



MINUTES - COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

January 25, 2024, 1:00 P.M.

COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL, 1 CENTENNIAL SQUARE

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

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, C. Kingsley - City Clerk, C. Anderson - Deputy City Clerk, T. Zworski - City Solicitor, T. Soulliere - Deputy City Manager, S. Johnson – Director, Communications and Engagement, B. Roder - Senior Legislative Coordinator, A. Klus - Legislative Coordinator, A. Heimburger - Legislative Coordinator

GUESTS: D. Manak – Chief Constable - Victoria Police Department, E. Cull – Finance Committee Chair - Victoria Police Department, S. Hurcombe – Finance Controller - Victoria Police Department, J. Laidlaw – Deputy Chief - Victoria Police Department, J. McRae – Deputy Chief - Victoria Police Department, C. Major – Director of Community Engagement Division - Victoria Police Department, M. Hayes – Vice-Chair - Victoria and Esquimalt Police Board

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, thanked them for their stewardship of their lands over millennia, and for allowing us to live, work and play on their lands.

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved By Councillor Dell
Seconded By Councillor Coleman

That the agenda be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

E. PRESENTATIONS

E.1 Order of the Day - 1:00 p.m.- Victoria and Esquimalt Police Board - 2024 Provisional Budget

Committee received a presentation from Elizabeth Cull and Chief Del Manak from the Victoria Police Department regarding the annual budget.

Committee Discussed:

- *Role of Victoria Police Department and encampments*
- *Effectivity of officer foot and bike patrols*
- *Funding options for the Late-Night Task Force*
- *Cost implications of police department restructuring*
- *Implications of Crime Severity Index and request for inclusion of statistics from communities with similar policing structures*
- *Challenges with E-Comm, and five-year plan for level of service improvements*
- *Update on changes in legislation around release of body camera footage*

Motion to Extend:

Moved By Councillor Kim

Seconded By Councillor Loughton

That the COTW meeting be extended to 2:30 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Committee Discussed:

- *Challenges of the Mobile Youth Service Team program*
- *Community demand for neighbourhood traffic enforcement*

Motion to Extend:

Moved By Councillor Kim

Seconded By Councillor Thompson

That the COTW meeting be extended to 2:40 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Committee Discussed:

- *Justification for budget requests involving handguns and tasers*

Councillor Caradonna left the meeting at 2:39 p.m.

Motion to Extend:

Moved By Councillor Gardiner

Seconded By Councillor Loughton

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

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

ABSENT (1): Councillor Caradonna

CARRIED

Councillor Caradonna rejoined the meeting at 2:42 p.m.

F. NEW BUSINESS

F.1 Council Member Motion: Columbia Institute High Ground Civic Governance Forum

Committee received a Council Member Motion dated January 18, 2024 from Councillor Kim requesting Council authorize costs for Councillor Kim to attend the Columbia Institute High Ground Civic Governance Forum in Vancouver, BC on March 22 and 23, 2024.

Moved By Councillor Thompson
Seconded By Councillor Coleman

That Council authorize the attendance and associated costs for Councillor Kim to attend the Columbia Institute’s High Ground Civic Governance Forum to be held in Vancouver, BC, on March 22 and 23, 2024.

The approximate cost for attending is:

Conference Registration Fee (early bird)	\$467.00
Ferries to/from Vancouver	\$165.20
Mileage	\$99.40
Accommodation (2 nights)	\$600.00
Parking	\$90.00
Food & Incidentals (1 breakfast, 1 lunch, 1 dinner)	\$100.00

Estimated total cost = \$1,521.60

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

I. ADJOURNMENT OF COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Moved By Councillor Coleman
Seconded By Councillor Loughton

That the Committee of the Whole Meeting be adjourned at 2:46 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CITY CLERK

MAYOR