

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE REPORT**  
**FROM THE MEETING HELD APRIL 13, 2023**

For the Council meeting of April 27, 2023, the Committee recommends the following:

**G.7 10-year Official Community Plan Update and Implementation**

That Council:

1. Instruct the Director of Sustainable Planning and Community Development (the “Director”) to explore the possibility of amending Victoria’s Official Community Plan (OCP) to better address the City’s current and future housing needs and sustainably manage growth and change.
2. Rescind previous direction for the phased approach to village and corridor planning provided on July 8, 2021.
3. Endorse the proposed approach to the 10-year OCP Update and Implementation process as detailed in Appendix A in place of village and corridor planning, including targeted place-based planning, broad updates to the OCP, consolidation of supporting land use policy documents, and updates to the zoning bylaws, Subdivision and Development Servicing Bylaw and other policy and regulatory mechanisms as required.
4. Instruct the Director to incorporate the following high-level objectives in the context of anticipated amendments to the OCP:
  - a. Equitably adding required housing opportunities to meet diverse needs in response to the housing crisis and climate emergency.
  - b. Considering opportunities for new residential and commercial capacity to advance safe, affordable and sustainable mobility solutions.
  - c. Identifying community needs to support added housing capacity, including for the local economy, community amenities, services, and public space.
  - d. Updating development permit areas and associated guidelines for a consistent and modern approach across the city.
  - e. Planning for related requirements to sustainably manage growth, including but not limited to parks and open spaces, urban design, heritage, economic prosperity, ecological health, infrastructure and utilities, and community and individual well-being.
5. Consider who is affected by the proposed changes to the OCP, and determine that the following persons, organizations and authorities will be affected:
  - a. the entire City of Victoria;
  - b. the Esquimalt and Songhees Nations;
  - c. the Capital Regional District Board;
  - d. Island Health;
  - e. the Province of British Columbia;
  - f. the Federal Government;
  - g. the Township of Esquimalt;
  - h. the District of Saanich;
  - i. the District of Oak Bay; and
  - j. School District 61 Board.
6. Provide an opportunity for broad consultation pursuant to section 475 of the Local Government Act and instruct the Director to:

- a. Engage the general public through the approach detailed in Attachment B; and
  - b. Refer a high-level summary of the proposed amendments to the Esquimalt and Songhees Nations, the Capital Regional District Board, Island Health, the Province of British Columbia, the Federal Government, the Township of Esquimalt, the District of Saanich, the District of Oak Bay and the School District 61 Board once the general nature of the amendments are confirmed by Council.
7. Instruct the Director to defer secondary housing-related work items to ensure resources are available to support the above-mentioned work in the near term.
  8. Instruct the Director to report back to Council with details of the feedback received and to seek instructions for drafting bylaw amendments.
  9. To direct staff to report to Council by the end of May on how, and the resources that would be required in order to shorten the project timeline.

**I. NEW BUSINESS**

**I.1 Late Items**

**I.1.1 Council Member Motion: Funding for North Park Neighbourhood Association and Downtown Residents Association**

That Council direct staff to:

- a. Make arrangements to provide above-noted funding to both Associations for 2023.
- b. Provide such funds from contingency funds.