

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE REPORT**  
**FROM THE MEETING HELD JULY 16, 2020**

For the Council meeting of July 23, 2020, the Committee recommends the following:

**D.1 Strategic Grant Review Committee Recommendations**

That Council approve the External Grant Review Committee's recommendations for grant awards for the Strategic Plan Grant program.

Allocate the entire amount requested to the Burnside Gorge Community Association to the Family Self Sufficiency Program for \$5,000 from contingency.

Allocate \$4,800 to Theatre Skam from contingency.

That \$2,250 be awarded to the Archaeology in Schools program from the balance of the contingency fund.

**1. Amendments to Application Form:**

- a. In Section Six, add this question:
  - What percentage of participants are residents of the City of Victoria?
- b. In Section Six, in response to "How many will benefit from the project or program?" add:
  - Request applicants to provide a short answer to this question.
- c. In Section Seven, add this question:
  - What is the minimum level of funding required for the program or project to occur? And provide room for comment.

**2. The Application Process:**

Direct staff to report to Council on an annual basis before the strategic plan grant process begins for direction from Council as to whether there should be a particular focus for the year's strategic grant stream and direct staff to request an annual strategic plan priority ranking from Councillors to assist in assessing the strategic plan grants.

Add to the grant application process:

- How did you consider the impact of the under-served communities in the development of your program?
- How does the program advance Council's stated values on equity?
- How does this program build community capacity and empower communities most impacted by inequalities?

**D.1.c Council Member Motion: Support for Destination Greater Victoria and VIATEC to promote local economic recovery**

That Council authorize grant funding for VIATEC in the amount of \$20,000 and Destination Greater Victoria in the amount of \$24,000, requested in their Strategic Grant Plan applications and that this funding be allocated from the 2020 Contingency fund.

**G.1 Local Government Recommendation for the Herbert Collins Group Inc. at 1010 Cook Street**

1. That Council direct staff to advise the Liquor and Cannabis Regulation Branch:  
The Council of the City of Victoria supports the application of the Herbert Collins Group Inc. at 1010 Cook Street to receive a provincial cannabis retail store license with following comments:
  - a. The Council recommends that the LCRB issue a license to the Herbert Collins Group Inc. at 1010 Cook Street.
  - b. City staff did not raise any concerns about this referral in terms of community impacts.
  - c. The views of residents were solicited through a mail-out to property owners and occupiers within 100 meters of this address and to the relevant neighbourhood association.  
The City sent 829 notices and received 15 letters in response. The City did not receive correspondence from the Fairfield-Gonzales Community Association for this referral.  
Of the 15 respondents, 9 support issuing a license and 6 oppose issuing a license.  
Respondents opposed to issuing a license identified the following issues: cannabis consumption in the area, safety and security of residents and property in the area, and compatibility with residential and recreational uses in the area.
  - d. The Council wishes the Province to make its own deliberations about the fact that this operation remained in operation for up to 2 weeks following legalization.
2. That Council direct staff to advise the LCRB of Council's recommendation subject to the applicant's compliance with applicable City bylaws and permits.

**G.2 Youth Bus Passes - Proposed Funding September to December 2020**

That Council:

1. Approve funding of up to \$200,000 from the 2020 contingency budget to fund fare free bus passes for youth 18 years and younger who live in the City of Victoria from September to December 2020
2. Direct staff to bring forward funding options for the continuation of this program or the establishment of a U-Pass program, depending on ridership levels, as part of the 2021 financial planning process

**I.1 Council Member Motion: Ending Street Checks in the City of Victoria**

That Council endorse the following resolution and direct staff to forward a copy to the Victoria and Esquimalt Police Board:

*Resolution: Ending Street Checks in the City of Victoria*

WHEREAS street checks occur when police or other law enforcement officers stop an individual for reasons: (1) not related to a reported or observed criminal offence, (2) not related to an investigation of a reported or observed criminal offence, or (3) not part of a random vehicle check;

AND WHEREAS carding is the practice of recording information about an individual who is the subject of a street check in a police database;

AND WHEREAS available data points to a pattern of discrimination against Black, Indigenous, people of colour (BIPOC) and unhoused people in the deployment of this tactic in various jurisdictions;

AND WHEREAS the harmful effects of street checks have been well-documented across Canada and found to disproportionately and negatively impact members of the BIPOC community and unhoused people;

AND WHEREAS the City of Victoria has adopted a strategic plan that includes ensuring a welcoming, compassionate and neighbourly atmosphere in our community where all people are welcomed, accepted, respected and encouraged to participate;  
AND WHEREAS the City of Victoria is committed to ending racism and has an important role to play in making a collective response to end fear-mongering, racism and human suffering;  
AND WHEREAS police boards and police departments should take into account the priorities, goals and objectives of local communities when establishing fiscal and operational policies;  
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Victoria City Council declares that street checks and carding are against the priorities, goals and objectives of the City of Victoria;  
AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Council requests that the Victoria and Esquimalt Police Board and the Victoria Police Department take immediate action to implement a ban on street checks and carding in the City of Victoria.

Council requests that the Police Chief and Director of Police Services present to Council with respect to provincial direction and current VicPD practices with respect to police checks.

## **I.2 Council Member Motion: International Decade for People of African Descent**

Therefore, be it resolved as follows:

1. That the City of Victoria joins the government of Canada, the province of Ontario, the cities of Toronto and Ottawa, in acknowledging the International Decade for People of African Descent for the purpose of promoting respect, protection and fulfillment of all human rights and fundamental freedoms of people of African descent, as recognized in the Universal Declaration on Human Rights.  
That Council directs staff to report back at the Period 2 2020 Update on the resource implications of reporting back as part of the 2021 budget on how to implement the International Decade of People of African Descent from 2021-2024 including:
2.
  - i) Raising awareness in the general public about the heritage and culture of people of African descent and around the International Decade of People of African Descent's broader goals and actions in Victoria.
  - ii) Delivering anti-racism including anti-black racism training to prevent systematic racism in city policy, bylaws, programs and services.
3. Creating an advisory committee of people of African descent to work with and advise staff between 2021-2024 on the implementation of the International Decade for People of African Descent and commitment to People of African descent.
4. Developing a capacity building grant program for Black-led organizations, black business owners, and institutions supporting and working with people of African descent.
5. Tracking and demonstrating progress with respect to City hiring practices at all levels to reflect the diversity of the community.
6. Creating internship opportunities for people of African descent to diversify the city's workforce