



## MINUTES - VICTORIA CITY COUNCIL

October 10, 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 Hammond, Councillor Loughton, Councillor Thompson

PRESENT ELECTRONICALLY: Councillor Gardiner, Councillor Kim

STAFF PRESENT: J. Jenkyns - City Manager, C. Kingsley - City Clerk, T. Zworski - City Solicitor, A. Bronee - Manager, Communications and Engagement, G. Diamond - Senior Legislative Coordinator, B. Roder - Senior Legislative Coordinator

### A. MUSIC

Council received a performance by Katie Cooper and Chris Mattila from the Victoria Conservatory of Music.

### 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 encouraged everyone to think of the generations that came before and the generations that will come after when making decisions.

### 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 Jan Firstbrook, Community Trees Matter Network: The value of mature trees (In-person)**

Outlined concerns related to the Centennial Square Concept Design and asked that the Sequoia tree be preserved. While she appreciates the goals of the redesign, she questioned if this could be done while protecting the Sequoia, maple, and sweetgum tree. She requested a redesign that retains the trees.

**E.2 Tracy Ryan, Silver Threads Service: City of Victoria Senior Centre Funding - Silver Threads Service (In-person)**

Outlined the history of Silver Threads in Victoria and their involvement on projects throughout the City and shared their hopes for moving back into a City-owned building as their lease is coming up and the current building is leading to financial challenges.

**E.3 Erik Haensel: Centennial Square Revitalisation (In-person)**

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

**E.4 Janet Simpson: Sequoia in Centennial Square (Phone)**

Outlined concerns related to the removal of the Sequoia tree and suggested that the tree is in good structural condition and shared concerns about a lack of information regarding the underground infrastructure that was cited in the report.

**E.5 Kathy Bligh, RNBSN: Sustainable Development Goals (In-person)**

Outlined concerns related to the Sustainable Development Goals and suggested that home retrofits are costly. She shared that she is a former nurse and James Bay resident and shared concerns regarding efforts to promote more active transportation.

**F. CLOSED MEETING, IF REQUIRED**

*There was no closed meeting.*

**G. ADJOURNMENT**

Moved and Seconded:

That the Council meeting adjourn at 7:02 p.m.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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