

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE REPORT
FROM THE MEETING HELD MARCH 21, 2019

For the Council meeting of March 28, 2019, the Committee recommends the following:

1. Emergency Operations Centre Training Grant

That Council support by way of resolution Esquimalt's grant application for \$50,000 for the Community Emergency Preparedness Fund-Emergency Operations Centre and Training Stream. The grant will be used for joint training with the City of Victoria and the Township of Esquimalt. The Township of Esquimalt will provide overall grant management for the project, and the Esquimalt Mayor and Corporate Officer are authorized to execute any agreements related to a successful grant application. The City of Victoria Emergency Program Coordinator will work directly with Esquimalt on the project.

2. ADP Landscape Architect Report

That Council appoint two Registered Landscape Architects to ADP, resulting in a temporary increase in the number of panel members appointed to the ADP.

3. Call for Appropriate Levels of Funding for Legal Aid

WHEREAS legal aid is an essential service which provides the marginalized, vulnerable and poor with access to justice;

WHEREAS legal aid has been chronically underfunded for over 25 years making it very difficult for the marginalized, vulnerable and poor to get legal assistance from a lawyer;

WHEREAS many studies and reports, including those commissioned by Government, have noted the serious consequences for society by the continued chronic underfunding of legal aid;

WHEREAS the Association of Legal Aid Lawyers have been attempting to negotiate appropriate levels of funding for legal aid;

AND WHEREAS the over 590 members of the Association of Legal Aid Lawyers voted overwhelmingly to withdraw services on April 1, 2019, to protest the intolerable levels of funding;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

1. THAT the City of Victoria recognizes that legal aid is an essential public service that provides legal representation to the most vulnerable, marginalized and impoverished members of our city and that the chronic underfunding of legal aid has led to a serious inequality in the delivery of legal services in our communities and
2. THAT the City of Victoria encourages the Province of British Columbia to resolve this matter with the Association of Legal Aid Lawyers.

4. Conference Attendance Request for Councillor Alto: High Ground Governance Forum

That Council approve the attendance and associated costs for Councillor Alto to attend the High Ground Governance Forum March 29-30, 2019. The costs are as follows:

Registration (Presenter Rate)	\$195
Additional Session	\$10
Accommodation	\$149.64
*Transportation (Mileage)	\$220.98

*Transportation (Ferry) \$91.90
Total Requested: \$665.52

*NB. Transportation costs includes passage for two councillors.

5. Conference Attendance Request Councillor Dubow: Association of Vancouver Island Municipalities Conference

That Council authorize the attendance and associated costs for Councillor Sharmarke Dubow to attend the AVICC Conference to be held in Powell River, April 12-14, 2018.

6. Conference Attendance Requests for Councillor Loveday: Association of Vancouver Island Municipalities Conference

That Council authorize the attendance and associated costs for Councillor Loveday to attend the Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities annual meeting at Powell River, BC, from April 12-14, 2019, with estimated costs as follows:

Registration: \$315
Transportation: \$250
Accommodation: \$250
Incidentals: \$100
Estimated total costs: \$915

7. Conference Attendance Request for Councillor Loveday: Federation of Canadian Municipalities Annual Conference

That Council authorize the attendance and associated costs for Councillor Loveday to attend the Federation of Canadian Municipalities annual convention in Quebec City, QC, with estimated costs as follows:

Registration: \$1000
Transportation: \$800
Accommodation: \$1145
Incidentals: \$200
Estimated total costs: \$3145

8. Conference Attendance Request for Councillor Loveday: High Ground Governance Forum

That Council authorize the attendance and associated costs for Councillor Loveday to attend the High Ground Governance Forum at Harrison Hot Springs, BC, from March 29-30, 2019, with estimated costs as follows:

Registration: \$450
Transportation: \$250
Accommodation: \$300
Incidentals: \$100
Estimated total costs: \$1100

11. 2019 Victoria Police Budget

That consideration of the following motion be referred to the April 4, 2019 Committee of the Whole Meeting:

That Council requests that VicPD examine the following measures, as part of 2020 budget process, in order to fund the Employer Health Tax and the decision of the Director of Police Services to mandate the hiring of 6 new officers:

(a) Consolidation of exempt management positions.

(b) Discussions with City of Victoria and Township of Esquimalt staff to identify potential efficiencies and cost savings to VicPD through the potential transfer of delivery of some functions from VicPD civilian employees to direct City of Victoria delivery of services, with cost recovery from the Township of Esquimalt.

12. 2018 General Local Election - Lessons Learned

That Council direct staff to:

1. Arrange for two voting machines at each voting location for the 2022 election.
2. Secure additional voting locations in the City for general voting day 2022.

13. Improving Public Safety and Efficiency through a Regional Police Department

That Council endorse the following resolution and forward a copy to the provincial Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General, to Members of the Legislative Assembly representing residents of the Township of Esquimalt and City of Victoria, to the Victoria and Esquimalt Police Board, and to the Mayor and Council of the Township of Esquimalt, requesting favourable consideration:

Resolution: Increasing Public Safety and Efficiency through a Regional Police Department

WHEREAS the costs of providing policing services in the metropolitan area of Greater Victoria is disproportionately borne by rate payers in the Township of Esquimalt and City of Victoria;

AND WHEREAS social problems in all municipalities and electoral areas result in increasing demands for policing services in the core area of the region, suggesting that these costs should be distributed equitably;

AND WHEREAS consolidation of command and coordination of resourcing and equipment will produce fiscal and operational efficiencies, with corresponding benefits to public safety;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Province of British Columbia establish a Regional Police Department for the Capital Region, governed by a reconstituted Police Board, with funding allocated according to established funding formula among CRD member local governments.