



MINUTES - VICTORIA CITY COUNCIL

May 21, 2020, 2:49 p.m.

Council Chambers, City Hall, 1 Centennial Square. 1 Centennial Square, Victoria, BC
The City of Victoria is located on the homelands of the Songhees and Esquimalt People

PRESENT: Mayor Helps, Councillor Alto, Councillor Dubow, Councillor Isitt, Councillor Loveday, Councillor Thornton-Joe, Councillor Young

PRESENT ELECTRONICALLY: Councillor Potts

STAFF PRESENT: J. Jenkyns - City Manager, C. Coates - City Clerk, S. Thompson - Deputy City Manager / Director of Finance, F. Work - Director of Engineering & Public Works, T. Soulliere - Director of Parks, Recreation & Facilities, B. Eisenhauer - Head of Engagement, C. Havelka - Deputy City Clerk, C. Mycroft - Manager of Executive Operations, T. Zworski - City Solicitor, K. Hoese - Director of Sustainable Planning and Community Development, A. James - Head of Strategic Operations, M. Heiser - Committee Secretary

A. CONVENE COUNCIL MEETING

B. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved By Councillor Dubow
Seconded By Councillor Alto

That the agenda be approved.

Amendment:

Moved By Councillor Dubow
Seconded By Councillor Alto

That the agenda of the May 21, 2020 Council meeting be amended as follows:

C. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

C.1 Committee of the Whole

C.1.a Report from the May 21, 2020 Committee of the Whole

C.1.a.a Council Member Motion: Sheltering-in-place

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**On the main motion as amended:
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

C. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

C.1 Committee of the Whole

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C.1.a.a Council Member Motion: Sheltering-in-place

Moved By Councillor Isitt

Seconded By Councillor Potts

1. That Council reaffirms the existing direction, consistent with advice of Public Health Officials to reduce the risk of transmission of Covid-19, of sheltering-in-place through deferred enforcement of the 7 am – 7 pm bylaw provision in locations where overnight sheltering is permitted (outside of Topaz and Pandora) until June 25, 2020.
2. That Council adopts the following Policy relating to regulation of sheltering-in-place in locations where overnight sheltering is permitted during the public health emergency until June 25, 2020:
 - a. That Council directs staff not to remove shelters and belongings that are abandoned or unoccupied until 72 hours after they have been tagged by a Bylaw Officer, and ensure that any notices are consistent with this policy.
 - b. That Council directs staff to store impounded items in a secure facility, for retrieval by the owner for up to thirty (30) days, to the extent that this policy is consistent with workplace safety requirements and the advice of local public health authorities, and ensure that any notices are consistent with this policy.
3. Maintain and improve dialogue between the City of Victoria Bylaw Division, people living outside and the people who work with them regarding sheltering-in-place in locations where overnight sheltering is permitted, under the purview of the City Bylaw division, to mitigate unintended harms of City bylaws to those who are living outside.
4. That staff report to Council on June 25 with an update on sheltering in parks as well as a report from partners on opportunities for indoor sheltering options.

FOR (7): Mayor Helps, Councillor Alto, Councillor Dubow, Councillor Isitt, Councillor Loveday, Councillor Potts, Councillor Thornton-Joe

OPPOSED (1): Councillor Young

CARRIED (7 to 1)

D. CLOSED MEETING

Moved By Councillor Alto
Seconded By Councillor Dubow

MOTION TO CLOSE THE MAY 21, 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;*
- Section 90(1)(m) a matter that, under another enactment, is such that the public may be excluded from the meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

I. NEW BUSINESS

I.1 Matter Under Another Enactment – Community Charter Section 90(1)(m)

Council discussed a matter closed under another enactment.

The conversation was recorded and kept confidential.

All staff except the City Manager withdrew from the meeting at 2:58 p.m.

I.2 Employee Relations – Community Charter Section 90(1)(c)

Council discussed an employee relations matter.

K. ADJOURNMENT

Moved By Councillor Alto
Seconded By Councillor Loveday

That the Closed Council Meeting be adjourned at 3:12 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CITY CLERK

MAYOR