

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE REPORT
FROM THE MEETING HELD SEPTEMBER 12, 2019

For the Council meeting of September 19, 2019, the Committee recommends the following:

1. Draft OCP Regional Context Statement

That Council:

1. Direct staff to prepare an Official Community Plan amendment bylaw to replace section 5 of Schedule "A" with an updated regional context statement that summarizes the policy alignment between the OCP and the 2018 CRD Regional Growth Strategy.
2. Consider consultation under Section 475(1) of the Local Government Act and direct staff to post a notice on the City's website of the draft regional context statement, and such notice will provide the contact information of a Planning staff member to which members of the public may speak and provide input, and the staff member will provide a report on input received to Council prior to first reading.
3. Consider consultation under Section 475(2)(b) of the Local Government Act and direct staff to refer the draft regional context statement for comments to the Capital Regional District Board, District of Oak Bay, District of Saanich, Township of Esquimalt, Songhees First Nation, Esquimalt First Nation, and School District 61.
4. Direct staff to report back to Council with a summary of feedback, the updated regional context statement, and the Official Community Plan amendment bylaw for first reading.

2. Conference Attendance Request for Councillor Loveday - UBCM

That Council approve the attendance of the 2019 Union of BC Municipalities Convention and related expenses for Councillor Loveday.

3. Urban Food Table - Food Production on Private Land Inventory Survey

That Council receive this presentation for information and express appreciation to the Urban Food Table for undertaking the survey and other contributions for a sustainable food system.

4. Work Without Permit: 1551 Bay Street/Bylaw File #71170 (Fernwood)

That the hearing be recessed for 60 days.

5. 910 Government Street and 525 Broughton Street: Rezoning Application No. 00662

That Council decline Rezoning Application No. 00662 for the property located at 910 Government Street and 525 Broughton Street.

6. Tree Preservation Bylaw Update

That staff bring forward for the attached Tree Preservation Bylaw, Amendment Bylaw (No.1) No. 19-082 for first, second and third readings.

Amendments:

1. That "i" be changed from 80 centimeters to 60 centimeters.
2. That Council direct staff to convene an opportunity for public comment as part of the bylaw approval process.
3. That the permit fee goes from \$30 to \$50
4. That the security deposit goes from \$350 to \$700

7. Horse Drawn Carriages - Referred from May 23, 2019 Council Meeting

That Council receive the presentation from the SPCA for information.

Motion Arising:

That Council requests that the BC SPCA provide advice to Council on the following possible amendments to regulations respecting horse-drawn carriage operations in the City of Victoria and have the response from the SPCA go to the next quarterly update for Council's consideration:

Specifying that use of the municipal rights of way and parking stands for commercial horse-drawn carriage operations be limited to:

1. vehicles pulled by one horse;
2. a geographic area bounded by Humboldt Street to the north, Cook Street to the east, Dallas Road to the south, and Victoria Harbour to the west.
3. working conditions limited to an air temperature not exceeding 28 degrees Celsius measured in the City of Victoria and good air quality consistent with Vancouver Island Health Authority advisories.

Motion Arising:

At the next quarterly update for staff to provide an update on the previously approved motion regarding the banning of the sale of puppies, kittens.

8. Permissive Tax Exemptions

That Council:

Direct staff to bring forward a 2020-2022 permissive tax exemption bylaw for properties as follows:

1. Renewal Applications Recommended for Approval (Appendix A)
2. New Application Recommended for Approval: (Appendix B)
The Salvation Army, folio 12814031, 943 Fullerton Ave
3. City of Victoria Exemptions Recommended for Approval (Appendix D)

Motion Arising:

Direct staff to report back to Council at the next quarterly update on changes needed to the City's Permissive Tax Exemption Policy to allow applications for tax exemptions from non-profit organizations categorized as long term care facilities, cultural associations, service clubs, and affordable housing providers located in the City, and the costs and other implications of such policy changes.

Motion to Refer:

That this matter be referred to the next quarterly update for staff to report on the implications of doing this work.