



## MINUTES - VICTORIA CITY COUNCIL

April 16, 2020, 11:36 A.M.

Council Chambers, City Hall, 1 Centennial Square

The City of Victoria is located on the homelands of the Songhees and Esquimalt People

PRESENT: Mayor Helps in the Chair, Councillor Alto, Councillor Isitt, Councillor Thornton-Joe, Councillor Young

ABSENT: Councillor Dubow

PRESENT ELECTRONICALLY: Councillor Loveday, Councillor Potts

STAFF PRESENT: J. Jenkyns - City Manager, S. Thompson - Deputy City Manager / Director of Finance, P. Bruce - Fire Chief, C. Coates - City Clerk, T. Soulliere - Director of Parks, Recreation & Facilities, T. Zworski - City Solicitor, B. Eisenhauer - Head of Engagement, K. Hoesel - Director of Sustainable Planning and Community Development, C. Havelka - Deputy City Clerk, C. Mycroft - Manager of Executive Operations, AK Ferguson - Committee Secretary, P. Bellefontaine - Acting Director, Transportation

### B. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

**Moved By** Councillor Alto

**Seconded By** Councillor Thornton-Joe

That the agenda be approved as presented.

**Amendment:**

**Moved By** Councillor Alto

**Seconded By** Councillor Thornton-Joe

That the agenda be amended to add "Reports of Committee" as Item C.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

### C. REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

C.1 Council Member Motion - Requisitioning Transient Accommodation to Provide Indoor Sheltering Options during COVID-19

**Moved By** Mayor Helps  
**Seconded By** Councillor Loveday

1. That Council request that the Mayor write, on behalf of Council, to the Premier of British Columbia, the Solicitor General, and the Ministers of Housing, Health, and Mental Health and Addictions, copying Members of the Legislative Assembly representing constituencies in the Capital Region, requesting that the Provincial government utilize its emergency powers under the Emergency Program Act to requisition hotel and motel rooms, in the region, for all unhoused people in the Capital Region and provide the health, mental health and addictions support for people moving in.
2. Further, that if the Provincial government is unwilling to take this action, the City of Victoria requests the authority to declare a local state of emergency to use emergency powers to requisition hotel and motel rooms for people who are unsheltered in the city and that the City work with BC Housing and Island Health to provide those units to people who are asymptomatic but at risk of contracting COVID-19 because they cannot currently follow health orders.
3. That the motion be forwarded to the other municipalities in the region.

FOR (6): Mayor Helps, Councillor Alto, Councillor Isitt, Councillor Loveday, Councillor Potts, and Councillor Thornton-Joe

OPPOSED (1): Councillor Young

**CARRIED (6 to 1)**

**C.2 Council Member Motion - Endorsing a Letter to Provincial Ministers re Urgent Action to Address Inequities in COVID-19 Regional Response**

**Moved By** Councillor Alto  
**Seconded By** Councillor Isitt

That Council endorse the attached letter, and ask the Mayor to communicate this endorsement to Honourable Selina Robinson, Honourable Adrian Dix, Premier John Horgan, Honourable Mike Farnworth, Honourable Judy Darcy, Honourable Scott Fraser, and Honourable Shane Simpson and that the motion and letter be forwarded to other municipalities in the region for their consideration.

FOR (6): Mayor Helps, Councillor Alto, Councillor Isitt, Councillor Loveday, Councillor Potts, and Councillor Thornton-Joe

OPPOSED (1): Councillor Young

**CARRIED (6 to 1)**

**C.3 Council Member Motion - Funding for Emergency Outreach Services for Vulnerable Populations**

**Moved By** Councillor Potts  
**Seconded By** Councillor Isitt

That Council authorize a grant of up to \$50,000, from previously approved COVID19 response funds, toward emergency outreach services for vulnerable populations, to be allocated among AVI, SOLID, Peers Victoria and the Indigenous Harm Reduction Team upon confirmation of a delivery model to the

satisfaction of the City Manager, aiming for cost-recovery from the Provincial government after the crisis has passed.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**D. BYLAWS**

**D.1 Bylaw for Temporary Borrowing Bylaw Amendment**

**Moved By** Councillor Alto  
**Seconded By** Councillor Young

That the following bylaw **be adopted**:

1. Temporary Borrowing Bylaw, 2020, No. 20-058

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**D.2 Bylaw for Alternative Collection Scheme Bylaw Amendment**

*Council discussed:*

- *How the measures for penalty dates released by the province would affect the City's collection of taxes.*

**Moved By** Councillor Isitt  
**Seconded By** Councillor Young

That Alternative Tax Collection Scheme Amendment (No.1) Bylaw No. 20-059 be given first, second and third readings.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Moved By** Councillor Isitt  
**Seconded By** Councillor Young

That Alternative Tax Collection Scheme Amendment (No.1) Bylaw No. 20-059 be reconsidered and adopted.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**D.3 Bylaw for Utility Fees Penalty Bylaw Amendment**

**Moved By** Councillor Alto  
**Seconded By** Councillor Young

That Utility Fees Penalty Amendment (No.1) Bylaw No. 20-060 be given first, second and third readings.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Moved By** Councillor Alto  
**Seconded By** Councillor Young

That Utility Fees Penalty Amendment (No.1) Bylaw No. 20-060 be reconsidered and adopted

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**E. CLOSED MEETING**

**Moved By** Councillor Isitt

**Seconded By** Councillor Thornton-Joe

MOTION TO CLOSE THE APRIL 16, 2020 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;*

All staff except the City Manager were excused at 11:48 a.m.

**F. APPROVAL OF CLOSED AGENDA**

**Moved By** Councillor Alto

**Seconded By** Councillor Isitt

That the closed agenda be approved.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**G. READING OF CLOSED MINUTES**

**G.1 Minutes from the closed Committee of the Whole meeting held March 26, 2020**

**Moved By** Councillor Alto

**Seconded By** Councillor Young

That the minutes from the Closed Committee of the Whole meeting held March 26, 2020 be adopted.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**G.2 Minutes from the closed Council meeting held March 26, 2020**

**Moved By** Councillor Alto

**Seconded By** Councillor Young

That the minutes from the Closed Council meeting held March 26, 2020 be adopted.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**J. NEW BUSINESS**

**J.2 Employee Relations- Community Charter Section 90(1)(c)**

Council discussed an employee relations matter.

The discussion was kept confidential.

**L. ADJOURNMENT**

**Moved By** Councillor Alto  
**Seconded By** Councillor Thornton-Joe

That the Closed Council Meeting be adjourned at 12:03 p.m.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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CITY CLERK

MAYOR