

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE REPORT
FROM THE MEETING HELD APRIL 9, 2020

For the Council meeting of April 9, 2020, the Committee recommends the following:

F.4 Agreement Amendment for the CleanBC Better Homes and Home Renovation Rebate Program

Motion:

That Council authorize:

- a. the City to amend the existing contribution agreement for a term of two years until March 31, 2022 with the Province of British Columbia, the BC Hydro and Power Authority, and FortisBC Energy Inc to provide additional funds towards the CleanBC Better Homes and Home Renovation Rebate Program, on behalf of the City; and
- b. any future amendments to the agreement that are substantially in accordance with the terms and conditions of the agreement, provided that the form and contents are satisfactory to the City Solicitor and the Acting Director of Engineering and Public Works; and
- c. the City to renew the contribution agreement for further successive periods, if required.

F.1 COVID-19 Update (Verbal)

That this update be received for information.

That Council directs staff to act immediately to deploy resources, facilities and personnel to meet the emergency lodging and support needs of vulnerable populations, while meeting protocols required by Island Health, working in partnership with other agencies, with initial priority given to:

- provision of shower facilities no later than April 10, 2020 for people currently sheltering on Pandora Avenue, through the re-opening of existing shower facilities at Our Place, Crystal Pool or the Royal Athletic Park or any other suitable locations

F.2 2020 Financial Plan – Potential Adjustments

1. That Council direct staff to:

- a. Defer the capital projects listed in the table on page 7 of this report;
- b. Delay the initiatives listed in the table on page 9 of this report;
- c. Reallocate \$11.64 million in unrestricted property tax funding from the deferred capital projects to offset actual and potential revenue shortfalls in the operating budget;
- d. Create a larger operating budget contingency using the funding allocated to the delayed initiatives;
- e. Extend the payment due date for utility bills to 90 days from 45 days and bring forward bylaw amendments to authorize that change;
- f. Extend the payment due date for property taxes to August 1, 2020 to align with the date the City is required to pay the property taxes levied on behalf of the Capital Regional District, the Capital Regional Hospital District, BC Assessment, and the Municipal Finance Authority; and bring forward amendments to the Alternative Tax Scheme Bylaw to align with the August due date;
- g. That Council review and consider amendments to the 2020 budget in July 2020 with specific attention to the tables on pages 7 and 9 of this report;
- h. Reduce the transfer from property taxes by \$4.68 million to be proportionally allocated between the Heavy Equipment, City Equipment and Building and

- Infrastructure reserves to reduce the property tax increase to zero per cent for 2020; and
- i. Amend the Alternate Tax Scheme Bylaw and adjust the penalties to 2 per cent per month for August, September, October, November and December for 2020.
2. That the Mayor on behalf of Council advocate to the Province of BC to:
- a. Increase amounts for Homeowner Grants, and create a new category of grant applicable to persons who have lost income due to the pandemic;
 - b. Reinstate the financial hardship Deferment Program and extend the program to commercial properties; and
 - c. Amend legislation to align payment due dates for taxes collected on behalf of other agencies with municipal Alternative Tax Scheme Bylaws.

F.5 Potential Adjustments to Parking Fees due to COVID-19 Impacts

Motion:

That Council direct staff, for duration of the provincial state of emergency:

1. Reduce rates in all parkades as follows:
 - a. Daily rate - \$1 per hour to a maximum of \$5, with the 1st hour free
 - b. Monthly rate - \$85
2. Reduce on-street metered rates to \$1 per hour;
3. Reduce parking lot rates to \$1 per hour with a \$5 daily maximum; and
4. Suspend enforcement of time-limited zones, except for 30-minute zones.

H.1 Council Member Motion - DVBA 2020 Levy

That staff be directed to remit the DVBA levy in July 2020 as per the regular schedule.