



MINUTES - COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

May 16, 2019, 9:00 A.M.

COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL, 1 CENTENNIAL SQUARE

The City of Victoria is located on the homelands of the Songhees and Esquimalt People

PRESENT: Mayor Helps in the Chair, Councillor Alto, Councillor Isitt, Councillor Loveday, Councillor Thornton-Joe, Councillor Young, Councillor Dubow, Councillor Potts, Councillor Collins

STAFF PRESENT: J. Jenkyns - City Manager, C. Coates - City Clerk, P. Bruce - Fire Chief, S. Thompson - Deputy City Manager / Director of Finance, F. Work - Director of Engineering & Public Works, B. Eisenhauer - Head of Engagement, C. Havelka - Deputy City Clerk, A. Hudson - Acting Director of Sustainable Planning & Community Development, C. Mycroft - Manager of Executive Operations, AM Ferguson - Committee Secretary, T. Zworski - City Solicitor, J. O'Connor - Deputy Director of Finance

A. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved By Councillor Loveday
Seconded By Councillor Alto

That the agenda be approved.

Moved By Councillor Collins
Seconded By Councillor Alto

Amendment:

That the following items be included on the consent agenda:

C. 1 - Minutes from the meeting held February 21, 2019

I.1. - Restoring Provincial Support for Libraries

G.2. - Proclamation - Intergenerational Day Canada

G.4. - Proclamation - Orca Awareness Month-Southern and Northern Residents

G.5. - Proclamation - Brain Injury Awareness Month

G.6. - Proclamation - Pollinator Week

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Main motion as amended:

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

B. CONSENT AGENDA

Moved By Councillor Alto

Seconded By Councillor Loveday

That the following items be approved without further debate

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

B.1 Minutes from the meeting held February 21, 2019

Moved By Councillor Alto

Seconded By Councillor Loveday

That the minutes from the meeting held February 21, 2019, be adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

B.2 Restoring Provincial Support for Libraries

Committee received a Council Member motion dated May 10, 2019, from Councillor Loveday regarding restoring provincial support for libraries.

Moved By Councillor Alto

Seconded By Councillor Loveday

WHEREAS libraries are a social justice equalizer that provide universal access to information and learning materials irrespective of income levels;

WHEREAS libraries are now so much more than books, building community and a sense of inclusion;

WHEREAS restoring funding to libraries supports the BC Government's agenda to eliminate poverty, improve access to education, and address social justice in BC;

WHEREAS funding rates have been frozen since 2009 and inflationary costs have increasingly been put on municipal property tax payers which is a regressive approach to funding public libraries;

WHEREAS municipalities face downloading from upper levels of government and have few tools to raise funds,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Council request the Mayor write to the Minister of Education, the Premier, and all local MLAs strongly advocating for the restoration of library funding to a level that reflects both inflationary cost increases since 2009 and the value of this system to the Province.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be forwarded to other municipalities in the Capital Regional District and across BC requesting their favourable consideration.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

B.3 Proclamation - Intergenerational Day Canada

Committee received a report dated May 8, 2019, from the City Clerk regarding a proclamation for Intergenerational Day Canada.

Moved By Councillor Alto

Seconded By Councillor Loveday

That the *"Intergenerational Day Canada* Proclamation be forwarded to the May 23, 2019 Council meeting for Council's consideration.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

B.4 Proclamation - Orca Action Month

Committee received a report dated May 8, 2019, from the City Clerk regarding a proclamation for Orca Action Month.

Committee discussed:

- *Supporting a tanker ban to advocate for the protection of orcas.*

Moved By Councillor Collins

Seconded By Councillor Isitt

That the *Orca Action Month* Proclamation be forwarded to the May 23, 2019 Council meeting for Council's consideration.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

B.5 Proclamation - Orca Awareness Month-Southern and Northern Residents

Committee received a report dated May 8, 2019, from the City Clerk regarding a proclamation for Orca Awareness Month-Southern and Northern Residents.

Moved By Councillor Alto

Seconded By Councillor Loveday

That the *Orca Awareness Month - Southern and Northern Residents* Proclamation be forwarded to the May 23, 2019 Council meeting for Council's consideration.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

B.6 Proclamation - Brain Injury Awareness Month

Committee received a report dated May 8, 2019, from the City Clerk regarding a proclamation for Brain Injury Awareness Month.

Moved By Councillor Alto
Seconded By Councillor Loveday

That the *Brain Injury Awareness Month* Proclamation be forwarded to the May 23, 2019 Council meeting for Council's consideration.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

B.7 Proclamation - Pollinator Week

Committee received a report dated May 8, 2019 from the City Clerk regarding a proclamation for Pollinator Week.

Moved By Councillor Alto
Seconded By Councillor Loveday

That the *Pollinator Week* Proclamation be forwarded to the May 23, 2019 Council meeting for Council's consideration.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

D. Presentation

D.1 Affordable Housing Workshop

Committee received a report dated May 10, 2019, from the Acting Director of Sustainable Planning and Community Development regarding an Affordable Housing Workshop to share information to help inform the update to the Victoria Housing Strategy 2016-2025.

Committee received a presentation from Marcia Jean-Baptist, Specialist-Affordable Housing - Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation and Carol, Regional Manager - Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation.

Committee engaged in questions with the Canadian Mortgage and Housing Corporation representatives.

Committee received a presentation from Malcolm McNaughton, Director of Regional Development - BC Housing and Armin Amrolia, Executive Director of Development and Asset Strategies - BC Housing.

Committee engaged in questions with the BC Housing representatives.

Committee recessed at 10:52 a.m. and returned at 10:57 a.m.

Committee received a presentation from Gerry Mulholland, Vice-President-Development Strategies - G.P. Rollo & Associates.

Committee engaged in questions with the G.P. Rollo & Associates representative.

G. STAFF REPORTS

G.1 Late Night Program Update

Committee received a report dated May 2, 2019, from the Head of Business and Community Relations regarding an update on the Late Night Program.

Committee recessed at 11:58 a.m. and returned at 12:30 p.m.

Councillors Alto and Young were not present at the time the meeting reconvened.

Moved By Councillor Thornton-Joe

Seconded By Councillor Isitt

That Council receive this report for information.

Councillor Young returned to the meeting at 12:32 p.m.

Committee discussed:

- *Cost recovery options for enforcement and programs, including continuous research to mitigate late night disturbances and issues.*
- *A desire to increase late night venues for all ages including other types of late night entertainment without alcohol to foster entertainment and community.*

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Moved By Councillor Collins

Seconded By Councillor Dubow

That Council direct staff to reach out to the “May I?” Project, the Retail Action Network, and the Good Night Out project to invite them to participate in the Late Night Advisory Committee, and connect with downtown service providers and others to include individuals from marginalized communities, including but not limited to the street-involved community and the LGBTQI+ community.

Moved By Councillor Dubow

Seconded By Councillor Collins

Amendment:

That the motion be amended to include the following:

2. That Council direct staff to reach out to the “May I?” Project, the Retail Action Network, and the Good Night Out project to invite them to participate in the Late Night Advisory Committee, and connect with downtown service providers and others to include individuals from marginalized communities, including but not limited to the street-involved community, **international students, racialized communities**, and the LGBTQI+ community.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Main motion as amended:

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Committee recessed at 1:00 p.m. and returned at 1:05 p.m.

I. **NEW BUSINESS**

I.2 **Transitioning from Commercial Horse-Drawn Carriage Operations to E-Carriages**

Committee received a report dated May 10, 2019, from Councillor Isitt regarding transitioning from commercial horse-drawn carriage operations to e-carriages.

Moved By Councillor Isitt

Seconded By Councillor Dubow

That Council refers the following resolution to the next Quarterly Update, with staff providing information on the resource implications of proceeding with the action outlined:

1. That Council amends the Strategic Plan 2019-2022 to include the new 2020 action: "Develop regulations to phase out commercial horse-drawn carriage operations on city streets by 2023, providing adequate notice to operators, employees and members of the public."
2. The Council encourages collaboration between industry, the City and provincial regulators to pursue innovation in electric-powered vehicles for hire, to provide ongoing and enhanced opportunities for experiential tourism, employment and economic development.

Moved By Councillor Isitt

Seconded By Councillor Potts

Amendment:

3. That Council refers the recommendations in the letter received by Council on May 28, 2018 to staff to inform revisions to regulations and policies between now and 2023.

Moved By Councillor Thornton-Joe

Seconded By Councillor Isitt

Amendment to the amendment:

3. That Council refers the recommendations in the letter received by Council on May 28, 2018 and **July 25, 2018**, to staff to inform revisions to regulations and policies between now and 2023.

FOR (7): Mayor Helps, Councillor Alto, Councillor Isitt, Councillor Loveday, Councillor Thornton-Joe, Councillor Young, and Councillor Collins

OPPOSED (2): Councillor Dubow, and Councillor Potts

CARRIED (7 to 2)

On the amendment:

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Committee discussed:

- *The initiatives of Council and the priorities in the strategic plan.*
- *Past work done to support animal welfare and collaboration with the SPCA.*

Moved By Councillor Loveday
Seconded By Councillor Collins

Motion to extend the meeting to 2:15 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Main motion as amended:

FOR (6): Councillor Alto, Councillor Isitt, Councillor Loveday, Councillor Dubow, Councillor Potts, and Councillor Collins

OPPOSED (3): Mayor Helps, Councillor Thornton-Joe, and Councillor Young

CARRIED (6 to 3)

J. ADJOURNMENT OF COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Moved By Councillor Collins
Seconded By Councillor Loveday

That the Committee of the Whole Meeting be adjourned at 2:06 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CITY CLERK

MAYOR