

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE REPORT
FROM THE MEETING HELD JANUARY 21, 2021

For the Council meeting of January 28, 2021, the Committee recommends the following:

E.1 1125 Fort Street: Rezoning Application No. 00712, Development Permit with Variances Application No. 00142 and Heritage Designation Application No. 000192 (Fairfield)

Rezoning Application No. 00712

That Council instruct staff to prepare the necessary Zoning Regulation Bylaw Amendment that would authorize the proposed development outlined in Rezoning Application No.00712 for 1125 Fort Street that first and second reading of the Zoning Regulation Bylaw Amendment be considered by Council and a Public Hearing date be set once the following conditions are met:

1. That Council consider the Heritage Designation of 1125 Fort Street, consistent with plans date stamped September 9, 2020;
2. Preparation of legal agreements, to the satisfaction of the Director of Sustainable Planning and Community Development, to:
 - a. secure one of the proposed residential units as rental for a period of 20 years
 - b. Ensure that a future strata cannot restrict the rental of units to non-owners.

Development Permit with Variances Application No. 00142

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.00142, if it is approved, consider the following motion:

“That Council authorize the issuance of Development Permit with Variance Application No.00142 for 1125 Fort Street, in accordance with:

1. Plans date stamped September 9, 2020.
2. Development meeting all Zoning Regulation Bylaw requirements, except for the following variance:
 - i. reduce the vehicle parking from eight to four stalls, including a reduction of the visitor parking from one stall to zero stalls.
3. The Development Permit lapsing two years from the date of this resolution.”

Heritage Designation Application No. 000192

That Council approve the designation of the property located at 1125 Fort Street, consistent with architectural plans dated September 9, 2020, 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 concurrent with the Public Hearing for Rezoning Application No. 00712.

E.2 736 Princess Avenue: Victoria Housing Reserve Fund Application (Burnside)

That Council approve a grant from the Victoria Housing Reserve Fund to the John Howard Society of Victoria in the amount of \$280,000 to assist in the construction of a 28-unit affordable housing project at 736 Princess Avenue, subject to the following conditions:

1. The execution of a Housing Fund Grant Agreement in a form satisfactory to the Director of Sustainable Planning and Community Development and the City Solicitor; with terms for the eligible use of the grant, reporting requirements, repayment, indemnification, and communication protocols;

2. The applicant fulfills the applicable requirements of the Victoria Housing Reserve Fund Guidelines;
3. \$140,000 shall be payable to the applicant upon execution of the Housing Fund Grant Agreement and the remaining balance of \$140,000 shall be payable to the applicant once the City has issued all required occupancy permits for the project; and
4. That the passage of this resolution creates no legal rights for the applicant or any other person, or obligation on the part of the City, until and unless all agreements are fully executed by the City.

F.1 Parks Regulation Bylaw Amendments - Mitigating the Impacts of Sheltering

That Council direct staff to prepare the following amendments to Section 16A of the Parks Regulation Bylaw;

1. Prohibit sheltering within parks in areas with high-risk of flooding or other environmental hazards, and
2. Add Central Park to the list of parks where sheltering is prohibited to be in effect as long as the sheltering during pandemic provisions are in effect and that this matter return to Council for additional considerations at the March 4 COTW meeting.

H.1 Council Member Motion: In Response to the National Overdose Crisis: Regulation, Safe Supply and Decriminalization

Resolved that the Mayor, on behalf of the City of Victoria, writes to the federal Minister of Health calling on the Government of Canada to declare the overdose crisis a national public health emergency;

Be it also resolved that in that letter the Mayor calls on the Government of Canada to immediately seek input from the people most affected by this crisis and meet with provinces and territories to develop a comprehensive, pan-Canadian overdose action plan, which includes comprehensive supports and full consideration of reforms that other countries have used to significantly reduce drug-related fatalities and stigma, such as legal regulation of illicit drugs to ensure safe supply of pharmaceutical alternatives to toxic street drugs, and decriminalization for personal use.