



MINUTES - COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

December 10, 2018, 8:00 A.M.

COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL, 1 CENTENNIAL SQUARE

Located on the traditional territory of the Esquimalt and Songhees People

PRESENT: Mayor Helps in the Chair, Councillor Alto, Councillor Collins, Councillor Potts, Councillor Dubow, Councillor Loveday, Councillor Thornton-Joe, Councillor Young

PRESENT VIA
ELECTRONIC
PARTICIPATION: Councillor Isitt

STAFF PRESENT: J. Jenkyns - City Manager, C. Coates - City Clerk, P. Bruce - Fire Chief, S. Thompson - Director of Finance, F. Work - Director of Engineering & Public Works, T. Soulliere - Director of Parks, Recreation & Facilities, B. Eisenhauer - Head of Engagement, J. Jensen - Head of Human Resources, C. Havelka - Deputy City Clerk, A. Meyer - Assistant Director of Development Services, A. Hudson - Acting Director of Sustainable Planning & Community Development, C. Mycroft - Manager of Executive Operations, AM Ferguson - Committee Secretary, P. Martin - Council Secretary, T. Zworski - City Solicitor, M. Sandhu - Manager, Interdisciplinary Projects; B. Dellebuur - Assistant Director, Transportation, N. Sidhu - Assistant Director of Parks, Recreation & Facilities.

A. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved By Councillor Loveday

Seconded By Councillor Alto

That the agenda be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

D. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

D.1 Strategic Planning

Council continued their consideration of the draft Strategic Plan.

OBJECTIVE 4 – PROSPERITY & ECONOMIC INCLUSION

Moved By Mayor Helps

Seconded By Councillor Alto

That Council delete # 10 'Implement a community broadband network'.

DEFEATED UNANIMOUSLY

Moved By Councillor Isitt

Seconded By Councillor Young

Item 10: That Council direct staff to work with partners to explore improved access to low cost or free internet service.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Moved By Councillor Collins

Seconded By Councillor Loveday

Item 3: That Council direct staff to explore ways for businesses in Victoria to become a living wage employer in 2021.

FOR (8): Mayor Helps, Councillor Alto, Councillor Collins, Councillor Dubow, Councillor Isitt, Councillor Loveday, Councillor Thornton-Joe, Councillor Potts,

OPPOSED (1): Councillor Young

CARRIED (8 to 1)

Moved By Councillor Young

Seconded By Councillor Thornton-Joe

Item 6: Examine the effectiveness of arts and culture grants funding versus direct staff support...move to 2019

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

OBJECTIVE 5 – HEALTH, WELL-BEING AND A WELCOMING CITY

Moved By Councillor Isitt

Seconded By Councillor Potts

Item 6: Create a Senior Task Force and develop a Seniors Strategy ...move to 2019

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Moved By Councillor Alto

Seconded By Councillor Potts

Item 8: Strike a peer informed task force to identify priority actions to inform a Mental Health and Addictions Strategy....move to 2019

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Moved By Mayor Helps

Seconded By Councillor Potts

New item: Consider the implementation of play streets and school streets and other child friendly strategies.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Moved By Councillor Loveday

Seconded By Councillor Potts

New item: Adopt uniform and accessible parking standards for on and off street parking.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Moved By Councillor Collins

Seconded By Mayor Helps

Item 10.g: Work with non-profit providers to bring back the Sharing Backyards Program.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Moved By Councillor Collins

Seconded By Councillor Loveday

Item 10: Urban Agriculture items a.b.c. ...move to 2020.

FOR (8): Mayor Helps, Councillor Alto, Councillor Collins, Councillor Dubow, Councillor Isitt, Councillor Loveday, Councillor Thornton-Joe, Councillor Potts,

OPPOSED (1): Councillor Young

CARRIED (8 to 1)

Moved By Councillor Thornton-Joe

Seconded By Councillor Loveday

Item 11: Work with DVBA for rotating mural artists....move to 2019.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Moved By Councillor Isitt

Seconded By Mayor Helps

Item 12: Expand Life Pass program....move to 2019 Actions.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Committee recessed at 9:11 a.m. and reconvened at 9:16 a.m.

BUDGET MOTIONS

Moved By Councillor Thornton-Joe

Seconded By Councillor Alto

That Council direct staff to report back as part of the 2020 budget process on options to add another enclosed leash optional park.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Moved By Councillor Thornton-Joe

Seconded By Councillor Alto

That Council direct staff to report back as part of the 2020 budget process on a plan to address friction between dog owners and walkers on Dallas Road with the consideration of protecting migratory birds and other wildlife.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Ongoing Budgetary Report-Backs:

Moved By Councillor Isitt

Seconded By Councillor Loveday

That Council direct staff to report back in the 2019, 2020, 2021 and 2022 budgets for options to increase food production on public land including increasing community

gardens in all neighbourhoods in the city and building urban food systems into our parks operations.

FOR (8): Mayor Helps, Councillor Alto, Councillor Collins, Councillor Dubow, Councillor Isitt, Councillor Loveday, Councillor Thornton-Joe, Councillor Potts,

OPPOSED (1): Councillor Young

CARRIED (8 to 1)

Moved By Councillor Loveday

Seconded By Councillor Potts

That Council direct staff to report back in the 2019, 2020, 2021 and 2022 budgets for options to increase the number of murals in public space and on private buildings to make Victoria a City of Murals.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Moved By Councillor Thornton-Joe

Seconded by Councillor Alto

That Council direct staff to report back in the 2019, 2020, 2021 and 2022 budgets for options to increase the number of public art installations in the city

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Councillor Isitt excused himself from this matter as he has a woodstove.

Moved By Councillor Young

Seconded By Councillor Potts

That Council direct the mayor to write to the Medical Health Officer and request that he examine the health impacts of woodstoves and fireplaces.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Councillor Isitt returned to the meeting.

Moved By Councillor Thornton-Joe

Seconded By Councillor Loveday

That Council direct the Mayor to write to the Capital Regional District, copying the Medical Health Officer, requesting amendments to permit designated smoking areas, and stricter enforcement of the smoking bylaw.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Moved By Councillor Young
Seconded By Councillor Alto

That Council direct staff to inquire with the School District about opportunities to create a lighted soccer pitch at Victoria High School.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Moved By Councillor Young
Seconded By Councillor Alto

That Council direct staff to report back as part of the 2022 (2021) budget process on the budget implications of replacing the two all-weather fields in the South West corner of Beacon Hill Park with a lighted field and opportunities to re-naturalize the area and alternately improving the field to the northeast corner of the park.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Moved By Councillor Thornton-Joe
Seconded By Mayor Helps

That Council direct staff to report back as part of the 2022 budget on options for lighting tennis courts in the City.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Moved By Councillor Isitt
Seconded By Councillor Loveday

That Council direct staff to report back as part of the 2019, 2020, 2021 and 2022 budgets on opportunities to expand public washrooms and drinking fountains, with a priority in the north half of the city.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Moved By Councillor Loveday
Seconded By Councillor Alto

That Council direct staff to increase on-street and parkade parking for people with disabilities on an ongoing basis and report to Council on a quarterly basis with the net new number of spots added.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Moved By Councillor Isitt
Seconded By Councillor Collins

That Council direct staff to report back a part of the 2019, 2020, 2021 and 2022 budgets for opportunities to increase pollinator habitat on public and private lands.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

OBJECTIVE 6 – CLIMATE LEADERSHIP AND ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP

Moved By Councillor Isitt

Seconded By Councillor Loveday

Item 8: Strengthen tree protection bylaw ...move to 2019.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Moved By Councillor Isitt

Seconded By Mayor Helps

Item 19: Add at the end: With the exception of hanging baskets and Beacon Hill Park, between 2019 and 2022, re-naturalize all beds in the city. If there are cost, time and water savings use these to further nurture the tree canopy, urban forest *and natural areas*.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Moved By Councillor Isitt

Seconded By Councillor Collins

Item 17: Expedite implementation of the BC Step Code ...move to a 2020 action.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Moved By Councillor Thornton-Joe

Seconded By Councillor Collins

That Council direct staff to report back as part of the 2020, 2021 and 2022 budget process with opportunities for daylighting streams.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Moved By Councillor Thornton-Joe

Seconded By Councillor Collins

That Council direct staff to report back as part of the 2021 budget on options to add an apiary in Beacon Hill Park or on other public lands.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Moved By Councillor Loveday

Seconded By Councillor Potts

That Council direct staff to report back to Council as part of the 2020 budget process for options to expedite the transition of the City's fleet to renewables.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Moved By Councillor Alto

Seconded By Councillor Collins

That Council direct staff to report on climate implications and options for re-naturalizing all the city's garden beds between 2019 and 2022, with the exception of Beacon Hill Park and the hanging basket program.

FOR (8): Mayor Helps, Councillor Alto, Councillor Collins, Councillor Dubow, Councillor Isitt, Councillor Loveday, Councillor Thornton-Joe, Councillor Potts,

OPPOSED (1): Councillor Young

CARRIED (8 to 1)

OBJECTIVE 7 – SUSTAINABLE TRANSPORTATION

Councillor Thornton-Joe withdrew from the meeting at 10:37 a.m. due to a pecuniary conflict of interest with the next items as her husband works for BC Transit.

Moved By Councillor Alto

Seconded By Mayor Helps

Item 3: Advocate for additional late night bus service.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Moved By Councillor Collins

Seconded By Councillor Alto

1. Item 8: Explore bus pass tied to income program....move to 2019.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Councillor Thornton-Joe returned to the meeting at 10:52 a.m.

Moved By Mayor Helps

Seconded By Councillor Collins

Item 7: Sustainable Mobility Strategy add: including improvements to pedestrian, cycling and transit travel.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Moved By Councillor Loveday

Seconded By Mayor Helps

Item 12: Work to bring a “floating” car share service to Victoria...move to 2020.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Moved By Councillor Collins

Seconded By Mayor Helps

Item 10: Provide free parkade parking for electric vehicles – remove this item.

FOR (7): Mayor Helps, Councillor Collins, Councillor Dubow, Councillor Isitt, Councillor Thornton-Joe, Councillor Potts, Councillor Young

OPPOSED (1): Councillor Alto, Councillor Loveday

CARRIED (7 to 2)

MOTIONS ARISING

Moved By Councillor Young

Seconded By Councillor Isitt

That Council direct staff to identify opportunities for opening undeveloped pedestrian routes and bring these forward on a priority basis in the 2020, 2021 and 2022 budgets.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Moved By Councillor Young

Seconded By Mayor Helps

That Council direct staff to report back on the potential to incorporate into the 2020 capital budget the paving of the bike route through Bamfield Park to link with Selkirk.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Moved By Councillor Young

Seconded By Councillor Loveday

That Council direct staff to report back as part of the 2021 budget process on the cost and potential cost-sharing opportunities with the CRD for lighting up the Galloping Goose for safer evening travel.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Moved By Councillor Alto

Seconded By Councillor Collins

That Council direct staff to identify missing sidewalks and opportunities for sidewalks to be widened and bring these forward on a priority basis in the 2020, 2021 and 2022 budgets.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Moved By Councillor Young
Seconded by Councillor Thornton-Joe

That Council direct staff to require bushes on private property to be cut back to the sidewalk edge to enhance the pedestrian experience and to send out a reminder about this with tax and/or utility bills.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Moved By Councillor Isitt
Seconded By Mayor Helps

That Council direct staff to review subdivision and development servicing bylaw, greenways plan and associated city policies and bylaws, to allow for alternate design treatments for shared streets on identified greenways.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Committee recessed at 11:10 a.m. and reconvened at 11:16 a.m.

OBJECTIVE 8 – STRONG, LIVABLE NEIGHBOURHOODS

Moved By Councillor Alto
Seconded By Mayor Helps

Add new item for 2019: Facilitate an annual “Neighbourhoods Summit” to consider emerging best practices in neighbourhood place-making, planning and engagement.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Moved By Councillor Thornton-Joe
Seconded By Councillor Alto

Add new item for 2019: Review the noise bylaw.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Moved By Councillor Loveday
Seconded By Councillor Alto

2. Item 11: Work with the Greater Victoria Public Library to establish library services in the north end of the city including an exploration of a new neighbourhood branch.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Moved By Councillor Isitt

Seconded By Councillor Loveday

3. Item 8: Explore opportunities to expand the Quadra Village Community Centre, in partnership with the Downtown Blanshard Advisory Committee and the CRD processes.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

OBJECTIVE 5 – HEALTH, WELL-BEING AND A WELCOMING CITY

Moved By Councillor Loveday

Seconded by Councillor Collins

That Council direct staff to report back as part of the 2020, 2021 and 2022 budget on options for increasing investments in festivals and community arts events.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Moved By Councillor Young

Seconded By Councillor Isitt

That Council direct staff to report back as part of the 2020 budget process on the cost and other implications of joining the triangle at Mile Zero to Beacon Hill Park and creating an additional safe crossing of Dallas to the park south of Beacon Street.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Moved By Councillor Thornton-Joe

Seconded By Councillor Loveday

That Council direct staff to report back as part of the 2019, 2020, 2021 and 2022 budget on options to create more child friendly spaces downtown.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Moved By Councillor Thornton-Joe

Seconded By Councillor Loveday

That Council direct staff to report back as part of the 2019, 2020, 2021 and 2022 budget on options to create more dog friendly spaces downtown.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Moved By Councillor Thornton-Joe
Seconded By Councillor Loveday

That Council direct staff to report back as part of the 2019, 2020, 2021 and 2022 budget on options to create more greenspaces downtown.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Moved By Councillor Potts
Seconded by Councillor Collins

That Council instruct the City of Victoria Council appointee to communicate with Greater Victoria Public Library to explore removing barriers and encouraging early access by eliminating library fines and fees on children's materials.

FOR (8): Mayor Helps, Councillor Alto, Councillor Collins, Councillor Dubow, Councillor Isitt, Councillor Loveday, Councillor Thornton-Joe, Councillor Potts,

OPPOSED (1): Councillor Young

CARRIED (8 to 1)

Moved By Councillor Collins
Seconded By Councillor Isitt

Explore ways to end sexual harassment and assault in Victoria, including using the Good Night Out International model to create a safe nightlife campaign for Victoria venues, bars, clubs, pubs and festivals.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

OBJECTIVE 3 – AFFORDABLE HOUSING

Moved By Councillor Collins
Seconded By Councillor Thornton-Joe

Add new item for 2019: Explore the expanded use of Tax Exemptions to create more affordable housing.

FOR (8): Mayor Helps, Councillor Alto, Councillor Collins, Councillor Dubow, Councillor Isitt, Councillor Loveday, Councillor Thornton-Joe, Councillor Potts,

OPPOSED (1): Councillor Young

CARRIED (8 to 1)

OBJECTIVE 1 – GOOD GOVERNANCE

Moved By Councillor Collins

Seconded By Councillor Loveday

4. Add new item for 2019: Explore options for a land value capture tax including advocacy to the provincial government.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

OBJECTIVE 3 – AFFORDABLE HOUSING

Moved By Councillor Collins

Seconded By Councillor Loveday

Add new item for 2020: Create a tenant housing ambassador to make it easier for renters to navigate Rental Assistance Policies, Standards of Maintenance, and other issues.

FOR (8): Mayor Helps, Councillor Alto, Councillor Collins, Councillor Dubow, Councillor Isitt, Councillor Loveday, Councillor Thornton-Joe, Councillor Potts,

OPPOSED (1): Councillor Young

CARRIED (8 to 1)

I. ADJOURNMENT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Moved By Councillor Dubow

Seconded By Councillor Collins

That the Special Committee of the Whole Meeting be adjourned at 12:10 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CITY CLERK

MAYOR