

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE REPORT
FROM THE MEETING HELD MARCH 14, 2024**

For the Council meeting of April 4, 2024, the Committee recommends the following:

F.2 Parking Stands for Horse Drawn Vehicles

That Council direct staff to:

1. Renew the horse drawn vehicle parking stand agreements until December 31, 2030 to:
 - a. Capital City Tally-Ho and Sightseeing Company
 - b. Victoria Single Horse Drawn Carriage Tours
 - c. Black Beauty Line
2. Set the monthly fee payable for each parking stand at \$1,340.24, and delegate to staff the authority to modify the monthly fee.
3. Bring forward bylaw amendments to:
 - a. Delegate to staff all authority for parking stands in Schedule C of the *Vehicles for Hire Bylaw*.

G.1 Council Member Motion: Expanding Supports for Community Centres and Community Arts Spaces in Victoria

That Council direct staff to use \$55k from 2024 contingency funds for the following:

1. A \$35,000 grant to the new Neighbourhood Arts Society and Collective (NASC), subject to the creation of an operating agreement and renewed lease between the organization and the City, to authorize the City Manager to execute all agreements where non-profit operators are providing services on the City's behalf, in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor.
2. A \$20,000 grant to the Victoria Multicultural Society (VMS) to operate the Victoria Events Centre as a non-profit arts centre
3. And that staff recommend to Council, as part of the Budget 2025 process, where operating funds might come from in the future for the NASC to receive ongoing funding, and where grant funds might come from for VMS to receive funding in 2025 and 2026.

G.2 Council Member Motion: Motor Vehicle Act (MVA) Advocacy

That Council direct the Mayor to send an advocacy letter to the Province by the end of March requesting the following: That the Province:

1. As a priority, permit the use of electric wheelchairs and mobility devices on local streets and in the bike and roll lane network via the Motor Vehicle Act and associated regulations;
2. include new micro-mobility devices, including electric skateboards and mopeds and other difficult-to-categorize devices, into the update of the Motor Vehicle Act and associated regulations;

3. ensure that the MVA and associated regulations support active transportation, multi-user road safety, and accessibility.

G.3 Council Member Motion: Our Place – Operating Hours and Storage Grant for 2024

That Council directs staff to:

1. add a one-time grant of \$100,000 from the funds anticipated to be part of the Social Policy, Accessibility, and Equity Pilot Grant to fund OPS operating hours and the storage program for one year;
2. report back with a summary list of funding that the City provides to organizations to serve the unhoused population so that Council can consider whether to allocate such funds differently for this year; and,
3. work with the Provincial Government, BC Housing and Island Health to support the Provincial Government taking over funding the above or equivalent or better services in future years as part of the Heart and Hearth program under the MOU and Belonging in BC.

G.8 Council Member Motion: Community Safety and Connection for Caledonia Place

That Council directs staff to:

1. Request that OPS do regular safety checks and block watch in the vicinity of Caledonia Place and ensure there is strong collaboration between OPS, bylaw, and police to mitigate any potential community safety issues;
2. Reach out to OPS and the NPNA to encourage the creation of a pilot project(s) to provide work opportunities for interested Caledonia Place residents and people experiencing homelessness in the neighbourhood, potentially via Work BC;
3. Request that OPS set up a Residents' Advisory Committee (RAC) at Caledonia Place;
4. Request that OPS, the NPNA, and Caledonia Place's RAC sets up a Community Working Group to brainstorm and implement solutions to improve community safety and well-being for the neighbourhood, including the establishment of a conflict resolution strategy;
5. Allocate up to \$50,000 as a grant to OPS by reallocating from the Social Policy, Accessibility, and Equity Pilot Grant 2024 budget for the above work and request that OPS provide a summary of expenses and report on the performance of each pilot project established by December 31, 2024.