



MINUTES - COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

February 20, 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, J. O'Connor – Deputy Director of Finance, C. Kingsley - City Clerk, S. Johnson - Director of Communications and Engagement, L. Van Den Dolder – Assistant City Solicitor, P. Rantucci - Director of Strategic Real Estate, T. Soulliere - Deputy City Manager, K. Hoesse - Director of Sustainable Planning and Community Development, A. Johnston - Assistant Director of Development Services, K. Lauriston – Development Process Coordinator, 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, they expressed their gratitude for the privilege of being on these lands and extended their thanks to the nations for their enduring stewardship.

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 - 301 Cook Street (Beagle Pub): Liquor Licence (Fairfield)*
- *J.2 - Council Member Motion: High Ground Conference (March 7-8, 2025) Expenses*
- *H.1 - Deconstruction Bylaw Updates and Improvements*

Moved and Seconded:

That the following Consent Agenda items be approved:

E.1 Minutes from the Committee of the Whole meeting held January 16, 2025

That the minutes from the Committee of the Whole meeting held January 16, 2025 be approved.

J.1 Council Member Motion: AVICC 2025 Convention

That Council authorize the attendance and associated costs for Councillor Caradonna to attend the 2025 AVICC Convention in Nanaimo.

Approximate cost:

Registration:	\$400 (early bird)
Transportation:	\$50
Accommodation:	\$210
Meals and Incidentals, including Saturday banquet:	\$200

The estimated total cost is \$860

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

E. CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

E.1 Minutes from the Committee of the Whole meeting held January 16, 2025

This item was added to the Consent Agenda.

F. Presentation

F.1 Victoria Police Department 2024 Quarter 4 Report

Committee received a presentation from Chief Constable Del Manak regarding the Victoria Police Department's Quarter 4.

Committee discussed the following:

- *The Police Department's role in the current downtown situation*
- *The cost-of-living barrier for new police recruits*

- *Type of call for dispatch and workload varying per quarter*
- *Opportunities for engagement through community survey*

Committee recessed at 10:28 a.m. and reconvened at 10:39 a.m.

G. LAND USE MATTERS

G.1 301 Cook Street (Beagle Pub): Liquor Licence (Fairfield)

Committee received a report dated February 6, 2025 from the Planning and Development Department regarding the liquor licence application for the property located at 301 Cook Street in order to licence an existing 26-person outdoor patio, which was licenced through the Province's Temporary Expanded Service Area (TESA) program under the establishment's existing liquor primary licence, and recommending that the application be approved.

Moved and Seconded:

That Council direct staff to provide the following response to the Liquor and Cannabis Regulation Branch:

1. That Council supports the application of The Beagle Pub, located at 301 Cook Street, to licence an existing 26-person outdoor patio, which was licenced through the Province's Temporary Expanded Service Area (TESA) program under the establishment's existing liquor primary licence, conditional on the following:
 - a. The establishment having a total occupant load of 200 people, which includes three outdoor patios with seating capacity of 80 including the 26-person outdoor patio.
 - b. Maintaining hours of service from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Monday to Thursday, 11 a.m. to 12 a.m. Fridays, 9 a.m. to 12 a.m. Saturdays, and 9 a.m. to 11 p.m. Sundays.
2. The following comments are provided regarding the prescribed considerations:
 - a. If the application is approved, it is anticipated to have a positive economic impact on the community as the approval supports the viability of the business as a local employer.
 - b. The views of residents were solicited through a mailout to neighbouring property owners and occupiers within 100 metres of the licensed location and a notice posted at the property. In response to the notification that went to 237 owners and occupants, the City received 13 letters of correspondence. Of these letters, nine expressed support and four expressed opposition. The Fairfield Gonzales Community Association confirmed that they have no concerns with the application.
3. Council recommends to the Province that the liquor primary licence be approved as recommended.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

H. STAFF REPORTS

H.1 Deconstruction Bylaw Updates and Improvements

Committee received a report dated February 7, 2025 from the Acting Director of Engineering and Public Works regarding impacts of the Demolition Waste and Deconstruction Bylaw and recommending minor amendments that would support a more efficient reporting process for permit applicants.

Committee discussed the following:

- *Market for salvage lumber*
- *Signage requirements for the bylaw*

Moved and Seconded:

That Council direct staff to:

1. Prepare an amendment to the Demolition Waste and Deconstruction Bylaw (No. 22-062) to establish a length-based target for wood salvage that is equivalent to the existing mass-based target; and
2. Prepare housekeeping amendments to the Demolition Waste and Deconstruction Bylaw (No. 22-062) to simplify site signage requirements and remove distinct reporting requirements for small quantities of material.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

I. NOTICE OF MOTIONS

There were no Notices of Motions.

J. NEW BUSINESS

J.1 Council Member Motion: AVICC 2025 Convention

This item was added to the Consent Agenda.

J.2 Council Member Motion: High Ground Conference (March 7-8, 2025) Expenses

Moved and Seconded:

1. That Council authorize the attendance and associated costs for Councillor Kim to attend the High Ground Conference held in Vancouver BC, on March 7-8, 2025.
The approximate cost for attending is:

Registration Fee	\$570
Accommodations (2 nights)	\$700
Transportation to/from Vancouver	\$410

Meals and Incidentals	\$100
Credit card interest	\$101

Estimated total cost = \$1,881

Amendment:

Moved and Seconded:

1. That Council authorize the attendance and associated costs for Councillor Kim to attend the High Ground Conference held in Vancouver BC, on March 7-8, 2025.
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Accommodations (2 nights)	\$700
Transportation to/from Vancouver	\$410
Meals and Incidentals	\$100
Credit card interest	\$101

Estimated total cost = ~~\$1,881~~ 1,780

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

On the main motion as amended:

1. That Council authorize the attendance and associated costs for Councillor Kim to attend the High Ground Conference held in Vancouver BC, on March 7-8, 2025.
The approximate cost for attending is:

Registration Fee	\$570
Accommodations (2 nights)	\$700
Transportation to/from Vancouver	\$410
Meals and Incidentals	\$100

Estimated total cost = \$1780

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 11:13 a.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CITY CLERK

MAYOR

DRAFT