



MINUTES – SPECIAL COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

November 15, 2019, 8:01 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 Alto, Councillor Dubow (joined the meeting at 8:06 a.m.) Councillor Isitt, Councillor Loveday, Councillor Potts, Councillor Young

ABSENT: Councillor Thornton-Joe

STAFF PRESENT: J. Jenkyns - City Manager, C. Coates - City Clerk , P. Bruce - Fire Chief, S. Thompson - Director of Finance, J. Tinney - Director of Sustainable Planning & Community Development, 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. Hudson - Assistant Director of Community Planning, C. Mycroft - Manager of Executive Operations, T. Zworski - City Solicitor, S. Webb - Manager of Transportation, Chief Constable Del Manak; Sean Powell, Victoria & Esquimalt Police Board Finance Committee Chair; Steve Hurcombe, Controller, AK Ferguson - Committee Secretary

GUESTS: Maureen Sawa, CEO; Deborah Begoray, Chair of the Library Board of Trustees, Paul McKinnon Director of Finance & Facilities, GVPL.

A. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved By Councillor Loveday

Seconded By Councillor Alto

That the agenda be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

F. STAFF REPORTS

F.1 2020 Draft Financial Plan

F.1.a Greater Victoria Public Library

The CEO of the Greater Victoria Public Library (GVPL) presented to Committee regarding their proposed Budget for 2020.

Committee discussed:

- *The possibility of adding another Victoria library branch.*

Councillor Dubow joined the meeting at 8:06 a.m.

F.1.b Victoria Police Department

Police Chief Manak provided Committee with a presentation regarding the Victoria Police Department's Draft 2020 Budget.

Committee discussed:

- *The reasoning for the police budget being above the rate of inflation.*
- *What happens following the submission of online traffic reports and how they are followed up on.*
- *The ECOMM delays and whether they are a result of financial implications or the ECOMM service.*
- *How the special municipal constable training and pay grade will differ from a regular police officer.*
- *How moving to a RCMP model for policing would affect the City budget.*
- *How overtime and call out hours are monitored and regulated.*
- *How Victoria Police collect data at traffic stops and call outs.*

Moved By Councillor Isitt

Seconded By Councillor Loveday

That Council requests that the Mayor write to the Premier of British Columbia and the Solicitor General, copying Members of the Legislative Assembly representing constituencies in the Capital Region, drawing the Provincial Government's attention to the unsustainability of the current funding framework for regional policing, with costs associated with policing the core area of the Capital Region imposed exclusively on the taxpayers of the Township of Esquimalt and the City of Victoria, and requesting Provincial assistance to introduce a more equitable funding framework.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Moved By Councillor Loveday

Seconded By Councillor Isitt

That Council directs staff to report back on implications of bringing the special events police budget back into the Police Budget.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Moved By Councillor Isitt
Seconded By Councillor Loveday

That Council direct staff to include expenditures for late night great night program along side core VicPD expenditures in future budget meetings.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Committee recessed at 10:10 a.m. and returned at 10:21 a.m.

F.1.c Engineering and Public Works - Wrap up of Climate, Accessibility, Mobility, Single-Use Materials and Zero Waste

Accessibility Framework - Endorsement and Next Steps

The City Manager, Deputy City Manager and the Director of Engineering and Public Works received further questions from Council pertaining to Engineering and Public Works.

Committee discussed:

- *The number of new FTE requests required to complete work necessary for the Climate, Accessibility, Mobility, Single-Use Materials and Zero Waste implementation.*

Resource Assessment - Development of a Single-Use Materials Regulation

Motion from the meeting of November 7, 2019:

"That Council:

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

Amendment:

Moved By Councillor Isitt
Seconded By Mayor Helps

That Council:

Receive this report for information and ~~defer decision on this issue and its resource implications to the 2020 financial planning process.~~ defer decision on this issue until information on the provincial government's intentions is available.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

On the main motion as amended:

That Council:

Receive this report for information and defer decision on this issue until information on the provincial government's intentions is available.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Zero Waste Strategy - Update and Considerations

Committee discussed:

- *possibility of making recycling and garbage pick-up more accessible.*

Moved By Councillor Isitt

Seconded By Councillor Loveday

That Council direct staff to initiate a holistic examination of options for residential and commercial solid waste collection in the city, fully engaging employees who are involved in this service.

Amendment:

Moved By Councillor Isitt

Seconded By Mayor Helps

That staff initiate a holistic examination of options for residential and commercial solid waste collection, **recovery and reduction** in the city, fully engaging employees who are involved in this service.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

On the Main motion as amended:

That staff initiate a holistic examination of options for residential and commercial solid waste collection, recovery and reduction in the city, fully engaging employees who are involved in this service.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Sustainable Mobility Strategy

Committee discussed:

- How the Bylaw FTEs would be utilized to assist the Sustainable Mobility Strategy.

Moved By Mayor Helps
Seconded By Councillor Dubow

That staff report back in closed with respect to legal powers of bylaw officers to enforce right of way infractions.

Amendment:

Moved By Councillor Isitt
Seconded By Councillor Young

That Council close the meeting to the public to receive legal advice that is subject to solicitor client privilege.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Committee recessed at 11:27 a.m. and returned at 11:35 a.m.

Councillor Loveday withdrew from the meeting at 11:37 a.m.

F.1.d Arts and Culture

Moved By Councillor Dubow
Seconded By Councillor Alto

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

Amendment:

Moved By Mayor Helps
Seconded By Councillor Isitt

That Council direct staff to report back on the implications of funding car free day **on an ongoing basis** ~~in 2020~~.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Amendment:

Moved By Councillor Isitt
Seconded By Mayor Helps

including the option of increasing the special events amount available for in kind contribution through the Festival Investment Grants program.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

On the main motion as amended:

That Council direct staff to report back on the implications of funding car free day on an ongoing basis including the option of increasing the special events amount available for in-kind contributions through the Festival Investment Grants program.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Committee recessed at 11:58 a.m. and returned at 12:16 p.m.

Councillor Loveday returned to the meeting at 12:16 p.m.

F.1.e Parks, Recreation and Facilities

Moved By Councillor Isitt

Seconded By Councillor Loveday

That the motion be forwarded to the November 21, 2019 COTW meeting:

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

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

F.1.6 Attachment D - Financial Plan Motions

Committee received verbal staff reports on 2019 Financial Plan motions and associated Financial and Human Resources implications of carrying out the work which were located in Attachment D and made additional motions for the following topics:

Sidewalk Upgrades and Crossing – Beacon Hill Park:

That Council direct staff to report back as part of the 2020 budget process on the cost and other implications of joining the triangle at Mile Zero to Beacon Hill Park and creating an additional safe crossing of Douglas Street to the Park South of Beacon St.

Moved By Councillor Isitt

Seconded By Councillor Young

That Council direct staff to report back at budget meetings in January 2020 with additional details on the resource requirements of joining the triangle at mile zero to Beacon Hill Park.

Amendment:

Moved By Mayor Helps

Seconded By Councillor Isitt

Council direct staff to report back at budget meetings in January 2020 as **part of the 2021 budget process** with additional details on the resource requirements of joining the triangle at mile zero to Beacon Hill Park **and to include this project in the 2021 Capital Budget.**

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

On the main motion as amended:

Council direct staff to report back as part of the 2021 budget process with additional details on the resource requirements of joining the triangle at mile zero to Beacon Hill Park and to include this project in the 2021 Capital Budget.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Restorative Justice:

That Council direct staff to work with VicPD staff and the Township of Esquimalt to shift the City's and the District's portion of Restorative Justice from the police budget to the City's and the District's budget for an annual grant, and have Restorative Justice report to Council on an annual basis and that staff report back to Council as part of 2020 financial planning process on the implications of increasing the grant to restorative justice.

Moved By Councillor Young

Seconded By Councillor Loveday

That Council request the provincial government fund the Restorative Justice Program

Amendment:

Moved By Councillor Loveday

Seconded By Mayor Helps

That Council request **that the Mayor write to express the City's support for Restorative Justice and approach** the provincial government **to request that they** fund the Restorative Justice Program.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

On the main motion as amended:

That Council request that the Mayor write to express the City's support for Restorative Justice and approach the provincial government to request that they fund the Restorative Justice Program.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Childcare for Advisory Committee Meetings:

On May 21, members of the newly formed Renters Advisory Committee made the following motion:

"That the Renter's Advisory Committee send a recommendation to Council that childcare be made available for all committee meetings at City Hall."

"That Council receive this recommendation from the Renters Advisory Committee and direct staff to report back on the resource and financial implications as part of the 2020 Financial Planning Process."

Moved By Councillor Isitt

Seconded By Councillor Young

That Council direct staff to poll advisory committee members to inquire their interest in using childminding services at committee meetings.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Moved By Councillor Isitt

Seconded By Mayor Helps

That Bruce Williams, Interim CEO of the South Island Prosperity Partnership ("SIPP"), be allowed to speak to Committee regarding the South Island Prosperity Project.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

South Island Prosperity Project ("SIPP")

Bruce Williams, Interim CEO SIPP provided committee with a presentation regarding the role of the SIPP in Victoria.

Moved By Councillor Isitt

Seconded By Councillor Loveday

That Council direct staff to report back on the financial implications of providing a public transit U-Pass program based on existing terms with Victoria Regional Transit Commission for:

- a. Seniors living in the City of Victoria
- b. People between the ages of 19-64 years living in the City of Victoria

FOR (6): Mayor Helps, Councillor Alto, Councillor Dubow, Councillor Isitt, Councillor Loveday, and Councillor Potts

OPPOSED (1): Councillor Young

CARRIED (6 to 1)

Moved By Councillor Alto

Seconded By Councillor Dubow

That Council consider allocating up to \$150,000 in ongoing funding, beginning with the 2020 budget, to initiate establishment of an Indigenous Relations Function, and to support the appointment of Indigenous Elders in Residence to provide advice on municipal programs, initiatives and operations, subject to consultation with the Esquimalt and Songhees Nations on the elements of such programs.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

I. ADJOURNMENT OF COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Moved By Councillor Alto

Seconded By Councillor Dubow

That the Committee of the Whole Meeting be adjourned at 2:17 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CITY CLERK

MAYOR