

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE REPORT**  
**FROM THE MEETING HELD NOVEMBER 7, 2019**

For the Council meeting of November 14, 2019, the Committee recommends the following:

**E.1 1442 Elford Street: Rezoning Application No. 00703 (Fernwood)**

That Council instruct staff to prepare the necessary Zoning Regulation Bylaw Amendment that would authorize the proposed development outlined in Rezoning Application No. 00703 for 1442 Elford Street, that first and second reading of the Zoning Regulation Bylaw Amendment be considered by Council and a Public Hearing date be set once the applicant prepares and executes a legal agreement ensuring that future Strata Bylaws cannot prohibit the rental of dwelling units.

**E.2 1442 Elford Street: Heritage Designation Application No. 000186 (Fernwood)**

That Council approve the designation of the heritage-registered property located at 1442 Elford Street, pursuant to Section 611 of the Local Government Act, as a Municipal Heritage Site, consistent with the plans dated October 16, 2019, and that first and second reading of the Heritage Designation Bylaw be considered by Council and a Public Hearing date be set.

**G.1 Council Member Motion - Transit Week Challenge**

WHEREAS the City of Victoria has declared a climate emergency and wishes to promote the use of low carbon transportation modes, including public transport;

AND WHEREAS it is the responsibility of public officials to lead by example;

And WHEREAS having direct, hands-on experience better equips public officials to make informed decisions regarding services,

THEREFORE be it resolved that the City of Victoria calls on the members of the Victoria Regional Transit Commission and local government and elected officials in capital region to:

1. Commit to using BC Transit services as their sole mode of transportation around the Greater Victoria region for the period of one week.
2. Share their experience with their council, communities and Victoria Regional Transit Commission representative.

**G.3 Council Member Motion - City of Victoria Input into Provincial Old Growth Strategic Review**

That Council direct Staff to draft a formal submission to the Provincial government's Old Growth Forests Strategic Review stating the City of Victoria's support for protecting all remaining old growth forests on Vancouver Island, advocating for sustainable management of second-growth forests, and appending previous Council resolutions on this topic.

**F.1 Accessibility Framework - Endorsement and Next Steps**

That Council direct staff to:

1. Complete stakeholder engagement on the proposed draft documents, with particular focus on appendix c, finalize edits and ready the documents for final Council approval, in Quarter 1 2020;

2. Continue to advocate for strong and effective Provincial legislation for persons with disabilities and participate in stakeholder consultation processes on the development of Accessibility Legislation in the Province of BC;
3. Endorse the policy statement noted in Appendix D and direct staff to report back with a formal policy for consideration in Q1 2020;
4. Endorse adding a staff person dedicated to accessibility to be hired as soon as possible in 2020 with funds to come from new assessed revenue;
5. Direct staff to report back with a list of year 1 action items and direct the funding allocated in 2019 for Accessibility Framework implementation to be used for accessibility framework implementation in 2020;
6. Report back on the Terms of Reference for an Advisory Body to enable ongoing input from persons with lived-experience on issues relating to accessibility.
7. That the inventory of Accessibility Working Group recommendations be appended to the draft Accessibility Framework as an appendix.

**F.2 Resource Assessment - Development of a Single-Use Materials Regulation**

That Council:

Receive this report for information, and defer decision on this issue and its resource implications to the 2020 financial planning process.

**F.3 Zero Waste Strategy - Update and Considerations**

That Council direct staff to:

1. Proceed with the next development phase of the City's Zero Waste Strategy.
2. Advance zero waste priority actions as follows:
  - a. Engage with CRD to support the development and implementation of its regional Solid Waste Management Plan and partner with the CRD and community stakeholders to discuss opportunities to advance the following focus areas:
    - i. Organics and recycling diversion
    - ii. Construction, renovation and demolition materials diversion
    - iii. Single use item reductions and guidance on compostable alternatives
    - iv. Public education and solid waste management information tools
  - b. Initiate a plan to enhance the City's residential collection program with an expressed interest to improve the diversion of organic and recyclable materials.
  - c. Develop a plan to introduce or modify the City's bin designs to improve public realm diversion as part of the 2021 financial planning process.
  - d. Initiate and report in 2020 on the planning, program and policy considerations for sustainable building demolitions that maximize resource and material recovery, safeguard heritage value, and include affordability, public health, safety, economics, and other sustainability considerations.
  - e. Partner with local business and community food industry stakeholders and report back on the planning and resource considerations to implement a 2021 pilot program for reusable take back food-ware containers.
  - f. Consider allocating \$200,000 and one new staff resource to the next development phase of the Zero Waste Strategy development and initial implementation actions as per this report as part of the 2020 financial planning process.

**G.2 Council Member Motion - Protecting and Supporting Arts and Cultural Spaces in the City**

That Council:

1. Direct staff to provide an update on implementation of the Create Victoria Master Plan within three months, including Actions Items identified in the Strategic Plan for 2020

and recommendations on providing long-term financial stability for arts and cultural spaces.

2. Consider allocating \$100,000 dollars in the 2020 Financial Plan toward an Arts and Cultural Spaces Reserve Fund.
3. Direct staff to prepare a draft policy governing the allocation of grants from this fund.
4. Authorize a new staff position in the Arts and Culture division, funded from new assessed revenue, to allow enough staff resources to proactively implement the Create Victoria Plan and the Arts and Cultural Spaces Road Map.
5. That Council direct staff to align all work to protect cultural spaces including the work outlined in the Create Victoria arts and cultural masterplan and the Council motions regarding permissive tax exemptions and downzoning cultural facilities to limit property tax burdens and development pressures.