



MINUTES - COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

January 30, 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

- PRESENT: Mayor Alto in the Chair, Councillor Caradonna, Councillor Coleman, Councillor Gardiner, Councillor Hammond, Councillor Kim, Councillor Thompson
- PRESENT ELECTRONICALLY: Councillor Dell
- ABSENT: Councillor Loughton
- 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, K. Hoese - Director of Sustainable Planning and Community Development, A. Johnston - Assistant Director of Development Services, A. Pathania – Planner, B. Roder – Deputy City Clerk, A. Heimburger – Senior Legislative Coordinator
- GUESTS: D. Manak - Chief Constable - Victoria Police Department, E. Cull - Chair - Victoria and Esquimalt Police Board Finance Committee, D. Phillips, Director of Finance - Victoria and Esquimalt Police Board

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, encouraging listeners to take a moment of expression and gratitude each day for the work, care and attention of the Nations and thanked them for allowing us to live, work and play on their lands.

B. INTRODUCTION OF LATE ITEMS

- B.1 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**

Committee discussed the following:

- Eligibility for time-sensitivity consideration under Council procedure

Moved and Seconded:

That the late item titled *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* be added to the agenda.

OPPOSED: Councillor Caradonna, Councillor Dell, Councillor Kim, and Councillor Thompson

DEFEATED (4 to 4)

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:

F.1 1911 and 1913 Belmont Avenue: Rezoning Application No. 00879 and Development Variance Permit No. 00289 (Fernwood)

1. That Council instruct the Director of Planning and Development to prepare the necessary *Zoning Regulation Bylaw* amendment that would authorize the proposed development outlined in the staff report dated January 23, 2025, for 1911/1913 Belmont Avenue.
2. That, after publication of notification in accordance with section 467 of the Local Government Act, first, second, third and final reading of the zoning. regulation bylaw amendment be considered by Council.
3. That the above recommendations be adopted on the condition that they create no legal rights for the applicant or any other person, or obligation on the part of the City or its officials, and any expenditure of funds is at the risk of the person making the expenditure.

Development Variance Permit

That Council, after giving notice, consider the following motion:

1. That subject to the adoption of the necessary Zoning Regulation Bylaw amendment, Council authorizes the issuance of Development Variance Permit (DVP) No. 00289 for 1911/1913 Belmont Avenue, in accordance with plans submitted to the

Planning and Development department on January 16, 2024, subject to:

- a. Proposed development meeting all City Zoning Regulation Bylaw requirements, except for the following variances:
 - i. allow roof decks
 - ii. increase the maximum height of the house from 7.60m to 7.82m Committee of the Whole Report January 23, 2025 Rezoning Application No. 00879 and Development Variance Permit No. 00289 for 1911/1913 Belmont Avenue Page 2 of 6
 - iii. reduce the rear yard setback from 7.82m to 5.66m (to the deck) iv. reduce the side yard setback (north) from 3.00m to 0.49m (to the stairs)
 - iv. reduce the side yard setback (south) from 1.50m to 0.34m (to the deck)
 - v. reduce the combined side yards setback from 4.50m to 0.83m
 - vi. increase the maximum site coverage from 40 percent to 42 percent
2. That the Development Variance Permit, if issued, lapses two years from the date of this resolution.

H.1 Council Member Motion: Canadian Capital Cities Organization (CCCO) Winter Meeting

1. That Council authorizes the attendance and associated costs for Councillor Loughton to attend the Canadian Capital Cities Organization Winter Conference in Ottawa from January 27 to January 29, 2025.
2. That this motion be forwarded to the daytime Council meeting on January 30, 2025, for Council consideration.

The estimated total cost for attending is:

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| Accommodation (3 nights) | \$815.00 |
| Flights | \$1217.15 |
| Meals | \$250 |
| Ground Transportation (incl Taxis to/from airports) | \$230 |
| Carbon offset | \$219 |
| TOTAL | \$2731.15 |

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

E. PRESENTATIONS

E.1 Victoria and Esquimalt Police Board - 2025 Draft Budget Update

Committee received a presentation from E. Cull - Chair of the Victoria and Esquimalt Police Board Finance Committee, D. Phillips, Director of Finance for the Victoria and Esquimalt Police Board and Chief Constable D. Manak with the Victoria Police Department regarding the City of Victoria's request for a reduction to the 2025 provisional budget.

Committee discussed the following:

- *Non-City revenue sources and funding opportunities*
- *Financial impacts of Provincial Emergency Communications for British Columbia Incorporated (E-Comm) 911 services on regional Police Boards*
- *Feasibility of establishing an Island-based police training academy*

F. LAND USE MATTERS

F.1 1911 and 1913 Belmont Avenue: Rezoning Application No. 00879 and Development Variance Permit No. 00289 (Fernwood)

This item was added to the Consent Agenda.

G. NOTICE OF MOTIONS

There were no Notices of Motions.

H. NEW BUSINESS

H.1 Council Member Motion: Canadian Capital Cities Organization (CCCO) Winter Meeting

This item was added to the Consent Agenda.

H.2 Council Member Motion: CRD Budget and Alternate Approval Process Initiatives

Committee received a Council Member Motion dated January 23, 2025 from Councillor Gardiner requesting that staff report to Council on the impacts to City of Victoria taxpayers by increases to the Capital Regional District's (CRD) budget and on the recent CRD initiatives proposed for approval through alternate approval processes and their purposes.

Committee discussed the following:

- *Impacts and public awareness of the CRD's increased use of alternative approval processes for project approval*

Moved and Seconded:

Direct staff to report on increases to the CRD budget and impacts specific to Victoria and the number of recent CRD alternate approval processes and their purposes.

Further, that this Motion be considered at the Council meeting of January 30th, 2025.

OPPOSED (4): Councillor Caradonna, Councillor Dell, Councillor Kim, and Councillor Thompson

DEFEATED (4 to 4)

I. CLOSED MEETING, IF REQUIRED

There was no Closed Meeting.

J. ADJOURNMENT OF COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Moved and Seconded:

That the Committee of the Whole Meeting be adjourned at 10:21 a.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CITY CLERK

MAYOR

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