



MINUTES - COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

February 6, 2025, 9:02 A.M.

COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL, 1 CENTENNIAL SQUARE

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

Meeting will recess for a lunch break between 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m.

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

PRESENT ELECTRONICALLY: Councillor Hammond

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, K. Hoese - Director of Sustainable Planning and Community Development, D. Newman - Director of Parks, Recreation and Facilities, M. Harris - Strategic Planning and Communications Advisor, K. Moore - Head of Business and Community Relations, C. Mycroft - Manager of Intergovernmental & Media Relations, B. Roder - Deputy City Clerk, S. Maichen - Legislative Coordinator

A. TERRITORIAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Committee acknowledged that the City of Victoria is located on the homelands of the Songhees First Nation and Xwsepsum First Nation communities, and acknowledged the dedication of many generations to ensure these lands can be lived on and continue to be robust and urged all of us at least once a day to pause for a moment and appreciate the nations for their efforts.

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 item be approved:

E.1 Council Appointment of External Auditor

Committee received a report dated January 24, 2025 from the Deputy City Manager/Chief Financial Officer regarding the appointment of the City's external auditor for the financial reporting years 2025-2029.

That Council appoint BDO Canada LLP as the City's external auditor for the financial reporting years 2025-2029.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

E. STAFF REPORTS

E.1 Council Appointment of External Auditor

This item was added to the Consent Agenda.

E.2 2025 Draft Budget Public Input

Committee received a report dated January 23, 2025 from the Director of Communications and Engagement regarding the results of the public input received on the 2025-2029 Draft Financial Plan.

Committee discussed the following:

- *Additional topics that arose from the public input survey*
- *The three-pronged approach to engagement on the draft budget public input*

F. NOTICE OF MOTIONS

Councillor Thompson indicated bringing forward a Notice of Motion to the February 13, 2025 Committee of the Whole meeting.

G. NEW BUSINESS

G.1 Council Member Motion: CRD Foodlands Access Service Establishment Bylaw

Committee received a report dated January 30, 2025 from Councillor Gardiner requesting City of Victoria's opposition to the adoption of Bylaw No. 4602 "Foodlands Access Service Establishment Bylaw No. 1, 2024".

Committee discussed the following:

- *Capital Regional District procedures*

- *Local food production*

Moved and Seconded:

That Council request the Mayor and any other Victoria CRD Director(s) attending the next Capital Regional District Board meeting to voice the City of Victoria's opposition to the adoption of Bylaw No. 4602 "Foodlands Access Service Establishment Bylaw No. 1, 2024".

Further, that this Motion be considered at the Council meeting of February 6th, 2025.

OPPOSED (7): Mayor Alto, Councillor Caradonna, Councillor Coleman, Councillor Dell, Councillor Kim, Councillor Loughton, Councillor Thompson

DEFEATED (2 to 7)

The Chair allowed the opportunity for a short statement from Councillor Caradonna regarding the agenda item G.2.

G.2 Council Member Motion: Requesting an Apology from Councillor Caradonna for Stating Councillor Hammond "lied to the public" at the Committee of the Whole Council Meeting January 23, 2025

Councillor Hammond withdrew item G.2 - *Council Member Motion: Requesting an Apology from Councillor Caradonna for Stating Councillor Hammond "lied to the public" at the Committee of the Whole Council Meeting January 23, 2025.*

H. CLOSED MEETING, IF REQUIRED

There was no closed meeting.

I. ADJOURNMENT OF COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Moved and Seconded:

That the Committee of the Whole Meeting be adjourned at 10:14 a.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CITY CLERK

MAYOR