

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE REPORT**  
**FROM THE MEETING HELD OCTOBER 10, 2019**

For the Council meeting of October 10, 2019, the Committee recommends the following:

**F.1 Request for Boulevard Removal from the Taxed Boulevard Program**

That Council approve the removal of the following boulevard from the Taxed Boulevard Program effective for the 2020 tax year:

1. South side of Richardson Street between Harbinger Avenue and Cornwall Street.

**F.3 Appointment - Bylaw Officer**

That Council approve the appointment of Shannon Perkins:

1. As a Bylaw Officer pursuant to section 2(a) of the Inspection Bylaw (06-061);
2. As a Business License Inspector for the City of Victoria; and,
3. A Building Inspector for the purposes for Section 57 of the Community Charter.

**D.1 Postponed Motion - Fare Free Youth Bus Program - Update and Considerations**

Petition to BC Transit through the Victoria Regional Transit Commission (VRTC) to introduce the required Smart Bus capabilities to enable online pass allocation, single, digital tap payment systems, and data capture, for our regional transit system, and reiterate the City of Victoria's support for the introduction of fare-free public transit for the Capital Region.

**E.1 570 Yates Street: Liquor Primary License Application No. 000294, Leopold's Tavern (Downtown)**

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

1. Council, after conducting a review with respect to noise and community impacts, does support the application of Leopold's Tavern located at 570 Yates Street having hours of operation from 9:00 am to 12:00 am daily with a total occupant load of 120 people (100 interior and 20 exterior, sidewalk cafe seats).

Providing the following comments on the prescribed considerations:

- a. The impact of noise on the community near the establishment was considered in relation to the request and noise impacts are expected to be proportional to existing licence capacity and associated noise levels in the vicinity. The applicant has requested a closing time of 12:00 am Sunday through Thursday and 1 :00 am on Friday and Saturday, which is not fully supportable due to existing density of licenced seating in the area and higher than average calls for service related to noise and other impacts associated with late night entertainment.
- b. If the application is approved, the impact on the community is expected to be positive economically as the approval supports the business plan and long-term viability of the establishment.
- 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 five letters in response to the notification that went to 899 owners and occupants and all were opposed to the application which included one letter from the Downtown Residents Association.
- d. Council recommends the license be approved conditional on amending the closing hours to 12:00 am daily.

That the City introduce a closing time of 10 pm for the sidewalk cafe for when the permit comes up for renewal in January.

**F.2 Canada Day Report**

That Council direct staff to:

1. Maintain the City's current approach for the Canada Day celebrations and increase the special event operations budget by \$107,000 in the 2020 financial planning process to account for new police charges previously covered through the Police Board budget.

**G.1 Council Member Motion - Affordable Artist Housing in the City of Victoria**

1. That Council direct staff to align the Create Victoria Masterplan with the Victoria Housing Strategy to include the creation of housing for artists as a goal of the Victoria Housing Strategy.
2. And that Council direct staff to consider ways to encourage the creation of affordable housing through the implementation of existing policies including the inclusionary housing policy, housing reserve fund, and other relevant policies.