made a declaration for recognizing a citizens' right to a healthy environment. He is asking Council to support Divest Victoria and ban the plastic bag.

5. **Anna Girard, re Socially Responsible Investing**

The issue is not abstract but about human lives living on the front lines of these destructive industries. Just because we are participating in an old system does not mean that we have to tolerate it indefinitely. We want better options. She urged Council to consider fossil fuel divestment.

6. **Larry Wartels, Social Environmental Alliance, re: Divest Victoria**

Showed a video of Pope Paul speaking on climate change.

7. **Laurel Collins, re: Divest Victoria – Municipal Divestment from Fossil Fuels**

In response to Councillor Young's comments that he is not sold on the need for divestment, she has come up with the following three reasons:

1. He wants tangible effective ways to wean ourselves off fossil fuels;
2. We need coherency and consistency in our rationale; and,
3. We need to take personal responsibility in the fossil fuel extraction.

If these are right, Divest Victoria is in agreement with these fundamentals. Council is already taking personal responsibility and she hopes you will continue to take the next steps in fossil fuel divestment.

8. **Charles Joerin, re: My Thoughts on the Pending Proposal to Develop St. Andrew's Property**

His and the North Park Neighbourhood's official position regarding Bosa and Blue Sky Properties for the St. Andrew's site, is that they are opposed as currently presented. They are not opposed to development, but to this specific development as proposed. Comparing the current proposal to the one from 2014, there are no changes, just 'window dressing'; additions like bike and dog washing stations and a small community room space.

Motion:

It was moved by Councillor Loveday, seconded by Councillor Isitt, that Noah Stewart be permitted to Requests to Address Council on the topic of Socially Responsible Investing. Carried Unanimously

9. **Noah Stewart, Socially Responsible Investing**

Climate change is not visible, we cannot see the oceans and trees dying, but it is all around us. Human beings are associative creatures and are able to adapt and change, but it also holds us back. Take time and focus on what you feel about the City, our health and the future of this world.

10. **Bianca Bodley, Biophilia Collective, re: Banning Plastic Checkout Bags in Victoria**

She is concerned about the increased plastics she finds on the beaches. This is polluting our coastlines, and killing mammals, fish and wildlife as they eat it. She is hopeful that we can make an impact by taking the first step forward and ban plastic bags in Victoria.

11. **Anne (a.k.a. Bag Monster) Gibson, re: Banning Single-use Plastic Checkout Bags in Victoria**

Plastic bags were created in 1965 in Sweden. They are a non-renewal resource and are a petroleum based product. The world uses a trillion bags a year, or 2 million bags a minute. On average people collect 200-500 bags a year and are used usually once for 12 minutes and will last forever as they never breakdown

12. **Jill Doucette, Synergy Enterprises, re: Plastic Bag Ban**

Her company works to reduce a business's carbon footprint. Waste and plastic are a large part of the carbon footprint as they are hard to recycle in an economical and environmentally sustainable way. A push and support from government to create a new normal without plastic bags will open the door to a more sustainable consumption habit.

13. **Caitlin Brown for Nicholas Rabbitt, Mountain Equipment Co-op, re: Banning Plastic Bags**

MEC started going bag free over 10 years ago in Calgary when they saw the amount of plastic MEC bags in landfills. They were using over 500,000 bags annually. When they went bag free they contributed five cents to an urban sustainability fund when a member did not take a bag. They have saved roughly \$150,000 a year by not having purchasing disposal bags. It did not impact their business or sales in a negative way.

14. **Melanie Wagner-Collins, re: Banning Plastic Checkout Bags in Victoria**

Plastic bags were introduced to grocery stores in 1979 and became more commonplace in the 1980's. What we see in our oceans and environment has only taken 30 years. It is a habit that was created and

we can adapt, but the environment cannot. This is a cultural issue that can be changed through legislation.

15. **Josh Christopher, re: Socially Responsible Investing**
Divesting from fossil fuels is a prudent financial decision as the future prospects for fossil fuel companies are suffering and in the coming years will suffer from rapidly evolving developments triggered by growing global awareness of fossil fuels.

Council recessed at 8:40 and reconvened at 8:47 p.m.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Councillor Isitt withdrew from Council Chambers at 8:47 p.m. due to a potential non-pecuniary conflict of interest in the following item as he has a friend involved in community gardens.

1. **Community Garden Volunteer Coordination Grants**
Council received a motion from the Corporate Administrator advising that at the July 9, 2015 Council Meeting Council postponed consideration of the motion for two weeks and requested staff to confirm, in each neighbourhood, which gardens are allotment gardens and which are community gardens.

The breakdown of the Community Gardens in each of the neighbourhoods was provided with a proposed motion.

Motion to Lift from the Table

It was moved by Mayor Helps, seconded by Councillor Alto that the following amendment be lifted from the table:
That Council, at the July 23, 2015 Council meeting, approve the application for Community Garden Volunteer Coordination grants as outlined in Appendix F, with the following amendment:

Organization Name	Total Eligible Dollars
Fernwood Community Association	3,000
Fernwood Neighbourhood Resource Group Society	3,000 6,000

Councillor Thornton-Joe said that she cannot support this amendment as both organizations have community and allotment gardens, which is similar to other organizations. We need to be consistent in how the grant is applied this year, and review it for next year.

Councillor Alto said that she did support the amendment when it came forward, but upon reflection with the information provided by staff, the Community Associations have both types of gardens. This issue will need to be addressed for next year, but in the meantime she cannot justify the amendment on the basis of the allotment gardens.

Defeated Unanimously

Main Motion:

It was moved by Councillor Alto, seconded by Councillor Loveday, that Council approve the application for Community Garden Volunteer Coordination grants as outlined in Appendix F.

	Organization Name	Total Eligible Dollars
1	Burnside Gorge Community Association	\$6,000
2	Fairfield Gonzales Community Association	6,000
3	Fernwood Community Association	3,000
4	Fernwood Neighbourhood Resource Group Society	3,000
5	James Bay Neighbourhood Association	6,000
6	Quadra Village Community Centre/Hillside Farmers for Sustainability	6,000
7	Vic West Community Association	6,000
	Grand Total	\$36,000

Carried Unanimously

Councillor Isitt returned to the meeting at 8:51 p.m.

2. **2015 Strategic Plan Grants**

Motion to Refer:

It was moved by Mayor Helps, seconded by Councillor Loveday, that consideration of the 2015 Strategic Plan Grants be referred to a Special Council meeting on Wednesday, August 5, 2015.

Councillor Alto said that she will support the motion due to the depth and detail of the responses from the organizations to the questions asked by Council.

Councillor Isitt said that given the hour and complexity of the issue it makes sense for staff to collate the information in a consolidated way.

Mayor Helps said that she would like to deal with the grants tonight, but information was not organized by strategic objective. She would ask Council to give some thought on the following for the meeting:

- Do we want to cap the amount any organization will receive?
- Do we only want to consider a certain number of grants over \$10,000?
- Do we only want to consider a certain number of grants under \$10,000?

Councillor Loveday said that Council will have to review the process for next year and perhaps include a list of the questions posed for organizations.

Councillor Isitt said that there is only five months left in the year, so perhaps some reduction may be reasonable to allow more applicants to receive funds.

Carried Unanimously

REPORTS OF THE COMMITTEES

1. Governance and Priorities Committee – July 16, 2015

1. Property Use Agreement with Department of National Defence for USAR Training

It was moved by Councillor Isitt, seconded by Councillor Loveday, that Council authorize the Mayor and the Corporate Administrator to execute the agreement, generally in accordance with *Appendix A – Agreement for Temporary Use of Federal Real Property* with the Minister of National Defence for the use of the CFB Esquimalt Urban Search and Rescue facilities by staff and volunteers of the City of Victoria.

Carried Unanimously

2. Protection of Biological Diversity of Walbran Valley

It was moved by Councillor Loveday, seconded by Councillor Isitt, that Council request the Mayor write a letter to the Honourable Steve Thomson Minister of Forests, Lands, and Natural Resource Operations stating support for protecting the Old Growth Forests of Walbran Valley.

Councillor Loveday said that he would like to acknowledge the work done by the Wilderness Committee and the Interforest Alliance in advocating for this. He is proud of the City for their stand up on this issue.

Councillor Isitt said that there is an economic development rationale to preserve wild places.

Carried Unanimously

3. Request to Transport Canada – Victoria Inner Harbour Airport

It was moved by Councillor Loveday, seconded by Councillor Alto, that Council approve the following motion:

Be it resolved that Council requests Transport Canada send appropriate staff to a Governance and Priorities Committee meeting to make a presentation and answer questions about current and future operations and regulation of the Victoria Inner Harbour Airport (YWH).

Carried Unanimously

4. Johnson Street Bridge Replacement Project Update

It was moved by Mayor Helps, seconded by Councillor Isitt, that City Council:

1. Approve an increase to the project budget of \$2.554 million with funding from the Building and Infrastructure Reserve.
2. Direct staff to transfer to the Building and Infrastructure Reserve any costs recovered from other parties.
3. Direct staff to bring forward an amended Financial Plan Bylaw to the July 23, 2015 Council meeting.
4. Direct staff to update Council on public realm options at the August 20, 2015 Governance and Priorities Committee meeting.

Councillor Thornton-Joe said that she will reluctantly support the motion. During a meeting of the Downtown Residents Association they expressed concerns that they are not being officially updated on the public realm discussions.

Amendment:

It was moved by Mayor Helps, seconded by Councillor Loveday, that the motion be amended as follows:

That City Council:

1. Approve an increase to the project budget of \$2.554 million with funding from the Building and Infrastructure Reserve.
2. Direct staff to transfer to the Building and Infrastructure Reserve any costs recovered from other parties.
3. Direct staff to bring forward an amended Financial Plan Bylaw to the July 23, 2015 Council meeting.
4. Direct staff to update Council on public realm options at the August 20, 2015 Governance and Priorities Committee meeting.
5. **Direct staff in the Neighbourhoods Division to engage with the Downtown Residents Association and the Vic West Neighbourhood Association on a regular basis with regards to the Johnson Street Bridge.**

Carried Unanimously

Councillor Isitt said that completing this bridge is the most cost effective way for residents

Carried Unanimously

5. Recommendations from the Mayor's Task Force on Housing Affordability

It was moved by Councillor Isitt, seconded by Councillor Loveday, that Council:

1. Receive the suite of recommendations in Appendix A of the report dated July 6, 2015, in its entirety;
2. Direct staff to consider the actions contained therein to form the basis of a comprehensive Municipal Housing Strategy with an aim to supporting implementation during the timeline laid out;
3. That staff report back to Council with a draft Municipal Housing Strategy in September 2015; and
4. Amend page two of the report dated July 6, 2015, by removing the chart and replace it with the City of Victoria Housing Spectrum Chart.

Amendment:

It was moved by Mayor Helps, seconded by Councillor Alto, that the motion be amended as follows:

1. Receive the suite of recommendations in Appendix A of the report dated July 6, 2015, in its entirety;
2. Direct staff to consider the actions contained therein to form the basis of a comprehensive Municipal Housing Strategy with an aim to supporting implementation during the timeline laid out;
3. That staff report back to Council with a draft Municipal Housing Strategy in ~~September~~ **October** 2015; and
4. Amend page two of the report dated July 6, 2015, by removing the chart and replace it with the City of Victoria Housing Spectrum Chart.

Carried Unanimously

Councillor Young said that he is opposed to this motion. The recommendations within the report are in three groups and his concerns are as follows:

1. *That the City should spend more money on affordable housing;*
 - *The people bearing that cost are mainly the target group who we will be creating the housing for;*
2. *Developers should be taxed to pay for affordable housing;*
 - *It is counter intuitive as we want more housing in the downtown, and;*
3. *Various permitting and zoning processes being simplified or omitted.*
 - *It would be faster if neighbours don't have a say of what goes into their neighbourhood, but if we want people to live in Victoria, they need to know what is going to happen in the neighbourhoods and have a say.*

Councillor Madoff said that she does support moving forward, but she wants it to be clear that she is not supportive of all the measures in the report. Delegation of authority not only removes Council but also the public from the decision-making process.

Councillor Isitt said that he supports the recommendation and he values the work of the task force. It reflects what is feasible. He thinks the option of establishing a robust City led housing service is missing.

Councillor Loveday said that he supports forwarding to staff for more information. This is an important body of work and has a real potential to have an impact on housing affordability in the City. He hopes there will be a suite of recommendations as some items he would not be able to support.

Mayor Helps said she supports moving this forward and thanked all the members of the Task Force. It was a consensus decision in the end and it is a partnership with the City and the development industry.

Councillor Madoff said that she found the community voice was missing from this Task Force.

Councillor Loveday acknowledged that there wasn't a specific representative from the community associations, but there was a town hall meeting which had a lot of speakers, including members of the community associations.

Mayor Helps said that Council appointed the Task Force, but it is a lesson learned that we need someone from the neighbourhood associations.

On the main motion as amended:

Carried

For:

Mayor Helps, Councillors Alto, Coleman, Isitt, Loveday, Lucas, Madoff and Thornton-Joe

Against:

Councillor Young

6. **Status Report – Action Plan for Housing, Supports & City Services**

It was moved by Councillor Isitt, seconded by Councillor Alto, that Council:

1. Receive the July 15, 2015 *Status Report - Action Plan for Housing, Supports and City Services for Sheltering in City Parks*; and
2. Approve the following *Action Plan* recommendations:
 - a. Temporary Housing Initiative 2(a) – Increase Emergency Shelter Spaces
 - i. Adjust the City's advocacy focus as follows:
 - Request the Province of British Columbia and BC Housing to provide more funding for rent supplements in the City of Victoria to secure permanent housing for people currently housed in emergency shelters or transitional/supportive housing.
 - b. Temporary Housing Initiative 2(b) – Clarifying Roles in Micro-Housing
 - i. The City's role in the development of a micro-housing village is to:
 - Advise on land use, building construction and fire safety regulations;
 - Advise on municipal servicing requirements and community standards;
 - Process any required applications for land use, building construction or site preparation approvals;
 - Consider any applications for financial support in relation to the development or implementation of the village; and
 - Consider entering into agreements to enable the operation of the village.
 - ii. Micro-Housing Victoria's Role in developing a micro-housing village is to:
 - Build a community of interest and organizational capacity to support the village project;
 - Develop site plans, housing unit plans and site servicing plans;
 - Develop operational rules and procedures for the village;
 - Identify and acquire a site for the micro-housing village;
 - Apply for land use, building construction or site servicing approvals;
 - Engage in community consultation to support the project, including required CALUC consultations respecting any land use applications;
 - Acquire the necessary funding to support the development and operation of the village; and
 - Operate the village in accordance with Micro-Housing Victoria's rules and procedures, and any agreements with the City or other parties.
 - c. Temporary Housing Initiative 2(c) – A Designated Sheltering Site in a Park
 - i. The City's approach to establish a designated sheltering area in a park is to:
 - Seek a service partner who will manage the operation of the site;
 - Develop a service model and budget with the service partner;
 - Confirm the site location and seek public input on the proposed service model and location;
 - Seek final approval of the service model budget from Council.
 - d. Operational Initiative 1 - Storage Project for Homeless Persons' Belongings
 - i. The City's approach to establishing a storage facility is to:
 - Continue to work cooperatively with interested service partners to establish the facility in September 2015; and
 - Initiate a proposal call if there is no substantive progress achieved by September 2015.

Councillor Isitt said that he supports the staff work and he is optimistic that there is a better option to people sleeping unregulated in our parks. A micro village and a designated single park in the City are two reasonable steps to take.

Councillor Thornton-Joe requested information about the proposed staff worker to assist with housing.

Robert Woodland (Corporate Administrator): Staff will review the initiatives contained in the Action Plan as there are resourcing issues related to supporting some of the key City priorities.

Amendment:

It was moved by Councillor Thornton-Joe, seconded by Councillor Alto, that the bullet under 2(a)(i) be amended as follows:

Request the Province of British Columbia and BC Housing to provide more funding for rent supplements ~~in the City of Victoria~~ to secure permanent housing for people currently housed in emergency shelters or transitional/supportive housing.

Amendment to the Amendment:

It was moved by Councillor Loveday, seconded by Councillor Thornton-Joe, that the amendment be amended as follows:

Request the Province of British Columbia and BC Housing to provide more funding for rent supplements ~~in the City of Victoria~~ **in Greater Victoria** to secure permanent housing for people currently housed in emergency shelters or transitional/supportive housing. Carried Unanimously

Amendment to the Amendment:

It was moved by Councillor Thornton-Joe, seconded by Councillor Alto, that the amendment be amended as follows:

Request the Province of British Columbia and BC Housing to provide more funding for rent supplements in Greater Victoria to secure permanent housing ~~for people currently housed in emergency shelters or transitional/supportive housing.~~ Carried Unanimously

Councillor Thornton-Joe expressed concern about people camping in parks when there are shelter mats not being used. Staff will need to look at the timing. With respect to a staff member assisting with housing; there is already a lot of work being done with many housing teams in the City and she does not want that work duplicated. Staff should look at the gaps where an employee may be of assistance.

Robert Woodland: The Social Service Outreach position is a pilot project for six months, or possibly twelve if there is funding from a partner. It will be evaluated based on its efficacy over that trial period.

Councillor Alto said that she will support with some reluctance as this is short term answer. The recommendations from the Task Force will be longer term. This is not the best solution, but it is a solution we can implement in the short term.

Councillor Young said that he is not able to support the recommendations as a whole, but he does agree with many of the initiatives. The ones that he has the greatest concern with are the permanent encampments and the micro housing, in a location to be determined. Both proposals will have enormous, complex issues which will be costly. Even if we have one facility he expects a lot of people will not want to go to it and will continue camping in parks. We have to provide camping spaces, but only to people in need and when other space is not available. He does agree with increasing the number of shelter spaces.

Councillor Isitt said this is the price of bringing an ounce of humanity to an inhumane situation which is poverty within a place of plenty. The real solution is to change the economy. We have to provide camping spaces until we have adequate apartments.

Mayor Helps said that she agrees with Councillor Young in many ways, however, in the absence of anything else we have to do something. This combined with the Mayor's Task Force and the Coalition to End Homelessness will get us to where we need to be and that is with everyone with a home.

Councillor Coleman said the he will reluctantly support as there is a suite of options. He does have concerns about a designated sheltering area in a single park as we cannot promise if we have this, that there won't still be camping in our parks. When there are not enough shelter beds we cannot stop people from camping in the parks. We will also need to identify an exit strategy if this does not work.

Councillor Thornton-Joe said that she will support. The issue of homelessness is complex and solutions are many and varied. This is not the solution, but it is a part of the solution and we have to try this and learn from it.

On the amendment:

Carried Unanimously

On the main motion as amended:

Carried

For:

Mayor Helps, Councillors Alto, Coleman, Isitt, Loveday, Lucas, Madoff and Thornton-Joe

Against:

Councillor Young

7. Opening Government Street to Pedestrians – Pilot Project

It was moved by Councillor Loveday, seconded by Councillor Alto, that Council approve the following motion:

1. Be it resolved that the City of Victoria work in collaboration with the Downtown Victoria Business Association, downtown residents, Downtown Residents Association, the Greater Victoria Placemaking Network and other interested stakeholders to convene a "LoveGov" series of pedestrian only Sundays on Government Street including one Saturday or Sunday in October, one Saturday or Sunday in November, one Saturday or Sunday in January, and that the partners consider a Saturday or Sunday closure in December, culminating in a "LoveGov" wrap up event on Sunday February 14th 2016.
2. Direct staff, working in partnership with the Downtown Victoria Business Association, Downtown Residents Association, Government Street merchants and other stakeholders, to develop a mechanism to evaluate the success of this pilot project.

Amendment:

It was moved by Councillor Thornton-Joe, seconded by Councillor Loveday, that the motion be amended as follows:

1. Be it resolved that the City of Victoria work in collaboration with the Downtown Victoria

Business Association, downtown residents, Downtown Residents Association, the Greater Victoria Placemaking Network and other interested stakeholders to convene a “LoveGov” series of pedestrian only ~~Sundays~~ on Government Street including one Saturday or Sunday in October, one Saturday or Sunday in November, one Saturday or Sunday in January, and that the partners consider a Saturday or Sunday closure in December, culminating in a “LoveGov” wrap up event on Sunday February 14th 2016.

2. Direct staff to bring forward a budget for this project.

- 3.** Direct staff, working in partnership with the Downtown Victoria Business Association, Downtown Residents Association, Government Street merchants and other stakeholders, to develop a mechanism to evaluate the success of this pilot project.

Councillor Thornton-Joe said before she can support, she needs to know where the funds will come from and how much will be needed.

Councillor Loveday said that there are no further meetings until August 20th so he doesn’t want to stop the process until Council has received the budgetary information.

Jocelyn Jenkyns (Deputy City Manager): Work is ongoing with the merchants on what the program will look like.

Councillor Isitt asked where funds would come from as this is not currently within the budget.

Mayor Helps said that there is \$250,000 approved for Economic Development.

Councillor Isitt said that he wants to see this implemented and not postponed pending budgetary approval.

For:

Mayor Helps, Councillors Alto, Coleman, Loveday, Lucas, Madoff, Thornton-Joe and Young

Against:

Councillor Isitt

Amendment:

It was moved by Councillor Coleman, seconded by Councillor Loveday, that the motion be amended as follows:

1. Be it resolved that the City of Victoria work in collaboration with the Downtown Victoria Business Association, downtown residents, Downtown Residents Association, the Greater Victoria Placemaking Network and other interested stakeholders to convene a “LoveGov” series of pedestrian only Sundays on Government Street including one Saturday or Sunday in October, one Saturday or Sunday in November, one Saturday or Sunday in January, and that the partners consider a Saturday or Sunday closure in December, culminating in a “LoveGov” wrap up event on Sunday February 14th 2016.
2. Direct staff to bring forward a budget for this project.
3. Direct staff, working in partnership with the Downtown Victoria Business Association, Downtown Residents Association, Government Street merchants and other stakeholders, **and downtown residents** develop a mechanism to evaluate the success of this pilot project.

Carried Unanimously

Amendment:

It was moved by Mayor Helps, seconded by Councillor Isitt, that the motion be amended as follows:

2. Be it resolved that the City of Victoria work in collaboration with the Downtown Victoria Business Association, downtown residents, Downtown Residents Association, the Greater Victoria Placemaking Network and other interested stakeholders to convene a “LoveGov” series of pedestrian only ~~Sundays~~ on Government Street including one Saturday or Sunday in October, one Saturday or Sunday in November, one Saturday or Sunday in January, and that the partners consider a Saturday or Sunday closure in December, culminating in a “LoveGov” wrap up event on Sunday February 14th 2016.
2. Direct staff to bring forward a budget for this project.
3. Direct staff, working in partnership with the Downtown Victoria Business Association, Downtown Residents Association, Government Street merchants and other stakeholders, downtown residents to develop a mechanism to evaluate the success of this pilot project.

Carried Unanimously

On the main motion as amended:

Carried Unanimously

8. Socially Responsible Investments and Pension Funds

It was moved by Councillor Isitt, seconded by Councillor Loveday, that Council:

1. Requests that the Mayor write to the Premier of British Columbia and the Minister of Finance, requesting that the provincial government introduce amendments to the Municipal Finance Authority Act to provide local governments with the autonomy to pursue socially responsible investments and climate action in financial decision-making;
2. Request a report from each of the Municipal Pension Plan and the Municipal Finance Authority detailing the percentage and dollar amount of investments currently held in fossil fuel-related companies or investment products, and options for divesting those

- assets over the next five, ten and fifteen years;
3. Requests that the Mayor write to the Board of Directors of the Municipal Finance Authority and the BC Investment Management Corporation requesting that these organizations divest from fossil fuels and reinvest in renewable sources of energy, employment and income, in order to give effect to the climate action objectives of the Province of British Columbia and local governments including the City of Victoria.

As per the Strategic Plan Implementation Plan attached as Appendix A, that Council:

1. Refer this item to the next Strategic Plan Quarterly Update on August 20, 2015 and at that time request a report from staff on the implications of adding this Action Item to the strategic plan:
2. Report on the current distribution of the City of Victoria's investment portfolio and pension funds, and consistency with objective 5 of the Investment Policy (Socially Responsible Investing), and in particular, to report on the percentage and dollar amount of investments currently held in fossil fuel-related companies, and provide advice on options for increasing Socially Responsible Investing.

Councillor Isitt said that he supports the motion as there are a number of ways the City can put their money in funds that are socially and environmentally beneficial to the community and avoid those that are not.

Councillor Loveday said that he will support as the Strategic Plan says that we will prepare for emergencies including climate change and this is a great first step to divest from fossil fuels.

Councillor Young said that he will not be able to support as the position needs to be more absolute and he feels hypocritical by driving his vehicle and buying gas and supporting this motion.

Councillor Madoff said that she will support. Looking at anything in the extreme we will never get anything done, but this motion has some tangible aspects to it and Council sending a strong message. It is a small step.

Councillor Coleman said that he will support and appreciates Councillor Young's concern. However he can support since it is not an immediate cut off but an evolutionary one.

Mayor Helps said that we are not giving investment but we are stewards of the taxpayer's money which must be invested right. We can't reduce our complicity overnight; but we can change how we invest our money.

For:

Mayor Helps, Councillors Alto, Coleman, Isitt, Loveday, Lucas, Madoff and Thornton-Joe

Against:

Councillor Young

9. Councillors Overview of Current Issues

It was moved by Councillor Alto, seconded by Councillor Loveday, that Council approve that each Councillor provide a brief overview of current issues (or any matter that might be of interest to Council) arising from each Councillor's liaison neighbourhood and/or City appointments, on a quarterly basis.

Amendment:

It was moved by Councillor Alto, seconded by Councillor Loveday, that Council approve that each Councillor provide a brief overview of current issues (or any matter that might be of interest to Council) arising from each Councillor's liaison neighbourhood and/or City appointments, on a quarterly basis **starting at the September 2015 Governance and Priorities Committee meeting.**

Carried Unanimously

On the main motion as amended:

Carried Unanimously

2. Planning and Land Use Committee – July 23, 2015

1. Rezoning Application No. 00480 for 2280 Forbes Street

It was moved by Councillor Coleman, seconded by Councillor Loveday, that Council instruct staff to prepare the necessary *Zoning Regulation Bylaw Amendment* that would authorize the proposed development outlined in Rezoning Application No. 00480 for 2280 Forbes Street, that first and second reading of the *Zoning Regulation Bylaw Amendment* be considered by Council and a Public Hearing date be set.

Carried Unanimously

2. Development Permit with Variances Application No. 00480 for 2280 Forbes Street

It was moved by Councillor Coleman, seconded by Councillor Loveday, that after giving notice and allowing an opportunity for public comment and after the Public Hearing for Rezoning Application No. 00480, if it is approved, that Council consider the following motion:

"That Council authorize the issuance of Development Permit Application No. 00480 for 2280 Forbes Street, in accordance with:

1. Plans date stamped July 7, 2015.
2. Development meeting all Zoning Regulation Bylaw requirements, except for the following variances:

Small Lot House (Proposed Lot 1)

- a. Part 1.23 (8)(c): Reduce the side yard setback from 2.4m to 1.50m.
- b. Part 1.23 (8)(c): Reduce the side yard setback from 2.4m to 1.73m.

Existing House (Proposed Lot 2)

- c. Part 1.2, Section 1.2.2(b): Reduce the lot width from 15m to 11.95m.
- d. Part 1.2, Section 1.2.5(c): Reduce the side yard setback from 3.0m to 1.5m.
- e. Part 1.2, Section 1.2.5(d): Reduce the combined side yard setbacks from 4.50m to 3.04m.

Accessory Building

- f. Schedule "F" (4)(b): Reduce the side yard setback of an accessory building on Lot 1 and Lot 2 from 0.6m to 0m.

3. The Development Permit lapsing two years from the date of this resolution."

Carried Unanimously

3. Development Permit Application No. 000429 for C8-1 Dallas Road

It was moved by Councillor Coleman, seconded by Councillor Loveday, that Council authorize the issuance of Development Permit Application No. 000429 for C8-1 Dallas Road, in accordance with:

1. Plans date stamped June 15, 2015.
2. Development meeting all Zoning Regulation Bylaw requirements.
3. The Development Permit lapsing two years from the date of this resolution.

Carried Unanimously

4. Development Variance Permit Application No. 00152 for 361 and 363 Foul Bay Road

It was moved by Councillor Coleman, seconded by Councillor Loveday, that after giving notice and allowing an opportunity for public comment, that Council consider the following motion:

"That Council authorize the issuance of Development Variance Permit Application No. 00152 for 361-363 Foul Bay Road, in accordance with:

1. Plans date stamped June 3, 2015.
2. Development meeting all Zoning Regulation Bylaw requirements, except for the following variances:
 - a. Section 1.6.6 a. – relaxation to increase site coverage from 30 percent to 41.10 percent.
 - b. Schedule F, 5.b – relaxation to increase the rear yard site coverage from 25 percent to 25.30 percent.
 - c. Schedule F, Section 4.c – relaxation to reduce the flanking street setback (Quixote Lane) from 7.50m to 5.91m.
3. The Development Permit lapsing two years from the date of this resolution."

Carried Unanimously

5. Development Permit with Variances Application No. 000419 for 330 Irving Road

It was moved by Councillor Coleman, seconded by Councillor Loveday, that after giving notice and allowing an opportunity for public comment, that Council consider the following motion:

"That Council authorize the issuance of Development Permit Application No. 000419 for 330 Irving Road, in accordance with:

1. Plans date stamped June 2, 2015.
2. Development meeting all Zoning Regulation Bylaw requirements, except for the following variances.
 - a. Section 1.6.5 e. south side yard setback reduced from 3.21m to 1.61m.
 - b. Section 1.6.5 f. combined side yard setbacks reduced from 5.4m to 3.61m.
3. The Development Permit lapsing two years from the date of this resolution."

Carried Unanimously

6. Application for a Permanent Special Event Area Endorsement for the Vancouver Island Brewery – 2330 Government Street

It was moved by Councillor Coleman, seconded by Councillor Loveday, that Council, after conducting a review with respect to noise and community impacts regarding the application to add a Brewery Special Events Area Endorsement for the Brewery Licence of the Vancouver Island Brewing Company, Brewery Licence No. 300205, located at 2330 Government Street, supports:

1. The application of the Island Pacific Brewing Company (Vancouver Island Brewery) to amend its Brewery Licence to add a Brewery Special Events Area Endorsement, with a licenced capacity of 60 and operating hours of 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. seven days a week.
2. The Council provides the following comments on the prescribed considerations:
 - a. The location is within a government light industrial district which permits breweries, restaurants, light industry, accessory retails sales and offices, retail sales of home furnishings and supplies, or sporting goods. The Brewery Licence operation is compatible with the neighbouring land uses. The business is located within the Activity Noise District which allows for a higher noise threshold.
 - b. This request represents the addition of a special event endorsement, which is expected to have minimal impact on the neighbourhood as it does not change

operating hours, will be contained within the building and is an extension to services such as tastings and hosting events in the hospitality room that already occur.

- c. The views of residents were solicited via a mail out to neighbouring property owners and occupiers with 50 metres of the pub and a notice posted at the property. Six responses were received by the City, with five opposed and one in favour.
Carried Unanimously

7. Application for Patron Participation Endorsement for the Oswego Hotel – 500 Oswego Street

It was moved by Councillor Coleman, seconded by Councillor Loveday, that Council, after conducting a review with respect to noise and community impacts regarding the application to add a Patron Participation Endorsement for the Food Primary liquor licence of the Oswego Hotel, Liquor Licence No. 302556, located at 500 Oswego Street, supports:

1. The application of the Oswego Hotel to amend its Food Primary liquor licence to add a Patron Participation Endorsement.
2. The Council provides the following comments on the prescribed considerations.
 - a. The location is in the urban residential district which has a transient accommodation usage but also allows for some restaurants. There is significant residential use in the immediate vicinity. The Food Primary liquor licensed business is compatible with the neighbouring land uses and is within the Intermediate Noise District, which allows for a higher noise threshold.
 - b. This change is expected to have a minimal impact on the neighbourhood due to the configuration, use and size of the licenced premises. The restaurant has had no complaints with regards to noise.
 - c. The views of residents were solicited via a mailed notice to neighbouring property owners and occupiers within 50 metres of the hotel and a notice posted at the property. Four written responses were received by the City, with there in support of the application and one opposed.
Carried Unanimously

8. Development Permit with Variances Application No. 000377 for 613 Herald Street

It was moved by Councillor Young, seconded by Mayor Helps, that Council:

Refer Development Permit with Variances Application No. 000377 for 613 Herald Street for a complete review by the Advisory Design Panel, with a request that the Panel pay particular attention to the following:

1. The exterior finishes of the building as they relate to the Old Town Guidelines.
2. The opportunity to provide a greater articulation of the upper-portion of the building.
3. The ground floor design, the brick lintel, and the issues identified by the Downtown Residents Association.

Following this referral, and after giving notice and allowing an opportunity for public comment, that Council consider the following motion:

"That Council authorize the issuance of Development Permit Application No. 000377 for 613 Herald Street, in accordance with:

1. *Plans date stamped June 18, 2015.*
2. *Development meeting all Zoning Regulation Bylaw requirements, except for the following variances:*
 - a. *Section 6.6.1 – Increase the maximum building height from 15m to 15.86m.*
 - b. *Section 6.8.3(b) – Reduce the front yard setback above 10m from 1.07m to 0.10m.*
 - c. *Section 6.8.5 – Reduce the minimum side yard setback from 4.50m to 0.*
 - d. *Section 6.8.6(ii) – Reduce the number of vehicle parking spaces from 70% of the number of dwelling units (21 spaces) to 40% (12 spaces).*
3. *The submission of revised plans that address comments from the Advisory Design Panel to the satisfaction of City Staff.*
4. *Removal of the Section 219 Covenant requirement for a car share vehicle.*
5. *The applicant entering into a car share agreement with MODO to secure car share memberships for each unit.*
6. *That a Car Share Agreement is in place to the satisfaction of MODO that will secure the fulfillment of the agreement in accordance with their standard practice.*
7. *Council authorizing anchor-pinning into the City right-of-way provided that the applicant enters into an Encroachment Agreement in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor and the Director of Engineering and Public Works.*
8. *Receipt of evidence that the Application is in compliance with the Ministry of Environment's Environmental Management Act as it pertains to potentially contaminated sites.*
9. *Final plans to be in accordance with the plans identified above to the satisfaction of City staff.*
10. *The Development Permit lapsing two years from the date of this resolution."*

Amendment:

It was moved by Councillor Thornton-Joe, seconded by Councillor Alto, that the referral to Advisory Design Panel part of the motion be amended as follows:

Refer Development Permit with Variances Application No. 000377 for 613 Herald Street for a complete review by the Advisory Design Panel, with a request that the Panel pay particular attention to the following:

1. The exterior finishes of the building as they relate to the Old Town Guidelines.
2. The opportunity to provide a greater articulation of the upper-portion of the building.
3. The ground floor design, **as they relate to the pedestrian experience and the historical Chinatown** the brick lintel, and the issues identified by the Downtown Residents Association.

Carried

For:

Mayor Helps, Councillors Alto, Coleman, Isitt, Lucas, Loveday, Thornton-Joe and Young

Against:

Councillor Madoff

MOTIONS

1. To Set Public Hearings for the Council Meeting of Thursday, August 27, 2015 for:

It was moved by Councillor Alto, seconded by Councillor Madoff, that the following Public Hearings be held in Council Chambers, City Hall, on **THURSDAY, AUGUST 27, 2015, at 7 p.m.:**

1. Rezoning Application No. 00471 for 324 Chester Avenue Carried Unanimously

It was moved by Councillor Young, seconded by Councillor Coleman, that the following Public Hearings be held in Council Chambers, City Hall, on **THURSDAY, AUGUST 27, 2015, at 7 p.m.:**

2. Rezoning Application No. 00381 for 1002-1008, 1012 Pandora Avenue

Councillor Isitt said that he cannot support sending this application to Public Hearing as he feels the application is not ready with a potential high risk of it being turned down. There are still impacts on Vancouver Street, Mason Street and Pandora Avenue that he feels still need to be addressed.

Councillor Alto said that she will support sending this application to Public Hearing as it is customary to send them forward when the applicant says they are ready to move forward. The applicant is aware of the risk of moving forward.

Councillor Loveday said that he does have concerns about the application, but he feels it is time to find out what the public feel about the application.

Councillor Madoff said throughout the process she has been consistent in not moving the application forward as it does not meet the basic principles of urban planning that are important.

Carried

For:

Mayor Helps, Councillors Alto, Coleman, Loveday, Lucas, Thornton-Joe and Young

Against:

Councillors Isitt and Madoff

QUESTION PERIOD

A question period was held.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Request for an Amendment to Housing Agreement (555-575 Pembroke Street) Bylaw

Council received a report dated July 10, 2015 from the Sustainable Planning and Community Development Department to provide information to Council about a request to amend Housing Agreement Bylaw (555-575 Pembroke Street) so that it only applies to the residential units.

Alison Meyer: This is a proposed amendment to a Housing Agreement that was registered in 2010 and was applied to the whole property including the commercial units. This amendment is removing the commercial units from the agreement.

Motion:

It was moved by Councillor Thornton-Joe, seconded by Councillor Alto, that Council adopt Housing Agreement Amendment (2014 Government Street) Bylaw No. 15-062 to authorize the Mayor and Corporate Administrator to execute an Amendment to the Housing Agreement in the form attached.

Carried Unanimously

2. Requests to attend Canadian Capital Cities Organization Conference - Councillors Alto and Thornton-Joe

Council received two reports dated July 16, 2015 from Councillors Alto and Thornton-Joe requesting Council to authorize travel expenses for them to attend the Canadian Capital Cities Organization Conference in Winnipeg.

Councillor Isitt asked if there has been an interface with the remnant of the provincial government that is directly responsible for the Capital.

Councillor Alto responded that a couple of Ministry staff have retained an interest and have been invited to attend the Conference. Also, Paul Nurse from Tourism Victoria will also be attending.

Motion:

It was moved by Councillor Coleman, seconded by Councillor Loveday, that Council authorize the attendance and associated costs for Councillor Alto to the Canadian Capital Cities Organization Conference to be held in Winnipeg, Manitoba, August 18 – 21, 2015. Carried Unanimously

Motion:

It was moved by Councillor Coleman, seconded by Councillor Loveday, that Council authorize the attendance and associated costs for Councillor Thornton-Joe to the Canadian Capital Cities Organization Conference to be held in Winnipeg, Manitoba, August 18 – 21, 2015. Carried Unanimously

3. Referral from East Side Select Committee - Additional Sites for Sewage Treatment Facility

Council received a referral from the from East Side Select Committee to consider including two CRD pump stations as potential sewage treatment facility sites in Victoria.

Motion:

It was moved by Mayor Helps, seconded by Councillor Isitt, that Council consider the East Side Select Committee request to include the two CRD pump stations, Trent Street and Clover Point, as potential sewage treatment facility sites.

Mayor Helps said that the East Side Select Committee has been working on a centralized system and they are now working on a distributed system as there may be potential cost saving to use pump stations that exist.

Councillor Isitt asked if the City has any municipal pump station land that might also house a CRD pump station.

Jas Paul (Manager, Underground Utilities): The majority of the stations are located within the City, but the parcels of land are quite small.

Carried Unanimously

4. Support for Adult Basic Education

Council received a Council Member Motion dated July 17, 2015 from Councillors Loveday and Isitt requesting Council to express support for Adult Basic Education and to request funding to be reinstated by the Province.

Motion:

It was moved by Councillor Loveday, seconded by Councillor Isitt, that Council approve the following resolution:

Be it resolved that Council requests the Mayor to write a letter to Minister Peter Fassbender stating support for Adult Basic Education and requesting the Ministry to reinstate funding for Adult Basic Education programs and that the letter be copied to the Canadian Federation of Students BC, the Camosun College Student Society and the University of Victoria Student Society.

Councillor Loveday said that until recently adult basic education was free to all residents and a recent cut at the provincial level has taken that away. Free and accessible adult basic education is a basic human right and is necessary.

Mayor Helps requested the speakers earlier in the evening contact her with respect to the letter she will send to the Minister.

Carried Unanimously

5. Amendments to the Five Year Financial Plan Bylaw, 2015

Council received a reported dated July 17, 2015 from the Finance Department proposing amendments to Schedules 3 and 4 of the Five Year Financial Plan Bylaw, 2015 to increase the Johnson Street Bridge Replacement Project Fund.

Motion:

It was moved by Mayor Helps, seconded by Councillor Coleman, that Council:

1. Give first, second and third reading to the amended Five Year Financial Plan Bylaw, 2015, and;
2. Direct staff to schedule a public consultation. Carried Unanimously

Councillor Loveday withdrew from Council Chambers at 10:34 p.m.

5. Request to attend Economic Development Destination Trade Mission – Mayor Helps

Council received a report dated July 22, 2015 from Mayor Helps requesting Council to authorize travel expenses for her to attend the Economic Development Destination Trade Mission in San Francisco

Motion:

It was moved by Councillor Isitt, seconded by Councillor Alto, that Council authorize the attendance and associated costs for Mayor Lisa Helps to attend the Economic Development Destination Trade Mission to be held in San Francisco, California, September 27 – 30, 2015. Carried Unanimously

6. **Request to attend International Downtown Association Conference and Economic Development Destination Trade Mission - Councillor Lucas**

Council received a report dated July 22, 2015 from Councillor Lucas requesting Council to authorize travel expenses for her to attend the International Downtown Association Conference and Economic Development Destination Trade Mission in San Francisco

Motion:

It was moved by Councillor Isitt, seconded by Councillor Lucas, that Council authorize the attendance and associated costs for Councillor Margaret Lucas to attend the International Downtown Association Conference and Economic Development Destination Trade Mission to be held in San Francisco, California, September 27 – 30, 2015.

Mayor Helps said that she is working with Victoria organizations and they are all going together for the conference and to promote Victoria as a destination and to build relationships.

Carried Unanimously

BYLAWS

Councillor Loveday returned to the meeting at 10:36 p.m.

1. **FIRST READING**

It was moved by Councillor Young, seconded by Councillor Coleman, that the following bylaws **be given first reading:**

Housing Agreement (2014 Government Street) Bylaw

The purpose of this bylaw is to authorize an amendment to an agreement for rental housing for 577 Pembroke Street, 2014 Government Street and 2018 Government Street

Five Year Financial Plan Bylaw, 2015, Amendment Bylaw (No.1)

The purpose of this bylaw is to propose amendments to Schedules 3 and 4 of the Five Year Financial Plan Bylaw, 2015 to increase the Johnson Street Bridge Replacement Project Fund.

Carried Unanimously

2. **SECOND READING**

It was moved by Councillor Coleman, seconded by Councillor Lucas, that the following bylaws **be given second reading:**

Housing Agreement (2014 Government Street) Bylaw

Five Year Financial Plan Bylaw, 2015, Amendment Bylaw (No.1)

Carried Unanimously

3. **THIRD READING**

It was moved by Councillor Coleman, seconded by Councillor Young, that the following bylaws be given **third reading as amended:**

Housing Agreement (2014 Government Street) Bylaw

Five Year Financial Plan Bylaw, 2015, Amendment Bylaw (No.1)

Carried Unanimously

CLOSED MEETING

It was moved by Councillor Coleman, seconded by Councillor Young, that Council convene a closed meeting that excludes the public under Section 12(6) of the Council Bylaw for the reason that the following agenda items deal with matters specified in Sections 12(3) and/or (4) of the Council Bylaw; namely:

Section 12(3)(c) - Labour relations or employee relations.

Section 12(3)(e) - The acquisition, disposition or expropriation of land and/or improvements, if the Council considers that disclosure might reasonably be expected to harm the interests of the City.

Carried Unanimously

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Councillor Alto, seconded by Councillor Thornton-Joe, that the Council meeting adjourn.

Time: 10:45 p.m.

Carried Unanimously

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

CORPORATE ADMINISTRATOR

MAYOR OF THE CITY OF VICTORIA