

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

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

F.1 Victoria Housing Reserve Guidelines Update

That Council direct staff to:

1. Update the Victoria Housing Reserve Fund Guidelines based on the following changes:
 - a. Remove reference to funding assistance for affordable home ownership projects.
 - b. Amend the Funding Assistance section to:
 - i. decrease the eligible funding allocation for different levels of affordability per home;
 - ii. add a total funding cap for grant contributions to not exceed \$500,000 per project; and
 - iii. include fund eligibility to homes rented at Deep Subsidy, Rent Geared to Income (RGI) and Housing Income Limits (HILs) rates.
2. Revise the application process timeline so that grant applications that receive preliminary approval by Committee of the Whole are held for final approval by Council until development approvals are in place.
3. Update the Victoria Housing Strategy Phase Two document, page 47, to include with respect to Housing Affordability Targets:
 - a. Notwithstanding the income targets provided above, to support the expeditious development of affordable housing, proposals which are owned and operated by senior government agencies and non-profit housing providers, where homes are rented at Deep Subsidy, Rent Geared to Income or Housing Income Limit Rates are considered to meet the City's definition of "affordable housing".
4. That the program be modified to take into account the net-new units for housing rather than the gross number of units in the project and that the staff report back with options for program modification.
5. That the property tax status of the proposed units be reported to Council when approval is sought.

D.1 Destination Victoria re: MRDT Renewal

That Council:

1. Approve the five-year renewal for the MRDT
2. Approve the new incremental MRDT from Airbnb OAP for affordable housing initiatives.
3. Approve that Destination Greater Victoria continue to operate as the Official Destination Organization for the City of Victoria and eligible entity for MRDT from 2022-2026 based on the foundation of the five-year plan presented.

G.1 Festival Investment Grant 2021 Allocations

That Council approve the Festival Investment Grant allocations as recommended in Appendix A for total cash grants of \$268,550 and in-kind City services grants of up to \$100,550.

That Council direct staff to engage the unsuccessful applicants to provide information on how the applications may be successful in future years.

G.2 Cultural Infrastructure Grant Program

That Council:

1. Approve the new Cultural Infrastructure Grant Program and accompanying guidelines;
2. Approve reallocation of \$25,000 from previously approved funding for Create Victoria - Cultural Spaces Roadmap to the Cultural Infrastructure Grant Program for 2021;
3. Authorize the City Manager to approve the grants following the staff review process;
4. Direct staff to report back in T3 2021 on grant allocations and evaluation of the grant program and options for funding this program on an on-going basis.
5. That staff will provide an accessibility check list that all applicants must fill out.

G.3 Arts and Culture Grant Policy Report

That Council receive this report for information.

G.4 AAA Cycling Network: Oaklands, Fernwood, Fort Central and Fort East

That Council:

1. Approve Fort Street East as the priority AAA cycling corridor for the Jubilee neighbourhoods, direct staff to complete detailed design, and incorporate construction costs into the 2022 Financial Plan
2. Approve the design for Fort Street Central, direct staff to complete detailed design, and incorporate construction costs into the 2022 Financial Plan; and
3. Approve the designs for the Oaklands and Fernwood Connector projects and construct using existing funds in coordination with other planned capital initiatives in 2021.

G.5 Electronic Participation Practices Report Back

That Council approve a Policy for the best practices for electronic participation practices for the duration of the Ministerial Order M192:

1. That council members participating remotely be made visible by activating the camera to other council members and the public when called on to vote or comment.
2. That all remote participants advise the Mayor and City Clerk upon arrival and departure during the course of the meeting to enable accurate record keeping and voting results.

G.6 Development Cost Charge Bylaw Update

That Council direct staff to bring forward an amendment Bylaw to establish a Consumer Price Index-based 1.1 percent increase to Development Cost Charges.

I.1 Council Member Motion: Continued Pedestrianization and Animation of Broad Street

1. That Council direct staff to continue the pedestrianization of the 1100 block of Broad Street until the end of 2021 as part of the continuation of the Build Back Victoria program.
2. That Council direct staff to include the ongoing pedestrianization of Broad Street as a 2022 action item in the appropriate workplans, ensuring access to accessible parking, adequate loading zones, and continued time-limited access for deliveries to service local businesses.
3. That Council direct staff to include investments in animation and infrastructure of the 1100 block of Broad Street in future capital planning and budget discussions.