



MINUTES - COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

March 14, 2024, 9:03 A.M.

COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL, 1 CENTENNIAL SQUARE

**The City of Victoria is located on the homelands of the Songhees and Esquimalt Nations
Meeting will recess for a lunch break between 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m.**

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, C. Kingsley - City Clerk, C. Anderson - Deputy City Clerk, S. Johnson - Director of Communications and Engagement, W. Doyle – Acting Director of Engineering and Public Works, T. Zworski - City Solicitor, D. Newman – Acting Director of Parks, Recreation, and Facilities, P. Rantucci - Director of Strategic Real Estate, J. Jensen - Director, People and Culture, S. Maichen - Legislative Coordinator

GUESTS: Julie Case – Compensation Consultant, Drive Organizational Development Ltd.

A. TERRITORIAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Council acknowledged that the City of Victoria is located on the homelands of the Songhees First Nations and Esquimalt First Nations communities, and urged everyone to reflect in some personal way on what it means to us to have the opportunity to live on these lands and give thanks to the people who stewarded them.

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved and Seconded:

That the agenda be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

D. CONSENT AGENDA

Council requested that items ***Council Member Motion: Motor Vehicle Act (MVA) Advocacy, Council Member Motion: Revising Council Calendar, Parking Stands for***

Horse Drawn Vehicles, and ***Council Member Motion: Implementing Bill 35 – the Short Term Rental Accommodations Act*** be removed from the consent agenda.

Moved and Seconded:

That the following Consent Agenda items be approved:

E.1 Minutes from the Committee of the Whole meeting held February 22, 2024

That the minutes from the Committee of the Whole meeting held February 22, 2024 be approved.

F.3 664 Admirals Road (Township of Esquimalt) - Statutory Right of Way Agreement Acquisition

Committee received a report dated February 21, 2024 from the Acting Director of Engineering and Public Works seeking approval of a Statutory Right of Way agreement (SRW) for a water meter vault installation at 664 Admirals Road, within the Township of Esquimalt.

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 10.4m² (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.

G.5 Council Member Motion: City of Victoria Alternate Municipal Directors to the Capital Regional District Regional Water Supply Commission

Committee received a Council Member Motion dated March 7, 2024 from Mayor Alto requesting Council confirmation of 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.)

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
2. Should this Resolution be approved, that this matter be referred to the Council to Follow Committee of the Whole on March 14, 2024.

G.7 Council Member Motion: AVICC 2024 Conference: April 12-14, 2024

Committee received a Council Member Motion dated March 8, 2024 from Councillor Gardiner requesting approval for reimbursement of additional costs associated with Councillor Gardiner's attendance at the April 12-14, 2024 Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities (AVICC) conference.

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.

G.9 Council Member Motion: Council Authorization for Reimbursement of Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities (AVICC) Conference (April 12-14, 2024) Dues

Committee received a Council Member Motion dated March 8, 2024 from Councillor Hammond requesting approval for reimbursement of additional costs associated with Councillor Hammond's attendance at the April 12-14, 2024 Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities (AVICC) conference.

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

G.10 Council Member Motion: Council Authorization for Reimbursement of Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) Conference in Calgary (June 6-9, 2024) Expenses

Committee received a Council Member Motion dated March 8, 2024 from Councillor Hammond requesting approval for reimbursement for registration and additional costs associated with Councillor Hammond's attendance at the June 6-9, 2024 Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) conference in Calgary.

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. STAFF REPORTS

F.1 Review of Council Remuneration

Committee received a report dated February 12, 2024 from the City Manager regarding a review of Council Remuneration.

Committee discussed the following:

- *Cities with similar urban cores to Victoria*
- *The MNP report being related specifically to base remuneration of Councillor duties*
- *Purpose for municipalities setting their own compensation*

Moved and Seconded:

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

Amendment:

Moved and Seconded:

Whereas, eight years ago, City Council initiated a governance review process as part of the 2019-2022 strategic plan; and whereas City Council received the MNP LLP Governance Review in July of 2022; and whereas the previous Council chose not to address the Review's recommendations prior to the end of its mandate, including the hiring of a third-party remuneration consultant, thereby deferring that decision until this Council's mandate; and whereas this Council has committed to implementing the recommendations of the Governance Review, including the issue of remuneration, which is one of the few remaining items left to address; and whereas the third-party remuneration consultant has now completed their work, and compared the City's remuneration practices to 19 comparator cities across Canada, and whereas the MNP Review confirms that City Council is a full-time job, therefore, be it resolved:

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.

Amendment to the amendment:

Moved and Seconded:

- 1. That Council direct staff to prepare the necessary bylaws by 11 April 2024 to achieve the following:
 - A. Confirm recognize that City Council is may be a full-time job;

OPPOSED (5): Councillor Caradonna, Councillor Dell, Councillor Kim, Councillor Loughton, Councillor Thompson

DEFEATED (3 TO 5)

Committee recessed at 10:22 a.m. and reconvened at 10:35 a.m.

Amendment to the amendment:

Moved and Seconded:

- 3.
 - A. That all of the provisions in 1 (above) become effective after the next General Municipal Election on 1 May 2024 or upon final adoption of the bylaw, whichever comes first;

Committee recessed at 10:41 a.m. and reconvened at 10:43 a.m.

On the amendment to the amendment:

OPPOSED (5): Councillor Caradonna, Councillor Dell, Councillor Kim, Councillor Loughton, Councillor Thompson

DEFEATED (3 TO 5)

Amendment to the amendment:

Moved and Seconded:

3.

- A. That all of the provisions in 1 (above) become effective on 1 16 May 2024 or upon final adoption of the bylaw, whichever comes first;
- B. That this item be brought to the daytime Council meeting on May 2, 2024 today, on 14 March 2024, in alignment with the completion of the budgeting process and the timelines laid out in this motion.

OPPOSED (5): Councillor Caradonna, Councillor Dell, Councillor Kim, Councillor Loughton, Councillor Thompson

DEFEATED (3 TO 5)

On the amendment:

Whereas, eight years ago, City Council initiated a governance review process as part of the 2019-2022 strategic plan; and whereas City Council received the MNP LLP Governance Review in July of 2022; and whereas the previous Council chose not to address the Review's recommendations prior to the end of its mandate, including the hiring of a third-party remuneration consultant, thereby deferring that decision until this Council's mandate; and whereas this Council has committed to implementing the recommendations of the Governance Review, including the issue of remuneration, which is one of the few remaining items left to address; and whereas the third-party remuneration consultant has now completed their work, and compared the City's remuneration practices to 19 comparator cities across Canada, and whereas the MNP Review confirms that City Council is a full-time job, therefore, be it resolved:

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.

Council requested that each distinct item of the amendment be considered separately.

On the number one:

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;**

OPPOSED (2): Councillor Gardiner, Councillor Hammond

CARRIED (6 TO 2)

On the number two:

2.

- A. That Council direct staff to provide options on improved Councillor benefits, and report back on those options within three months;**

OPPOSED (1): Councillor Hammond

CARRIED (7 TO 1)

On the number three:

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, Councillor Hammond

CARRIED (5 TO 3)

On the main motion as amended:

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, Councillor Hammond

CARRIED (5 TO 3)

F.2 Parking Stands for Horse Drawn Vehicles

Committee received a report dated February 21, 2024 from the City Clerk seeking approval for the allocation of horse drawn vehicle parking stands under the *Vehicles for Hire Bylaw*.

Committee discussed the following:

- *Staff not having any delegated authority to change fees*
- *Business licences of the companies involved*
- *Vehicles For Hire Bylaw in relation to horse drawn carriages*

Moved and Seconded:

That Council direct staff to:

1. Renew the horse drawn vehicle parking stand agreements until December 31, 2028 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.
3. Bring forward bylaw amendments to:
 - a. Delegate to staff the authority to allocate parking stands in Schedule C of the *Vehicles for Hire Bylaw* for existing licences.

Amendment:

Moved and Seconded:

That Council direct staff to:

1. Renew the horse drawn vehicle parking stand agreements until December 31, ~~2028~~ **2034** 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, **until December 31, 2028, and delegate to staff the authority to modify the monthly fee, if determined appropriate after December 31, 2028.**

Amendment to the amendment:

Moved and Seconded:

That Council direct staff to:

1. Renew the horse drawn vehicle parking stand agreements until December 31, ~~2028-2034~~ **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, until December 31, 2028, and delegate to staff the authority to modify the monthly fee, if determined appropriate after December 31, 2028.~~

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

On the amendment:

That Council direct staff to:

1. Renew the horse drawn vehicle parking stand agreements until December 31, ~~2028-2030~~ 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.**

OPPOSED (1): Councillor Thompson

CARRIED (7 TO 1)

Amendment:

Moved and Seconded:

3. Bring forward bylaw amendments to:
 - a. Delegate to staff **all authority for the authority to allocate** parking stands in Schedule C of the *Vehicles for Hire Bylaw* ~~for existing licences.~~

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

On the main motion as amended:

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*.

OPPOSED (3): Mayor Alto, Councillor Thompson, Councillor Kim

CARRIED (5 TO 3)

Committee recessed at 12:05 p.m. and reconvened at 1:06 p.m.

G. NEW BUSINESS

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

Committee received a Council Member Motion dated March 14, 2024 from Councillor Caradonna and Councillor Dell regarding direction to use \$55k from 2024 contingency funds for expanding supports for community centres and community arts spaces in Victoria.

Councillor Kim recused herself due to a potential pecuniary conflict of interest due to her employer at 1:08 p.m.

Moved and Seconded:

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 the satisfaction of the City Manager;
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.

Moved and Seconded:

MOTION TO CLOSE THE March 14, 2024 COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 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.

OPPOSED (2): Councillor Caradonna, Councillor Thompson
Conflict (1): Councillor Kim

The vote was recalled.

OPPOSED (4): Councillor Caradonna, Councillor Dell, Councillor Loughton, Councillor Thompson
Conflict (1): Councillor Kim

DEFEATED (3 TO 4)

Moved and Seconded:

That the previous question be called.

DEFEATED UNANIMOUSLY

Amendment:

Moved and Seconded:

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. to the satisfaction of the City Manager;**
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.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

On the motion as amended:

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.

OPPOSED (2) Councillor Gardiner, Councillor Hammond
Conflict (1): Councillor Kim

CARRIED (5 TO 2)

Motion to extend:

Moved and Seconded:

That the meeting be extended to 4:30 p.m.

Conflict (1): Councillor Kim

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

G. NEW BUSINESS

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

Committee received a Council Member Motion dated March 14, 2024 from Councillor Caradonna and Councillor Thompson requesting that the Mayor send an advocacy letter to the Province requesting updates to the *Motor Vehicle Act* and regulations to permit the use of diverse forms of transportation in the bike and roll lane networks.

Councillor Kim rejoined the meeting at 2:00 p.m.

Moved and Seconded:

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. 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.

Amendment:

Moved and Seconded:

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.

OPPOSED (1): Councillor Gardiner

CARRIED (7 TO 1)

Amendment:

Moved and Seconded:

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~~ **additional micromobility devices** on local streets and in the bike and roll lane network via the Motor Vehicle Act and associated regulations;
2. **That the province permit the use of electric wheel chairs and mobility devices in the bike and roll lane network via the motor vehicle act and associated regulations;**
3. 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;

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

Councillor Thompson raised a point of order on the amendment.

The Chair ruled the amendment out of order.

Amendment:

Moved and Seconded:

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-explore~~ 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. ~~Consider 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 Assess~~ the MVA and associated regulations **to explore opportunities** to support active transportation, multi-user road safety, and accessibility.

OPPOSED (7): Mayor Alto, Councillor Caradonna, Councillor Dell, Councillor Hammond, Councillor Kim, Councillor Loughton, Councillor Thompson

DEFEATED (1 TO 7)

On the main motion as amended:

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.

OPPOSED (2): Councillor Gardiner, Councillor Hammond

CARRIED (6 TO 2)

Committee recessed at 2:33 p.m. and reconvened at 2:46 p.m.

Councillor Loughton was absent when the meeting reconvened.

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

Committee received a Council Member Motion dated March 4, 2024 from Councillor Thompson and Councillor Loughton regarding adding a one-time grant of \$100,000 to this year's budget to fund Our Place Society (OPS) operating hours and the storage program for one year.

Moved and Seconded:

That Council directs staff to:

1. add a one-time grant of \$100,000 to this year's budget 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.

Councillor Loughton rejoined the meeting at 2:47 p.m.

Amendment:

Moved and Seconded:

That Council directs staff to:

1. add a one-time grant of \$100,000 ~~to this year's budget from 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.

Amendment to the amendment:

Moved and Seconded:

That Council directs staff to:

1. add a one-time grant of \$100,000 ~~to this year's budget 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.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

On the amendment as amended:

That Council directs staff to:

1. add a one-time grant of \$100,000 ~~to this year's budget 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.

OPPOSED (1): Councillor Gardiner

CARRIED (7 TO 1)

On the main motion as amended:

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.

OPPOSED (2): Councillor Gardiner, Councillor Hammond

CARRIED (6 TO 2)

G.4 Council Member Motion: Implementing Bill 35 – the Short Term Rental Accommodations Act

Committee received a report dated March 7, 2024 from Mayor Alto and Mayor Hammond requesting the Mayor write to the Premier, Minister of Housing, and the Minister of Tourism, Arts, Culture and Sport, asking the province to delay implementation of Bill 35 to November 1, 2024.

Moved and Seconded:

That Council request the Mayor write to the Premier, Minister of Housing, and the Minister of Tourism, Arts, Culture and Sport, asking the province to delay implementation of Bill 35 to November 1, 2024.

Amendment:

Moved and Seconded:

That Council request the Mayor write to the Premier, Minister of Housing, and the Minister of Tourism, Arts, Culture and Sport, asking the province to delay implementation of Bill 35 to **September 1 November 1**, 2024.

Amendment to the amendment

Moved and Seconded:

That Council request the Mayor write to the Premier, Minister of Housing, and the Minister of Tourism, Arts, Culture and Sport, asking the province to delay implementation of Bill 35 to **October 1, September 1 November 1**, 2024.

OPPOSED (6): Mayor Alto, Councillor Caradonna, Councillor Dell, Councillor Kim, Councillor Loughton, Councillor Thompson

DEFEATED (2 TO 6)

On the amendment:

That Council request the Mayor write to the Premier, Minister of Housing, and the Minister of Tourism, Arts, Culture and Sport, asking the province to delay implementation of Bill 35 to **September 1 November 1**, 2024.

OPPOSED (2): Councillor Caradonna, Councillor Loughton

CARRIED (6 TO 2)

On the main motion as amended:

That Council request the Mayor write to the Premier, Minister of Housing, and the Minister of Tourism, Arts, Culture and Sport, asking the province to delay implementation of Bill 35 to September 1, 2024.

OPPOSED (5): Councillor Caradonna, Councillor Dell, Councillor Kim, Councillor Loughton, Councillor Thompson

DEFEATED (3 TO 5)

G.6 Council Member Motion: Revising Council Calendar

Committee received a Council Member Motion dated March 7, 2024 from Mayor Alto requesting Council approval to adjust the 2024 Council and Committee of the Whole meeting schedule.

Moved and Seconded:

- (1) That Council direct staff to adjust the Council meeting schedule, and make the required public advisories, to reflect an evening Council meeting on each of every second Thursday of each month, beginning in May 2024 through to December 2024.
- (2) That Council approve a revised Council meeting schedule, below.

	Committee of the Whole (COTW) 9:00 a.m.	Council to Follow COTW Following COTW as required	Closed Council Following COTW as required	Council 6:30 p.m.
January	11th, 18th, 25th	11th, 18th, 25th	11th, 18th, 25th	11th, 25th
February	1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd	1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd	1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd	8th, 22nd
March	7th, 14th	7th, 14th	7th, 14th	7th, 14th
April	4th, 11th, 18th, 25th	4th, 11th, 18th, 25th	4th, 11th, 18th, 25th	11th, 25th
May	2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd	2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd	2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd	9th
June	13th, 20th, 27th	13th, 20th, 27th	13th, 20th, 27th	13th
July	4th, 11th, 18th, 25th	4th, 11th, 18th, 25th	4th, 11th, 18th, 25th	11th
August	1st	1st	1st	1st *
September	5th, 12th, 26th	5th, 12th, 26th	5th, 12th, 26th	12th
October	3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th	3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th	3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th	10th

November	7th, 14th, 21st, 28th	7th, 14th, 21st, 28th	7th, 14th, 21st, 28th	14th
December	5th, 12th	5th, 12th	5th, 12th	12th

* Remains as August's previously scheduled single meeting.

Motion to refer:

Moved and Seconded:

Motion to refer to staff, to report back by June 2024, on how evening council meeting time, when not used for statutory public hearings, could be repurposed for enhanced public engagement. Request staff to consider options that may potentially include: 1) assessment of how often other municipalities hold public hearing opportunities, and how that relates to Victoria's proposed time allocation; 2) looking at how other municipalities around BC plan to use their public hearing time, in light of provincial changes that mean OCP-compliant buildings cannot have public hearings.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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

Committee received a Council Member Motion dated March 8, 2024 from Councillor Loughton and Councillor Thompson requesting allocation of funds, testing of viable solutions and the establishment of a collaborative working group to address community safety for Caledonia Place and the North Park neighbourhood.

Moved and Seconded:

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;
6. Forward this motion to the daytime Council meeting on March 14, 2024, for Council consideration

Moved and Seconded:

That the meeting be extended to 4:45 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Amendment to number 5:

Moved and Seconded:

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;**

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Amendment:

Moved and Seconded:

- ~~6. Forward this motion to the daytime Council meeting on March 14, 2024, for Council consideration~~

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

On the main motion as amended:

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;
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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;

OPPOSED (1): Councillor Gardiner

CARRIED (7 TO 1)

I. ADJOURNMENT OF COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Moved and Seconded:

That the Committee of the Whole Meeting be adjourned at 4:42 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CITY CLERK

MAYOR