MINUTES - VICTORIA CITY COUNCIL

June 24, 2021, 1:17 P.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 Dubow, Councillor Loveday, Councillor Potts, Councillor Thornton-Joe, Councillor Young
PRESENT ELECTRONICALLY:	Councillor Andrew
ABSENT:	Councillor Isitt
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 – Committee Secretary

B. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved By Councillor Loveday
Seconded By Councillor Alto

That the agenda be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

C. READING OF MINUTES

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

Moved By Councillor Thornton-Joe
Seconded By Councillor Alto

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

C.2 Minutes from the daytime meeting held June 3, 2021

Moved By Councillor Thornton-Joe
Seconded By Councillor Alto

That the minutes from the daytime meeting held June 3, 2021 be adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

C.3 Minutes from the daytime meeting held June 10, 2021

Moved By Councillor Thornton-Joe
Seconded By Councillor Alto

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

E. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

E.1 Letter from Minister of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development

Council received a letter dated June 2, 2021 from the Minister of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development regarding a plan to modernize forest policy.

Moved By Councillor Loveday
Seconded By Councillor Potts

That the letter be received for information.

Motion to refer:

Moved by Councillor Loveday
Seconded by Councillor Potts

That this item be referred to the July 8, 2021 daytime Council meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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F. REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

F.1 Committee of the Whole

F.1.a Report from the June 10, 2021 COTW Meeting

F.1.a.a 425-475 Simcoe Street: Rezoning Application No.00773 (James Bay)

Moved By Councillor Potts
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. 00773 for 425- 475 Simcoe Street, that first and second reading of the Zoning Regulation Bylaw Amendment be considered by Council and a Public Hearing date be set.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

F.1.a.b External Grant Review Committee - Report on Strategic Plan Grant Applications Allocations

Councillor Loveday withdrew from the meeting at 1:21 p.m. due to a non-pecuniary conflict of interest with the following item, as his partner works with one of the applicants.

Moved By Councillor Alto
Seconded By Councillor Thornton-Joe

1. That Council
   a. Approve the External Grant Review Committee's recommendations for grant awards for the Strategic Plan Grant program.
   b. Adopt the External Grant Review Committee's recommendations regarding improvements to the Application Form as outlined in their report dated June 10, 2021.
   c. Direct staff to report back to Council before the November 2022 opening of applications, with an analysis of the 2019, 2020, and 2021 Strategic Plan grants under the objective 'Health, Wellbeing and a Welcoming City' with proposed sub-categories for Council's consideration.
   d. Direct staff to report back before the November 2022 opening of applications, with proposed metrics to evaluate the way in which programs support the City's equity goals.
   e. That Council direct staff to report back as part of the 2022 budget considerations on the implications and potential funding source for increasing the Strategic Plan grants.

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f. That Council direct staff to do an analysis of Strategic Plan grant submissions from 2019 through 2021 and recommend to Council a proposed grant cap for Council's consideration.
g. That Council direct staff to report back on a funding mechanism for the Greater Victoria Cross Guards Association as part of the 2022 financial planning process and request that the Mayor write to the School Board chair asking for consideration of a co-funded program.
h. Allocate one seat on the Committee to an Indigenous member and direct staff to report back to Council with recommendations for committee composition that reflect the City's equity values.
i. That Council invite the Victoria Foundation to present its Unravelling report and principles for trust-based philanthropy for Council and staff's consideration for the Strategic Plan Grant process going forward.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

F.1.a.c Council Member Motion: Trutch Street

Councillor Loveday returned to the meeting at 1:23 p.m.

Moved By Councillor Loveday
Seconded By Councillor Thornton-Joe

That Council:

1. Direct staff to report back at the next triennial update on implications of changing the name of Trutch Street to Truth Street, including a municipal grant and/or other assistance to offset administrative costs incurred by the approximately 60 households that would be impacted by this address change.
2. Invite comments from the City Family and the Songhees and Esquimalt Nations on this proposed change, to be considered at the next triennial update, and on any cultural or ceremonial work that would take place as part of the renaming process.
3. Invite comments on this proposed change, to be considered at the next triennial update, from current residents of Trutch Street and the Fairfield Gonzales Community Association.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

F.1.a.d Council Member Motion: Beacon Hill

Moved By Councillor Thornton-Joe
Seconded By Councillor Young

That Council:

1. Direct staff to report back on options to improve access to facilities and amenities in Beacon Hill Park for those with mobility impairments while minimizing the impact of motor vehicle traffic on the public enjoyment of the Park.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

F.1.b Report from the June 24, 2021 COTW Meeting

F.1.b.a Bastion Square 2021 Project Funding

Moved By Councillor Thornton-Joe
Seconded By Councillor Young

That Council:

1. Authorize staff to release $93,000 from the Bastion Square Market Fund to the BSRA for improvement projects in 2021.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

F.1.b.b Council Member Motion: Federation of Canadian Municipalities Anti-racism and Equity Committee Application

Moved By Councillor Dubow
Seconded By Councillor Young

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.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

G. BYLAWS

G.1 Bylaw for Amendment to Land Use Procedures Bylaw

Moved By Councillor Alto
Seconded By Councillor Young

That the following bylaw **be given first, second, and third readings:**

- Land Use Procedures Bylaw, Amendment Bylaw (No. 13), No. 21-055

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

G.2 Bylaw for Parks Regulation Amendment No. 16

Councillor Loveday withdrew from the meeting at 1:28 p.m. due to a previously declared conflict of interest.

Moved By Councillor Thornton-Joe
Seconded By Councillor Young

That the following bylaw **be given first, second, and third readings:**

- Parks Regulation Bylaw, Amendment Bylaw (No. 16), No. 21-068

FOR (5): Mayor Helps, Councillor Alto, Councillor Andrew, , Councillor Thornton-Joe, Councillor Young
OPPOSED (2): Councillor Dubow, Councillor Potts

CARRIED (5 to 2)

G.3 Bylaw Adoption: 1177-1185 Fort Street and 1043-1045 Linden Avenue: Rezoning Application No. 00731

Councillor Loveday returned to the meeting at 1:29 p.m.

Moved By Councillor Alto
Seconded By Councillor Loveday

That the following bylaw **be adopted:**

- Zoning Regulation Bylaw, Amendment Bylaw (No. 1252), No. 21-043

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

H. CORRESPONDENCE

H.1 Letter from the Mayor of the District of Squamish

Council received a letter dated June 9, 2021 from the Mayor of Squamish regarding the Truth and Reconciliation Commission Call to Action 75.

Moved By Councillor Alto
Seconded By Councillor Thornton-Joe

That the correspondence dated June 9, 2021 from the Mayor of Squamish be received for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

H.2 Letter from Minister Eby, Attorney General and Minister Responsible for Housing

Council received a letter dated June 16, 2021 from the Attorney General and Minister Responsible for Housing regarding City of Victoria Supportive Housing Projects.

Councillor Thornton-Joe withdrew from the meeting at 1:31 p.m. due to a non-pecuniary conflict of interest with the following item as she is on the board of one of the organizations that will be managing one of the sites.

Moved By Councillor Alto
Seconded By Councillor Potts

That the correspondence dated June 16, 2021 from the Attorney General and Minister Responsible for Housing be received for information.

Council discussed the following:

- *Concerns with some of the statements made in the letter*

Amendment:

Moved By Councillor Young

That the City respond to Minister Eby that the City does not express support for BC Housing bypassing rezoning and would like you to go through the normal process to allow for citizens to express their views on these projects.

FAILED DUE TO NO SECONDER

On the motion:

FOR (6): Mayor Helps, Councillor Alto, Councillor Andrew, Councillor Dubow, Councillor Loveday, Councillor Potts
OPPOSED (1): Councillor Young

CARRIED (6 to 1)

I. CLOSED MEETING

Moved By Councillor Potts
Seconded By Councillor Dubow

MOTION TO CLOSE THE JUNE 24, 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)(c) labour relations or other employee relations;

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

Section 90(2)(b) the consideration of information received and held in confidence relating to negotiations between the municipality and a provincial government or the federal government or both, or between a provincial government or the federal government or both and a third party.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

J. APPROVAL OF CLOSED AGENDA

Moved By Councillor Alto
Seconded By Councillor Thornton-Joe

That the agenda be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

K. READING OF CLOSED MINUTES

K.1 Minutes from the closed meeting held May 20, 2021

Moved By Councillor Thornton Joe
Seconded By Councillor Alto

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

K.2 Minutes from the closed meeting held June 3, 2021

Moved By Councillor Thornton Joe
Seconded By Councillor Alto

That the minutes from the closed meeting held June 3, 2021 be adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

K.3 Minutes from the closed meeting held June 10, 2021

Moved By Councillor Thornton Joe
Seconded By Councillor Alto

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

L. NEW BUSINESS

L.1 Employee Relations – Community Charter Section 90(1)(c)

Council discussed an employee relations matter.

The discussion and motion were recorded and kept confidential.

L.2 Intergovernmental Negotiations – Community Charter Section 90(2)(b)

Council discussed an intergovernmental negotiations matter.

The discussion and motion were recorded and kept confidential.

L.3 Land Use Matters – Community Charter Section 90(1)(e)

Council discussed a land use matter.

The discussion and motion were recorded and kept confidential.

L.4 Land Use Matters – Community Charter Section 90(1)(e)

Council discussed a land use matter.

The discussion and motion were recorded and kept confidential.

P. ADJOURNMENT

Moved By Councillor Alto
Seconded By Councillor Dubow

That the Council meeting be adjourned at 2:48 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CITY CLERK

MAYOR

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