

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE REPORT
FROM THE MEETINGS HELD OCTOBER 30 & 31, NOVEMBER 2 & 7, 2017

For the Council Meeting of November 9, 2017, the Committee recommends the following:

2018 – 2022 Financial Plan

From the October 30, 2017 meeting:

1. That Council direct staff to report back on the budget implications and work plan associated with a two-year pilot project for a strategic procurement adviser shared between the City of Victoria and other local governments in the AVICC region.
2. That Council direct staff to report back on the implications of adding the implementation of accessible pedestrian signals utilizing funds from the accessibility reserve.
3. Direct staff to engage with the Victoria Placemaking Society on active transportation pilot projects.
4. That staff report back on the opportunities/implications of installing a crosswalk on Oak Bay Avenue at Redfern Street.
5. That Council direct staff to report back on the budget implications and work plan associated with cleaning and power washing of downtown sidewalks during the summer months especially during long periods of hot and dry weather, and explore options for enhanced weekend sidewalk cleaning and snow removal on top levels of City parkades.
6. That Council direct staff to report back on implications and advisability on developing a policy relating to the sharing of data from traffic cameras.
7. That Council direct staff to report on options for increasing funds available for the Neighbourhood Transportation Management Plan.

From the October 31, 2017 meeting

8. THAT Council request that the Mayor, on behalf of Council:
 1. Write to the provincial Minister of Mental Health and Addictions, copying the Minister of Health and the Chair of the Vancouver Island Health Authority Board of Directors, requesting that the Province of British Columbia and the Vancouver Island Health Authority fully fund the operations of the Greater Victoria Assertive Community Treatment (ACT) Teams for the 2018 fiscal year; and
 2. Include the following rationale in the letter:
 - a. the orientation of the teams toward the provision of health services;
 - b. the focus of the teams on case management and the health outcomes of individuals;
 - c. the regional nature of the services and clientele accessing these services; and
 - d. actual and potential cost-savings to the provincially funded health system arising from the provision of this service.
 - e. include with the letter the annual report of the ACT Team that was provided to Council.

9. That Council:
 1. Direct staff to report back on options for levying a surcharge on licensed liquor seats to offset the costs of policing arising from consumption of alcohol.
 2. Direct staff to report on Dec 7, 2017 on the implications of carrying out this work.
10. That Council direct staff to report back on the implications of including a new skateboard park in the financial plan starting in 2018.

From the November 2, 2017 meeting:

11. That Council direct staff to report back on the implications of allocating resources to notify residents of the 2018 general election and how they can participate, including the option of a mail-out to each household and online advertising in social media platforms.
12. That Council direct staff to report back on the implementation of the Youth Strategy.

From the November 7, 2017 meeting:

13. That Council direct staff to report back on the opportunity / implications of funding an additional, full-time, heritage planner to develop new approaches to heritage planning.
14. That Council direct staff to include affordability of new housing units as a metric in reporting to Council and the public in annual financial planning and quarterly strategic planning processes.
15. That Council direct staff to report back to Council on the implications of providing an inflationary increase to the community garden volunteer management program.
16. That Council direct staff to report back to Council on the implications and options of reviewing the *Council Remuneration Bylaw*.
17. That Council direct staff to report back on the opportunities and funds available to implement requests from the Accessibility Working Group.
18. That Council direct staff to report back on the possibility of installing the Cameron Street, Kings Park connection in 2018.
19. That Council direct staff to report back on the implications of increasing the allocation to community garden capital improvements.
20. That Council:
 1. Direct staff to bring forward the Five-year Financial Plan Bylaw, 2018 to the November 9 Council meeting for consideration of first reading prior to commencing public consultation
 2. Direct staff to bring forward bylaws outlining solid waste, stormwater and water utility user fee increases to the November 9 Council meeting for consideration of first, second and third readings

3. Approve the following allocations of assessment growth (non-market change) property tax revenue:
 - a. \$500,000 to the Buildings and Infrastructure Reserve as per the Financial Sustainability Policy
 - b. \$87,000 to maintain the correspondence coordinator position (as directed by Council during 2017 financial planning process)
 - c. Direct staff to bring forward options for the use of the remainder upon completion of public consultation
4. Direct staff to bring forward options for the use of 2017 surplus upon completion of public consultation
5. Direct staff to bring forward options for funding supplementary budget requests upon completion of public consultation
6. Allocate \$2,450,000 of the annual gas tax funding to the Storm Drain Brick Main project and direct staff to bring forward options for the allocation of the remainder upon completion of public consultation
7. Create a direct-award grant for seniors outreach funded by a reallocation of \$30,000 from the Strategic Plan Grant program
8. Approve the direct-award grants as outlined in this report
9. Direct staff to bring forward options for funding increased grant requests upon completion of public consultation
10. Approve adding 1.0 FTE carpenter currently managed through auxiliary staffing and funded through existing budgets