



MINUTES - COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

August 1, 2024, 9:02 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, 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, C. Mycroft - Manager of Intergovernmental & Media Relations, A. Johnston - Assistant Director of Development Services, M. Betanzo - Senior Planner, B. Roder - Senior Legislative Coordinator, A. Klus - Legislative Coordinator

GUEST: Margaret Lucas, Council Remuneration Task Force Chair

A. TERRITORIAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Council acknowledged that the City of Victoria is located on the homelands of the Songhees First Nation and Xwsepsum First Nation communities, and thanked them for allowing us to live, work and play on their lands.

B. INTRODUCTION OF LATE ITEMS

There were no late items

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved and Seconded:

That the agenda be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

D. CONSENT AGENDA

Councillor Coleman requested that item **H.4 – Council Member Motion: Ongoing Support for the Mobile Youth Services Team (MYST)** 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 July 04, 2024

That the minutes from the Committee of the Whole meeting held July 04, 2024 be approved.

H.2 Council Member Motion: Union of BC Municipalities 2024 Convention

Committee received a Council Member Motion from Councillor Dell dated July 25, 2024 requesting reimbursement for the associated costs for travel and attendance at the Union of BC Municipalities Convention, September 16-20, 2024 in Vancouver.

1. That Council approve this motion for same day consideration due to the deadline for early bird fees.
2. That Council authorize the attendance and associated costs for Councillor Matt Dell to attend the Union of BC Municipalities 2024 Convention to be held in Vancouver BC, in September 2024.
3. The approximate cost per person for attending is:

Conference Registration Fees	\$600.00
Conference Session Fees	\$250.00
Travel to/from Vancouver	\$400
Accommodation (3 Nights)	\$900
Food & Incidentals	\$200
Total	\$2300

H.3 Council Member Motion: Canadian Capital Cities Organization (CCCO) Annual Conference Travel Expenses

Committee received a Council Member Motion from Councillor Loughton dated July 25, 2024 seeking reimbursement for costs associated with participation in the Canadian Capital Cities Organization 2024 Conference to be held in Winnipeg, Manitoba, on September 22-25, 2024

1. That Council authorizes the attendance and associated costs for Councillor Loughton to attend the Canadian Capital Cities Organization Annual Conference in Winnipeg from September 22-25, 2024.
2. That this motion be forwarded to the daytime Council meeting on August 1, 2024, for Council consideration.

The estimated total cost for attending is:

Accommodation (3 nights)	\$ 640.00
Flights	\$ 500.00
Food & Incidentals	\$ 200
Ground Transportation (incl Taxis to/from airports)	\$ 250
Carbon Offset	\$ 115.80
TOTAL	\$1,705.80

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

F. STAFF REPORTS

F.1 Council Remuneration Task Force

Committee received a report from the City Manager dated July 25, 2024 regarding the 2024 Citizens Task Force on Remuneration for City of Victoria Councillors and providing recommendations on any salary adjustments, benefits adjustments, per diems for committee appointments and conferences, and other compensatory options, and the effective date of any such adjustments.

Committee discussed the following:

- *Pension and RRSP contributions*
- *Acting Mayor pay, comparable to other capital cities*
- *Influence of Consumer Price Index on council remuneration*

Committee recessed at 11:00 a.m. and reconvened at 11:14 a.m.

Moved and Seconded:

To be actioned as soon as possible:

1. That the CPI adjustment forgone in 2021 be added to the Mayor and Councillors' compensation retroactive to January 1, 2024. This would bring current councillor remuneration to \$53,259 and the Mayor's to \$133,147.
2. Councillors' annual allowance for travel, education and training be \$5,000.00 and that this amount be per councillor rather than in the global budget.
3. The Task Force recommends that staff explore improvements to the current health and wellness benefit levels and suggests that the options not necessarily mirror staff benefits but be comparable in value and benefit.
4. Councillors be paid an additional \$1,750.00 while in the role of Acting Mayor (per month) as per examples provided in the Drive Organizational Report. (page 8)
5. Continue the yearly remuneration cost of living (CPI) adjustments pegged to the previous year's inflation rate, as per current practice.

6. We believe the easiest way to address remuneration moving forward would be to realign the Mayor's salary against Canadian capital cities and to maintain the percentage for councillors. We agree with the MNP report recommendation that the Mayor's base salary be undertaken in the last year of a term, so any changes necessary can be applied to the incoming council.
7. We recommend Mayor and Council explore solutions to broaden administrative support for councillors.
8. That Mayor and Council adopt the MNP recommendations and Rationale on Updating Council committees and related processes to comply with bylaws, and to support efficient and effective use (pages 43 to 47 in the MNP report).
9. Recommend that flat rate per diems be explored for councillors to attend committees and/or conferences.

To be implemented after the next election:

10. Recommend that councillors' remuneration be calculated at 45% of the Mayor's salary and maintain the previously adopted recommendations.

Committee requested that each distinct item of the motion be considered separately.

On number one:

To be actioned as soon as possible:

1. That the CPI adjustment forgone in 2021 be added to the Mayor and Councillors' compensation retroactive to January 1, 2024. This would bring current councillor remuneration to \$53,259 and the Mayor's to \$133,147.

OPPOSED (3): Mayor Alto, Councillor Coleman, and Councillor Kim

CARRIED (6 to 3)

On number two:

To be actioned as soon as possible:

2. Councillors' annual allowance for travel, education and training be \$5,000.00 and that this amount be per councillor rather than in the global budget.

Motion to refer:

Refer #2 for consideration with receipt of the policy report on this matter to Council.

OPPOSED (3): Councillor Caradonna, Councillor Dell, and Councillor Loughton

CARRIED (6 to 3)

On number three:

To be actioned as soon as possible:

3. The Task Force recommends that staff explore improvements to the current health and wellness benefit levels and suggests that the options not necessarily mirror staff benefits but be comparable in value and benefit.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

On number four:

To be actioned as soon as possible:

4. Councillors be paid an additional \$1,750.00 while in the role of Acting Mayor (per month) as per examples provided in the Drive Organizational Report. (page 8)

Motion to Refer:

Moved and Seconded:

That #4 be moved to the section "To be implemented after the next election"

OPPOSED (6): Councillor Caradonna, Councillor Coleman, Councillor Dell, Councillor Kim, Councillor Loughton, and Councillor Thompson

DEFEATED (3 to 6)

On number four:

To be actioned as soon as possible:

4. Councillors be paid an additional \$1,750.00 while in the role of Acting Mayor (per month) as per examples provided in the Drive Organizational Report. (page 8)

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

CARRIED (6 to 3)

On number five:

To be actioned as soon as possible:

5. Continue the yearly remuneration cost of living (CPI) adjustments pegged to the previous year's inflation rate, as per current practice.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

On number six:

To be actioned as soon as possible:

6. We believe the easiest way to address remuneration moving forward would be to realign the Mayor's salary against Canadian capital cities and to maintain the percentage for councillors. We agree with the MNP report recommendation that the Mayor's base salary be undertaken in the last year of a term, so any changes necessary can be applied to the incoming council.

OPPOSED (3): Councillor Coleman, Councillor Gardiner, and Councillor Hammond

CARRIED (6 to 3)

On number seven:

To be actioned as soon as possible:

7. We recommend Mayor and Council explore solutions to broaden administrative support for councillors.

OPPOSED (1): Councillor Gardiner

CARRIED (8 to 1)

On number eight:

To be actioned as soon as possible:

8. That Mayor and Council adopt the MNP recommendations and Rationale on Updating Council committees and related processes to comply with bylaws, and to support efficient and effective use (pages 43 to 47 in the MNP report).

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

On number nine:

To be actioned as soon as possible:

9. Recommend that flat rate per diems be explored for councillors to attend committees and/or conferences.

OPPOSED (1): Councillor Gardiner

CARRIED (8 to 1)

On number ten:

To be implemented after the next election:

10. Recommend that councillors' remuneration be calculated at 45% of the Mayor's salary and maintain the previously adopted recommendations.

OPPOSED (2): Councillor Gardiner and Councillor Hammond

CARRIED (7 to 2)

Amendment to number three:

Moved and Seconded:

To be actioned as soon as possible:

3. The Task Force recommends that staff explore improvements to the current health and wellness benefit levels **and explore the possibility and parameters of setting up a retirement allowance, matching RRSP contributions, or other retirement support options for Council members** and suggests that the options not necessarily mirror staff benefits but be comparable in value and benefit.

OPPOSED (1): Councillor Gardiner

CARRIED (8 to 1)

On the main motion as amended:

To be actioned as soon as possible:

1. That the CPI adjustment forgone in 2021 be added to the Mayor and Councillors' compensation retroactive to January 1, 2024. This would bring current councillor remuneration to \$53,259 and the Mayor's to \$133,147.
3. The Task Force recommends that staff explore improvements to the current health and wellness benefit levels and explore the possibility and parameters of setting up a retirement allowance, matching RRSP contributions, or other retirement support options for Council members and suggests that the options not necessarily mirror staff benefits but be comparable in value and benefit.
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8. That Mayor and Council adopt the MNP recommendations and Rationale on Updating Council committees and related processes to comply with bylaws, and to support efficient and effective use (pages 43 to 47 in the MNP report).
9. Recommend that flat rate per diems be explored for councillors to attend committees and/or conferences.

To be implemented after the next election:

10. Recommend that councillors' remuneration be calculated at 45% of the Mayor's salary and maintain the previously adopted recommendations.

OPPOSED (2): Councillor Gardiner and Councillor Hammond

CARRIED (7 to 2)

F.2 Major Community Initiatives and Events Grant - Application for 2024/25

Committee received a report from the City Manager dated July, 12 2024 regarding 2024/2025 applications for the Major Community Initiatives and Events Grant (MCIEG) and recommending that Council consider approval of the provided applications.

Councillor Hammond recused himself due to a conflict of interest, as he has a relationship with one of the Symphony Splash board members.

Committee discussed the following:

- *Flexibility by staff to reallocate funds as necessary, based on successful applicants meeting criteria*
- *Rolling intake of applications*

Moved and Seconded:

1. That Council approve the following applications:
 - a. 2024:
 - i. Music Plaza Renewal Initiative (Victoria Conservatory of Music) \$131,000
 - ii. Refinancing Acquisition of 716 Johnson Street (The Other Guise Theatre Society) – \$250,000
 - b. 2025:
 - i. Sonic Symphony Splash (Victoria Symphony) \$250,000
 - ii. U17 World Hockey Challenge (Victoria Hockey Legacy Society) \$250,000
 - iii. Lights of Wonder 2025 (DVBA) \$200,000
2. If Council approves all applications, that Council direct staff to carry forward the remaining funding in 2024 to 2025 to cover the grant applications submitted for 2025.

Amendment:

Moved and Seconded:

1. That Council **consider** ~~approve~~ the following applications:
 - a. 2024:
 - i. Music Plaza Renewal Initiative (Victoria Conservatory of Music) \$131,000
 - ii. Refinancing Acquisition of 716 Johnson Street (The Other Guise Theatre Society) – \$250,000
 - b. 2025:
 - i. Sonic Symphony Splash (Victoria Symphony) \$250,000
 - ii. U17 World Hockey Challenge (Victoria Hockey Legacy Society) \$250,000
 - iii. Lights of Wonder 2025 (DVBA) \$200,000
2. If Council approves all applications, that Council direct staff to carry forward the remaining funding in 2024 to 2025 to cover the grant applications submitted for 2025.

OPPOSED (8): Mayor Alto, Councillor Caradonna, Councillor Coleman, Councillor Dell, Councillor Gardiner, Councillor Kim, Councillor Loughton, and Councillor Thompson

CONFLICT (1): Councillor Hammond

DEFEATED (0 to 8)

Committee requested that number 1.a.ii and number 2 be considered separately.

On number one, with the exclusion of 1.a.ii.:

1. That Council approve the following applications:
 - a. 2024:
 - i. Music Plaza Renewal Initiative (Victoria Conservatory of Music) \$131,000
 - b. 2025:
 - i. Sonic Symphony Splash (Victoria Symphony) \$250,000
 - ii. U17 World Hockey Challenge (Victoria Hockey Legacy Society) \$250,000
 - iii. Lights of Wonder 2025 (DVBA) \$200,000

CONFLICT (1): Councillor Hammond

CARRIED (8 to 0)

On number 1.a.ii.:

1. That Council approve the following applications:
 - a. 2024:
 - ii. Refinancing Acquisition of 716 Johnson Street (The Other Guise Theatre Society) – \$250,000

Motion to refer:

Moved and Seconded:

That Council refer back to staff for further consideration for ways to protect the City's investment, for example making it into an interest free loan secured against the property.

Committee recessed for lunch at 11:58 a.m. and reconvened at 1:00 p.m.

Amendment to the motion to refer:

Moved and Seconded:

That Council refer back to staff for further consideration for ways to protect the City's investment, for example making it into an interest free loan secured against the property, **and for staff to discuss with the proponent options for committing to subsidized usage of the venue.**

OPPOSED (5): Mayor Alto, Councillor Coleman, Councillor Kim, Councillor Gardiner, and Councillor Loughton

CONFLICT (1): Councillor Hammond

DEFEATED (3 to 5)

On the motion to refer:

That Council refer back to staff for further consideration for ways to protect the City's investment, for example making it into an interest free loan secured against the property.

Amendment to the motion to refer:

Moved and Seconded:

That Council refer back to staff for further consideration for ways to protect the City's investment, ~~for example making it into an interest free loan secured against the property.~~

OPPOSED (1): Councillor Gardiner

CONFLICT (1): Councillor Hammond

CARRIED (7 to 1)

On the motion to refer as amended:

That Council refer back to staff for further consideration for ways to protect the City's investment.

CONFLICT (1): Councillor Hammond

CARRIED (8 to 1)

On number two:

Moved and Seconded:

2. If Council approves all applications, that Council direct staff to carry forward the remaining funding in 2024 to 2025 to cover the grant applications submitted for 2025.

Amendment to number two:

Moved and Seconded:

1. ~~If Council approves all applications,~~ That Council direct staff to carry forward the remaining funding in 2024 to 2025 to cover the grant applications submitted for 2025.

CONFLICT (1): Councillor Hammond

CARRIED (8 to 1)

On number two as amended:

2. That Council direct staff to carry forward the remaining funding in 2024 to 2025 to cover the grant applications submitted for 2025.

CONFLICT (1): Councillor Hammond

CARRIED (8 to 1)

Councillor Hammond rejoined the meeting at 1:15 p.m.

F.3 Update Report on HEART and HEARTH Program

Committee received a report from the City Manager dated July 31, 2024 regarding an update on Victoria's Housing Encampment Action Response Teams (HEART) and Housing Encampment Action Response Temporary Housing (HEARTH) Program.

Council discussed the following:

- *Risk of support service locations being in close proximity to drug consumption*
- *BC Housing's disproportionate allocation of supportive housing spaces assigned to Victoria versus other municipalities*

Moved and Seconded:

That Council receive this report on the HEART and HEARTH Program for information.

Motion to extend:

Moved and Seconded:

That the meeting be extended to 4:00 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Amendment:

Moved and Seconded:

That Council receive this report on the HEART and HEARTH Program for information **and that Council directs staff to work with HEART and HEARTH partners to release a high-level plan by October 1 to clarify how HEART and HEARTH will be operationalized including a schedule of key actions with timelines.**

Amendment to the amendment:

Moved and Seconded:

That Council receive this report on the HEART and HEARTH Program for information **and that Council directs staff to work with HEART and HEARTH partners to release a high-level plan by October 1 to clarify how HEART and HEARTH will be operationalized including a schedule of key actions with timelines, with the intention of accomplishing the following by the end of 2025:**

- 1. Crafting a public plan to find suitable sheltering and housing options for people currently sheltering in public parks, on sidewalks, and in other non sanctioned public spaces, and**
- 2. A plan to wind down sheltering in parks and non sanctioned public places, once the above is achieved**

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Amendment to the amendment:

Moved and Seconded:

That Council receive this report on the HEART and HEARTH Program for information **and that Council directs staff to work with HEART and HEARTH partners to release a high-level plan by October 1 to clarify how HEART and HEARTH will be operationalized including a schedule of key actions with timelines, with the intention of accomplishing the following by the end of 2025:**

1. **Crafting a public plan to find suitable sheltering and housing options for people currently sheltering in public parks, on sidewalks, and in other non sanctioned public spaces, and**
2. **A plan to wind down sheltering in parks and non sanctioned public places, once the above is achieved, and**
3. **A plan that ensures that there is no detrimental impact on Victoria residents who are in the neighbourhoods of any HEART and HEARTH facilities.**

OPPOSED (1): Councillor Coleman

CARRIED (8 to 1)

Amendment to the amendment:

Moved and Seconded:

That Council receive this report on the HEART and HEARTH Program for information **and that Council directs staff to work with HEART and HEARTH partners to release a high-level plan by October 1 to clarify how HEART and HEARTH will be operationalized including a schedule of key actions with timelines, with the intention of accomplishing the following by the end of 2025:**

1. **Crafting a public plan to find suitable sheltering and housing options for people currently sheltering in public parks, on sidewalks, and in other non sanctioned public spaces, and**
2. **A plan to wind down sheltering in parks and non sanctioned public places, once the above is achieved, and**
3. **A plan that ensures there is no detrimental impact on Victoria residents who are in the neighbourhoods of any HEART and HEARTH facilities.**
4. **Work with BC Housing and other HEART and HEARTH partners to set up a 20-person designated sheltering site on a city-owned property, street or parking lot in the immediate vicinity of existing unsanctioned sheltering, to operate immediately and at least until Council has the high-level plan.**

Motion to withdraw:

Moved and Seconded:

That the previous amendment to the amendment be withdrawn.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Amendment to the amendment:

Moved and Seconded:

That Council receive this report on the HEART and HEARTH Program for information **and that Council directs staff to work with the Province of**

British Columbia, in particular the Ministry of Housing and BC Housing and other HEART and HEARTH partners, to release a high-level plan by October 1 to clarify how HEART and HEARTH will be operationalized including a schedule of key actions with timelines, with the intention of accomplishing the following by the end of 2025:

1. **Crafting a public plan to find suitable sheltering and housing options for people currently sheltering in public parks, on sidewalks, and in other non sanctioned public spaces, and**
2. **A plan to wind down sheltering in parks and non sanctioned public places, once the above is achieved, and**
3. **A plan that ensures there is no detrimental impact on Victoria residents who are in the neighbourhoods of any HEART and HEARTH facilities.**

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

On the amendment as amended:

That Council receive this report on the HEART and HEARTH Program for information and that Council directs staff to work with the Province of British Columbia, in particular the Ministry of Housing and BC Housing and other HEART and HEARTH partners, to release a high-level plan by October 1 to clarify how HEART and HEARTH will be operationalized including a schedule of key actions with timelines, with the intention of accomplishing the following by the end of 2025:

1. **Crafting a public plan to find suitable sheltering and housing options for people currently sheltering in public parks, on sidewalks, and in other non sanctioned public spaces, and**
2. **A plan to wind down sheltering in parks and non sanctioned public places, once the above is achieved, and**
3. **A plan that ensures there is no detrimental impact on Victoria residents who are in the neighbourhoods of any HEART and HEARTH facilities.**

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

On the main motion as amended:

That Council receive this report on the HEART and HEARTH Program for information and that Council directs staff to work with the Province of British Columbia, in particular the Ministry of Housing and BC Housing and other HEART and HEARTH partners, to release a high-level plan by October 1 to clarify how HEART and HEARTH will be operationalized including a schedule of key actions with timelines, with the intention of accomplishing the following by the end of 2025:

1. **Crafting a public plan to find suitable sheltering and housing options for people currently sheltering in public parks, on sidewalks, and in other non sanctioned public spaces, and**
2. **A plan to wind down sheltering in parks and non sanctioned public places, once the above is achieved, and**

3. A plan that ensures there is no detrimental impact on Victoria residents who are in the neighbourhoods of any HEART and HEARTH facilities.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Committee recessed at 2:44 p.m. and reconvened at 3:00 p.m.

G. NOTICE OF MOTIONS

There were no notice of motions.

H. NEW BUSINESS

H.1 Council Member Motion: Sheltering in Parks and the Parks Regulation Bylaw

Committee received a Council Member Motion from Councillor Gardiner dated April 18, 2024 requesting a staff recommended approach to sheltering in parks which suggests sanctioned parks and/or areas of parks.

Moved and Seconded:

That Council direct staff to:

1. Consider and recommend an approach to sheltering in parks which suggests sanctioned parks and/or areas of parks. Such considerations to include:
 - a. parks currently identified as providing the basic necessities for those sheltering,
 - b. park sizes,
 - c. areas within parks which are separated from playground areas by 10 meters,
 - d. proximity to established service providers, and
 - e. identifying a target number of maximum sheltering sites related to park size, and positioning of any playground, within each park.

Amendment:

Moved and Seconded:

That Council direct staff to:

1. Consider and recommend an approach to sheltering in parks which suggests sanctioned parks and/or areas of parks. Such considerations to include:
 - a. parks ~~currently identified as providing~~ **that can provide** the basic necessities for those sheltering,
 - b. park sizes,
 - c. areas within parks which are separated from playground areas by 10 meters,
 - d. proximity to established service providers, and

- e. identifying a target number of maximum sheltering sites related to park size, and positioning of any playground, within each park.

Amendment to the amendment:

Moved and Seconded:

That Council direct staff to:

1. Consider and recommend an approach to sheltering in parks which suggests sanctioned parks and/or areas of parks. Such considerations to include:
 - a. parks ~~currently identified as providing that~~ can provide the basic necessities for those sheltering,
 - b. park sizes,
 - c. areas within parks which are separated from playground areas by 10 meters,
 - d. proximity to established service providers, and
 - e. identifying a target number of maximum sheltering sites related to park size, and positioning of any playground, within each park.

OPPOSED (1): Councillor Caradonna

CARRIED (8 to 1)

On the amendment as amended:

That Council direct staff to:

1. Consider and recommend an approach to sheltering in parks which suggests sanctioned parks and/or areas of parks. Such considerations to include:
 - a. parks **that provide** the basic necessities for those sheltering,
 - b. park sizes,
 - c. areas within parks which are separated from playground areas by 10 meters,
 - d. proximity to established service providers, and
 - e. identifying a target number of maximum sheltering sites related to park size, and positioning of any playground, within each park.

OPPOSED (1): Councillor Caradonna

CARRIED (8 to 1)

On the main motion as amended:

That Council direct staff to:

1. Consider and recommend an approach to sheltering in parks which suggests sanctioned parks and/or areas of parks. Such considerations to include:
 - a. parks that provide the basic necessities for those sheltering,
 - b. park sizes,

- c. areas within parks which are separated from playground areas by 10 meters,
- d. proximity to established service providers, and
- e. identifying a target number of maximum sheltering sites related to park size, and positioning of any playground, within each park.

Moved and Seconded:

MOTION TO CLOSE THE AUGUST 1, 2024 COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING TO THE PUBLIC

That Committee 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 (3): Mayor Alto, Councillor Gardiner, and Councillor Thompson

CARRIED (6 to 3)

The Committee of the Whole meeting was closed to the public at 3:35 p.m.

The Committee of the Whole meeting was reopened to the public at 4:00 p.m.

Motion to extend:

Moved and Seconded:

That the meeting be extended to 4:10 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Committee recessed at 4:02 p.m. and reconvened at 4:07 p.m.

Motion to extend:

Moved and Seconded:

That the meeting be extended to 4:20 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

On the main motion as amended:

Moved and Seconded:

That Council direct staff to:

1. Consider and recommend an approach to sheltering in parks which suggests sanctioned parks and/or areas of parks. Such considerations to include:
 - a. parks that provide the basic necessities for those sheltering,
 - b. park sizes,
 - c. areas within parks which are separated from playground areas by 10 meters,
 - d. proximity to established service providers, and
 - e. identifying a target number of maximum sheltering sites related to park size, and positioning of any playground, within each park.

Motion to postpone:

Moved and Seconded:

That this matter be postponed to a Committee of the Whole meeting in early November.

OPPOSED (2): Councillor Kim and Councillor Thompson

CARRIED (7 to 2)

H.4 Council Member Motion: Ongoing Support for the Mobile Youth Services Team (MYST)

Committee received a Council Member Motion from Mayor Alto and Councillor Loughton, dated July 26, 2024, regarding ongoing support, resources, and expansion for the Mobile Youth Services Team (MYST) and its Crime Reduction and Exploitation Diversion (CRED) Program.

Moved and Seconded:

1. That Council request Mayor Alto write to Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, Arif Virani, Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada, Premier David Eby, Grace Lore, Minister of Children and Family Development, Mike Farnworth, Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General, Niki Sharma, Attorney General, and all federal MPs, provincial MLA's, and Police Chiefs in the Greater Victoria region to express support and ongoing funding, resources, and expansion for the Pacific Centre Family Services Association's Mobile Youth Services Team (MYST) and its Crime Reduction and Exploitation Diversion (CRED) program.
2. That this motion be forwarded to the daytime Council meeting on August 1, 2024, for Council consideration.

Amendment:

Moved and Seconded:

1. That Council request Mayor Alto write to Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, Arif Virani, Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada, Premier David Eby, Grace Lore, Minister of Children and Family Development, Mike Farnworth, Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General, Niki Sharma, Attorney General, and all federal MPs, provincial MLA's, and Police Chiefs in the Greater Victoria region to express support and ongoing funding, resources, and expansion for the Pacific Centre Family Services Association's Mobile Youth Services Team (MYST) and its Crime Reduction and Exploitation Diversion (CRED) program.
2. That this motion be forwarded to the daytime Council meeting on August 1, 2024, for Council consideration.
3. **That the mayor also write a letter to FCM, explaining the MYST initiative and offering to have it become part of a workshop at the next FCM AGM in Ottawa.**

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

On the main motion as amended:

1. That Council request Mayor Alto write to Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, Arif Virani, Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada, Premier David Eby, Grace Lore, Minister of Children and Family Development, Mike Farnworth, Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General, Niki Sharma, Attorney General, and all federal MPs, provincial MLA's, and Police Chiefs in the Greater Victoria region to express support and ongoing funding, resources, and expansion for the Pacific Centre Family Services Association's Mobile Youth Services Team (MYST) and its Crime Reduction and Exploitation Diversion (CRED) program.
2. That this motion be forwarded to the daytime Council meeting on August 1, 2024, for Council consideration.
3. That the mayor also write a letter to FCM, explaining the MYST initiative and offering to have it become part of a workshop at the next FCM AGM in Ottawa.

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I. CLOSED MEETING, IF REQUIRED

There was no Closed meeting.

J. ADJOURNMENT OF COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Moved and Seconded:

That the Committee of the Whole Meeting be adjourned at 4:15 p.m.

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CITY CLERK

MAYOR

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