



MINUTES - COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

June 24, 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 Alto, Councillor Loveday, Councillor Potts, Councillor Thornton-Joe, Councillor Young

PRESENT ELECTRONICALLY: Councillor Andrew (left at 9:47 a.m. and returned at 12:04 p.m.), Councillor Isitt (left at 11:38 a.m.)

ABSENT FOR A PORTION OF THE MEETING: Councillor Andrew (left at 9:47 a.m. and returned at 12:04 p.m.), Councillor Dubow (joined the meeting at 9:08 a.m.), Councillor Isitt (left at 11:38 a.m.)

STAFF PRESENT: J. Jenkyns - City Manager, S. Thompson - Deputy City Manager / Director of Finance, C. Kingsley - City Clerk, T. Zworski - City Solicitor, T. Soulliere - Director of Parks, Recreation & Facilities, B. Eisenhauer - Head of Engagement, K. Hoese - Director of Sustainable Planning and Community Development, A. Meyer - Assistant Director of Development Services, A. Hudson - Assistant Director of Community Planning, C. Havelka - Deputy City Clerk, L. Van Den Dolder - Assistant City Solicitor, J. O'Connor - Deputy Director of Finance, K. Moore - Head of Business and Community Relations, C. Mycroft - Manager of Executive Operations, M. Sandhu - Head of Service Innovation & Improvement, G. Milne - Head of Strategic Operations, M. Cittone - Senior Planner, P. Bellefontaine - Director of Engineering & Public Works, G. Diamond - Council and Committee Secretary

A. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved By Councillor Loveday
Seconded By Councillor Alto

That the agenda be approved.

Amendment:

Moved By Councillor Alto
Seconded By Councillor Potts

Consent Agenda:

- C.1 - Minutes from the meeting held May 20, 2021
- C.2 - Minutes from the meeting held June 10, 2021
- F.3 - Bastion Square 2021 Project Funding
- H.2.1 - Council Member Motion: Federation of Canadian Municipalities Anti-racism and Equity Committee Application

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**On the main motion as amended:
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

B. CONSENT AGENDA

Moved By Councillor Thornton-Joe
Seconded By Councillor Alto

That the following items be approved without further debate

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

C.1 Minutes from the meeting held May 20, 2021

Moved By Councillor Thornton-Joe
Seconded By Councillor Alto

That the minutes from the COTW meeting held May 20, 2021 be adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

C.2 Minutes from the meeting held June 10, 2021

Moved By Councillor Thornton-Joe
Seconded By Councillor Alto

That the minutes from the COTW meeting held June 10, 2021 be adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

F.3 Bastion Square 2021 Project Funding

Committee received a report from the Head of Community and Business Relations regarding a request by the BSRA for funding for 2021 improvements to Bastion Square.

Moved By Councillor Thornton-Joe
Seconded By Councillor Alto

That Council:

1. Authorize staff to release \$93,000 from the Bastion Square Market Fund to the BSRA for improvement projects in 2021.
2. That the above motion be forwarded to the daytime Council meeting of June 24 for ratification.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

H.2.1 Council Member Motion: Federation of Canadian Municipalities Anti-racism and Equity Committee Application

Committee received a Council Member Motion dated June 22, 2021 from Councillor Dubow regarding Councillor Dubow's application to join the Federation of Canadian Municipalities Anti-Racism and Equity Committee.

Moved By Councillor Thornton-Joe
Seconded By Councillor Alto

BE IT RESOLVED that Council of the City of Victoria, British Columbia endorse Councillor Sharmarke Dubow to apply to the FCM Anti-racism and Equity Committee, Standing Committee Application for non-Board Members; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Council assume all reasonable costs associated with Councillor Sharmarke Dubow attending FCM's committee meeting if successful.

That this motion be forwarded to the daytime Council meeting of June 24, 2021 for consideration.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

F. STAFF REPORTS

F.1 Future Housing Needs and Gaps in Official Community Plan Capacity

Committee received a report dated June 10, 2021 from the Director of Sustainable Planning and Community Development regarding findings of technical studies and analyses of Victoria's future housing needs and capacity to meet them based on the Official Community Plan (OCP), and recommendations for addressing gaps between existing capacity and future needs.

Councillor Dubow joined the meeting at 9:06 a.m.

Committee discussed the following:

- *Intergenerational housing is an action in the Housing Strategy that will be explored next year*

- *Unused large setbacks throughout the city could be repurposed for more townhouses and mid-density forms of housing*
- *The province is making improvements to the Residential Tenancy Act in July and staff will bring an analysis*

Moved By Mayor Helps
Seconded By Councillor Potts

That Council:

1. Receive this report on Victoria's future housing needs and gaps in Official Community Plan capacity for information and to inform future City policy initiatives.
2. Update Phase 2 of Village and Corridor Planning to include Oaklands, the eastern portion of the Hillside Avenue Corridor and the Shelbourne Street Corridor (areas originally approved for Phase 3), in addition to the planned process for Stadacona Village, Oak Bay Ave Village, Jubilee Village and related corridors (areas originally approved for Phase 2).
3. Update Phase 3 of Village and Corridor Planning to consider additional opportunities to add capacity along the Fairfield Road Corridor and the Skinner Street Corridor in addition to the planned process for the James Bay area (originally approved for Phase 3).
4. Direct staff to report back to Council with a proposed comprehensive planning process for the Douglas Street Corridor as part of the Official Community Plan Annual Review 2022 (the 10-year review that will be reported to Council in 2023).

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Councillor Andrew left the meeting at 9:47 a.m.

Committee recessed at 10:24 and reconvened at 10:31 a.m.

Councillor Isitt was absent when the meeting reconvened

F.2 2022 Draft Budget Update

Committee received a report dated June 7, 2021 from the Deputy City Manager and Chief Financial Officer regarding an update on the development of the draft 2022 Financial Plan and to seek direction on mitigation strategies.

Committee discussed the following:

- *Council will hold a strategic plan workshop on July 8th*
- *The hiring of some positions will be delayed if it does not have an operational impact*
- *Levels of service are determined based off historical data*

Moved By Councillor Loveday
Seconded By Councillor Alto

That Council:

1. Direct staff to develop a draft 2022 Financial Plan for Council's consideration in October 2021 that:
 - a. Provides for continued services and service levels
 - b. Provides options for mitigation strategies that build on those used in 2020 and 2021 that could achieve a lower tax increase including:
 - i. Vacancy management
 - ii. Travel, conference and training budget savings
 - iii. Capital budget property tax funding reallocation to operating budget
 - iv. Use of remaining Restart Grant (if UBCM grant application for Strengthening Communities is successful)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Motion arising:

Moved By Councillor Thornton-Joe

Seconded by Mayor Helps

That staff report back on the implications of adding the Our Place funding request for storage and extended hours as part of the annual budget.

FOR (6): Mayor Helps, Councillor Alto, Councillor Dubow, Councillor Loveday, Councillor Potts, Councillor Thornton-Joe

OPPOSED (1): Councillor Young

CARRIED (6 to 1)

F.4 North Park Neighbourhood Association Funding Request for Use of Royal Athletic

Committee received a report dated June 14, 2021 from the Director of Parks, Recreation and Facilities regarding the options and implications of a funding request from the North Park Neighbourhood Association for the use of the Royal Athletic Park facility.

Councillor Isitt rejoined the meeting at 11:15 a.m.

Committee discussed the following:

- *Letter from North Park Neighbourhood Association provides a rationale for hosting programs and events at RAP*

Moved By Councillor Potts

Seconded By Councillor Dubow

That Council award a \$9,985.22 grant to the North Park Neighborhood Association to fund the cost of hosting programs and events at Royal Athletic Park in 2021.

Amendment:

Moved by Councillor Dubow
Seconded by Councillor Isitt

That Council award a \$9,985.22 grant to the North Park Neighborhood Association **to engage with VIRCs, the Intercultural Association, the Muslim Association Mosque and** fund the cost of hosting programs and events at Royal Athletic Park in 2021.

Amendment to the amendment:

Moved by Councillor Isitt
Seconded by Councillor Alto

That Council award a \$9,985.22 grant to the North Park Neighborhood Association ~~to engage with VIRCs, the Intercultural Association, the Muslim Association Mosque and~~ fund the cost of hosting programs and events at Royal Athletic Park in 2021 **and encourage the NPNA to engage with the VIRCs, the Intercultural Association, and the Muslim Association Mosque.**

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

On the amendment:

That Council award a \$9,985.22 grant to the North Park Neighborhood Association fund the cost of hosting programs and events at Royal Athletic Park in 2021 **and encourage the NPNA to engage with the VIRCs, the Intercultural Association, and the Muslim Association Mosque.**

Amendment to the amendment:

Moved by Mayor Helps
Seconded by Councillor Alto

That Council award a \$9,985.22 grant to the North Park Neighborhood Association fund the cost of hosting programs and events at Royal Athletic Park in 2021 ~~and encourage~~ **and thank the NPNA to for engaging with the VIRCs, the Intercultural Association, and the Muslim Association Mosque to develop their programming.**

DEFEATED UNANIMOUSLY

On the amendment:

That Council award a \$9,985.22 grant to the North Park Neighborhood Association fund the cost of hosting programs and events at Royal Athletic Park in 2021 **and encourage the NPNA to engage with the VIRCs, the Intercultural Association, and the Muslim Association Mosque.**

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

On the main motion as amended:

That Council award a \$9,985.22 grant to the North Park Neighborhood Association fund the cost of hosting programs and events at Royal Athletic Park in 2021 and encourage the NPNA to engage with the VIRCs, the Intercultural Association, and the Muslim Association Mosque.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Councillor Isitt left the meeting at 11:38 a.m.

Committee recessed at 11:40 a.m. and reconvened at 11:45 a.m.

F.5 Project Plan for Central Library Feasibility Study

Committee received a report dated June 15, 2021 from the Director of Parks Recreation and Faculties regarding an overview of the proposed project plan to redevelop the Central Library, as well as progress made to date.

Councillor Andrew returned to the meeting at 12:04 p.m.

Committee discussed the following:

- *The opportunity for the library to be a community gathering place, example is Halifax library*
- *The lack of services during the pandemic due to constraints at the Central Branch*

Moved By Mayor Helps
Seconded By Councillor Alto

That Council approve the proposed project plan for the Central Library Feasibility Study as detailed in this report.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

H. NEW BUSINESS

H.1 Update on Functional Zero Homelessness

Committee received a verbal update from the Mayor on Functional Zero Homelessness.

Committee discussed the following:

- *The definition of Functional Zero Homelessness*
- *The flows of funding from the province*
- *Staff are currently working on a report back on lessons learned from the pandemic*

- *The role of the different agencies involved of Functional Zero Homelessness*

I. ADJOURNMENT OF COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Moved By Councillor Alto

Seconded By Councillor Potts

That the Committee of the Whole Meeting be adjourned at 12:33 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CITY CLERK

MAYOR