



MINUTES - VICTORIA CITY COUNCIL

July 25, 2024, 11:28 A.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 Nation and Xwsepsum Nation

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

PRESENT ELECTRONICALLY: Councillor Kim

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, P. Rantucci - Director of Strategic Real Estate, A. Bronee – Manager of Communications and Engagement, D. Newman – Director of Parks, Recreation and Facilities, W. Doyle – Acting Director of Engineering and Public Works C. Kingsley - City Clerk, B. Roder - Senior Legislative Coordinator, A. Heimburger - Legislative Coordinator

The Mayor reflected on the enormous scale of the loss felt by the Town of Jasper, Alberta related to ongoing wildfire destruction and extended Council's condolences and sympathy to the community.

A. TERRITORIAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Council reflected on the remarkable opportunity it has in Council Chambers to consider the day's matters, acknowledging that the City of Victoria is located on the homelands of the Songhees First Nation and Xwsepsum First Nation communities. Council reminded listeners that the Nations' attention to detail and commitment to the land over thousands of years allows us to live as we do today, 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. CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

D.1 Minutes from the Evening Council meeting held July 11, 2024

Moved and Seconded:

That the minutes from the Evening Council meeting held July 11, 2024 be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

E. REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

E.1 Committee of the Whole

E.1.a Report from the July 11, 2024 COTW Meeting

E.1.a.a 205 Quebec Street, 507 Montreal Street, and 210-224 Kingston Street: Rezoning Application No. 00804 and associated Official Community Plan Amendment and Development Permit with Variances Application No. 00191 (James Bay)

Moved and Seconded:

OCP Amendment Consultation

1. That Council instruct the Director of Sustainable Planning and Community Development to explore the possibility of amending the Official Community Plan to allow the proposed mixed-use development at this location.
2. That Council consider who is affected by proposed changes to the Official Community Plan, and determine that the following persons, organizations and authorities will be affected:
 - a. those within a 200 m radius of the subject property
 - b. Transport Canada
 - c. Harbour Air.
3. That Council provide an opportunity for consultation pursuant to section 475 of the *Local Government Act*, and direct the Director of Sustainable Planning and Community Development to:
 - a. mail a notice of the proposed OCP amendment to the persons within a 200 m radius of the subject property
 - b. post a notice on the City's website inviting affected persons, organizations and authorities to ask questions of staff and provide written or verbal comments to Council for their consideration

- c. write letters to Transport Canada and Harbour Air inviting written comments to Council for their consideration.
- 4. That Council consider that no consultation is necessary with the Capital Regional District Board; Councils of Oak Bay, Esquimalt and Saanich; the Songhees and Xwsepsum Nations; the School District Board; or the Provincial government or its agencies because the proposed OCP amendment does not affect them.
- 5. That the above Recommendations be adopted on the condition that they create no legal rights for the applicant or any other person, or obligation on the part of the City or its officials, and any expenditure of funds is at the risk of the person making the expenditure.

OPPOSED (4): Mayor Alto, Councillor Coleman, Councillor Gardiner, and Councillor Hammond

CARRIED (5 to 4)

E.1.a.b Council Member Motion: Union of BC Municipalities 2024 Convention

Moved and Seconded:

That Council authorize the attendance and associated costs for Councillor Gardiner to attend the Union of BC Municipalities 2024 Convention to be held in Vancouver, BC, on September 16-20, 2024.

The approximate cost for attending is:

Conference Registration Fee	\$600.00
Conference session fees	\$250.00
Travel to/from Vancouver	\$408.00
Accommodation (5 nights)	\$2,100.00
Food & Incidentals	\$100.00
	\$3,458.00

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

E.1.b Report from the July 25, 2024 COTW Meeting

E.1.b.a Council Member Motion: Union of BC Municipalities 2024 Convention

Moved and Seconded:

That Council authorize the attendance and associated costs for Councillor Krista Loughton to attend the Union of BC

Municipalities 2024 Convention to be held in Vancouver, BC, in September 2024.

The approximate cost per person for attending is:

Conference Registration Fee	\$600.00
Conference Session Fees	\$250.00
Travel to/from Vancouver	\$408.00
Food & Incidentals	\$1,700.00
Carbon Tax (0.03 x \$150 per tonne)	\$4.50
TOTAL	\$3,062.50

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

E.1.b.b

Council Member Motion: Support for 2024 Truth and Reconciliation Day Ceremonial Event

Moved and Seconded:

1. That Council approve up to \$50,000 to support an event to mark Truth and Reconciliation Day 2024, including in-kind support and the waiving of fees for use of the Royal Athletic Park on September 30, 2024, to be funded through remaining 2024 contingency funds and/or the Protocol budget, as needed and available.
2. That Council request the mayor contact mayors from other south island municipalities to invite other municipal financial contributions to support this event.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

E.1.b.c

Council Member Motion: Urgent Action Required to Support Unsheltered Victorians

Moved and Seconded:

That Council directs staff to report back at the next Committee of the Whole meeting on August 1, 2024, with an update on the status of efforts to support unsheltered persons and people in encampments through the HEART program, the number of people experiencing unsheltered homelessness in Victoria, and the projected number of shelter spaces, transitional housing, supportive housing, and shelter rate units coming online through HEARTH programs.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

F. BYLAWS

F.1 Amendment Bylaw for Patio Regulation Bylaw

Moved and Seconded:

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

1. Patio Regulation Bylaw, Amendment Bylaw (No. 3), No. 24-043

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

F.2 Amendment Bylaw for Short-Term Rental Regulation Bylaw

Council discussed the following:

- *Scope of the proposed bylaw amendments*

Moved and Seconded:

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

1. Short-Term Rental Regulation Bylaw, Amendment Bylaw (No. 1), No. 24-059

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

F.3 Bylaw for Social Services Centres Zoning Amendment Bylaw

Council discussed the following:

- *Balancing concerns of the public with potential positive impacts*
- *Measuring the success of existing temporary sheltering facilities*

Council recessed for lunch at 11:59 a.m. and reconvened at 1:01 p.m.

Moved and Seconded:

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

1. Social Service Centres Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 24-052.

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

CARRIED (6 to 3)

Moved and Seconded:

That the following bylaw **be adopted:**

1. Social Service Centres Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 24-052.

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

CARRIED (6 to 3)

F.4 Amendment Bylaw for Land Use Procedures Bylaw

Moved and Seconded:

That the following bylaw **be adopted:**

1. Land Use Procedures Bylaw, Amendment Bylaw (No. 21), No. 24-021

OPPOSED (1): Councillor Gardiner

CARRIED (8 to 1)

F.5 Bylaws for Temporary Borrowing Bylaws – Transportation, Public Washrooms and Parks Redevelopment; and Motion for Financial Security Issuing Resolutions

Moved and Seconded:

That the following bylaws **be adopted**:

1. Temporary Borrowing (Transportation Improvements Capital Projects) Bylaw No. 24-064
2. Temporary Borrowing (Public Washroom Improvements Capital Projects) Bylaw No. 24-065
3. Temporary Borrowing (Parks Redevelopment Capital Projects) Bylaw No. 24-066

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

F.6 Bylaw for Delegation Bylaw

Moved and Seconded:

That the following bylaw **be adopted**:

1. Delegation Bylaw No. 24-045

OPPOSED (1): Councillor Gardiner

CARRIED (8 to 1)

G. NOTICE OF MOTIONS

There were no notice of motions.

H. CLOSED MEETING

Moved and Seconded:

MOTION TO CLOSE THE JULY 25, 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)(a) personal information about an identifiable individual who holds or is being considered for a position as an officer, employee or agent of the municipality or another position appointed by the municipality;

Section 90(1)(c) labour relations or other employee relations;

Section 90(1)(e) the acquisition, disposition or expropriation of land or improvements, if the council considers that disclosure could reasonably be expected to harm the interests of the municipality;

Section 90(1)(f) law enforcement, if the council considers that disclosure could reasonably be expected to harm the conduct of an investigation under or enforcement of an enactment; 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 was closed to the public at 1:33 p.m.

I. APPROVAL OF CLOSED AGENDA

Moved and Seconded:

That the closed agenda be approved

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

K. NEW BUSINESS

K.1 Land - Community Charter Section 90(1)(e)

Council discussed a matter involving land. The discussion was recorded and kept confidential.

K.2 Appointment - Community Charter Section 90(1)(a)

Council discussed a matter involving an appointment. The discussion was recorded and kept confidential.

K.3 Intergovernmental Relations and Law Enforcement - Community Charter Sections 90(2)(b) and 90(1)(f)

Council discussed a matter involving intergovernmental relations and law enforcement. The discussion was recorded and kept confidential.

K.4 Employee Relations - Community Charter Section 90(1)(c)

Council discussed a matter involving employee relations. The discussion was recorded and kept confidential.

M. ADJOURNMENT

Moved and Seconded:

That the Council Meeting be adjourned at 2:56 p.m.

ABSENT (1): Councillor Dell

CARRIED (8 to 0)

CITY CLERK

MAYOR

DRAFT