

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE REPORT
FROM THE MEETING HELD DECEMBER 2, 2021

For the Council meeting of December 9, 2021, the Committee recommends the following:

F.2 768 Yates Street: Application for a Permanent Change to Hours of Liquor Service for a Food Primary Licence for Cenote

That Council direct staff to provide the following response to the Liquor and Cannabis Regulation Branch:

1. That Council, after conducting a review with respect to noise and community impacts, does support the application of Cenote located at 768 Yates Street to extend hours of operation by one hour daily to 11 am to 1 am Sunday to Thursday, and to 11 am to 2 am Friday and Saturday, with no change to the existing total occupant load of 110 people.

The following comments are provided regarding the prescribed considerations:

- a. The impact of noise on the community near the establishment was considered in relation to the request, and the proposed hours, occupant load, and location are compatible with the area. Approval of the licence is not expected to result in unacceptable levels of noise.
- b. If the application is approved, it is anticipated to have a positive economic impact on the community as the approval supports the viability of the business as a local employer.
- c. The views of residents were solicited through a mailout to neighbouring property owners and occupiers within 100 metres of the licensed location and a notice posted at the property. In response to the notification that went to 716 owners and occupants, the City received four letters in response to the notification. Two letters opposed the extension of hours and two were supportive, including a letter of support from the Downtown Residents Association.
- d. Council recommends the licence be approved.

G.1 Downtown Victoria Business Association – Business Improvement Area Boundary Expansion Request

That Council direct staff to:

1. Proceed on the Council Initiative basis, with the Alternate Approval Process for the expansion of the Business Improvement Area.
2. Report back with results of the counter petition process, and if assent is achieved present the BIA Bylaw for introductory readings.

D.2 Greater Victoria Harbour Authority

That Council receive this report for information.

F.1 224 Robertson Street: Development Permit Application No. 00634

That Council authorize the issuance of Development Permit Application No. 00634 for 224 Robertson Street in accordance with:

1. Plans date stamped October 6, 2021.

2. Development meeting all Zoning Regulation Bylaw requirements.
3. The Development Permit lapsing two years from the date of this resolution.

E.1 848 and 836 Yates Street: Development Permit with Variances Application No. 00179 for 848 Yates and Heritage Alteration Permit with Variance Application No. 00024 for 836 Yates (Downtown)

Development Permit with Variances Application No. 00179 for 848 Yates Street

1. That Council decline proposed modifications to the through-block walkway and terms of the statutory right-of-way to ensure continued public access along the walkway.
2. That Council forego an opportunity for public comment and approve Development Permit with Variances No. 00179 for 848 Yates Street in accordance with plans date stamped July 21, 2021, allowing taller gates that must remain open in accordance with the terms of the statutory right-of-way

Heritage Alteration Permit with Variance Application No. 00024 for 836 Yates Street

That Council decline the issuance of Heritage Alteration Permit with a Variance Application No. 00024 for 836 Yates Street.

G.2 Housing Strategy Annual Review

That Council direct staff to:

1. Receive the Victoria Housing Strategy Annual Review 2020 for information.
2. Approve the 2022 Prioritization of Housing Strategy Actions in Attachment B to this report.
3. To continue to pursue land assembly by the City to facilitate partnerships for affordable housing.

G.3 Official Community Plan Annual Review 2020

That Council receive the Official Community Plan Annual Review 2020 (Attachment 1) for information and direct staff to communicate the findings and highlights to the public.

G.4 Childcare Strategy Implementation

That Council:

1. Direct staff to commence the proposed short-term actions in 2022, noted in Attachment A to this report as follows:
 - a. Consider amendments to the City's Zoning Bylaws to streamline municipal approval processes for childcare and report back to Council with recommendations and bylaw amendments;
 - b. Create communications to help navigate City processes and help inform and guide childcare space creation processes and licensing requirements;
 - c. Update the Childcare in Victoria report to include more recent data and childcare space targets;

- d. Consider childcare operations as part of co-location opportunities in future developments.
2. Direct staff to report back with recommendations on advancing Childcare in Victoria advocacy actions in Q2-Q3 of 2022.

I.1 Council Member Motion: Adding Irving Park to list of parks that prohibit camping

That this matter be referred to the next triannual update, and direct that staff report back on the implications of the proposed action:

With the proliferation of shelter spaces, supported housing and temporary housing, council directs staff to report back on the feasibility to add Irving Park to the list of “no camping parks”.

I.3 Late Item – Proclamation – 2021 International Day of People with Disabilities

1. And that Council direct staff to work with the Accessibility Advisory Committee to draft a proclamation for the International Day of People with Disabilities to be brought forward for Council’s consideration each year.