



## MINUTES - COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

January 9, 2020, 9:00 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 Isitt, Councillor Loveday, Councillor Potts, Councillor Thornton-Joe, Councillor Dubow, Councillor Young

**STAFF PRESENT:** J. Jenkyns - City Manager, S. Thompson - Deputy City Manager / Director of Finance, C. Coates - City Clerk, P. Bruce - Fire Chief, T. Zworski - City Solicitor, F. Work - Director of Engineering & Public Works, T. Soulliere - Director of Parks, Recreation & Facilities, B. Eisenhower - Head of Engagement, A. Meyer - Assistant Director of Development Services, A. Hudson - Acting Director of Sustainable Planning & Community Development, C. Havelka - Deputy City Clerk, J. O'Connor - Deputy Director of Finance, C. Mycroft - Manager of Executive Operations, K. Hoese - Director of Sustainable Planning and Community Development, D. Newman - Assistant Director, Facilities and Construction Management, J. O'Reilly - Heritage Planner, M. Heiser - Committee Secretary

**GUESTS:** A. Fawkes - HCMA, M. Robinson - HCMA

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

**Moved By** Councillor Alto

**Seconded By** Councillor Loveday

That the agenda be approved.

#### **Amendment:**

**Moved By** Councillor Alto

**Seconded By** Councillor Loveday

That the Agenda of the January 9, 2020, Committee of the Whole meeting be amended as follows:

#### **Consent Agenda:**

**C.1 Minutes from the meeting held December 12, 2019**

**C.2 Minutes from the meeting held December 5, 2019**

**F.2     1450 Douglas Street: Application to add an Entertainment Endorsement for Cafe Veneto, Food Primary License (Downtown)**

**G.2     Proclamation - Crime Stoppers Month**

**I.2     Council Member Motion - Advocacy for Exemption for Victoria Cannabis Buyers Club**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**On the main motion as amended:**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**B.     CONSENT AGENDA**

**Moved By** Councillor Isitt

**Seconded By** Councillor Loveday

That the following items be approved without further debate.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**C.1     Minutes from the meeting held December 12, 2019**

**Moved By** Councillor Isitt

**Seconded By** Councillor Loveday

That the minutes from the Committee of the Whole meeting held December 12, 2019 be adopted.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**C.2     Minutes from the meeting held December 5, 2019**

**Moved By** Councillor Isitt

**Seconded By** Councillor Loveday

That the minutes from the Committee of the Whole meeting held December 5, 2019 be adopted.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**F.2     1450 Douglas Street: Application to add an Entertainment Endorsement for Cafe Veneto, Food Primary License (Downtown)**

Committee received a report dated November 21, 2019 from the Acting Director of Sustainable Planning and Community Development regarding an application by Café Veneto to add an entertainment endorsement to their existing food primary licence.

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

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 Cafe Veneta located at 1450 Douglas Street to add an entertainment endorsement to their food primary licence.

Providing the following comments on the prescribed considerations:

- a. The impact of noise on the community in the vicinity of the establishment has been considered in relation to the request, and assumptions are the noise impacts would be negligible based on experience with the operator, and nature of the request. The establishment is motivated by its own business activities to manage noise and impacts are not expected.
- 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. If the application is approved, it is not expected to result in the service area being operated in a manner contrary to the primary purpose.
- d. The views of residents were solicited via a mail out which included 260 letters to neighbouring property owners and occupiers within 100 metres of the licensed location and a notice posted at the property. The City received two letters in response to the request, both of which supported the application and included one letter of support from the Downtown Residents Association.
- e. Council recommends the license endorsements be approved.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

## **G.2 Proclamation - Crime Stoppers Month**

Committee received a report dated December 20, 2019 from the City Clerk regarding the proclamation for Crime Stoppers Month, January 2020.

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

That the *Crime Stoppers Month* Proclamation be forwarded to the January 9, 2020 Council meeting for Council's consideration.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

## **I.2 Council Member Motion - Advocacy for Exemption for Victoria Cannabis Buyers Club**

Committee received a report dated December 13, 2019 from Councillor Isitt, Councillor Loveday, and Councillor Potts regarding the proposed

recommendation that Council advocate to the Province of British Columbia to provide an exemption to the Victoria Cannabis Buyers Club, to allow the Club to continue its important work in the community.

**Moved By** Councillor Isitt

**Seconded By** Councillor Loveday

That Council request that the Mayor write, on behalf of Council, to the Premier of British Columbia, copying the Solicitor General and Members of the Legislative Assembly representing constituencies in the Capital Region, advising the Province of the valuable service that the Victoria Cannabis Buyers Club has provided to medicinal users of cannabis for the past two decades, and requesting that the Provincial government consider authorizing an exemption to the Victoria Cannabis Buyers Club under s. 130 of the Cannabis Control and Licensing Act, to allow the Club to continue to provide responsible access and a safe, welcoming community space for medical cannabis users in the City of Victoria and Capital Region.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**A. APPROVAL OF AGENDA - AMENDMENT**

**Moved By** Councillor Isitt

**Seconded By** Councillor Dubow

That item I.3 Council Member Motion - Site Selection for Pool and Fitness Centre be discussed with D.1 - Project Update: Crystal Pool and Wellness Centre Replacement Project.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**D. Presentations**

**D.1 Project Update: Crystal Pool and Wellness Centre Replacement Project**

Committee received a report dated December 2, 2019 from the Director of Parks, Recreation and Facilities regarding the proposed project plan for the next phase of work and Feasibility Study for the Crystal Pool and Wellness Centre Replacement Project.

*Committee discussed the following:*

- *The scope of proposed amenities*
- *Process of public engagement and summaries*
- *Potential net loss of green space*
- *Feasibility study budget items*
- *Confidential selection process for the proposed advisory group*
- *CALUC process for public consultation*
- *Site location and selection*

### **I.3 Council Member Motion – Site Selection for Pool and Fitness Centre**

Committee received a report dated January 7, 2020 from Councillor Isitt regarding the proposed recommendation that Council establish a clear process for identifying a preferred site for a new pool and fitness centre including a report back from staff on existing site selection information for 940 Caledonia Avenue.

**Moved By** Councillor Isitt

**Seconded By** Councillor Loveday

That Council direct staff to:

1. Report back at the January 23, 2020 Committee of the Whole Meeting with all existing site selection information for the new swimming pool and fitness centre, including information on the technical feasibility of siting the previously developed design for the new swimming pool and fitness centre at 940 Caledonia Avenue.
2. Convene a Community Meeting through the Community Association Land Use Committee (CALUC) process once the preferred location is confirmed, to gauge public input on the siting of the new pool and fitness centre at that location.
3. Report back to Council with the results of the Community Meeting and recommendations on next steps to secure funding for the project.

#### **Amendment:**

**Moved By** Councillor Isitt

**Seconded By** Mayor Helps

That Council direct staff to:

1. Report back at the **February 6, January 23**, 2020 Committee of the Whole Meeting with all existing site selection information for the new swimming pool and fitness centre, including information on the technical feasibility of siting the previously developed design for the new swimming pool and fitness centre at 940 Caledonia Avenue.

#### **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

#### **On the main motion as amended:**

That Council direct staff to:

1. Report back at the February 6, 2020 Committee of the Whole Meeting with all existing site selection information for the new swimming pool and fitness centre, including information on the technical feasibility of siting the previously developed design for the new swimming pool and fitness centre at 940 Caledonia Avenue.
2. Convene a Community Meeting through the Community Association Land Use Committee (CALUC) process once the preferred location is confirmed, to

gauge public input on the siting of the new pool and fitness centre at that location.

3. Report back to Council with the results of the Community Meeting and recommendations on next steps to secure funding for the project.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

*Committee recessed at 10:35 a.m. and reconvened at 10:41 a.m.*

**F. LAND USE MATTERS**

**F.1 1302 Finlayson Street: Heritage Register Application No. 00095 (Hillside/Quadra)**

Committee received a report dated December 27, 2019 from the Acting Director of Sustainable Planning and Community Development regarding the proposed Heritage Register Application No. 00095 for 1302 Finlayson Street in order to add the two-storey, mixed-use building to the City of Victoria Register of Heritage Properties.

*Councillor Isitt withdrew from the meeting at 10:47 a.m.*

*Committee discussed the following:*

- *The heritage value relating to the grocery store*
- *Differences between previous heritage register applications*

**Moved By** Councillor Thornton-Joe

**Seconded By** Councillor Alto

That, concurrent with Rezoning Application No. 00687, if it is approved, Council approve the request to add the property located at 1302 Finlayson Street to the City of Victoria Register of Heritage Properties pursuant to section 598 of the *Local Government Act*.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**F.3 11 Chown Place: Victoria Housing Reserve Fund Application (Burnside)**

Committee received a report dated December 20, 2019 from the Acting Director of Sustainable Planning and Community Development regarding the proposed grant application from the Gorge View Society (GVS) to assist in the construction of a four-storey, 58-unit affordable housing apartment.

**Moved By** Councillor Alto

**Seconded By** Councillor Thornton-Joe

That Council approve a grant from the Victoria Housing Reserve Fund to the Gorge View Society in the amount of \$295,000 to assist in the construction of a four-storey 58-unit housing project at 11 Chown Place, subject to the following conditions:

1. The applicant obtaining the required development permit approvals for the construction of a four-storey 58-unit housing project at 11 Chown Place on or before January 30, 2022.
2. The execution of a Housing Fund Grant Agreement acceptable to the Director of Sustainable Planning and Community Development and in the form satisfactory to the City Solicitor; outlining terms for the eligible use of the grant, reporting requirements, repayment, indemnification and construction insurance, and communication protocols.
3. The execution of a Housing Agreement, in the form satisfactory to the City Solicitor, to secure
  - a. 58 new housing units as rentals in perpetuity;
  - b. 49 of the new units (one bedroom) to be dedicated for seniors (55+) as follows:
    - i. 11 units for very low income level;
    - ii. 13 units for low income level;
    - iii. 11 units median income level;
    - iv. 14 units at market rent;
  - c. seven of the new units (two bedroom) to be reserved for occupation by families as follows:
    - i. one unit for very low income level;
    - ii. three units for median income level; and
    - iii. three units at market rent; and
  - d. two of the new units (three bedroom) to be reserved for occupation by families with a median income level.
4. The applicant fulfills the applicable requirements of the Victoria Housing Reserve Fund Guidelines; and
5. That the passage of this resolution creates no legal rights for the applicant or any other person, or obligation on the part of the City, until and unless all agreements are fully executed by the City.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

## **G. STAFF REPORTS**

### **G.1 Community Care Facilities within Residential Zones**

Committee received a report dated December 16, 2019 from the Acting Director of Sustainable Planning and Community Development regarding options for allowing sober housing for people in recovery within residential zones.

*Committee discussed the following:*

- *The process relating to implement of this use*
- *Perceived barriers to facility implementation*

**Moved By** Councillor Loveday  
**Seconded By** Councillor Alto

That Council receive the report for information.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**I. NEW BUSINESS**

**I.1 Conference Attendance Request for Councillor Alto - Canadian Capital Cities Organization Annual Board Meeting**

Committee received a Council Member Motion dated January 9, 2020 from Councillor Alto regarding a request for Councillor Alto to attend the Canadian Capital Cities Organization Annual Board Meeting.

*Committee discussed the following:*

- *How the organization links capital cities*
- *Councillors' previous experiences at the conference*

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

That Council authorizes the attendance and associated costs for Councillor Alto to attend the Canadian Capital Cities Organization annual Board meeting to be held in Ottawa, Ontario, from January 29 – 31, 2020.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**E. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**E.1 Council Member Motion - Advocacy to Increase Tipping Fees for International Solid Waste to Preserve Capacity of the Hartland Landfill**

Committee received a Council Member Motion dated January 7, 2020 from Councillor Isitt regarding the proposed request that the CRD amend the Hartland Landfill Tipping Fee and Regulation Bylaw to introduce a differential tipping fee for international solid waste from the cruise ship sector.

**Motion to postpone:**

**Moved By** Councillor Alto  
**Seconded By** Councillor Loveday

That this item be postponed to the January 16, 2020 Committee of the Whole meeting.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**



J. **ADJOURNMENT OF COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

**Moved By** Councillor Potts  
**Seconded By** Councillor Alto

That the Committee of the Whole Meeting be adjourned at 11:07 a.m.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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CITY CLERK

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MAYOR