

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE REPORT
FROM THE MEETING HELD May 6, 2021

For the Council meeting of May 6, 2021, the Committee recommends the following:

E.1.b.a Development Approvals Process Review Funding Application - Council Resolution of Support

1. That the Council of the City of Victoria supports the submission of a funding application to the Local Government Development Approvals Process Review (DAPR) Program to review the City's regulatory framework as it relates to vehicle parking to explore and bring forward for Council's consideration opportunities to:
 - a. amend current parking standards, including the reduction or elimination of parking minimums and the introduction of parking maximums;
 - b. include creative options to advance provision of transportation demand management and green infrastructure; and
 - c. streamline the application review and approval process.
2. That the City of Victoria is committed to providing overall grant management, if awarded a grant.
3. Furthermore, the City of Victoria is a member of the BC Urban Mayors' Caucus (BCUMC), and each BCUMC member is applying for a separate DAPR grant to improve a different element of the development approvals process. The BCUMC will organize a workshop or workshops for mayors and planning staff from all BCUMC members to ensure learnings are shared and best practices can be considered by all BCUMC members.

E.1.b.b Permissive Tax Exemption Policy – Ethno-Cultural Groups Community Centres

That Council directs staff to amend the permissive tax exemption policy to provide for eligibility for 100% exemption for ethno-cultural community centres in the City of Victoria, to take effect in the current intake period ending October 31, 2021.

However, where parking lots are 50% or more of the area, the exemption for the parking lot portion will be reduced by 20% over a five year period.