

SPECIAL COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE REPORT
STRATEGIC PLAN
FROM THE MEETING HELD DECEMBER 10, 2018

For the Council meeting of December 13, 2018, the Committee recommends the following:

OBJECTIVE 4 – PROSPERITY & ECONOMIC INCLUSION

1. Item 10: That Council direct staff to work with partners to explore improved access to low cost or free internet service.
2. Item 3: That Council direct staff to explore ways for business in Victoria to become a living wage employer in 2021.
3. Item 6: Examine the effectiveness of arts and culture grants funding versus direct staff support: move to 2019

OBJECTIVE 5 – HEALTH, WELL-BEING AND A WELCOMING CITY

4. Item 6: Create a Senior Task Force and develop a Seniors Strategy ...move to 2019
5. Item 8: Strike a peer informed task force to identify priority actions to inform a Mental Health and Addictions Strategy....move to 2019
6. New item: Consider the implementation of play streets and school streets and other child friendly strategies.
7. New item: Adopt uniform and accessible parking standards for on and off street parking.
8. Item 10.g: Work with non-profit providers to bring back the Sharing Backyards Program.
9. Item 10: Urban Agriculture items a.b.c. ...move to 2020.
10. Item 11: Work with DVBA for rotating mural artists....move to 2019.
11. Item 12: Expand Life Pass program....move to 2019 Actions.

OBJECTIVE 6 – CLIMATE LEADERSHIP AND ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP

12. Item 8: Strengthen tree protection bylaw ...move to 2019.
13. Item 19: Add at the end: With the exception of hanging gaskets and Beacon Hill Park, between 2019 and 2022, re-naturalize all beds in the city. If there are cost, time and water savings use these to further nurture the tree canopy, urban forest *and natural areas*.
14. Item 17: Expedite implementation of the BC Step Code ...move to a 2020 action.

OBJECTIVE 7 – SUSTAINABLE TRANSPORTATION

- 15. Item 3: Advocate for additional late night bus service.
- 16. Item 8: Explore bus pass tied to income program....move to 2019.
- 17. Item 7: Sustainable Mobility Strategy add: including improvements to pedestrian, cycling and transit travel.
- 18. Item 12: Work to bring a “floating” care share service to Victoria...move to 2020.
- 19. Item 10: Provide free parkade parking for electric vehicles – remove this item.

MOTIONS ARISING

- 20. That Council direct staff to review subdivision and development servicing bylaw, greenways plan and associated city policies and bylaws, to allow for alternate design treatments for shared streets on identified greenways.

OBJECTIVE 8 – STRONG, LIVABLE NEIGHBOURHOODS

- 21. Add new item for 2019: Facilitate an annual “Neighbourhoods Summit” to consider emerging best practices in neighbourhood place-making, planning and engagement.
- 22. Add new item for 2019: Review the noise bylaw.
- 23. Item 11: Work with the Greater Victoria Public Library to establish library services in the north end of the city including an exploration of a new neighbourhood branch.
- 24. Item 8: Explore opportunities to expand the Quadra Village Community Centre, in partnership with the Downtown Blanshard Advisory Committee and the CRD processes.

OBJECTIVE 5 – HEALTH, WELL-BEING AND A WELCOMING CITY

- 25. Explore ways to end sexual harassment and assault in Victoria, including using the Good Night Out International model to create a safe nightlife campaign for Victoria venues, bars, clubs, pubs and festivals.

OBJECTIVE 3 – AFFORDABLE HOUSING

- 26. Add new item for 2019: Explore the expanded use of the Tax Exemptions to create more affordable housing.
- 27. Add new item for 2020: Create a tenant housing ambassador to make it easier for renters to navigate Rental Assistance Policies, Standards of Maintenance, and other issues.

OBJECTIVE 1 – GOOD GOVERNANCE

- 28. Add new item for 2019: Explore options for a land value capture tax including advocacy to the provincial government.
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