



## MINUTES - COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

February 1, 2024, 9:02 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 Thompson

PRESENT ELECTRONICALLY: Councillor Gardiner (Arrived at 9:44 a.m.), Councillor Hammond, Councillor Kim,

ABSENT: Councillor Loughton

STAFF PRESENT: J. Jenkyns - City Manager, S. Thompson - Deputy City Manager / Chief Financial Officer, KT. Soulliere – Deputy City Manager C. Kingsley - City Clerk, C. Anderson - Deputy City Clerk, S. Johnson - Director of Communications and Engagement, T. Zworski - City Solicitor, R. Kenny - Assistant Director of Transportation, S. Maichen - Legislative Coordinator

GUESTS: Tina Ireland – BC Assessment, Jodie McLennan - BC Assessment

### **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 recognized the joining of Nation representatives and Senior Staff to share a meal and nurture relationships and trust.

### **C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**Moved By** Councillor Coleman  
**Seconded By** Councillor Thompson

That the agenda be approved.

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

Absent (1): Councillor Gardiner

**CARRIED**

### **D. CONSENT AGENDA**

Council requested that item **G.3 - Council Member Motion: Noise Exposure Forecast (NEF)** be removed from the consent agenda.

**Moved By** Councillor Thompson  
**Seconded By** Councillor Coleman

That the following Consent Agenda items be approved:

**F. CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES**

**F.1 Minutes from the Committee of the Whole meeting held December 14, 2023**

That the minutes from the Committee of the Whole meeting held December 14, 2023 be approved.

**F.2 Minutes from the Committee of the Whole meeting held January 18, 2024**

That the minutes from the Committee of the Whole meeting held January 18, 2024 be approved.

**G. NEW BUSINESS**

**G.1 Emergency Support Services and Emergency Operation Centre UBCM Grant Applications**

Committee received a report dated January 23, 2024 from the Fire Chief regarding an application to the Union of BC Municipalities (UBCM) Community Emergency Preparedness Fund (CEPF) for two separate grants each worth up to \$30,000.

That Council authorize and direct staff to apply for two UBCM grants worth up to \$30,000 each through the Community Emergency Preparedness Fund for Emergency Operations Centre (EOC) Equipment and Training 2024 and Emergency Support Services (ESS) Modernization Project 2024.

FOR (7): Mayor Alto, Councillor Caradonna, Councillor Coleman, Councillor Dell, Councillor Hammond, Councillor Kim, Councillor Thompson  
Absent (1): Councillor Gardiner

**CARRIED**

**E. PRESENTATION**

**E.1 BC Assessment**

Committee received a presentation from Tina Ireland and Jodie McLennan from BC assessment regarding their Assessment Roll Overview.

*Committee discussed the following:*

- *Implications of assessed use*

- *The legislation around market value*
- *Industrial zoning in urban areas*
- *Property tax deferral data and programs*

Councillor Gardiner joined the meeting at 9:44 a.m.

**G.2 Council Member Motion: City of Victoria Alignment with Saanich Protected Bike Lane Network - Shelbourne**

Committee received a Council Member Motion dated January 19, 2024 from Councillor Thompson and Councillor Dell regarding an opportunity to accelerate Victoria transportation and climate goals due to a confluence in timing of Saanich and Victoria transportation network improvements, increased regional commuting, and the rapid growth of e-bike usage.

**Moved By** Councillor Thompson

**Seconded By** Councillor Dell

That Council directs staff to:

1. Complete the Shelbourne cycling network connection between Haultain and Hillside, prioritizing sustainable travel modes over motor vehicle parking, using quick-build methods prior to Summer 2025.
2. Add the Shelbourne/Begbie Corridor to the priority AAA bicycle network and upgrade as soon as possible in coordination with necessary road and underground asset renewal.
3. Provide a verbal update to Council within 6 months of this motion on timing of the above and other upcoming AAA network improvements.

*Committee discussed the following:*

- *Low cost solutions to implement City projects*
- *The Haultain - Hillside corner bike lanes*
- *How All Ages and Accessibility (AAA) bike lanes will affect residential parking in the Shelbourne area*
- *Timeline for the project and how it relates to Saanich's timeline for their portion of Shelbourne*

**Amendment:**

**Moved By** Councillor Hammond

**Seconded By** Councillor Coleman

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3. **Ensuring proper consultation takes place with all persons affected**
4. Provide a verbal update to Council within 6 months of this motion on timing of the above and other upcoming AAA network improvements.

**Amendment to the amendment:**

**Moved By** Mayor Alto  
**Seconded By** Councillor Dell

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**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**On the amendment as amended:**

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**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**On the main motion as amended:**

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3. Ensure consultation takes place with all persons affected

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**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

*Committee recessed at 10:42 a.m. and reconvened at 10:58 a.m.*

**G.3 Council Member Motion: Noise Exposure Forecast (NEF)**

Committee received a Council Member Motion dated January 26, 2024 from Councillor Gardiner requesting forthwith access to the Noise Exposure Forecast (NEF) for Victoria Harbour Airport.

**Moved By** Councillor Gardiner  
**Seconded By** Councillor Coleman

1. That Council requests Mayor Alto to write to the licence holder of the Victoria Harbour Airport, namely Transport Canada, requesting forthwith access to the NEF for Victoria Harbour Airport.
2. That this motion be forwarded to the daytime Council meeting of February 1, 2024 for consideration.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**I. ADJOURNMENT OF COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

**Moved By** Councillor Coleman  
**Seconded By** Councillor Dell

That the Committee of the Whole Meeting be adjourned at 10:59 a.m.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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CITY CLERK

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MAYOR