



## MINUTES - VICTORIA CITY COUNCIL

January 9, 2025, 2:05 P.M.

**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**

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

PRESENT ELECTRONICALLY: Councillor Gardiner and Councillor Kim

STAFF PRESENT: J. Jenkyns - City Manager, S. Thompson - Deputy City Manager / Chief Financial Officer, C. Kingsley - City Clerk, S. Johnson - Director of Communications and Engagement, T. Zworski - City Solicitor, P. Rantucci - Director of Strategic Real Estate, T. Soulliere - Deputy City Manager, D. Newman – Director of Parks, Recreation and Facilities, W. Doyle – Acting Director of Engineering and Public Works, K. Hoese - Director of Sustainable Planning and Community Development, B. Roder – Deputy City Clerk, A. Heimburger – Senior Legislative Coordinator

### **A. TERRITORIAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

Council took a moment to ground themselves in their work, acknowledging their appreciation, recognition and gratitude for the two Nations on whose lands and waters the City of Victoria is located: the Songhees First Nation and Xwsepsum First Nation. Council reminded residents to take care never to miss an opportunity to say *thank you* to the Nations for their work and ongoing stewardship, and specifically thanked them for allowing us to live, work and play on their lands.

### **B. INTRODUCTION OF LATE ITEMS**

*There were no late items.*

### **C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Moved and Seconded:

That the agenda be approved.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

### **D. CONSENT AGENDA**

Moved and Seconded:

That the following Consent Agenda items be approved:

**E.1 Minutes from the Daytime Council Meeting held October 17, 2024**

That the minutes from the Daytime Council meeting held October 17, 2024 be approved.

**E.2 Minutes from the Daytime Council Meeting held October 24, 2024**

That the minutes from the Daytime Council meeting held October 24, 2024 be approved.

**E.3 Minutes from the Daytime Council Meeting held November 07, 2024**

That the minutes from the Daytime Council meeting held November 07, 2024 be approved.

**E.4 Minutes from the Daytime Council Meeting held November 14, 2024**

That the minutes from the Daytime Council meeting held November 14, 2024 be approved.

**E.5 Minutes from the Evening Council meeting held November 14, 2024**

That the minutes from the Evening Council meeting held November 14, 2024 be approved.

**E.6 Minutes from the Daytime Council Meeting held November 21, 2024**

That the minutes from the Daytime Council meeting held November 21, 2024 be approved.

**E.7 Minutes from the Daytime Council Meeting held November 28, 2024**

That the minutes from the Daytime Council meeting held November 28, 2024 be approved.

**G.1 Bylaw for 2025 Temporary Borrowing**

That the following bylaw **be given first, second and third readings:**

1. Temporary Borrowing Bylaw, 2025, No. 25-005

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**E. CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES**

**E.1 Minutes from the Daytime Council Meeting held October 17, 2024**

*This item was added to the Consent Agenda.*

**E.2 Minutes from the Daytime Council Meeting held October 24, 2024**

*This item was added to the Consent Agenda.*

**E.3 Minutes from the Daytime Council Meeting held November 07, 2024**

*This item was added to the Consent Agenda.*

**E.4 Minutes from the Daytime Council Meeting held November 14, 2024**

*This item was added to the Consent Agenda.*

**E.5 Minutes from the Evening Council meeting held November 14, 2024**

*This item was added to the Consent Agenda.*

**E.6 Minutes from the Daytime Council Meeting held November 21, 2024**

*This item was added to the Consent Agenda.*

**E.7 Minutes from the Daytime Council Meeting held November 28, 2024**

*This item was added to the Consent Agenda.*

**F. REPORTS OF COMMITTEE**

**F.1 Committee of the Whole**

**F.1.a Report from the January 09, 2025 Committee of the Whole Meeting**

*There was no report from the January 09, 2025 Committee of the Whole meeting.*

**G. BYLAWS**

**G.1 Bylaw for 2025 Temporary Borrowing**

*This item was added to the Consent Agenda.*

**G.2 Bylaw for 1035 Russell Street: Rezoning Application No. 00844 and Development Permit with Variances Application No. 00266**

Moved and Seconded:

That the following bylaw **be adopted:**

1. Zoning Regulation Bylaw, Amendment Bylaw (No. 1348), No. 24-078

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Moved and Seconded:

**Development Permit with Variances**

1. That subject to the adoption of the necessary Zoning Regulation Bylaw amendment, Council authorize the issuance of Development Permit with Variances No. 00266 for 1035 Russell Street, in accordance with plans submitted to the Planning and Development department and date stamped on August 23, 2024, subject to:

- a. Proposed development meeting all City zoning bylaw requirements, except for the following variances:
  - i. Reduce the side (east) setback from 5.0m to 3.01m.
  - ii. Reduce the rear (south) setback from 5.0m to 1.52m.
  - iii. Reduce the setback from Russell Street from 2.0m to 0.0m.
  - iv. Increase the maximum site coverage from 50% to 53.3%.
  - v. Decrease the minimum open site space requirement from 45% to 40.18%.
- b. Final plans generally in accordance with the plans date stamped August 23, 2024, with the following revisions:
  - i. Modifications to the Russell Street frontage to accommodate additional landscaping and simplifying the design of the building, as stated in the letter from the Applicant dated April 9, 2024.
  - ii. Modifications that address the following to the satisfaction of the Director of Engineering:
    - Ensure doors do not swing out across a public sidewalk or statutory right of way.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**H. NOTICE OF MOTIONS**

*There were no notice of motions.*

**I. CLOSED MEETING**

Moved and Seconded:

**MOTION TO CLOSE THE JANUARY 09, 2025 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(1)(k) negotiations and related discussions respecting the proposed provision of a municipal service that are at their preliminary stages and that, in the view of the council, could reasonably be expected to harm the interests of the municipality if they were held in public;*

*Section 90(1)(i) the receipt of advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose; and*

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.*

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

*The daytime meeting was closed to the public at 2:12 p.m.*

**J. APPROVAL OF CLOSED AGENDA**

**K. CONSIDERATION OF CLOSED MINUTES**

**L. NEW BUSINESS**

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

*Council discussed an intergovernmental relations and law enforcement matter. The discussion was recorded and kept confidential.*

**L.2 Service at Preliminary Stages - Community Charter Section 90(1)(k)**

*Council discussed a service at preliminary stages matter. The discussion was recorded and kept confidential.*

**L.3 Legal Advice - Community Charter Section 90(1)(i)**

*Council discussed a legal advice matter. The discussion was recorded and kept confidential.*

**L.4 Employee Relations - Community Charter Section 90(1)(c)**

*Council discussed an employee relations matter. The discussion was recorded and kept confidential.*

**M. CONSIDERATION TO RISE & REPORT**

*There was no consideration to rise & report.*

**N. ADJOURNMENT**

Moved and Seconded:

That the Council meeting be adjourned at 3:43 p.m.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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CITY CLERK

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MAYOR

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