



MINUTES - VICTORIA CITY COUNCIL

July 8, 2021, 12:00 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 Andrew, Councillor Dubow, Councillor Loveday, Councillor Potts, Councillor Young

PRESENT ELECTRONICALLY: Councillor Isitt, Councillor Thornton-Joe

STAFF PRESENT: J. Jenkyns - City Manager, S. Thompson - Deputy City Manager / Director of Finance, 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, Lucina Baryluk - Senior Planner, 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, J. Biem – Assistant City Solicitor, Carrie Moffatt – Assistant City Solicitor, C. Kingsley - City Clerk, G. Milne – Head of Strategic Operations, S. Stoltz - Committee Secretary

B. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved By Councillor Alto
Seconded By Councillor Potts

That the agenda be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

C. READING OF MINUTES

C.1 Minutes from the evening Council meeting held June 10, 2021

Moved By Councillor Alto
Seconded By Councillor Dubow

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

C.2 Minutes from the daytime Council meeting held June 24, 2021

Moved By Councillor Alto

Seconded By Councillor Dubow

That the minutes from the daytime meeting held June 24, 2021 be adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

C.3 Minutes from the evening Council meeting held June 24, 2021

Moved By Councillor Alto

Seconded By Councillor Dubow

That the minutes from the evening meeting held June 24, 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 Isitt

Seconded By Councillor Loveday

That the letter be received for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

F. REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

F.1 Committee of the Whole

F.1.a Report from the June 17 COTW Meeting

F.1.a.a 2316 Howard Street - Development Permit with Variances

Councillor Isitt recused himself at 3:20 p.m., due to a non-pecuniary conflict of interest, as a former coworker lives nearby.

Moved By Councillor Andrew
Seconded By Councillor Alto

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

F.1.a.b

T1 Update

Councillor Isitt returned at 3:20 p.m.

Moved By Councillor Andrew
Seconded By Councillor Dubow

1. That Council receive this report for information.
2. 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.
3. 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.
4. That Council direct staff to report back on the hiring of consultants for the anti-racism training, at the T2 report.
5. 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

F.1.a.c

Options for Processing Kitchen Scraps Originating in Victoria

Moved By Councillor Andrew
Seconded By Councillor Young

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

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

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

Moved By Councillor Potts
Seconded By Councillor Alto

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

F.1.b.b 2022 Draft Budget Update

Councillor Young requested that the following motions be considered separately.

Moved By Councillor Alto
Seconded By Councillor Potts

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 Alto

Seconded By Councillor Thornton-Joe

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 (3): Councillor Andrew, Councillor Isitt,
Councillor Young

CARRIED (6 to 3)

F.1.b.c

North Park Neighbourhood Association Funding Request for Use of Royal Athletic

Moved By Councillor Potts

Seconded By Councillor Dubow

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

F.1.b.d

Project Plan for Central Library Feasibility Study

Moved By Councillor Dubow
Seconded By Councillor Alto

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

F.1.c Report from the from the July 8 COTW Meeting

F.1.c.a Appointment of two Bylaw Officers

Moved By Councillor Andrew
Seconded By Councillor Alto

That Council approve the appointment of Sonya Chohan
1. As a Bylaw Officer pursuant to section 2(a) of the Inspection Bylaw (06-061); and
2. As a Business Licence Inspector for the City of Victoria

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Moved By Councillor Andrew
Seconded By Councillor Alto

That Council approve the appointment of Cheryl Smith
1. As a Bylaw Officer pursuant to section 2(a) of the Inspection Bylaw (06-061); and
2. As a Business Licence Inspector for the City of Victoria

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

G. BYLAWS

G.1 Bylaw for Land Use Procedures Bylaw, Amendment Bylaw

Moved By Councillor Isitt
Seconded By Councillor Young

That Council:

1. Rescind third reading of the Land Use Procedures Bylaw, Amendment Bylaw (No.13) 21-055 (the "Bylaw").

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Moved By Councillor Isitt
Seconded By Councillor Potts

2. Amend section 2(c) of the Bylaw by inserting the following words as indicated with underlining for illustrative purposes only:
 - a. If a state of local or provincial emergency has been declared or public health order or guidance issued in the City and in-person participation in a Community Meeting is inconsistent with the declaration, order, guidance, or is impractical.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Moved By Councillor Isitt
Seconded By Councillor Young

3. Give third reading to Land Use Procedures Bylaw, Amendment Bylaw (No.13) No. 21-055, as amended.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Councillor Isitt recused himself at 3:29 p.m. due to a conflict of interest as he will be volunteering with the Together Against Poverty Society, which is participating in litigation regarding the following item.

Councillor Loveday recused himself at 3:29 p.m. due to a conflict of interest because his partner works at the Together Against Poverty Society, which is participating in litigation regarding the following item.

G.2 Bylaw for Parks Regulation Bylaw, Amendment Bylaw No. 16

Moved By Councillor Andrew
Seconded By Councillor Young

That the following bylaw **be adopted**:

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

FOR (5): Mayor Helps, Councillor Andrew, Councillor Alto, Councillor Thornton-Joe, Councillor Young

OPPOSED (2): Councillor Dubow Councillor Potts

CARRIED (5 to 2)

*Councillor Isitt returned to the meeting virtually at 3:31 p.m.
Councillor Loveday returned to the meeting at 3:31 p.m.*

H. CORRESPONDENCE

H.1 Chinese Canadian Museum - from Saanich

Council received a letter from the District of Saanich dated June 22, 2021 regarding the Chinese Canadian Museum.

Moved By Councillor Andrew
Seconded By Councillor Alto

That this letter be received for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

H.2. BC Hydro Request - from Spallumcheen

Council received a letter from the Township of Spallumcheen dated June 11, 2021 to BC Hydro and the Union of British Columbia Municipalities regarding the consultation period for the Residential Rate Review.

Moved By Councillor Andrew
Seconded By Councillor Alto

That this letter be received for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

H.3. Victoria Resolutions - from UBCM

Council received a letter from UBCM dated June 22, 2021 regarding Victoria Resolutions.

Moved By Councillor Andrew
Seconded By Councillor Alto

That this letter be received for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

H.4. Crisis Prevention Hotline - from Langford

Council received a letter from Langford dated June 29, 2021 regarding the Crisis Prevention Hotline.

Moved By Councillor Andrew
Seconded By Councillor Alto

That this letter be received for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

H.5. CARIP - from Saanich

Council received a letter from Saanich dated June 29, 2021 regarding CARIP.

Moved By Councillor Andrew
Seconded By Councillor Alto

That this letter be received for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

I. NEW BUSINESS

I.1 Report Back - STR Appeal for 1044 Belmont

Council received a report back from the City Clerk dated June 24, 2021 presenting documents from the Appellant and the City's Licence Inspector for Council's consideration in response to Council's request for more information on the prior use of 1044 Belmont Avenue.

Moved By Councillor Alto
Seconded By Councillor Dubow

That this report be received for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Moved By Councillor Andrew
Seconded By Councillor Young

That Council uphold the License Inspector's denial of a business license for the short term rental unit at 1044 Belmont Avenue

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

I.2 Report Back - STR Appeal for 906 Fairfield

Council received a report back report back from the City Clerk dated June 24, 2021 presenting documents from the Appellant and the City's Licence Inspector for Council's consideration in response to Council's request for more information on the ability to convert the unit into a rental space at 906 Fairfield Road.

Moved By Councillor Potts
Seconded By Councillor Alto

That this report be received for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Moved By Councillor Andrew
Seconded By Councillor Alto

That Council uphold the License Inspector's denial of a business license for the short-term rental unit at 906 Fairfield Road.

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

OPPOSED (2): Councillor Loveday, Councillor Potts

CARRIED (7 to 2)

J. CLOSED MEETING

Moved By Councillor Potts
Seconded By Councillor Loveday

MOTION TO CLOSE THE JULY 8, 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)(i) the receipt of advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose;

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

K. APPROVAL OF CLOSED AGENDA

Moved By Councillor Andrew
Seconded By Councillor Potts

That the agenda be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

L. READING OF CLOSED MINUTES

L.1 Minutes from the closed meeting held June 24, 2021

Moved By Councillor Alto
Seconded By Councillor Potts

That the minutes from the closed meeting held June 24, 2021 be adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

M. NEW BUSINESS

M.1 Legal Advice - Section 90(1)(i)

Council discussed a legal matter.

The discussion and motion were recorded and kept confidential.

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

Council discussed an intergovernmental negotiations matter.

The discussion and motion were recorded and kept confidential.

M.2 Employee Update

This item was deferred to the July 15, 2021 closed meeting.

N. ADJOURNMENT

Moved By Councillor Potts
Seconded By Councillor Alto

That the Closed Council Meeting be adjourned at 4:39 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CITY CLERK

MAYOR