



MINUTES - COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

March 13, 2025, 9:03 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 Loughton, Councillor Thompson

ABSENT: Councillor Dell

STAFF PRESENT: J. Jenkyns - City Manager, S. Thompson - Deputy City Manager / Chief Financial Officer, 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, C. Mycroft - Manager of Intergovernmental & Media Relations, A. Johnston - Assistant Director of Development Services, M. Angrove - Planner, B. Roder - Deputy City Clerk, A. Klus - Senior Legislative Coordinator, A. Heimbürger - Senior Legislative Coordinator, D. Newman - Director of Parks, Recreation and Facilities, W. Doyle - Acting Director of Engineering and Public Works

GUEST: J. Bray – CEO, Downtown Victoria Business Association

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 urged those in attendance or watching online to reflect, in some personal way, on what it means to us to have the opportunity to live on these territories and give thanks to the people who stewarded them.

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

Committee requested that the following items be removed from the Consent Agenda:

- *G.1 - 3106 Washington Avenue: Rezoning Application No. 00856, Development Permit with Variances No. 00289 and Development Variance Permit No. 00290 (Burnside)*
- *H.1 - Crystal Pool Replacement Project: Site Selection and Next Steps*

Moved and Seconded:

That the following Consent Agenda item be approved:

F.1 Minutes from the Committee of the Whole Meeting held January 23, 2025

That the minutes from the Committee of the Whole Meeting held January 23, 2025 be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

E. PRESENTATION

E.1 Downtown Victoria Business Association - 2025 Budget

Committee received a presentation from Jeff Bray, CEO of the Downtown Victoria Business Association (DVBA), regarding the DVBA's 2025 budget.

Committee discussed the following:

- *Rent and property tax*
- *Expenses related to membership*
- *Expanding Clean Team shifts*
- *Challenges and safety issues around cleaning the 900 block of Pandora Avenue*
- *Promotion for new businesses*
- *Advocating Victoria to cruise lines*

Councillor Hammond joined the meeting at 9:28 a.m.

F. CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

F.1 Minutes from the Committee of the Whole Meeting held January 23, 2025

This item was added to the Consent Agenda.

G. LAND USE MATTERS

G.1 3106 Washington Avenue: Rezoning Application No. 00856, Development Permit with Variances No. 00289 and Development Variance Permit No. 00290 (Burnside)

Committee received a report dated February 27, 2025 from the Director of Planning and Development regarding a Rezoning Application No. 00856, Development Permit with Variances No. 00289 and Development Variance Permit No. 00290 for the property located at 3106 Washington Avenue in order to subdivide the property in order to create a new panhandle lot (Lot A), rezone Lot A from the R1-B Single Family Dwelling District Zone to a new zone to increase the density and allow four new single-family dwellings with secondary suites, and maintain the existing house on a separate street-fronting lot (Lot B) and recommending that the application proceed to bylaw readings.

Committee discussed the following:

- *Use of statutory right of ways (SRW) proposed on the Doric connector*
- *Concerns about sheltering in potential SRW and pathway connection*
- *Options to expand the pathway*
- *Comparison of the north versus south SRW options*

Committee recessed at 10:44 a.m. and reconvened at 10:55 a.m.

Moved and Seconded:

Rezoning Application

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 February 27, 2025 for 3106 Washington Avenue.
2. That, after publication of notification in accordance with section 467 of the *Local Government Act*, first, second and third reading of the Zoning Regulation Bylaw amendment be considered by Council once the following conditions are met:
 - a. Revise the plans to create a more compact and efficient use of the site that better aligns with the applicable design guidelines related to site planning and outdoor space and is more consistent with the setbacks of neighbouring properties, to the satisfaction of the Director of Planning and Development.
 - b. Revise the plans to provide a Statutory Right-of-Way at the rear of the property that is approximately 4.2m deep and up to 11.91m long and includes a 3.0m x 3.0m corner cut as determined by the Director of Engineering and Public Works and Director of Parks, Recreation and Facilities to achieve an appropriate connection for the Doric Connector multi-use pathway.
 - c. Revise the long-term bicycle parking for compliance with Schedule C – Off Street Parking Regulations to the satisfaction of the Director of Planning and Development.
3. That following the third reading of the zoning amendment bylaw, the applicant prepare and execute the following legal agreement, with contents satisfactory to the Director of Planning and Development and form satisfactory to the City Solicitor prior to adoption of the bylaw:
 - a. a Statutory Right-of-Way at the rear of the property that is approximately 4.2m deep and up to 11.91m long and includes a 3.0m

x 3.0m corner cut as determined by the Director of Engineering and Public Works and Director of Parks, Recreation and Facilities to achieve an appropriate connection for the Doric Connector Multi-use pathway.

4. That adoption of the zoning bylaw amendment will not take place until all of the required legal agreements that are registrable in the Land Title Office have been so registered to the satisfaction of the City Solicitor.
5. 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.

Motion to refer:

Moved and Seconded:

Refer to staff to clarify options for Council including costs and timelines of the two SRW options.

OPPOSED (5): Mayor Alto, Councillor Coleman, Councillor Gardiner, Councillor Hammond, and Councillor Loughton

DEFEATED (3 to 5)

On the main motion:

Rezoning Application

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 February 27, 2025 for 3106 Washington Avenue.
2. That, after publication of notification in accordance with section 467 of the *Local Government Act*, first, second and third reading of the Zoning Regulation Bylaw amendment be considered by Council once the following conditions are met:
 - a. Revise the plans to create a more compact and efficient use of the site that better aligns with the applicable design guidelines related to site planning and outdoor space and is more consistent with the setbacks of neighbouring properties, to the satisfaction of the Director of Planning and Development.
 - b. Revise the plans to provide a Statutory Right-of-Way at the rear of the property that is approximately 4.2m deep and up to 11.91m long and includes a 3.0m x 3.0m corner cut as determined by the Director of Engineering and Public Works and Director of Parks, Recreation and Facilities to achieve an appropriate connection for the Doric Connector multi-use pathway.
 - c. Revise the long-term bicycle parking for compliance with Schedule C – Off Street Parking Regulations to the satisfaction of the Director of Planning and Development.

3. That following the third reading of the zoning amendment bylaw, the applicant prepare and execute the following legal agreement, with contents satisfactory to the Director of Planning and Development and form satisfactory to the City Solicitor prior to adoption of the bylaw:
 - a. a Statutory Right-of-Way at the rear of the property that is approximately 4.2m deep and up to 11.91m long and includes a 3.0m x 3.0m corner cut as determined by the Director of Engineering and Public Works and Director of Parks, Recreation and Facilities to achieve an appropriate connection for the Doric Connector Multi-use pathway.
4. That adoption of the zoning bylaw amendment will not take place until all of the required legal agreements that are registrable in the Land Title Office have been so registered to the satisfaction of the City Solicitor.
5. 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.

Committee recessed for lunch at 11:59 a.m. and reconvened at 1:04 p.m.

Motion to refer:

Moved and Seconded:

1. That Council instruct staff to discuss with the applicant the possibility of advancing only the Rezoning application for the panhandle lot at 3106 Washington Avenue and the Development Variance Permit for the existing building subject to provision of the following:
 - a. Statutory Right-of-Way at the rear of the property that is approximately 4.2m deep and up to 11.91m long and includes a 3.0m x 3.0m corner cut as determined by the Director of Engineering and Public Works and Director of Parks, Recreation and Facilities to achieve an appropriate connection for the Doric Connector multi-use pathway.
2. That staff report back to Committee of the Whole with recommendations based on discussions with the applicant.

OPPOSED (4): Councillor Kim, Councillor Gardiner, Councillor Hammond, and Councillor Loughton

DEFEATED (4 to 4)

Amendment:

Moved and Seconded:

Rezoning Application

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 February 27, 2025 for 3106 Washington Avenue.

2. That, after publication of notification in accordance with section 467 of the *Local Government Act*, first, second and third reading of the Zoning Regulation Bylaw amendment be considered by Council once the following conditions are met:
 - a. Revise the plans to create a more compact and efficient use of the site that better aligns with the applicable design guidelines related to site planning and outdoor space and is more consistent with the setbacks of neighbouring properties, to the satisfaction of the Director of Planning and Development.
 - b. ~~Revise the plans to provide a Statutory Right-of-Way at the rear of the property that is approximately 4.2m deep and up to 11.91m long and includes a 3.0m x 3.0m corner cut as determined by the Director of Engineering and Public Works and Director of Parks, Recreation and Facilities to achieve an appropriate connection for the Doric Connector multi-use pathway.~~
 - c. Revise the long-term bicycle parking for compliance with Schedule C – Off Street Parking Regulations to the satisfaction of the Director of Planning and Development.
3. ~~That following the third reading of the zoning amendment bylaw, the applicant prepare and execute the following legal agreement, with contents satisfactory to the Director of Planning and Development and form satisfactory to the City Solicitor prior to adoption of the bylaw:~~
 - a. ~~a Statutory Right-of-Way at the rear of the property that is approximately 4.2m deep and up to 11.91m long and includes a 3.0m x 3.0m corner cut as determined by the Director of Engineering and Public Works and Director of Parks, Recreation and Facilities to achieve an appropriate connection for the Doric Connector Multi-use pathway.~~
4. That adoption of the zoning bylaw amendment will not take place until all of the required legal agreements that are registrable in the Land Title Office have been so registered to the satisfaction of the City Solicitor.
5. 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.

OPPOSED (5): Councillor Caradonna, Councillor Gardiner, Councillor Hammond, Councillor Loughton, and Councillor Thompson

DEFEATED (3 to 5)

On the main motion:

Rezoning Application

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 February 27, 2025 for 3106 Washington Avenue.

2. That, after publication of notification in accordance with section 467 of the *Local Government Act*, first, second and third reading of the Zoning Regulation Bylaw amendment be considered by Council once the following conditions are met:
 - a. Revise the plans to create a more compact and efficient use of the site that better aligns with the applicable design guidelines related to site planning and outdoor space and is more consistent with the setbacks of neighbouring properties, to the satisfaction of the Director of Planning and Development.
 - b. Revise the plans to provide a Statutory Right-of-Way at the rear of the property that is approximately 4.2m deep and up to 11.91m long and includes a 3.0m x 3.0m corner cut as determined by the Director of Engineering and Public Works and Director of Parks, Recreation and Facilities to achieve an appropriate connection for the Doric Connector multi-use pathway.
 - c. Revise the long-term bicycle parking for compliance with Schedule C – Off Street Parking Regulations to the satisfaction of the Director of Planning and Development.
3. That following the third reading of the zoning amendment bylaw, the applicant prepare and execute the following legal agreement, with contents satisfactory to the Director of Planning and Development and form satisfactory to the City Solicitor prior to adoption of the bylaw:
 - a. a Statutory Right-of-Way at the rear of the property that is approximately 4.2m deep and up to 11.91m long and includes a 3.0m x 3.0m corner cut as determined by the Director of Engineering and Public Works and Director of Parks, Recreation and Facilities to achieve an appropriate connection for the Doric Connector Multi-use pathway.
4. That adoption of the zoning bylaw amendment will not take place until all of the required legal agreements that are registrable in the Land Title Office have been so registered to the satisfaction of the City Solicitor.
5. 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.

OPPOSED (5): Councillor Caradonna, Councillor Gardiner, Councillor Hammond, Councillor Loughton, and Councillor Kim

DEFEATED (3 to 5)

Moved and Seconded:

Alternate Option 2 – Advance as Presented

Rezoning Application

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 February 27, 2025 for the property located at 3106 Washington Ave.

2. That, after publication of notification in accordance with section 467 of the *Local Government Act*, first, second and third reading of the Zoning Regulation Bylaw amendment be considered by Council once the following conditions are met:
 - a. Revise the Arborist Impact Assessment and Root Mapping report for the Sequoia #201 to include:
 - i. Confirm the line of excavation with measurements from the tree and proposed building and provide details on shoring techniques to be used to ensure retention of the tree.
 - ii. Additional information on pruning impacts including photos and anticipated building clearance that can be provided.
 - b. Revise the long-term bicycle parking for compliance with Schedule C – Off Street Parking Regulations
 - c. Securing the provision of four carshare memberships including car share credits for each membership with contents satisfactory to the Director of Engineering and Public Works and form satisfactory to the City Solicitor.
3. That prior to subdivision of the lot, the applicant dedicate as highway pursuant to section 107 of the *Land Title Act* a 1.38m right-of-way along Washington Avenue to the satisfaction of the Director of Engineering and Public Works.
4. That adoption of the zoning bylaw amendment will not take place until all of the required legal agreements that are registrable in the Land Title Office have been so registered to the satisfaction of the City Solicitor.
5. 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 Permit with Variances (Panhandle Lot)

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

1. That subject to the adoption of the necessary *Zoning Regulation Bylaw*, Council authorize the issuance of Development Permit with Variances No. 00289 for 3106 Washington Avenue for the subdivision of the panhandle lot and subsequent construction of four single family dwellings with secondary suites, in accordance with plans submitted to the Planning and Development department and date stamped by Planning on February 6, 2025, subject to:
 - a. Proposed development meeting all City zoning bylaw requirements, except for the following variances:
 - i. increase the number of buildings (not including accessory buildings) permitted on the lot from one to four
 - ii. reduce the minimum front yard setback from 7.50m to 2.79m
 - iii. reduce the minimum rear yard setback from 7.50m to 1.52m
 - iv. reduce the minimum south side yard setback from 7.5m to 2.42m
 - v. reduce the separation space between the accessory building and primary structures from 2.4m to 1.19m
 - vi. locate the accessory buildings in the side yard.
2. That the Development Permit with Variances, if issued, lapses two years from the date of this resolution.

Development Variance Permit Application

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 No. 00290 for 3106 Washington Avenue for the subdivision of the lot, in accordance with plans dated February 6, 2025, subject to:
 - a. Proposed development meeting all City zoning bylaw requirements, except for the following variances:
 - i. reduce the north rear yard setback for Lot B, as identified on the plans from 1.95m to 0.8m.
2. That the Development Variance Permit, if issued, lapses two years from the date of this resolution.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

H. STAFF REPORTS

H.1 Crystal Pool Replacement Project: Site Selection and Next Steps

Committee received a report dated February 28, 2025 from the Director of Parks, Recreation and Facilities seeking confirmation of the site for the new Crystal Pool and Wellness Centre and direction to proceed with the design and construction.

Committee discussed the following:

- *Project delivery method*
- *Alternate revenue streams available to help offset costs*
- *Proposed schedule for project updates*
- *Risk management and contingencies*
- *Option to have onsite cameras to capture progress*
- *Ensuring new facility is adequately staffed*

Moved and Seconded:

1. That Council:
 - a. Designate Central Park North as the site for the new Crystal Pool and Wellness Centre, with a project budget of \$209.2 million; and
 - b. Direct staff to procure the necessary resources to initiate the next phases of the project, with the design aligned with the Basis of Design (Appendix 1) and the Central Park North Design Concept (Appendix 2), once the funding Certificate of Approval is received from the Province of B.C; and
 - c. Instruct staff to provide regular project updates to Council and the public; and
 - d. Forward this recommendation to the Council meeting on March 13 for consideration.

Amendment:

Moved and Seconded:

1. That Council:
 - a. Designate Central Park North as the site for the new Crystal Pool and Wellness Centre, with a project budget ~~of that will not exceed~~ \$209.2 million; and
 - b. Direct staff to procure the necessary resources to initiate the next phases of the project, with the design aligned with the Basis of Design (Appendix 1) and the Central Park North Design Concept (Appendix 2), once the funding Certificate of Approval is received from the Province of B.C; and
 - c. Instruct staff to provide regular project updates to Council and the public; and
 - d. Forward this recommendation to the Council meeting on March 13 for consideration.

OPPOSED (2): Councillor Caradonna, and Councillor Kim

CARRIED (6 to 2)

On the main motion as amended:

1. That Council:
 - a. Designate Central Park North as the site for the new Crystal Pool and Wellness Centre, with a project budget that will not exceed \$209.2 million; and
 - b. Direct staff to procure the necessary resources to initiate the next phases of the project, with the design aligned with the Basis of Design (Appendix 1) and the Central Park North Design Concept (Appendix 2), once the funding Certificate of Approval is received from the Province of B.C; and
 - c. Instruct staff to provide regular project updates to Council and the public; and
 - d. Forward this recommendation to the Council meeting on March 13 for consideration.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Committee recessed at 2:56 p.m. and reconvened at 3:05 p.m.

H.2 Sheltering in Parks and the Parks Regulation Bylaw

Committee received a report dated March 06, 2025 from the Director of Parks, Recreation and Facilities, the Manager of Operations for Bylaw Services, and the City Solicitor providing a comprehensive overview on the status of overnight sheltering in City parks and recommending updates to the Parks Regulation Bylaw provisions dealing with overnight sheltering by persons experiencing homelessness.

Committee discussed the following:

- *Update on whether the Province has reimbursed the City for costs associated with persons sheltering in parks*
- *Logistics of enforcing the bylaw*
- *Extreme weather scenarios*

Moved and Seconded:

That Council instruct the City Solicitor to bring forward the necessary bylaw amendments to the *Parks Regulation Bylaw* to:

- replace the definition of “homeless person” with “person experiencing homelessness” that better conforms to recent court decisions,
- define “temporary overnight shelter” to expressly limit it, in accordance with court decisions, to overhead protection used by persons experiencing homelessness to prevent exposure to the elements,
- clarify the existing regulations related to temporary overnight sheltering by persons experiencing homelessness,
- increase the distance between playgrounds and locations of temporary overnight shelters from 8 metres to 15 metres,
- expressly prohibit sheltering in all parks, except in the limited circumstances as directed by court decisions in the following parks:
 - Alexander Park,
 - Alston Green,
 - Banfield Park,
 - Barnard Park,
 - Begbie Green,
 - Begbie Parkway,
 - Blackwood Green,
 - Bushby Park,
 - Chapman Park,
 - Charles Redfern Park,
 - Clawthorpe Avenue Park,
 - Clover Point,
 - Ernest Todd Park,
 - Fisherman's Wharf Park,
 - Gonzales Beach Park,
 - Gower Park,
 - Holland Point Park,
 - Jackson Street Park,
 - Johnson Street Green,
 - Lime Bay Park,
 - Mary Street Park,
 - Mayfair Green/Tolmie Park,
 - Oaklands Park,
 - Olive Street Green,
 - Oswald Park,
 - Pemberton Park,
 - Redfern Park,
 - Rupert Terrace Green,
 - Scurrah Green,
 - Selkirk Green,
 - Shelbourne Green,

- xxxii. Sitkum Park,
- xxxiii. Songhees Hillside Park, and
- xxxiv. William Stevenson Memorial Park
- f. expressly prohibit any local government or public authority from directing any person experiencing homelessness to shelter in a park or transferring or transporting any person experiencing homelessness or at risk of homelessness to Victoria without first securing for them accessible shelter or housing.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

H.3 2025-2029 Draft Financial Plan – Impact of Esquimalt Council’s Decision on Police Budget

Moved and Seconded:

MOTION TO CLOSE THE MARCH 13, 2025 COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 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)(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.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Committee of the Whole meeting was closed to the public at 3:49 p.m.

The Committee of the Whole meeting was reopened to the public at 4:00 p.m.

Motion to extend:

Moved and Seconded:

That the meeting be extended to 4:20 p.m.

OPPOSED: Councillor Coleman

CARRIED (7 to 1)

Committee received a report dated March 06, 2025 from the Deputy City Manager and Chief Financial Officer regarding 2025-2029 Draft Financial Plan – Impact of Esquimalt Council's Decision on Police Budget.

Moved and Seconded:

That Council receive the 2025-2029 Draft Financial Plan – Impact of Esquimalt Council’s Decision on Police Budget report for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

I. NOTICE OF MOTIONS

I.1 Notice of Motion from Councillor Loughton:

Direct staff to continue construction of the Doric Connector from Washington Ave to Doric Street, using the south Statutory Right-of-Way on 3095 Carroll Street.

J. NEW BUSINESS

J.1 Council Member Motion: Mitigating the Impacts of the Projected Multi-Year Interrupted Service to Victoria’s Aquatics and Wellness Centre

Committee received a Council Member Motion from Councillor Caradonna dated March 04, 2025 regarding impact mitigation of the projected facility closure, mainly through collaboration with key regional partners.

Moved and Seconded:

That, following the finalization of the Crystal Pool replacement project loan authorization bylaw and the decision on the location of the future facility,

1. Council directs staff, or Council members who are members of the Victoria Regional Transit Commission (VRTC), to advocate to the VRTC to consider options to alter transit routes, on a temporary basis, to accommodate current Crystal Pool users during periods of interrupted facility services.
2. Council directs staff to work with the staff from Esquimalt, Oak Bay, and Saanich to coordinate ways of mitigating the impacts on regional recreation centres of the Crystal Pool closure, and ensuring that Victorians have access to regional aquatics facilities throughout the redevelopment project.
3. Council directs the Mayor to advocate to Uvic to consider re-opening McKinnon Pool at least until the new Crystal Pool is completed, to accommodate the need for access to aquatic facilities from displaced Crystal Pool users.
4. Council directs staff to reach out to the operators of Victoria-based hotels with large pool amenities to discuss the possibility of increasing public access to one or more privately owned pools during periods of interrupted service at the Crystal Pool.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

J.2 Council Member Motion: Advocacy to the Province to Modify Amenity Cost Charge Policy to Better Support Affordable Housing

Committee received a Council Member Motion from Councillor Caradonna and Councillor Loughton dated March 04, 2025 regarding advocacy to the Province to modify the Amenity Cost Charge policy to better support affordable housing.

Moved and Seconded:

That Council directs the Mayor to advocate to relevant provincial Ministries and MLAs, without slowing down or otherwise affecting the adoption of any City bylaws related to the Official Community Plan updating process, to request:

1. either amendments to the provincial Amenity Cost Charge (ACC) policy that would allow ACCs to be used to support non-predetermined affordable housing projects, for instance via the City's Housing Reserve Fund, or the creation of an alternate cost charge tool that could be used to invest in affordable housing; and
2. any additional minor amendments to the ACC policy, identified by staff and the Mayor, that would advance the City's strategic interests.

Amendment:

Moved and Seconded:

That Council directs the Mayor to advocate to relevant provincial Ministries and MLAs, without slowing down or otherwise affecting the adoption of any City bylaws related to the Official Community Plan updating process, to request:

1. either amendments to the provincial Amenity Cost Charge (ACC) policy that would allow ACCs to be used to support non-predetermined affordable housing projects, for instance via the City's Housing Reserve Fund, or the creation of an alternate cost charge tool that could be used to invest in affordable housing; and
2. any additional minor amendments to the ACC policy, identified by staff and the Mayor, that would advance the City's strategic interests.
3. **soliciting co-signatories from across the Province**

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Motion to extend:

Moved and Seconded:

That the meeting be extended to 4:30 p.m.

OPPOSED (1): Councillor Caradonna

CARRIED (7 to 1)

On the main motion as amended:

That Council directs the Mayor to advocate to relevant provincial Ministries and MLAs, without slowing down or otherwise affecting the adoption of any City bylaws related to the Official Community Plan updating process, to request:

1. either amendments to the provincial Amenity Cost Charge (ACC) policy that would allow ACCs to be used to support non-predetermined affordable housing projects, for instance via the City's Housing Reserve Fund, or the creation of an alternate cost charge tool that could be used to invest in affordable housing; and
2. any additional minor amendments to the ACC policy, identified by staff and the Mayor, that would advance the City's strategic interests.
3. soliciting co-signatories from across the Province

OPPOSED (1): Councillor Gardiner

CARRIED (7 to 1)

J.3 Council Member Motion: Financial Contribution to the Border Mayors Alliance

Committee received a Council Member Motion from Mayor Alto dated March 7, 2025 regarding the Border Mayors Alliance and requesting Council to contribute funds to support the operations of the Alliance and to maintain the City's membership.

Moved and Seconded:

1. That Council authorize \$5,037.27 for continued membership in the Border Mayors Alliance, and
2. That should Council approve this recommendation at Committee of the Whole, the matter be forwarded for consideration at the daytime Council meeting of March 13, 2025.

Amendment:

Moved and Seconded:

1. That Council authorize **up to** \$5,037.27 for continued membership in the Border Mayors Alliance, and
2. That should Council approve this recommendation at Committee of the Whole, the matter be forwarded for consideration at the daytime Council meeting of March 13, 2025.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

On the main motion as amended:

1. That Council authorize up to \$5,037.27 for continued membership in the Border Mayors Alliance, and
2. That should Council approve this recommendation at Committee of the Whole, the matter be forwarded for consideration at the daytime Council meeting of March 13, 2025.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

K. **CLOSED MEETING, IF REQUIRED**

There was no closed meeting.

L. **ADJOURNMENT OF COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

Moved and Seconded:

That the Committee of the Whole Meeting be adjourned at 4:34 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CITY CLERK

MAYOR