



MINUTES - VICTORIA CITY COUNCIL

October 3, 2024, 2:00 P.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 Loughton, Councillor Thompson

PRESENT ELECTRONICALLY: 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, K. Moore - Director of Business and Community Relations, J. Jensen - Director, People and Culture, A. Johnston - Assistant Director – Development Services, C. Moffatt - Assistant City Solicitor, C. Mycroft - Manager, Intergovernmental and Media Relations, D. Atkinson - Fire Chief, K. Janota-Bzowska - Planner, W. Doyle – Acting Director of Engineering and Public Works, B. Nicholls – Legislation and Policy Analyst, G. Diamond - Senior Legislative Coordinator, A. Heimburger - Legislative Coordinator

The Chair noted the technical difficulties experienced during the Committee of the Whole meeting and apologized for the delay in broadcasting.

A. TERRITORIAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Council acknowledged that the City of Victoria is located on the homelands of the Songhees First Nation and Esquimalt First Nation communities and thanked them for their stewardship over the millennia which allows Council the continued opportunity to meet and deliberate over matters in the City. Council further acknowledged their opportunity to join for a third year on September 30th with the Songhees Nation as co-hosts of the South Island Powwow, noting the event's success and thanking the Nations for allowing us to live, work and play on their lands.

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. CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

D.1 Minutes from the Daytime Council Meeting held September 12, 2024

Moved and Seconded:

That the minutes from the Daytime Council meeting held September 12, 2024 be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

E. REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

E.1 Committee of the Whole

E.1.a Report from the October 03, 2024 Committee of the Whole Meeting

There were no items pending approval from the October 03, 2024 Committee of the Whole Meeting.

F. BYLAWS

F.1 Amendment Bylaw for Council Procedures Bylaw

Council discussed the following:

- *Clarification on opportunities for the public to address Council during Town Hall sessions*

Moved and Seconded:

1. That the following bylaw be given first, second and third readings:
 - a. Council Procedures Bylaw, Amendment Bylaw (No. 1), No. 24-074
2. That Council approve the updated Requests to Address Council Policy.
3. That Council approve the updated 2024 Council meeting schedule.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

F.2 Bylaw for Business Improvement Area Bylaw, 2024

Moved and Seconded:

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

1. Business Improvement Area Bylaw, 2024, No. 24-082

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

F.3 Bylaw for 624 and 628 Manchester Road: Zoning Regulation Bylaw Amendment Application No. 00803 and Development Permit with Variance No. 00195

Moved and Seconded:

That the following bylaw **be adopted**:

1. Zoning Regulation Bylaw, Amendment Bylaw (No. 1312) No. 23-076

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

F.4 Bylaw for 2025 Permissive Tax Exemption

Moved and Seconded:

That the following bylaw **be adopted**:

1. Tax Exemption (Permissive) Bylaw, 2025, No. 24-050

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

G. NEW BUSINESS

G.1 Short-Term Rental Business Licence Appeal - 3150 Balfour Avenue

Council discussed the following:

- *Short and long-term consequences to appellant following denial of their appeal*
- *Discrepancies between Licence Inspector report and Appellant and lack of conclusive evidence to support Appellant's claim of chronological events*

Moved and Seconded:

That Council deny the reconsideration request of the Appellant and uphold the Licence Inspector's decision to deny a short-term rental business licence for the premises at 3150 Balfour Avenue.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

H. NOTICE OF MOTIONS

There were no notice of motions.

I. CLOSED MEETING

Moved and Seconded:

MOTION TO CLOSE THE OCTOBER 03, 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)(c) labour relations or other employee relations;

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)(n) the consideration of whether a council meeting should be closed under a provision of this subsection or subsection (2); 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 meeting was closed to the public at 2:36 p.m.

J. APPROVAL OF CLOSED AGENDA

Moved and Seconded:

That the closed agenda be approved

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

L. NEW BUSINESS

L.1 Consideration of Closed Council Meeting - Community Charter Section 90(1)(n)

Council discussed a matter involving consideration of Closed Council meeting. The discussion was recorded and kept confidential.

L.2 Intergovernmental Relations, Land and 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.

L.3 Employee Relations - Community Charter Section 90(1)(c)

Council requested that this item be moved to the October 10, 2024 Closed Council meeting

N. ADJOURNMENT

Moved and Seconded:

That the Council meeting be adjourned at 3:25 p.m.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CITY CLERK

MAYOR

DRAFT