

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE REPORT
FROM THE MEETING HELD MAY 20, 2021

For the Council meeting of May 27, 2021, the Committee recommends the following:

G.1 1150 Douglas Street: Local Government Recommendation for Cannabis Application (Downtown)

1. That Council direct staff to advise the Liquor and Cannabis Regulation Branch (LCRB):

The Council of the City of Victoria supports the application of Seed and Stone at 1150 Douglas Street to receive a provincial cannabis retail store license with the following comments:

- a. The Council recommends that the Liquor and Cannabis Regulation Branch issue a license to Seed and Stone at 1150 Douglas Street.
- b. Bylaw and Licensing Services and Sustainable Planning and Community Development did not raise any concerns about this referral in terms of community impacts.

The Victoria Police Department notes that a mall is a popular place for young people for both employment and socialization.

- c. Residents' views were solicited through a mail-out to property owners and occupiers within 100 meters of this address and to the relevant neighbourhood association. The City sent 1146 notices and received 4 responses, including correspondence from the Downtown Residents Association received after the end of the opportunity for public comment.

2. That Council direct staff to advise the LCRB of Council's recommendation subject to the applicant's compliance with applicable City bylaws and permits.

E.1 Victoria 3.0 Recovery Reinvention Resilience Progress Report

That Council:

1. Approve \$117,000 from the 2021 Financial Plan contingency budget to support the initial planning for the Arts & Innovation District.
2. Request that staff brainstorm specific actions to ensure that economic development proceeds in an inclusive and equitable manner.

G.2 Options to Support Rapid Deployment of Affordable Housing through Regulatory and Process Changes

1. That Council direct staff to:

- a) undertake focused consultation with non-profit affordable housing providers, the Urban Development Institute and CALUCs in relation to the proposal to amend the Zoning Bylaws and Land Use Procedures Bylaw, as identified in this report;

- b) in a subsequent report, provide Council with details of the feedback received and how the feedback has affected the amendments to the Zoning Bylaws and Land Use Procedures Bylaw.
- c) in a subsequent report, provide Council with information on options for further expediting non-market housing applications in a way that does not require complete delegation of Council's authority.

And concurrently:

- 2. That Council direct staff to prepare amendments to the Land Use Procedures Bylaw, consistent with the "tier one option" in this report, to delegate the authority to the Director of Sustainable Planning and Community Development to issue all Development Permits, with or without variances, offering affordable non-market housing secured by legal agreement.
- 3. That Council direct staff to prepare amendments to the Zoning Regulation Bylaw and Zoning Bylaw 2018, consistent with the "tier two option" in this report, to allow the maximum density contemplated in the Official Community Plan to be the maximum density permitted for a specific site, where an affordable non-market housing development is proposed and affordable dwelling units are secured with a legal agreement to the satisfaction of Director of Sustainable Planning and Community Development and the City Solicitor.
- 4. Staff report back to Council after a 2 year period to evaluate the effectiveness of this new policy.

G.3 The City of Victoria Electric Vehicle Strategy

That Council:

- 1. Receive the draft City of Victoria Electric Vehicle Strategy to support implementation of the Climate Leadership Plan for information (Appendix B).
- 2. Receive the draft Electric Vehicle Strategy Technical Report for information (Appendix C).
- 3. Direct staff to bring forward a 5 year capital plan including a budget request for 2022 as part of the 2022 Financial Planning process that is aligned with this strategy to support delivery of targets identified in the Climate Leadership Plan and Go Victoria.
- 4. Direct staff to bring back the final version of the City of Victoria Electric Vehicle Strategy for approval in Q4 2021.
- 5. That staff report back on the feasibility of adding bike charging and mobility charging stations to this project and report back at the next update on this project.

I.1 Council Member Motion - Addressing Parking Pressures in Victoria West

That Council:

- 1. Direct staff to work with the Island Corridor Foundation and other entities to explore options for addressing parking pressures in Victoria West.

I.2 Council Member Motion - Support for Housing Outreach Pilot Project

That Council:

1. Authorizes a one-time grant of \$60,000 to the Quadra Village Community Centre and partner agencies for the Housing Outreach Pilot Project, funded from the 2021 contingency.
2. Directs staff to finalize the terms of this allocation to the satisfaction of the City's Chief Financial Officer and Director of Sustainable Planning and Community Development, including ensuring access to this service for newcomers, Indigenous, Black, Asian and other persons of colour.
3. Requests that the Quadra Village Community Centre work with partner Community Associations to provide a final report to Council following completion of the pilot project, including information about the demographic of people who access the service, subject to privacy legislation.