



## MINUTES - VICTORIA CITY COUNCIL

July 11, 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 Kim, Councillor Loughton, Councillor Thompson

STAFF PRESENT: J. Jenkyns - City Manager, C. Anderson - Deputy City Clerk, T. Zworski - City Solicitor, G. Diamond - Senior Legislative Coordinator, B. Roder - Senior Legislative Coordinator

### A. MUSIC

Council received a musical performance by Tyler Evans-Knott, a flautist in the Diploma in Music program at the Victoria Conservatory of Music.

### B. TERRITORIAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Council acknowledged that the City of Victoria is located on the homelands of the Songhees Nation and the Xwsepsum Nation and encouraged everyone to find a moment to reflect on the fact that we are allowed to be here and able to be here, through the stewardship of thousands of years of care from the ləkʷəŋən Peoples.

### 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 Bob June: Victoria Living Wage & Council (In-person)**

Outlined concerns regarding the Task Force on Council remuneration, and suggested that Council use the Victoria Living Wage as a benchmark for their deliberation. He also shared that it is difficult for the public to provide comments to the Task Force.

**E.2 Larry Wartels: Susan Kim "complaint" (In-person)**

Outlined concerns regarding the Code of Conduct complaint against Councillor Kim, and provided support for her actions.

**E.3 Diana Smardon: Homelessness/New \$200,000,000 Pool? (In-person)**

Outlined concerns regarding the cost of the proposed new Crystal Pool, and that these funds would be better spent addressing the homelessness crisis and the situation on Pandora.

**E.4 Verna Stone: Centennial Square Redevelopment (In-person)**

Outlined concerns regarding the proposed redesign of Centennial Square, particularly around the cost, given other issues facing the City such as homelessness. She outlined concerns surrounding the removal of the Sequoia tree in the proposal.

**E.5 Lynn Martin: Centennial Square Update (In-person)**

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

**E.6 Leann Trenchard: 2155 Dowler (In-person)**

Outlined concerns regarding the proposed access hub at 2155 Dowler Street and shared that the neighbourhood has multiple concerns regarding the site. She shared that Dowler is a popular pedestrian route and gateway between neighbourhoods, recreational facilities, and the arena. She also shared that there are a high proportion of children, young people, and vulnerable people residing in the neighbourhood and that Dowler is not an appropriate choice for the SOLID hub.

**F. CLOSED MEETING, IF REQUIRED**

*There was no closed meeting.*

**G. ADJOURNMENT**

Moved and Seconded:

That the Council meeting be adjourned at 7:01 p.m.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

CITY CLERK

MAYOR

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