



MINUTES - VICTORIA CITY COUNCIL

May 6, 2021, 4:05 P.M.

6TH FLOOR BOARDROOM, CAPITAL REGIONAL DISTRICT, 625 FISGARD STREET,
VICTORIA, B.C.

To be held immediately following the Committee of the Whole Meeting
The City of Victoria is located on the homelands of the Songhees and Esquimalt People

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

PRESENT ELECTRONICALLY: Councillor Alto, Councillor Dubow (joined at 4:09 p.m.), Councillor Isitt, Councillor Loveday, Councillor Potts

STAFF PRESENT: J. Jenkyns - City Manager, S. Thompson - Deputy City Manager / Director of Finance, P. Bruce - Fire Chief, T. Zworski - City Solicitor, T. Soulliere - Director of Parks, Recreation & Facilities, B. Eisenhauer - Head of Engagement, J. Jensen - Head of Human Resources, K. Hoese - Director of Sustainable Planning and Community Development, A. Meyer - Assistant Director of Development Services, C. Havelka - Deputy City Clerk, L. Van Den Dolder - Assistant City Solicitor, J. O'Connor - Deputy Director of Finance, C. Mycroft - Manager of Executive Operations, M. Heiser - Committee Secretary, P. Bellefontaine - Director of Engineering & Public Works, C. Kingsley - City Clerk, S. Stoltz - Committee Secretary

B. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved By Councillor Loveday
Seconded By Councillor Alto

That the agenda be approved.

Amendment:

Moved By Councillor Loveday
Seconded By Councillor Andrew

That the May 6 COTW Report be added to the agenda.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

On the main motion as amended:

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

C. READING OF MINUTES

C.1. Minutes from the special Council meeting held March 18, 2021

Moved By Councillor Andrew
Seconded By Councillor Young

That the minutes from the Committee of the Whole meeting held March 18, 2021 be adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

C.2. Minutes from the evening Council meeting held March 25, 2021

Moved By Councillor Andrew
Seconded By Councillor Young

That the minutes from the Committee of the Whole meeting held March 25, 2021 be adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

C.3. Minutes from the daytime Council meeting held April 1, 2021

Moved By Councillor Andrew
Seconded By Councillor Young

That the minutes from the Committee of the Whole meeting held April 1, 2021 be adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

D. PROCLAMATIONS

D.1 "Falun Dafa Day" - May 13, 2021

Moved By Councillor Loveday
Seconded By Councillor Alto

That the following proclamation be endorsed:

1. "Falun Dafa Day" - May 13, 2021

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

D.2 "Apraxia Awareness Day" - May 14, 2021

Moved By Councillor Andrew
Seconded By Councillor Loveday

That the following proclamation be endorsed:
"Apraxia Awareness Day" - May 14, 2021

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Councillor Dubow joined the meeting at 4:09 p.m.

D.3 "Day of Action Against Asian Racism" - May 10, 2021

Moved By Councillor Thornton-Joe
Seconded By Councillor Andrew

That the following proclamation be endorsed:
1. "Day of Action Against Asian Racism" - May 10, 2021

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

D.4 Baseball Shirt Day, June 11, 2021

Moved By Councillor Potts
Seconded By Councillor Andrew

That the following proclamation be endorsed:
1. Baseball Shirt Day, June 11, 2021

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

F. REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

F.1 Committee of the Whole

F.1.a Report from the April 22, 2021 COTW Meeting

F.1.a.a 2020 Financial Statements

Moved By Councillor Andrew
Seconded By Councillor Young

That Council approve the 2020 Financial Statements.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

F.1.a.b Greater Victoria Coalition to End Homelessness: Engagement to Inform the City of Victoria Policy Regarding Encampments

Moved By Councillor Dubow
Seconded By Councillor Alto

That Council receive this report for information.

Council discussed:

- *Appreciation for the hard work involved in working to aid the homeless population,*
- *How the value for City was mainly from the census; City was not involved in directing the work.*

Moved By Councillor Potts
Seconded By Councillor Isitt

Motion to allow Councillor Dubow to speak again on the motion.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

On the main motion:

FOR (8): Mayor Helps, Councillor Dubow, Councillor Thornton-Joe, Councillor Young, Councillor Loveday, Councillor Potts, Councillor Isitt, Councillor Alto

OPPOSED (1): Councillor Andrew

CARRIED (8 to 1)

**F.1.a.c 1120-1126 Hillside Avenue: Rezoning Application No. 00757
(Hillside/Quadra)**

Councillor Thornton-Joe withdrew from the meeting at 4:30 p.m. due to a non-pecuniary conflict of interest, as two of her friends own property nearby.

Moved By Councillor Andrew
Seconded By Councillor Young

That Council instruct staff to prepare the necessary Zoning Regulation Bylaw Amendment that would authorize the proposed development outlined in Rezoning Application No. 00757 for 1120-1126 Hillside Avenue, that first and second reading of the Zoning Regulation Bylaw Amendment be considered by Council and a Public Hearing date be set once the following conditions are met:

1. Preparation and execution of a legal agreement to secure a Statutory Right-of-Way of 3.57m off Hillside Avenue, to the satisfaction of the Director of Engineering.
2. Revised plans, to the satisfaction of the Director of Sustainable Planning and Community Development, confirming the specifications of the bicycle parking as per Schedule C of the Zoning Regulation Bylaw.

3. An updated landscape plan and photographs showing the current landscaping

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

F.1.b Report from the May 6, 2021 COTW Meeting

Councillor Thornton-Joe returned to the meeting at 4:32 p.m.

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

Moved By Councillor Andrew

Seconded By Councillor Alto

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.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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

Councillor Thornton-Joe withdrew from the meeting at 4:33 p.m. due to a potential conflict of interest, as she is a member of an organization that operates within the Chinatown area.

Moved By Councillor Isitt

Seconded By Councillor Loveday

That Council directs staff to amend the permissive tax exemption policy to provide for eligibility for an 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.

FOR (7): Mayor Helps, Councillor Dubow, Councillor Andrew, Councillor Loveday, Councillor Potts, Councillor Isitt, Councillor Alto
OPPOSED (1): Councillor Young

CARRIED (7 to 1)

H. CORRESPONDENCE

Councillor Thornton-Joe returned to the meeting at 4:36 p.m.

H.1 Letter from the City of Campbell River

Council received a letter dated April 28, 2021 from the Deputy City Clerk, City of Campbell River, regarding support for laid-off hotel and tourism industry workers.

Moved By Councillor Andrew
Seconded By Andrew, Thornton-Joe

That the correspondence from the City of Campbell River be received for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

H.2 Letter from the City of Penticton

Council received a letter dated April 13, 2021 from the City of Penticton regarding the B.C. Government's Use of Provincial Paramourty to Undermine Local Government Bylaws.

Moved By Councillor Andrew
Seconded By Councillor Thornton-Joe

That the correspondence from the City of Penticton be received for information.

Council discussed:

- *Discussed how provincial authority is important*
- *Logistics regarding timely decisions about zoning*

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

I. CLOSED MEETING

Moved By Councillor Andrew
Seconded By Councillor Young

MOTION TO CLOSE THE MAY 6, 2021 COUNCIL MEETING TO THE PUBLIC

That Council convene a closed meeting that excludes the public under Section 90 of the *Community Charter* for the reason that the following agenda items deal with matters specified in Sections 90(1) and/or (2) of the *Community Charter*, namely:

Section 90(1) A part of a council meeting may be closed to the public if the subject matter being considered relates to or is one or more of the following:

- *Section 90(1)(e) the acquisition, disposition or expropriation of land or improvements, if the council considers that disclosure could reasonably be expected to harm the interests of the municipality;*
- *Section 90(1)(g) litigation or potential litigation affecting the municipality;*
- *Section 90(1)(i) the receipt of advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose.*

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

J. APPROVAL OF CLOSED AGENDA

Moved By Councillor Andrew
Seconded By Councillor Young

That the closed agenda be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

M. NEW BUSINESS

M.1 Land - Community Charter Section 90(1)(e)

Council discussed a land use matter.

The motion was recorded and kept confidential.

M.2 Legal Advice - Community Charter Section 90(1)(i)

Council discussed a legal matter.

The motion was recorded and kept confidential.

M.3 Legal Advice/Litigation - Community Charter Section 90(1)(g) and (i)

Council discussed a legal matter.

The motion was recorded and kept confidential.

M.4 Legal Advice - Community Charter Section 90(1)(i)

Council discussed a legal matter.

The motion was recorded and kept confidential.

M.5 Legal Advice - Community Charter Section 90(1)(i)

Council discussed a legal matter.

The motion was recorded and kept confidential.

O. ADJOURNMENT

Moved By Councillor Andrew

Seconded By Councillor Dubow

That the Council meeting be adjourned at 6:28 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CITY CLERK

MAYOR