



MINUTES - COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

February 19, 2026, 9:01 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, S. Thompson - Deputy City Manager / Chief Financial Officer, C. Kingsley - City Clerk, S. Johnson - Director of Communications and Engagement, P. Rantucci - Director of Community Safety, Wellbeing & Partnerships, C. Mycroft - Manager of Intergovernmental & Media Relations, B. Roder - Deputy City Clerk, D. Newman - Director of Parks and Recreation, S. Webb - Assistant Director of Corporate Planning and Strategic Partnerships, K. Hoese - Director Planning and Development, M. Haden - Legislative Coordinator

GUESTS: F. Wilson - Chief Constable, Victoria Police Department, E. Cull - Finance Committee Chair, Victoria and Esquimalt Police Board, D. Phillips - Director of Financial Services, Victoria Police Department

A. TERRITORIAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Committee acknowledged and honoured recent work with the Songhees First Nation and Xwsepsum First Nation communities to create a better future for everyone living on this land, and recognized both Nation's continued generosity.

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:

E.1 Minutes from the Committee of the Whole meeting held December 4, 2025

That the minutes from the Committee of the Whole meeting held December 4, 2025 be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

E. CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

E.1 Minutes from the Committee of the Whole meeting held December 4, 2025

This item was approved on the Consent Agenda.

F. CLOSED MEETING

Moved and Seconded:

MOTION TO CLOSE THE FEBRUARY 19, 2026 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 9:07 a.m. and reopened at 10:16 a.m.

Committee recessed at 10:16 a.m. and reconvened at 10:21 a.m.

G. PRESENTATIONS

G.1 Police Board Chair, Finance Chair and Police Chief

Committee received a presentation from the Police Chief, Director of Financial Services, and Finance Chair discussing the 2026 VicPD budget.

Committee discussed the following:

- *Balancing different types of police enforcement*

- *Addressing root causes of crime, addiction services, and need for housing and shelter options*
- *Possible budget impacts of regional policing and/or amalgamation*
- *Budget increase compared to other BC cities and relative to population*
- *Planned five-year review*

Committee recessed for lunch at 11:50 a.m. and reconvened at 1:03 p.m.

Councillor Thompson rejoined the meeting electronically at 1:03 p.m.

H. STAFF REPORTS

H.1 Budget Engagement Report

Committee received a report dated February 12th from the Director of Communications and Engagement regarding public consultation on the draft budget.

Committee discussed the following:

- *Sampling bias and demographic information about respondents*
- *Utility of analyzing received budget feedback*

Moved and Seconded:

That Council receive the *2026 Draft Budget Public Input* report for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

I. NOTICE OF MOTIONS

There were no Notices of Motions.

J. ADJOURNMENT OF COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Moved and Seconded:

That the Committee of the Whole Meeting be adjourned at 1:44 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CITY CLERK

MAYOR