

COUNCIL DIRECTION, 11 MAY 2023

MINUTES - COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

May 11, 2023, 9:00 A.M.

COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL, 1 CENTENNIAL SQUARE

The City of Victoria is located on the homelands of the Songhees and Esquimalt People

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 Hammond, Councillor Kim, Councillor Loughton, Councillor Thompson

F.4 Transforming Off-Street Parking Regulations and Policies

Committee received a report dated April 6, 2023 from the Director of Sustainable Planning and Community Development and the Director of Engineering and Public Works seeking Council's direction to advance work on a number of previous Council motions directing staff to regularly review off-street parking regulations, introduce Transportation Demand Management (TDM) policies for new development, and deliver strategies to maximize all available community parking resources in support of priorities on affordability, green space retention, mobility mode shift and climate action.

Committee discussed the following:

- *Accessibility concerns regarding parking regulations*
- *Public engagement regarding public and active transportation use and statistics*
- *Bike share programs and processes for aiding providers and increased procurement*
- *Flexibility for charging considerations for electric or hydrogen-powered vehicles in the future*
- *Support for active transportation initiatives such as the Bike Valet in downtown Victoria*

Amendment:

Moved By Councillor Caradonna

For staff to consider an additional bike valet service as appropriate.

Councillor Caradonna withdrew the amendment.

Moved By Councillor Thompson

Seconded By Councillor Caradonna

- 1) Direct staff to develop an interim Transportation Demand Management program to facilitate the substitution of general off-street parking requirements in new development projects with alternative mobility options and report back to Council with recommendations.
- 2) Direct staff to:
 - a) Undertake a comprehensive review of Schedule C of the Zoning Regulation Bylaw and Part 5 of Zoning Bylaw 2018 and undertake research on updated vehicle ownership, off-street parking demand, current on-street parking management strategies, travel patterns, and trip characteristics within the municipality.
 - b) Undertake analysis and engagement on the suitability, effectiveness and impacts of the following topics related to off-street parking:
 - i. reduced minimum motor vehicle parking rates
 - ii. maximum motor vehicle parking rates
 - iii. Transportation Demand Management measures in lieu of off-street motor vehicle parking
 - iv. expanded bike parking standards
 - v. loading stall requirements
 - vi. additional accessible mobility considerations, including mobility device parking standards
 - vii. electric vehicle charging considerations
 - viii. shared motor vehicle parking (e.g., between uses)
 - ix. cash-in-lieu of off-street motor vehicle parking
 - x. further process changes to expedite parking related variances.
 - c) Develop an engagement strategy that outlines a process to effectively engage with key stakeholders.
 - d) Report back to Council with key findings, results of engagement and recommended off-street parking regulations and/or design guidelines.
 - e. Report back to Council with recommended priority on-street parking management measures for implementation.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY