



MINUTES – SPECIAL COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

November 1, 2021, 9:00 A.M.

COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL, 1 CENTENNIAL SQUARE

The City of Victoria is located on the homelands of the Songhees and Esquimalt People
Meeting will recess for a lunch break between 12:30 p.m. and 1:30 p.m.

PRESENT: Mayor Helps in the Chair, Councillor Andrew, Councillor Isitt (9:05 a.m.), Councillor Loveday, Councillor Potts, Councillor Thornton-Joe, Councillor Young

PRESENT ELECTRONICALLY: Councillor Alto

PRESENT ELECTRONICALLY FOR A PORTION OF THE MEETING: Councillor Isitt

ABSENT: Councillor Dubow

STAFF PRESENT: J. Jenkyns - City Manager, S. Thompson - Deputy City Manager / Director of Finance, T. Zworski - City Solicitor, B. Eisenhauer - Head of Engagement, A. Meyer - Assistant Director of Development Services, C. Havelka - Deputy City Clerk, 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, J. Paul - Assistant Director of Engineering, P. Bellefontaine - Director of Engineering & Public Works, C. Kingsley - City Clerk, S. Stoltz - Committee Secretary, G. Milne, D. Atkinson - Acting Fire Chief, S. Rasmussen – Legal Secretary.

A. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved By Councillor Andrew

Seconded By Councillor Thornton-Joe

That the agenda be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

F. STAFF REPORTS

F.1 2022 Draft Financial Plan

F.1.1 Questions for Additional Resource Requests (Appendices A, B & C) Motion (continued from Oct 26):

To 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 , and staff judgement **and perspective of school communities** and include the amount needed to fund these positions in the 2023 budget.

Councillor Isitt joined the meeting in person at 9:05 a.m.

Committee discussed:

- *Potential impacts of projects*

On the amendment:

FOR (5): Mayor Helps, Councillor Isitt, Councillor Loveday, Councillor Potts, Councillor Thornton-Joe

OPPOSED (3): Councillor Alto, Councillor Andrew, Councillor Young

CARRIED (5 TO 3)

On the main motion as amended:

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Motion arising:

Moved By Councillor Thornton-Joe

Seconded By Councillor Alto

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.

Amendment:

Moved By Councillor Isitt

Seconded By Councillor Thornton-Joe

That Council request that the Provincial government provide adequate funding to Our Place for these proposed service levels.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

On the main motion as amended:

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Motion arising:

Moved By Mayor Helps

Seconded By Councillor Loveday

New Assessed Revenue Policy Update

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Councillor Thornton-Joe recused herself at 9:20 a.m. due to a conflict of interest, as she serves on a board regarding the following item.

Motion arising:

Moved By Mayor Helps
Seconded By Councillor Alto

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.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Councillor Thornton-Joe returned to the meeting at 9:22 a.m.

Motion arising:

Moved By Councillor Isitt
Seconded By Mayor Helps

That this matter be referred to the 2023 Financial Plan.

Amendment:

Moved By Mayor Helps
Seconded By Councillor Loveday

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

Amendment to the amendment:

Moved By Councillor Isitt
Seconded By Councillor Loveday

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

On the amendment:

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

On the main motion as amended:

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Motion arising:

Moved By Councillor Loveday

Seconded By Councillor Potts

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

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

OPPOSED (3): Councillor Andrew, Councillor Thornton-Joe, Councillor Young

CARRIED (5 to 3)

Motion arising:

Moved By Councillor Alto

Seconded By Councillor Andrew

That \$50,000 for Kings Road Park be included as a supplemental request to be considered by the public as part of the budget engagement process.

FOR (3): Councillor Alto, Councillor Andrew, Councillor Isitt

OPPOSED (5): Mayor Helps, Councillor Loveday, Councillor Potts
Councillor Thornton-Joe, Councillor Young

DEFEATED (3 TO 5)

Motion arising:

Moved By Councillor Isitt

Seconded By Councillor Andrew

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

F.1.2 Questions for Departments

Councillor Andrew left the meeting at 9:51 a.m. and returned at 9:52 a.m.

1. Engineering and Public Works

Moved By Councillor Isitt

Seconded By Councillor Loveday

That Council direct staff to report back on the implications of installing a marked mid-block crosswalk in the 2600 block of Quadra street.

Amendment:

Moved By Mayor Helps

Seconded By Councillor Young

That Council direct staff to report back **as part of the 2023 budget process** on the implications of installing a marked mid-block crosswalk in the 2600 block of Quadra street.

FOR (6): Mayor Helps, Councillor Alto, Councillor Andrew, Councillor Potts, Councillor Thornton-Joe, Councillor Young

OPPOSED (2): Councillor Isitt, Councillor Loveday

CARRIED (6 TO 2)

Committee discussed:

- *Processes regarding community desires for crosswalks*

On the main motion as amended:

That Council direct staff to report back as part of the 2023 budget process on the implications of installing a marked mid-block crosswalk in the 2600 block of Quadra street.

FOR (3): Councillor Isitt, Councillor Loveday, Councillor Potts

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

DEFEATED (3 TO 5)

Committee discussed:

- *Plans regarding future sidewalks*

Committee recessed at 10:52 a.m. and reconvened at 10:57 a.m.

Moved By Councillor Isitt

Seconded By Councillor Loveday

That staff report back on the implications of expediting the planning and detail design of the Ross Bay sidewalk and triple A improvements.

Amendment:

Moved By Councillor Isitt
Seconded By Councillor Young

That staff report back on the implications of **a pilot project in 2022 on the Ross Bay waterfront** expediting the planning and detail design of the Ross Bay sidewalk and triple A improvements.

FOR (2): Councillor Isitt, Councillor Loveday
OPPOSED (6): Mayor Helps, Councillor Alto, Councillor Andrew, Councillor Potts, Councillor Thornton-Joe, Councillor Young

DEFEATED (2 TO 6)

On the main motion:

FOR (3): Councillor Isitt, Councillor Loveday, Councillor Potts
OPPOSED (5): Mayor Helps, Councillor Alto, Councillor Andrew, Councillor Thornton-Joe, Councillor Young

DEFEATED (3 TO 5)

Committee discussed:

- *An overview of street cleaning services*

2. Sustainable Planning and Community Development

Committee recessed at 12:12 p.m. and reconvened at 12:13 p.m.

Committee discussed:

- *The CALUCS and plans for 2022*

Committee recessed for lunch at 12:28 p.m. and reconvened at 1:31 p.m.

Councillor Isitt rejoined the meeting virtually.

3. Information Technology

Committee discussed:

- *The potential to donate technology/hardware that is nearing the end of its life to organizations in need, and challenges regarding this idea*
- *The use of eScribe in Legislative Services, and how using a different meeting software is not ideal due to eScribe's Closed Captioning capabilities*

4. Finance

There were no questions.

5. Corporate Initiatives

There were no questions.

6. Real Estate

Committee discussed:

- *Rezoning, OCP, and design requirements regarding density, and what the City can do to potentially expedite projects*
- *The cost of construction, and maximizing equity to then put back into projects*
- *The number of City properties that are being maximized through leases and other use*
- *The potential for tax revenue from selling properties*

7. Legislative Services

Committee discussed:

- *Consultation and general costs regarding the upcoming 2022 Municipal Election*

8. City Manager

There were no questions.

9. Fire

Committee discussed:

- *Statistics regarding the number of calls responded to, and the cost of responding to calls*

10. Legal

There were no questions.

11. Engagement

Committee discussed:

- *The Connect newsletter and frequency of its publication*
- *Participatory budgeting and how it relates to equity, diversity, and inclusion*

12. Business and Community Relations

Committee discussed:

- *The Public Art and Creation budget*
- *The Songhees Park expansion*

13. Parks, Recreation and Facilities

Committee discussed:

- *Projected increases in recreation revenue for indoor and outdoor programs, and predictions for the eventual return to pre-pandemic levels in the use of recreation facilities*
- *Challenges regarding staffing issues in the Crystal Pool Centre and the promotion of current opportunities*
- *Upgrades to playgrounds and parks, including replacing equipment, and other improvement programs*

I. ADJOURNMENT OF COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Moved By Councillor Andrew

Seconded By Councillor Loveday

That the Committee of the Whole Meeting be adjourned at 4:01 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CITY CLERK

MAYOR