



MINUTES - COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

February 4, 2021, 9:00 A.M.

COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL, 1 CENTENNIAL SQUARE

The City of Victoria is located on the homelands of the Songhees and Esquimalt People

PRESENT: Mayor Helps in the Chair, Councillor Alto, Councillor Andrew, Councillor Loveday, Councillor Potts, Councillor Thornton-Joe, Councillor Young

PRESENT ELECTRONICALLY: Councillor Dubow, Councillor Isitt

STAFF PRESENT: J. Jenkyns - City Manager, S. Thompson - Deputy City Manager / Director of Finance, C. Coates - City Clerk , P. Bruce - Fire Chief, T. Zworski - City Solicitor, T. Soulliere - Director of Parks, Recreation & Facilities, B. Eisenhauer - Head of Engagement, K. Hoese - Director of Sustainable Planning and Community Development, A. Meyer - Assistant Director of Development Services, A. Hudson - Assistant Director of Community Planning, C. Havelka - Deputy City Clerk, K. Moore - Head of Business and Community Relations, C. Mycroft - Manager of Executive Operations, L. Taylor - Senior Planner, M. Sandhu - Head of Service Innovation & Improvement, M. Fedyczkowska - Legislation & Policy Analyst, P. Bellefontaine - Director of Engineering & Public Works, P. Rantucci – Head of Strategic Real Estate, C. Moffatt – Assistant City Solicitor, K. Stratford – Neighbourhood Liaison, M. Hill – Community Development Coordinator, G. Pemberton - Neighbourhood Liaison, M Heiser - Council Secretary

A. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved By Councillor Thornton-Joe
Seconded By Councillor Alto

That the agenda be approved.

Amendment:

Moved By Councillor Alto
Seconded By Mayor Loveday

That the agenda of the February 4, 2021 Committee of the Whole meeting be amended as follows:

Consent Agenda:

- E.1 2564 Graham Street: Heritage Designation Application No. 000191 (Hillside/Quadra)
- E.2 1611 Stanley Avenue: Heritage Designation Application No. 000194 (Fernwood)
- F.1 Proclamation - Chamber of Commerce Week
- I.1 Council Member Motion: Amending Schedule E of the Animal Responsibility Bylaw to Include a portion of Vic West

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Amendment:

Moved By Councillor Thornton-Joe
Seconded By Mayor Alto

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- I.5 Council Member Motion: Celebrating the Lunar New Year

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Amendment:

Moved By Councillor Loveday
Seconded By Mayor Potts

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- I.1 Council Member Motion: Amending Schedule E of the Animal Responsibility Bylaw to Include a portion of Vic West
- I.4 **Council Member Motion: UBCM Resolution: Increase Disability Benefits and Income Assistance Rates**
- I.5 Council Member Motion: Celebrating the Lunar New Year

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

On the main motion as amended:

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

B. CONSENT AGENDA

Moved By Councillor Alto
Seconded By Councillor Thornton-Joe

That the following items be approved without further debate.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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

Committee received a report dated January 21, 2021 from the Director of Sustainable Planning and Community Development regarding the proposed Heritage Designation Application No. 000191 for 2564 Graham Street in order to designate the exterior of the property located at 2564 Graham Street and recommending that it move forward to a Public Hearing.

Moved By Councillor Alto
Seconded By Councillor Thornton-Joe

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.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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

Committee received a report dated January 21, 2021 from the Director of Sustainable Planning and Community Development regarding the proposed Heritage Designation Application No. 000194 for 1611 Stanley Avenue to designate the exterior of the one-and-one-half-storey, wood-frame, Edwardian Vernacular house and recommending that it move forward to a Public Hearing.

Moved By Councillor Alto
Seconded By Councillor Thornton-Joe

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.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

F.1 Proclamation - Chamber of Commerce Week

Committee received a report dated January 27, 2021 from the City Clerk regarding the proclamation for Chamber of Commerce Week, February 15 to 22, 2021.

Moved By Councillor Alto
Seconded By Councillor Thornton-Joe

That the Chamber of Commerce Week Proclamation be forwarded to the February 11, 2021 Council meeting for Council's consideration.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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

Committee received a Council Member Motion dated January 11, 2021 from Councillor Loveday regarding the proposed amendment to the Animal Responsibility Bylaw in order to increase the area that a person must not intentionally feed rock doves, crows, or gulls to include the triangle of Vic West from Bay Street to Esquimalt Road.

Moved By Councillor Alto
Seconded By Councillor Thornton-Joe

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.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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

Committee received a Council Member Motion dated January 29, 2021 from Councillor Potts and Councillor Loveday regarding the proposed UBCM Resolution regarding Disability Benefits and Income Assistance Rates.

Moved By Councillor Alto
Seconded By Councillor Thornton-Joe

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).

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

I.5 Council Member Motion: Celebrating the Lunar New Year

Committee received a Council Member Motion dated January 30, 2021 from Councillor Thornton-Joe regarding the Lunar New Year and the Year of the Ox.

Moved By Councillor Alto
Seconded By Councillor Thornton-Joe

That Mayor and Council encourage citizens in the City of Victoria and throughout the Region, to help celebrate the Lunar New Year and the Year of the Ox by decorating their doorways and windows with Lunar New Year decorations and red decorations from now until the end of February and that on Friday, February 12th, 2021 that we wear red to bring good luck and good health to all our communities.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Councillor Isitt expressed a Point of Personal Privilege with regards to personal conduct and meeting participation during the pandemic.

D. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

D.1 Strategic Plan #3 Affordable Housing

Committee deliberated the motion regarding the Strategic Plan #3 Affordable Housing item postponed from the January 25, 2021 Special Committee of the Whole meeting.

Moved By Councillor Dubow
Seconded By Councillor Young

That Council approve the amendments as outlined in the report dated January 19, 2021 for Strategic Plan #3 Affordable Housing and that the following be pulled for further consideration:
Municipal Housing Corporation Remove from Plan.

Committee discussed the following:

- *Buying land for the purpose of affordable housing*
- *The City's role in providing housing*
- *Lessons learned from the pandemic*

FOR (6): Mayor Helps, Councillor Alto, Councillor Andrew, Councillor Loveday, Councillor Thornton-Joe, Councillor Young
OPPOSED (3): Councillor Dubow, Councillor Isitt, Councillor Potts

CARRIED (6 to 3)

Moved By Councillor Isitt
Seconded By Councillor Dubow

Council add the following 2022 action to the Strategic Plan:
Work with partner agencies to create an emergency housing function.

Committee discussed the following:

- *Housing and homelessness concerns*
- *Specifics of the ESS program*

Amendment:

Moved By Mayor Helps
Seconded By Councillor Alto

Council add the following 2022 action to the Strategic Plan:
Work with partner agencies to **explore the creation create** an emergency housing function.

Committee discussed the following:

- *Supporting the most vulnerable population*
- *Services provided by other levels of relief organizations*

Motion to refer:

Moved By Councillor Isitt

Seconded By Councillor Dubow

That this matter be referred to staff, to report back on the implications and advisability of working with partner agencies to create an emergency housing function.

Committee discussed the following:

- *Staff resources and capacity*
- *The hiring of a homeless advocate*

Amendment:

Moved By Mayor Helps

Seconded By Councillor Isitt

That this matter be referred to staff, to report back on the implications and advisability of working with partner agencies to create an emergency housing function **and report back on what 2021 items would need to be removed from the strategic plan in order to accomplish this work.**

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

On the motion to refer as amended:

That this matter be referred to staff, to report back on the implications and advisability of working with partner agencies to create an emergency housing function and report back on what 2021 items would need to be removed from the strategic plan in order to accomplish this work.

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

OPPOSED (6): Mayor Helps, Councillor Alto, Councillor Andrew, Councillor Loveday, Councillor Thornton-Joe

DEFEATED (3 to 6)

On the amendment:

Council add the following 2022 action to the Strategic Plan:

Work with partner agencies to **explore the creation** ~~create~~ an emergency housing function.

FOR (6): Mayor Helps, Councillor Alto, Councillor Andrew, Councillor Potts, Councillor Thornton-Joe, Councillor Young

OPPOSED (3): Councillor Dubow, Councillor Isitt, Councillor Loveday

CARRIED (6 to 3)

On main motion as amended:

Council add the following 2022 action to the Strategic Plan:
Work with partner agencies to explore the creation of an emergency housing function.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

D.2 496 and 498 Cecelia Road and 3130 Jutland Road: Rezoning Application No. 00655 and OCP Amendment and Development Permit Application No. 000532 (Burnside)

Moved By Mayor Helps
Seconded By Councillor Potts

vi. construction of a new traffic signal at the corner of Cecelia and Jutland Road in accordance with the conceptual plan dated December 11, 2020 to the satisfaction of the Director of Engineering and Public Works.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Councillor Isitt requested that the item E.1 2564 Graham Street: Heritage Designation Application No. 000191 (Hillside/Quadra) be removed from the consent agenda.

Mayor Helps recalled the vote on the consent agenda.

B. CONSENT AGENDA

Moved By Councillor Alto
Seconded By Councillor Thornton-Joe

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CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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Moved By Councillor Alto
Seconded By Councillor Thornton-Joe

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CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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Moved By Councillor Alto
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Moved By Councillor Alto
Seconded By Councillor Thornton-Joe

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CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

E. LAND USE MATTERS

Councillor Isitt withdrew from the meeting at 10:15 a.m. due to a potential pecuniary conflict of interest with the following item as he lives 120 metres from the subject property.

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Moved By Councillor Andrew

Seconded By Councillor Thornton-Joe

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CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Committee recessed at 10:16 a.m. and reconvened at 10:24 a.m.

Councillor Isitt returned to the meeting at 10:24 a.m.

G. Council Led Workshop - Neighbourhood Boundaries

Committee participated in a Council led workshop to consider neighbourhood boundaries.

Committee discussed the following:

- *Current boundaries of neighbourhoods in the City*
- *Distribution of residential buildings in the downtown area*
- *Location of community centres and shopping centres*
- *Population being a factor to consider*
- *The collaboration with the current CALUCs for input*
- *Promoting outreach within the communities*

Moved By Councillor Isitt

Seconded By Mayor Helps

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 and the Downtown Residents 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 and the Downtown Residents 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, requesting comment from those associations by April 30, 2021.

6. That Council direct staff to engage the Downtown Residents 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.

They Mayor stated that each numbered item in the motion will be debated separately.

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.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. That Council direct staff to engage the Fairfield-Gonzales and the Downtown Residents 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.

Amendment:

Moved By Councillor Thornton-Joe

Seconded By Councillor Isitt

3. That Council direct staff to engage the Fairfield-Gonzales Community Association **and**, 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.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

On the main motion as amended:

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.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. That Council direct staff to engage the Burnside-Gorge Community Association and the Downtown Residents 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.

Amendment:

Moved By Councillor Thornton-Joe

Seconded By Councillor Isitt

4. That Council direct staff to engage the Burnside-Gorge Community Association **and**, 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.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

On the main motion as amended:

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.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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, requesting comment from those associations by April 30, 2021.

Amendment:

Moved By Mayor Helps

Seconded By Councillor Thornton-Joe

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.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

On the main motion as amended:

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.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6. That Council direct staff to engage the Downtown Residents Association regarding the potential recognition of Downtown and Harris Green as a unified Downtown neighbourhood, requesting comment from that association by April 30, 2021.

Amendment:

Moved By Councillor Thornton-Joe

Seconded By Councillor Isitt

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.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

On the main motion as amended:

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.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Moved By Councillor Potts
Seconded By Councillor Loveday

1. 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.
2. 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.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Moved By Mayor Helps
Seconded By Councillor Alto

1. That Council direct staff to engage with the Rockland Neighbourhood Association, The Fairfield Gonzales Community Association, and the Gonzales Neighbourhood Association about the potential to create a Rockland Gonzales neighbourhood and to put the question of the CALUCs to all three neighbourhood associations for their consideration.

Amendment:

Moved By Councillor Isitt
Seconded By Councillor Loveday

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.

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~~create a Rockland Gonzales neighbourhood and to put the question of the CALUCs to all three neighbourhood associations for their consideration.~~

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

On the main motion as amended:

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.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Moved By Councillor Thornton-Joe
Seconded By Councillor Dubow

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Amendment:

Moved By Councillor Potts
Seconded By Councillor Andrew

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 **or CALUC** that wishes to provide comment by April 30, 2021.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

On the main motion as amended:

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 or CALUC that wishes to provide comment by April 30, 2021.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Motion arising:

Moved By Councillor Loveday

Seconded By Councillor Dubow

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

Amendment:

Moved By Mayor Helps

Seconded By Councillor Loveday

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

On the main motion as amended:

And that Council request staff to work with neighbourhood association as 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.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Moved By Councillor Thornton-Joe

Seconded By Councillor Alto

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Moved By Councillor Alto

Seconded By Councillor Thornton-Joe

That Council share the approved motions with the Songhees and Esquimalt Nations inviting their comment.

Motion to postpone:

Moved By Councillor Alto

Seconded By Councillor Thornton-Joe

That Council postpone consideration of this item.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Committee recessed at 11:50 a.m. and reconvened at 11:56 a.m. Councillor Andrew was not present when the meeting reconvened.

I. NEW BUSINESS

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

Committee received a Council Member Motion dated January 28, 2021 from Councillor Andrew, Councillor Alto, and Councillor Thornton-Joe regarding the proposed report back on amendments to the Council Procedures Bylaw as it relates to remote participation for Council members.

Moved By Councillor Thornton-Joe
Seconded By Councillor Alto

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 one another, and may always watch each other and hear each other in order to be recorded as present in a meeting, and when called on to vote or comment, provided that the City's meeting management programs are operational to enable the video connection.

Councillor Andrew returned to the meeting at 11:58 a.m.

Committee discussed the following:

- *Practical advice that may be received from staff*
- *Occasional technical difficulties*
- *Participation and engagement in meetings*

Amendment:

Moved By Councillor Isitt
Seconded By Councillor Loveday

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 one another, and may always watch each other and hear each other in order to be recorded as present in a meeting, and when called on to vote or comment, provided that the City's meeting management programs are operational to enable the video connection.

And that staff report on the implications and advisability of adopting the following specific potential amendments to the Council Procedures Bylaw relating to remote participation by Council Members during the Covid-19 pandemic:

(a) Council members will establish a video link when speaking or participating in a roll call vote during a council or committee meeting; and

(b) Council members will notify Legislative Services staff when they leave a virtual meeting room during a meeting, to ensure proper record-keeping of remote participation.

Mayor Helps ruled that the amendment was out of order.

Committee discussed the following:

- *Distraction during Council meetings*
- *Proposed implications of the proposed direction*
- *Length of meetings and time in front of camera*
- *Provincial Health Officer's guidelines and suggestions*

Amendment:

Moved By Mayor Helps

Seconded By Councillor Loveday

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 to one another, and may always watch each other and hear each other** in order to be recorded as present in a meeting, and when called on to vote or comment, provided that the City's meeting management programs are operational to enable the video connection.

Committee recessed at 12:34 p.m. and reconvened at 1:21 p.m.

Committee discussed the following:

- *Visibility of participants to the chair*
- *Accurate recording of presence during meetings*

Amendment to Amendment:

Moved By Councillor Potts

Seconded By Councillor Dubow

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 to one another, and may always watch each other and hear each other** in order to be recorded as present in a meeting, and 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 - that Council through the mayor, affirm each Council members' choice to participate remotely or in council chambers.**

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

On the amendment:

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 to one another, and may always watch each other and hear each other** in order to be recorded as present in a meeting, and 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 - that Council through the mayor, affirm each Council members' choice to participate remotely or in council chambers.**

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Amendment:

Moved By Mayor Helps

Seconded By Councillor Dubow

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 - that Council through the mayor, affirm each Council members' choice to participate remotely or in council chambers.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

On the main motion as amended:

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.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

J. ADJOURNMENT OF COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Moved By Councillor Alto

Seconded By Councillor Thornton-Joe

That the Committee of the Whole Meeting be adjourned at 1:47 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CITY CLERK

MAYOR

DRAFT