



## MINUTES - VICTORIA CITY COUNCIL

July 25, 2024, 6:30 P.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 Loughton, Councillor Thompson

PRESENT ELECTRONICALLY: Councillor Kim

STAFF PRESENT: J. Jenkyns - City Manager, C. Kingsley - City Clerk, K. Hoese – Director of Planning & Development, K. Stevenot – Senior Heritage Planner, A. Bronee – Manager of Communications & Engagement, G. Diamond - Senior Legislative Coordinator, B. Roder - Senior Legislative Coordinator

### A. POETRY

Council received a poetry reading by Marie Metaphor Specht, Poet Laureate.

### B. 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 the generations that came before us that stewarded the land and waters.

### C. INTRODUCTION OF LATE ITEMS

There were no late items.

### D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved and Seconded:

That the agenda be approved.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

### E. REQUESTS TO ADDRESS COUNCIL

Moved and Seconded:

That the following speakers be permitted to address Council.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**E.1 Sean Myers: Outdated Christ Church Cathedral Bells Special Bylaw Exception (2003) (In-person)**

*Mayor Alto noted that this speaker was not present to address Council.*

**E.2 Kelly Black: Bastion Square Court House/ St. Charles Speed Limit (In-person)**

Outlined to Council his request to reach out to the Province to restore the significant heritage landmark, 28 Bastion Square, and requested a re-evaluation of the speed limit on St Charles Street.

**E.3 Michael Wright: Core principles to base city policy on (In-person)**

Outlined to Council the need to address the infrastructure inconsistency throughout the City and the importance of communication between residents and city policy makers.

**E.4 Darryl Williams: Parks Regulation Bylaw (In-person)**

Outlined to Council his experience with homeless and desire to find housing and requested an extension on the amendment to the parks regulation bylaw.

**E.5 Anna Brazeau: Parks Regulation Bylaw (In-person)**

Outlined to Council the experience of sheltering in Irving Park and concerns from the community sheltering in the park and uncertainty of where they will go when sheltering is prohibited.

**E.6 Niki Ottosen: The Right to shelter and the closing of parks (In-person)**

Outlined to Council the need to halt the impending prohibition of sheltering in parks, and outlined the importance of supporting those who are unhoused, including the removal of stigma.

**F. PUBLIC AND STATUTORY HEARINGS**

**F.1 515 Foul Bay Road: Heritage Designation Application No. 00163**

Heritage Designation (515 Foul Bay Road) Bylaw, No. 24-039

**F.1.a Public Hearing & Consideration of Approval**

Kristal Stevenot (Senior Planner): Advised that the application is to heritage designate the exterior of the building at 515 Foul Bay Road as protected heritage property.

*Mayor Alto opened the public hearing at 7:00 p.m.*

*Mayor Alto called a first time for members of the public wishing to speak on the proposed application.*

*Mayor Alto called a second time for members of the public wishing to speak on the proposed application.*

*Council recessed from 7:01 p.m. until 7:06 p.m. to provide an opportunity for members of the public to call to speak live.*

*No persons called in to speak to the application.*

*Mayor Alto called a third and final time for members of the public wishing to speak on the proposed application.*

*No further persons wished to speak to the application.*

*Mayor Alto closed the public hearing at 7:08 p.m.*

Moved and Seconded:

That the following bylaw **be given third reading:**

1. Heritage Designation (515 Foul Bay Road) Bylaw No. 24-039

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**G. CLOSED MEETING, IF REQUIRED**

There were no closed items.

**H. ADJOURNMENT**

Moved and Seconded:

That the Council meeting adjourn at 7:11 p.m.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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CITY CLERK

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MAYOR