



## MINUTES - COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

July 14, 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 Andrew, Councillor Dubow,  
Councillor Isitt, Councillor Potts, Councillor Thornton-Joe,  
Councillor Young

PRESENT  
ELECTRONICALLY: Councillor Alto, Councillor Loveday

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, K. Hoese - Director of  
Sustainable Planning and Community Development, L. Van Den  
Dolder - Assistant City Solicitor, J. O'Connor - Deputy Director of  
Finance, K. Moore - Head of Business and Community Relations,  
C. Mycroft - Manager of Executive Operations, A. Johnston -  
Planner, J. Handy - Senior Planner, M. Angrove - Planner, J.  
Karakas - Senior Urban Designer, P. Bellefontaine - Director of  
Engineering & Public Works, D. Atkinson - Acting Fire Chief, R.  
Stever – Tenant Assistance Planner, M. Maclean – Community  
Planner, A. Kapusta – Urban Designer, P. Angelblazer - Committee  
Secretary

GUESTS: D. Crowder - Chair of the Police Board Finance Committee

### A. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**Moved By** Councillor Andrew

**Seconded By** Councillor Thornton-Joe

That the agenda be approved.

*Councillor Alto requested that item **I.3. Council Member Motion – Library Return Box Pilot Projects in Neighbourhoods**, be removed from the consent agenda*

**Motion arising:**

**Moved By** Councillor Isitt

**Seconded By** Councillor Potts

That the following items be sent forward to the daytime meeting:

- *11. Council Member Motion - Advocacy for Harm Reduction Services*
- *12. Council Member Motion - Authorization of Attendance at UBCM Convention*
- *14. Council Member Motion - Truth and Reconciliation Day Event*
- *15. Council Member Motion - Harm Reduction Through Non-Recreational Cannabis*

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**B. CONSENT AGENDA**

**Moved By** Councillor Andrew

**Seconded By** Councillor Isitt

That the following items be approved without further debate

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**C.1 Minutes from the meeting held June 30, 2022**

**Moved By** Councillor Andrew

**Seconded By** Councillor Isitt

That the minutes from the meeting held June 30, 2022 be approved.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**G.3 Proclamation - Amyloidosis Awareness Month - March 2023**

Committee received a report dated July 4, 2022 from the City Clerk regarding the proclamation for Amyloidosis Awareness Month, March 2023.

**Moved By** Councillor Andrew

**Seconded By** Councillor Isitt

That the Amyloidosis Awareness Month Proclamation be forwarded to the July 28, 2022, Council meeting for Council's consideration.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**G.4 Proclamation - 230th Anniversary – Year of Black Loyalist Exodus 15 Ships to Sierra Leone #1792 Project**

Committee received a report dated July 4, 2022 from the City Clerk regarding the proclamation for 230th Anniversary – Year of Black Loyalist Exodus 15 Ships to Sierra Leone #1792 Project, 2022.

**Moved By** Councillor Andrew  
**Seconded By** Councillor Isitt

That the 230th Anniversary – Year of Black Loyalist Exodus 15 Ships to Sierra Leone #1792 Project Proclamation be forwarded to the July 28, 2022, Council meeting for Council's consideration.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**G.5 Proclamation - Childhood Cancer Awareness Month**

Committee received a report dated July 4, 2022 from the City Clerk regarding the proclamation for Childhood Cancer Awareness Month, September 2022.

**Moved By** Councillor Andrew  
**Seconded By** Councillor Isitt

That the Childhood Cancer Awareness Month Proclamation be forwarded to the July 28, 2022, Council meeting for Council's consideration.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**I.1 Council Member Motion - Advocacy for Harm Reduction Services**

Committee received a Council Member Motion from Councillor Isitt advocating for harm reduction services and access to medical cannabis provided by Victoria Cannabis Buyers Club's.

**Moved By** Councillor Andrew  
**Seconded By** Councillor Isitt

That Council requests that the Mayor write, on behalf of Council, to Health Canada, reiterating the City of Victoria's support for a temporary exemption for the Victoria Cannabis Buyers Club from the provision of the Cannabis Act, and offering to participate in discussions with Health Canada and the VCBC to help identify a path forward to regulatory compliance.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**I.2 Council Member Motion - Authorization of Attendance at UBCM Convention**

Committee received a Council Member Motion from Councillor Isitt authorizing the attendance and associated costs for Councillor Isitt to attend the Union of BC Municipalities (UBCM) Annual Convention.

**Moved By** Councillor Andrew  
**Seconded By** Councillor Isitt

1. That Council authorize the attendance and associated costs for Councillor Isitt to attend the Union of BC Municipalities (UBCM) Annual Convention in Whistler, BC from September 12-16, 2022, with estimated costs as follows:

Registration: \$550

Accommodation: \$500

Meals: \$200

Transportation: \$300

Estimated total costs: \$1550

2. That this resolution be forwarded to the Daytime Council meeting of July 14, 2022.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

#### **I.4 Council Member Motion - Truth and Reconciliation Day Event**

Council received a Council Member Motion from the Mayor dated July 11, 2022 seeking authorizing financial and in-kind support for a regional Truth and Reconciliation Day event to be held in Royal Athletic Park.

**Moved By** Councillor Andrew  
**Seconded By** Councillor Isitt

1. That Council approve up to \$50,000 to support a regional event to mark Truth and Reconciliation Day September 30<sup>th</sup>, including in-kind support and the waiving of fees and for use of the Royal Athletic Park, to be funded through Corporate Contingency in the 2022 Financial Plan.
2. That Council request the mayor to work with regional mayors to contribute funding to this regional event.
3. That this motion be forwarded to the daytime Council meeting of July 14<sup>th</sup>

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

#### **I.5 Council Member Motion - Harm Reduction Through Non-Recreational Cannabis**

Council received a Council Member Motion dated July 11, 2022 from Councillor Isitt advocating for the Province to revise the provincial cannabis regulatory framework, and to provide direction to staff to report back in the 2023-2026 Strategic Planning process on the implications of removing municipal barriers to harm reduction through non-recreational cannabis.

**Moved By** Councillor Andrew  
**Seconded By** Councillor Isitt

That Council:

1. Requests that the Mayor write, on behalf of Council, to the Solicitor General of British Columbia and the Minister of Mental Health and Addictions, requesting amendments to the provincial cannabis regulatory framework to remove barriers to deployment of harm reduction services through non-recreational cannabis.
2. Directs City of Victoria staff to report back in the context of the 2023-2026 Strategic Planning process on the implications of amending the City's retail cannabis regulations to exempt non-commercial distribution of cannabis by non-profit entities for nonrecreational purposes (medicinal or harm reduction / overdose prevention services).

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**D. Presentations**

**D.1 Victoria Police Department - 2023 Budget Council Consultation**

Committee received a presentation from the Chair of the Police Board Finance Committee regarding 2023 Budget Consultations and strategic priorities in relation to public safety.

*Committee discussed the following:*

- *Implications of referring the motion until after the election*
- *Policing priorities for VicPD*
- *VicPD hospitalizations and the road to recovery*
- *VicPD community partnerships and public presence*
- *Traffic safety issues*
- *Cultural safety training for VicPD officers*
- *Policing of social disorder and other minor offences including shoplifting, and graffiti*
- *Consulting with mental health specialists to better support officers and staff on leave*
- *Alternative policing models and social support programs such as community policing*
- *Ensuring proper coverage for shortages, leave and overtime*
- *Separating Victoria and Esquimalt police forces and governance structures*
- *Advocacy towards a regional policing model*

*Committee recessed at 9:55 a.m., and reconvened at 10:00 a.m.*

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

That Council refer this matter to the next Council.

**Amendment:**  
**Moved By** Councillor Isitt

That Council receive the presentation for information, and refer input to the next Council.

**Failed to proceed due to no seconder**

**On the main motion:**  
**DEFEATED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Moved By** Mayor Helps  
**Seconded By** Councillor Thornton-Joe

That Council write to the Province requesting that they stick to their original plan of cost-sharing for the Justice Institute of British Columbia until 2024, rather than this year.

**Amendment:**  
**Moved By** Councillor Isitt  
**Seconded By** Councillor Thornton-Joe

That Council write to the Province requesting that they **continue to fund the JIBC on an ongoing basis, or in the alternative, that they** stick to their original plan of cost-sharing for the Justice Institute of British Columbia until 2024, rather than this year.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Main motion as amended:**

That Council write to the Province requesting that they continue to fund the JIBC on an ongoing basis, or in the alternative, that they stick to their original plan of cost-sharing for the Justice Institute of British Columbia until 2024, rather than this year.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**F. LAND USE MATTERS**

**F.1 450 Dallas Road - Rezoning Application No. 00789, Associated Official Community Plan Amendment and Development Permit with Variances Application No. 00177 (James Bay)**

Committee received a report dated June 30, 2022 from the Director of Sustainable Planning and Community Development regarding an application to rezone from the R3-H Zone, High Density Dwelling District to a new zone in order to construct an seven-storey residential rental building (six storeys plus rooftop access) with approximately 54 units while retaining the existing twelve-storey residential building to the east.

*Committee discussed the following:*

- *Protecting the tree in the rear*
- *Shadowing impacts on neighbouring properties*
- *Parking access placement*
- *Existing tenant assistance provisions, and inclusion within the housing agreement*
- *Proposed rent levels and assistance in the second building*
- *Concerns about massing along the waterfront*
- *Clarifying details of the new Tenant Assistance Policy*

*Committee recessed at 10:59 a.m., and reconvened at 11:05 a.m.*

**Moved By** Councillor Andrew

**Seconded By** Councillor Thornton-Joe

**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. 00177 for 450 Dallas Road, 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. Submission of revised plans that address the following:
  - a. Design of the Lewis Street and Dallas Road intersection to City standards, to the satisfaction of the Director of Engineering and Public Works.
  - b. Confirm the location of the PMT and the conceptual conduit routing in the City right-of-way to the PMT shown on the civil plan, and indicate “reinforced boulevard as per BC Hydro and Parks Division standards” at the PMT location on Menzies Street in the boulevard area, on both the civil plan and landscape plans.

- c. Label the SRW on the Utility Plan and ensure the water vault is located on private property in the SRW.
  - d. Show the tree locations in the City right-of-way on the Utility Plan.
  - e. Confirm the boulevard landscaping in the SRW along Lewis Street and ensure the civil plan matches the landscape plans.
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 as rental in perpetuity.
  - b. Secure a minimum of eight three-bedroom units within the proposed building.
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 minimum of 160 long-term bicycle stalls including 10 cargo bicycle stalls, electrical charging capabilities for 50% of the long-term bicycle stalls, a bicycle repair station, car share memberships and a \$100 credit to the car share program for all the units, two car share vehicles and two publicly accessible car share vehicle stalls.
  - b. Secure intersection improvements to the Lewis Street and Dallas Road intersection.
4. That Council consider who is affected by the proposed changes to the Official Community Plan, and determine that the following persons, organizations and authorities will be affected:
  - a. those within a 200 metre radius of the subject property;
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 200 metre radius of the subject property; and
  - 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 Variances 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. 00789, if it is approved, consider the following motion:

1. That Council authorize the issuance of Development Permit with Variances Application No. 00177 for 450 Dallas Road, in accordance with:
  - a. Plans date stamped March 25, 2022.
  - b. Development meeting all Zoning Regulation Bylaw requirements, except for the following variances:
    - i. increase the number of storeys for a second building from six to seven
    - ii. reduce the street boundary setback on Menzies Street from 5.0m to 2.81m
    - iii. reduce the internal lot line setback from 4.0m to 0.70m
    - iv. reduce the residential vehicle parking from 100 stalls to 56 stalls.
2. That the Development Permit, if issued, lapses in two years from the date of this resolution.

**Amendment:**

**Moved By** Councillor Isitt

**Seconded By** Councillor Dubow

**2.c. Secure the tenant assistance program as proposed**

**Amendment to the amendment:**

**Moved By** Councillor Isitt

**Seconded By** Councillor Dubow

**2.c. Secure the tenant assistance program as proposed, including offers of relocation to alternate comparable units at the existing rent level.**

FOR (4): Councillor Dubow, Councillor Isitt, Councillor Loveday, and Councillor Potts

OPPOSED (5): Mayor Helps, Councillor Alto, Councillor Andrew, Councillor Thornton-Joe, and Councillor Young

**DEFEATED (4 to 5)**

**On the amendment:**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Amendment:**

**Moved By** Councillor Isitt

**Seconded By** Councillor Dubow

**2.d. Request that the applicant agree to make offers of alternate housing options at the tenants current rental rate.**

FOR (4): Councillor Dubow, Councillor Isitt, Councillor Loveday, and Councillor Potts

OPPOSED (5): Mayor Helps, Councillor Alto, Councillor Andrew, Councillor Thornton-Joe, and Councillor Young

**DEFEATED (4 to 5)**

**On the main motion as amended:**

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. 00177 for 450 Dallas Road, 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. Submission of revised plans that address the following:
  - a. Design of the Lewis Street and Dallas Road intersection to City standards, to the satisfaction of the Director of Engineering and Public Works.
  - b. Confirm the location of the PMT and the conceptual conduit routing in the City right-of-way to the PMT shown on the civil plan, and indicate “reinforced boulevard as per BC Hydro and Parks Division standards” at the PMT location on Menzies Street in the boulevard area, on both the civil plan and landscape plans.
  - c. Label the SRW on the Utility Plan and ensure the water vault is located on private property in the SRW.
  - d. Show the tree locations in the City right-of-way on the Utility Plan.
  - e. Confirm the boulevard landscaping in the SRW along Lewis Street and ensure the civil plan matches the landscape plans.
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 as rental in perpetuity.
  - b. Secure a minimum of eight three-bedroom units within the proposed building.

- c. Secure the tenant assistance plan as proposed.
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 minimum of 160 long-term bicycle stalls including 10 cargo bicycle stalls, electrical charging capabilities for 50% of the long-term bicycle stalls, a bicycle repair station, car share memberships and a \$100 credit to the car share program for all the units, two car share vehicles and two publicly accessible car share vehicle stalls.
  - b. Secure intersection improvements to the Lewis Street and Dallas Road intersection.
4. That Council consider who is affected by the proposed changes to the Official Community Plan, and determine that the following persons, organizations and authorities will be affected:
  - a. those within a 200 metre radius of the subject property;
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 200 metre radius of the subject property; and
  - 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 Variances 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. 00789, if it is approved, consider the following motion:

1. That Council authorize the issuance of Development Permit with Variances Application No. 00177 for 450 Dallas Road, in accordance with:
  - a. Plans date stamped March 25, 2022.
  - b. Development meeting all Zoning Regulation Bylaw requirements, except for the following variances:
    - i. increase the number of storeys for a second building from six to seven

- ii. reduce the street boundary setback on Menzies Street from 5.0m to 2.81m
  - iii. reduce the internal lot line setback from 4.0m to 0.70m
  - iv. reduce the residential vehicle parking from 100 stalls to 56 stalls.
2. That the Development Permit, if issued, lapses in two years from the date of this resolution.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**F.2 1042/1044 Richardson Street - Rezoning Application No. 00753 and Development Permit with Variances Application No. 00158 (Fairfield-Gonzales)**

Committee received a report dated June 30, 2022 from the Director of Sustainable Planning and Community Development regarding A report regarding the proposed application to rezone from the R-K Zone, Medium Density Attached Dwelling District, to a new zone in order to increase the density from 0.6:1 floor space ratio to 1.76:1 floor space ratio and allow for a six-storey residential rental building with approximately 20 dwelling units at this location.

*Committee discussed the following:*

- *Massing impacts on neighboring buildings*
- *Affordable rent level within the proposal*
- *Lack of changes made following the ADP meeting*
- *Loopholes in density regulation*
- *Urgent need for rental housing in Victoria*
- *Future prospects in the Victoria housing market*
- *Confluence of plans and policies, which are valued more than others.*
- *Considering the long-term needs of the street, neighbourhood and City*

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

That Council decline Rezoning Application No. 00753 for the property located at 1042/1044 Richardson Street.

FOR (2): Councillor Thornton-Joe, and Councillor Young

OPPOSED (7): Mayor Helps, Councillor Alto, Councillor Andrew, Councillor Dubow, Councillor Isitt, Councillor Loveday, and Councillor Potts

**DEFEATED (2 to 7)**

**Moved By** Mayor Helps  
**Seconded By** Councillor Potts

**Rezoning Application**

That Council instruct staff to prepare the necessary Zoning Regulation Bylaw Amendment that would authorize the proposed development outlined in

Rezoning Application No. 00753 for 1042/1044 Richardson 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. Minor plan revisions to increase the on-street electric vehicle (EV) charging station capacity to two vehicles, to the satisfaction of the Director of Engineering and Public Works; and to identify on-site bylaw replacement trees, to the satisfaction of the Director of Parks, Recreation and Facilities.
2. Preparation of the following legal agreements, executed by the applicant, with the form and contents to the satisfaction of the City Solicitor, to:
  - a. Secure the rental tenure of all dwelling units for the greater of 60 years or the life of the building and ensure a future strata cannot restrict rentals, with terms to the satisfaction of the Director of Sustainable Planning and Community Development.
  - b. Secure the provision of no less than four studio units and one one-bedroom unit as affordable for the greater of 60 years or the life of the building and allocated to median income households (or lower) as defined in the Victoria Housing Strategy, with terms to the satisfaction of the Director of Sustainable Planning and Community Development.
  - c. Secure one accessible one-bedroom unit to the satisfaction of the Director of Sustainable Planning and Community Development.
  - d. Restrict strata titling of the building, with terms to the satisfaction of the Director of Sustainable Planning and Community Development.
  - e. Secure the following Transportation Demand Management measures to offset the proposed parking variance, with terms to the satisfaction of the Director of Sustainable Planning and Community Development:
    - i. car share vehicle memberships and usage credits for each dwelling unit
    - ii. purchase of an electric or hybrid engine carshare vehicle
    - iii. dedicated on-site parking stall for one carshare vehicle
    - iv. bicycle repair stand and wash area.
  - f. Secure the provision of an on-street electric vehicle charging station with capacity for two vehicles, with terms to the satisfaction of the Director of Engineering and Public Works.

#### 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.00753, if it is approved, consider the following motion:

1. That Council authorize the issuance of Development Permit with Variance Application No. 00158 for 1042/1044 Richardson Street, in accordance with:
  - a. Plans date stamped April 26, 2022.

- b. Development meeting all Zoning Regulation Bylaw requirements, except for the following variances:
  - i. increase the maximum height from 18.5m to 19.46m
  - ii. increase the maximum site coverage from 40 percent to 61 percent
  - iii. reduce the minimum open site space from 50 percent to 28.5 percent
  - iv. reduce the front setback from 4.0m to 2.4m (to the building) and 1.50m (to balconies)
  - v. reduce the rear yard setback from 10.0m to 5.0m
  - vi. reduce the east side yard setback from 6.0m to 1.04m
  - vii. reduce the west side yard setback from 6.0m to 2.89m (to the building) and 2.09m (to balconies)
  - viii. reduce the vehicle parking from 16 stalls to 9 stalls and visitor parking from two stalls to one stall.
2. That the Development Permit, if issued, lapses in two years from the date of this resolution.

**Motion to refer:**

**Moved By** Councillor Isitt

**Seconded By** Councillor Young

That the matter be referred to staff, to work with the applicant on a revised application that achieves greater consistency with the Fairfield Neighbourhood Plan and other City of Victoria policies, particularly as it relates to liveability of future residents on this parcel as well as liveability of residents on neighbouring parcels.

**Amendment**

**Moved By** Councillor Alto

**Seconded By** Councillor Isitt

That the matter be referred to staff, to work with the applicant on a revised application **for rental housing** that achieves greater consistency with the Fairfield Neighbourhood Plan and other City of Victoria policies, particularly as it relates to liveability of future residents on this parcel as well as liveability of residents on neighbouring parcels.

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

OPPOSED (2): Mayor Helps, and Councillor Potts

**CARRIED (7 to 2)**

**On the motion to refer as amended:**

That the matter be referred to staff, to work with the applicant on a revised application for rental housing that achieves greater consistency with the Fairfield Neighbourhood Plan and other City of Victoria policies, particularly as it relates to liveability of future residents on this parcel as well as liveability of residents on neighbouring parcels.

FOR (5): Councillor Alto, Councillor Andrew, Councillor Isitt, Councillor Thornton-Joe, and Councillor Young

OPPOSED (4): Mayor Helps, Councillor Dubow, Councillor Loveday, and Councillor Potts

**CARRIED (5 to 4)**

**G. STAFF REPORTS**

**G.1 School Crossing Guards Program - Update**

Committee received a report dated June 30, 2022 from the Director of Engineering and Public Works regarding the recent notification of cessation of services from the Greater Victoria Crossing Guard Association (GVCGA) and identify next steps to support the continuation of paid adult crossing guards as part of the City's mobility priorities.

*Committee discussed the following:*

- *Need for continued investments for traffic calming around schools*
- *Developing solutions which will last in perpetuity*
- *Using Mayor Haynes' letter as an example*
- *Possibly discussing the matter with the chair of the school board*

**Moved By** Mayor Helps

**Seconded By** Councillor Isitt

That Council contact School District 61 and urge them to support crossing guard service previously provided by the Greater Victoria Crossing Guard Association and to request that School District 61 enter into a similar arrangement as School District 63 which provides this service with annual funding support from municipalities.

**Amendment:**

**Moved By** Councillor Isitt

**Seconded By** Mayor Helps

That Council contact School District 61 and urge them to support crossing guard service previously provided by the Greater Victoria Crossing Guard Association and to request that School District 61 enter into a similar arrangement as School District 63 which provides this service with annual funding support from municipalities **and that staff provide a verbal update at the August 4th, 2022, Committee of the Whole meeting.**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**On the main motion as amended:**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**I. NEW BUSINESS**

**I.3 Council Member Motion - Library Return Box Pilot Projects in Neighbourhoods**

Council received a Council Member Motion dated July 7, 2022 from Councillor Isitt authorizing a pilot project securing installation of library return boxes at the Quadra Village Community Centre and Fairfield Community Place.

*Committee discussed the following:*

- *Breadth of work done by neighbourhood advocates*
- *Expanding library services across the city*
- *GVPL consideration of similar programs across the region*

*Committee recessed at 12:30 p.m., reconvened at 1:30 p.m.*

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

That Council directs staff to work with the Quadra Village Community Centre, the Fairfield-Gonzales Community Association and the Greater Victoria Public Library to secure installation of Library Return Boxes on a pilot basis at the Quadra Village Community Centre and Fairfield Community Place.

**Motion to refer:**  
**Moved By** Councillor Alto  
**Seconded By** Councillor Andrew

That this item be referred to the September 29, 2022 COTW meeting.

FOR (4): Councillor Alto, Councillor Andrew, Councillor Thornton-Joe, and Councillor Young

OPPOSED (5): Mayor Helps, Councillor Dubow, Councillor Isitt, Councillor Loveday, and Councillor Potts

**DEFEATED (4 to 5)**

**Amendment:**  
**Moved By** Councillor Loveday  
**Seconded By** Councillor Isitt



**That Council endorses the installation of Library Return Boxes on a pilot basis at the Quadra Village Community Centre and Fairfield Community Place and directs staff to explore the initiation of this program with Quadra Village Community Centre, the Fairfield-Gonzales Community Association and the Greater Victoria Public Library.**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**On the main motion as amended:**

That Council endorses the installation of Library Return Boxes on a pilot basis at the Quadra Village Community Centre and Fairfield Community Place and directs staff to explore the initiation of this program with Quadra Village Community Centre, the Fairfield-Gonzales Community Association and the Greater Victoria Public Library.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

## **G.2 Government Street Refresh Vision and Design Concept**

Committee received a report dated June 24, 2022 from the Director of Sustainable Planning and Community Development regarding the engagement, analysis and recommended conceptual designs for Government Street, between Humboldt Street and Pandora Avenue.

**Moved By** Councillor Dubow

**Seconded By** Councillor Isitt

That the meeting time be extended until 3:00 p.m.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

*Committee discussed the following:*

- *Collaboration with First Nations*
- *Aging infrastructure in the region*
- *Creating high-quality pedestrian infrastructure*
- *Developing public spaces which are welcoming and inclusive to all*
- *Seagull excrement and graffiti deterrence methods*
- *Accommodating pets being brought downtown*
- *Assessing impacts due to closures of Government Street*
- *Integration with ongoing and future land use applications*
- *Ensuring minimal operational disruption for current businesses*
- *Successful integration of pedestrian and vehicle traffic*
- *Closing the gap between Yates and Pandora*
- *Making Government Street a destination, rather than a thoroughfare*
- *Maintenance of public spaces*
- *Concerns from business owners*
- *Improvements to facilitate public safety, including better lighting*

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

That the meeting time is extended until 3:15 p.m.

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

That Council:

1. Approve the Government Street Vision and Concept Design to guide future capital planning, detailed design, costing and phased implementation to align with planned infrastructure upgrades and anticipated land development projects from Humboldt Street to Pandora Avenue, and direct staff to incorporate design and construction costs into future financial plans.
2. Direct staff to maintain and improve pedestrian priority treatments previously implemented through the Build Back Victoria program including street furniture and planters, patios, programming and timed car-free zones. As part of these efforts, pilot a full-time closure between Humboldt and Courtney Streets to inform detailed design and implementation.

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

OPPOSED (1): Councillor Young

**CARRIED (8 to 1)**

**J. ADJOURNMENT OF COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

**Moved By** Councillor Dubow  
**Seconded By** Councillor Andrew

That the Committee of the Whole Meeting be adjourned at 3:15 p.m.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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