

SPECIAL COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
BUDGET MEETINGS
REPORT FROM THE MEETINGS HELD OCTOBER 21 and 31, NOVEMBER 4, 2019

That Council receive this report for information and further consideration on November 14, 2019.

1. 2020-2024 Draft Financial Plan

October 21, 2019

Council:

That Council direct staff to report back on financial implications of adjusting salary and benefit line items for 2020 to account for remuneration rates for Councillors equivalent to the median income of a city employee excluding police and fire and include this information as part of public engagement on the 2020 draft financial plan.

Legislative Services:

That Council direct staff to report on the financial implications of providing staff support to the Seniors Task Force and the Community Wellness Task force.
(That this motion be referred to the December 5, 2019 budget meeting.)

City Manager:

That Council direct staff to report back as part of the 2021 budget on the implications of reviewing the protocol activities and budgets of other capital cities in Canada and how this compares to Victoria.

October 31, 2019

Sustainable Planning and Community Development:

That Council direct staff to report back on the implications of including an additional \$750,000 into the Housing Reserve Fund with \$500,000 restricted for shelter rates.

That Council direct staff to review revenue projections for rezoning applications and permit and inspection fees and report back to Council.

That Council direct staff to report back on the implications of augmenting the city's social planning function.

Business and Community Relations:

That Council direct staff to report back on implications to provide funding for City Studio in 2020.

That Council directs staff to report back on the implications of integrating the Victoria Conference Centre parkade with the operations of other city parkades in light of the City's application for certification as a living wage employer.

That Council direct staff to report back on the implications and opportunities to fund an Arts Creation Project to fund wraps on electric kiosks similar to our banner, bus shelter and mural project.

Parks, Recreation and Facilities:

That Council directs staff to report back with implication of adding a bigger swimming dock at Banfield Park.

That Council direct staff to report back on the implications of adding secure bike parking for the public in city parkades in the 2020 budget.

That Council direct staff report back on the implications and options for pursuing alternate locations for an off leash dog park downtown.

That Council direct staff to report in a closed meeting on the City's agreement for the Victoria Conference Centre including operating and capital components.

Engineering and Public Works:

That Council direct staff to report back on the implications and options for implementing traffic calming on Chambers Street and surrounding streets between Cook and Chambers Streets and projected increases in traffic volume in this part of the Fernwood neighbourhood.

That Council direct staff to report back on implications of allocating additional funds towards the capital costs of traffic calming.

November 4, 2019**Corporate:**

That Council direct staff to report back on the appropriate amount to fund the Witness Reconciliation Program (the City Family) on an ongoing basis.

That Council direct staff to report back on an appropriate funding amount and source of funding for the climate action reserve given the climate emergency.

That Council direct staff to report back on payment in lieu of taxes for past years where data is readily available.

That Council direct staff to report back on the implications of adjusting the property tax penalty to 5% paid on July 1 and 5% on September 1.

That Council direct that each of the bullet point organizations for direct award grants are provided in a written report (page 608 of the Financial Plan).

That Council direct that there is a report on an annual basis to Council from the Film Commission, Coalition to End Homelessness and Urban Food Table.

That Council direct staff to report back on the implications of increasing the per capita base grant to neighbourhoods that are not serviced by city funded community centres including consideration of doubling the amount of the grant for those neighbourhoods.

Engineering and Public Works:

That Council direct staff to report back on the implications of examining pedestrian improvements on the south sidewalk between Cedar Hill and Belmont Avenue along Hillside Avenue including the crosswalk at Gosworth.

That Council direct staff to report back on the implications of installing pedestrian/cyclist controlled stop light at Cook and Princess.

That Council direct staff to report back on the implications of adding \$250,000 of funding for pedestrian improvements either for crosswalk upgrades or for the pedestrian master plan budget.

That Council direct staff to report back on the implications of assessing pedestrian improvements at the Quadra and Queen crossing adjacent to Crystal Pool.

That Council direct staff to report back on implications of examining pedestrian improvements at faith group based centres and cultural centres.

That Council direct staff to report back on the implications of establishing accessible shoreline access on the southern waterfront of the city with particular consideration at Fonyo Beach/Holland Point and/or Ross Bay waterfront.

That Council direct staff to report back on the implications of taking an approach to capital projects based on countercyclical spending.

Strategic Plan & Financial Plan:

That Council direct staff to report back on the implications of not approving the small-scale housing ambassador.

That Council direct staff to report back on the implications of not doing the Tech Advisory Committee.

That Council direct staff to report back on the implications of adding a person on a one-year contract and joining the welcoming America initiative for the welcoming city strategy.

Council authorize expenditures in 2019 from contingencies to ensure adequate resources for clerking councillor-led task forces.

That Council direct staff to report back on the implications of providing a resource to develop a draft parks acquisition strategy following a council workshop in a closed meeting.

That Council direct staff to report back on the implications of providing a grant to a 3rd party to put on a mural festival.

That the Coalition's report be forwarded to a COTW meeting for a discussion.