



MINUTES - COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

June 19, 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 Dell, Councillor Gardiner, Councillor Hammond, Councillor Kim, Councillor Loughton, Councillor Thompson

STAFF PRESENT: J. Jenkyns - City Manager, C. Kingsley - City Clerk, S. Johnson - Director of Communications and Engagement, T. Zworski - City Solicitor, P. Rantucci - Director of Strategic Real Estate, K. Hoese - Director of Sustainable Planning and Community Development, C. Mycroft - Manager of Intergovernmental & Media Relations, B. Roder - Deputy City Clerk, D. Newman - Director of Parks and Recreation, W. Doyle - Director of Engineering and Public Works, K. Jones - Advisor to the City Manager, L. Monk - Manager of Revenue, L. Parent - Mayor's Office Senior Staff Person, A. Moffatt - 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 thanked them for allowing us to live, work and play on their lands. The Chair acknowledged the ongoing election of Chief and Council at the Songhees Nation.

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:

G.2 Council Member Motion: Support for 2025 Truth and Reconciliation Day Ceremonial Event and Tribal Journeys

1. That Council approve up to \$100,000 to support an event to mark Truth and Reconciliation Day 2025, including in-kind support and the waiving of fees for use of the Royal Athletic Park on September 30, 2025, to be funded through remaining 2025 contingency funds and/or the Protocol budget, as needed and available.
2. That Council approve \$25,000 to support the Xwsepsum and Songhees Nations' organizing of the 2025 Tribal Journeys protocols and events, to be funded through remaining 2025 contingency funds and/or the Protocol budget, as needed and available.
3. That Council request the mayor contact mayors from other south island municipalities to invite other municipal contributions to support these events.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

E. STAFF REPORTS

E.1 Community Safety and Wellbeing Plan

Committee discussed the following:

- *Immediate actions for the City to take in 2025 in support of the Plan, as well as long term impacts*
- *Process of effectively strengthening and expanding law/bylaw enforcement and mental health services*
- *Financial impacts associated with the implementation of the Plan, and the potential of Provincial assistance*
- *Public engagement and continued role of the Advisory Committee*

Committee recessed at 10:41 a.m. and reconvened at 10:51 a.m.

Moved and Seconded:

MOTION TO CLOSE THE JUNE 19, 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)(n) the consideration of whether a council meeting should be closed under a provision of this subsection or subsection (2).

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Committee of the Whole meeting was closed to the public at 11:06 a.m.

The Committee of the Whole meeting was reopened to the public at 11:22 a.m.

Moved and Seconded:

That Council:

1. Endorse the hæliset Community Safety and Wellbeing Plan in principle.
2. Direct the Mayor to engage City partners and other orders of government on the Plan's components and recommendations that require regional, provincial and/or federal support.
3. Direct City staff to:
 - a. Assess and identify the plan's:
 - a. Budget implications
 - b. Required policy changes, and
 - c. Key performance indicators
 - b. Present City Council with their analyses in advance of the 2026 Draft Budget deliberations.
4. Direct the City Manager to implement preliminary actions as needed to support the CSWB Plan, within the existing 2025 budget.

Committee considered each part of the motion separately.

On number one:

1. Endorse the hæliset Community Safety and Wellbeing Plan in principle.

OPPOSED (1): Councillor Gardiner

CARRIED (8 to 1)

On number two:

2. Direct the Mayor to engage City partners and other orders of government on the Plan's components and recommendations that require regional, provincial and/or federal support.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

On number three(a)(i):

3. Direct City staff to:
 - a. Assess and identify the plan's:
 - i. Budget implications

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

On number three(a)(ii):

3. Direct City staff to:
 - a. Assess and identify the plan's:
 - ii. Required policy changes

OPPOSED (1): Councillor Gardiner

CARRIED (8 to 1)

On number three(a)(iii):

3. Direct City staff to:
 - a. Assess and identify the plan's:
 - iii. Key performance indicators

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

On number three(b):

3. Direct City staff to:
 - b. Present City Council with their analyses in advance of the 2026 Draft Budget deliberations.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

On number four:

4. Direct the City Manager to implement preliminary actions as needed to support the CSWB Plan, within the existing 2025 budget.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Committee recessed for lunch at 12:20 p.m. and reconvened at 1:21 p.m.

E.2 Transforming City Parking

Motion to refer:

Moved and Seconded:

That the *Transforming City Parking* matter be referred to the June 26, 2025 Committee of the Whole meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

H. NOTICE OF MOTIONS

There were no Notices of Motions.

G. NEW BUSINESS

G.1 Council Member Motion: Exploring the Potential to Expand the Scope of the City's Municipal Solid Waste Collection Service

Committee received a Council Member Motion from Councillor Caradonna regarding an investigation into the potential of expanding the City's Municipal Solid Waste Collection Service to include School District 61 facilities, Greater Victoria Public Library locations and community centres.

Committee discussed the following:

- *Potential for staff to investigate costs and existing service levels*

Moved and Seconded:

That Council direct staff to:

- Incorporate into the analysis and report-back on a municipal solid waste collection service an investigation into the feasibility, cost, and implications of including the following public sector entities (located inside the city limits) in the proposed service:
 - a) SD61 facilities;
 - b) GVPL locations;
 - c) Community centres.
- Consult, as part of this analysis, with the SD61 School Trustee and the GVTA; the GVPL leadership and staff; and community centre operators.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

G.2 Council Member Motion: Support for 2025 Truth and Reconciliation Day Ceremonial Event and Tribal Journeys

This item was approved on the Consent Agenda.

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 1:28 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CITY CLERK

MAYOR

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