



MINUTES - VICTORIA CITY COUNCIL

September 12, 2024, 11:48 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 Kim, Councillor Loughton (Arrived at 1:13 p.m.), 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, T. Soulliere - Deputy City Manager, D. Newman – Director of Parks, Recreation and Facilities, W. Doyle – Acting Director of Engineering and Public Works, R. Tooke – Manager of Sustainability, Assets and Support Services, M. Angrove – Senior Planner, Development Agreement, P/ Rantucci - Director of Strategic Real Estate, C. Mycroft - Manager of Intergovernmental & Media Relations, K. Hoese – Director of Planning and Development, K. Jones - Advisor to the City Manager, G. Diamond - Senior Legislative Coordinator, A. Heimburger - Legislative Coordinator

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, noting that the privilege of sitting at the Council table is made possible by the historic and ongoing commitments of the Nations to their ancestral lands and waters, and thanked them for allowing us to live, work and play on those lands as Council considers the needs of residents today as well as the generations to come.

B. INTRODUCTION OF LATE ITEMS

There were no late items.

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved and Seconded:

That the agenda be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Chair noted Councillor Loughton's absence to attend to her role as appointee to the Victoria Family Court and Youth Justice Committee.

D. REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

D.1 Committee of the Whole

D.1.a Report from the September 12, 2024 COTW Meeting

D.1.a.a Property Tax Write-Off

Moved and Seconded:

That Council:

1. Direct staff to request a Minister's Order pursuant to section 781 of the Local Government Act authorizing the write-off of the 2023 and 2024 property taxes including penalties levied in error totalling \$30,916.31 on the properties identified in Table 1.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

D.1.a.b Permissive Tax Exemptions 2025

Councillor Coleman recused himself at 11:51 a.m. due to a perceived conflict of interest regarding proximity to Maplewood Gospel Hall and returned at 11:51 a.m.

Moved and Seconded:

That Council:

1. Direct staff to bring forward a 2025 permissive tax exemption bylaw for all properties detailed in Table 1.

CONFLICT (1): Councillor Coleman

CARRIED (8 to 0)

D.1.a.c Union of British Columbia Municipalities Convention (September 16-20, 2024) Expenses

Moved and Seconded:

1. That Council authorize change in associated costs for Councillor Kim to attend the Union of British Columbia Municipalities Conference held Vancouver BC, on September 16-20, 2024.

The approximate cost for attending is:

Conference Registration Fee (+GST)	\$982.80
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Accommodations (4 nights)	\$858
Transportation to/from Vancouver	\$285
Meals and Incidentals	\$300

Estimated total cost = \$2,425.80

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

E. BYLAWS

E.1 Bylaw for Rock Bay Site Revitalization Tax Exemption

Council discussed the following:

- *Intention for usage and retention of heritage buildings in prospective master plan*
- *Scope of tax exemption program and timeline for award of tax exemption certificate*

Moved and Seconded:

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

1. Rock Bay Site Revitalization Tax Exemption Bylaw No. 24-067

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Council recessed for lunch at 12:06 p.m. and returned at 1:13 p.m.

Councillor Loughton joined the meeting at 1:13 p.m.

E.2 Bylaws for 500 Sumas Street: Housing Agreement and Associated Zoning Regulation Bylaw Amendment

Moved and Seconded:

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

1. Zoning Regulation Bylaw, Amendment Bylaw (No. 1346), No. 24-062

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Moved and Seconded:

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

1. Housing Agreement (500 Sumas Street) Bylaw (2024) No. 24-063

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

E.3 Single-Use Items Reduction Bylaw Consequential Amendment Bylaws

Moved and Seconded:

That the following bylaw **be adopted**:

1. Bylaw Notice Adjudication Bylaw, Amendment Bylaw (No. 5), No. 24-072

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Council discussed the following:

- *Maximum allowable penalty to be charged by a local government under the Municipal Ticketing Information system*

Moved and Seconded:

That the following bylaw **be adopted**:

1. Ticket Bylaw, Amendment Bylaw (No. 16), No. 24-073

OPPOSED (1): Councillor Gardiner

CARRIED (8 to 1)

E.4 Bylaw for Council Remuneration Bylaw

Council discussed the following:

- *Legislation and determination of council size for a municipality*
- *Indeterminate status of City of Victoria Councillors as full or part time*

Moved and Seconded:

That the following bylaw **be adopted**:

1. Council Remuneration Bylaw, 2024, No. 24-075

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

CARRIED (6 to 3)

F. NOTICE OF MOTIONS

There were no notice of motions.

G. CLOSED MEETING

Moved and Seconded:

MOTION TO CLOSE THE SEPTEMBER 12, 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)(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;

Section 90(1)(i) the receipt of advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose;

Section 90(1)(k) negotiations and related discussions respecting the proposed provision of a municipal service that are at their preliminary stages and that, in the view of the council, could reasonably be expected to harm the interests of the municipality if they were held in public; 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 1:31 p.m.

H. APPROVAL OF CLOSED AGENDA

Moved and Seconded:

That the closed agenda be approved

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

J. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

J.1 Intergovernmental/Law Enforcement - Community Charter Section 90(2)(b) and 90(1)(f)

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

J.2 Intergovernmental/Land/Law Enforcement - Community Charter Section 90(2)(b), 90(1)(e) and 90(1)(f)

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

J.3 Legal Advice - Community Charter Section 90(1)(i)

Council requested that this item be moved to the September 26, 2024 Closed Council meeting

K. NEW BUSINESS

K.1 Legal Advice - Community Charter Section 90(1)(i)

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

K.2 Legal Advice - Community Charter Section 90(1)(i)

Council requested that this item be moved to the September 26, 2024 Closed Council meeting

K.3 Intergovernmental/Municipal Service - Community Charter Section 90(2)(b) and 90(1)(k)

Council discussed a matter involving intergovernmental relations and municipal services. The discussion was recorded and kept confidential.

K.4 Labour – Community Charter Section 90(1)(c)

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

M. ADJOURNMENT

Moved and Seconded:

That the Council meeting be adjourned at 4:08 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CITY CLERK

MAYOR