



MINUTES - COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

September 10, 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 Isitt, Councillor Potts, Councillor Thornton-Joe, Councillor Dubow, Councillor Young

ABSENT: Councillor Loveday

STAFF PRESENT: J. Jenkyns - City Manager, S. Thompson - Deputy City Manager / Director of Finance, C. Coates - City Clerk, T. Zworski - City Solicitor, B. Eisenhauer - Head of Engagement, N. Sidhu - Assistant Director of Parks, Recreation & Facilities, P. Bellefontaine - Director of Engineering & Public Works, J. Jensen - Head of Human Resources, K. Hoese - Director of Sustainable Planning and Community Development, C. Havelka - Deputy City Clerk, L. Van Den Dolder - Assistant City Solicitor, C. Mycroft - Manager of Executive Operations, P. Martin - Council Secretary

A. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved By Councillor Alto
Seconded By Councillor Thornton-Joe

That the agenda be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

B. CONSENT AGENDA

Moved By Councillor Alto
Seconded By Councillor Dubow

That the following items be approved without further debate

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

C.1 Minutes from the meeting held August 6, 2020

Moved By Councillor Alto
Seconded By Councillor Dubow

That the minutes from the Committee of the Whole meeting held August 6, 2020 be adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

E.1 1023 Tolmie Avenue: Update Report for Rezoning Application No. 00672 and Development Permit with Variances Application No. 00097 (Hillside/Quadra)

Committee received an update report dated August 27, 2020 from the Director of Sustainable Planning and Community Development regarding the proposed rezoning application and development permit with variances application for 1023 Tolmie Avenue.

Moved By Councillor Alto
Seconded By Councillor Dubow

Rezoning Application No. 00672

That first and second reading of the Zoning Regulation Bylaw Amendment be considered by Council and a public hearing date be set for the proposed development outlined in Rezoning Application No. 00672 for 1023 Tolmie Avenue.

Development Permit with Variances No. 00097

That Council, after giving notice and allowing an opportunity for public comment at a meeting of Council, and after the Public Hearing for Rezoning Application No. 00627, if it is approved, consider the following motion:

“That Council authorize the issuance of Development Permit with Variance Application No. 00097 for 1023 Tolmie Avenue, in accordance with:

1. Plans date stamped July 20, 2020.
2. Development meeting all Zoning Regulation Bylaw requirements, except for the following variances:
 - i. reduce the front yard setback on the south lot from 6.00m to 4.30m to the building and 3.40m to the deck;
 - ii. reduce the rear yard setback on the south lot from 6.00m to 4.60m to the stairs and 5.40m to the building;
 - iii. reduce the south side yard setback on the north lot from 2.40m to 1.73m for any portion of a dwelling used for habitable space and which has a habitable window.
3. The Development Permit lapsing two years from the date of this resolution.”

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

F.3 Appointment - Bylaw Officer

Committee received a report dated September 4, 2020 from the Manager of Bylaw Services regarding the proposed appointment of a Bylaw Officer.

Moved By Councillor Alto

Seconded By Councillor Dubow

That Council approve the appointment of Samuel Tschritter:

1. As a Bylaw Officer pursuant to section 2(a) of the Inspection Bylaw (06-061); and
2. As a Business Licence Inspector for the City of Victoria.

That this motion be forwarded to the September 10th, 2020 Council Meeting for ratification.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

D. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

D.1 Postponed Council Member Motion: Additional Policing Resources to Support Public Safety

Moved By Councillor Thornton-Joe

Seconded By Councillor Alto

That the motion be lifted from the table.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Moved By Mayor Helps

Seconded By Councillor Thornton-Joe

That Council allocate \$94,528 from the Financial Stability Reserve* to provide additional policing resources in the City of Victoria for the remainder of 2020.

*The proposed revenue source is the financial stability reserve, as the 2020 Contingency was used for COVID related expenses. Some of these expenses may be recoverable through federal-provincial funding for municipalities.

Committee discussed the following:

- *The need for additional policing to help allay fears and crimes being experienced by neighbourhoods.*
- *Whether there is a need for additional resources considering the budget already provided to the police.*
- *Whether this allocation can be considered on a more month to month basis.*

Amendment:

Moved By Mayor Helps

Seconded By Councillor Potts

That Council allocate **up to** \$94,528 from the Financial Stability Reserve* to provide additional policing resources in the City of Victoria for the remainder of 2020, and that Council receive monthly reports on the deployment and its success.

*The proposed revenue source is the financial stability reserve, as the 2020 Contingency was used for COVID related expenses. Some of these expenses may be recoverable through federal-provincial funding for municipalities.

Committee discussed the following:

- *That this is a prudent direction for the City.*

FOR (6): Mayor Helps, Councillor Alto, Councillor Potts, Councillor Thornton-Joe, Councillor Dubow, and Councillor Young
OPPOSED (1): Councillor Isitt

CARRIED (6 to 1)

On the main motion as amended:

That Council allocate up to \$94,528 from the Financial Stability Reserve* to provide additional policing resources in the City of Victoria for the remainder of 2020, and that Council receive monthly reports on the deployment and its success.

*The proposed revenue source is the financial stability reserve, as the 2020 Contingency was used for COVID related expenses. Some of these expenses may be recoverable through federal-provincial funding for municipalities.

FOR (5): Mayor Helps, Councillor Alto, Councillor Potts, Councillor Thornton-Joe, and Councillor Young
OPPOSED (2): Councillor Isitt, and Councillor Dubow

CARRIED (5 to 2)

Moved By Mayor Helps
Seconded By Councillor Potts

That this matter be forwarded to today's Council meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

D.2 Postponed Motion Arising: City Response to Sheltering During the Pandemic

Moved By Councillor Alto
Seconded By Councillor Potts

That this motion be lifted from the table.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Amendment:

Moved By Councillor Potts
Seconded By Councillor Alto

Direct staff to report back by September 17, 2020 on options for providing managed access to showers, washrooms and temporary shelter ~~for up to 60 individuals~~ during the State of Emergency at the Royal Athletic Park, and options for limiting sheltering at Central Park, including seeking input from BC Housing on the availability of provincial funding and an operator to run the site.

Committee discussed the following:

- *That BC Housing has advised that they will not provide support to outdoor sheltering as they are focusing on housing, so there is no provincial funding or operator to support this motion.*
- *The need to focus on having housing for everyone.*
- *That the neighbourhood association has requested that sheltering occur in either Central Park or Royal Athletic Park, not both.*
- *The importance of receiving further information from staff to be able to make informed decisions.*

Amendment to the amendment:

Moved By Mayor Helps
Seconded By Councillor Alto

That the amendment be amended as follows:

Direct staff to report back by ~~September 17, 2020~~ **October 1, 2020** on options for providing manager access to showers, washrooms and temporary shelter ~~for up to 60 individuals~~ during the State of Emergency at the Royal Athletic Park, and options for limiting sheltering at Central Park, including seeking input from BC Housing on the availability of provincial funding and an operator to run the site.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Amendment to the amendment:

Moved By Councillor Isitt
Seconded By Councillor Thornton-Joe

That the amendment be amended as follows:

Direct staff to report back by October 1, 2020 on options for providing managed access to showers, washrooms and temporary shelter ~~for up to 60 individuals~~ during the State of Emergency at the Royal Athletic Park, and options for limiting sheltering at Central Park, rather than at Central Park including seeking input from BC Housing on the availability of provincial funding and an operator to run the site.

FOR (5): Councillor Isitt, Councillor Potts, Councillor Thornton-Joe, Councillor Dubow, and Councillor Young

OPPOSED (2): Mayor Helps, and Councillor Alto

CARRIED (5 to 2)

Amendment to the amendment:

Moved By Councillor Dubow

That the amendment be amended as follows:

Direct staff to report back by October 1, 2020 on options for providing manager access to showers, washrooms and temporary shelter **for up to 60 30 individuals** during the State of Emergency at the Royal Athletic Park, rather than at Central Park including seeking input from BC Housing on the availability of provincial funding and an operator to run the site.

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On the amendment:

Direct staff to report back by October 1, 2020 on options for providing managed access to showers, washrooms and temporary shelter ~~for up to 60 individuals~~ during the State of Emergency at the Royal Athletic Park, rather than at Central Park including seeking input from BC Housing on the availability of provincial funding and an operator to run the site.

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

OPPOSED (4): Mayor Helps, Councillor Isitt, Councillor Dubow, and Councillor Young

DEFEATED (3 to 4)

Amendment:

Moved By Councillor Isitt

Seconded By Councillor Potts

That the motion be amended as follows:

Direct staff to report back by October 1, 2020 on options for providing managed access to showers, washrooms and temporary shelter for up to 60 individuals during the State of Emergency at the Royal Athletic Park, ~~rather than at Central Park~~ **and other locations that staff may bring forward.**

Including seeking input from BC Housing on the availability of provincial funding and an operator to run the site(s), **rather than at Central Park.**

Amendment to the amendment:

Moved By Councillor Dubow

Seconded By Councillor Isitt

That the amendment be amended as follows:

Direct staff to report back by October 1, 2020 on options for providing managed access to showers, washrooms and temporary shelter for up to 60 individuals during the State of Emergency at the Royal Athletic Park, ~~rather than at Central Park~~ **and other locations that staff may bring forward.**

Including seeking input from BC Housing on the availability of provincial funding and an operator to run the site(s), **in a distributed model**, rather than at **Central Park**.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

On the amendment:

Direct staff to report back by October 1, 2020 on options for providing managed access to showers, washrooms and temporary shelter for up to 60 individuals during the State of Emergency at the Royal Athletic Park, and other locations that staff may bring forward.

Including seeking input from BC Housing on the availability of provincial funding and an operator to run the site(s), in a distributed model, rather than at Central Park.

FOR (3): Councillor Isitt, Councillor Potts, and Councillor Dubow

OPPOSED (4): Mayor Helps, Councillor Alto, Councillor Thornton-Joe, and Councillor Young

DEFEATED (3 to 4)

On the main motion:

Direct staff to report back by September 17, 2020 on options for providing managed access to showers, washrooms and temporary shelter for up to 60 individuals during the pandemic at the Royal Athletic Park, rather than at Central Park.

FOR (3): Councillor Alto, Councillor Isitt, and Councillor Potts

OPPOSED (4): Mayor Helps, Councillor Thornton-Joe, Councillor Dubow, and Councillor Young

DEFEATED (3 to 4)

Committee recessed from 10:29 a.m. until 10:37 a.m.

F. STAFF REPORTS

F.1 Rental Property Standards of Maintenance Bylaw and Implementation Plan

Committee received a report dated August 27, 2020 from the Director of Sustainable Planning and Community Development regarding the proposed Rental Property Standards of Maintenance Bylaw, associated resourcing requirements, and an approach for implementation, enforcement, monitoring and feedback collection to determine bylaw effectiveness.

Moved By Councillor Isitt

Seconded By Councillor Dubow

That Council:

1. Direct staff to bring forward the Rental Property Standards of Maintenance Bylaw for consideration of introductory readings;
2. Approve written submissions from persons who consider they are affected by the proposed Bylaw as the public representations method under section 59 (2) of the Community Charter, and provide notice by way of newspaper, website, and social media advertising;
3. Provide early approval for the Tenant Ambassador to allow the position to commence at the beginning of January 2021 to
 - a. Precede the enactment date of the Bylaw (January 30, 2020); and
 - b. Oversee the implementation and operation of the Bylaw;
4. Launch an eighteen-month feedback and monitoring period after the Bylaw is enacted to Monitor the Bylaw's operation and to collect experiential input from the public;
5. Direct staff to return to Council in eighteen months following bylaw enactment to report on the Bylaw's effectiveness and determine if any updates are needed based on data and feedback.

Committee discussed the following:

- *Whether this direction may provide too many restrictions, which could limit the number of people wishing to be landlords.*

FOR (6): Mayor Helps, Councillor Alto, Councillor Isitt, Councillor Potts, Councillor Thornton-Joe, and Councillor Dubow

OPPOSED (1): Councillor Young

CARRIED (6 to 1)

F.2 2021-2022 Permissive Exemptions

Committee received a report dated August 28, 2020 from the Deputy Director of Finance outlining applications from non-profit organizations requesting permissive property tax exemptions for 2021 to 2022 for Council's consideration.

Moved By Councillor Alto

Seconded By Councillor Potts

That Council:

1. Approve all applications for a permissive property tax exemption detailed in Table 2 for the 2021 - 2022 tax years.
2. Direct staff to prepare a 2020 permissive property tax exemption by law for Council's consideration at the September 17, 2020 Council meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Motion Arising:

Moved By Councillor Isitt
Seconded By Mayor Helps

That Council direct staff to report back on options for revising the Permissive Tax Exemption policy to provide exemptions for community centers owned and operated by ethno-cultural groups.

Amendment:

Moved By Councillor Alto
Seconded By Councillor Isitt

That the motion be amended as follows:

That Council direct staff to report back on options **and implications** for revising the Permissive Tax Exemption policy to provide exemptions for community centers owned and operated by ethno-cultural groups.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Amendment:

Moved By Councillor Isitt
Seconded By Mayor Helps

That the motion be amended as follows:

That Council direct staff to report back on options and implications for revising the Permissive Tax Exemption policy to provide exemptions for community centers owned and operated by ethno-cultural groups **and report back no later than the first quarter of 2021.**

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

On the motion arising as amended:

That Council direct staff to report back on options and implications for revising the Permissive Tax Exemption policy to provide exemptions for community centers owned and operated by ethno-cultural groups and report back no later than the first quarter of 2021.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

I. **ADJOURNMENT OF COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

Moved By Councillor Alto
Seconded By Councillor Potts

That the Committee of the Whole Meeting be adjourned at 11:37 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CITY CLERK

MAYOR

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