



MINUTES - VICTORIA CITY COUNCIL

August 5, 2021, 6:30 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 Thornton-Joe, Councillor Young

PRESENT
ELECTRONICALLY: Councillor Dubow (joined at 6:34 p.m.), Councillor Isitt, Councillor
Loveday, Councillor Potts

STAFF PRESENT: J. Jenkyns - City Manager, T. Soulliere - Director of Parks,
Recreation & Facilities, T. Zworski - City Solicitor, B. Eisenhauer -
Head of Engagement, P. Bellefontaine - Director of Engineering &
Public Works, K. Hoese - Director of Sustainable Planning and
Community Development, C. Havelka - Deputy City Clerk, C.
Mycroft - Manager of Executive Operations, AK Ferguson -
Committee Secretary, C. Kingsley - City Clerk

A. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The City Clerk outlined amendments to the agenda.

Moved By Councillor Alto

Seconded By Councillor Thornton-Joe

That the agenda be approved as amended.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

B. POETRY

The Youth Poet Laureate, James Summer, provided Council with a poem.

Councillor Dubow joined the meeting electronically at 6:34 p.m.

D. REQUESTS TO ADDRESS COUNCIL

Moved By Councillor Alto

Seconded By Councillor Andrew

That the following speakers be permitted to address Council.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

D.1 PJ L'Heureux: City Approval at 450 Swift Street

Did not join the meeting

F. PUBLIC AND STATUTORY HEARINGS

F.1 425-475 Simcoe Street: Rezoning Application No. Rezoning Application No. 00773

Council is considering a Rezoning application to allow for the use of storefront cannabis retailer.

Councillor Isitt recused himself at 6:38 p.m. due to a pecuniary conflict of interest as his father lives within close proximity of the application.

F.1.a Public Hearing & Consideration of Approval

Michael Angrove (Senior Planner): Advised that the application is to permit a storefront cannabis retailer.

Mayor Helps opened the public hearing at 6:41 p.m.

Peter and Darren Saunders (Applicant): Provided information regarding the application.

Council recessed from 6:45 p.m. until 6:49 p.m. to provide an opportunity for members of the public to call to speak live.

No persons called in to speak to the proposed bylaw.

Council discussed the following:

- *Where the closest cannabis shop would be*

Mayor Helps closed the public hearing at 6:50 p.m.

Moved By Councillor Andrew

Seconded By Councillor Alto

That the following bylaw **be given third reading:**

- Zoning Regulation Bylaw, Amendment Bylaw (No. 1259) No. 21-073

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Moved By Councillor Andrew

Seconded By Councillor Alto

That the following bylaw **be adopted:**

- Zoning Regulation Bylaw, Amendment Bylaw (No. 1259) No. 21-073

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Councillor Isitt returned to the meeting at 6:51 p.m.

F.2 Gorge Waterway Park: Rezoning Application No. 00785

Council is considering a Rezoning application to allow for public docks within Gorge Waterway Park in order to expand the existing swim dock.

F.2.a Public Hearing & Consideration of Approval:

Derrick Newman (Assistant Director, Parks, Recreation and Facilities):
Advised that the application is to allow for public docks within Gorge Waterway Park in order to expand the existing swim dock.

Mayor Helps opened the public hearing at 6:55 p.m.

Council recessed from 6:56 p.m. p.m. until 7:01 p.m. to provide an opportunity for members of the public to call to speak live.

No persons called in to speak to the proposed bylaw.

Mayor Helps closed the public hearing at 7:01 p.m.

Moved By Councillor Isitt

Seconded By Councillor Loveday

That the following bylaw **be given third reading:**

- Zoning Regulation Bylaw, Amendment Bylaw (No. 1258) No. 21-072

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Moved By Councillor Isitt

Seconded By Councillor Alto

That the following bylaw **be adopted:**

- Zoning Regulation Bylaw, Amendment Bylaw (No. 1258) No. 21-072

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

F.3 1314 and 1318 Wharf Street: Rezoning Application No. 00701 and Heritage Alteration Permit with Variances Application No. 00236

Council is considering a rezoning application for the land known as 1314 and 1318 Wharf Street in the IHH Zone, Inner Harbour Heritage District, to increase the maximum density as well as to consider issuing a Heritage Alteration Permit for the land known as 1314 and 1318 Wharf Street, in Development Permit Area 9: Inner Harbour, for the purposes approving the exterior alterations to the heritage-designated buildings and the following variances:

- Reduce the required short term bicycle parking spaces from 10 to 0;
- Increase the maximum permitted height from 8 metres to 21 metres.

The Public Hearing was held and adjourned on July 29, 2021.

F.3.a Public Hearing & Consideration of Approval

Council discussed the following:

- *How the heritage guidelines were taken into consideration for the application.*
- *How the heritage advisory panel's recommendations are incorporated into the applications.*
- *Whether there will be bike parking on site.*
- *Whether Old Town could become a UNESCO heritage site.*
- *Whether there are character defining interior elements.*
- *What could be built on the grounds under the existing zoning.*
- *Heritage requirement for buildings following the 2018 building code.*
- *Possibility of a park being part of the development using the City owned land.*
- *Possibility of the developer getting a heritage tax exemption.*

Councillor Andrew withdrew from the meeting at 8:22 p.m. and returned at 8:49 p.m.

Moved By Mayor Helps

Seconded By Councillor Potts

That the following bylaw **be given third reading:**

- Zoning Regulation Bylaw, Amendment Bylaw (No. 1256) No. 21-061

FOR (5): Mayor Helps, Councillor Alto, Councillor Andrew, Councillor Loveday, and Councillor Potts

OPPOSED (4): Councillor Dubow, Councillor Isitt, Councillor Thornton-Joe, and Councillor Young

CARRIED (5 to 4)

Moved By Councillor Alto

Seconded By Councillor Andrew

That the following bylaw **be adopted:**

- Housing Agreement (1314 and 1318 Wharf Street) Bylaw (2021) No. 21-062

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Moved By Councillor Andrew

Seconded By Councillor Alto

Heritage Alteration Permit with Variances No. 00236

That Council authorize the issuance of Heritage Alteration Permit with Variances Application No. 00236 for 1314 and 1318 Wharf Street, in accordance with:

1. Plans date stamped August 10, 2020.
2. The Conservation Plan for the Caire and Grancini Warehouse at 1314 Wharf Street, date stamped October 22, 2019.

3. The Conservation Plan for the Fraser Warehouse at 1316-1318 Wharf Street, date stamped October 22, 2019.
4. Development meeting all Zoning Regulation Bylaw requirements, except for the following variances:
 - a. Reduce the required short term bicycle parking spaces from 10 to 0; and
 - b. Increase the maximum permitted height from 8 metres to 21 metres.
5. Final plans to be generally in accordance with the plans identified above, to the satisfaction of the Director of Sustainable Planning and Community Development.
6. The applicant provide details regarding their intended process for commissioning a story wall for the north elevation of the building, including an artist selection process, scope and content, and an explanation for how their project will consider the Indigenous cultural heritage of the waterfront public realm, to the satisfaction of the Director of Sustainable Planning and Community Development.
7. The applicant providing a lighting plan for the heritage buildings, to the satisfaction of the Director of Sustainable Planning and Community Development.
8. Heritage Alteration Permit lapsing two years from the date of this resolution.

FOR (5): Mayor Helps, Councillor Alto, Councillor Andrew, Councillor Loveday, and Councillor Potts

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Seconded By Councillor Alto

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OPPOSED (4): Councillor Dubow, Councillor Isitt, Councillor Thornton-Joe, and Councillor Young

CARRIED (5 to 4)

Moved By Councillor Alto
Seconded By Councillor Andrew

That Council direct staff to bring forward an amendment to the Heritage Designation Bylaw to include the interior demising wall in the designation of the Fraser Warehouse building.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

L. CORRESPONDENCE

L.1 Letter from the minister of Municipal Affairs

Council received a letter dated July 27, 2021 from the Minister of Municipal Affairs regarding CARIP.

Moved By Councillor Andrew

Seconded By Councillor Thornton-Joe

That the correspondence be received for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

L.2 Letter from the Resort Municipality of Whistler

Council received a letter dated July 21, 2021 from the Resort Municipality of Whistler regarding laid off tourism and restaurant workers.

Moved By Councillor Andrew

Seconded By Councillor Thornton-Joe

That the correspondence be received for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

L.3 Letter from the Resort Municipality of Whistler

Council received a letter dated July 21, 2021 from the Resort Municipality of Whistler regarding the Help Cities Lead campaign.

Moved By Councillor Andrew

Seconded By Councillor Thornton-Joe

That the correspondence be received for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

L.4 Letter from the Minister of Municipal Affairs

Council received a letter dated July 27, 2021 from the Minister of Municipal Affairs regarding the Citizens' Assembly.

Moved By Councillor Andrew

Seconded By Councillor Thornton-Joe

That the correspondence be received for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

L.5 Letter from the City of Langley

Council received a letter dated July 29, 2021 from Langley regarding Improvements to Pre-Hospital Care System.

Moved By Councillor Andrew

Seconded By Councillor Thornton-Joe

That the correspondence be received for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

L.6 Letter from the Greater Victoria School District

Council received a letter dated June 25, 2021 from the Greater Victoria School District regarding the Bank Street School Building.

Moved By Councillor Andrew

Seconded By Councillor Thornton-Joe

That the correspondence dated be received for information.

Amendment:

Moved By Councillor Thornton-Joe

Seconded By Councillor Isitt

That the Mayor write a letter to the Greater Victoria School District thanking them for the letter and asking them to meet with the South Jubilee neighbourhood to discuss the future of the Bank Street School.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

On the main motion:

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

O. CLOSED MEETING

Moved By Councillor Andrew

Seconded By Councillor Thornton-Joe

MOTION TO CLOSE THE AUGUST 5, 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)(a) personal information about an identifiable individual who holds or is being considered for a position as an officer, employee or agent of the municipality or another position appointed by the municipality;*
- *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.*

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

P. NEW BUSINESS

P.1 Appointment - Community Charter Section 90(1)(a)

Council discussed an Appointment matter.

The discussion and motion were recorded and kept confidential.

P.2 Land - Community Charter Section 90(1)(e)

Council discussed a Land matter.

The discussion and motion were recorded and kept confidential.

P.3 Land - Community Charter Section 90(1)(e)

Council discussed a Land matter.

The discussion and motion were recorded and kept confidential.

All staff were excused at 9:50 p.m. except for the City Manager.

P.4 Employee Relations - Community Charter Section 90(1)(c)

Council discussed an Employee Relations matter.

Q. ADJOURNMENT

Moved By Councillor Andrew

Seconded By Councillor Alto

That the Council meeting adjourn.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

TIME: 10:20 p.m.

CITY CLERK

MAYOR