



## MINUTES - VICTORIA CITY COUNCIL

March 14, 2024, 4:47 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 Nations**

PRESENT: Mayor Alto in the Chair, Councillor Caradonna, Councillor Dell, Councillor Gardiner, Councillor Hammond, Councillor Loughton, Councillor Thompson

PRESENT ELECTRONICALLY: Councillor Kim

ABSENT: Councillor Coleman

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, C. Kingsley - City Clerk, P. Rantucci - Director of Strategic Real Estate, C. Anderson - Deputy City Clerk, A. Johnston - Assistant Director of Development Services, S. Johnson - Director of Communications and Engagement, S. Maichen - Committee Secretary

### **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 urged us to take a moment to pause and reflect on the remarkable opportunities we have had on the lands and grounds of the Lekwungen people, and revel in everything that is around us.

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

Moved and Seconded:

That the agenda be approved.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

### **D. CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES**

Moved and Seconded:

That the following minutes be approved:

**D.1 Minutes from the Evening Council meeting held November 9, 2023**

That the minutes from the Evening Council meeting held November 9, 2023 be approved.

**D.2 Minutes from the Evening Council meeting held November 23, 2023**

That the minutes from the Evening Council meeting held November 23, 2023 be approved.

**D.3 Minutes from the Daytime Council meeting held February 22, 2024**

That the minutes from the Daytime Council meeting held February 22, 2024 be approved.

**D.4 Minutes from the Evening Council meeting held February 22, 2024**

That the minutes from the Evening Council meeting held February 22, 2024 be approved.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**E. REPORTS OF COMMITTEE**

**E.1 Committee of the Whole**

**E.1.a Report from the March 7, 2024 COTW Meeting**

Moved and Seconded:

That the following recommendations from the March 7, 2024 Committee of the Whole meeting be approved:

**E.1.a.a Provincial Electric Kick Scooter Pilot Project**

That Council:

1. Instruct the Director of Engineering and Public Works to notify the Province that the City wishes to participate in the Electric Kick Scooter Pilot Project, starting on April 5, 2024, and ending on April 5, 2028; and;
2. Direct staff to report back in 2026 on the interim findings of the Pilot Project.

**E.1.a.b Council Member Motion: Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities (AVICC) 2024 Conference**

That Council authorize Councillor Jeremy Caradonna to be reimbursed for the costs associated with attending the AVICC conference:

- Group field trip to Metchosin \$70
  - Delegate banquet \$125
  - Taxes \$29.75
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- Total: \$224.75

**E.1.a.c Council Member Motion: Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities (AVICC) 2024 Conference**

That Council authorize the attendance and associated costs for Councillor Thompson to attend the AVICC AGM and Convention in Victoria in April 2024.

The approximate cost for attending is \$582.75 including early bird registration, the workshop on housing, and the delegates' banquet.

**E.1.a.d Council Member Motion: Advocacy for Local Natural Areas Protection Fund**

That Council request that the Mayor write to the Premier, copying the Minister of Municipal Affairs, Minister of Environment and Climate Change Strategy and the Minister of Water, Land and Resource Stewardship, as well as Members of the Legislative Assembly representing Victoria:

Stating Council's support for establishment of a Local Natural Areas Protection Fund consistent with Resolution EB32 adopted at the 2023 UBCM convention.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**E.1.b Report from the March 14, 2024 COTW Meeting**

**E.1.b.a Review of Council Remuneration**

Moved and Seconded:

That Council receive the Review of Council Remuneration report for information.

1.

That Council direct staff to prepare the necessary bylaws by 11 April 2024 to achieve the following:

- A. Confirm that City Council is a full-time job;
- B. Set base remuneration rate for City Councillors at 50% that of the Mayor's salary so that Councillor remuneration better aligns with: 1) the median percentile for salary in Victoria's comparator cities, and 2) the remuneration practices of numerous other mid-sized cities across the country;

- C. Maintain the yearly remuneration cost of living adjustments pegged to the previous year's inflation rate, as per current practice;
- 2.
  - A. That Council direct staff to provide options on improved Councillor benefits, and report back on those options within three months;
- 3.
  - A. That all of the provisions in 1 (above) become effective on 1 May 2024 or upon final adoption of the bylaw, whichever comes first;
  - B. That this item be brought to the daytime Council meeting today, on 14 March 2024, in alignment with the completion of the budgeting process and the timelines laid out in this motion.

OPPOSED (3): Mayor Alto, Councillor Gardiner, and Councillor Hammond

**CARRIED (5 TO 3)**

**E.1.b.c 664 Admirals Road (Township of Esquimalt) - Statutory Right of Way Agreement Acquisition**

Moved and Seconded:

- 1. That Council authorize that the City of Victoria enter into a Statutory Right of Way agreement for the lands at 664 Admirals Road in the Township of Esquimalt (the "**Agreement**") on the terms satisfactory to the Director of Engineering and Public Works, and in the form satisfactory to the City Solicitor, for an area of approximately 10.4m<sup>2</sup> (2.87m \* 3.62m) at 664 Admirals Road, Esquimalt for the purpose of the City's installation, maintenance and operation of a water meter and associated vault on the lands legally described as LOT 1, PLAN EPP76107, SUBURBAN LOT 43, ESQUIMALT LAND DISTRICT, & SUBURBAN LOT 44, Plan EPP76107 (PID 030-431-026).
- 2. That no legal right or obligation will be created, and none shall arise until the Agreement is fully executed by the City.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**E.1.b.g Council Member Motion: City of Victoria Alternate Municipal Directors to the Capital Regional District Regional Water Supply Commission**

Moved and Seconded:

- 1. That Council confirm the following Victoria City councillors as Alternate Municipal Directors to the Capital Regional District

Regional Water Supply Commission for the balance of the electoral term 2022 – 2026:

- Matt Dell
- Krista Loughton
- Marg Gardiner

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**E.1.b.i Council Member Motion: AVICC 2024 Conference: April 12-14, 2024**

Moved and Seconded:

That Council authorise the attendance and associated additional AVICC Conference costs for Councillor Gardiner to be reimbursed. Costs to include the housing workshop, the delegates banquet, and any taxes.

The approximate costs additional to the early registration is approximately \$185.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**E.1.b.k Council Member Motion: Council Authorization for Reimbursement of Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities (AVICC) Conference (April 12-14, 2024) Dues**

Moved and Seconded:

That Council authorize Councillor Stephen Hammond to be reimbursed for the costs associated with attending the AVICC conference held in Victoria April 12-14, 2024:

Delegate Banquet	125.00
Taxes on \$525	\$26.25

Total: \$151.25

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**E.1.b.l Council Member Motion: Council Authorization for Reimbursement of Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) Conference in Calgary (June 6-9, 2024) Expenses**

Moved and Seconded:

That Council authorize Councillor Stephen Hammond to be reimbursed for the costs associated with attending the FCM annual conference held in Calgary June 6-9, 2024:

Conference registration fee	\$1,160.25
Flights to/from Calgary	\$493.76
Taxis to/from Vic & Calgary airports	\$250.00
Accommodations 3 nights	\$670.26
Meals & incidentals	\$200.00
Estimated total cost	\$2,774.27

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**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**F. BYLAWS**

**F.1 Bylaw for 1702 Quadra Street: Rezoning Application No. 00806 and associated Development Permit with Variances Application No. 00913**

Moved and Seconded:

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

1. Zoning Regulation Bylaw, Amendment Bylaw (No. 1322) No. 24-005

OPPOSED (2): Councillor Gardiner, Councillor Hammond

**CARRIED (6 TO 2)**

**I. CLOSED MEETING**

Moved and Seconded:

**MOTION TO CLOSE THE March 14, 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)(d) the security of the property of the municipality;*

*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 Council meeting closed to the public at 5:08 p.m.*

**J. APPROVAL OF CLOSED AGENDA**

Moved and Seconded:

That the closed agenda be approved.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**L. NEW BUSINESS**

**L.3 Intergovernmental/Security of the Property - Community Charter Section 90(1)(d) and 90(2)(b)**

*Council discussed an intergovernmental/security of property matter. The discussion was recorded and kept confidential.*

**N. ADJOURNMENT**

Moved and Seconded:

That the Council Meeting be adjourned at 7:24 p.m.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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CITY CLERK

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MAYOR