



MINUTES - COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

June 22, 2023, 9:06 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 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Mayor Alto in the Chair, Councillor Caradonna, Councillor Coleman, Councillor Dell, Councillor Gardiner, Councillor Hammond, Councillor Kim, Councillor Loughton, Councillor Thompson

STAFF PRESENT: J. Jenkyns - City Manager, S. Thompson - Deputy City Manager / Chief Financial Officer, C. Kingsley - City Clerk, C. Anderson - Deputy City Clerk, D. Newman – Assistant Director – Parks & Open Spaces, T. Zworski – City Solicitor, S. Johnson – Director – Communications and Engagement, P. Rantucci – Director of Strategic Real Estate, K. Moore – Director of Business & Community Relations, S. Perkins – Director of Bylaw Services, D. Atkinson – Fire Chief, R. Tooke – Manager – Sustainability, Assets and Support Services, J. O'Connor – Deputy Director of Finance, K. House – Manager of Real Estate Operations, C. Moffatt – Assistant City Solicitor

A. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved By Councillor Dell
Seconded By Councillor Caradonna

That the agenda be approved.

Amendment:

Moved By Councillor Caradonna
Seconded By Councillor Dell

*That item **D.1 - Victoria Civic Heritage Trust** be moved to follow **G.1 – Heritage Program Briefing** and the remainder of the agenda be reordered accordingly.*

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

On the agenda as amended:

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

B. CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Alto requested that item **G.4 - Proclamation: Indigenous Survivors Day** be added to the consent agenda.

Councillor Kim requested that item **I.2 - Council Member Motion: Supporting Biodiversity in Local Communities (UBCM Resolution)** be removed from the consent agenda due to a Councillor's potential conflict of interest.

Councillor Gardiner requested that item **I. 1 - Council Member Motion: Council Procedures Update – Request to Address Council Policy** be removed from the consent agenda.

Moved By Councillor Kim
Seconded By Councillor Loughton

That the following items be approved without further debate:

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

C. READING OF MINUTES

C.1 Minutes from the special COTW meeting held March 2, 2023

Moved By Councillor Kim
Seconded By Councillor Loughton

That the minutes from the Special COTW meeting held March 2, 2023 be adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

I.3 Council Member Motion: Canadian Capital Cities Organization Annual Conference

Committee received a Council Member Motion dated June 19, 2023 from Councillor Gardiner regarding authorization for Councillor Gardiner to attend the Canadian Capital Cities Organization Annual Conference to be held in Charlottetown, PEI, from October 1 through October 3, 2023.

Moved By Councillor Kim
Seconded By Councillor Loughton

That Council authorize the attendance and associated costs for Councillor Gardiner to attend the Canadian Capital Cities Organization Annual Conference to be held in Charlottetown, PEI, from October 1 through October 3, 2023 (travel to Charlottetown September 30).

Conference Registration Fee	\$ 400.00
Travel to/from Charlottetown	\$ 1350.00
Taxis (Victoria x 2 and Charlottetown x 2)	\$ 180.00
Accommodation (4 nights)	\$ 1250.00
Food & Incidentals (5 dinners, 3 lunch, 2 bfast)	\$ 300.00

Carbon footprint calculation

\$ 223.50

Estimated total cost = \$3,703.50

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

I.4 Council Member Motion: Emergency Homelessness Prevention Strategies to Protect Renters in Core Housing Need (UBCM Resolution)

Committee received a Council Member Motion dated June 19, 2023, from Councillor Loughton, Councillor Thompson, and Council Kim, regarding endorsement to submit a resolution to the Union of BC Municipalities Conference addressing the need for emergency homelessness prevention strategies to prevent homelessness and protect low-income renter households.

Moved By Councillor Kim

Seconded By Councillor Loughton

That Council endorses the following resolution and submits this resolution for consideration at the Union of BC Municipalities Conference:

WHEREAS the Province of B.C. is making historic investments in affordable housing, has initiated zoning and regulatory reform and has introduced demand-side measures to address the housing crisis;

AND WHEREAS despite these actions, 13.4% of British Columbians live in core housing need, and as of May 2023 the average listed rental price for a two-bedroom unit in B.C. is \$2,714;

AND WHEREAS the share of units affordable to renters with the lowest 20% of incomes in Vancouver and Victoria is 1%;

AND WHEREAS province wide from October 2021 to 2022 the average change in rent on turnover of a two-bedroom unit was a 27% increase, vacant units in Victoria rented for 33% more than occupied units, in Vancouver the average rent for unoccupied units surpassed the overall average rent for occupied units by 43%, residents of B.C. face the highest rates of eviction in Canada, and 85% of those evictions are no-fault evictions;

AND WHEREAS to prevent homelessness and protect low-income renter households, emergency homelessness prevention strategies are required.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the province explores ways, in at least the major urban centers, to:

1. Rapidly increase the rental stock, especially for households in core housing need, through provincial legislation and programs that will, directly or indirectly, enable a rapid and significant increase in the approvals, construction and supply of rental housing in areas near transit, active transportation infrastructure, and community destinations (workplaces, schools, shopping);
2. Mitigate the number of no-fault evictions in B.C. using methods such as gathering data on and investigating rent increases and evictions through adequate resourcing of the Residential Tenancy Branch (RTB), regulate providing RTB rules and regulations to tenants upon signing a lease, increasing the compensation owed to tenants from landlords when exercising

no-fault evictions, and regulating price increases in between tenancies to be reasonable and fair;

3. Close the gap between households in core housing need and rental housing costs including considering income supports such as income and disability assistance, guaranteed annual incomes, and an increase to the province's already successful rental assistance programs for households in core housing need until supply meets demand in the rental housing market.

AND THAT Council forward this motion to the June 22, 2023 daytime Council meeting for ratification.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

G.4 Proclamation: Indigenous Survivors Day

Committee received a report dated June 22, 2023 from the City Clerk regarding a proclamation for Indigenous Survivors Day, June 30th, 2023.

Moved By Councillor Caradonna
Seconded By Councillor Dell

That the Indigenous Survivors Day Proclamation be forwarded to the June 22th 2023, Council meeting for Council's consideration.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

G. STAFF REPORTS

G.1 Heritage Program Briefing

Committee received a report dated May 4, 2023 from the Director of Sustainable Planning and Community development regarding agenda and background information to accompany a briefing on the City's heritage program.

Committee discussed the following:

- *Heritage Conservation Act and intangible heritage*
- *Possibility for future heritage buildings*
- *Incorporation of indigenous heritage and culture*
- *Tax exemption procedure Criteria for heritage buildings*
- *Internal/ external alignment with other city policies*

Moved By Councillor Caradonna
Seconded By Councillor Dell

That Council

1. Receive for information this report summarizing the content of the upcoming briefing regarding the City's heritage program.

2. Direct staff to pause the *Citizen-led Heritage Conservation Areas Policy*, receiving no new nominations and not processing any current nominations that have not already received Council direction until the Official Community Plan 10-Year Review has been completed, and staff have reported back to Council on any recommended changes to the *Citizen-led Heritage Conservation Areas Policy* that would better align housing and heritage objectives.

Amendment:

Moved by Councillor Gardiner

Seconded by Councillor Coleman

2. Direct staff to pause the Citizen-led Heritage Conservation Areas Policy, receiving no new nominations ~~and not processing any current nominations that have not already received Council direction~~ until the Official Community Plan 10-Year Review has been completed, and staff have reported back to Council on any recommended changes to the Citizen-led Heritage Conservation Areas Policy that would better align housing and heritage objectives.

FOR (2): Councillor Coleman, Councillor Gardiner

OPPOSED (7): Mayor Alto, Councillor Caradonna, Councillor Dell, Councillor Hammond, Councillor Kim, Councillor Loughton, Councillor Thompson

DEFEATED (2 TO 7)

Motion to postpone:

Moved By Councillor Kim

Seconded By Councillor Coleman

That both parts of this motion be postponed following the presentation from Victoria Civic Heritage Trust.

FOR (5): Councillor Coleman, Councillor Gardiner, Councillor Hammond, Councillor Kim, Councillor Thompson

OPPOSED (4): Mayor Alto, Councillor Caradonna, Councillor Dell, Councillor Loughton

CARRIED (5 TO 4)

Committee recessed at 10:45 and reconvened at 10:55

D. Presentations

D.1 Victoria Civic Heritage Trust

Committee received a presentation from Suzanne Powell - President of the Victoria Civic Heritage Trust, Kate Almher – Vice President of the Victoria Civic Heritage Trust, Katherine Umland – Executive Director of the Victoria Civic

Heritage Trust, and Pamela Madoff – Chair of the Architectural Conservation Committee regarding the Victoria Civic Heritage Trust

Committee discussed the following:

- *Residential seismic upgrading*
- *Time frame for Tax Incentive Program processes*
- *Updates that the Victoria Civic Heritage Trust could make to the organization such as website updating and relations*
- *Heritage trust being an investment*

Moved By Councillor Caradonna

Seconded By Councillor Dell

MOTION TO CLOSE THE JUNE 22, 2023 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(2) A part of a council meeting must be closed to the public if the subject matter being considered relates to one or more of the following:

Section 90(2)(b) the consideration of information received and held in confidence relating to negotiations between the municipality and a provincial government or the federal government or both, or between a provincial government or the federal government or both and a third party.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Committee reconvened in open meeting at 1:20 p.m.

G.1 Heritage Program Briefing

Moved By Councillor Caradonna

Seconded By Councillor Dell

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1. Receive for information this report summarizing the content of the upcoming briefing regarding the City's heritage program.
2. Direct staff to pause the Citizen-led Heritage Conservation Areas Policy, receiving no new nominations and not processing any current nominations that have not already received Council direction until the Official Community Plan 10-Year Review has been completed, and staff have reported back to Council on any recommended changes to the Citizen-led Heritage Conservation Areas Policy that would better align housing and heritage objectives.

Councillor Coleman requested that each item of the motion be voted on separately.

On the number 1:

1. That Council receive this report for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

On the number 2:

2. Direct staff to pause the Citizen-led Heritage Conservation Areas Policy, receiving no new nominations and not processing any current nominations that have not already received Council direction until the Official Community Plan 10-Year Review has been completed, and staff have reported back to Council on any recommended changes to the Citizen-led Heritage Conservation Areas Policy that would better align housing and heritage objectives.

FOR (6): Mayor Alto, Councillor Caradonna, Councillor Dell, Councillor Kim, Councillor Loughton, Councillor Thompson

OPPOSED (3): Councillor Coleman, Councillor Gardiner, Councillor Hammond

CARRIED (6 TO 3)

G. STAFF REPORTS

G.2 Tax Incentive Program – Challenges and Opportunities

Committee received a report dated June 15, 2023 from the Director of Sustainable Planning and Community Development regarding The City of Victoria's Tax Incentive Program (TIP).

Committee discussed the following:

- *Additions and changes to heritage buildings being more extreme with the Tax Incentive Program*
- *The threshold for heritage designation*
- *Applying Tax Incentive Programs to more buildings*

Moved By Councillor Caradonna

Seconded By Councillor Dell

1. That as an interim measure, Council confirms the following eligibility criteria for the Tax Incentive Program (TIP), which are generally consistent with the intent and administration of the program, Provincial legislation and City policy:
 - a. The building must be Heritage Designated.

- b. Eligible alterations are limited to seismic upgrading work, associated with retaining and conserving existing heritage fabric.
 - c. Construction must not commence until the TIP Application has been advanced to Council for consideration (some strip-out work may be permitted in specific cases). Retroactive applications will not be accepted
 - d. Proposals must retain internal structure and exterior façades of the heritage building to the highest level possible unless proven in a seismic assessment to be the only viable option for seismic upgrading and/or adaptive reuse and be verified as being necessary by an independent peer review.
 - e. Rooftop additions must be sensitively located and smaller in scale than the existing building and are limited to:
 - i. One-storey on top of heritage buildings that are two to three storeys and must include step-backs of at least 4 metres from street elevations.
 - ii. Two storeys on top of heritage buildings that are 4-storeys or greater and must include step-backs that are at least 3 metres from street elevations.
 - f. Excavation below the original building foundations is not permitted unless verified as required as part of a structural assessment.
 - g. For Residential Use TIP Applications, buildings must reuse/repurpose existing upper floors for residential use, with commercial on the ground floor. Eligible costs are limited to seismic upgrade work.
 - h. For Non-Residential Use TIP Applications, the building must contain entirely commercial, industrial or institutional uses. Eligible costs can include seismic upgrade work as well as exterior conservation as well as code, mechanical and electrical upgrades.
 - i. All applications must submit a seismic assessment of the heritage building with cost estimates for the seismic upgrade strategy and clearly separate out eligible heritage costs from any new construction and/or new development costs.
 - j. Applications not meeting the above criteria will be considered ineligible and will not be accepted. Where an application has been accepted and its status changes to make it ineligible, application processing will be stopped.
 - k. Incomplete applications will not be accepted and if necessary, will be returned to applicants to await a complete, accurate submission.
2. That Council direct that all program information related to the Tax Incentive Program, including the VCHT website, be updated as quickly as possible, to

clearly reflect the program parameters, eligibility criteria and anticipated timing of application review.

3. That Council confirm that despite being inconsistent with the above noted parameters, that current in stream proposals having already received all necessary Council development approvals, and where a complete Tax Incentive Program application has been submitted before December 31, 2023, will be brought forward for consideration by Council after being processed by City staff and Victoria Civic Heritage Trust. To take advantage of this opportunity, applicants will be required to engage a third-party structural engineer as well as any necessary supporting professionals, paid for by the applicant but reporting to the City, to conduct a seismic review of:
 - a. the design strategy
 - b. budgeted costs
 - c. any changes that are proposed during construction
 - d. the project at completion, prior to the tax incentive coming into effect, to verify all work was completed in accordance with the approval.
4. That Council direct staff to bring forward a report exploring opportunities to potentially:
 - a. Expand or establish a program aimed at supporting heritage and adaptive reuse projects that retain prominent heritage buildings but require significant internal demolition and reconstruction and/or proposed additions.
 - b. Allow investigative work, partial demolition or temporary reinforcement work to commence while the grant evaluation process is underway.
 - c. Allow a greater number of heritage designated buildings to qualify.
 - d. Clarify roles and responsibilities of the VCHT, City staff and applicants as well as the overall process involved in administering the TIP.
 - e. Recognize economic challenges associated with current construction costs as well as with providing rental housing within heritage buildings.
 - f. Address recent and anticipated British Columbia Building Code changes particularly as related to seismic standards.
 - g. Undertake a financial analysis of any impacts to the City of Victoria as well as any resource impacts, associated with an expanded or new program.

Councillor Coleman requested that each item of the motion be voted on separately.

On the number 1:

Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes
June 22, 2023

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 - j. Applications not meeting the above criteria will be considered ineligible and will not be accepted. Where an application has been accepted and its status changes to make it ineligible, application processing will be stopped.
 - k. Incomplete applications will not be accepted and if necessary, will be returned to applicants to await a complete, accurate submission.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

On the number 2:

2. That Council direct that all program information related to the Tax Incentive Program, including the VCHT website, be updated as quickly as possible, to

clearly reflect the program parameters, eligibility criteria and anticipated timing of application review.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

On the number 3:

3. That Council confirm that despite being inconsistent with the above noted parameters, that current in stream proposals having already received all necessary Council development approvals, and where a complete Tax Incentive Program application has been submitted before December 31, 2023, will be brought forward for consideration by Council after being processed by City staff and Victoria Civic Heritage Trust. To take advantage of this opportunity, applicants will be required to engage a third-party structural engineer as well as any necessary supporting professionals, paid for by the applicant but reporting to the City, to conduct a seismic review of:
 - a. the design strategy
 - b. budgeted costs
 - c. any changes that are proposed during construction
 - d. the project at completion, prior to the tax incentive coming into effect, to verify all work was completed in accordance with the approval.

FOR (7): Mayor Alto, Councillor Caradonna, Councillor Dell, Councillor Hammond, Councillor Kim, Councillor Loughton, Councillor Thompson
OPPOSED (2): Councillor Gardiner, Councillor Coleman

CARRIED (7 TO 2)

On the number 4:

4. That Council direct staff to bring forward a report exploring opportunities to potentially:
 - a. Expand or establish a program aimed at supporting heritage and adaptive reuse projects that retain prominent heritage buildings but require significant internal demolition and reconstruction and/or proposed additions.
 - b. Allow investigative work, partial demolition or temporary reinforcement work to commence while the grant evaluation process is underway.
 - c. Allow a greater number of heritage designated buildings to qualify.
 - d. Clarify roles and responsibilities of the VCHT, City staff and applicants as well as the overall process involved in administering the TIP.
 - e. Recognize economic challenges associated with current construction costs as well as with providing rental housing within heritage buildings.
 - f. Address recent and anticipated British Columbia Building Code changes particularly as related to seismic standards.
 - g. Undertake a financial analysis of any impacts to the City of Victoria as well as any resource impacts, associated with an expanded or new program.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

G.3 Saanich-Victoria Citizens' Assembly on Amalgamation

Committee received a report dated June 13, 2023 from the City Clerk regarding background information and next steps on the Citizen's Assembly process.

Moved By Councillor Coleman
Seconded By Councillor Dell

That Council receive the Saanich -Victoria Citizens' Assembly on Amalgamation report for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

H. NOTICE OF MOTIONS

I. NEW BUSINESS

I.1 Council Member Motion: Council Procedures Update – Request to Address Council Policy

Committee received a report dated June 16, 2023 from Mayor Alto regarding procedures for the consideration of requests made to Request to Address Council.

Moved By Mayor Alto
Seconded By Councillor Thompson

That Council approve the attached Request to Address Council Policy to establish procedures for the consideration of requests made to Request to Address Council.

Amendment:

Moved By Councillor Gardiner
Seconded By Councillor Coleman

Section A. BACKGROUND

Under the City's Council Procedures Bylaw, request to address Council are a standing agenda item for regular City Council meetings. ~~A maximum of six~~ **A maximum of 24** requests will be scheduled **at a special council meeting on the third Thursday of each month and addresses are limited to 5 minutes.** ~~after reading the minutes and will be done at the first regular Council meeting of each month.~~

FOR (1): Councillor Gardiner
OPPOSED (8): Mayor Alto, Councillor Caradonna, Councillor Coleman, Councillor Dell, Councillor Hammond, Councillor Kim, Councillor Loughton, Councillor Thompson

DEFEATED (1 TO 8)

Amendment:

Moved By Mayor Alto

Seconded By Councillor Thompson

That Council **direct staff to amend the council procedures bylaw to reflect approve** the attached Request to Address Council Policy to establish procedures for the consideration of requests made to Request to Address Council.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Motion to extend:

Moved By Councillor Thompson

Seconded By Councillor Gardiner

That the meeting be extended to 3:00 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Amendment:

Moved By Councillor Thompson

Seconded By Councillor Caradonna

That Council direct staff to amend the council procedures bylaw to reflect the attached Request to Address Council Policy, **including consideration of a limitation among the number of times an individual may address council in a three month period** to establish procedures for the consideration of requests made to Request to Address Council.

Amendment to the amendment:

Moved By Councillor Caradonna

Seconded By Councillor Thompson

That Council direct staff to amend the council procedures bylaw to reflect the attached Request to Address Council Policy, **including consideration for new policies to address repeat speakers of a limitation among the number of times an individual may address council in a three month period** to establish procedures for the consideration of requests made to Request to Address Council.

FOR (7): Mayor Alto, Councillor Caradonna, Councillor Dell, Councillor Hammond, Councillor Kim, Councillor Loughton, Councillor Thompson
OPPOSED (2): Councillor Coleman, Councillor Gardiner

CARRIED (7 TO 2)

On the amendment as amended:

That Council direct staff to amend the council procedures bylaw to reflect the attached Request to Address Council Policy, **including consideration for new policies to address repeat speakers**, to establish procedures for the consideration of requests made to Request to Address Council.

FOR (7): Mayor Alto, Councillor Caradonna, Councillor Dell, Councillor Hammond, Councillor Kim, Councillor Loughton, Councillor Thompson
OPPOSED (2): Councillor Coleman, Councillor Gardiner

CARRIED (7 TO 2)

Councillor Caradonna left the meeting at 2:36 p.m.

On the main motion as amended:

That Council direct staff to amend the council procedures bylaw to reflect the attached Request to Address Council Policy, including consideration for new policies to address repeat speakers, to establish procedures for the consideration of requests made to Request to Address Council.

FOR (6): Mayor Alto, Councillor Dell, Councillor Hammond, Councillor Kim, Councillor Loughton, Councillor Thompson
OPPOSED (2): Councillor Coleman, Councillor Gardiner
ABSENT (1): Councillor Caradonna

CARRIED (6 TO 2)

Councillor Caradonna rejoined the meeting at 2:37 p.m.

I.2 Council Member Motion: Supporting Biodiversity in Local Communities (UBCM Resolution)

Committee received a Council Member Motion dated June 18, 2023, from Councillor Gardiner and Councillor Coleman regarding the endorsement to support the protection and restoration of biological diversity in local communities.

Councillor Kim recused herself from the meeting at 2:37 p.m. due to a non-pecuniary conflict of interest.

Moved By Councillor Gardiner
Seconded By Councillor Coleman

THAT Council endorse the resolution “BE IT RESOLVED THAT the UBCM call upon the Province of British Columbia to work with local governments and First Nations to support the protection and restoration of biological diversity in local communities, including establishing a *Local Natural Areas Protection Fund* to support local efforts to acquire land for biodiversity and ecosystem health”.

AND THAT Council direct staff to send electronic copies of Council’s resolution to the Union of British Columbia Municipalities prior to June 30, 2023.

AND THAT Council forward this matter to the June 22, 2023 daytime Council meeting for ratification.

Conflict (1): Councillor Kim

CARRIED (8)

Councillor Kim rejoined the meeting at 2:40 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

I.5 Council Member Motion: Three Parks Without Overnight Sheltering

Committee received a Council Member Motion dated June 18, 2023, from Mayor Alto, regarding the prohibition of overnight sheltering at all times in Topaz Park, Hollywood Park and Regatta Point Park.

Moved By Mayor Alto

Seconded By Councillor Loughton

That Council direct staff to instruct the City Solicitor to bring forward bylaw amendments necessary to prohibit overnight sheltering at all times in Topaz Park, Hollywood Park and Regatta Point Park, as of August 1, 2023.

Amendment:

Moved by Councillor Loughton

Seconded by Councillor Caradonna

That Council direct staff to instruct the City Solicitor to bring forward bylaw amendments necessary to prohibit overnight sheltering at all times in Topaz Park, Hollywood Park and Regatta Point Park, as of ~~August 1, 2023.~~ **1 September 2023, subject to ability to house or better shelter those sheltering in these parks as of 22 June 2023.**

Amendment to the amendment:

Moved by Councillor Thompson

Seconded by Councillor Caradonna

That Council direct staff to instruct the City Solicitor to bring forward bylaw amendments necessary to prohibit overnight sheltering at all times in Topaz Park, Hollywood Park and Regatta Point Park, as of ~~August 1, 2023.~~ **1 September 2023, subject to ability to house or better shelter those sheltering in these parks as of by 22 June 2023.**

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

On the amendment as amended:

That Council direct staff to instruct the City Solicitor to bring forward bylaw amendments necessary to prohibit overnight sheltering at all times in Topaz Park, Hollywood Park and Regatta Point Park, as of **1 September 2023, subject to ability to house or better shelter those sheltering in these parks by 22 June 2023.**

FOR (8): Mayor Alto, Councillor Caradonna, Councillor Coleman, Councillor Dell, Councillor Hammond, Councillor Kim, Councillor Loughton, Councillor Thompson
OPPOSED (1): Councillor Hammond

CARRIED (8 TO 1)

Amendment:

Moved Councillor Hammond
Seconded Councillor Gardiner

That Council direct staff to instruct the City Solicitor to bring forward bylaw amendments necessary to prohibit overnight sheltering at all times in Topaz Park, Hollywood Park ~~and~~ Regatta Point Park, **and Stadacona Park** as of 1 September 2023, subject to ability to house or better shelter those sheltering in these parks by 22 June 2023.

FOR (4): Mayor Alto, Councillor Coleman, Councillor Gardiner, Councillor Hammond
OPPOSED (5): Councillor Caradonna, Councillor Dell, Councillor Loughton, Councillor Kim, Councillor Thompson

DEFEATED (4 TO 5)

Motion to extend:

Moved by Councillor Coleman
Seconded by Councillor Thompson

That the meeting be extended to 3:30 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Amendment:

Moved by Councillor Loughton
Seconded by Councillor Thompson

That Council direct staff to instruct the City Solicitor to bring forward bylaw amendments necessary to prohibit overnight sheltering at all times in Topaz Park, Hollywood Park and Regatta Point Park, as of 1 September 2023, subject to ability to house or better shelter those sheltering in these parks by 22 June 2023.

That staff dedicate up to \$25,000 from the funds set aside earlier this year for homelessness-related purposes to hire a third-party contractor to serve from July through December of 2023 as a Parks Relocation Coordinator and oversee the transitions out of sheltering at Topaz, Regatta Landing, Stadacona, and Hollywood Parks.

Amendment to the amendment

Moved by Councillor Gardiner

Seconded by Councillor Caradonna

That staff dedicate up to \$25,000 from the funds set aside earlier this year for homelessness-related purposes to hire a third-party contractor to serve from July through December of 2023 as a Parks Relocation Coordinator and oversee the transitions out of sheltering at Topaz, Regatta Landing, Stadacona, and Hollywood Parks to areas that are not within city parks or on boulevards.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Amendment:

Moved by Councillor Loughton

Seconded by Councillor Thompson

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That council direct staff to identify and explore designated spaces to use as an alternative to sheltering in parks to support the upcoming closures of Topaz, Regatta, Hollywood, and Stadacona Parks.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Notice of motion from Councillor Hammond:

That Council direct staff to come up with recommendations, costs and appropriate City funds to pay for adequate security in Victoria neighbourhoods negatively affected by the crime and disorder which exists when certain sheltering and certain housing takes place.

Motion to extend:

Moved By Councillor Coleman

Seconded By Councillor Caradonna

That the meeting be extended to 3:40 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

On the main motion as amended:

That Council direct staff to instruct the City Solicitor to bring forward bylaw amendments necessary to prohibit overnight sheltering at all times in Topaz Park, Hollywood Park and Regatta Point Park, as of 1 September 2023, subject to ability to house or better shelter those sheltering in these parks by 22 June 2023.

That staff dedicate up to \$25,000 from the funds set aside earlier this year for homelessness-related purposes to hire a third-party contractor to serve from July through December of 2023 as a Parks Relocation Coordinator and oversee the transitions out of sheltering at Topaz, Regatta Landing, Stadacona, and Hollywood Parks to areas that are not within city parks or on boulevards.

That council direct staff to identify and explore designated spaces to use as an alternative to sheltering in parks to support the upcoming closures of Topaz, Regatta, Hollywood, and Stadacona Parks.

FOR (7): Mayor Alto, Councillor Caradonna, Councillor Coleman, Councillor Dell, Councillor Kim, Councillor Loughton, Councillor Thompson

OPPOSED (2): Councillor Gardiner, Councillor Hammond

CARRIED (7 TO 2)

J. ADJOURNMENT OF COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Moved By Councillor Thompson

Seconded By Councillor Coleman

That the Committee of the Whole Meeting be adjourned at 3:42 p.m.

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