



Committee of the Whole Report

For the Meeting of February 13, 2020

To: Committee of the Whole **Date:** January 30, 2020

From: Karen Hoese, Director, Sustainable Planning and Community Development

Subject: Ogden Point Master Plan – Proposed Time Extension

RECOMMENDATION

That Council direct staff to work with the Greater Victoria Harbour Authority to prepare an amendment to the Memorandum of Understanding for Ogden Point to extend the completion date of the Ogden Point Master Plan to December 31, 2025.

LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY

A Memorandum of Understand (MoU) is a commonly used document that expresses mutual accord on an issue between two or more parties, but it is not a substantive contract.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to present Council with information, analysis and recommendations regarding a request from the Greater Victoria Harbour Authority (GVHA) to amend the MoU for Ogden Point to extend the completion date of the Odgen Point Master Plan from December 31, 2016, to December 31, 2025.

BACKGROUND

In October of 2006, a Memorandum of Understanding was signed between the City of Victoria and the Greater Victoria Harbour Authority (GVHA), where both parties agreed that the GVHA would undertake a comprehensive planning study for Ogden Point. The agreement outlined that the GVHA would complete and present the Master Plan to City Council by December 31, 2010. Since then, Council have agreed to extend the completion date on three occasions, most recently in 2015 when the completion date of the Ogden Point Master Plan was extended to December 31, 2016.

A draft version of the Master Plan was submitted to the City on December 29, 2016. However, following the initial staff review, further background assessment work was requested to support a number of proposals within the Plan that were inconsistent with City Policy outlined in the *Official Community Plan* (OCP, 2012). This information was provided in a briefing note to Council dated August 7, 2017 and at that time, on the understanding that the GVHA were

actively working on a response to staff feedback, it was anticipated that the Master Plan would be ready to be presented to Council sometime in 2018. However, staff were informed that work on the project was paused while the GVHA first sought a development partner for the project and then undertook an infrastructure and capacity review.

On January 2, 2020, the City received a request from the GVHA to further amend the Memorandum of Understanding to extend the completion date of the Ogden Point Master Plan to December 31, 2025. The status of the Master Plan and the rationale for this extension are outlined in detail in the attached letter from the GVHA.

CONCLUSION

Staff recommend that Council consider approving the request to amend the MoU and that staff continue to work with the GVHA to achieve a comprehensive Master Plan for the lands at Ogden Point.

ALTERNATE MOTION


That Council decline the request to amend the Memorandum of Understanding to extend the completion date of the Ogden Point Master Plan and instruct staff to proceed with rezoning the Ogden Point lands to the M-S-1 Zone, Marine Services (Outer Harbour) District.

Respectfully submitted,


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Report accepted and recommended by the City Manager:


Date: Feb 5, 2020

List of Attachments:

- Attachment A: Memorandum of Understanding
- Attachment B: Letter from the Greater Victoria Harbour Authority dated January 2, 2020.