



MINUTES - COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

September 26, 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 Loughton, Councillor Thompson

PRESENT ELECTRONICALLY: Councillor Hammond and Councillor Kim

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, B. Roder - Senior Legislative Coordinator, A. Klus - Legislative Coordinator

A. TERRITORIAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Committee acknowledged that the City of Victoria is located on the homelands of the Songhees First Nation and Xwsepsum First Nation communities, and recognized the upcoming National Day for Truth and Reconciliation as an event that will host celebrations, remembrances, performances, and opportunities to learn.

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

Moved and Seconded:

That the following Consent Agenda items be approved:

E. CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

E.1 Minutes from the Committee of the Whole meeting held July 18, 2024

That the minutes from the Committee of the Whole meeting held July 18, 2024 be approved.

E.2 Minutes from the Committee of the Whole meeting held September 05, 2024

That the minutes from the Committee of the Whole meeting held September 05, 2024 be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

F. STAFF REPORTS

F.1 Endorsement of Funding Applications to Support Capital Projects

Committee received a report dated September 13, 2024 from the Deputy City Manager seeking endorsement on funding applications that support capital project delivery and further advance Council's strategic priorities.

Committee discussed the following:

- *Grant application deadlines*
- *Opportunities to apply for provincial grants*
- *Securing funding prior to the Crystal Pool referendum*

Moved and Seconded:

That Council:

1. Direct staff to prepare funding applications in support of projects under the following programs:
 - a. Up to \$5M from the UBCM Community Emergency Preparedness Fund: Disaster Risk Reduction – Climate Adaptation Program for the *Centennial Square Revitalization Project*;
 - b. Up to \$1M from the Province of B.C. Active Transportation Infrastructure Grant Program for the *Cook Street North* and *Blanshard Street North projects*;
 - c. Up to \$2.5M from the Federation of Canadian Municipalities' Growing Canada's Community Canopies Program for *Tree City Program*; and
 - d. Up to \$25M from the Government of Canada's Green & Inclusive Community Buildings Program for the *Crystal Pool and Wellness Centre Replacement Project*.

2. Direct staff to prepare up to three applications under the Province of BC's Disaster Reduction Innovation Fund:
 - a. Up to \$2M to support risk reduction from seismic activity with the use of *Innovative Chiller Technologies at the City's arena*;
 - b. Up to \$500,000 to support risk reduction through climate adaptation features in the *Cook Street North and Blanshard Street North* projects; and/or
 - c. Up to \$500,000 to support risk reduction by installing climate adaptation features as part of the *Underground Infrastructure Replacement Program*.
3. Forward these motions to the September 26, 2024 daytime Council meeting for consideration.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

G. NOTICE OF MOTIONS

There were no notice of motions.

H. NEW BUSINESS

H.1 Council Member Motion: City Costs to host Touchdown Pacific

Committee received a Council Member Motion from Councillor Gardiner dated September 12, 2024 requesting staff to report on the full costs to the City for hosting Touchdown Pacific 2024.

Committee discussed the following:

- *Current staff efforts underway to report back on Touchdown Pacific*

Moved and Seconded:

That Council

1. Direct staff to report on the full costs to the City for hosting Touchdown Pacific 2024.
 - a. Costs to include but not be limited to any city resources associated with:
 - i. Grounds and facility preparation including turf, media connects for television etc
 - ii. All set-up not carried out by CFL (temporary stands) including security
 - iii. Staff administrative work regarding contracts
 - b. The report to be completed before discussion of the parks or special events portions of the 2025 budget.
2. Forward these recommendations to the September 26, 2024 daytime Council meeting.

Amendment:

Moved and Seconded:

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CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

On the main motion as amended:

That Council

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CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

H.2 Council Member Motion: Minimum Residential Unit Size Citywide

Committee received a Council Member motion from Councillor Hammond dated September 18, 2024 regarding residential unit sizes and requesting that staff implement a minimum residential unit size of 33m² as part of zoning modernization work.

Committee discussed the following:

- *Aligning with BC Housing regulations*
- *Historical inconsistencies between housing within and outside of the downtown core*
- *Increasing minimum size of unit for improved quality of life*

Moved and Seconded:

That Council, as part of the zoning modernization work, direct staff to implement a minimum residential unit size of 33m² citywide, in alignment with the BC Housing minimum unit size and the current minimum unit size requirements that apply in parts of the City, and to consider exemptions for non-profit housing providers to support low-income tenants and supportive housing units.

Amendment:

Moved and Seconded:

That Council, as part of the zoning modernization work, direct staff to report back on the implications of implementing a minimum residential unit size of 33m² citywide, in alignment with the BC Housing minimum unit size and the current minimum unit size requirements that apply in parts of the City, and to consider exemptions for non-profit housing providers to support low-income tenants and supportive housing units.

OPPOSED (2): Councillor Gardiner, and Councillor Hammond

CARRIED (7 to 2)

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Direct staff to report back on the implications of implementing a minimum residential unit size of 33m² citywide, in alignment with the BC Housing minimum unit size and the current minimum unit size requirements that apply in parts of the City, and to consider exemptions for non-profit housing providers to support low-income tenants and supportive housing units.

OPPOSED (1): Councillor Thompson

CARRIED (8 to 1)

I. CLOSED MEETING, IF REQUIRED

No closed meeting required.

J. ADJOURNMENT OF COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Moved and Seconded:

That the Committee of the Whole Meeting be adjourned at 10:40 a.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CITY CLERK

MAYOR

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