

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE REPORT
FROM THE MEETING HELD JULY 6, 2017

For the Council Meeting of July 13, 2017, the Committee recommends the following:

1. Development Permit with Variances Application No. 00023 for 2770 Pleasant (Burnside)

That Council, after giving notice and allowing an opportunity for public comment at a meeting of Council, consider the following motion: "That Council authorize the issuance of Development Permit with Variances Application No. 00023 for 2770 Pleasant Street subject to registration of legal agreements on the properties' titles securing access across the site and addressing issues of the proposed building and equipment straddling the property line to the satisfaction of the City Solicitor, in accordance with:

1. Plans date stamped June 16, 2017.
2. Development meeting all *Zoning Regulation Bylaw* requirements, except for the following variances:
 - i. reduce Class 1 bicycle space requirement from four to zero;
 - ii. relaxation to permit construction over the lot lines for the office trailer structure.
3. The Development Permit lapsing two years from the date of this resolution."

2. Off-leash Dog Park Pilot Project in Barnard Park

That Council approve the following motion:

Therefore Be It Resolved that Council directs staff to report back on impacts and advisability of allowing for dogs off-leash on a trial basis in Barnard Park.

3. Greater Victoria Harbour Authority Annual Presentation

That Council receive the presentation for information.

4. Letter from the Capital Regional District regarding the Foreign Purchaser Property Transfer Tax

That Council receive this letter for information.

5. Request to remove off-site parking easement and covenant at 324/328 Cook Street

That Council authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute a legal instrument, in the form satisfactory to the City Solicitor, to discharge off-site parking easement number EX143925 (as modified by FA103662) and covenant number EX143926 (as modified by FA103663) from the property located at 324/328 Cook Street.

6. Request to discharge and replace existing Statutory Right of Way, 755 Caledonia Street (Hudson Walk)

That Council authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute legal instruments, in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor, to discharge Statutory Right of Way numbers CA4143281 and CA4143284 and register a replacement Statutory Right of Way on the property with the civic address of 755 Caledonia Street.

7. a. Appointment of a Representative to the 2016 Regional Growth Strategy Dispute Resolution Process

That Council nominate Councillor Loveday to the 2016 Regional Growth Dispute Resolution Process.

7. b. City of Victoria Policy in Regional Growth Strategy Mediation

That Council adopt the following position in the Regional Growth Strategy mediation process in support of the positions of Central Saanich, Highlands, North Saanich, Saanich and View Royal with respect to encouraging compact and complete communities, discouraging urban sprawl and retaining effective growth management tools:

1. Endorsing concerns expressed by the District of Central Saanich that policies 2.2 (1) and (2) need to be strengthened to avoid development and sprawl on rural lands in Electoral Areas which would be contrary to the objectives of the Regional Growth Strategy to support complete and compact communities, but Council is supportive of water servicing from localized community water sources.
2. Endorsing the position of the District of Highlands that the 2003 Regional Growth Strategy is a stronger tool to support managed growth for the benefit of the entire region, and that incremental sprawl affects biodiversity, increases greenhouse gases and fundamentally negates the values of a Regional Growth Strategy.
3. Endorsing the objection from the District of North Saanich to provisions 1.1 (Keep Urban Settlement Compact) and 1.2 (Protect the Integrity of Rural Communities) for the following reasons:
 - a. There are not sufficient integrated objectives and targets with respect to reduced development pressures contained in the RGS which would strengthen the protection of rural communities;
 - b. There are not clear population projections broken by municipality to provide sufficient certainty
 - c. There is not sufficient strength in aspirational targets such as the food systems target to ensure objectives are met, particularly containing development and meeting crop production goals;
 - d. Food systems targets are not linked to food security and climate change targets;
 - e. Meeting climate action targets are not linked specifically to rural communities, which have a high percentage of transportation by cars and a large agricultural land base, limiting their ability to meet climate change targets. The RGS does not fully integrate climate action considerations into all aspects of regional growth management;
 - f. The RGS ought to specifically demonstrate how land use designations in Regional Context Statements correspond to the RGS to limit growth; and
 - g. That urban containment boundaries are a more certain and effective approach to protecting rural communities than emphasizing urban growth areas.
4. Endorsing the objection of the District of North Saanich to provision 6.1 (Foster a Resilient Food and Agriculture System) for the following reason: the target of 5,000 ha is aspirational and not linked to population projections or food security.
5. Endorsing the position of the District of Saanich that in comparison to the existing 2003 Regional Growth Strategy, it would appear that the proposed 2016 Regional Growth Strategy reduces the emphasis on a regional and focused approach to sustainable growth management, and that the 2016 RGS can be strengthened through the following actions:
 - a. Including a strong regional growth management hierarchy, which indicates the location of Centres where growth should be focused and investments in infrastructure and transportation facilities should be prioritized;
 - b. Applying stronger criteria to limit future water extensions outside the Growth Area boundary to prevent significant additional development in outlying Rural areas that would contribute to transportation issues, increase greenhouse gas emissions and divert development away from land inside the Growth Area boundary; and

- c. Develop a robust monitoring and adaptation program to assess progress towards Regional Growth Strategy targets and objectives. In particular, the targets to accommodate 95% of new dwelling units within the Growth Policy Area and to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 61% below 2007 levels will need to be evaluated on a regular basis.
- 6. Endorsing the objection of the Town of View Royal to provisions 2.2.2 and 2.2.4 for the following reasons:
 - a. That additional development on rural and resource lands is at the expense of development of lands within the Urban Containment Boundary;
 - b. That additional development on rural and resource lands will contribute to further transportation challenges in the region, and does not allow for efficient public transportation, increases greenhouse gas emissions, and does not provide for jobs/housing balance;
 - c. That rural development will further contribute to GHG emissions by encouraging a high-carbon built form.

8. Storefront Cannabis Retailer Rezoning Policy

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve a change to the Storefront Cannabis Retailer Rezoning Policy:

- a. to change the distance from 200m to 400m that a storefront cannabis retailer (in a straight line from the closest lot line to closest lot line) from another lot where a storefront cannabis retailer is permitted, whether or not a storefront cannabis retailer is active or not (sample map attached).
- b. this Policy does not limit Council from considering variances to the separation distances noted in the Policy based on circumstances related to a specific application.

9. Naming of the James Bay Branch

That the City request public input as to a suitable name for the James Bay branch of the Greater Victoria Public Library.

10. Advocacy for Provincial and Federal Investment in the E & N Rail Corridor

That Council postpone consideration of the following motion until the feasibility study from the Province, including input from BC Transit, has been received by Council:

That Council endorse the following resolution and request that the Mayor write, on behalf of Council, to the Provincial and Federal Ministers responsible for Transportation and Infrastructure, forwarding this resolution and requesting favourable consideration, with copies sent to the Premier and Prime Minister, the Island Corridor Foundation, the Capital Regional District, and local governments and First Nations governments on Vancouver Island:

Resolution: Provincial and Federal Investment in E & N Rail Corridor

WHEREAS the City of Victoria's Strategic Plan 2015-2018 identifies the strategic action to work with other municipalities, First Nations and other partners to get the train running between Victoria and Langford;

AND WHEREAS rail provides a viable long-term option for the transport of people and goods on Vancouver Island that aligns with a commitment to climate action and compact, complete communities;

AND WHEREAS a lack of investment in the Esquimalt & Nanaimo (E & N) Rail Corridor between Victoria, Courtenay and Port Alberni has resulted in unrealized economic opportunities and limited transportation options;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City of Victoria requests Provincial and Federal investment in the E & N Rail Corridor in the next Provincial and Federal budgets, to allow for the establishment as soon as possible of efficient commuter rail service between Victoria, the Western Communities and the Cowichan Valley, and restoration of inter-city passenger rail service between Victoria and Courtenay;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT consideration be given to electrification of the rail line between Victoria and Courtenay, to reduce reliance on fossil fuels and provide a clean energy option for the transport of people and goods on Vancouver Island.