



MINUTES - COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

January 20, 2022, 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 Alto, Councillor Andrew,
ELECTRONICALLY: Councillor Dubow, Councillor Isitt, Councillor Loveday, Councillor Potts, Councillor Thornton-Joe, Councillor Young
STAFF PRESENT: J. Jenkyns - City Manager, S. Thompson - Deputy City Manager / Chief Financial Officer, K. Hoese - Director of Sustainable Planning and Community Development, A. Hudson - Assistant Director of Community Planning, C. Havelka - Deputy City Clerk, N. Reddington - Senior Cultural Planner, P. Bellefontaine - Director of Engineering & Public Works, J. Biem - Assistant City Solicitor, D. Atkinson - Acting Fire Chief, C. Anderson - Deputy City Clerk, Anna Kapusta – Urban Planner, C. Kingsley - City Clerk, S. Stoltz - Committee Secretary

A. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved By Councillor Andrew

Seconded By Councillor Thornton-Joe

That the agenda be approved.

Amendment:

Moved By Councillor Loveday

Seconded By Councillor Isitt

That items H.2 and I.1 be added to the Consent Agenda.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Amendment:

Moved By Councillor Isitt

Seconded By Councillor Loveday

That item I.1. **Council Member Motion: Active Transportation Advisory Committee Input on 2022 Financial Plan** be forwarded to today's CTFCOTW meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Amendment:

Moved By Councillor Isitt
Seconded By Councillor Alto

That item **H.2. Council Member Motion: Advocating for Adequate Complex-Care Housing in Greater Victoria** be forwarded to today's CTFCOTW meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

On the main motion as amended:

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

B. CONSENT AGENDA

Moved By Councillor Andrew
Seconded By Councillor Thornton-Joe

That the following items be approved without further debate.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

C.1. Minutes from the meeting held January 6, 2022

Moved By Councillor Andrew
Seconded By Councillor Thornton-Joe

That the minutes from the Committee of the Whole meeting held January 6, 2022 be adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

F.2. Proclamation - Black History Month

Moved By Councillor Andrew
Seconded By Councillor Thornton-Joe

That the Black History Month Proclamation be forwarded to the January 20, 2022, Council meeting for Council's consideration.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

F.3. Proclamation - Year of the Garden

Moved By Councillor Andrew
Seconded By Councillor Thornton-Joe

That the *Year of the Garden* Proclamation be forwarded to the January 27, 2022, Council meeting for Council's consideration.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

H.2. Council Member Motion: Advocating for Adequate Complex-Care Housing in Greater Victoria

Moved By Councillor Andrew

Seconded By Councillor Thornton-Joe

That Council endorse the following resolution and direct staff to forward electronic copies to the Premier of British Columbia, copying the Minister of Health, Minister of Mental Health and Addictions, members of the Cabinet Working Group on Mental Health, Addictions and Homelessness, Members of the Legislative Assembly representing constituencies in the Capital Region, the CRD Board, and Mayors and Councils of local governments in the Capital Region:

Resolution: Provision of Adequate Complex Care Housing in Greater Victoria

WHEREAS, the Province of British Columbia has made progress with regional partners providing complex care housing for persons managing dementia and similar health conditions, for example at the Summit at Quadra Village care home;

AND WHEREAS, the Vancouver Island Health Authority has identified a shortage of complex-care housing options for persons with health conditions associated with addictions and mental health;

AND WHEREAS, the Vancouver Island Health Authority has submitted a proposal to the Province of British Columbia to provide complex-care housing for persons with addictions and mental health conditions in Greater Victoria;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City of Victoria calls on the Province of British Columbia to authorize without delay the Vancouver Island Health Authority's request for complex-care housing for persons managing addictions and mental health conditions in Greater Victoria;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Province of British Columbia work with partner agencies and local governments in the Capital Region to ensure an adequate supply of complex-care housing for persons with addictions and mental health conditions in Greater Victoria.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

I.1. Council Member Motion: Active Transportation Advisory Committee Input on 2022 Financial Plan

Moved By Councillor Andrew
Seconded By Councillor Thornton-Joe

That Council receive this report for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

D. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

D.1 Report from Canada Day Subcommittee

Mayor Helps provided a verbal update on the following items from the Canada Day Subcommittee meeting held on Monday, January 17, 2022:

- *Start time of the celebrations*
- *Road closures*
- *Activities at the multicultural artisan street fair*
- *Music and fireworks at Ship Point*
- *Performances by lək'wəŋən dancers*

F. STAFF REPORTS

F.1 Placemaking Toolkit

Council received a report dated November 25, 2021 from the Director of Sustainable Planning & Community Development regarding a proposed Placemaking Toolkit for Council's consideration.

Moved By Councillor Loveday
Seconded By Mayor Helps

That Council approve the Placemaking Toolkit, 2021.

Committee discussed:

- *Addressing accessibility within neighbourhoods; the desire to continue to learn from previous interventions in public space, and the need to continue incorporating universal designs*
- *The My Great Neighbourhood Grant program, and how it can help make spaces more inclusive*
- *How public spaces should be designed for people*
- *Recognition components that could potentially be included in the future*

Committee recessed at 9:58 a.m. and reconvened at 10:03 a.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

H. NEW BUSINESS

H.1 **Council Member Motion: Arts Hub and Daycare at 926-930 Pandora**

Committee received a Council Member Motion dated January 14, 2021 from Mayor Helps and Councillor Loveday regarding the dedication of the ground floor of the building at 926-930 Pandora as an arts hub to provide affordable space to artists in perpetuity as well as a daycare.

Moved By Councillor Loveday
Seconded By Mayor Helps

That Council direct staff to:

1. Include in the rezoning application for 926-930 Pandora an Arts Hub and daycare on the ground floor
2. Develop an operating model for the community space to ensure the provision of affordable space for artists in perpetuity, as well as an operator for the childcare, without delaying funding applications.

Committee discussed:

- *The current lack of food and social enterprise in this area, and the benefits of having these services in this part of the community*
- *The fact that the City bought this building in order to create a community centre and housing, and that this addition will be valuable in creating an even stronger art scene and community space*
- *Concerns regarding the need for engagement in the community, and the potential development of a more comprehensive engagement plan*
- *The potential for movement within the vision of Create Victoria, and the fact that there are still other possibilities for the use of this space*
- *The need for the building owner to clarify the uses on the ground floor before going to rezoning; the fact that the funding has been confirmed, but still needs the rezoning and therefore the clarifications before proceeding*

Amendment:

Moved By Councillor Isitt

That the motion be amended as follows:

That staff provide additional direction to staff with respect to the design of 926-930 Pandora Avenue to ensure that space to achieve the aims of the Create Victoria Arts and Culture Master plan is provided at this location.

*Mayor Helps ruled this amendment out of order.
Councillor Isitt challenged the ruling of the Chair.*

On upholding the ruling of the Chair:

FOR (7): Councillor Alto, Councillor Andrew, Councillor Dubow, Councillor Loveday, Councillor Potts, Councillor Thornton-Joe, Councillor Young
OPPOSED (1): Councillor Isitt

CARRIED (7 TO 1)

Motion to postpone:

Moved By Councillor Isitt

Seconded By Councillor Young

That this motion be postponed until Council receives the draft design from staff pursuant to Council's previous direction.

FOR (7): Councillor Alto, Councillor Andrew, Councillor Dubow, Councillor Isitt, Councillor Potts, Councillor Thornton-Joe, Councillor Young

OPPOSED (2): Mayor Helps, Councillor Loveday

CARRIED (7 TO 2)

Committee recessed at 11:13 a.m. and reconvened at 1:30 p.m.

J. 2022 Budget

J.1 2022 Draft Financial Plan

Moved By Councillor Loveday

Seconded By Mayor Helps

That \$90,000 is allocated towards the 'Building Deconstruction Plan' item and is funded one time through 2021 surplus.

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 Alto

Seconded By Councillor Dubow

That \$45,000 is allocated towards the 'Victoria Reconciliation Dialogue – 3 Sessions' item and is funded through 2021 surplus.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Moved By Councillor Isitt

Seconded By Councillor Dubow

That \$110,000 is allocated towards the 'Greater Victoria Housing Security and Rent Bank Program Grant' item and is funded through 2021 surplus.

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 Alto

MOTION TO CLOSE THE January 20, 2022 COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING TO THE PUBLIC

That Council convene a closed meeting that excludes the public under Section 90 of the *Community Charter* for the reason that the following agenda items deal with matters specified in Sections 90(1) and/or (2) of the *Community Charter*, namely:

Section 90(1) A part of a council meeting may be closed to the public if the subject matter being considered relates to or is one or more of the following:

Section 90(1)(c) labour relations or other employee relations;

Section 90(1)(i) the receipt of advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose;

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Committee entered a closed meeting at 2:23 p.m.

The Recording Secretary left the meeting.

The Deputy City Clerk assumed the role of recording secretary.

The open COTW meeting reconvened at 2:51 p.m.

The Recording Secretary rejoined the meeting.

Moved By Councillor Dubow

Seconded By Mayor Helps

That \$104,280 is allocated towards the 'Internship Program' item and is funded through 2021 surplus.

Committee discussed:

- *The desire for the City to have opportunities and support for young people trying to start their careers.*

Amendment:

Moved By Councillor Alto

Seconded By Councillor Thornton-Joe

That **up to** \$104,280 is allocated towards the 'Internship Program' item and is funded through 2021 surplus.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

On the main motion as amended:

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)

Council discussed the following item and unanimously agreed to consider it at a future date:

That \$12,637 is allocated towards the 'Grant for North Park Neighbourhood Association programs at Royal Athletic Park' item and is funded through _____.

Moved By Councillor Loveday
Seconded By Councillor Andrew

That \$80,000 is allocated towards the 'Oaklands Community Centre Facility Programming Study' item and is funded one time through 2021 surplus.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Moved By Councillor Potts
Seconded By Councillor Isitt

That \$116,040 is allocated towards the 'Operating Grants for NPNA and DRA (2 grants of \$78,020)' item and is funded one time through 2021 surplus.

Amendment:

Moved By Mayor Helps
Seconded By Councillor Potts

That \$116,040 is allocated towards the 'Operating Grants for NPNA and DRA (2 grants of \$78,020)' item and is funded one time through 2021 surplus.

And that the DRA and NPNA provide reports to Council for Council's consideration as part of the 2023 budget process.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

On the main motion as amended:

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

K. ADJOURNMENT OF COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Moved By Councillor Alto
Seconded By Councillor Loveday

That the Committee of the Whole Meeting be adjourned at 3:51 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CITY CLERK

MAYOR

DRAFT