

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE REPORT
FROM THE MEETING HELD FEBRUARY 7, 2019

For the Council meeting of February 14, 2019, the Committee recommends the following:

1. Commemorative Tree Planting in Mayors Grove

That the City of Victoria plant a tree in Mayor's Grove to honour former Victoria Mayor Gretchen Mann Brewin, the species to be determined by the Director of Parks, at a time in the spring of 2019 when such a planting has the best chance of success, as determined by the Director of Parks.

2. Conference Attendance Request: New Westminster Mayor's Housing Roundtable

That Council authorize the attendance and associated costs for Mayor Helps to attend the New Westminster Mayor's Housing Roundtable at New Westminster, BC, on February 16, 2019, with estimated costs as follows:

Transportation (Airfare): \$430.99

(Flying instead of travelling by ferry in order to return in time for the Chinese New Year protocol event on February 16 in Victoria).

Transportation (Taxi): \$110

Accommodation: \$0

Estimated total costs: \$540.99

3. Conference Attendance Request: Federation of Canadian Municipalities Annual Conference and Trade Show

That Council authorize the attendance and the associated costs for Mayor Helps to attend the Federation of Canadian Municipalities Annual Conference and Trade Show at Quebec City, QC, from May 30 - June 2, 2019, with estimated costs as follows:

Registration: \$869

Transportation (Airfare): \$535

Transportation (Taxi): \$100

Accommodation: \$874.64

Estimated total costs: \$2,405.64

4. Conference Attendance Request: 2019 Union of BC Municipalities (UBCM) Convention

That Council authorize the attendance and the associated costs for Mayor Helps to attend the 2019 Union of BC Municipalities (UBCM) Convention at Vancouver, BC from September 23 - 27, 2019, with estimated costs as follows:

Registration: \$475

Transportation (Airfare): \$430.99

Transportation (Taxi): \$15

Accommodation: \$750

Estimated total costs: \$1,670.99

5. Renters' Advisory Committee

That Council direct staff to refer the staff report to the Renter's Advisory Committee along with the original Terms of Reference, and:

That Council:

1. Approves the formation of a Renters' Advisory Committee.
2. Adopts the attached Interim Terms of Reference for the committee, pending input from committee members on potential revisions.
3. Directs staff to invite applications from members of the public for appointment to the committee, aiming for an initial committee meeting in January 2018.
4. Appoints Councillors Dubow and Loveday as the initial Council Liaisons to the committee.
5. The Renters' Advisory Committee shall establish a work plan within six months of their first meeting.

6. #100-184 Wilson Street (Browns Crafthouse) - Development Permit with Variances Application No. 00099 (Vic West)

That Council, after giving notice and allowing an Opportunity for Public Comment at a meeting of Council, consider the following motion:

"That Council authorize the issuance of Development Permit with Variance Application No. 00099 for Unit 100, 184 Wilson Street, in accordance with:

1. Plans date stamped January 9, 2019.
2. Development meeting all Zoning Regulation Bylaw requirements, except for the following variances:
 - i. reduce setback from Bay Street from 3.0m to 0.15m to allow construction of a covered patio and awning;
 - ii. reduce landscaped area setback from Bay Street from 3.0m to 0.15m;
 - iii. reduce setback from Tyee Road from 3.0m to 2.4m for window awnings.
3. The Development Permit lapsing two years from the date of this resolution."

7. Update: 505, 517, 519 / 521 Quadra Street & 931 Convent Place (Beacon Arms) - Rezoning Application No. 00610 (Fairfield)

Rezoning Application No. 00610

That Council receive this report for information and provide updated instruction to staff to prepare the necessary Zoning Regulation Bylaw Amendment that would authorize the proposed development outlined in Rezoning Application No. 00610 for 505, 517 and 519/521 Quadra Street and 931 Convent Place, that first and second reading of the Zoning Regulation Bylaw Amendment be considered by Council and a Public Hearing date be set once the following conditions are met:

1. Preparation and execution of the following legal agreements:
 - a. Statutory Right-of-Way to secure 1.59 metres of the site adjacent Southgate Street, to the satisfaction of the Director of Engineering and Public Works.
 - b. Statutory Right-of-Way to secure 2.02 metres of the site adjacent Convent Place, to the satisfaction of the Director of Engineering and Public Works.
 - c. Housing Agreement to secure the following:
 - i. the residential units as rental for a 20 year period
 - ii. to secure the rent level of the four townhouse style units fronting Convent Place at a maximum of 40% of the gross household income for moderate income households
 - iii. to ensure that future strata bylaws cannot restrict the rental of units to non-owners, to the satisfaction of the Director of Sustainable Planning and Community Development.
 - d. Section 219 covenant to ensure that the dwelling units are not strata titled prior to the 20-year term of the housing agreement lapsing.

Development Permit with Variances No. 00088

That Council, after giving notice and allowing an opportunity for public comment at a meeting of Council, and after the Public Hearing for Rezoning Application No. 00610, if it is approved, consider the following motion:

"That Council authorize the issuance of Development Permit with Variances Application No.00088 for 505, 517, 519/521 Quadra Street and 931 Convent Place, in accordance with:

1. Receipt of final plans generally in accordance with the plans date stamped January 22, 2019.
2. Development meeting all Zoning Regulation Bylaw requirements, except for the following variances:
 - i. reduce the required vehicle parking from 115 stalls to 95 stalls;
 - ii. reduce the required visitor parking from 9 stalls to 8 stalls;
 - iii. reduce the internal boundary setback for portions of the building on the first and second storeys from 4.8m to 1.5m (to the garden shed).
3. Receipt of a car share agreement that includes MODO car share memberships for 50% of the residential units, to the satisfaction of the Director of Engineering and Public Works.
4. The Development Permit lapsing two years from the date of this resolution."

8. 723 Yates Street (Interactivity Board Game Café) - Application for a Permanent Change to Hours of Service for a Liquor Primary License

That Council direct staff to provide the following response to the Liquor Licensing Agency:

Council, after conducting a review with respect to noise and community impacts, does support the application of Interactivity Board Game Cafe, located at 721-723 Yates Street, to change the hours of liquor service from 11:00 am to 11:00 pm daily, to 11:00 am to 11:30 pm Sunday through Thursday and 11:00 am to 12:30 am Friday and Saturday.

Providing the following comments on the prescribed considerations:

- a. The impact of noise on the community in the vicinity of the establishment has been considered in relation to the request is not expected be an issue.
- b. If the application is approved, the net impact on the community is expected to be positive economically as the approval supports the request of the business and presumably their long-term viability as a local business and employer,
- c. The views of residents were solicited via a mail-out to neighbouring property owners and occupiers within 100 metres of the licensed location and a notice posted at the property, The City received one letter opposed to the application, and one letter indicating support. The City did not receive correspondence regarding the application from the Downtown Residents Association.
- d. Council recommends the issuance of the license.

9. 308 Catherine Street (Spinnakers) - Application for a Permanent Change to Hours of Service for a Liquor Primary License

That Council direct staff to provide the following response to the Liquor Licensing Agency:

Council, after conducting a review with respect to noise and community impacts, does support the application of Spinnakers, located at 308 Catherine Street, to change the hours of liquor service from 11:00 am to 11:00 pm daily to 9:00 am to 11:00 pm daily.

Providing the following comments on the prescribed considerations:

- a. The impact of noise on the community in the vicinity of the establishment has been considered in relation to the request is not expected to be an issue.
- b. If the application is approved, the net impact on the community is expected to be positive economically as the approval supports the request of the business and presumably their long term viability as a local business and employer.
- c. The views of residents were solicited via a mail-out to neighbouring property owners and occupiers within 100 metres of the licensed location and a notice posted at the property. The City received eleven letters opposed to the application, and three letters indicating support. The City did not receive correspondence regarding the application from the Victoria West CALUC.
- d. Council recommends the issuance of the license with the provision that closing hours are not supported past 11:00 pm and that the associated food primary licence (138526) is also adjusted to have closing hours not past 11:00 pm daily.
- e. A covenant exists on the property that prohibits the establishment from providing licenced service beyond 11:00 pm.

10. Consultation on Draft Old Town Design Guidelines (2019) and OCP Amendment Bylaw

That Council:

1. Approve, in principle, the Old Town Design Guidelines - New Buildings and Additions to Existing Buildings (2019).
2. Direct staff to bring forward an Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw to amend Development Permit Area 1(HC): Core Historic with an updated reference to the Old Town Design Guidelines - New Buildings and Additions to Existing Buildings (2019); to remove reference to the Chinatown Guidelines for Buildings, Canopies, Landscaping, Colours & Signs (1983); and to amend Development Permit Area 9(HC): Inner Harbour with an updated reference to the Old Town Design Guidelines - New Buildings and Additions to Existing Buildings (2019).
3. Consider consultation under Section 475(2)(b) of the *Local Government Act* and direct staff that no referrals of the Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw are necessary to the Capital Regional District Board, Island Health, Songhees Nation, Esquimalt Nation, provincial or federal governments, Township of Esquimalt, District of Saanich and the District of Oak Bay.
4. Consider consultation under Sections 475(1) and 475(2) of the *Local Government Act* and direct staff to undertake consultation with the community including downtown residents, Old Town property owners, local development and business communities and local heritage organizations on the proposed amendments to the Official Community Plan through online consultation concurrent with public review of the proposed Old Town Design Guidelines (2019).
5. Direct staff to amend the document in Section 1.1 on page 3 to include a sentence that acknowledges that locals love the human-scale of Old Town and structure the content to begin with making benefit for locals and then making benefit for visitors and economic development impacts.
6. Direct staff to amend the document in Section 1.2 on page 5 to amend "traditional territories" to read as "traditional homelands"
7. Direct staff to include recognition of the family group if possible in the document

11. Renewing Opportunities for Citizen Involvement in Emergency Preparedness

That resources be dedicated to the continued enhancement and opportunities for citizen involvement in the Emergency Social Services (ESS), Emergency Operations Centre (EOC) support, Auxiliary Communications Services (ACS), and Cyclist Response Team (CRT) volunteer teams as well as public education programs and initiatives such as Connect and Prepare, as identified through the Emergency Management BC Public Safety Lifeline Volunteer Program.

12. Cannabis Retail Store License Referrals

That Council receive this report for information.

13. Support Transformational Improvements to Regional BC Transit

THAT Council endorse the following resolution and direct staff to forward copies to the Premier of British Columbia, the Minister of Transportation, BC Transit and the Victoria Regional Transit Commission, requesting favourable consideration and resolutions of support:

Resolution: Support Transformational Improvements to Regional BC Transit

WHEREAS the transportation sector is the second-largest contributor of GHG

AND WHEREAS some of the largest reductions in GHGs are possible through facilitating a mode shift to low carbon mobility options, such as increased ridership of emissions-free transit.

AND WHEREAS transforming regional public transit could drastically increase mode-shift to clean public transit system.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Province of British Columbia and BC Transit take immediate actions to support and provide funding for transformational improvements to regional BC transit infrastructure to promote and enable rapid mode shift to transit, including transitioning the BC Transit fleet to zero emissions as early in the 2020s as possible, and:

- i. Completion of dedicated bus lanes on all connections between the West Shore and downtown.
- ii. Installation of Traffic Signal Priority (TSP) sensors in all buses that operate in the City of Victoria.
- iii. Installation of 'all door loading' capabilities for all busses in the Victoria regional transit system.
- iv. Introduction of real-time, digital bus information to enable super- convenient, accessible transit operational information.
- v. Introduction of "tap" payment-systems common to multi-modal service providers, to support rapid loading of busses and align with Smart Mobility goals.
- vi. Completion of the business-case to determine the most effective investments in public transportation to realize the highest potential mode-shift and ridership in the South Island, including but not limited assessing commuter ferry, public transit along the E&N rail corridor and Douglas Street / Highway 1 / Highway 99, bus rapid transit (BRT) or light-rail transit (LRT).
- vii. Reporting of annual regional transit GHG and combustion pollutants, mitigation priorities, progress and business cases for investments.