



MINUTES - VICTORIA CITY COUNCIL

January 30, 2020, 10:13 A.M.
COUNCIL CHAMBERS - 1 CENTENNIAL SQUARE
VICTORIA, BC

To be held immediately following the Committee of the Whole Meeting
The City of Victoria is located on the homelands of the Songhees and Esquimalt People

PRESENT: Councillor Young in the Chair, Councillor Isitt, Councillor Loveday, Councillor Potts, and Councillor Dubow

ABSENT: Councillor Alto, Councillor Thornton-Joe, and Mayor Helps

STAFF PRESENT: J. Jenkyns - City Manager, S. Thompson - Deputy City Manager / Director of Finance, C. Coates - City Clerk, T. Zworski - City Solicitor, F. Work - Director of Engineering & Public Works, T. Soulliere - Director of Parks, Recreation & Facilities, B. Eisenhauer - Head of Engagement, K. Hoese - Director of Sustainable Planning and Community Development, 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, P. Angelblazer - Committee Secretary

B. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved By Councillor Isitt
Seconded By Councillor Loveday

That the agenda be adopted.

Amendment:

Moved By Councillor Loveday
Seconded By Councillor Isitt

That the agenda be amended to include items forwarded from the January 30, 2020 Committee of the Whole.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

On the main motion as amended:

Council to follow Committee of the Whole Minutes

January 30, 2020

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

C. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

C.1 Committee of the Whole

C.1.a Report from the January 16, 2020 COTW Meeting

C.1.a.a Topaz Park Improvement Plan Construction Funding

Council received a report dated January 28th, 2020 from the City Clerk providing Council with information on an erroneously passed motion, with a recommendation to amend the earlier motion.

Moved By Councillor Loveday

Seconded By Councillor Isitt

That Council approve the following investments for Topaz Park, in the 2020 Financial Plan:

1. Allocate up to \$3.25 million from the Building Infrastructure Reserve Fund to complete the construction of a skateboard park, bike park, and related supporting infrastructure and direct staff to undertake value engineering as a part of the process.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

D. BYLAWS

D.1 Checkout Bag Regulation Bylaw

Moved By Councillor Isitt

Seconded By Councillor Loveday

That the following bylaw be given **first, second, and third readings**:

1. Checkout Bag Regulation Bylaw, No. 20-025

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Moved By Councillor Isitt

Seconded By Councillor Loveday

Direct the City Clerk to forward the Bylaw to the Minister of Environment and Climate Change Strategy for approval in accordance with section 9 of the Community Charter

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

C. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

C.1 Committee of the Whole

C.1.b Report from the January 30, 2020 COTW Meeting

C.1.b.a Council Member Motion - Advocacy for Partnerships for Fare-Free Public Transit

Moved By Councillor Dubow

Seconded By Councillor Isitt

That Council endorse the following resolution and direct staff to forward copies to the Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities, the Union of BC Municipalities and member local governments, requesting favourable consideration and resolutions of support:

Resolution: Partnerships for Fare-Free Public Transit

WHEREAS equitable access to mobility is fundamental to full and meaningful participation in local communities, including access to education, employment, services, recreation, culture and community life;

AND WHEREAS emissions from transportation generate a majority of community-based emissions in many communities, meaning that changes in transportation options have the potential to have a substantial impact in reducing green-house gas emissions;

AND WHEREAS forward-looking jurisdictions around the world from Kingston, Ontario to Kansas City, Missouri, to Luxembourg and Estonia are eliminating user-fee barriers to public transit ridership, with residents paying for transit services through the tax system rather than at the fare box;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Province of British Columbia work with local governments to introduce fare-free public transit services where communities support the elimination of user-fee barriers to public transit ridership.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

C.1.b.b Council Member Motion - Expansion of Youth Bus Pass Program

Moved By Councillor Isitt

Seconded By Councillor Dubow

That Council endorses the following resolution and directs staff to forward a copy to Victoria Regional Transit Commission for consideration at its meeting of February 25, 2020:

The City of Victoria:

1. Endorses the initiation of a pilot program to provide fare-free public transit for youth across the Capital Region, to reduce greenhouse-gas emissions and promote transit ridership and sustainable mobility from an early age.
2. Requests that the Victoria Regional Transit Commission reconsider at its February 25, 2020 meeting the initiation of a pilot program beginning in 2020 to provide fare-free public transit to people 18 years and younger in the Capital Region.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

E. CLOSED MEETING

Moved By Councillor Isitt
Seconded By Councillor Dubow

MOTION TO CLOSE THE 30th OF JANUARY COUNCIL MEETING TO THE PUBLIC

That Council convene a closed meeting that excludes the public under Section 90 of the *Community Charter* for the reason that the following agenda items deal with matters specified in Sections 90(1) and/or (2) of the *Community Charter*, namely:

Section 90(1) A part of a council meeting may be closed to the public if the subject matter being considered relates to or is one or more of the following:

Section 90(1)(c) labour relations or other employee relations;

Section 90(1)(e) the acquisition, disposition or expropriation of land or improvements, if the council considers that disclosure could reasonably be expected to harm the interests of the municipality;

Section 90(1)(f) law enforcement, if the council considers that disclosure could reasonably be expected to harm the conduct of an investigation under or enforcement of an enactment;

Amendment:

Moved By Councillor Isitt
Seconded By Councillor Loveday

Add the following as a reason to move into closed:

Section 90(1)(a) personal information about an identifiable individual who holds or is considered for a position as an officer, employee or agent of the municipality or another position appointed by the municipality;

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

On the main motion as amended

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

F. APPROVAL OF CLOSED AGENDA

Moved By Councillor Isitt

Seconded By Councillor Potts

That the closed agenda be approved.

Amendment:

Moved By Councillor Isitt

Seconded By Councillor Loveday

That the agenda be amended to include item J.3 Appointments – Community Charter Section 90(1)(a)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

On the main motion as amended:

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

G. READING OF CLOSED MINUTES

G.1 Minutes from the closed meeting held January 16th, 2020

Moved By Councillor Potts

Seconded By Councillor Loveday

That the minutes from the closed meeting held January 16th, 2020 be adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

J. NEW BUSINESS

J.1 Law Enforcement - Community Charter Section 90(1)(f)

Council received a verbal update regarding a Law Enforcement matter.

The motion was recorded and kept confidential.

J.2 Land - Community Charter Section 90(1)(e)

Council received a report regarding a land matter.

The motion was recorded and kept confidential.

J.3 Appointments – Community Charter Section 90(1)(a)

Council received a verbal report regarding an appointments matter.

The conversation was recorded and kept confidential.

All staff except the City Manager left the meeting at 1:02 p.m.

J.4 Employee Relations - Community Charter Section 90(1)(c)

Council received a verbal report regarding an employee relations matter.

L. ADJOURNMENT

Moved By Councillor Young

Seconded By Councillor Dubow

That the Closed Council Meeting be adjourned at 1:10 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CITY CLERK

MAYOR