



MINUTES - COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

January 29, 2026, 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 Dell, Councillor Gardiner, Councillor Kim, Councillor Loughton,

ABSENT: Councillor Hammond

PRESENT ELECTRONICALLY: Councillor Thompson

STAFF PRESENT: J. Jenkyns - City Manager, S. Thompson - Deputy City Manager / Chief Financial Officer, D. Newman - Director of Parks and Recreation, C. Kingsley - City Clerk, W. Doyle - Director of Engineering and Public Works, S. Johnson - Director of Communications and Engagement, P. Rantucci - Director Community Safety, Wellbeing & Partnerships, K. Hoese - Director of Planning and Development, C. Mycroft - Manager of Intergovernmental & Media Relations, B. Roder - Deputy City Clerk, S. Maichen - Legislative Coordinator

GUESTS: M. Mawhinney – Chair, Greater Victoria Harbour Authority, Board of Directors, A. Hanson - Acting Vice President, Strategic Partnerships & Innovation, Greater Victoria Harbour Authority, D. Krusel - Interim Chief Executive Officer, Greater Victoria Harbour Authority

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 asked us to take a moment to reflect on the generosity of the Nations, and give thanks for their willingness to work with the City.

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.1 Council Member Motion: Swimmable Cities Charter

That Council authorize the mayor to sign the Swimmable Cities Charter on behalf of the City of Victoria, and that this resolution be considered for same-day adoption at Council.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Council recessed at 9:08 a.m. due to technical difficulties and reconvened at 9:32 a.m.

E. PRESENTATIONS

E.1 Greater Victoria Harbour Authority

Committee received a presentation from M. Mawhinney, A. Hanson, and D. Krusel with the Greater Victoria Harbour Authority regarding operations and statistics of cruise ship tourism in Victoria.

Committee discussed the following:

- *Data gathering from neighborhoods regarding later docking times*
- *Whale strikes off the coast of British Columbia*
- *Potential of decreasing passenger taxes*
- *Statistics of evening and daytime cruise ship passengers disembarking*
- *Toxic material offloading and air pollution readings*

Committee recessed at 10:37 a.m. and reconvened at 10:49 a.m.

G. NEW BUSINESS

G.1 Council Member Motion: Swimmable Cities Charter

This item was approved on the Consent Agenda.

G.2 Council Member Motion: Funding Canada Day 2026

Committee received a Council Member Motion from Mayor Alto and Councillor Caradonna dated January 22, 2026 requesting funds from the Major Community Initiatives and Event Grant be allocated to Victoria's Canada Day festivities.

Moved and Seconded:

That:

1. Council directs staff to allocate \$100,000 from the MCIEG to Canada Day 2026;
2. Council requests the mayor to write to the Minister of Tourism, Arts, and Culture, and the Premier, to invite the Province to cost-share Canada Day in 2026, and in an ongoing manner, and to write to the Minister of Canadian Identity and Culture to request additional grants for Victoria's Canada Day.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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 11:12 a.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CITY CLERK

MAYOR