

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE REPORT
FROM THE MEETING HELD FEBRUARY 18, 2021

For the Council meeting of February 25, 2021, the Committee recommends the following:

H.3 Appointment to the CRD Water Supply Commission

That Council appoint Councillor Dubow as Director to the Capital Regional District Water Supply Commission.

F.1 Police Budget

F.1.a Report Back from Board on Council's January 28, 2021 Motion:

That the report be received for information.

F.1.b Postponed motion re: Additional Funding for Police Support for Encampments:

That Council approve up to an additional \$75,960 of funding from the Financial Stability Reserve to continue to deploy two VicPD officers for four hours per day/seven days a week from January 1 to March 31, 2021 to support City of Victoria Bylaw Services in carrying out their duties at the various encampments within the City of Victoria.

F.1.c VicPd Amended Provisional Budget

That Council receive this information.

That Council fund this request one-time at a 50/50 split between option 1 and 6 of the staff report:

1. Ongoing funding through a property tax increase of 0.065% resulting in an overall tax increase of 1.82% for 2021; and
6. One-time funding for \$107,500 using the Police Financial Stability Reserve (this would require approval by the Board as well as Esquimalt Council)

That Council requests the following information prior to adoption of the 2021 Financial Plan:

- any agreements regarding membership in E-Comm;
- annual reports of E-Comm for 2018 and 2019; and
- information on the process for the City of Victoria and/or the Victoria Esquimalt Police Board becoming a member of E-Comm.
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F.2 Strategic Plan #3 Affordable Housing

F.2.1 Postponed Motion from the February 11, 2021 Council (to follow COTW) Meeting

Motion to Refer:

Refer this matter to staff to determine the implications of undertaking this work in 2021.

"Council add the following ~~2022~~ 2021 action to the Strategic Plan:

Work with partner agencies and parameters outlined in the existing City of Victoria Emergency Plan (2018) to establish an effective emergency shelter function for unhoused persons, including activating municipally-owned property, to provide emergency shelter and other emergency social services to meet community needs in the event of emergencies."

F.2.2 Council Member Motion: Emergency Housing Function and Related Matters

That Council indicate to the Province its support for the inclusion in the modernized Emergency Program Act to take into consideration the needs of vulnerable populations in the event of an emergency.

F.2.3 Council Member Motion: Deployment of Effective Emergency Shelter and Emergency Social Services

Motion to Refer:

That this matter be referred to staff to information implementation and improvements to the City's Emergency Plan:

"That Council adopt the following resolution:

Resolution: Deployment of Effective Emergency Shelter and Emergency Social Services

WHEREAS under the Emergency Program Act "emergency" means a present or imminent event or circumstance that: (a) is caused by accident, fire, explosion, technical failure or the forces of nature, and (b) requires prompt coordination of action or special regulation of persons or property to protect the health, safety or welfare of a person or to limit damage to property;

AND WHEREAS the Emergency Program Act specifies in section 6(1) that a local authority is at all times responsible for the direction and control of the local authority's emergency response, subject to sections 6(1), 8(2), 13(2) and 14(3);

AND WHEREAS the City of Victoria's Emergency Plan (2018) states that British Columbians forced from their homes by fire, floods, earthquakes or other emergencies may receive emergency social services. Services may include food, lodging, clothing, emotional support, information about the crisis, and family reunification. There may also be special services like first aid, child minding, pet care and transportation;

AND WHEREAS the City of Victoria's Emergency Plan (2018) states that provisions for Emergency Social Services in Victoria are secured through renewing supplier agreements with business partners every two years;

AND WHEREAS the City of Victoria's Emergency Plan (2018) states that the City of Victoria has agreements in place with neighbourhood associations authorizing the City to use the neighbourhood centres as Emergency Social Service facilities (reception centres or group lodging) when necessary. These agreements exist between the City and the Societies who administer the following Community Centres:

James Bay New Horizons, James Bay Community Centre, Fairfield Community Centre, Cook Street Village Activity Centre, Victoria Silver Threads, Fernwood Community Centre, Oaklands Community Centre, Quadra Village Community Centre, Burnside Gorge Community Centre and Victoria West Community Centre. Informal agreements exist with Christ Church Cathedral and school, The Cridge Centre for the Family, Crystal Pool, James Bay United Church, Latter Day Saints Church, Trafalgar/Pro Patria Legion and The Tai Chi Centre;

AND WHEREAS under the Local Authority Emergency Management Regulation, Local Authorities are required to have a plan which describes how provisions of food, shelter, clothing, transportation, and medical services are provided;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City of Victoria work with partner agencies and parameters outlined in the existing City of Victoria Emergency Plan (2018) to establish an effective emergency shelter function for unhoused persons, including activating municipally-owned property, to provide emergency shelter and other emergency social services to meet community needs in the event of emergencies."

G.1 1260 Grant Street and 1289 Gladstone Ave: Development Variance Permit Application

That, subject to a formal response from the School District consenting to the request for Statutory Right-of-Ways on Fernwood Road, Grant Street and Gladstone Avenue, that Council, after giving notice and allowing an Opportunity for Public Comment at a meeting of Council, consider the following motion:

"That Council authorize the issuance of Development Variance Permit Application No. 00249 for 1260 Grant Street and 1289 Gladstone Avenue, in accordance with:

- a. Plans date stamped December 24, 2020.
- b. Development meeting all Zoning Regulation Bylaw requirements, except for the following variances:
 - i. relaxation to all of the impacted lots for setbacks, site coverage, height, number of storeys and open site space requirements;
 - ii. relaxation to permit building over property lines and a street;
 - iii. relaxation to permit parking spaces on separate lots;
 - iv. relaxation of required parking from 283 spaces to 149;
 - v. allow a roof deck.
- c. Registration of Statutory Right of Ways on the property's title, on terms and in a form to the satisfaction of the Director of Engineering and Public Works and City Solicitor, to allow pedestrian network improvements in the following areas:
 - i. a 6.1m section along the property frontage on Gladstone Avenue
 - ii. a 3.9m section along the property frontage on Grant Street
 - iii. a 2.9m section on the property frontage on Fernwood Road, north of Vining Street, reducing to 0.9m in the section between the existing transit stop and the Belfry Theatre
 - iv. a 0.5m section along the property frontage on Fernwood Road, south of Vining Street.
- d. Submission of a revised Arborist Report and landscape plans, to the satisfaction of the Director of Parks, Recreation and Facilities, in order to assess the impact of the proposals upon trees and specifically including the following information:

- i. the applicant must confirm the proposed relocation area of the Pad Mounted Transformer (PMT) and have the project arborist review its impact on trees. The PMT shall be located on school land and the information provided should include the location of any new conduits required, including in the City's Right-of-Way;
 - ii. the landscape plan shall identify two replacement trees for the proposed removal of each bylaw protected tree. Large canopy replacement trees are preferred;
 - iii. include a plant list showing the quantity of new trees proposed, species and size. Clearly identify proposed new trees on the Landscape Plan.
- e. Revised plans illustrating proposed pedestrian improvements and driveway crossing designs that are consistent with the Highway Access Bylaw and Subdivision and Development Servicing Bylaw, to the satisfaction of the Director of Engineering and Public Works.
- f. The Development Permit lapsing two years from the date of this resolution."
 - a. Council recommends that the license be approved."

H.1 Accountability Report - Period Three 2020

That Council receive this report for information.

H.2 2020 By-Election - Lessons Learned

That Council endorse the following as minimum requirements for conducting a by-election:

1. One month of planning before appointing a Chief Election Officer
2. Hire one additional senior staff and one additional administrative staff
3. Establish at least 8 general voting day locations that are geographically distributed throughout the city
4. At least two advance voting locations
5. At least five advance voting days
6. Each voting location to have two voting machines
7. One accessible voting machine to be available during advance and general voting in a central location
8. Provide return postage-paid envelopes for requested vote by mail packages
9. Distribute election information materials to households using a voter card system and other standard engagement activities.
10. That Council restate its advocacy from 2014 that the nomination period occur earlier to allow for mail in ballots or that the province make an allowance for provisional ballots. (letter from the Mayor)

H.4 Temporary Re-location of Council Meetings

That Council authorize the holding of Council and Committee of the Whole Meetings between March 1, 2021 and June 15, 2021 at the Capital Regional District Board Room.

J.1 Council Member Motion: Stewardship of Urban Waterways

That Council directs staff to report back in conjunction with the Stormwater Management Plan update with some preliminary information options for enhanced stewardship, restoration and/or daylighting of the following urban waterways:

1. Rock Bay Creek, running from Fernwood to Rock Bay;
2. Cecelia Creek, running from the vicinity of Mayfair Mall to the Selkirk Water; and
3. Ross Bay Creek / Humboldt Creek, connecting the Inner Harbour (Whosaykum) to Ross Bay via the Cook Street Village area.

Including consideration of opportunities for:

1. Signage and/or daylighting in the vicinity of Alexander Park, Blackwood Park and/or Wark Street Park;
2. Signage and ecological restoration of exposed segments of Cecelia Creek; and
3. Signage and/or daylighting in the vicinity of the St Ann's Academy Grounds and the Olive Street lot.

J.2 Council Member Motion: Advocacy for a Provincial Economy Strategy

That Council endorse the following resolution and submit this resolution for consideration at the Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities and the Union of BC Municipalities:

Whereas the provisioning and management of goods and food consumed by BC communities produces excessive and unnecessary quantities of waste, pollution and carbon emissions that threatens environmental health;

And whereas the concept of a Circular Economy provides a vision and framework to design out waste and pollution, keep products and materials in use and regenerate natural systems to help BC communities move towards Zero Waste;

And whereas the province has yet to develop a comprehensive strategy to transition BC's economy to a circular one;

Therefore, be it resolved that UBCM request that the province of BC develop a provincial Circular Economy strategy.

J.3 Council Member Motion: Advocacy for Right to Repair Legislation

That Council endorse the following resolution and submit this resolution for consideration at the Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities and the Union of BC Municipalities:

Whereas the longevity of items is decreasing because manufacturers are deliberately designing products to be disposable;

And whereas citizens and businesses are deterred from repairing their belongings by companies that claim ownership over the intellectual property in their products, fail to provide parts or other aspects that make it hard to repair items;

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM ask the Province of BC to draft and enact Right to Repair legislation.