

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE REPORT
FROM THE MEETING HELD FEBRUARY 4, 2021

For the Council meeting of February 11, 2021, the Committee recommends the following:

E.2 1611 Stanley Avenue: Heritage Designation Application No. 000194 (Fernwood)

That Council approve the designation of the property located at 1611 Stanley Avenue, 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.

I.1 Council Member Motion: Amending Schedule E of the Animal Responsibility Bylaw to Include a portion of Vic West

That Council direct staff to report back with options for and implications of implementing the following recommendation:

That Council direct staff to bring forward an amendment to the Animal Responsibility Bylaw amending Schedule E to increase the area that a person must not intentionally feed or leave food out for the purposes of feeding rock doves (pigeons), crows, or gulls to include the triangle of Vic West from Bay Street to Esquimalt Rd.

I.4 Council Member Motion: UBCM Resolution: Increase Disability Benefits and Income Assistance Rates

That Council endorses the following resolution and directs staff to forward copies to UBCM member local governments, as well as the Provincial ministers responsible for Social Development, Poverty Reduction, Finance, and Housing, requesting favourable consideration.

Resolution:

WHEREAS after many years of frozen income assistance rates and only minimal increases to disability benefits the current Provincial Government increased rates, for single people, by \$150 between 2017 and 2019 but most people who receive disability benefits or income assistance continue to live well below the poverty line;

AND WHEREAS the Provincial Government added a \$300/month COVID benefit for those receiving disability and income assistance, which temporarily reduced people's risk of losing their housing and increased their access to necessities including food and medical supplies, but as of January 2021 the benefit has been reduced to \$150/month and there is no commitment to provide additional support past March 2021.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Province of British Columbia permanently reinstate the automatic, \$300/month benefit for people receiving disability benefits and income assistance and move to raise disability and income assistance to a livable rate that is above the market basket measure (MBM).

D.1 Strategic Plan #3 Affordable Housing

That Council approve the amendments as outlined in the report dated January 19, 2021 for Strategic Plan #3 Affordable Housing, including this further amendment:
Municipal Housing Corporation Remove from Plan.

Council add the following 2022 action to the Strategic Plan:

Work with partner agencies to explore the creation of an emergency housing function.

E.1 2564 Graham Street: Heritage Designation Application No. 000191 (Hillside/Quadra)

That Council approve the designation of the property located at 2564 Graham Street, 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.

G. Council Led Workshop - Neighbourhood Boundaries

1. That Council direct staff to engage the North Jubilee Neighbourhood Association and the Oaklands Community Association regarding the potential recognition of the 2700-block to 3000-block of the east side of Shelbourne Street as part of the Oaklands neighbourhood, requesting comment from those associations by April 30, 2021.
2. That Council direct staff to engage the Fernwood Community Association and the Oaklands Community Association regarding the potential recognition of the 2500-blocks between Cook Street and Shelbourne Street, and Bay Street and Haultain Street, as part of the Oaklands neighbourhood, requesting comment from those associations by April 30, 2021.
3. That Council direct staff to engage the Fairfield-Gonzales Community Association, the Downtown Residents Association, and the Downtown Victoria Business Association regarding the potential recognition of the 800-blocks between Fort Street and Academy Close, and Blanshard Street and Quadra Street, as part of the Downtown neighbourhood, requesting comment from those associations by April 30, 2021.
4. That Council direct staff to engage the Burnside-Gorge Community Association, the Downtown Residents Association, and the Downtown Victoria Business Association regarding the potential adjustment of the boundary between Burnside-Gorge and Downtown from Chatham/Discovery/Caledonia to Bay Street, so that Bay Street would become the northern boundary of Downtown and the southern boundary of Burnside-Gorge, requesting comment from those associations by April 30, 2021.
5. That Council direct staff to engage the South Jubilee Neighbourhood Association and the North Jubilee Neighbourhood Association regarding the potential recognition of a unified Jubilee neighbourhood and their thoughts on how one CALUC could potentially be formed to service the one new unified neighbourhood, requesting comment from those associations by April 30, 2021.
6. That Council direct staff to engage the Downtown Residents Association and the Downtown Victoria Business Association regarding the potential recognition of Downtown and Harris Green as a unified Downtown neighbourhood, requesting comment from that association by April 30, 2021.
7. That Council direct staff to engage the Victoria Community Association Network regarding these proposed adjustments to neighbourhood boundaries, requesting comment from VCAN and any neighbourhood association that wishes to provide comment by April 30, 2021.
8. That Council direct staff to engage with North Park Neighbourhood Association and the Fernwood Community Association regarding the potential adjustment that would make Chambers Street the eastern boundary of North Park and the western boundary of Fernwood between Bay and Pandora.
9. That proposed neighbourhood boundary changes, that coincide with current local area planning (i.e. Village and Corridor Planning: Fernwood, North Park, Hillside-Quadra), be included in the local area planning engagement, taking into consideration the end date of engagement as suggested in the neighbourhood boundaries report.

That Council direct staff to engage the Fairfield-Gonzales Community Association, the Gonzales Neighbourhood Association and the Rockland Neighbourhood Association on options for CALUC representation in the Fairfield, Gonzales and Rockland neighbourhoods, including the possibility of:

- a. recognition of the Gonzales Neighbourhood Association as the CALUC for the Gonzales neighbourhood; or
- b. recognition of a unified Gonzales-Rockland Neighbourhood Association as the CALUC for a unified Gonzales-Rockland neighbourhood; or
- c. the status quo.

requesting comment from those associations by April 30, 2021.

That Council direct staff to engage with the Fernwood Community Association, the Downtown Residents Association, and the Downtown Victoria Business Association regarding the potential of the east side of Cook Street from Fort Street to Pandora Avenue as part of the downtown neighbourhood requesting comment from those associations by April 30, 2021.

And that Council request staff to work with neighbourhood associations and report back on options for supporting them in outreaching and serving parts of their neighbourhood that are currently under-represented by their current function and services.

That Council direct staff to send the proposed adjustments to Destination Victoria for any comments with respect to downtown boundaries.

I.2 Council Member Motion: Electronic Participation at Council and Committee of the Whole Meetings

That Council direct staff to report back on the implications and ability to amend the Council Procedures Bylaw to require remote participation to occur so that Council members are visible to the Chair and the City Clerk in order to be recorded as present in a meeting, and visible to Council and the public via the webcast when called on to vote or comment, provided that the City's meeting management programs are operational to enable the video connection, for the duration of the Ministerial Order M192 and that Council, through the mayor, affirm each Council members' choice to participate remotely or in council chambers.