



MINUTES - COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

June 17, 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: Councillor Alto, Councillor Andrew, Councillor Isitt, Councillor Loveday, Councillor Thornton-Joe, Councillor Young

PRESENT ELECTRONICALLY: Councillor Dubow, Councillor Potts

PRESENT FOR A PORTION OF THE MEETING: Mayor Helps

STAFF PRESENT: J. Jenkyns - City Manager, S. Thompson - Deputy City Manager / Director of Finance, P. Bruce - Fire Chief, T. Zworski - City Solicitor, K. Hoese - Director of Sustainable Planning and Community Development, T. Soulliere - Director of Parks, Recreation & Facilities, N. Sidhu – Assistant Director of Parks, Recreation & Facilities, R. Kenney - Assistant Director of Transportation, R. Batallas - Senior Planner, J. Biem – Assistant City Solicitor, J. Jensen - Head of Human Resources, A. Meyer - Assistant Director of Development Services, 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, G. Milne – Head of Strategic Operations, M. Sandhu - Head of Service Innovation & Improvement, M. Fedyczkowska - Legislation & Policy Analyst, C. Kingsley - City Clerk, S. Stoltz - Committee Secretary

Mayor Helps acknowledged with thanks Fire Chief Paul Bruce's years of service to the City, as he is retiring.

A. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved By Councillor Loveday

Seconded By Councillor Thornton-Joe

That the agenda be approved.

Amendment:

Moved By Councillor Isitt

Seconded By Councillor Young

Consent Agenda:

- F.3 – Proclamation - International Medical Cannabis Day
- H.2 – Council Member Motion: UBCM Resolution: Inclusion of Allied Health Workers, including mental health counselling specialties, and physical/ occupational therapists to help communities combat the opioid crisis

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

On the main motion as amended:

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

B. CONSENT AGENDA

Moved By Councillor Loveday

Seconded By Councillor Alto

That the following items be approved without further debate

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

F.3 Proclamation - International Medical Cannabis Day

Committee received a report dated June 15, 2021 from the City Clerk regarding the proclamation for International Medical Cannabis Day, June 11, 2021.

Moved By Councillor Loveday

Seconded By Councillor Alto

That the International Medical Cannabis Day Proclamation be forwarded to the June 17, 2021 Council meeting for Council's consideration.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

H.2 Council Member Motion: UBCM Resolution: Inclusion of Allied Health Workers, including mental health counselling specialties, and physical/ occupational therapists to help communities combat the opioid crisis

Committee received a Council Member Motion recommending the City of Victoria endorse the resolution regarding the Inclusion of Allied Health Workers, including mental health counselling professionals Inclusion of Allied Health Workers, including mental health counselling specialties, and physical/ occupational therapists to help communities combat the opioid crisis.

Moved By Councillor Loveday

Seconded By Councillor Alto

That Council:

1. Endorse the following resolution and direct staff to forward copies to the Union of British Columbia Municipalities and member local governments, requesting favourable consideration:

Resolution: Inclusion of Allied Health Workers, including mental health counselling professionals Inclusion of Allied Health Workers, including mental health counselling specialties, and physical/ occupational therapists to help communities combat the opioid crisis:

WHEREAS the opioid crisis and mental health challenges affect at least 1 in 5 BC residents and has been compounded by the COVID-19; at the same time, evidence shows that access to upstream services such as counselling related specialties and physical/ occupational therapy decreases opioid use and/or provides better health intervention outcomes, but these are not accessible to many residents as they are not covered and are much too expensive through fee for services;

WHEREAS communities are currently struggling to meet the needs of our residents, between funding of community programs and increased mental health calls for first responders, which already comprise between 20-30% of local government expenditures and are not often the most appropriate service to support people in crisis;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT UBCM request that the Province expand access to and funding for allied health professionals, particularly mental health counselling specialties, and physical/ occupational therapy related specialties, through expansion of team-based care through not-for-profit delivery including community health centres, available to all BC residents regardless of their immigration status and income, throughout the province.

AND that the Province of BC increased support and funding for Peer Navigators as part of the BC Mental Health and Addictions Strategy.

2. That this motion be forwarded to the daytime Council Meeting of June 17th for consideration.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

E. LAND USE MATTERS

E.1 2316 Howard Street - Development Permit with Variances

Council received a report dated June 3, 2021 from the Director of Sustainable Planning and Community Development regarding a Development Variance Permit Application for the property located at 2316 Howard Street, to reduce the required motor vehicle parking from one stall to nil, and recommending that it move to an opportunity for public comment.

Councillor Isitt recused himself at 9:06 a.m. due to a non-pecuniary conflict of interest, as an individual who he previously worked with owns property in close proximity to this parcel.

Moved By Councillor Alto
Seconded By Councillor Andrew

That Council, after giving notice and allowing an opportunity for public comment at a meeting of Council, consider the following motion:

“That Council authorize the issuance of Development Variance Permit Application No. 00262 for 2316 Howard Street, in accordance with:

1. Plans date stamped April 21, 2021.
2. Development meeting all Zoning Regulation Bylaw requirements, except for the following variance:
 - i. reduce motor vehicle parking from one stall to nil.
3. The Development Variance Permit lapsing two years from the date of this resolution.”

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Councillor Isitt returned to the meeting at 9:07 a.m.

F. STAFF REPORTS

F.1 T1 Update

Council received a report dated June 11, 2021 from the City Manager providing a summary of major highlights, accomplishments, and challenges for the period of January 1 – April 30, 2021.

Committee discussed:

- *Appreciation for City staff's hard work*
- *Access to services throughout the City*

Moved By Mayor Helps
Seconded By Councillor Thornton-Joe

That Council receive this report for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Motion arising:

Moved By Councillor Thornton-Joe
Seconded By Councillor Loveday

That Council direct staff to report back as part of the 2022 budget process on options and implications of installing a play feature in the downtown.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Motion arising:

Moved By Councillor Dubow
Seconded By Mayor Helps

That Council direct staff to report back on the budget implications in 2022 for the development and implementation of anti-racism training for all city staff, beginning with Council and senior management.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Motion arising:

Moved By Councillor Dubow

Seconded By Councillor Isitt

That Council direct staff to report back with progress on the hiring of consultants for the anti-racism training, to the T2 report.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Motion arising:

Moved By Councillor Dubow

Seconded By Councillor Loveday

That Council direct staff to report back on the implications in the 2022 budget of creating an internship program at the City for under-represented populations, after engaging with consultants with the expertise required and engaging with the advisory committee of the International Decade for People of African Descent and Welcoming Cities committee, and with CUPE.

Amendment:

Moved By Councillor Dubow

Seconded By Councillor Isitt

That Council direct staff to report back on the implications in the 2022 budget of creating an internship program at the City for under-represented populations, after engaging with consultants with the expertise required and engaging with the ~~International Decade of People of African Descent (IDPAD) Advisory Committee~~ and Welcoming Cities committees, and with CUPE.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Amendment:

Moved By Councillor Thornton-Joe

Seconded By Councillor Andrew

That Council direct staff to report back on the implications in the 2022 budget of creating an internship program at the City for under-represented populations., ~~after engaging with consultants with the expertise required and engaging with the International Decade of People of African Descent (IDPAD) Advisory Committee and Welcoming Cities committees, and with CUPE.~~

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

On the motion as amended:

That Council direct staff to report back on the implications in the 2022 budget of creating an internship program at the City for under-represented populations.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Mayor Helps left the meeting at 10:53 a.m.

Committee recessed at 10:53 a.m. and reconvened at 11:00 a.m. with Councillor Andrew in the Chair.

F.2 Options for Processing Kitchen Scraps Originating in Victoria

Committee received a report dated June 1, 2021 from the Director of Engineering & Public Works regarding options for processing kitchen scraps originating in Victoria.

Moved By Councillor Young
Seconded By Councillor Alto

That Council direct staff to:

1. Continue hauling kitchen scraps to existing composting facilities on Southern Vancouver Island.
2. Continue to work with the CRD to monitor opportunities for regional organics processing with enhanced environmental benefits.

Amendment:

Moved By Councillor Isitt
Seconded By Councillor Dubow

That Council direct staff to:

1. Continue hauling kitchen scraps to existing composting facilities on Southern Vancouver Island.
2. Continue to work with the CRD to monitor opportunities for regional organics processing with enhanced environmental benefits **and report back to Council on the progress of these discussions by Q2 2022.**

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

On the main motion as amended:

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

H. NEW BUSINESS

Motion to amend the agenda:

Moved By Councillor Thornton-Joe

Seconded By Councillor Alto

That the agenda be amended to add New Business.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Councillor Thornton-Joe and Councillor Isitt, Councillor liaisons to the Honorary Citizen awards, took a moment to share that they recently met with staff and reviewed how the awards would look like in 2021 due to the COVID-19 pandemic. They noted that nominations are now open and will be closing on July 25th, after which committee will deliberate on who the recipients will be this year. They noted how these awards are a good opportunity to honour people who have contributed to our community.

H.1 **Council Member Motion: UBCM Resolution: Provincial Support for TRC, MMIWG2S and UNDRIP Recommendations**

Committee received a Council Member Motion dated June 10, 2021 from Councillor Dubow, Councillor Isitt, Councillor Loveday, and Councillor Potts recommending that the City of Victoria endorse the resolution regarding Provincial Support for TRC, MMIWG2S and UNDRIP Recommendations, and forward it for consideration at the 2021 Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM) convention.

Moved By Councillor Dubow

Seconded By Councillor Isitt

That Council:

1. Endorse the following resolution and direct staff to forward copies to the Union of British Columbia Municipalities and member local governments, requesting favourable consideration:

Resolution: Provincial Support for Action and Implementation of Truth and Reconciliation Calls to Action, Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women, Girls and Two-Spirit People Calls for Justice, and the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples

WHEREAS local governments in British Columbia are integral for the implementation of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission (TRC) of Canada Calls to Action, Murdered Indigenous Women, Girls and Two-Spirit People, (MMIWG2S) Calls for Justice, and the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP) but have the least resources to do the work meaningfully.

AND WHEREAS local governments are committed to advancing truth, justice, and reconciliation, and understanding that each Aboriginal community has different and diverse histories, making local context and consultation critical to meaningful action;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT UBCM call on the Province of British Columbia to provide support and equitable access to funding for trauma-informed, Indigenous-led education, training, and policy guidance for local governments and associated law enforcement and emergency services to implement municipal-specific recommendations from the TRC, MMIWG2S, and UNDRIP.

2. That this motion be forwarded to the daytime Council Meeting of June 17th for consideration.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

I. ADJOURNMENT OF COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Moved By Councillor Alto

Seconded By Councillor Young

That the Committee of the Whole Meeting be adjourned at 11:46 a.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CITY CLERK

MAYOR