



AGENDA - VICTORIA CITY COUNCIL

Thursday, October 24, 2024

COUNCIL CHAMBERS - 1 CENTENNIAL SQUARE, VICTORIA BC

To be held immediately following the Committee of the Whole Meeting

The City of Victoria is located on the homelands of the Songhees Nation and Xwsepsum Nation

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- Council Procedures Bylaw, Amendment Bylaw (No. 1), No. 24-074

The purpose of this Bylaw is to establish the general procedures to be followed by Council and Council committees in conducting their business.

G. NEW BUSINESS

G.1 309-329 Belleville Street: Development Permit with Variance Application No. 00278

[Link to the September 5, 2024 Committee of the Whole Agenda](#)

- **Approval of:**
 - Development Permit with Variances Application No. 00278

Council is considering a Development Permit with Variances Application to add eight small buildings for sauna use and associated facilities (reception, washroom and changing area) in the space between the two existing hotel uses on the subject property.

H. NOTICE OF MOTIONS

I. CLOSED MEETING

MOTION TO CLOSE THE OCTOBER 24, 2024 COUNCIL MEETING TO THE PUBLIC

That Council convene a closed meeting that excludes the public under Section 90 of the *Community Charter* for the reason that the following agenda items deal with matters specified in Sections 90(1) and/or (2) of the *Community Charter*, namely:

Section 90(1) A part of a council meeting may be closed to the public if the subject matter being considered relates to or is one or more of the following:

Section 90(1)(c) labour relations or other employee relations;

Section 90(1)(f) law enforcement, if the council considers that disclosure could reasonably be expected to harm the conduct of an investigation under or enforcement of an enactment;

Section 90(2) A part of a council meeting must be closed to the public if the subject matter being considered relates to one or more of the following:

Section 90(2)(b) the consideration of information received and held in confidence relating to negotiations between the municipality and a provincial government or the federal government or both, or between a provincial government or the federal government or both and a third party.

J. APPROVAL OF CLOSED AGENDA

K. NEW BUSINESS

K.1 Intergovernmental Relations and Law Enforcement - Community Charter
Section 90(2)(b) and Section 90(1)(f)

K.2 Employee Relations - Community Charter Section 90(1)(c)

L. CONSIDERATION TO RISE & REPORT

M. ADJOURNMENT



MINUTES - VICTORIA CITY COUNCIL

July 11, 2024, 6:30 P.M.

Council Chambers, City Hall, 1 Centennial Square

The City of Victoria is located on the homelands of the Songhees Nation and Xwsepsum Nation

PRESENT: Mayor Alto in the Chair, Councillor Caradonna, Councillor Coleman, Councillor Dell, Councillor Gardiner, Councillor Hammond, Councillor Kim, Councillor Loughton, Councillor Thompson

STAFF PRESENT: J. Jenkyns - City Manager, C. Anderson - Deputy City Clerk, T. Zworski - City Solicitor, G. Diamond - Senior Legislative Coordinator, B. Roder - Senior Legislative Coordinator

A. MUSIC

Council received a musical performance by Tyler Evans-Knott, a flautist in the Diploma in Music program at the Victoria Conservatory of Music.

B. TERRITORIAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Council acknowledged that the City of Victoria is located on the homelands of the Songhees Nation and the Xwsepsum Nation and encouraged everyone to find a moment to reflect on the fact that we are allowed to be here and able to be here, through the stewardship of thousands of years of care from the lək'wəŋən Peoples.

C. INTRODUCTION OF LATE ITEMS

There were no late items.

D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved and Seconded:

That the agenda be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

E. REQUESTS TO ADDRESS COUNCIL

Moved and Seconded:

That the following speakers be permitted to address Council.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

E.1 Bob June: Victoria Living Wage & Council (In-person)

Outlined concerns regarding the Task Force on Council remuneration, and suggested that Council use the Victoria Living Wage as a benchmark for their deliberation. He also shared that it is difficult for the public to provide comments to the Task Force.

E.2 Larry Wartels: Susan Kim "complaint" (In-person)

Outlined concerns regarding the Code of Conduct complaint against Councillor Kim, and provided support for her actions.

E.3 Diana Smardon: Homelessness/New \$200,000,000 Pool? (In-person)

Outlined concerns regarding the cost of the proposed new Crystal Pool, and that these funds would be better spent addressing the homelessness crisis and the situation on Pandora.

E.4 Verna Stone: Centennial Square Redevelopment (In-person)

Outlined concerns regarding the proposed redesign of Centennial Square, particularly around the cost, given other issues facing the City such as homelessness. She outlined concerns surrounding the removal of the Sequoia tree in the proposal.

E.5 Lynn Martin: Centennial Square Update (In-person)

The Mayor noted that this speaker was not present to address Council.

E.6 Leann Trenchard: 2155 Dowler (In-person)

Outlined concerns regarding the proposed access hub at 2155 Dowler Street and shared that the neighbourhood has multiple concerns regarding the site. She shared that Dowler is a popular pedestrian route and gateway between neighbourhoods, recreational facilities, and the arena. She also shared that there are a high proportion of children, young people, and vulnerable people residing in the neighbourhood and that Dowler is not an appropriate choice for the SOLID hub.

F. CLOSED MEETING, IF REQUIRED

There was no closed meeting.

G. ADJOURNMENT

Moved and Seconded:

That the Council meeting be adjourned at 7:01 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CITY CLERK

MAYOR

DRAFT



MINUTES - VICTORIA CITY COUNCIL

October 10, 2024, 6:30 P.M.

Council Chambers, City Hall, 1 Centennial Square

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PRESENT: Mayor Alto in the Chair, Councillor Caradonna, Councillor Coleman, Councillor Dell, Councillor Hammond, Councillor Loughton, Councillor Thompson

PRESENT ELECTRONICALLY: Councillor Gardiner, Councillor Kim

STAFF PRESENT: J. Jenkyns - City Manager, C. Kingsley - City Clerk, T. Zworski - City Solicitor, A. Bronee - Manager, Communications and Engagement, G. Diamond - Senior Legislative Coordinator, B. Roder - Senior Legislative Coordinator

A. MUSIC

Council received a performance by Katie Cooper and Chris Mattila from the Victoria Conservatory of Music.

B. TERRITORIAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Council acknowledged that the City of Victoria is located on the homelands of the Songhees First Nation and Xwsepsum First Nation communities and encouraged everyone to think of the generations that came before and the generations that will come after when making decisions.

C. INTRODUCTION OF LATE ITEMS

There were no late items.

D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved and Seconded:

That the agenda be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

E. REQUESTS TO ADDRESS COUNCIL

Moved and Seconded:

That the following speakers be permitted to address Council.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

E.1 Jan Firstbrook, Community Trees Matter Network: The value of mature trees (In-person)

Outlined concerns related to the Centennial Square Concept Design and asked that the Sequoia tree be preserved. While she appreciates the goals of the redesign, she questioned if this could be done while protecting the Sequoia, maple, and sweetgum tree. She requested a redesign that retains the trees.

E.2 Tracy Ryan, Silver Threads Service: City of Victoria Senior Centre Funding - Silver Threads Service (In-person)

Outlined the history of Silver Threads in Victoria and their involvement on projects throughout the City and shared their hopes for moving back into a City-owned building as their lease is coming up and the current building is leading to financial challenges.

E.3 Erik Haensel: Centennial Square Revitalisation (In-person)

Mayor Alto noted that this speaker was not present to address Council.

E.4 Janet Simpson: Sequoia in Centennial Square (Phone)

Outlined concerns related to the removal of the Sequoia tree and suggested that the tree is in good structural condition and shared concerns about a lack of information regarding the underground infrastructure that was cited in the report.

E.5 Kathy Bligh, RNBSN: Sustainable Development Goals (In-person)

Outlined concerns related to the Sustainable Development Goals and suggested that home retrofits are costly. She shared that she is a former nurse and James Bay resident and shared concerns regarding efforts to promote more active transportation.

F. CLOSED MEETING, IF REQUIRED

There was no closed meeting.

G. ADJOURNMENT

Moved and Seconded:

That the Council meeting adjourn at 7:02 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CITY CLERK

MAYOR

DRAFT

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE REPORT
FROM THE MEETING HELD OCTOBER 10, 2024**

For the Council meeting of October 24, 2024, the Committee recommends the following:

E. STAFF REPORTS

E.1 Development Potential Tax Relief Pilot Program

That Council:

1. Approve a pilot development potential tax relief (DPTR) program for eligible Light Industry (Class 5) and Business and Other (Class 6) properties in the Harris Green district of the Downtown neighbourhood in 2025 as authorized by s.198.1 of the *Community Charter*.
2. Approve that, for each eligible property in the Harris Green district, 20% of the Class 5 and Class 6 land value, up to a maximum of \$925,000, be taxed at the municipal tax rate that is 50% lower than the rates established for Classes 5 and 6 (tax rates to be finalized based on the 2025 Revised Assessment Roll).
3. Approve the additional City exclusions and additional eligibility criteria generally as outlined in Option 1 of this report.
4. Require that, subject to recommendation 1, upon receiving from BC Assessment the list of properties that meet the Provincial eligibility criteria for the 2025 tax year, the owners/agents of each property on the list within the Harris Green district provide a written declaration to the City, by February 7, 2025 that:
 - a. the property was in use from October 1 to December 31, 2024;
 - b. the primary use of the property does not fall into one or more of the City exclusions; and
 - c. the tenants of the property must be informed of any tax relief resulting from the 2025 DPTR Pilot Program
5. Require that properties whose owners/agents fail to provide such written declaration to the City by February 7, 2025 not be considered for the 2025 Pilot DPTR.
6. Include in the applicable bylaw that it is an offence, subject to a fine of up to \$10,000, to complete, file or provide a false declaration to the City.
7. Direct staff to bring forward the applicable bylaws in accordance with the above recommendations.

Motion arising:

As the bylaw is drafted, consider options to strengthen enforcement mechanisms and means of ensuring the property tax savings are passed on to the eligible tenants.

COUNCIL PROCEDURES BYLAW, AMENDMENT BYLAW (NO. 1)

A BYLAW OF THE CITY OF VICTORIA

The purpose of this Bylaw is to establish the general procedures to be followed by Council and Council committees in conducting their business.

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Under its statutory powers, including sections 95 and 122 to 145 of the *Community Charter*, the Council of the Corporation of the City of Victoria, in an open meeting assembled, enacts the following provisions:

Title

- 1 This Bylaw may be cited as the “Council Procedures Bylaw, Amendment Bylaw (No. 1)”.

Amendments

- 2 The Council Procedures Bylaw No. 23-061 is amended as follows:
 - (a) in section 15(1), by inserting new subsections (d) “Consent Agenda” and (e) “Mayor’s report” after subsection 15(1)(c) and renumbering the remaining subsections accordingly;
 - (b) in section 15(1), by deleting the words “(maximum of 6 requests)” and replacing them with “(maximum of 15 requests)”;
 - (c) by repealing section 16(3) entirely and replacing it with the following:
 - “16(3) Council must not permit a delegation to address a meeting of the Council regarding:
 - (a) a land-use bylaw or permit that is expected to be considered by Council;
 - (b) the promotion of commercial goods or services;
 - (c) a known candidate for election, or in support of a candidate for election; or,
 - (d) active litigation affecting the City.

- (d) in section 18(9)(d), by deleting “a member may speak to an agenda item for a total of 15 minutes” and replacing it with “a member’s questions and deliberations may total a maximum of 12 minutes on any agenda item.”
- (e) by repealing section 19(1) entirely and replacing it with the following:
 - “19(1) A member of Council may give notice of motion on a matter that is to be introduced at a Council meeting by depositing a written copy of the motion with the City Clerk:
 - (a) By noon on the Friday before that meeting to be included as an item of New Business for the meeting; or,
 - (b) After the time noted in section 19(1)(a) of this Bylaw but at least 48 hours before that meeting, the item will be placed in “Introduction of late items”.
 - (i) In order for a motion to be added to the agenda for that meeting as a late item by the City Clerk, the report presenting it must include rationale noting the reason for the time sensitivity for the matter to be considered at that meeting.
 - (d) In order for a motion to be considered for ratification the same day it is placed on the agenda, it must include rationale noting the reason for its time sensitivity.
 - (e) A member of Council may give notice of motion for a future meeting by reading it into the record only if it is added to the agenda when the agenda is adopted.
- (f) in section 20(1)(a), by deleting reference to subsection (a).
- (g) by deleting sections 21(1) and (2) entirely.
- (h) in section 35(1), by deleting “2:00PM” and replacing it with “4:00PM”.
- (i) in section 36, by inserting a new subsection (d) “Mayor’s report” after “Approval of agenda”;
- (j) in section 37(1)(c), by deleting “a member may speak to an agenda item for a total of 15 minutes” and replacing it with “a member’s questions and deliberations may total a maximum of 12 minutes on any agenda item;”

Commencement

3 This Bylaw comes into force on adoption.

READ A FIRST TIME the **3rd** day of **October** 2024

READ A SECOND TIME the	3rd	day of	October	2024
READ A THIRD TIME the	3rd	day of	October	2024
THRID READING RESCINDED the	17th	day of	October	2024
AMENDED the	17th	day of	October	2024
READ A THIRD TIME the	17th	day of	October	2024
ADOPTED on the		day of		2024

CITY CLERK

MAYOR