



## MINUTES – SPECIAL COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

October 31, 2019, 9:01 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 Potts, Councillor Isitt, Councillor Loveday, Councillor Dubow, Councillor Thornton-Joe, Councillor Young

**ABSENT:** Councillor Alto

**ON LEAVE** 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, T. Soulliere - Director of Parks, Recreation & Facilities, B. Eisenhauer - Head of Engagement, J. Jensen - Head of Human Resources, C. Havelka - Deputy City Clerk, A. Meyer - Assistant Director of Development Services, A. Hudson - Assistant Director of Community Planning, C. Mycroft - Manager of Executive Operations, T. Zworski - City Solicitor  
AK Ferguson - Committee Secretary

### **A. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**Moved By** Councillor Loveday  
**Seconded By** Councillor Potts

That the agenda be approved.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

### **F. STAFF REPORTS**

#### **F.1 2020 Draft Financial Plan**

##### **F.1.1 Sustainable Planning and Community Development**

The Acting Director of Sustainable Planning and Community Development outlined the 2020 Budget for the Sustainable Planning and Community Development Department.

*Committee discussed:*

- *Ways Council can direct more money into the Housing Reserve Fund.*

**Moved By** Councillor Loveday  
**Seconded By** Councillor Isitt

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

FOR (6): Mayor Helps, Councillor Dubow, Councillor Isitt, Councillor Loveday, Councillor Potts and Councillor Thornton-Joe

OPPOSED (1): Councillor Young

**CARRIED (6 to 1)**

*Committee discussed:*

- *Ensuring that staffing levels are adequate in order to maintain high levels of customer service.*

**Moved By** Mayor Helps  
**Seconded By** Councillor Isitt

Direct staff to report back on the appropriate budgeted revenue for rezoning applications in 2020 and the corresponding reduction in the property tax levy.

*Committee discussed:*

- *Concerns with changing the revenue projections.*

**Amendment:**

**Moved By** Councillor Isitt  
**Seconded By** Mayor Helps

Direct staff to report back on the appropriate budgeted revenue for rezoning applications, **and permit and inspection fees**, in 2020 and the corresponding reduction in the property tax levy.

FOR (6): Mayor Helps, Councillor Dubow, Councillor Isitt, Councillor Loveday, Councillor Potts and Councillor Thornton-Joe

OPPOSED (1): Councillor Young

**CARRIED (6 to 1)**

**Amendment:**

**Moved By** Councillor Isitt  
**Seconded By** Mayor Helps

Direct staff to **review revenue projections** ~~report back on the appropriate budgeted revenue~~ for rezoning applications, and permit and inspection fees, **and report back to Council in 2020 and the corresponding reduction in the property tax levy.**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Main motion as amended:**

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

FOR (6): Mayor Helps, Councillor Dubow, Councillor Isitt, Councillor Loveday, Councillor Potts and Councillor Thornton-Joe

OPPOSED (1): Councillor Young

**CARRIED (6 to 1)**

Committee recessed at 10:22 a.m. and returned at 10:28 a.m.

**F.1.2 Business and Community Relations**

The Head of Business & Community Relations outlined the 2020 Budget for the Business and Community Relations Department.

**Moved By** Councillor Isitt  
**Seconded By** Councillor Loveday

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

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Moved By** Councillor Isitt  
**Seconded By** Councillor Dubow

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.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Moved By** Mayor Helps  
**Seconded By** Councillor Dubow

That Council direct staff to report back on the implications of funding car free day in 2020.

*Committee discussed:*

- *reasoning for car free day not being included in the Festival Investment Grant*

**Moved By** Councillor Isitt  
**Seconded By** Councillor Dubow

That this be referred to November 4, 2019 to be considered following the supplementary items relating to arts and culture.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

*Committee discussed:*

- *Utilizing wraps to combat graffiti.*

**Moved By** Councillor Thornton-Joe  
**Seconded By** Councillor Loveday

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.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

*Committee discussed:*

- *possibility of having a signage on the Centennial Square stage to identify current and upcoming performers.*

### **F.1.3 Legal Services**

The City Solicitor provided Committee with the 2020 Budget for the Legal Services Department.

*Committee discussed:*

- *Whether the City can charge back legal costs to projects.*

### **F.1.4 Engagement**

The Head of Engagement provided Committee with the 2020 budget for the engagement department.

*Committee discussed:*

- *Ensuring that news releases are uploaded to the City Twitter page in a timely manner.*

### **F.1.5 Bylaw Services**

The Manager of Bylaw Services provided Committee with the 2020 Budget for the Bylaw Services Department.

Councillor Thornton-Joe withdrew from the meeting at 11:50 a.m. and joined the meeting by electronic participation at 11:54 a.m.

*Committee discussed:*

- *Whether Bylaw oversees enforcement of panhandling.*
- *How short-term rental compliance level affects the budget.*
- *How the city stores chattel collected.*

Committee recessed at 12:16 a.m. and returned at 12:30 a.m.

Sustainable Planning and Community Development Motion:

**Moved By** Councillor Isitt

**Seconded By** Councillor Dubow

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

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

### **F.1.6 Parks, Recreation and Facilities**

The Director of Parks, Recreation and Facilities outlined the 2020 Budget for the Parks, Recreation and Facilities department.

*Committee discussed:*

- *The upgrading of the soccer pitch at Topaz Park.*
- *The possibility of adding a washroom down town.*
- *Possibility of adding a larger canopy of trees to downtown.*
- *Reasoning for the proposed dog park at Reeson Park not being enclosed.*

Councillor Thornton-Joe withdrew from electronic participation at 12:56 p.m.

*Committee discussed:*

- *The projected amount for Childcare in 2020.*
- *The possible education of citizens on the native plant species in City garden beds.*
- *Ensuring the public is aware of the childminding for Council and Committee meetings.*
- *Installing other docks along the Gorge Waterway.*

**Moved By** Councillor Loveday  
**Seconded By** Councillor Isitt

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

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

*Committee discussed:*

- *Secure bicycle parking for the public*

**Moved By** Mayor Helps  
**Seconded By** Councillor Isitt

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.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Moved By** Councillor Isitt  
**Seconded By** Councillor Potts

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

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

*Committee discussed:*

- *Possibility of a Beacon Hill masterplan*

**Moved By** Councillor Isitt  
**Seconded By** Councillor Loveday

That Council direct staff to report back on the implications of undertaking an integrated parks planning process oriented toward restoration of shoreline areas and responsible public access at the following parks:

1. Banfield
2. Burleith
3. Arm
4. Arbutus, and
5. At the end of Harriet Street

**Motion to refer:**

**Moved By** Councillor Isitt  
**Seconded By** Councillor Loveday

That this be referred to the November 15th budget meeting:

"That Council direct staff to report back on the implications of undertaking an integrated parks planning process oriented toward restoration of shoreline areas and responsible public access at the following parks:

1. Banfield
2. Burleith
3. Arm
4. Arbutus, and
5. At the end of Harriet street"

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Moved By** Councillor Isitt  
**Seconded By** Mayor Helps

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.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**F.1.7 Engineering and Public Works**

The Director of Engineering and Public Works outlined the 2020 Budget for the Engineering and Public Works Department.

**Moved By** Councillor Dubow  
**Seconded By** Councillor Isitt

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 Fernwood neighbourhood.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Moved By** Councillor Isitt  
**Seconded By** Councillor Dubow

That Council direct staff to report back on the implications of increasing the lift fee for the Johnson Street Bridge with a more streamlined approach.

FOR (1): Councillor Isitt

OPPOSED (5): Mayor Helps, Councillor Potts, Councillor Loveday, Councillor Dubow, and Councillor Young

**DEFEATED (1 to 5)**

**Moved By** Councillor Isitt  
**Seconded By** Councillor Loveday

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

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**I. ADJOURNMENT OF COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

**Moved By** Councillor Potts  
**Seconded By** Councillor Loveday

That the Committee of the Whole Meeting be adjourned at 2:58 p.m.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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CITY CLERK

MAYOR