

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE REPORT
FROM THE MEETING HELD MARCH 12, 2020

For the Council meeting of March 12, 2020, the Committee recommends the following:

F.1 2020 Micro Grant Applications

That Council approve the eligible Micro Grant applications outlined in Appendix A.

F.4 Appointment Bylaw Officer

That Council approve the appointment of Grant Love:

1. As a Bylaw Officer pursuant to section 2(a) of the Inspection Bylaw (06-061); and
2. As a Business Licence Inspector for the City of Victoria

D.1 Letter from the Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General

That this letter be received for information.

F.2 Office of Equity, Diversity and Inclusion

That Council:

1. Receive this report for information.
2. Direct staff to implement the climate lens impact statement on an interim basis as soon as practical.

F.3 Climate Action Reserve Fund Draw - Corporate Building Energy and GHG Savings

That Council:

Direct staff to amend the 2020 Financial Plan by adding a \$135,500 budget for facility energy and emission upgrades funded by the Climate Action Reserve Fund.

H.1 Council Member Motion - Endorsement of Universal Public National Pharmacare Program

That Council:

1. Endorses the resolution from the City of Port Moody calling on the Federal Government to work with the provinces and territories to develop and implement a Universal Public National Pharmacare program as one of its first orders of business.
2. Directs staff to communicate this endorsement to the Prime Minister of Canada and the federal Minister of Health, with copies forwarded to the Provincial Minister of Health, the Premier of British Columbia and the Mayor and Council of the Cities of Port Moody and New Westminster.

H.2 Council Member Motion - Extended Hours for Our Place

That Council:

1. allocate \$50,000 from contingency to partner with BC Housing and Island Health to increase the hours and services for Our Place to match winter hours from April 1-October 31; and,
2. forward an allocation to Our Place for Council's consideration as part of the 2021 budget process; and,
3. request that the Mayor write to the provincial government requesting adequate funding for Our Place.

H.3 Council Member Motion - Terms of Reference for Welcoming Cities Task Force

1. That Council approve the Welcoming Cities Task Force Terms of Reference and direct staff to seek participants.
2. That the Indigenous participants are compensated as per the City's protocol, to be funded from the Welcoming Cities budget.
3. That the Terms of Reference be amended to add an appointee from the Greater Victoria Public Library.

H.4 Response to COVID-19 in Victoria, BC

That Council endorse the following resolution and direct staff to forward copies without delay to the Greater Victoria Harbour Authority, the federal Ministers of Transport and Health, and the Provincial Health Officer of British Columbia:

Response to COVID-19 in Victoria, BC

WHEREAS Provincial Health Officer Dr. Bonnie Henry has advised that cruise ship visits to the Port of Victoria should be postponed to reduce the risk of transmission of COVID-19;

AND WHEREAS members of the public have expressed concern over the scheduled arrival of international cruise ships to the City of Victoria beginning in early April 2020, including a ship which has been quarantined in another jurisdiction with confirmed cases of COVID-19;

AND WHEREAS jurisdictions around the world have taken measures to restrict international transport in order to contain COVID-19 and reduce the risk to human health and the strain on public healthcare systems;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City of Victoria requests that the Greater Victoria Harbour Authority follow the advice of the Provincial Health Officer and suspend authorization for the landing of international cruise ships at the Ogden Point Wharves until risks associated with COVID-19 have subsided;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the City of Victoria requests that the Government of Canada as the operator of the Port of Victoria follow the advice of the Provincial Health Officer and suspend authorization of international cruise ship visits to the Port of Victoria until risks associated with COVID-19 have subsided;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the City of Victoria requests that the Government of Canada work with other levels of government to provide relief to workers and businesses that experience hardship as a result of a postponement of cruise ship visits to the Port of Victoria.

Motion Arising:

That Council ask the Greater Victoria Harbour Authority to attend a Committee of the Whole meeting to provide Council and the public with the latest information and actions of the Authority.

Motion Arising:

That Council ask Island Heath to provide an update and information on its plans to provide urgent health care and other services to Victoria residents without homes.

Motion Arising:

That Council direct staff to provide an update to Council and the public on adjustments to city programs, services and procedures arising from the COVID-19 pandemic.