



MINUTES - COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

July 11, 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 Potts, Councillor Collins, Councillor Thornton-Joe, Councillor Dubow, Councillor Young

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, T. Soulliere - Director of Parks, Recreation & Facilities, B. Eisenhauer - Head of Engagement, C. Havelka - Deputy City Clerk, A. Meyer - Assistant Director of Development Services, A. Hudson - Acting Director of Sustainable Planning & Community Development, C. Mycroft - Manager of Executive Operations, T. Zworski - City Solicitor, L. Taylor - Senior Planner, J. O'Connor - Deputy Director of Finance, M. Heiser - Committee Secretary, K. Okazaki - Planning Assistant

A. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved By Councillor Collins

Seconded By Councillor Dubow

That the agenda be approved.

Amendment:

Moved By Councillor Collins

Seconded By Councillor Dubow

That the Agenda of the July 11, 2019 Committee of the Whole meeting be amended as follows:

Consent Agenda:

C.1 Minutes from the meeting held June 27, 2019

C.2 Minutes from the Council Town Hall held June 21, 2019

C.3 Minutes from the meeting held June 20, 2019

C.4 Minutes from the meeting held March 21, 2019

G.2 Business Improvement Area - Alternative Approval Process Results

G.3 Royal Theatre and McPherson Theatre Service Establishment Bylaws

Main Motion as Amended:

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

B. CONSENT AGENDA

That the following items be approved without further debate:

C.1 Minutes from the meeting held June 27, 2019

Moved By Councillor Alto

Seconded By Councillor Collins

That the minutes from the meeting held June 27, 2019 be adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

C.2 Minutes from the Council Town Hall held June 21, 2019

Moved By Councillor Alto

Seconded By Councillor Collins

That the minutes from the Council Town Hall held June 21, 2019 be adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

C.3 Minutes from the meeting held June 20, 2019

Moved By Councillor Alto

Seconded By Councillor Collins

That the minutes from the meeting held June 20, 2019 be adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

C.4 Minutes from the meeting held March 21, 2019

Moved By Councillor Alto

Seconded By Councillor Collins

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

G.2 Business Improvement Area - Alternative Approval Process Results

Committee received a report dated July 2, 2019 from the City Clerk regarding the proposed Business Improvement Area Bylaw, 2019, Bylaw No. 19-045, and that it be presented to Council for consideration of adoption.

Moved By Councillor Alto

Seconded By Councillor Collins

That Council direct staff to forward Business Improvement Area Bylaw, 2019, Bylaw No. 19-045 to the July 11, 2019 council meeting for consideration of adoption.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

G.3 Royal Theatre and McPherson Theatre Service Establishment Bylaws

Committee received a report dated July 2, 2019 from the City Clerk regarding the CRD Board's request for consideration of consenting to the adoption of the two Service establishment Amendment Bylaws addressing the taxation methodology for the Royal Theatre Service and the McPherson Theatre Service.

Moved By Councillor Alto

Seconded By Councillor Collins

That Council direct staff to advise the Capital Regional District staff that the City requests the CRD convene a meeting with Victoria, Saanich and Oak Bay staff to discuss the funding arrangements for the Royal Theatre Service.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

C. Presentations

D.1 City of Victoria Youth Council 2018/19 Report

Committee received a presentation from the City of Victoria Youth Council regarding their year in review, important initiatives, and accomplishments.

Committee discussed:

- *The Youth Council's involvement in environmental issues*
- *The level of engagement from the Youth Council*

Moved By Councillor Isitt

Seconded By Councillor Dubow

That Council receive this presentation for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

D. LAND USE MATTERS

F.1 2960 Bridge Street - Application to Adjust a Lounge Endorsement to a Manufacturer's License (Brewing) for Ile Sauvage (Burnside)

Committee received a report dated June 11, 2019 from the Acting Director, Sustainable Planning and Community Development regarding the proposed application by Ile Sauvage Brewing to adjust their lounge endorsement to have hours of operation from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 a.m. daily, and an occupant load of 60 persons.

Moved By Councillor Thornton-Joe
Seconded By Councillor Collins

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 Ile Sauvage Brewing, located at 2960 Bridge Street, to have the lounge endorsement associated with their manufacturing license adjusted such that, hours of licenced service are from 11:00 am to 12:00 am daily, and that the occupant load is 60 persons.

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. Anticipated impacts are based on previous experience with the site which provided licenced service while operating as Prima Strada. The proposed hours of operation and occupant load are not expected to result in negative impacts to the community.
- b. If the application is approved, the impact on the community is expected to be positive economically as the approval supports the business's operating model and presumably the long term viability as a local business.
- c. The views of residents were solicited via a mail out which included 89 letters 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 in response to the request and the Burnside Gorge Community Association has not provided correspondence.
- d. Council recommends the license endorsement be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

E. STAFF REPORTS

G.1 Victoria Housing Strategy Phase Two: 2019-2022

Committee received a report dated June 26, 2019 from the Acting Director, Sustainable Planning and Community Development providing Council with an update to the Victoria Housing Strategy 2016-2025.

Committee discussed:

- *Targets and statistics outlined in the policy*
- *Staff's prioritization approach*
- *Strategies to achieve greater affordable housing*

Councillor Isitt left the meeting at 10:32 a.m. and returned at 10:36 a.m.

Moved By Councillor Alto

Seconded By Councillor Loveday

That Council:

1. Direct staff to approve the Victoria Housing Strategy Phase Two: 2019-2022
2. Endorse the prioritization approach outlined in this presentation

Amendment:

Moved by Councillor Isitt

2. Endorse the prioritization approach outlined in this presentation **subject to the city giving higher prioritization to acquisition of land and the active facilitation of the creation of new decommodified housing.**

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Amendment:

Moved by Councillor Isitt

Seconded by Councillor Loveday

2. Endorse the prioritization approach outlined in this presentation **subject to greater emphasis being placed on the acquisition of land and the pursuit of partnership to produce decommodified housing.**

FOR (8): Mayor Helps, Councillor Alto, Councillor Collins, Councillor Dubow, Councillor Isitt, Councillor Loveday, Councillor Potts and Councillor Thornton-Joe

OPPOSED (1): Councillor Young

CARRIED (8 to 1)

Main Motion as amended:

That Council:

1. Direct Staff to approve the Victoria Housing Strategy Phase Two: 2019-2022.
2. Endorse the prioritization approach outlined in this presentation subject to greater emphasis being placed on the acquisition of land and the pursuit of partnership to produce partnership to produce decommodified housing.

FOR (8): Mayor Helps, Councillor Alto, Councillor Collins, Councillor Dubow, Councillor Isitt, Councillor Loveday, Councillor Potts and Councillor Thornton-Joe

OPPOSED (1): Councillor Young

CARRIED (8 to 1)

Committee recessed at 11:30 a.m. and reconvened at 11:37 a.m.

G.1.a Victoria Housing Reserve Fund Guidelines Update

Committee received a report dated May 29, 2019 from the Acting Director of Sustainable Planning and Community Development in regards to a report outlining recommendations on updates to the Victoria Housing Reserve Fund guidelines in response to previous Council motions related to requests for funding on redevelopment projects. This item was originally considered at the July 4, 2019 Committee of the Whole meeting and was referred to this meeting for consideration.

Moved by Councillor Loveday
Seconded by Councillor Dubow

That the following motion be placed on the table for debate.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Moved by Councillor Collins
Seconded by Councillor Potts

That Council direct staff to:

1. Continue considering Victoria Housing Reserve Fund applications based on gross new units in redevelopment projects.

FOR (6): Mayor Helps, Councillor Alto, Councillor Collins, Councillor Loveday, Councillor Potts and Councillor Thornton-Joe

OPPOSED (3): Councillor Dubow, Councillor Isitt and Councillor Young

CARRIED (6 to 3)

G.1.b Garden Suite Program Review and Next Steps

Committee received a report dated June 13, 2019 from the Acting Director of Sustainable Planning and Community Development providing an update on the Garden Suite Program seeking Council's direction. This item was originally considered at the June 27, 2019 Committee of the Whole meeting and was referred to this meeting for consideration.

Moved By Councillor Isitt
Seconded By Councillor Young

1. That Council direct staff to prepare a report to advance OCP Amendments to the Garden Suite Design Guidelines (Attachment C) and that staff be directed to prepare the necessary Zoning Regulation Bylaw Amendments to limit the conversion of new accessory buildings to garden suites and reduce the height of Garden Suites to 4.2m for “plus” sites and that the more fulsome review and consultation outlined in this report take place in a later phase of the Victoria Housing Strategy.
2. That Council direct staff to continue to monitor application volumes and work to maximize efficiencies that may result from proposed refinements outlined in this report, and bring forward any necessary staff resourcing requests in conjunction with the 2020 Budget deliberations.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

G.4 Proclamation - Mexican Heritage Week

Committee received a report dated July 9, 2019 from the City Clerk regarding a proclamation for Mexican Heritage Week on July 9, 2019, to July 14, 2019.

Moved By Councillor Alto
Seconded By Councillor Loveday

That the *Mexican Heritage Week* Proclamation be forwarded to the July 11, 2019 Council meeting for Council's consideration.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

F. NOTICE OF MOTIONS

H.1 Appointment of an Alternate to the CRD Arts Commission

Committee received a Council Member Motion from Councillor Loveday regarding the appointment of an alternate to the CRD Arts Commission.

Councillor Dubow volunteered to be appointed an alternate.

Moved By Councillor Isitt
Seconded By Councillor Loveday

That Council appoint Councillor Dubow as an alternate to the CRD Arts Commission.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

G. NEW BUSINESS

I.1 Establishing a Lobbying Regulation System for Municipal Government

Committee received a Council Member Motion dated July 3, 2019 from Councillor Loveday regarding the proposed creation of a lobbying regulation system for municipal governments.

Moved By Councillor Loveday
Seconded By Councillor Dubow

That Council support the position of Richmond City Council that a lobbying regulation system for municipal government, similar to the provincial mechanism under the BC Lobbyists Registration Act, be established

And that Council request the Mayor write Richmond Council and the Union of BC Municipalities to express the City of Victoria's support for this resolution.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

I.2 Bill 21 Secularism Legislation

Committee received a Council Member Motion dated July 5, 2019 from Councillor Dubow regarding the City of Victoria's proposed support in principle to the National Council of Canadian Muslims (NCCM) and the Canadian Civil Liberties Association (CCLA) in their legal challenge against Bill 21 in Quebec.

Committee discussed:

- *Implied discrimination*
- *Staff resources*

Moved By Councillor Dubow
Seconded By Councillor Thornton-Joe

That Council approve the following:

Whereas the City of Victoria consists of a diverse community, many of whom wear religious symbols including turbans, hijabs, Kippa, the cross and many others; and

Whereas the fundamental right of religious freedom is enshrined by Canadian constitutional protections; and

Whereas the City of Victoria stands firmly to support religious freedom; and

Whereas Victoria stands for diversity and Canadian multiculturalism and Council bears a responsibility to stand up in defence of the Canadian multicultural mosaic;

Therefore Be It Resolved That the City of Victoria supports in principle the National Council of Canadian Muslims (NCCM) and the Canadian Civil Liberties Association (CCLA) in their legal challenge against Bill 21 in Quebec.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

I.3 Conference Attendance Request for Councillor Dubow at the BC Active Transportation Summit

Committee received a Council Member Motion dated July 10, 2019 from Councillor Dubow requesting authorization for attendance costs for the BC Active Transportation Summit.

Moved By Councillor Loveday
Seconded By Councillor Collins

That Council authorize registration cost for Councillor Sharmarke Dubow attendance the BC Active Transportation Summit that was held in New Westminster, June 17-18, 2019.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

H. ADJOURNMENT OF COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Moved By Councillor Alto
Seconded By Councillor Collins

That the Committee of the Whole Meeting be adjourned at 12:22 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CITY CLERK

MAYOR