

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE REPORT
FROM THE MEETING HELD FEBRUARY 25, 2021

For the Council meeting of March 4, 2021, the Committee recommends the following:

D.1 Neighbourhood Boundaries

1. That Council direct staff to report back on these motions by the end of September at least.
2. That Council direct staff to engage with the North Park Neighbourhood Association, 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.

D.2 Interim Design Options for Parking and Pedestrian Space in Clover Point Park

That Council direct staff to proceed with option 2 for Clover Point Park:

1. Complete modifications to increase the pedestrian priority space in Clover Point Park, as illustrated in Attachment B, with an allocation of up to \$275,000 in the 2021 Financial Plan, to be funded from the Buildings and Infrastructure Reserve.
2. That the painting budget be restricted to delineating pedestrian trails and bike trails versus passive space.
3. That a location be found downtown for the “follow the pod” public art feature.
4. That staff be in consultation with immigrants and immigrant associations, ethno-cultural groups and the seniors’ advisory committee, youth council and City of Victoria youth council and that their views are considered.

E.1 330-336 Michigan Street: Revised Victoria Housing Reserve Fund Grant Application (James Bay)

That Council:

1. Revise the Victoria Housing Reserve Fund (VHRF) grant approved April 2, 2020 to the Capital Region Housing Corporation for the Michigan Square project located at 330-336 Michigan Street from \$1,020,000 to \$620,000 to reflect the applicant’s request to no longer seek funding for moderate income units and the total number of one bedroom very low income units being increased from 12 to 16 units;
2. Authorize \$310,000 to be payable to the applicant upon execution of the Housing Fund Grant Agreement and legal agreements securing the (VHRF-funded) affordable units and bedroom unit sizes in a form to the satisfaction of the City Solicitor, with the remaining balance of \$310,000 to be payable to the applicant once the City has issued all required occupancy permits for the project; and
3. 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.2 Neighbourhood Association Coordinator Funding

That Council:

1. Approve the criteria as outlined in this report, to be incorporated into a policy, for the neighbourhood coordinator pilot project in the identified neighbourhoods.
2. That prior to awarding of the grant, each neighbourhood submit a basic strategy for the use of the funds that is subject to staff review and approved by the City Manager.