



MINUTES – SPECIAL COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

January 15, 2024, 9:03 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, S. Johnson - Director of Communications and Engagement, T. Zworski - City Solicitor, P. Rantucci - Director of Strategic Real Estate, T. Soulliere - Deputy City Manager, J. Jensen - Director, People and Culture, K. Hoese - Director of Sustainable Planning and Community Development, C. Mycroft - Manager of Intergovernmental & Media Relations, A. Johnston - Assistant Director of Development Services, M. Betanzo - Senior Planner, A. Klus - Legislative Coordinator

A. TERRITORIAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Committee acknowledged that the City of Victoria is located on the homelands of the Songhees First Nation and Esquimalt First Nation communities, and urged those watching in person and online to reflect collectively and individually on the privilege we share to live, work, and play on these lands.

B. INTRODUCTION OF LATE ITEMS

There were no late items.

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved By Councillor Thompson

Seconded By Councillor Dell

That the agenda be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

D. PRESENTATION

D.1 Closed Meeting

Councillor Loughton joined the meeting at 9:04 am.

Moved By Councillor Thompson
Seconded By Councillor Loughton

MOTION TO CLOSE THE JANUARY 15, 2024 SPECIAL COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING TO THE PUBLIC

That Council convene a closed meeting that excludes the public under Section 90 of the *Community Charter* for the reason that the following agenda items deal with matters specified in Sections 90(1) and/or (2) of the *Community Charter*, namely:

Section 90(1) A part of a council meeting may be closed to the public if the subject matter being considered relates to or is one or more of the following:

Section 90(1)(g) litigation or potential litigation affecting the municipality.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Special Committee of the Whole meeting was closed to the public at 9:05 a.m. and reopened at 10:08 a.m.

F. STAFF REPORTS

F.1 2024 Draft Financial Plan Motion Report-backs

Council discussed the following:

- *Accessibility Reserve Fund and public washrooms*
- *Heritage/downtown revitalization and budget reallocation options*
- *Bike Valet, sponsorship options, cost estimate for fee system*
- *Permissive tax exemptions*
- *Festival Investment Grant Program*
- *The City funding services which should be provided by the Province*

F.2 2024 Financial Plan Additional Requests

Committee received a report dated December 27, 2023 from the Deputy Director of Finance providing Council with additional information related to the 2024 Draft Financial Plan.

Council discussed the following:

- *Silver Threads' services and investing in senior's centres*
- *Investing recreation centres*

H. ADJOURNMENT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Moved By Councillor Loughton
Seconded By Councillor Dell

That the Special Committee of the Whole Meeting be adjourned at 11:10 a.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CITY CLERK

MAYOR

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