

**SPECIAL COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE REPORT**  
**FROM THE MEETING HELD JUNE 4, 2020**

For the Special Council meeting of June 4, 2020, the Committee recommends the following:

**F.1 COVID-19 Recovery Motions Report Back**

**Appendix A – H.1.c. Supporting the Recovery of the Arts and Culture Sector:**

That Council:

- Direct staff to shift funding allocated for the Cultural Infrastructure and Cultural Space Roadmap towards a one-time only Everyday Creativity Grant program during COVID pandemic.
- Direct staff to report back on the Everyday Creativity Grant program criteria and process by end of June 2020.
- That funding for the cultural spaces grant program and at spaces roadmap be allocated as part of the 2021 budget.

**Appendix B – H.1.h. COVID -19 Community Recovery Grants Program**

That Council authorize:

1. An increase in the funding for the My Great Neighbourhood COVID-19 grant stream by \$100,000 funded from 2020 contingencies.
2. A rolling intake from June to December 2020, giving the City Manager the decision-making power to approve the grants following an internal staff review.
3. A grant threshold up to \$5000 per grant application to best support as many city-based business, organization, neighbourhood, or other entity directly affected by COVID-19.
4. An increase in the funding for the current intake of the Strategic Plan Grants by \$100,000 and that the Canada Day Special Duty policing, first 3 officers for special events, coordinated implementation of Pandora Task Force, Protocol and reconciliation dialogues totaling \$310,000 to be repurposed for the strategic plan grants second intake and the remaining amount would come from the 2020 contingency.

Direct staff to undertake a second round of Strategic Plan grants of up to \$250,000 with an exclusive focus on recovery projects,

- that Council review the applications;
- that the due date is July 15, 2020; and,
- that funds are dispersed as soon as is practicable.

### **Appendix C – H.1.i. COVID Recovery Housing Security**

That Council endorse the following Victoria Housing Strategy priorities in 2020 to improve housing security as part of COVID-19 recovery:

1. Advance and support the rapid supply of affordable and supportive housing in the neighbourhoods throughout the city, with government partners and non-profit housing providers;
2. Bring forward an expanded Rental Property Standards of Maintenance Bylaw for consideration;
3. Develop a Rental Property Licensing Bylaw to prevent renovictions and demovictions;
4. Explore the creation of a non-profit administered rent bank on a pilot basis.

### **Appendix D – H.1.I. Capital Projects**

That Council receive the following for information.

That Council direct staff to share all of these projects with the Federal Ministry of Infrastructure and Communities and find out which ones are most likely to be funded and report back to Council with a prioritized list based on the Ministry's feedback.

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

That Council endorse the proposed program described in Appendix E - H.1.b. *Open Air Recovery – Support for Restaurants and Cafes in Public Spaces.*

### **Appendix E - H.1.d. Increasing Physical Distancing for Pedestrians in Public Space**

That Council endorse the proposed programs to provide additional space for physical distancing for pedestrians.

### **Appendix E – H.1.g. Assistance with Recovery Phase for Business and H.1.n Hospitality Industry**

That Council adopt the proposed *Business Recovery from Pandemic Bylaw* that would:

- Temporarily delegate all Development Permits and Heritage Alteration Permits proposing outdoor commercial use, with or without parking variances, to staff subject to the applicant providing the City with an irrevocable undertaking to remove any construction or alteration authorized by the Permit within six months and to restore the property to its current conditions.

- Waive fees for all delegated Development Permits and Heritage Alteration Permits proposing outdoor commercial use, with or without parking variances.

#### **Appendix E - H.1.f. Commercial Loading Zones to Free Time Limited Zones**

That Council endorse the approach to commercial loading zones described below within the context of broader demands for these zones plus potential for use to support Covid19 recovery efforts.

#### **Appendix E - Liquor Licensing changes resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic**

That Council direct staff to inform the General Manager of the Liquor and Cannabis Regulation Branch in writing that Council pre-approves all liquor primary and manufacturer establishments in the City of Victoria who may apply for expanded liquor service area before October 31, 2020.

#### **Appendix E - H.1.g. Assistance with Recovery Phase for Business – Business Recovery from Pandemic Bylaw No. 20-72**

For section 8(3) to add, immediately after the words “in subsection (1)”, the words “and the property owner”.

That the following be forwarded to the daytime special council meeting:

1. That Council give first second and third readings to Business Recovery from Pandemic Bylaw 20-072.
2. That Council reconsider and adopt Business Recovery from Pandemic Bylaw No. 20-072.