



MINUTES - VICTORIACITY COUNCIL

February 1, 2024, 11:02 P.M.

COUNCIL CHAMBERS - 1 CENTENNIAL SQUARE, VICTORIA BC

To be held immediately following the Committee of the Whole Meeting

The City of Victoria is located on the homelands of the Songhees and Esquimalt People

PRESENT: Mayor Alto in the Chair, Councillor Caradonna, Councillor Coleman, Councillor Dell, Councillor Thompson

PRESENT ELECTRONICALLY: Councillor Gardiner, Councillor Hammond, Councillor Kim

ABSENT: Councillor Loughton

STAFF PRESENT: J. Jenkyns - City Manager, S. Thompson - Deputy City Manager / Chief Financial Officer, T. Soulliere - Deputy City Manager, T. Zworski - City Solicitor, K. Hoese - Director of Sustainable Planning and Community Development, S. Johnson - Director of Communications and Engagement, P. Rantucci – Director of Strategic Real Estate, S. Johnson – Director of Communications and Engagement, C. Kingsley - City Clerk, C. Anderson – Deputy City Clerk, S. Maichen – Legislative Coordinator

A. TERRITORIAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Council acknowledged that the City of Victoria is located on the homelands of the Songhees First Nation and Esquimalt First Nation communities and recognized a recent gathering of Senior Staff and the Nations, where a meal and conversations were shared to nurture relationships and trust.

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved By Councillor Coleman

Seconded By Councillor Dell

That the agenda be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

D. CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

Moved By Councillor Dell

Seconded By Councillor Caradonna

That the following minutes be approved:

D.1 Minutes from the Evening Council meeting held October 12, 2023

That the minutes from the evening Council meeting held October 12, 2023 be approved.

D.2 Minutes from the Evening Council meeting held October 26, 2023

That the minutes from the evening Council meeting held October 26, 2023 be approved.

D.3 Minutes from the Daytime Council meeting held December 14, 2023

That the minutes from the daytime Council meeting held December 14, 2023 be approved.

D.4 Minutes from the Evening Council meeting held December 14, 2023

That the minutes from the evening Council meeting held December 14, 2023 be approved.

D.5 Minutes from the Evening Council meeting held January 11, 2024

That the minutes from the evening Council meeting held January 11, 2024 be approved.

D.6 Minutes from the Daytime Council meeting held January 18, 2024

That the minutes from the daytime Council meeting held January 18, 2024 be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

E. REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

E.1 Committee of the Whole

E.1.a Report from the January 18, 2024 COTW Meeting

Moved By Councillor Dell
Seconded By Councillor Caradonna

That the following recommendations from the January 18, 2024 Committee of the Whole meeting be approved:

E.1.a.a 557-561 Fisgard Street: Heritage Designation Permit No. 000205 (Downtown)

That Council:

1. approve the designation of the property located at 557-561 Fisgard Street pursuant to Section 611 of the Local Government Act, as a Municipal Heritage Site; and
2. direct staff to prepare the Heritage Designation Bylaw for introductory readings at a subsequent meeting and a Public Hearing date be set.

E.1.a.b 565 Fisgard Street: Heritage Designation Permit No. 000207 (Downtown)

That Council:

1. approve the designation of the property located at 565 Fisgard Street, pursuant to Section 611 of the Local Government Act, as a Municipal Heritage Site; and
2. direct staff to prepare the Heritage Designation Bylaw for introductory readings at a subsequent meeting and a Public Hearing date be set.

E.1.a.c Council Member Motion: Accelerating the Network of Greener, Quieter, Low-Traffic Streets

That Council direct staff to identify, accelerate, and pilot shared street or partial or complete road closures to create or enable new boulevards, community spaces, placemaking initiatives, and green spaces; and that staff use some or all of the following criteria to guide and prioritize pilot projects:

1. identify areas in which overall impacts to traffic flow are marginal;
2. enhance safety for children, pedestrians, seniors, and those with mobility challenges, as well as pilots that enhance liveability and community vibrancy;
3. consider ways of activating streets and supporting small businesses via new pedestrianized zones, with the emphasis on village centres;
4. choose projects that connect green spaces bifurcated by roads and/or connect school grounds to green spaces;
5. ensure prioritization for greenspace, pollinator corridors, biodiverse native plants, shade trees, and, where possible, food-producing plants;
6. where possible, implement bioswales, rainwater gardens, and other green stormwater strategies
7. identify the impact changed vehicle traffic will have on streets affected by road closures.

E.1.a.d Council Member Motion: Greater Transparency of Closed Meeting Matters

- A. That Council direct staff to report back on the implications, if any, of adjusting the existing “rise and report” process following a closed city committee or council meeting by making changes to the process such as:
1. defaulting to reveal as much information as possible to let the public know issues discussed in closed meetings, as long as they do not breach either the Province’s Community Charter, Victoria’s Code of Conduct Bylaw, or other legal obligations
 2. at the end of each item of every closed meeting, discuss what information will be revealed, with a timeline as soon as possible
 3. where possible, revealing that a meeting took place, even when no other details can be revealed
 4. when an issue is brought into open, revealing that a final vote has been unanimous or not unanimous, and the breakdown of the vote
- B. That Council direct staff to report back on what, if any, existing “rise and report” processes are undertaken, and to what extent and under what circumstances, to publicly report out on matters discussed in a closed city committee or council meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

E.1.b Report from the February 01, 2024 COTW Meeting

E.1.b.a Council Member Motion: Noise Exposure Forecast (NEF)

Moved By Councillor Coleman
Seconded By Councillor Gardiner

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.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

F. BYLAWS

F.1 Bylaw for 2540 and 2542 Shelbourne Street: Rezoning Application No. 00828 and Development Permit with Variances Application No. 00216

Moved By Councillor Dell
Seconded By Councillor Caradonna

That the following bylaw **be given first, second, and third readings:**

1. Zoning Regulation Bylaw, Amendment Bylaw (No. 1325) No. 24-009

FOR (5): Mayor Alto, Councillor Caradonna, Councillor Dell, Councillor Kim, Councillor Thompson
OPPOSED (3): Councillor Coleman, Councillor Gardiner, and Councillor Hammond

CARRIED (5 TO 3)

F.2 Bylaw for 27 South Turner St: Rezoning Application No. 00818 and Development Permit with Variances Application No. 000619

Moved By Councillor Coleman
Seconded By Councillor Dell

That the following bylaw **be given first, second, and third readings:**

1. Zoning Regulation Bylaw, Amendment Bylaw (No. 1330) No. 24-004

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Moved By Councillor Coleman
Seconded By Councillor Dell

That the following bylaw **be adopted:**

1. Zoning Regulation Bylaw, Amendment Bylaw (No. 1330) No. 24-004

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Moved By Councillor Dell
Seconded By Councillor Coleman

Development Permit with Variance Application

1. That subject to the adoption of Zoning Regulation Bylaw amendment, Council authorize the issuance of Development Permit with Variances No. 000619 for 27 South Turner Street, in accordance with plans submitted to the Planning department and date stamped by Planning on November 29, 2023, subject to:
 - a. Proposed development meeting all City zoning bylaw requirements, except for the following variances:
 - i. reduce the minimum drive aisle from 7.00m to 0.20m; and
 - ii. reduce the minimum number of vehicle parking spaces from 3 to 2.
 - b. Confirmation that four car share memberships have been purchased for residents of the building, including car share credits for each membership, to the satisfaction of the Director of Engineering and Public Works.
2. That the Development Permit with Variances expires two years from the date of this resolution.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

H. CLOSED MEETING

Moved By Councillor Dell
Seconded By Councillor Coleman

MOTION TO CLOSE THE FEBRUARY 1, 2024 COUNCIL 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)(i) the receipt of advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose; and

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

The daytime meeting was closed to the public at 11:19 a.m.

I. APPROVAL OF CLOSED AGENDA

Moved By Councillor Dell
Seconded By Councillor Thompson

That the closed agenda be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

K. NEW BUSINESS

K.1 Legal Advice – Community Charter Section 90(1)(i)

Council discussed a legal matter. The discussion was recorded and kept confidential.

K.2 Intergovernmental Relations – Community Charter Section 90(2)(b)

Council discussed an intergovernmental matter. The discussion was recorded and kept confidential.

K.3 Intergovernmental Relations – Community Charter Section 90(2)(b)

Council discussed an intergovernmental matter. The discussion was recorded and kept confidential.

K.4 Intergovernmental Relations – Community Charter Section 90(2)(b)

Council discussed an intergovernmental matter. The discussion was recorded and kept confidential.

M. ADJOURNMENT

Moved By Councillor Dell
Seconded By Councillor Caradonna

That the Council meeting be adjourned at 3:51 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CITY CLERK

MAYOR