



MINUTES - COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

May 19, 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, Councillor Loveday, Councillor Thornton-Joe, Councillor Young

PRESENT ELECTRONICALLY: Councillor Dubow, Councillor Isitt

ABSENT: Councillor Potts

STAFF PRESENT: J. Jenkyns - City Manager, S. Thompson - Deputy City Manager / Chief Financial Officer, C. Kingsley - City Clerk, C. Anderson - Deputy City Clerk, T. Zworski - City Solicitor, T. Soulliere - Director of Parks, Recreation & Facilities, B. Eisenhauer - Head of Engagement, K. Hoese - Director of Sustainable Planning and Community Development, L. Van Den Dolder - Assistant City Solicitor, J. O'Connor - Deputy Director of Finance, C. Stenberg - Property Manager, T. Patterson - Emergency Program Coordinator, P. Rantucci - Head of Strategic Real Estate, K. Moore - Head of Business and Community Relations, C. Mycroft - Manager of Executive Operations, A. Johnston - Planner, R. Batallas - Senior Planner, S. Webb - Manager of Transportation, P. Bellefontaine - Director of Engineering & Public Works, D. Atkinson - Acting Fire Chief, S. Stoltz - Committee Secretary

GUESTS: Chief Constable Del Manak

A. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved By Councillor Alto
Seconded By Councillor Andrew

That the agenda be approved.

Councillor Young requested that item G.1 1535/1537 Despard Avenue: Development Variance Permit Application No. 00263 (Rockland) be removed from the Consent Agenda.

On the agenda as amended:

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

B. CONSENT AGENDA

Moved By Councillor Alto
Seconded By Councillor Loveday

That the following items be approved without further debate.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

H. STAFF REPORTS

H.2 Participation in the Union of BC Municipalities (UBCM) funded Housing Poverty and Affordability Solutions Project

Committee received a report dated May 4, 2022 from the Director of Sustainable Planning and Community Development regarding Council direction for the City of Victoria to participate in a Regional Household Affordability and Prosperity (RHAP) project.

Moved By Councillor Alto
Seconded By Councillor Loveday

1. That Council:
 - a. Support the City of Victoria's involvement as a Municipal Partner in the Union of BC Municipalities (UBCM) funded Regional Household Affordability and Prosperity (RHAP) Project: Housing Solutions for Poverty Reduction; and
 - b. Support the City of Colwood's role as lead municipality for the project, including applying for, receiving and managing the grant funding for the project.
2. That the above motion be forwarded to the May 19, 2022, daytime Council meeting for Council's consideration to align with the UBCM grant application deadline.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

H.3 Topaz Park Artificial Turf Field Project

Committee received a report dated May 3, 2022 from the Director of Parks, Recreation and Facilities regarding the budget for the Artificial Turf Sport Field project at Topaz Park.

Moved By Councillor Alto
Seconded By Councillor Loveday

That Council Direct staff to bring forward amendments to the 2022 Five Year Financial Plan Bylaw to increase the Topaz Park Artificial Turf Sport Field Project budget by \$2.4 million and to increase revenue by the \$2.4 million grant received from the Investing Canada Infrastructure Program.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Moved By Councillor Loveday
Seconded By Councillor Alto

That this item be forwarded to the May 19, 2022 Daytime Council meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

J. NEW BUSINESS

J.2 Council Member Motion: Aligning Go Victoria's Vehicle KMs Travelled Targets to Clean BC

Committee received a Council Member Motion dated May 12, 2022 from Councillor Loveday recommending that the City of Victoria aligns its Go Victoria vehicle kilometres travelled target to the Clean BC target.

Moved By Councillor Alto
Seconded By Councillor Loveday

1. That Council direct staff to report back at the next update of the Go Victoria plan on aligning the City of Victoria's vehicle kilometres travelled targets with the targets within the Clean BC plan.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

J.3 Council Member Motion: Attendance at Climate Leadership Institute

Committee received a Council Member Motion dated May 12, 2022 from Councillor Isitt regarding Councillor Isitt's attendance at the Climate Leadership Institute.

Moved By Councillor Alto
Seconded By Councillor Loveday

1. That Council authorize the attendance and associated costs for Councillor Isitt to attend the Climate Leadership Institute in Vancouver, BC from June 8-10, 2022, with estimated costs as follows:
 - Registration \$175
 - Transportation \$55
 - Accommodation \$350
 - Meals \$100
 - Total Estimated Costs: \$680
2. That this resolution be forwarded to the Daytime Council meeting of May 19, 2022.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

D. Closed Meeting

Moved By Councillor Loveday
Seconded By Councillor Andrew

MOTION TO CLOSE THE MAY 19, 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)(f) law enforcement, if the council considers that disclosure could reasonably be expected to harm the conduct of an investigation under or enforcement of an enactment.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Committee of the Whole meeting was closed to the public at 9:09 a.m.

D.1 Law Enforcement - Community Charter Section 90(1)(f)

Committee discussed a law enforcement matter. The meeting was recorded and kept confidential.

The Committee of the Whole meeting was reopened to the public at 9:53 a.m.

E. Presentations

E.1 VicPD Q1 Update

Committee received a presentation from the Chief Constable of the Victoria Police Department regarding the 2022 Quarter 1 Community Safety Report Card from VicPD.

Moved By Councillor Thornton-Joe
Seconded By Councillor Alto

That Council receive the Victoria Police Department Quarter 1 report for information.

Committee discussed:

- *Engagement between VicPD and the public within the community*
- *Concerns regarding youth in the downtown core*
- *Incidents of note that have taken place in recent months*

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Committee recessed at 11:32 a.m. and reconvened at 11:37 a.m.

G. LAND USE MATTERS

G.1 1535/1537 Despard Avenue: Development Variance Permit Application No. 00263 (Rockland)

Committee received a report dated May 5, 2022 from the Director of Sustainable Planning and Community Development regarding information, analysis and recommendations for a Development Variance Permit Application for the property located at 1535/1537 Despard Avenue in order to remove the pergola connection between the two dwellings and subdivide the property to create two lots, and recommending that it be declined.

Moved By Councillor Young
Seconded By Councillor Loveday

That Council refer the matter back to staff for further information about options for preventing further development of newly created fee simple lots.

Councillor Isitt left the meeting at 11:45 a.m.

Amendment:

Moved By Mayor Helps
Seconded By Councillor Young

That Council refer the matter back to staff ~~for further information about options for~~ **to work with the applicant to secure a covenant** preventing further development of newly created fee simple lots.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

On the main motion as amended:

That Council refer the matter back to staff to work with the applicant to secure a covenant preventing further development of newly created fee simple lots.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

G.2 1802 Cook Street: Temporary Use Permit Application No. 00021 (North Park)

Committee received a report dated May 5, 2022 from the Director of Sustainable Planning and Community Development regarding information, analysis and recommendations for the renewal of a Temporary Use Permit (TUP), for an additional three years, for the property located at 1802 Cook Street in order to temporarily permit the distribution of cannabis as an ancillary use to a harm reduction service.

Councillor Isitt returned to the meeting at 12:00 p.m.

Moved By Councillor Alto
Seconded By Councillor Loveday

- 1. That Council after giving notice and allowing an opportunity for public comment at a meeting of Council, consider the following motion:
 "That Council authorize the issuance of Temporary Use Permit Application No. 00021 for 1802 Cook Street, in accordance with:
 - 1. Plans date stamped March 17, 2022.
 - 2. Development meeting all Zoning Regulation Bylaw requirements.
 - 3. The Temporary Use Permit, if issued, expires three years from the date of this resolution.
 - 4. A street ambassador provided by the service operator during operating hours that patrols the immediate area every hour to prevent congregation and negative behaviours from clients of the harm reduction service."
- 2. That Council advance this matter for ratification at the May 19, 2022 daytime

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

H. STAFF REPORTS

H.1 Cooling Centre - Heat Event Planning (Verbal)

Moved By Mayor Helps
Seconded By Councillor Loveday

That Council received the Victoria Fire Department - Heat Response Plan for Extreme Heat Events for information. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

J. NEW BUSINESS

J.1 Council Member Motion: Endorsement of Police Act Review Recommendations

Committee received a Council Member Motion dated April 29, 2022 from Councillor Isitt regarding potential changes to the statutory framework of policing in British Columbia, as recommended by an all-party committee of the Legislative Assembly of British Columbia.

Committee recessed at 12:30 p.m. and reconvened at 1:30 p.m.

Moved By Councillor Isitt
Seconded By Councillor Andrew

- That Council:
- 1. Endorse the recommendations of the Special Committee of the Legislative Assembly on Reforming the Police Act.

2. Request that the Mayor write, on behalf of Council, to the Premier of British Columbia and the Solicitor General of British Columbia, copying members of the Legislative Assembly, indicating the City of Victoria's support for the timely implementation of the recommendations of the Special Committee of the Legislative Assembly on Reforming the Police Act.

FOR (6): Mayor Helps, Councillor Alto, Councillor Andrew, Councillor Isitt, Councillor Loveday, Councillor Thornton-Joe
OPPOSED (1): Councillor Young

CARRIED (6 TO 1)

Councillor Dubow was absent for the vote.

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 1:39 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CITY CLERK

MAYOR