



MINUTES - COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

May 20, 2021, 9:00 A.M.

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

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

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

PRESENT ELECTRONICALLY: Councillor Dubow, Councillor Isitt, Councillor Potts, Councillor Alto, Councillor Young

ABSENT: Councillor Loveday

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, J. Jensen - Head of Human Resources, A. Hudson - Assistant Director of Community Planning, C. Havelka - Deputy City Clerk, J. O'Connor - Deputy Director of Finance, K. Moore - Head of Business and Community Relations, C. Mycroft - Manager of Executive Operations, M. Fedyczkowska - Legislation & Policy Analyst, C. Kingsley - City Clerk, S. Stoltz - Committee Secretary, G. Milne - Head of Strategic Operations, J. Biem - Assistant City Solicitor

A. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved By Councillor Potts
Seconded By Councillor Thornton-Joe

That the agenda be approved.

Amendment:

Moved By Councillor Potts
Seconded By Councillor Thornton-Joe

That item G.5 be pulled from the Consent Agenda.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Amendment:

Moved By Councillor Thornton-Joe
Seconded By Councillor Alto

That item I.5, a brief verbal update, be added to the agenda.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

On the main motion as amended:

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

B. CONSENT AGENDA

Councillor Isitt joined the meeting virtually at 9:02 a.m.
Councillor Andrew joined the meeting at 9:05 a.m.

Moved By Councillor Alto
Seconded By Councillor Dubow

That the following items be approved without further debate.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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

Council received a report dated May 4, 2021 from the City Clerk regarding an application by Seed and Stone for a provincial cannabis retail store license at 1150 Douglas Street.

Moved By Councillor Alto
Seconded By Councillor Dubow

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.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

G.4 Proclamation - Intergenerational Day Canada

Committee received a report dated May 11, 2021 from the City Clerk regarding the proclamation for Intergenerational Day Canada, June 1, 2021.

Moved By Councillor Alto
Seconded By Councillor Dubow

That the Intergenerational Day Canada Proclamation be forwarded to the May 20, 2021 Council meeting for Council's consideration.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

G.6 Proclamation - Action Anxiety Day

Committee received a report dated May 17, 2021 from the City Clerk regarding the proclamation for Action Anxiety Day, June 10, 2021.

Moved By Councillor Alto
Seconded By Councillor Dubow

That the Action Anxiety Day proclamation be forwarded to the June 3, 2021 Council meeting for Council's consideration.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

E. PRESENTATIONS

E.1 Victoria 3.0 Recovery Reinvention Resilience Progress Report

Committee received a report dated April 23, 2021 from the Head of Business & Community Relations regarding the Victoria 3.0 economic action plan that aligns with the City's Official Community Plan to 2041. It's a long-term plan and vision for a sustainable, influential city that will build a strong innovation ecosystem and create a resilient and inclusive economy now and into the future.

Moved By Mayor Helps
Seconded By Councillor Alto

That Council:

Approve \$117,000 from the 2021 Financial Plan contingency budget to support the initial planning for the Arts & Innovation District.

Committee discussed:

- *Factors that drive inequality within Victoria, such as infrastructure and access to opportunity*
- *Diversifying sources of jobs as a way of addressing risks of inequality*
- *Building sustainability within the City*

Amendment:

Moved By Councillor Isitt

Seconded By Councillor Dubow

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.**

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

On the main motion as amended:

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Committee recessed at 10:49 a.m. and reconvened at 10:57 a.m.

G. STAFF REPORTS

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

Committee received a report from the Director of Sustainable Planning and Community Development dated May 14, 2021 regarding options and recommendations that support the development of affordable and supportive housing through regulatory and process changes.

Moved By Mayor Helps

Seconded By Councillor Alto

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.

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.

Committee discussed:

- *Prioritization of affordable housing projects*
- *Site density, design, and consistency*
- *Impact of affordable housing applications*
- *Clarification around the definition of "affordability"*

Committee recessed at 12:29 p.m. and reconvened at 1:16 p.m.

Moved By Mayor Helps
Seconded By Councillor Andrew

That the motion be amended by adding a new clause 4:

- 4. Staff report back to Council after a 2 year period to evaluate the effectiveness of this new policy.**

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Moved By Councillor Andrew **Seconded By** Councillor Thornton-Joe

To extend the Committee of the Whole meeting until 3:30 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Amendment:

Moved By Councillor Isitt
Seconded By Councillor Dubow

That the motion be amended by adding a new clause 1(c):

(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.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

On the main motion as amended:

FOR (6): Mayor Helps, Councillor Alto, Councillor Andrew, Councillor Potts, Councillor Isitt, Councillor Dubow
OPPOSED (2): Councillor Young, Councillor Thornton-Joe

CARRIED (6 to 2)

G.3 The City of Victoria Electric Vehicle Strategy

Committee received a report dated May 7, 2021 from the Director of Engineering and Public Works regarding the directions contained within the draft City of Victoria Electric Vehicle Strategy.

Moved By Councillor Andrew
Seconded By Councillor Alto

To extend the Committee of the Whole meeting until 4:30 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Moved By Mayor Helps
Seconded By Councillor Andrew

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.

Committee discussed:

- *The affordability of electric vehicles*
- *The possibility of rapid charging stations*
- *Concerns regarding parking pressures in the City of Victoria*

Amendment:

Moved By Councillor Andrew
Seconded By Councillor Alto

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.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

On the main motion as amended:

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

CARRIED (7 to 1)

G.5 Proclamation - World Refugee Day

A report was received from the City Clerk dated May 11, 2021 regarding the proclamation for World Refugee Day, June 20, 2021.

Moved By Councillor Dubow
Seconded By Councillor Alto

That the World Refugee Day Proclamation be forwarded to the May 20, 2021 Council meeting for Council's consideration.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

I. NEW BUSINESS

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

Committee received a Council Member Motion dated May 13, 2021 from Councillor Isitt and Councillor Dubow addressing parking pressures in Victoria West.

Moved By Councillor Isitt
Seconded By Councillor Dubow

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.
2. Authorize the waiver of processing fees if permissible for a Temporary Use Permit for temporary parking at 325 Mary Street, to alleviate parking pressures in the area.
3. Direct staff to work with the Island Corridor Foundation to expedite processing of a Temporary Use Permit application for Council's consideration if parking is a viable option at that location.

Committee discussed:

- *Public interest in alleviating parking pressures*
- *Maintenance of the parking spaces*

Amendment:

Moved By Mayor Helps
Seconded By Councillor Thornton-Joe

To remove #2 and #3 from the main motion.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

On the main motion as amended:

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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

Committee received a report from Councillor Isitt, Councillor Dubow and Councillor Potts dated May 13, 2021 regarding support for a Housing Outreach Pilot Project.

Moved By Councillor Isitt

Seconded By Councillor Dubow

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.

Committee discussed:

- *The desire for information about the demographic of people who access the service*
- *The desire for proactive vs reactive funding*

Amendment:

Moved By Councillor Dubow

Seconded By Councillor Isitt

To add to #3:

including information about the demographic of people who access the service, subject to privacy legislation.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

On the main motion as amended:

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

I.3 Council Member Motion - Establishment of City of Victoria International Decade of People of African Descent (IDPAD) Advisory Committee

Committee received a Council Member Motion dated May 20, 2021 from Councillor Dubow and Mayor Helps regarding the establishment of the International Decade of People of African Descent (IDPAD) Advisory Committee and its Terms of Reference.

Moved By Councillor Dubow
Seconded By Mayor Helps

That Council:

1. Adopt the attached Terms of the Reference for the City of Victoria International Decade of People of African Descent (IDPAD) Advisory Committee.
2. Direct staff to engage the communities identified in the Terms of Reference, inviting nominees for Council's consideration for appointment to the Advisory Committee by July 31, 2021.

Committee discussed:

- *Supports in the community to address systemic racism and to build more inclusive communities*

Moved By Councillor Isitt
Seconded By Councillor Andrew

To extend the Committee of the Whole meeting until 4:45 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Amendment:

Moved By Councillor Dubow
Seconded By Mayor Helps

That this motion be added to the daytime Council meeting:

FOR (7): Mayor Helps, Councillor Alto, Councillor Potts, Councillor Isitt, Councillor Dubow, Councillor Thornton-Joe

OPPOSED: Councillor Young, Councillor Andrew

CARRIED (6 to 2)

On the main motion:

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

I.4 AVICC City of Victoria 2021 Resolutions - selection of speakers for resolutions

Committee considered the request from the Association of Vancouver Island Coastal Communities (AVICC) to provide recorded speeches in support of the resolutions submitted to the AVICC convention by Victoria Council. Council discussed the resolutions and assigned Council members to record submissions by the Friday deadline.

I.5 Parks Update (Verbal)

Staff provided an update on the status of shelters in City parks.

Committee discussed:

- *Enforcement of parking time restrictions*
- *The movement of structures within parks*
- *Overall decrease in number of structures in the parks*
- *Staff cleanup efforts in the parks*

J. ADJOURNMENT OF COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Moved By Councillor Andrew

Seconded By Councillor Alto

That the Committee of the Whole Meeting be adjourned at 4:52 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CITY CLERK

MAYOR