



MINUTES - COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

June 27, 2024, 9:01 A.M.

COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL, 1 CENTENNIAL SQUARE

The City of Victoria is located on the homelands of the Songhees Nation and Xwsepsum Nation

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, S. Thompson - Deputy City Manager / Chief Financial Officer, C. Kingsley - City Clerk, C. Anderson - Deputy City Clerk, S. Johnson - Director of Communications and Engagement, T. Zworski - City Solicitor, P. Rantucci - Director of Strategic Real Estate, T. Soulliere - Deputy City Manager, K. Hoese - Director of Sustainable Planning and Community Development, K. Moore – Director, Business & Community Relations, S. Webb – Assistant Director, Corporate Planning and Project Support, R. Soward – Manager of Housing, A. Hudson – Assistant Director, Sustainable Planning and Community Development A. Johnston - Assistant Director of Development Services, C. Mycroft – Manager of Intergovernmental and Media Relations, G. Diamond - Senior Legislative Coordinator, S. Maichen - Legislative Coordinator

A. TERRITORIAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Committee acknowledged that the City of Victoria is located on the historical and contemporary homelands of the Songhees First Nation and the Xwsepsum First Nation and asked us about what words make sense to us individually to reflect on how differently our lives would be without the stewardship of the nations.

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved and Seconded:

That the agenda be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

D. CONSENT AGENDA

Committee requested that the following items be removed from the Consent Agenda:

- *F.1 Victoria Housing Reserve Fund Application - Capital Region Housing Corporation's (CRHC's) project at 1132 Johnson Street*

- *F.2 2024-2026 Corporate Plan*
- *F.3 Task Force to Review Council Remuneration Decision*

Moved and Seconded:

That the following Consent Agenda item be approved:

E.1 250 Douglas Street: Development Permit with Variances Application No. 00241 (Downtown)

Committee received a report dated June 12, 2024 from the Director, Sustainable Planning and Community Development regarding a Development Permit with Variances for the property located at 250 Douglas Street in order to present Council with information, analysis and recommendations for the construction of an accessory building intended for a bike shelter, and recommending that the application be approved.

That Council, after giving notice, posting signage, and inviting written comments from the public for Council's consideration, consider the following motion:

- "1. That Council authorize the issuance of Development Permit with Variances No. 00241 for 250 Douglas Street, in accordance with plans submitted to the Planning department and date stamped by Planning on May 27, 2024, subject to:
- a. Proposed development meeting all City zoning bylaw requirements, except for the following variances:
 - i. increase the size of an accessory building (combined floor area) from 37m² to 71m²;
 - ii. allow an accessory building to be located in the rear and side yard;
 - iii. increase the rear yard site coverage from 25% to 56%;
 - iv. increase the overall site coverage for the property from 14% to 45%;
 - v. increase the accessory building height from 3.0m to 3.1m.
 2. That the Development Permit with Variances No. 00241, if issued, lapses two years from the date of this resolution."

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

F. STAFF REPORTS

F.1 Victoria Housing Reserve Fund Application - Capital Region Housing Corporation's (CRHC's) project at 1132 Johnson Street

Committee received a report dated June 12, 2024 from the Director, Sustainable Planning and Community Development regarding a report presenting Council with information, analysis, and recommendations for a Victoria Housing Reserve Fund grant application from the Capital Region Housing Corporation to support the construction of a 140-unit affordable housing project at 1132 Johnson Street.

Moved and Seconded:

That Council approve a grant from the Victoria Housing Reserve Fund to the Capital Region Housing Corporation (CRHC) in the amount of \$2,400,000 to

assist in the construction of a 140-unit affordable rental apartment project at 1132 Johnson Street, subject to the following conditions:

1. The execution of a Housing Fund Grant Agreement in a form satisfactory to the Director of Sustainable Planning and Community Development and the City Solicitor; with terms for the eligible use of the grant, reporting requirements, repayment, indemnification and communication protocols.
2. The applicant fulfills the applicable requirements of the Victoria Housing Reserve Fund Guidelines.
3. \$1,920,000 shall be payable to the applicant upon execution of the Housing Fund Grant Agreement and the remaining balance of \$480,000 shall be payable to the applicant once the City has issued all required occupancy permits for the project.
4. That the passage of this resolution creates no legal rights for the applicant or any other person, or obligation on the part of the City, until and unless all agreements are fully executed by the City.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

F.2 2024-2026 Corporate Plan

Committee received a report dated June 21, 2024 from the Deputy City Manager regarding the 2024 – 2026 Corporate Plan for information and share timelines for future Strategic Plan Progress Updates.

Moved and Seconded:

That Council receive the 2024 - 2026 Corporate Plan for information and direct staff to prepare a *Strategic Plan Progress Update* in advance of the 2025 and 2026 financial planning processes.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

F.3 Task Force to Review Council Remuneration Decision

Committee received a report dated June 13, 2024 from the City Manger regarding the creation of an independent task force to review Council's decision related to Council remuneration.

Committee discussed the following:

- *Potential perception of bias regarding the review panel*
- *Concerns about the review process*

Councillor Caradonna left the meeting at 9:38 a.m. and rejoined the meeting at 9:40 a.m.

Moved and Seconded:

That Council receive the Task Force to Review Council Remuneration Decision report for information.

FOR (7): Mayor Alto, Councillor Caradonna, Councillor Coleman, Councillor Dell, Councillor Gardiner, Councillor Kim, Councillor Loughton, Councillor Thompson
OPPOSED (1): Councillor Hammond

CARRIED (8 TO 1)

G. NOTICE OF MOTIONS

Notice of Motion from Councillor Gardiner:

That Council adopt the following non-legally binding working definition of antisemitism:

“Antisemitism is a certain perception of Jews, which may be expressed as hatred toward Jews. Rhetorical and physical manifestations of antisemitism are directed toward Jewish or non-Jewish individuals and/or their property, toward Jewish community institutions and religious facilities.”

I. ADJOURNMENT OF COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Moved and Seconded:

That the Committee of the Whole Meeting be adjourned at 9:47 a.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CITY CLERK

MAYOR