



MINUTES - COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

May 14, 2020, 9:00 A.M.

COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL, 1 CENTENNIAL SQUARE

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PRESENT: Mayor Helps in the Chair, Councillor Alto, Councillor Loveday, Councillor Potts, Councillor Thornton-Joe, Councillor Dubow, Councillor Young

PRESENT VIA ELECTRONIC PARTICIPATION: Councillor Isitt

STAFF PRESENT: J. Jenkyns - City Manager, S. Thompson - Deputy City Manager / Director of Finance, C. Coates - City Clerk, P. Bruce - Fire Chief, T. Zworski - City Solicitor, T. Soulliere - Director of Parks, Recreation & Facilities, B. Eisenhauer - Head of Engagement, J. Jensen - Head of Human Resources, K. Hoese - Director of Sustainable Planning and Community Development, A. Meyer - Assistant Director of Development Services, A. Hudson - Assistant Director of Community Planning, C. Havelka - Deputy City Clerk, K. Moore - Head of Business and Community Relations, C. Mycroft - Manager of Executive Operations, M. Angrove - Planner, R. Batallas - Senior Planner, R. Bateman - Planner, G. Pemberton - Community Liaison, AK Ferguson - Committee Secretary

A. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved By Councillor Alto
Seconded By Councillor Potts

That the agenda be approved.

Amendment:
Moved By Councillor Loveday
Seconded By Councillor Alto

That the agenda of May 14, 2020 be amended as follows:

Consent Agenda:

- C.1 - Minutes from the meeting held April 23, 2020
- E.1 - 2003 Shakespeare Street: Development Variance Permit Application No. 00233 (Fernwood)
- E.2 - 727-729 Johnson Street: Heritage Designation Application No. 00153 (Downtown)
- E.3 - 2558 Quadra Street: Revised Victoria Housing Reserve Fund Grant (Forest Heights) (Hillside/Quadra)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

On the main motion as amended:

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

B. CONSENT AGENDA

Moved By Councillor Alto
Seconded By Councillor Loveday

That the following items be approved without further debate:

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

C.1 Minutes from the meeting held April 23, 2020

Moved By Councillor Alto
Seconded By Councillor Loveday

That the minutes from the meeting held April 23, 2020 be adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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

Committee received a report dated April 30, 2020 from the Director of Sustainable Planning and Community Development regarding a Development Variance Permit Application for the property located at 2003 Shakespeare Street. The proposal to subdivide the property in order to construct a new single family dwelling to the north of the existing dwelling.

Moved By Councillor Alto
Seconded By Councillor Loveday

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.”

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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

Committee received a report dated May 7, 2020 from the Director of Sustainable Planning and Community Development regarding a Heritage Designation Application for the property located at 727-729 Johnson Street. The owner of the property is requesting that the restored front, side and rear elevations be heritage designated.

Moved By Councillor Alto
Seconded By Councillor Loveday

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.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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

Committee received a report dated April 28, 2020 from the Director of Sustainable Planning and Community Development regarding a revised Victoria Housing Reserve Fund Grant Application for the property located at 2558 Quadra Street, which originally was approved by Council March 21, 2019.

Moved By Councillor Alto
Seconded By Councillor Loveday

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.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

F. STAFF REPORTS

F.1 COVID-19 Update (Verbal)

The City Manager provided an update on the status of city facilities for this new phase of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Committee discussed:

- *Types of facilities that are and will be opening.*

Moved By Mayor Helps
Seconded By Councillor Thornton-Joe

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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

Committee received a report dated May 14, 2020 from the Director of Sustainable Planning and Community Development and the City Clerk providing information and recommendations for alternate means of receiving public comment for Public Hearings and Opportunities for Public Comment.

Committee discussed:

- *Whether the presentation would be accessible online during the presentation.*
- *The possibility of posting the presentations on a board by a window so the public can see while City Hall is closed.*
- *The ways in which the public can participate effectively*
- *How lifting the state of public emergency will affect electronic public participation.*
- *Whether the evening meeting would only be focused on public comment.*
- *The possibility for a limited number of people being allowed in Chambers by preregistration.*

Moved By Mayor Helps
Seconded By Councillor Potts

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.

Amendment:

Moved By Councillor Loveday

Seconded By Mayor Helps

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.**

Amendment to the amendment:

Moved By Councillor Thornton-Joe

Seconded By Mayor Helps

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.**

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

On the amendment:

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Amendment:

Moved By Councillor Isitt

Seconded By Councillor Dubow

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**

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

On the main motion as amended:

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Committee recessed at 10:35 a.m. and returned at 10:44 a.m.

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

Committee received a report dated May 1, 2020 from the Head of Business and Community Relations regarding a new category of Community Recovery and Resiliency for the 2020 rolling intake which will commence in June and will continue to December.

Committee discussed:

- *Whether or not the Recovery and Resiliency Grants amounts need to be increased.*

Moved By Mayor Helps
Seconded By Councillor Alto

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

Amendment:

Moved By Councillor Alto
Seconded By Mayor Helps

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.**

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

On the main motion as amended:

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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

Committee received a report dated May 7, 2020 from the Head of Business and Community Relations regarding the City's fiscal, legislative, and legal powers to support small business, arts and culture, and the visitor economy.

Committee discussed:

- *Whether the city has the authority to incentivize low carbon industry.*
- *Whether the city is taking advantage of summer student jobs program through the federal government.*

Moved By Mayor Helps
Seconded By Councillor Alto

That Council received this report for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Committee recessed at 12:13 p.m. to conduct the Council meeting and returned at 1:00 p.m.

H. NEW BUSINESS

H.1 Council Member Motions - Recovery

H.1.a Victoria 3.0 - Recovery Reinvention Resilience - 2020-2041

Committee received a Council Member Motion dated May 8, 2020 from Mayor Helps regarding the Victoria 3.0. The plan highlights recovery, supporting youth, small business, and indigenous cultures, as well as the innovation district and the ocean cluster.

Committee discussed:

- *Whether the plan could be sent to residential associations.*
- *How the plan would accommodate new immigrants.*
- *The level of public engagement that took place regarding the plan*
- *How this plan may affect the Burnside/Gorge area plan.*

Moved By Mayor Helps
Seconded By Councillor Thornton-Joe

That Council:

1. Adopt *Victoria 3.0 – Recovery Reinvention Resilience – 2020-2041*.
2. Forward proposed 2021 actions to staff for consideration as part of the 2021 budget process.

Amendment:
Moved By Mayor Helps
Seconded By Councillor Loveday

That Council:

1. Adopt *Victoria 3.0 – Recovery Reinvention Resilience – 2020-2041*
2. Forward proposed 2021 actions to staff for consideration as part of the 2021 budget process.
3. **That Council receives an annual report on the implementation of Victoria 3.0**

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

On the main motion as amended:

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

H.1.b Open Air Recovery – Support for Restaurants and Cafes in Public Spaces

Committee received a Council Member Motion dated May 7, 2020 from Councillor Loveday and Mayor Helps seeking expedited permitting of patios in public spaces for various establishments in Victoria.

Committee discussed:

- *What the capacity of the patios might be.*
- *the possibility of having food trucks on City streets*

Moved By Councillor Loveday

Seconded By Mayor Helps

That Council direct staff to report back with options for flexible, innovative, and expedited permitting of patios in public spaces for restaurants and other establishments once public health restrictions have been loosened in order to promote economic recovery, taking into consideration accessibility impacts, needs for appropriate physical distancing, and ample room for pedestrians in high-traffic areas.

Amendment:

Moved By Councillor Thornton-Joe

Seconded By Mayor Helps

That Council direct staff to report back with options for flexible, innovative, and expedited permitting of patios in public spaces for restaurants and other establishments once public health restrictions have been loosened in order to promote economic recovery, taking into consideration accessibility impacts, needs for appropriate physical distancing, and ample room for pedestrians in high-traffic areas **and livability for residents.**

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

On the main motion as amended:

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

H.1.c Supporting the Recovery of the Arts and Culture Sector

Committee received a Council Member Motion dated May 7, 2020 from Councillor Loveday and Mayor Helps seeking support for the recovery of the arts and culture sector.

Moved By Councillor Loveday

Seconded By Mayor Helps

1. That Council move forward at this time with the previously approved 2020 Create Victoria actions related to the creation of a Cultural Infrastructure Grant fund, Cultural Spaces Roadmap, and the new staff position for implementing *Create Victoria*.
2. That Council direct staff to report back with options for a special round of grants to:
 - a. Encourage events with alternative formats that build community and social connection while allowing for physical distancing
 - b. Once restrictions are lifted, events to bring people back downtown, support arts and culture, and inject economic vibrancy back into the core
3. That the City of Victoria provide a \$5000 grant to the Pro Art Alliance of Greater Victoria for the creation of a City of Victoria sponsored award at the annual Pro Art Regional Arts Awards, to be aligned with the objectives of Create Victoria, to be funded from the 2020 contingency budget.

Amendment:

Moved By Councillor Loveday

Seconded By Mayor Helps

1. That Council move forward at this time with the previously approved 2020 Create Victoria actions related to the creation of a Cultural Infrastructure Grant fund, Cultural Spaces Roadmap, and the new staff position for implementing *Create Victoria*.
2. That Council direct staff to report back with options for a special round of grants to:
 1. Encourage events with alternative formats that build community and social connection while allowing for physical distancing
 2. Once restrictions are lifted, events to bring people back downtown, support arts and culture, and inject economic vibrancy back into the core **and village centres**.
3. That the City of Victoria provide a \$5000 grant to the Pro Art Alliance of Greater Victoria for the creation of a City of Victoria sponsored award at the annual Pro Art Regional Arts Awards, to be aligned with the objectives of Create Victoria, to be funded from the 2020 contingency budget.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Amendment:

Moved By Councillor Dubow

Seconded By Councillor Isitt

1. That Council move forward at this time with the previously approved 2020 Create Victoria actions related to the creation of a Cultural Infrastructure Grant fund, Cultural Spaces Roadmap, and the new staff position for implementing *Create Victoria* **and apply and report on a high level equity analysis and how to reflect the City's equity mandate**.

2. That Council direct staff to report back with options for a special round of grants to:
 - a. Encourage events with alternative formats that build community and social connection while allowing for physical distancing;
 - b. Once restrictions are lifted, events to bring people back downtown, support arts and culture, and inject economic vibrancy back into the core and village centres; and
 - c. **Apply and report on a high-level equity analysis and how to reflect the City's equity mandate.**
3. That the City of Victoria provide a \$5000 grant to the Pro Art Alliance of Greater Victoria for the creation of a City of Victoria sponsored award at the annual Pro Art Regional Arts Awards, to be aligned with the objectives of Create Victoria, to be funded from the 2020 contingency budget.

Amendment to the Amendment:

Moved By Councillor Dubow

Seconded By Mayor Helps

1. That Council move forward at this time with the previously approved 2020 Create Victoria actions related to the creation of a Cultural Infrastructure Grant fund, Cultural Spaces Roadmap, and the new staff position for implementing *Create Victoria* **and apply and report on a high level equity analysis and how to reflect the City's equity mandate.**
2. That Council direct staff to report back with options for a special round of grants to:
 - a. Encourage events with alternative formats that build community and social connection while allowing for physical distancing;
 - b. Once restrictions are lifted, events to bring people back downtown, support arts and culture, and inject economic vibrancy back into the core and village centres; and
 - c. **Apply and report on a high-level equity analysis and how to reflect the City's equity mandate.**
3. That the City of Victoria provide a \$5000 grant to the Pro Art Alliance of Greater Victoria for the creation of a City of Victoria sponsored award at the annual Pro Art Regional Arts Awards, to be aligned with the objectives of Create Victoria, to be funded from the 2020 contingency budget.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Amendment to Amendment:

Moved By Councillor Isitt

Seconded By Councillor Dubow

1. That Council move forward at this time with the previously approved 2020 Create Victoria actions related to the creation of a Cultural Infrastructure Grant fund, Cultural Spaces Roadmap, and the new

- staff position for implementing *Create Victoria* and **apply a high level equity analysis and how to reflect the City's equity mandate.**
2. That Council direct staff to report back with options for a special round of grants to:
 - a. Encourage events with alternative formats that build community and social connection while allowing for physical distancing;
 - b. Once restrictions are lifted, events to bring people back downtown, support arts and culture, and inject economic vibrancy back into the core and village centres; and
 - c. **Apply a high-level equity analysis and how to reflect the City's equity mandate. Apply the city's equity mandate to this direction on arts and culture and report back on implementation.**
 3. That the City of Victoria provide a \$5000 grant to the Pro Art Alliance of Greater Victoria for the creation of a City of Victoria sponsored award at the annual Pro Art Regional Arts Awards, to be aligned with the objectives of *Create Victoria*, to be funded from the 2020 contingency budget.

FOR (3): Councillor Alto, Councillor Isitt, and Councillor Dubow
OPPOSED (5): Mayor Helps, Councillor Loveday, Councillor Potts, Councillor Thornton-Joe, and Councillor Young

DEFEATED (3 to 5)

On the amendment:

DEFEATED UNANIMOUSLY

Amendment:

Moved By Mayor Helps

Seconded By Councillor Isitt

1. That Council move forward at this time with the previously approved 2020 *Create Victoria* actions related to the creation of a Cultural Infrastructure Grant fund, Cultural Spaces Roadmap, and the new staff position for implementing *Create Victoria*
2. That Council direct staff to report back with options for a special round of grants to:
 - a. Encourage events with alternative formats that build community and social connection while allowing for physical distancing;
 - b. Once restrictions are lifted, events to bring people back downtown, support arts and culture, and inject economic vibrancy back into the core and village centres;
3. That the City of Victoria provide a \$5000 grant to the Pro Art Alliance of Greater Victoria for the creation of a City of Victoria sponsored award at the annual Pro Art Regional Arts Awards, to be aligned with the objectives of *Create Victoria*, to be funded from the 2020 contingency budget.
4. **Staff report back on equity and inclusion at the same time as the regular report back on *Create Victoria***

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

On the main motion as amended:

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

H.1.d Increasing Physical Distancing for Pedestrians in Public Space

Committee received a Council Member motion dated May 7, 2020 from Mayor Helps and Councillor Loveday regarding increased physical distancing for pedestrians in village centres and Beacon Hill Park.

Committee discussed:

- *The possibility of a 6 month pilot for Beacon Hill Park.*
- *Ensuring that an equity lens is used when implementing.*
- *When could the loop at the top of Beacon Hill Park open back up to traffic.*

Moved By Mayor Helps

Seconded By Councillor Loveday

1. That Council direct staff to keep the physical distancing measures in place in village centres and other locations and report back to council with further opportunities to allocate additional spaces for people to walk and roll safely in village centres and downtown in order to proactively prepare for increased pedestrian traffic as people begin to leave their homes.
2. Direct staff to pedestrianize Beacon Hill Park while opening parking lots at Heywood Rd, Circle Drive, and Nursery Rd. and the roads that serve as their closest access points for the duration of summer. Further that Council direct staff to seek input from accessibility organizations including the AWG if that body is available, and report back with that advice, and all other input received so council can consider whether to further extend the pedestrianized approach to the park.

Councillor Young requested that the motion be separated.

Moved By Mayor Helps

Seconded By Councillor Loveday

1. That Council direct staff to keep the physical distancing measures in place in village centres and other locations and report back to council with further opportunities to allocate additional spaces for people to walk and roll safely in village centres and downtown in order to proactively prepare for increased pedestrian traffic as people begin to leave their homes.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Moved By Mayor Helps

Seconded By Councillor Loveday

2. Direct staff to pedestrianize Beacon Hill Park while opening parking lots at Heywood Rd, Circle Drive, and Nursery Rd. and the roads that serve as their closest access points for the duration of summer. Further that Council direct staff to seek input from accessibility organizations including the AWG if that body is available, and report back with that advice, and all other input received so council can consider whether to further extend the pedestrianized approach to the park.

Amendment:

Moved By Councillor Alto

Seconded By Councillor Thornton-Joe

2. Direct staff to pedestrianize Beacon Hill Park while opening parking lots at Heywood Rd, Circle Drive, and Nursery Rd. , **at the discretion of staff, atop Beacon Hill Loop, and** the roads that serve as their closest access points for the duration of summer. Further that Council direct staff to seek input from accessibility organizations including the AWG if that body is available, and report back with that advice, and all other input received so council can consider whether to further extend the pedestrianized approach to the park.

FOR (3): Councillor Alto, Councillor Thornton-Joe, and Councillor Dubow

OPPOSED (5): Mayor Helps, Councillor Isitt, Councillor Loveday, Councillor Potts, and Councillor Young

DEFEATED (3 to 5)

Amendment:

Moved By Councillor Thornton-Joe

2. Direct staff to pedestrianize Beacon Hill Park while opening parking lots at Heywood Rd, Circle Drive, and Nursery Rd. **and, at the discretion of staff, atop Beacon Hill Loop every day until noon,** and the roads that serve as their closest access points for the duration of summer. Further that Council direct staff to seek input from accessibility organizations including the AWG if that body is available, and report back with that advice, and all other input received so council can consider whether to further extend the pedestrianized approach to the park.

The Mayor ruled this amendment out order as it gives a time limit and is not leaving operational decisions to staff.

On the motion:

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Moved By Mayor Helps
Seconded By Councillor Isitt

That the meeting be extended until 5:00 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

H.1.e Extending Reduced Parking Fee Policy

Committee received a Council Member Motion dated May 7, 2020 from Councillors Alto and Thornton-Joe regarding the extension of the current parking fee policy.

Committee discussed:

- *concerns with parking revenue if the motion continues to September*

Moved By Councillor Alto
Seconded By Councillor Thornton-Joe

Direct staff to extend the current parking fee policy, as approved April 9, 2020, through to September 10, 2020, and

Direct staff to report back to Council on the impacts of that policy, at the September 10, 2020, meeting of Committee of the Whole.

Amendment:

Moved By Councillor Isitt
Seconded By Mayor Helps

Direct staff to extend the current parking fee policy, as approved April 9, 2020, through to ~~September 10, 2020~~ **June 15, 2020**, and

Direct staff to report back to Council on the impacts of that policy, at the ~~September 10, 2020~~ **June 11, 2020**, meeting of Committee of the Whole.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Amendment:

Moved By Councillor Thornton-Joe
Seconded By Mayor Helps

Direct staff to extend the current parking fee policy, as approved April 9, 2020, through to ~~September 10, 2020~~ **June 15, 2020 with the option to extend**, and

Direct staff to report back to Council on the impacts of that policy, at the ~~September 10, 2020~~ **June 11, 2020**, meeting of Committee of the Whole.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

On the main motion as amended:

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

H.1.f Commercial Loading Zones to Free Time Limited Zones

Committee received a Council Member Motion dated May 7, 2020 from Councillors Alto and Thornton-Joe regarding the opening of commercial loading zones to be free time limited zones.

Moved By Councillor Potts

Seconded By Councillor Alto

That Council request staff to change some the Commercial Loading Zones in the City to be free time limited zones after 4pm and on Sundays while leaving some spots for 3 minute passage zones.

Amendment:

Moved By Councillor Thornton-Joe

Seconded By Mayor Helps

That Council request staff to change some the Commercial Loading Zones in the City to be free time limited zones after 4pm and on Sundays while leaving some spots for 3 minute passage zones **or for use of seating areas for businesses if it can be achieved in a safe and accessible manner.**

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

On the main motion as amended:

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

H.1.g Assistance with Recovery Phase for Business

Committee received a Council Member Motion dated May 8, 2020 from Councillors Alto and Thornton-Joe requesting that bylaw amendments be brought to the June 4, 2020 meeting.

Committee discussed:

- *Ensuring that accessibility is taken into account and sidewalks are available for people who require access.*

Moved By Councillor Thornton-Joe

Seconded By Councillor Alto

That Council request that staff create temporary bylaw amendments that would:

1. Allow businesses to display and sell their merchandise in front of their business.
2. Allow tables and chairs outside restaurants, coffee shops, bakeries.
3. Allow businesses to use areas of public spaces or squares adjacent to a business.
4. Consider how larger City spaces could be shared by businesses.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

H.1.h COVID -19 Community Recovery Grants Program

Committee received a Council Member Motion dated May 8, 2020 from Councillors Alto and Thornton-Joe regarding COVID-19 Community Recovery Grants Program.

Moved By Councillor Alto

Seconded By Councillor Thornton-Joe

That Council direct staff to, on an urgent basis, design and report back with options for an innovative, one time, time limited grant program that would allocate funds to organizations and/or individuals to support specific, measurable, actions to remedy a city-based business, organization, neighbourhood, or other entity directly affected by COVID-19, and in that report identify options for funding such a program.

Amendment:

Moved By Councillor Dubow

Seconded By Councillor Loveday

That Council direct staff to, on an urgent basis, design and report back with options for an innovative, one time, time limited grant program that would allocate funds to organizations and/or individuals to support specific, measurable, actions to remedy a city-based business, organization, neighbourhood, or other entity directly affected by COVID-19, and in that report identify options for funding such a program **and apply and report on a high level equity analysis and how those actions reflect the City's equity mandate.**

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Amendment:

Moved By Mayor Helps

Seconded By Councillor Isitt

1. That Council direct staff to, on an urgent basis, design and report back with options for an innovative, one time, time limited grant program that would allocate funds to organizations and/or individuals to support specific, measurable, actions to remedy a city-based business, organization, neighbourhood, or other entity directly affected by COVID-19, and in that report identify options for funding

- such a program and apply and report on a high level equity analysis and how those actions reflect the City's equity mandate.
2. **Authorize up to \$500,000 from the 2020 contingency toward the Strategic Plan Grant Program.**
 3. **Direct staff to initiate without delay a second intake for the Strategic Plan Grant Program for 2020, incorporating a new criterion in the evaluation of applications based on the degree to which applicants have experienced economic hardship arising from Covid-19.**

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

On the main motion as amended:

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

H.1.i COVID Recovery: Housing Security

Committee received a Council Member motion dated May 8, 2020 from Councillor Potts regarding the pressures on the existing housing crisis once the emergency is lifted.

Moved By Councillor Potts

Seconded By Councillor Loveday

1. That staff explore opportunities reprioritize, expedite, or amend actions within the Victoria Housing Strategy to address certain growing housing precarity within Victoria.
2. That, via council liaisons, staff solicit written recommendations from existing City Task Forces and Committees regarding potential actions to support housing security.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

H.1.j COVID Recovery: Food security for low income tenants

Committee received a Council Member motion dated May 8, 2020 from Councillor Potts and Councillor Loveday regarding the potential for collaboration with local housing providers to ensure food security for low income tenants.

Moved By Councillor Potts

Seconded By Councillor Loveday

That the city work with local housing providers of subsidized, low income, and supportive housing to explore avenues and partnerships to allow residents to participate in City of Victoria food security and food growing programs where they live.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

H.1.k Recovery Town Hall

Committee received a report dated May 8, 2020 from Mayor Helps regarding holding a digital town hall to discuss recovery and answer questions from the public.

Moved By Mayor Helps
Seconded By Councillor Potts

That Council direct staff to hold a digital townhall in late May or early June to share the City's proposed initiatives with the public and answers questions about proposed plans and initiatives.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

H.1.l Capital Projects

Committee received a Council Member motion dated May 8, 2020 from Councillor Young regarding Capital Projects that that city can apply for Federal grants.

Moved By Councillor Young
Seconded By Mayor Helps

Request staff to prepare a list of capital projects ready to go but not started or committed. These should range in cost from Crystal Pool through a second artificial turf field at Topaz to bridges on the David Foster pathway.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

H.1.m Safe and Supervised Indoor Sheltering

Committee received a Council Member Motion dated May 8, 2020 from Councillor Young regarding establishing a safe and supervised indoor sheltering.

Moved By Councillor Young
Seconded By Councillor Thornton-Joe

Request the Province to establish a safe and supervised indoor sheltering location with sufficient capacity to meet the need of all those now sleeping in parks and on the streets who cannot be located in permanent housing.

Amendment:
Moved By Councillor Thornton-Joe
Seconded By Councillor Young

Request the Province to establish a safe and supervised indoor sheltering locations **throughout the region** with sufficient capacity to meet the

need of all those now sleeping in parks and on the streets who cannot be located in permanent housing.

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Amendment:

Moved By Mayor Helps

Seconded By Councillor Thornton-Joe

Request the Province to establish a safe and supervised indoor sheltering locations throughout the region with **supports with** sufficient capacity to meet the need of all those now sleeping in parks and on the streets who cannot be located in permanent housing.

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Amendment:

Moved By Mayor Helps

Seconded By Councillor Young

Request the Province to establish a safe indoor sheltering locations throughout the region with supports with sufficient capacity to meet the need of all those now sleeping in parks and on the streets ~~who cannot be located in permanent housing.~~ **as a pathway to secure, permanent housing.**

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Amendment:

Moved By Councillor Loveday

Seconded By Mayor Helps

Request the Province to establish a safe indoor sheltering locations throughout the region with supports with sufficient capacity to meet the need of all those **who are unhoused** ~~now sleeping in parks and on the streets~~ as a pathway to **safe, adequate, secure, and permanent housing.**

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On the main motion as amended:

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

H.1.n Hospitality Industry

Committee received a Council Member Motion dated May 8, 2020 from Councillor Young regarding assistance for the hospitality industry.

Moved By Councillor Young

Seconded By Councillor Alto

1. Advocate for federal and provincial programs that assist restaurants in designing physical layouts, cleaning, ventilation, and serving processes that would allow them to operate safely.
2. Respond quickly to requests by hospitality industry to changes in zoning, occupancy, etc. to allow for physical distancing.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

H.1.o Travel and Tourism

Committee received a Council member motion encouraging further work with Destination Greater Victoria and the Chamber to encourage the resumption of travel within Canada and from the US, as soon as safely possible and to encourage major tourist attractions such as the museums and the Legislature to develop plans to space lineups and avoid concentrations in public areas.

H.1.p Pathway to Recovery for a Caring, Low Carbon Community

Committee received a Council Member Motion dated May 7, 2020 from Councillor Isitt, Councillor Loveday, Councillor Potts, and Councillor Dubow regarding the Moving Forward, Not Back

Moved By Councillor Isitt
Seconded By Councillor Dubow

That Council endorse in principle the Moving Forward, Not Backward policy statement and refer the report to the August 6, 2020 Committee of the Whole meeting to inform decisions relating to the 2020 and 2021 Financial Plans.

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

OPPOSED (1): Councillor Young

CARRIED (7 to 1)

H.1.r Food Security during COVID-19 Recovery

Committee received a Council Member Motion dated May 11, 2020 from Councillor Isitt, Councillor Dubow, and Councillor Potts regarding food security during COVID-19 recovery.

Moved By Councillor Dubow
Seconded By Councillor Potts

That Council continue to support the shift toward more resilient food systems by:

1. Authorizing a grant to provide insurance to allow the Community Food Support Network hamper program to continue to operate from May 18, 2020 to August 31, 2020; and
2. Endorse the continuation of the *Get Growing Victoria* program during the Covid-19 recovery phase, including the distribution of food plants, gardening materials and educational resources for the winter 2020-2021 growing season.

Councillor Young requested that the motion be separated.

Moved By Councillor Dubow
Seconded By Councillor Potts

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Moved By Councillor Dubow
Seconded By Councillor Potts

2. Endorse the continuation of the *Get Growing Victoria* program during the Covid-19 recovery phase, including the distribution of food plants, gardening materials and educational resources for the winter 2020-2021 growing season.

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

OPPOSED (1): Councillor Young

CARRIED (7 to 1)

H.1.s Sustainable Transportation during COVID-19 Recovery

Committee received a Council Member Motion dated May 11, 2020 from Councillor Dubow, Councillor Potts, and Councillor Isitt regarding sustainable transportation during COVID-19 Recovery.

Committee discussed:

- *Concerns with number two of the motion*

Moved By Councillor Dubow
Seconded By Councillor Potts

That Council endorse the following actions for sustainable transportation during Covid-19 recovery:

1. Request that the Mayor write, on behalf of Council, to the Victoria Regional Transit Commission, indicating the City of Victoria's support for the following priorities for public transit during Covid-19 recovery:
 - a. Retain the current fare-free public transit program during the pandemic, to ensure driver safety, economic relief for passengers and low-carbon transport.
 - b. Deploy the existing BC Transit fleet with maximum service hours for bus and handyDart to substantially improve service and equity, alongside fast-tracking the purchase of new buses and expansion of fleet maintenance facilities.
 - c. Implement transit priority including bus lanes on existing roads, to increase transit capacity, speed and reliability at peak periods.
2. Request that the Mayor write, on behalf of Council, to the Federal and Provincial Ministers of Transportation, indicating the City of Victoria's support for the following priorities for public transit during Covid-19 recovery:
 - a. Job-creation investment in a third fleet maintenance facility for the Victoria Regional Transit System, to allow for major service expansion and rapid transit.
 - b. Job-creation investment in the electrification and expansion of local, regional and national inter-city bus and rail networks, under public ownership, operation and control, including bus priority lanes, LRT and other modes.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

H.2 Council Member Motion - Continuation of Youth Bus Pass Program

Committee received a Council Member Motion dated May 11, 2020 from Councillor Potts, Councillor Dubow, Councillor Isitt, and Councillor Loveday regarding the continuation of the youth bus pass program in the September 2020.

Moved By Councillor Potts

Seconded By Councillor Dubow

1. That Council reaffirms support for the Youth Bus Pass Program and directs staff to engage BC Transit and report back to Council on funding options for continuation of the program in the September 2020 – August 2021 period.
2. That Council reaffirms its commitment to the 2019 Strategic Plan action to explore extending the fare-free transit program to include Low-Income People and Senior Citizens.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Moved By Councillor Thornton-Joe

Seconded By Councillor Alto

That all recovery motions be added to the May 14 Council meeting.

Amendment:

Moved By Councillor Loveday

Seconded By Councillor Potts

That all recovery motions be added to the May 14 Council meeting **including H.2**

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Main motion as amended

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

I. ADJOURNMENT OF COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Moved By Councillor Dubow

Seconded By Councillor Alto

That the Committee of the Whole Meeting be adjourned at 4:24 p.m.

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MAYOR