



MINUTES - VICTORIA CITY COUNCIL

September 26, 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 Loughton, Councillor Thompson

PRESENT ELECTRONICALLY: Councillor Gardiner, Councillor Hammond, Councillor Kim

STAFF PRESENT: J. Jenkyns - City Manager, C. Kingsley - City Clerk, T. Zworski - City Solicitor, D. Newman - Director, Parks, Recreation, and Facilities, G. Diamond - Senior Legislative Coordinator, B. Roder - Senior Legislative Coordinator

B. TERRITORIAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Council acknowledged that the City of Victoria is located on the homelands of the Songhees First Nation and Xwsepsum First Nation, and emphasized the importance of taking a moment this evening to ground and remind ourselves that we are in the stewardship, grace and generosity of the two Nations.

A. POETRY

Council received a poetry reading by Eva Haas, Youth Poet Laureate.

C. INTRODUCTION OF LATE ITEMS

There were no late items.

D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved and Seconded:

That the agenda be approved.

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E. REQUESTS TO ADDRESS COUNCIL

Moved and Seconded:

That the following speakers be permitted to address Council.

E.1 Diana Smardon, The Committee to End Homelessness: Where is the Housing? (In-person)

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

E.2 Jen Reimer: Unfinished Gas Station at 308 Menzies Street in James Bay (In-person)

Outlined to Council the history of the unfinished and unsightly gas station at 308 Menzies Street and highlighted the community support encouraging the City to address building permit bylaws and unsightly properties.

E.3 Sue MacPherson: Police Actions (In-person)

Outlined to Council the incident that occurred in her home between Victoria police officers and herself, and requested an investigation and compensation for the damages to her home and personal health and wellbeing.

E.4 Mandy Niddrie, The Royal & McPherson Theatres Society: Update from the Royal and McPherson Theatres Society Including Leadership Transition (In-person)

Outlined to Council the Theatre Society's recent updates, including the change in leadership and the continued operations and services provided to the community and local arts groups.

E.5 Kelly Drabit: Miscellaneous (In-person)

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

E.6 Cynthia Werbik: New Rental Parameters and Victoria Bylaw (In-person)

Outlined to Council her experience applying for a short-term rental business licence and noted the need for clearer criteria and standard processes for both individual operators and Bylaw Officers.

F. CLOSED MEETING, IF REQUIRED

There was no closed meeting.

G. ADJOURNMENT

Moved and Seconded:

That the Council meeting adjourn at 6:55 p.m.

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CITY CLERK

MAYOR

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