

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE REPORT**  
**FROM THE MEETING HELD FEBRUARY 8, 2018**

For the Council Meeting of February 8, 2018, the Committee recommends the following:

**1. Resolution: Uniform Business Regulations for Disposable Plastic Packaging**

That Council endorse the following resolution for consideration at the 2018 annual meetings of the Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities (AVICC) and the Union of BC Municipalities (UBCM), and direct staff to forward electronic copies of the resolution to local governments belonging to the AVICC and UBCM, requesting favourable consideration and resolutions of support:

**Resolution: Uniform Business Regulations for Disposable Plastic Packaging**

WHEREAS uniform regulations of businesses provide predictability, certainty and efficiency for consumers and business operators;

AND WHEREAS unrestricted use of disposable plastic packaging is inconsistent with values of British Columbia residents and imposes costs on local governments in British Columbia, prompting communities to examine options for business regulations limiting disposable plastic packaging in order to contain costs and manage solid waste streams responsibly;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Province of British Columbia work with local governments and retailers to introduce uniform, province-wide business regulations in relation to disposable plastic packaging, to substantially reduce the volume of disposable plastic packaging in local solid waste streams.

**2. Resolution: Advocacy for Review of Board of Variance Process**

That Council endorse the following resolution for consideration at the 2018 annual meetings of the Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities (AVICC) and the Union of BC Municipalities (UBCM), and direct staff to forward electronic copies of the resolution to local governments belonging to the AVICC and UBCM, requesting favourable consideration and resolutions of support:

**Resolution: Advocacy for Review of Board of Variance Process**

WHEREAS the *Local Government Act* requires local governments to appoint Boards of Variance that are empowered to consider minor variances where a person alleges that complying with a bylaw respecting the siting, size or dimensions of a building would cause them hardship;

AND WHEREAS deliberations of local Boards of Variance provide minimal opportunities for public comment on the requested variances, and provide no role for comment from the elected council of a municipality or the board of a regional district in unincorporated areas;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the provincial government review the current provisions in the *Local Government Act* relating to Boards of Variance and consider amendments to ensure that the interests of public accountability, transparency, and local democracy are upheld.

**3. AVICC Motion re: Gender-Based Violence Strategy for Youth**

WHEREAS children and youth who have been impacted by violence experience devastating and long-ranging mental health, physical health, social and educational impacts.

AND WHEREAS the #metoo campaign has recently highlighted gender-based violence as one of the most pervasive forms of violence, taking various forms (e.g. cyber, physical, sexual, psychological, emotional, and economic).

AND WHEREAS according to Statistics Canada, young women aged 15 to 17 report the highest rate of gender-based violence amongst all age groups (2,710 per 100,000), and Indigenous, LGBTQ2, and disabled girls experience even higher rates of violence.

AND WHEREAS in 2017 the Government of Canada launched It's Time: Canada's Strategy to Prevent and Address Gender-Based Violence identifying three priority areas: prevention, engaging men and boys, and support for survivors. To support the strategy, the federal government has committed \$100.9 million over five years, and an additional \$20.7 million per year going forward. While the BC government recently announced \$5 million to assist organizations working to prevent and respond to gender-based violence, there is currently no cohesive provincial strategy in place

AND WHEREAS in order to combat gender-based violence among youth in BC and support healthy relationships, healthy families and healthy communities, a provincial strategy is needed. Drawing on the expertise of all relevant Ministries, and building on the resources and strategies identified in the federal strategy, a comprehensive provincial strategy can be a catalyst for positive cultural change.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the AVICC call on the Ministry of Education, the Ministry of Child and Family Development, the Ministry of Public Safety, and the Ministry of Mental Health to work together to develop a Gender-Based Violence Prevention Strategy for Youth.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT AVICC forward this motion on to UBCM for consideration.

**4. Update on Rezoning Application No. 00562 and Official Community Plan Amendment for 3025 Douglas Street**

1. That Council instruct staff to prepare the necessary Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw in accordance with Section 475 of the *Local Government Act* by removing the property located at 3025 Douglas Street from the *General Employment* Urban Place Designation and adding it to the *Town Centre* Urban Place Designation; as well as, the necessary Zoning Regulation Bylaw Amendment that would authorize the proposed development outlined in Rezoning Application No. 00562 for 3025 Douglas Street, that first and second reading of the Zoning Regulation Bylaw Amendment be considered by Council and a Public Hearing date be set once the following conditions are met:

- i. Preparation of the following documents, executed by the applicant, to the satisfaction of City Staff:
  - a. Housing Agreement to ensure that the dwelling units in the existing building would remain as rental in perpetuity.
- ii. That Council determine, pursuant to section 475(1) of the *Local Government Act*, that the affected persons, organizations and authorities are those property owners and occupiers within a 200m radius of the subject properties; that the appropriate

consultation measures would include a mailed notice of the proposed OCP Amendment to the affected persons; and posting of a notice on the City's website inviting affected persons, organizations and authorities to ask questions of staff and provide written or verbal comments to Council for their consideration.

- iii. That Council, having provided the opportunity for consultation pursuant to Section 475(1) of the Local Government Act with persons, organizations and authorities it considers will be affected, specifically, the property owners and occupiers within a 200m radius of the subject properties, have been consulted at a Community Association Land Use Committee (CALUC) Community Meeting, consider whether the opportunity for consultation should be early and ongoing, and determine that no further consultation is required.
  - iv. That Council, specifically consider whether consultation is required under Section 475(2)(b) of the Local Government Act, and determine that no referrals are necessary with the Capital Regional District Board, Councils of Oak Bay, Esquimalt and Saanich, the Songhees and Esquimalt First Nations, the School District Board and the provincial and federal governments and their agencies due to the nature of the proposed amendment.
  - v. That Council give first reading to the Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw.
  - vi. That Council consider the Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw in conjunction with the City of Victoria 2018-2020 Draft Financial Plan, the Capital Regional District Liquid Waste Management Plan, and the Capital Regional District Solid Waste Management Plan pursuant to Section 477(3)(a) of the Local Government Act, and deem those Plans to be consistent with the proposed Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw.
  - vii. That Council give second reading to the Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw.
  - viii. That Council refer the Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw for consideration at a Public Hearing.
2. That Council instruct staff to change the land use designation of the property located at 3025 Douglas Street from General Employment to Town Centre in the *Burnside Gorge Neighbourhood Plan*.

**5. Development Permit with Variances Application No. 00054 for 1800 Quadra Street**

That Council direct staff to:

1. work with the applicant to reduce the prominence of the proposed addition and reduce its impacts on the public street, and to bring the revised proposal back to a future Committee of the Whole meeting;
2. request that the applicant provide any information they have on the older portion of the building;
3. request the applicant to engage the CALUC on the proposed design.

**6. Update on Archives Digitization Project**

That Council receive this report for information.

**7. Storm Water Utility and Rainwater Rewards Update**

That Council directs staff to:

1. Extend the Rainwater Rewards rebate pilot program and report back with a review and recommendations in June 2018.
2. Amend the Sanitary Sewer and Stormwater Utilities Bylaw No. 14-071, *Section 30 Multiple Occupancy (Strata Property Act) Premises* to reflect the practices for imposing fees and charges with respect to strata lot premises.
3. That staff report back on the implications of removing the street cleaning fee from the utility and be returned to general revenue as soon as practical

4. That staff provide advice on other options for removing the inequity for owners and occupiers on corner lots;
5. That staff provide advice on other options for adjusting the formula for this component of the program.

**8. AVICC Motion re: Climate Accountability for Fossil Fuel Companies**

That Council approve the following motion:

**AVICC Motion re: Climate Accountability for Fossil Fuel Companies**

WHEREAS communities in British Columbia face a range of impacts from climate change, including sea-level rise, increased coastal erosion, prolonged summer drought, and increased winter precipitation;

AND WHEREAS communities are required to consider these impacts in infrastructure planning, construction and maintenance, as well as to mitigate the financial impacts of these costs on residents and businesses given the limits of local government revenue raising to property taxes and utilities;

AND WHEREAS while the precise amount of increased costs due to the increase in work on infrastructure due to climate change is not yet quantified, local governments in British Columbia are almost certainly already paying significantly increased costs and those amounts will only increase;

AND WHEREAS fossil fuel companies have played a major role in the creation of climate change, making hundreds of billions of dollars in selling products which cause climate change with the 20 largest fossil fuel companies having contributed – through their operations and products – to approximately 29.3% of greenhouse gases in the global atmosphere today;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the AVICC write a Climate Accountability Letter to the 20 fossil fuel companies outlining the types of costs that communities are incurring and expected to incur due to climate change, and requesting that the companies pay their fair share of those impacts.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that AVICC forward this motion to UBCM and to FCM and request that those local governments write Climate Accountability Letters on behalf of their member local governments.

**9. Resolution: Protecting Coastal Communities and Waterways from Oil Spills**

That Council endorse the following resolution for consideration at the 2018 annual meeting of the Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities (AVICC) and direct staff to forward electronic copies of the resolution to local governments belonging to the AVICC, requesting favourable consideration and resolutions of support:

**Resolution: Protecting Coastal Communities and Waterways from Oil Spills**

WHEREAS the Province of British Columbia is pursuing regulations to restrict the transport of diluted bitumen until such time as adequate safeguards are in place to protect coastal communities and waterways from the harm caused by oil spills;

AND WHEREAS the impacts of oil spills on local communities are severe, including: costs relating to emergency response, clean-up and recovery; damage and loss of enjoyment

of shoreline areas; damage to biological diversity of plant and animal species; reduced property values; public health impacts; and economic losses in tourism, fishing and other sectors;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities endorses the efforts of the Province of British Columbia to introduce regulations that will safeguard coastal communities and waterways from harm caused by oil spills and that staff be directed to forward the resolution to the Premier of BC, the Minister of Environment, and Members of the Legislative Assembly representing the constituents of Vancouver Island.