



## MINUTES – SPECIAL COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

November 2, 2021, 12:00 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 Andrew (12:08 p.m.),  
Councillor Isitt (12:10 p.m.), Councillor Loveday, Councillor Potts,  
Councillor Thornton-Joe, Councillor Young

PRESENT  
ELECTRONICALLY: Councillor Alto, Councillor Dubow

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, J. Jensen - Head of Human Resources, K. Hoesse -  
Director of Sustainable Planning and Community Development, 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, G Milne – Head of Strategic  
Operations, S. Stoltz - Committee Secretary,

### A. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

**Moved By** Councillor Loveday  
**Seconded By** Councillor Thornton-Joe

That the agenda be approved.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

### F. STAFF REPORTS

#### F.1 2022 Draft Financial Plan

##### F.1.1 Presentation from VicPD

**Motion (continued from October 26<sup>th</sup>):**

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.

#### *Committee discussed:*

- *Co-response teams and how they differ from the Greater Victoria Emergency Response Team; how they are a separate and a more specifically-trained entity*
- *Statistics regarding new full-time hires in recent years*
- *Discourse regarding the police budget and impact on public safety; the variety of actions that are necessary to improve public safety, and challenges of doing so*
- *The impact of the police budget on the municipal budget*
- *Statistics regarding policing in Victoria vs. other municipalities, and societal implications of this*
- *Specifications regarding the Co-Responder Team positions*

#### **On the main motion:**

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)**

#### **Motion arising:**

**Moved By** Councillor Andrew

**Seconded By** Councillor Thornton-Joe

That the City of Victoria consider, as part of the 2022 budget consultation, to fund six additional officers solely to provide the city with adequate police service. Such positions are not to increase the sworn and approved strength of the department.

#### **Motion to postpone:**

**Moved By** Councillor Isitt

**Seconded By** Councillor Dubow

That consideration of this matter be postponed until the city receives information on the Township of Esquimalt's response to the VicPD budget.

FOR (6): Mayor Helps, Councillor Alto, Councillor Dubow, Councillor Isitt, Councillor Loveday, Councillor Potts

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

**CARRIED (6 TO 3)**

#### **F.1.2 Questions for Departments**

##### **1. Parks, Recreation & Facilities**

*Committee discussed:*

- *Bathroom accessibility*
- *Land values and use of land, and potential to increase usage of City buildings*

**Moved By** Councillor Isitt

**Seconded By** Councillor Young

That Council direct staff to report on the implications of undertaking a review of off-leash areas in 2022.

**Amendment:**

**Moved By** Councillor Thornton-Joe

**Seconded By** Councillor Young

That Council direct staff to report on the implications of undertaking a review of the **dogs in parks committee recommendations** off-leash areas in 2022.

**Amendment to the amendment:**

**Moved By** Councillor Loveday

**Seconded By** Councillor Thornton-Joe

That Council direct staff to report on the implications of undertaking a review of the **dogs in parks committee recommendations** off-leash areas in **2023**.

*Councillor Dubow was absent for the following vote.*

FOR (4): Mayor Helps, Councillor Alto, Councillor Andrew, Councillor Loveday

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

**DEFEATED (4 TO 4)**

**Amendment to the amendment:**

**Moved By** Councillor Isitt  
**Seconded By** Councillor Loveday

That Council direct staff to report on the implications of undertaking a review of leash optional areas and other aspects of dogs in parks of the dogs in parks committee recommendations in 2022.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**On the amendment:**

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 2022.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**On the main motion as amended:**

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

**DEFEATED (2 TO 7)**

**Motion arising:**

**Moved By** Councillor Isitt  
**Seconded By** Councillor Loveday

That the following motion be referred to 2023 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.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

## **2. Bylaw Services**

*Committee discussed:*

- *Updates regarding the timeline of the Noise Bylaw*

### 3. Human Resources

*Committee discussed:*

- *Updates regarding the timeline of the employee orientation program, and hopes for an early 2022 launch*
- *Lighting, design guidelines, and enforcement of said guidelines*

*Committee recessed at 2:47 p.m. and reconvened at 2:54 p.m.*

### 4. Corporate

**Motion arising:**

**Moved By** Councillor Alto  
**Seconded By** Mayor Helps

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

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

*Committee discussed:*

- *Neighbourhood grants*

**Motion arising:**

**Moved By** Councillor Isitt  
**Seconded By** Councillor Potts

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.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Motion arising:**

**Moved By** Councillor Isitt  
**Seconded By** Councillor Loveday

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

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Motion arising:**

**Moved By** Councillor Potts  
**Seconded By** Councillor Isitt

1. Report back on the implications of a one-time (pilot) base operating staff grants of \$150,000 with \$75,000 to be allocated to each of the North Park Neighbourhood Association and Downtown Residents Association.

**Amendment:**

**Moved By** Councillor Isitt  
**Seconded By** Mayor Helps

1. Report back on the implications of a one-time (pilot) base operating staff grants of \$150,000 with \$75,000 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**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Amendment:**

**Moved By** Councillor Isitt  
**Seconded By** Councillor Potts

1. 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

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Amendment:**

**Moved By** Councillor Isitt  
**Seconded By** Mayor Helps

1. 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.**

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

OPPOSED (1): Councillor Potts

**CARRIED (8 TO 1)**

**On the main motion as amended:**

1. 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.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Motion:**

**Moved By** Councillor Isitt  
**Seconded By** Mayor Helps

That Council direct staff to report on the 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

**Amendment:**

**Moved By** Mayor Helps  
**Seconded By** Councillor Isitt

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

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**On the main motion as amended:**

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

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Moved By** Councillor Alto  
**Seconded By** Councillor Thornton-Joe

Postpone this matter pending the presentation on the Police Budget:

That the two additional police officers 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 Andrew, Councillor Alto, Councillor Loveday, Councillor Potts, Councillor Thornton-Joe, Councillor Young  
OPPOSED (2): Councillor Dubow, Councillor Isitt

**CARRIED (7 TO 2)**

**Moved By** Councillor Isitt  
**Seconded By** Councillor Dubow

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

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**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 3:57 p.m.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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CITY CLERK

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MAYOR