

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE REPORT
FROM THE MEETING HELD MAY 14, 2020

For the Council meeting of May 28, 2020, the Committee recommends the following:

E.1 2003 Shakespeare Street: Development Variance Permit Application No. 00233 (Fernwood)

That Council, after giving notice and allowing an opportunity for public comment at a meeting of Council, consider the following motion:

“That Council authorize the issuance of Development Variance Permit Application No. 00233 for 2003 Shakespeare Street, in accordance with:

1. Plans date stamped April 9, 2020.
2. Development meeting all Zoning Regulation Bylaw requirements, except for the following variances:
 - i. reduce the north side yard setback of the Lot 1 (south lot) from 2.45m to 1.60m;
 - ii. reduce the lot width of the Lot 2 (north lot) from 15m to 14.33.
3. The Development Permit lapsing two years from the date of this resolution.”

E.2 727-729 Johnson Street: Heritage Designation Application No. 000153 (Downtown)

That Council approve the designation of the exterior of the property located at 727-729 Johnson Street, first constructed in 1910 and restored in 2019, pursuant to Section 611 of the Local Government Act, as a Municipal Heritage Site, and that first and second reading of the Heritage Designation Bylaw be considered by Council and a Public Hearing date be set.

E.3 2558 Quadra Street: Revised Victoria Housing Reserve Fund Grant (Forest Heights) (Hillside/Quadra)

That Council:

1. Reduce the grant, approved on March 21, 2019, from the Victoria Housing Reserve Fund to the Greater Victoria Housing Society for the Forest Heights project located at 2558 Quadra Street from \$440,000 to \$105,000 to reflect changes to the project, specifically a reduction in number of eligible units and level of affordability.
2. Confirm that all other terms and conditions of the grant approval continue to apply in accordance with the March 21, 2019 approval, except for levels of affordability of the proposed units.

F.1 COVID-19 Update (Verbal)

That the City Manager's verbal report be received for information.

F.2 Public Hearings and Opportunities for Public Comment during the COVID-19 Pandemic

That Council:

1. Authorize an amended process and move forward with public hearings and opportunities for public comment in accordance with the Ministerial Order M139 for receiving oral submissions during public hearings by allowing the public to participate via live phone and pre-recorded video as a substitute to in-person attendance while authorized by the provincial government.
2. Restore the public request to address Council and question period to regular council meetings by electronic participation or written submissions during the COVID-19 pandemic.

3. Restore the holding of twice monthly evening council meetings with remote participation in Public Hearings and Opportunities for Public Comment, Request to Address Council and Question Period.
4. That staff proactively communicate opportunities for public participation in the City of Victoria public processes and information regarding all public hearings be sent to all CALUCs.
5. That staff provide a verbal progress report on public participation at the June 18 COTW meeting.

F.4 My Great Neighbourhood Grant Program – New Category of Community Recovery & Resiliency

That Council approves:

1. The new interim category of Community Recovery & Resiliency and the updated policy for the 2020 *My Great Neighbourhood Grant Program*
2. A rolling intake from June to December 2020, giving the City Manager the decision-making power to approve the grants following the usual staff review process and report back at the end of the year.
3. That the maximum allocated for recovery and resilience grants will be \$5000.

F.5 Support Small Business, Arts and Culture, and the Visitor Economy Progress Report

That Council received this report for information.