



MINUTES - VICTORIA CITY COUNCIL

November 4, 2021, 6:30 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 Andrew, Councillor Dubow, Councillor Isitt, Councillor Loveday, Councillor Potts, Councillor Young
- PRESENT ELECTRONICALLY Councillor Thornton-Joe
- STAFF PRESENT: S. Thompson - Deputy City Manager / Director of Finance, T. Soulliere - Director of Parks, Recreation & Facilities, T. Zworski - City Solicitor, A. Meyer - Assistant Director of Development Services, C. Havelka - Deputy City Clerk, C. Mycroft - Manager of Executive Operations, C. Kingsley - City Clerk, R. Kenny – Assistant Director of Transportation, P. Rantucci – Head of Strategic Real Estate, G. Milne – Head of Strategic Operations, K. Hoese, Director of Sustainable Planning and Community Development, J. O'Reilly – Senior Heritage Planner, B. Eisenhauer – Head of Engagement, M. Heiser - Committee Secretary

A. MUSIC

The Victoria Conservatory of Music presents the Young Artists Collegium Program End of Year Chamber Music Showcase 2021, featuring the VCM's Preparatory and Intermediate Orchestras, under the direction of Tatiana Kostour.

B. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The City Clerk outlined amendments to the agenda.

Moved By Councillor Loveday
Seconded By Councillor Andrew

That the agenda be approved as amended.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

F. PUBLIC AND STATUTORY HEARINGS

F.1 235 Russell Street: Development Permit with Variance Application No. 00163

Development Permit with Variances Application No. 00163

The Council of the City of Victoria will consider issuing a Development Permit with Variances for the land known as 235 Russell Street, in Development Permit Area 13 – Core Songhees, for purposes of constructing a new four-storey industrial warehouse building.

F.1.a Opportunity for Public Comment & Consideration of Approval

Miko Betanzo (Planner): Advised that the application is to allow the construction of a new warehouse. The variance is related to the parking and loading zone and short term bicycle requirements.

Mayor Helps opened the opportunity for public comment at 6:35 p.m.

Charles Kierulf (Applicant): Provided information regarding the application.

Council recessed from 6:42 p.m. p.m. until 6:47 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 application.

Mayor Helps closed the opportunity for public comment at 6:48 p.m.

Moved By Councillor Loveday
Seconded By Councillor Andrew

That Council authorize the issuance of Development Permit with Variance Application No. 00163 for 235 Russell Street, in accordance with:

1. Plans date stamped July 13, 2021.
2. Development meeting all Zoning Regulation Bylaw requirements, except for the following variances:
 - i. reduce the number of loading stalls from 1 to nil
 - ii. reduce the number of vehicle parking stalls from 20 to 14
 - iii. increase the distance between the main entrance and the short term bicycle stalls from 15m to 19.13m.
3. The Development Permit lapsing two years from the date of this resolution.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

F.2 737 Belton Avenue: Development Permit with Variance Application No.00162

Development Permit with Variances Application No. 00162

The Council of the City of Victoria will consider issuing a Development Permit with Variances for the land known as 737 Belton Avenue, in Development Permit Area 15A, Intensive Residential - Small Lot, for purposes of constructing a new single family dwelling on a small lot.

F.2.a Opportunity for Public Comment & Consideration of Approval:

Miko Betanzo (Planner): Advised that the application is to construct a new single family dwelling on a small lot. The variances are related to reducing the front and rear yard setbacks and increasing the site coverage.

Mayor Helps opened the opportunity for public comment at 6:50 p.m.

Denise Kors (Applicant): Provided information regarding the application.

Rene Gauthier (Dunedin Street): Expressed concerns for the application due to specifics of the proposal relating to landscaping and privacy in close proximity to their property.

Council recessed from 7:02 p.m. until 7:07 p.m. to provide an opportunity for members of the public to call to speak live.

No further persons called in to speak to the proposed application.

Council discussed the following:

- *Landscaping details*
- *Privacy aspects of the proposed application*

Mayor Helps closed the opportunity for public comment at 7:09 p.m.

Moved By Councillor Young
Seconded By Councillor Alto

That Council authorize the issuance of Development Permit with Variance Application No. 00162 for 737 Belton Avenue, in accordance with:

1. Plans date stamped June 8, 2021.
2. Development meeting all Zoning Regulation Bylaw requirements, except for the following variances:
 - i. reduce the front yard setback from 6.0m to 4.0m to the building face and from 6.0m to 0.58m to the stairs
 - ii. permit vertical supports on a porch roof that projects into the front yard setback
 - iii. reduce the rear yard setback from 6.0m to 3.34m
 - iv. increase the site coverage from 40% to 40.16%.
3. Revised Arborist Report, Tree Management Plan and landscape plan to the satisfaction of the Director of Parks, Recreation and Facilities.
4. The Development Permit lapsing two years from the date of this resolution.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

F.3 3150 Somerset Street: Rezoning Application No. 00763 and Development Permit Application No. 000592

Zoning Regulation Bylaw, Amendment Bylaw (No. 1261) - No. 21-087:

To rezone the land known as 3150 Somerset Street from the R1-B Zone, Single Family Dwelling District, to the R-2 Zone, Two Family Dwelling District, to demolish the existing duplex, subdivide the property and construct two new duplexes.

Development Permit Application

The Council of the City of Victoria will also consider issuing a development permit for the land known as 3150 Somerset Street, in Development Permit Area 15D: Intensive Residential - Duplex for the purposes of approving the exterior design and finishes for the two duplexes as well as landscaping.

F.3.a Public Hearing & Consideration of Approval

Miko Betanzo (Planner): Advised that the application is to demolish the existing legally non-conforming duplex, subdivide the property, and construct two new duplexes.

Mayor Helps opened the public hearing at 7:11 p.m.

Rus Collins (Applicant): Provided information regarding the application.

Council recessed from 7:18 p.m. until 7:23 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 application.

Council discussed the following:

- *Tree removal and retention*
- *New tree selection*

Mayor Helps closed the public hearing at 7:29 p.m.

Moved By Councillor Alto

Seconded By Councillor Loveday

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

1. Zoning Regulation Bylaw, Amendment Bylaw (No. 1261) No. 21-087

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Motion Arising:

Moved By Councillor Isitt

Seconded By Councillor Loveday

That Council direct staff to pursue the planting of at least two Garry Oaks as replacement trees.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Moved By Councillor Alto
Seconded By Councillor Loveday

That the following bylaw **be adopted**:

1. Zoning Regulation Bylaw, Amendment Bylaw (No. 1261) No. 21-087

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Moved By Councillor Alto
Seconded By Councillor Loveday

Development Permit Application No. 000592

That Council authorizes the issuance of Development Permit Application No. 000592 for 3150 Somerset Street, in accordance with:

1. Plans date stamped April 6, 2021.
2. The Development Permit lapsing two years from the date of this resolution.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

F.4 780-798 Fort Street: and 1106-1126 Blanshard Street: Rezoning Application No. 00745, Development Permit with Variances Application No. 00580, and Heritage Designation Application No. 000196

Zoning Bylaw 2018, Amendment Bylaw (No. 11) - No. 21-083:

To rezone the land known as 780/84 and 794-798 Fort Street and 1106-1108 and 1114-1126 Blanshard Street within the CBD-1 Zone to increase the density and to add site-specific regulations.

Development Permit with Variances Application

The Council of the City of Victoria will also consider issuing a development permit for the land known as 780/84 and 794-798 Fort Street and 1106-1108 and 1114-1126 Blanshard Street, in Development Permit Area 2 (HC), Core Business, for the purposes of approving the exterior design and finishes for a new Hotel and existing Heritage Building as well as landscaping and the following variances:

1. increase the building height from 60 metres to 66 metres for Development Area A (PID: 006-027-113, Lot 1, District Lots 28 and 66, Victoria City, Plan 4755; and PID: 006-027-156, Lot 2, District Lots 28 and 66, Victoria City, Plan 4755)
2. reduce the west side yard setback from 6 metres to 2.65 metres, for portions of the building 17.5 metres above average grade for Development Area A (PID: 006-027-113, Lot 1, District Lots 28 and 66, Victoria City, Plan 4755, and PID: 006-027-156, Lot 2, District Lots 28 and 66, Victoria City, Plan 4755).

Heritage Designation Application

Under the provisions of the *Local Government Act*, the City of Victoria intends to designate the building located at 1114-1126 Blanshard Street, legally described

as: 004-738-497, Lot 61, Victoria City, as protected heritage property, under Heritage Designation Bylaw No. 21-085 (1114-1126 Blanshard Street).

F.4.a Public Hearing & Consideration of Approval

Miko Betanzo (Planner): Advised that the application is to increase the density on 780-798 Fort Street and 1106-1126 Blanshard Street to allow for a 20-storey hotel with office and ground floor commercial uses.

Mayor Helps opened the public hearing at 7:33 p.m.

David Fullbrook (Applicant): Provided information regarding the application.

Ian Sutherland (Victoria Downtown Residents Association): Expressed concerns for the application due to the proposed height, density, and lack of consideration for neighbouring properties.

Paul Nursey (Destination Greater Victoria): Expressed support for the application due to the need for hotel rooms and preservation of heritage aspects.

Jeff Bray (Downtown Victoria Business Association): Expressed support for the application due to the addition of hotel rooms and the intended transformation of the Fort and Blanshard Street corner.

Wendy Bowkett (Chinatown, Victoria): Expressed concerns for the application due to the diversion from core planning documents and lack of proposed seismic upgrades.

Council recessed from 8:10 p.m. until 8:15 p.m. to provide an opportunity for members of the public to call to speak live.

JC Scott (Fan Tan Alley): Expressed concerns for the application due to the proposed height.

No further persons called in to speak to the application.

Council discussed the following:

- *Height relationship between a neighbouring cathedral and the proposed building.*
- *Semi-public atrium specifics*
- *Proposed seismic upgrading*
- *Concerns of project height*
- *Protection for tenants*
- *Displaced commercial tenant*
- *Need for hotel rooms in the City*

Mayor Helps closed the public hearing at 8:42 p.m.

Moved By Mayor Helps
Seconded By Councillor Young

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

1. Zoning Bylaw 2018, Amendment Bylaw (No .11) No. 21-083
2. Heritage Designation (1114-1126 Blanshard Street) Bylaw No. 21-085

FOR (8): Mayor Helps, Councillor Alto, Councillor Andrew, Councillor Dubow, Councillor Loveday, Councillor Potts, Councillor Thornton-Joe and Councillor Young

OPPOSED (1): Councillor Isitt

CARRIED (8 to 1)

Moved By Councillor Alto
Seconded By Councillor Andrew

That the following bylaw **be adopted:**

1. Zoning Bylaw 2018, Amendment Bylaw (No .11) No. 21-083

FOR (8): Mayor Helps, Councillor Alto, Councillor Andrew, Councillor Dubow, Councillor Loveday, Councillor Potts, Councillor Thornton-Joe and Councillor Young

OPPOSED (1): Councillor Isitt

CARRIED (8 to 1)

Moved By Councillor Alto
Seconded By Councillor Andrew

That the following bylaws **be adopted:**

1. Heritage Designation (1114-1126 Blanshard Street) Bylaw No. 21-085
2. Housing Agreement (1114 Blanshard Street) Bylaw (2021) No. 21-084

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Moved By Councillor Alto
Seconded By Councillor Andrew

Development Permit with Variances Application No. 000580

That Council authorize the issuance of Development Permit with Variances Application No. 000580 for 780-798 Fort Street & 1106- 1126 Blanshard Street, in accordance with:

1. Plans date stamped November 18, 2020 with minor plan revisions to address Advisory Design Panel comments, to the satisfaction of the Director of Sustainable Planning and Community Development.
2. Development meeting all Zoning Regulation Bylaw requirements, except for the following variances:
 - i. increase the building height from 60 metres to 66 metres for Development Area A

- ii. reduce the west side yard setback from 6 metres to 2.65 metres, for portions of the building 17.5 metres above average grade for Development Area A.
3. The Development Permit lapsing two years from the date of this resolution.

FOR (8): Mayor Helps, Councillor Alto, Councillor Andrew, Councillor Dubow, Councillor Loveday, Councillor Potts, Councillor Thornton-Joe and Councillor Young
OPPOSED (1): Councillor Isitt

CARRIED (8 to 1)

Moved By Councillor Loveday
Seconded By Councillor Alto

Heritage Designation Application No. 000196

That Council approve the designation of the property located at 1114-1126 Blanshard Street, in accordance with the Conservation Plan prepared by Donald Luxton and Associates Inc. dated March 2021, pursuant to Section 611 of the Local Government Act, as a Municipal Heritage Site.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Council recessed at 9:16 p.m. and reconvened at 9:22 p.m.

I. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

I.1 Report from the October 21, 2021 COTW Meeting

I.1.a 2022-2026 Draft Financial Plan

Moved By Councillor Alto
Seconded By Councillor Potts

That Council receive this report for information and give further consideration upon conclusion of budget presentations and discussion.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

I.1.b Victoria Welcoming City Strategy and Action Plan

Moved By Councillor Dubow
Seconded By Councillor Andrew

That Council:

1. Endorse the Victoria Welcoming City Strategy and Action Plan; and
2. Direct staff to work with the community to develop community-driven implementation plans.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

I.1.c Council Member Motion: Welcoming City Implementation Advisory Committee

Moved By Councillor Dubow

Seconded By Councillor Andrew

That Council:

1. Adopt the Welcoming City Implementation Advisory Committee Terms of Reference.
2. Invite all existing task force members to continue as members of the Implementation Advisory Committee and direct staff to begin a selection process to fill any gaps remaining.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

I.1.d Council Member Motion: Accessibility in Bike Lanes

Moved By Councillor Isitt

Seconded By Councillor Loveday

That Council direct staff to:

1. Engage the Provincial government on moving forward with permitted use of electric-powered wheelchairs and mobility scooters in bike lanes in the City of Victoria.
2. Provide a verbal update by Q1 2022 on next steps for moving forward with this accessibility action.

Amendment:

Moved By Councillor Isitt

Seconded By Councillor Loveday

That Council direct staff to:

1. Engage the Provincial government and **the Accessibility Advisory Committee** on moving forward with permitted use of electric-powered wheelchairs and mobility scooters in bike lanes in the City of Victoria.
2. Provide a verbal update by Q1 2022 on next steps for moving forward with this accessibility action.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Main motion as amended:

That Council direct staff to:

3. Engage the Provincial government and the Accessibility Advisory Committee on moving forward with permitted use of electric-powered wheelchairs and mobility scooters in bike lanes in the City of Victoria.

4. Provide a verbal update by Q1 2022 on next steps for moving forward with this accessibility action.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Council recessed at 9:24 p.m. and reconvened at 10:45 p.m.

I.2 Report from the Special COTW Meetings of October 25, October 26, November 1, and November 2

Moved By Councillor Andrew

Seconded By Councillor Isitt

Additional Resource Requests – Appendix A

That these items be included as supplemental requests to be considered by the public as part of the budget engagement process:

1. Managing Growth and New Development

- b. Urban Forest Positions - Permit Applications (2 FTEs) \$210,000 ongoing

2. Supporting Affordable Housing

- a. Ongoing Implementation of Victoria Housing Strategy – Planning Assistant (1 FTE) \$90,000
- b. Ongoing Implementation of Victoria Housing Strategy – Project Support – Vic Housing Strategy Implementation \$250,000

3. Supporting Arts and Economic Development

- a. Victoria 3.0 – Economic Development Position (1 FTE) \$120,000
- b. Art and Innovation District Plan – Arts and Innovation District Master Plan Consulting \$240,000

4. Supporting Youth Initiatives

- a. Youth Project Coordinator \$80,000

5. Supporting Road Safety

- a. Vision Zero Implementation – (1 FTE) \$118,000 ongoing
- b. Vision Zero Implementation – Development and Action Plan \$100,000

7. Supporting Climate Leadership

- a. Zero Waste (2 FTEs) \$219,000

8. Supporting Enhanced Public Spaces

- a. Street Activities and Operations – (1 FTE) \$107,000
- b. Street Activities and Operations – Consulting - \$100,000

13. Support for Advisory Committees, Working Groups and Task Forces

- a. Committee Administrator (1 FTE) \$95,000

14. Supporting Newcomer Sport and Recreation

- a. Newcomer Sport and Recreation (.5 FTE) \$40,000
- b. Newcomer Sport and Recreation – Consulting \$30,000

Additional Resource Requests – Appendix B - New Strategic Plan Objectives and Actions for 2022 Reconciliation and Indigenous Relations

21. That Council engage the public on an expenditure of up to \$100,000 in 2022 on an Indigenous relations function and/or Indigenous Elders in residence.

Affordable Housing

22. That Council include items 4 (Allow moveable tiny homes in all backyards that currently allow garden suites at rents of no more than \$500 per month) and item 6 (Allow tiny homes and garden suites on lots that already have secondary suites or duplexes) in the public consultation.

23. That staff report back on what elements of the \$250,000 supplemental request from planning would address affordability, policies that will be worked on or completed in 2022 to address affordability, and all affordable housing strategic plan items that were removed from the plan or deferred to 2021, 2022, 2023, or beyond.

Strong, Livable Neighbourhoods

24. That Council direct staff to include this as part of the 2022 budget (Review the Ship Point Improvement Plan and consider funding options)

25. Direct staff to include this as part of the 2023 budget and include any outputs from the 2019 neighbourhood engagement held at City Hall (Review CALUC process including clear terms of reference for increasing diversity (youth, renters, etc.), capacity building, and a transparent and democratic process for selecting members).

Additional Resource Requests – Appendix C –Report Backs

26. Cultural Infrastructure Grant Program

That the Cultural Infrastructure Grant Program \$250,000 be included as a supplemental request to be considered by the public as part of the budget engagement process.

27. Food and Pollinatory Growing Initiatives

That \$25,000 for Get Growing Victoria be included as a supplemental request to be considered by the public as part of the budget engagement process.

28. Food Forest and Allotment Gardens

That Food Forest and Allotment Gardens at \$90,000 be included as a supplemental request to be considered by the public as part of the budget engagement process.

Tenant Support

29. That the Tenant Support \$15,000 be included as a supplemental request to be considered by the public as part of the budget engagement process.

30. Direct staff to explore and report back on the budget implications of providing a tool kit and interactive training for different languages to build capacity and understanding the right to housing in the city of Victoria and education and outreach related to existing city policies and bylaws such as the rental standard of maintenance bylaw as well as related tenant rights including recent changes to Provincial 'renoviction' requirements for landlord and tenants.

31. Building Deconstruction

That the Building Deconstruction \$90,000 be included as a supplemental request to be considered by the public as part of the budget engagement process.

33. Senior's Action Plan

That the Barrier-Free Housing and Universal Design initiative be included as a supplemental request to be considered by the public as part of the budget engagement process.

Anti-Racism Training

35. That Council direct staff to report back as part of the 2023 budget on a comprehensive approach to anti-racism and anti-discrimination training.

36. Internship Program

Staff report on the financial implications of developing an internship program.

Crossing Guards

38. That Council direct staff to reassess all crossing locations in proximity to all public schools, not just all those historically served, to determine recommended locations for crossing guard services, guided by both a technical warrant system, staff judgement and perspective of school communities and include the amount needed to fund these positions in the 2023 budget.

Our Place Extended Hours and Storage of Belongings

39. That Our Place Extended Hours and Storage of Belongings \$100,000 be included as a supplemental request to be considered by the public as part of the budget engagement process, and that Council request that the provincial government provide adequate funding to Our Place for these proposed service levels.

41. That \$140,000 for the staff position to address homelessness be included as a supplemental request to be considered by the public as part of the budget engagement process.

42. New Assessed Revenue Policy Update

That this item be sent to the budget follow up meetings in January 2022.

43. Bowker Creek Daylighting

That this matter be referred to the COTW meeting when the storm water management plan is presented to Council and the 2023 Financial Plan.

FOR (8): Mayor Helps, Councillor Alto, Councillor Andrew, Councillor Dubow, Councillor Isitt, Councillor Loveday, Councillor Potts, Councillor Thornton-Joe
OPPOSED (1): Councillor Young

CARRIED (8 to 1)

Moved By Councillor Andrew
Seconded By Councillor Young

15. Supporting Bylaw Services

a. Bylaw Support \$1,070,000

45. VicPD 2022 Budget

That the below additional resources requests by VicPD be included as a supplemental request to be considered by the public as part of the budget engagement process:

Additional resources

- Co-Responder Team 446,233
 - Records Specialist (DEMS) 81,118
 - Business Intelligence Analyst 123,511
 - Front Desk Alternative to Sworn Officers 112,613
 - Cultural Liaison Officer 98,745
 - Assertive Community Treatment Officer 98,745
 - Cyber Crime Sergeant 127,560
- \$ 1,088,525 at 86.33% = \$939,724.

46. Supporting Bylaw Services

That the two additional police officers at \$276,000 be included for Victoria as a supplemental request to be considered by the public as part of the budget engagement process.

FOR (7): Mayor Helps, Councillor Alto, Councillor Andrew, Councillor Loveday, Councillor Potts, Councillor Thornton-Joe, Councillor Young
OPPOSED (2): Councillor Dubow, Councillor Isitt

CARRIED (7 to 2)

Moved By Councillor Andrew
Seconded By Councillor Isitt

1. Managing Growth and New Development

a. Development Services Planner (1 FTE) \$118,000 ongoing

9. Supporting Parks and Public Spaces

a. Sheltering Support \$1,133,000 (8.4 FTEs)

10. Supporting Food and Pollinator Growing Initiatives

a. Get Growing Victoria Grant Program \$27,000

11. Investing in Infrastructure

- a. Transportation Electrical Designer (1 FTE) \$107,000

12. Improving Customer Service and Accessibility

- a. Website Replacement

Motions Arising

16. Mayor and Council request an additional \$2.266 million from the Province through the Strengthening Communities unallocated funds to cover the costs of Parks and Public Space shelter and related clean up in 2022 and 2023 until the Province's Complex Care program is fully operational in our region. (NB At the time of Provincial announcement of funding there was \$24 million of the \$100 million indicated as unspent).

17. That Council direct staff report back with an update and proposed outcomes of the Coalition to End Homelessness newly hired peer-support staff as it relates to the proposed bylaw budget increases

18. Council Member Motion: Advocacy for Mental Health and Support Services

That the Mayor write, on behalf of Council, to the Minister of Municipal Affairs, the Minister of Mental Health and Addictions, the Minister of Public Safety, the Minister of Housing, and the Victoria-Beacon Hill, Oak Bay-Gordon Head, and Victoria-Swan Lake MLAs asking the Province:

1. What measures is the Province taking to address the areas within provincial jurisdiction of health, social work, mental health response and addictions (including preventions) in the City of Victoria and the capital region?
2. What provincial health measures will be in place in the next 12 months in the City of Victoria and the capital region?
3. What investments can the City of Victoria make through the 2022 budget to support the Province in the rapid implementation of measures to address the opioid epidemic, the mental health emergency and the intersecting housing crisis?

Additional Resource Requests – Appendix B - New Strategic Plan Objectives and Actions for 2022 Reconciliation and Indigenous Relations

19. That Council direct staff to report back on the financial, human and other resource implications and impacts to include resources sufficient to further operationalize the Indigenous Relations Function in 2022.

20. That \$16,000 for reconciliation training for staff be included as a supplemental request to be considered by the public as part of the budget engagement process

32. Child Care

That Child Care \$5,000 be included as a supplemental request to be considered by the public as part of the budget engagement process.

Anti-Racism Training

34. That Anti-Racism Training \$32,000 be included as a supplemental request to be considered by the public as part of the budget engagement process.

Crossing Guards

37. That Crossing Guards up to \$62,000 be included as a supplemental request to be considered by the public as part of the budget engagement process.

Our Place Extended Hours and Storage of Belongings

40. That \$100,000 ongoing funding for the Aboriginal Coalition to End Homelessness be included as a supplemental request to be considered by the public as part of the budget engagement process

44. Topaz Park Improvements

That staff report as part of the budget process on the current degree of accessibility of the two Topaz Park washrooms.

Motions Arising

47. That the following motion be referred to the 2023 Financial Planning process: That Council direct staff to report on the implications of undertaking a review of leash optional areas and other aspects of dogs in parks in 2023.

48. That staff report on the implications of indexing the reserve fund contributions to the rate of inflation.

49. That included in the public engagement for the 2022 budget is an allocation of \$45,000 to support the cost of three Reconciliation dialogues.

50. That Council direct staff to report on the cost implications of delineating the Dallas Road leash optional area with a split rail fence to improve accessibility and safety for pedestrian users of the pathway closest to the water.

51. Report back on the implications of a one-time (pilot) base operating staff grants of \$156,040 with \$78,020 to be allocated to each of the North Park Neighbourhood Association and Downtown Residents Association to replace the \$20,000 community coordinator grant for the period of the pilot reflecting the role of the associations in the development of the new community centre.

52. That Council engage the public on increasing the per capita grant to neighbourhood associations with community centres to the level provided to neighbourhoods without community centres.

53. That Council engage the public on extending fare free transit to holders of the LIFE pass.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

I.3 Report from the November 4, 2021 COTW meeting:

H.5.2 Council Member Motion: New Assessed Revenue and Lekwungen Land Acknowledgement

Moved By Councillor Isitt
Seconded By Councillor Alto

1. That

Council engage the public on a proposed community reconciliation levy based on:

"15% of New Assessed Revenue be allocated each year to the Songhees and Esquimalt Nations, as an unconditional ongoing grant that increases, in order to demonstrate the City's commitment to reconciliation and to acknowledge the Lekwungen lands in a meaningful way"

be included as a supplemental request to be considered by the public as part of the budget engagement process and direct staff to report back with information on new assessed revenue in the past twenty years as it relates to this proposal.

FOR (8): Mayor Helps, Councillor Alto, Councillor Andrew, Councillor Isitt, Councillor Dubow, Councillor Loveday, Councillor Potts, Councillor Thornton-Joe

OPPOSED (1): Councillor Young

CARRIED (8 to 1)

H.5.4 RAP and Recreation Fee Bylaw

Moved By Councillor Potts

Seconded By Councillor Alto

Staff to report back on the implications an associated budget to the motion passed by council July 8th, 2021 to amend the Recreation Fee Bylaw No.06-056 to allow community groups to book Royal Athletic Park at low or no cost *and/or* a re-envisioning of how RAP can be opened for public use following findings of the 1996 Local Area Plan and the example of community based recreation programs held by city staff and the North Park Neighbourhood Association in 2020 and 2021.

Report back on the implications of awarding a grant of up to \$12,637.66 to the North Park Neighbourhood Association to fund the cost of hosting programs at Royal Athletic Park in 2022 i.e. monthly markets, quarterly Multicultural Festival, and free all ages programming at RAP while the re-envisioning process and bylaw amendments are in progress.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

H.5.5 Safety Initiative Reimbursement Program

Moved By Councillor Alto

Seconded By Councillor Andrew

That Council engage the public and direct staff to report back on the implications of allocating up to \$65,000 from 2021 surplus for a one-time program operated in partnership with a local business improvement association to help support the security of Victoria's businesses or residential dwellings with small grants for up to a 50% reimbursement for safety or security initiatives.

FOR (5): Mayor Helps, Councillor Alto, Councillor Andrew, Councillor Dubow, Councillor Thornton-Joe
OPPOSED (4): Councillor Isitt, Councillor Loveday, Councillor Potts, Councillor Young

CARRIED (5 to 4)

H.5.6 Engagement regarding Grant to End Violence BC Prevention Training Program

Moved By Councillor Potts
Seconded By Councillor Isitt

That Council includes as part of public engagement on the 2022 budget a \$50,000 grant to End Violence BC for a prevention training program, geared towards the hospitality industry and late-night venues, to deliver on council's strategic priority of addressing sexualized violence in our community.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

H.5.7 Funding for the Sanctuary Youth Drop-In

Moved By Councillor Thornton-Joe
Seconded By Councillor Alto

That up to \$32,344 to fund the Sanctuary Youth Drop In for an additional 3 hours on days that they are currently open and to provide funds for a day shelter in the event of extreme weather be drawn from the 2021 contingency budget included as a supplemental request to be considered by the public as part of the budget engagement.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Motion to extend:

Moved By Councillor Andrew
Seconded By Councillor Isitt

That the Council meeting be extended to 11:15 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

H.5.8 Staff Recommendations

Moved By Councillor Alto
Seconded By Councillor Andrew

1. Direct staff to bring forward the Five-year Financial Plan Bylaw, 2022 to the November 4, 2021 daytime Council meeting for consideration of first reading.

2. Direct staff to bring forward bylaws outlining sewer utility, stormwater utility and water utility user fee increases for 2022 to the November 18, 2021 daytime Council meeting for consideration of first, second and third readings.
3. Upon completion of public consultation, direct staff to bring forward direct-award grants and other grants as outlined in this report for consideration of approval
4. Upon completion of public consultation, consider funding additional grant requests, supplementary requests, resource requirements for financial plan motion report backs and 2022 Strategic Plan action items, as determined by Council

FOR (8): Mayor Helps, Councillor Alto, Councillor Andrew, Councillor Dubow, Councillor Loveday, Councillor Potts, Councillor Thornton-Joe, Councillor Young
OPPOSED (1): Councillor Isitt

CARRIED (8 to 1)

I.3 Report from the November 4, 2021 COTW Meeting

I.3.a Appointment of Animal Control Officer: Brandon Whitters

Moved By Councillor Andrew
Seconded By Councillor Loveday

1. That Brandon Whitters be appointed as
 - a. "Animal Control Officer" pursuant to section 49(1) of the Community Charter, and
 - b. That his appointment be rescinded upon termination of his employment by Victoria Animal Control Services Ltd.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

I.3.b Appointment of Animal Control Officer: Ben Watson

Moved By Councillor Isitt
Seconded By Councillor Dubow

1. That Ben Watson be appointed as
 - a. "Animal Control Officer" pursuant to section 49(1) of the Community Charter, and
 - b. That his appointment be rescinded upon termination of his employment by Victoria Animal Control Services Ltd.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

I.3.c Council Member Motion: Attendance at the FCM board meeting, Ottawa, Nov. 24 to Nov. 25, 2021

Moved By Councillor Isitt
Seconded By Councillor Loveday

That Council authorize the attendance and associated costs for Councillor Dubow to attend the Federation of Canadian Municipalities, (FCM) board meeting to be held in Ottawa, November 24, 2021 to November 25, 2021.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

H.5.1 Council Member Motion: Funding a Facility Programming Study for Oaklands Community Center

Moved By Councillor Loveday
Seconded By Councillor Alto

That Council direct staff to report back with implications of funding the Oaklands Community Association to conduct a facility programming study to determine the future needs of the community center, to help envision the renewal or redevelopment of the Oaklands Community Center.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

K. BYLAWS

K.1 Bylaw for Five year Financial Plan, 2022

Moved By Mayor Helps
Seconded By Councillor Andrew

That the following Bylaw **be given first reading:**

1. Five Year Financial Plan Bylaw, 2022 No. 21-098

FOR (8): Mayor Helps, Councillor Alto, Councillor Andrew, Councillor Dubow, Councillor Loveday, Councillor Potts, Councillor Thornton-Joe, Councillor Young
OPPOSED (1): Councillor Isitt

CARRIED (8 to 1)

L. CORRESPONDENCE

L.1 Letter from the Attorney General and Minister Responsible for Housing

Council received a letter dated October 26, 2021 from the Attorney General and Minister Responsible for Housing regarding the acquisition of housing stock.

Moved By Councillor Isitt
Seconded By Councillor Alto

That the letter be received for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

L.2 Letter from the Minister of Municipal Affairs

Council received a letter dated October 29, 2021 from the Minister of Municipal Affairs regarding the CleanBC Roadmap to 2030.

Moved By Councillor Alto
Seconded By Councillor Dubow

That the letter be received for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

O. ADJOURNMENT

Moved By Councillor Loveday
Seconded By Councillor Alto

That the Council meeting adjourn.
TIME:11:05 P.M.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CITY CLERK

MAYOR