



MINUTES - VICTORIA CITY COUNCIL

June 23, 2022, 2:00 P.M.

COUNCIL CHAMBERS - 1 CENTENNIAL SQUARE, VICTORIA BC

To be held immediately following the Committee of the Whole Meeting

The City of Victoria is located on the homelands of the Songhees and Esquimalt People

PRESENT: Mayor Helps in the Chair, Councillor Dubow, Councillor Isitt, Councillor Loveday, Councillor Thornton-Joe, Councillor Young

PRESENT ELECTRONICALLY: Councillor Alto, Councillor Andrew, 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, J. Jensen - Director, People and Culture, K. Hoeser - Director of Sustainable Planning and Community Development, K. Moore - Head of Business and Community Relations, C. Mycroft - Manager of Executive Operations, J. Paul - Assistant Director of Engineering, P. Bellefontaine - Director of Engineering & Public Works, D. Atkinson - Acting Fire Chief, D. Lee - Acting Assistant Director of Public Works, P. Rantucci - Head of Strategic Real Estate, S. Stoltz – Committee Secretary

B. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved By Councillor Andrew

Seconded By Councillor Loveday

That the agenda be approved.

*The Mayor noted for the public that Council had added items **E.1.b.b. 2022 Strategic Plan Grant Applications** and **E.1.b.c. Council Member Motion: Advocacy for Restoration of Three-Year Terms of Local Government Office** to the June 23, 2022 COTW report.*

On the agenda:

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

C. READING OF MINUTES

C.1 Minutes from the evening meeting held June 9, 2022

Moved By Councillor Andrew

Seconded By Councillor Loveday

That the minutes from the evening meeting held June 9, 2022 be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

D. PROCLAMATIONS

D.1 "Parachute National Injury Prevention Day" - July 5, 2022

Moved By Councillor Thornton-Joe
Seconded By Councillor Loveday

That the following proclamation be endorsed:
1. "Parachute National Injury Prevention Day, July 5, 2022"

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

D.2 "World Refrigeration Day" - June 26, 2022

Moved By Councillor Dubow
Seconded By Councillor Young

That the following proclamation be endorsed:
1. "World Refrigeration Day, June 26, 2022"

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

D.3 "International Women in Engineering Day" - June 23, 2022

Moved By Councillor Thornton-Joe
Seconded By Councillor Dubow

That the following proclamation be endorsed:
1. "International Women in Engineering Day" - June 23, 2022

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

D.4 "Living Donation Week" - September 11 to 17, 2022

Moved By Councillor Loveday
Seconded By Councillor Young

That the following proclamation be endorsed:
1. "Living Donation Week" - September 11 to 17, 2022

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

D.5 "Oromo Day" - June 29, 2022

Moved By Councillor Dubow
Seconded By Councillor Thornton-Joe

That the following proclamation be endorsed:

1. "Oromo Day" - June 29, 2022

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

D.6 "Pride Week" - June 23rd to July 2nd, 2022

Moved By Councillor Andrew
Seconded By Councillor Loveday

That the following proclamation be endorsed:

1. "Pride Week" - June 23rd to July 2nd, 2022

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

E. REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

E.1 Committee of the Whole

E.1.a Report from the June 9, 2022 COTW Meeting

E.1.a.a Neighbourhood Boundaries Report

Moved By Councillor Andrew
Seconded By Councillor Loveday

That Council:

1. Direct staff to prepare map and text amendments to the Official Community Plan, 2012 to address boundary adjustments affecting Downtown, Harris Green, Fairfield, Oaklands and Jubilee neighbourhoods.
2. Consider consultation under Section 475(2)(b) of the Local Government Act and direct that no referrals of the Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw are necessary to the Capital Regional District Board, Island Health, Songhees Nation, Esquimalt Nation, provincial or federal governments, Township of Esquimalt, District of Saanich and the District of Oak Bay.
3. Consider consultation under Sections 475(1) and 475(2) of the Local Government Act and direct consultation on the proposed Official Community Plan amendments in the form of a project update on the City's Have Your Say webpage.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

E.1.a.b Equity Framework

Moved By Councillor Dubow
Seconded By Mayor Helps

That Council endorse the proposed Equity Framework.

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)

E.1.b Report from the June 23, 2022 COTW Meeting

E.1.b.a 225 Russell Street: Rezoning Application No. 00801 and associated Official Community Plan Amendment and Development Permit with Variances Application No. 00189 (Victoria West)

Moved By Councillor Dubow
Seconded By Councillor Loveday

Rezoning Application

That Council instruct staff to prepare the necessary Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw in accordance with Section 475 of the Local Government Act and the necessary Zoning Regulation Bylaw Amendment that would authorize the proposed development outlined in Rezoning Application No. 00801 for 225 Russell Street, that first and second reading of the Zoning Regulation Bylaw Amendment be considered by Council and a public hearing date be set once the following conditions are met:

1. Revised plans addressing the following:
 - a. Demonstrate the long-term bicycle stalls comply with Schedule C.
 - b. Soften the effect of the fence.
 - c. Address technical comments from the Department of Engineering and Public Works, as sent to the applicant on June 9, 2022.
2. Preparation of legal agreements executed by the applicant to secure the following with the form and contents to the satisfaction of the Director of Sustainable Planning and Community Development and the City Solicitor:
 - a. Secure the building to be used for supportive housing and its accessory support services for 60 years or the life of the building, whichever is greater.
 - b. Secure a minimum of four accessible dwelling units.
3. Preparation of legal agreements executed by the applicant to secure the following with the form and contents to the satisfaction of the Director of Engineering and Public Works and the City Solicitor:
 - a. Secure a Statutory Right-of-Way for access to the fire water service.

4. That Council consider who is affected by the proposed changes to the Official Community Plan and determine that those within a 200m radius of the subject property will be affected.
5. That Council provide an opportunity for consultation pursuant to section 475 of the Local Government Act, and direct the Director of Sustainable Planning and Community Development to:
 - a. mail a notice of the proposed OCP Amendment to the persons within a 200m radius of the subject property;
 - b. post a notice on the City's website inviting affected persons, organizations and authorities to ask questions of staff and provide written or verbal comments to Council for their consideration.
6. That Council consider that no consultation is necessary with the Capital Regional District Board; Councils of Oak Bay, Esquimalt and Saanich; the Songhees and Esquimalt First Nations; the School District Board; or the provincial or federal governments or their agencies because the proposed OCP amendment does not affect them.

Development Permit with Variance Application

That Council, after giving notice and allowing an opportunity for public comment at a meeting of Council, and after the Public Hearing for Rezoning Application No. 00801, if it is approved, consider the following motion:

“That Council authorize the issuance of Development Permit with Variances Application No. 00189 for 225 Russell Street, in accordance with:

1. Plans date stamped April 13, 2022.
2. Development meeting all Zoning Regulation Bylaw requirements, except for the following variances:
 - i. reduce the rear yard setback from 3.0m to 0.17m;
 - ii. reduce the north side yard setback from 3.0m to 0.1m;
 - iii. reduce the south side yard setback from 3.0m to 0.05m;
 - iv. increase the site coverage from 40% to 57.5%;
 - v. reduce the open site space from 50% to 11%;
 - vi. reduce the vehicle parking from 12 stalls to 6 stalls;
 - vii. increase the fence height from 1.2m to 1.5m.
3. That the Development Permit, if issued, lapses in two years from the date of this resolution.”

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

E.1.b.b. 2022 Strategic Plan Grant Applications

Councillor Dubow declared a conflict of interest with the following item and recused himself from the meeting at 3:21 p.m., as he works with some of the organizations involved.

Councillor Loveday declared a conflict of interest with the following item and recused himself from the meeting at 3:21 p.m., as his wife works with an organization involved.

Moved By Councillor Alto
Seconded By Councillor Thornton-Joe

That Council consider and approve, as determined by Council, the External Grant Review Committee's recommendations for grant awards for the Strategic Plan Grant program.

ORGANIZATION NAME	REQUESTED	ELIGIBLE	MERIT	SUGGESTED AWARD
Victoria Sexual Assault Centre	40,000	40,000	21.38	32,000
Canadian Paraplegic Association (BC), Operating as Spinal Cord Injury BC	8,000	8,000	20.80	6,400
Bridges for Women Society	30,000	30,000	20.67	24,000
Peers Victoria Resource Society	15,000	15,000	20.43	12,000
Fairfield Gonzales Community Association	34,500	34,500	20.01	27,600
Pacific Training Centre for the Blind Society (PTCB)	15,000	15,000	19.95	10,500
Good Night Out Vancouver Society	14,550	14,550	19.95	10,185
Osteoporosis Canada	8,780	6,585	19.87	4,610
Victoria Immigrant and Refugee Centre Society	10,000	10,000	19.71	7,000
The Mustard Seed Street Church	20,000	20,000	19.63	14,000
Victoria Multicultural Society	17,120	17,120	19.50	11,984

Burnside Gorge Community Association	15,000	15,000	19.48	10,500
Voices in Motion Choral Society	10,500	10,500	19.48	7,350
Victoria Conservatory of Music	9,500	9,500	19.44	6,650
Monoceros Education Society	6,484	6,484	19.32	4,539
United Way Southern Vancouver Island	30,000	30,000	19.16	21,000
Maritime Museum of British Columbia Society	6,525	6,525	19.04	4,568
Community Social Planning Council of Greater Victoria	9,500	9,500	18.92	5,700
Cook Street Village Activity Centre Society (New Horizons)	8,375	8,375	18.84	5,025
Victoria Brain Injury Society	15,000	15,000	18.76	9,000
Victoria Rainbow Kitchen Society	15,000	15,000	18.60	9,000
Quadra Village Community Centre (/Downtown Blanshard Advisory)	25,000	25,000	18.42	15,000
Big Brothers Big Sisters of Victoria and Area ('Community Mentoring' program)	8,000	8,000	18.37	4,800
Fateh Care Charity Society	27,500	27,500	18.29	16,500
Cine-Vic Society of Independent Filmmakers	8,000	8,000	17.89	4,000
Leadership Victoria Society	7,500	7,500	17.75	3,750
FED Urban Agriculture Society	10,000	10,000	17.46	5,000
University of Victoria (Application 2 - WITS Program)	16,000	16,000	17.30	12,000

Greater Victoria Volunteer Society 'dba' Volunteer Victoria	10,000	10,000	17.26	5,000
Victoria Arts Council	12,000	12,000	17.14	6,000
Silver Threads Service	3,130	3,130	16.94	2,500
Crisis Intervention & Public Information Society of Greater Victoria 'dba' NEED2 Suicide Prevention Education & Support (School workshops program)	25,000	25,000	16.78	10,000
Bike Victoria Society (Formerly Greater Victoria Bike to Work Society*)	10,000	10,000	16.65	4,000
Soap for Hope Canada Society (Formerly Disaster Aid Canada)	20,000	20,000	16.63	8,000
The Diverters Foundation	7,700	5,775	16.58	-
Farm to School BC (PHA Public Health Association of British Columbia)	9,000	9,000	16.55	3,600
Friends of Bowker Creek Society	3,000	3,000	16.40	2,500
Victoria Disability Resource Centre	12,000	12,000	16.33	4,800
Story Studio Writing Society (Story Studio)	3,000	3,000	16.31	2,500
LifeCycles Project Society ('Establishing Strong Connections' Program)	25,000	25,000	16.23	13,000
University of Victoria (Application 1 - Chair in Transgender Studies)	15,538	15,538	16.22	6,215
Oaklands Community Association	41,512	41,512	16.15	25,000
Community First Foundation 'dba' Backpack Buddies	20,000	20,000	15.99	6,000

Downtown Victoria Business Association	11,000	11,000	15.91	3,300
Vancouver Island School of Arts	10,000	7,500	15.91	5,000
Alter Arts Society	30,000	30,000	15.83	9,000
Bayanihan Cultural and Housing Society 'dba' Bayanihan Community Centre	15,000	15,000	15.83	-
Human-Nature Counselling Society	12,500	12,500	15.71	4,500
Junior Achievement B.C (JABC)	8,000	8,000	15.67	2,500
Agrarians Foundation 'dba' Young Agrarians	13,500	13,500	15.52	-
Creating Community Wellness Society	7,210	6,215	15.52	2,900
North Park Neighbourhood Association	18,500	18,500	15.44	5,550
Balfour's Friends Foundation	2,500	2,500	15.36	2,500
Victoria Innovation, Advanced Technology and Entrepreneurship Council (VIATEC)*	20,000	20,000	15.33	6,000
Ocean Ambassadors Canada	16,298	16,184	15.27	4,855
Ballet Victoria Society	10,000	10,000	15.12	5,000
Fernwood Neighbourhood Resource Group Society	30,000	30,000	15.12	9,000
Sport of Life Society	30,000	30,000	15.04	-
KidSport Greater Victoria	20,000	20,000	14.92	5,000
The Proulx Global Education and Community Foundation	14,280	12,585	14.92	-
Pacifica Housing Advisory Association	20,500	20,500	14.80	5,125

Vancouver Island Counselling Centre for Immigrants and Refugees (VICCIR)	40,000	40,000	14.67	10,000
The Victoria Youth Empowerment Society* (YES)	13,000	13,000	14.58	-
Victoria Literacy Connection Society	7,000	7,000	14.41	2,500
Living Edge Community	10,000	10,000	14.41	2,500
Wear2Start Society	20,000	20,000	14.41	-
Victoria Community Health Cooperative	5,327	5,327	14.21	2,500
Worker Solidarity Network	19,300	19,300	14.00	-
Seniors Serving Seniors Association of BC	10,000	10,000	13.85	2,500
Chinese Community Services Center of Victoria	10,000	10,000	13.79	2,500
Capital Region Food Share Network Society	15,000	11,250	13.22	-
Big Brothers Big Sisters of Victoria and Area ('Big Impact' program)	15,000	15,000	13.07	3,750
Peninsula Streams Society	18,000	18,000	12.93	4,405
Threshold Housing Society	40,000	40,000	12.83	-
Stigma-Free Society (Formerly Bipolar Disorder Society of BC)	5,000	5,000	12.43	2,500
Victoria Compost and Conservation Education Society (Compost Education Centre)*	10,000	10,000	12.40	2,500
Community Options for Children and Families	10,000	10,000	12.11	2,500
Victoria Coalition for Survivors of Torture	5,000	5,000	11.88	-

Synergy Sustainability Institute	9,400	9,400	11.80	-
Society for Kids at Tennis (KATS)	10,000	10,000	11.68	-
Mental Health Society of Greater Victoria	22,500	22,500	11.52	-
Victoria Women's Transition House Society (VWTH)	40,000	40,000	11.46	-
Umbrella Society for Addictions and Mental Health	25,000	25,000	11.26	-
Victoria Supply Creative Reuse Society	51,602	51,602	10.80	-
Theatre SKAM Association	24,000	24,000	10.65	-
Capital Region Food and Agriculture Initiative Roundtable Society	12,000	12,000	9.06	-
Action Committee of People with Disabilities	94,761	94,761	8.62	-
Together Against Poverty Society	20,000	19,457	8.48	-
Greater Victoria Acting Together	12,300	12,300	6.16	-
Canadian Orca Rescue Society	35,500	28,125	5.60	-
Total	1,556,692	1,535,600		512,160

That Council refer the recommendations of the External Grant Review Committee to staff and direct staff to further engage the External Grant Review Committee and the new Council and provide recommendations for a refreshed approach to the Strategic Plan Grants and invite written comments from 2022 applicants on the potential improvements or changes to the program.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Councillor Dubow and Councillor Loveday returned to the meeting at 3:22 p.m.

E.1.b.c. Council Member Motion: Advocacy for Restoration of Three-Year Terms of Local Government Office

Moved By Councillor Isitt

Seconded By Councillor Thornton-Joe

That Council endorse the following resolution for consideration at the 2022 annual convention of the Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM), and direct staff to forward electronic copies to the UBCM and member local governments, requesting favourable consideration and resolutions of support:

Resolution: Restoration of Three-Year Terms of Local Government Office

WHEREAS local government is the level of government closest to the people and shorter terms of public office are conducive to greater accountability of elected officials;

AND WHEREAS shorter terms of public office increase accessibility for a diversity of voices, including young people, people who are early- or mid-career, and people with differing familial obligations;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT UBCM calls on the Government of British Columbia to introduce legislation to restore three-year terms of local government office.

FOR (6): Councillor Alto, Councillor Andrew, Councillor Isitt, Councillor Loveday, Councillor Thornton-Joe, Councillor Young

OPPOSED (3): Mayor Helps, Councillor Dubow, Councillor Potts

CARRIED (6 TO 3)

F. BYLAWS

F.1 Bylaw for Trutch Street Renaming

Moved By Councillor Isitt

Seconded By Councillor Dubow

That the following bylaw **be adopted**:

1. Trutch Street Renaming Bylaw, No. 22-053

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

F.2 Bylaw for Demolition Waste and Deconstruction

Moved By Councillor Loveday
Seconded By Councillor Dubow

That the following bylaw **be adopted**:

1. Demolition Waste and Deconstruction Bylaw, No. 22-062

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

F.3 Bylaw for Official Community Plan, Amendment Bylaw: Local Area Plans and OCP Amendments for Fernwood, North Park and Hillside-Quadra

Moved By Mayor Helps
Seconded By Councillor Loveday

That the following bylaw be given first and second readings:

1. Official Community Plan Bylaw, 2012, Amendment Bylaw (No. 43) No. 22-055

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

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

CARRIED (5 TO 4)

Moved By Councillor Loveday
Seconded By Councillor Alto

That Council:

2. Consider the Bylaw in conjunction with the City of Victoria 2018-2022 Financial Plan, the Capital Regional District Liquid Waste Management Plan, and the Capital Regional District Solid Waste Management Plan pursuant to Section 477(3)(a) of the Local Government Act and deem those plans to be consistent with the proposed bylaw.
3. Refer the Bylaw for consideration at a public hearing.
4. Consider final approval of Hillside-Quadra Neighbourhood Plan (2022), the North Park Neighbourhood Plan (2022), the Fernwood Neighbourhood Plan (2022), the edited Downtown Core Area Plan (2022), the General Urban Design Guidelines (2022) and the Fernwood Village Design Guidelines (2022) at the same Council meeting at which the associated Bylaw is considered for adoption.
5. Rescind the Hillside-Quadra Plan and Design Guidelines Parts 1, 2, and 3 (1996), the North Park Plan (1996), and the Fernwood Plan (1994) following approval of the respective 2022 Plans.

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

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

CARRIED (5 TO 4)

G. CLOSED MEETING

Moved By Councillor Loveday
Seconded By Councillor Isitt

MOTION TO CLOSE THE JUNE 23, 2022 COUNCIL 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)(e) the acquisition, disposition or expropriation of land or improvements, if the council considers that disclosure could reasonably be expected to harm the interests of the municipality;

Section 90(1)(n) the consideration of whether a council meeting should be closed under a provision of this subsection or subsection (2);

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Daytime Council meeting was closed to the public at 3:51 p.m.

All union staff were excused from the meeting at 3:51 p.m.

H. APPROVAL OF CLOSED AGENDA

Moved By Councillor Thornton-Joe
Seconded By Councillor Loveday

That the closed agenda be approved as amended.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

L. NEW BUSINESS

L.1. Land - Community Charter Section 90(1)(e)

Council discussed a land use matter. The motion was recorded and kept confidential.

L.3. Employee Relations - Community Charter Section 90(1)(c)

Council discussed an employee relations matter. The motion was recorded and kept confidential.

N. ADJOURNMENT

Moved By Councillor Andrew
Seconded By Councillor Young

That the Council Meeting be adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CITY CLERK

MAYOR

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