



MINUTES – SPECIAL COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

September 16, 2021, 1:00 P.M.

COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL, 1 CENTENNIAL SQUARE

The City of Victoria is located on the homelands of the Songhees and Esquimalt People

PRESENT: Mayor Helps in the Chair, Councillor Alto, Councillor Isitt (arrived at 2:13 p.m.), Councillor Loveday, Councillor Potts, Councillor Thornton-Joe

PRESENT ELECTRONICALLY: Councillor Andrew, Councillor Dubow

ABSENT: Councillor Young

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, C. Havelka - Deputy City Clerk, D. Atkinson - Deputy Fire Chief, R. Tooke - Manager, Sustainability, Assets and Support Services, K. Moore - Head of Business and Community Relations, C. Mycroft - Manager of Executive Operations, G. Milne – Manager of Strategic Operations, D. Newman - Assistant Director, Facilities and Construction Management, Bellefontaine - Director of Engineering & Public Works, G. Diamond – Council/Committee Secretary

GUESTS: Dr. Julian Somers

A. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved By Councillor Alto

Seconded By Councillor Potts

That the agenda be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

B. CONSENT AGENDA

Moved By Councillor Potts

Seconded By Councillor Alto

That the following items be approved without further debate

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

G.1 2622 Douglas Street: Local Government Recommendation for Jima Cannabis (Burnside)

Committee received a report dated August 24, 2021 from the City Clerk regarding an application by Jima Cannabis at 2622 Douglas Street to obtain a provincial cannabis retail store license.

Moved By Councillor Potts
Seconded By Councillor Alto

1. That Council direct staff to advise the Liquor and Cannabis Regulation Branch (LCRB):
The Council of the City of Victoria supports the application of Jima Cannabis at 2622 Douglas Street to receive a provincial cannabis retail store license with the following comments:
 - a. The Council recommends that the Liquor and Cannabis Regulation Branch issue a license to Jima Cannabis at 2622 Douglas Street.
 - b. Bylaw and Licensing Services, the Victoria Police Department, and Sustainable Planning and Community Development did not raise any concerns about this referral in terms of community impacts.
 - c. Residents' views were solicited through a mail-out to property owners and occupiers within 100 meters of this address and to the relevant neighbourhood association.
The City sent 338 notices and received 2 responses. The City did not receive correspondence from the Burnside/Gorge Community Association.
2. That Council direct staff to advise the LCRB of Council's recommendation subject to the applicant's compliance with applicable City bylaws and permits.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

G.2 1-1725 Cook Street: Local Government Recommendation for Fernwood Green (Fernwood)

Committee received a report dated August 24, 2021 from the City Clerk regarding an application by Fernwood Green at 1-1725 Cook Street to obtain a provincial cannabis retail store license.

Moved By Councillor Potts
Seconded By Councillor Alto

1. That Council direct staff to advise the Liquor and Cannabis Regulation Branch (LCRB):

The Council of the City of Victoria supports the application of Fernwood Green at 1-1725 Cook Street to receive a provincial cannabis retail store license with the following comments:

- a. The Council recommends that the Liquor and Cannabis Regulation Branch issue a license to Fernwood Green at 1-1725 Cook Street.
- b. Bylaw and Licensing Services, the Victoria Police Department, and Sustainable Planning and Community Development did not raise any concerns about this referral in terms of community impacts.
- c. Residents' views were solicited through a mail-out to property owners and occupiers within 100 meters of this address and to the relevant neighbourhood association.

The City sent 490 notices and received 5 responses. The City did not receive correspondence from the Fernwood Community Association.

2. That Council direct staff to advise the LCRB of Council's recommendation subject to the applicant's compliance with applicable City bylaws and permits

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

D. Presentations

D.1 Homelessness, Addiction and Mental Illness: A Call to Action for BC

Committee received a presentation by Dr. Julian Somers regarding homelessness, addiction and mental illness in BC.

Motion:

Moved By Councillor Thornton-Joe

Seconded By Councillor Potts

That Council's rules of order be suspended for this item.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Committee discussed the following:

- *The reasons Complex Care has not been implemented despite years of evidence*
- *That the trial of this model in Vancouver was successful despite initial low confidence among non-profits and others*
- *The differences in addiction intervention practices between employed people and unemployed people*

G. STAFF REPORTS

G.3 Animal Responsibility Bylaw - Amendments

Committee received a report dated September 1, 2021 from the Director of Parks, Recreation and Facilities regarding a proposed amendment to the Animal Responsibility Bylaw to align the Bylaw with federal regulations within the Victoria Harbour Migratory Bird Sanctuary.

Councillor Isitt arrived at 2:11 p.m.

Mayor Helps reinstated the rules of order

Moved By Mayor Helps
Seconded By Councillor Alto

That Council instruct the Director of Parks, Recreation and Facilities to bring forward bylaw amendments necessary to remove Gonzales Beach from the designated off-leash areas within the Animal Responsibility Bylaw to align with federal regulations within the Victoria Harbour Migratory Bird Sanctuary ("VHMB").

That Committee forward consideration of this motion to the September 16, 2021 Council meeting.

Committee discussed the following:

- *That there are currently 16 off-leash dog areas*
- *That the migratory bird sanctuary extends to the high tide line*
- *That the current municipal bylaw authorizes something that a federal regulation prohibits and that legally, the federal regulation would prevail*

Amendment:

Moved By Councillor Andrew
Seconded By Councillor Thornton-Joe

2. That Committee forward consideration of this motion to the **October 7, 2021** ~~September 16, 2021~~ Council meeting.

FOR (1): Councillor Thornton-Joe

OPPOSED (7): Mayor Helps, Councillor Alto, Councillor Andrew, Councillor Dubow, Councillor Isitt, Councillor Loveday, Councillor Potts

DEFEATED

On the main motion:

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

J. ADJOURNMENT OF COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Moved By Councillor Alto
Seconded By Councillor Potts

That the Committee of the Whole Meeting be adjourned at 2:33 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CITY CLERK

MAYOR

DRAFT