

MINUTES OF THE
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
HELD THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2017, 9:00 A.M.

1. THE CHAIR CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 9:00 A.M.

Committee Members Present: Mayor Helps (Chair), Councillors Alto, Loveday, Lucas, Thornton-Joe, and Young

Absent: Councillors Coleman and Madoff

Absent for a portion of the meeting: Councillor Isitt

Staff Present: J. Johnson – City Manager; J. Jenkyns – Deputy City Manager; C. Coates – City Clerk; C. Havelka – Deputy City Clerk; P. Bruce – Fire Chief; J. Tinney – Director of Sustainable Planning & Community Development; F. Work – Director of Engineering & Public Works; S. Thompson – Director of Finance; T. Soulliere – Director of Parks, Recreation, & Facilities; A. Hudson – Assistant Director of Community Planning; J. Weston – Assistant Director of Transportation; B. Dellebuur – Manager of Transportation; J. Potter – Manager Engagement; A. Brett – Heritage Planner; S. Webb - Active Transportation Project Management Specialist; C. Mycroft – Executive Assistant to the City Manager; A. M. Ferguson - Recording Secretary

Guests: Mr. P. Langstraat – Superintendent, School District 61; Mr. M. Walsh - Secretary Treasurer, School District 61; Mr. T. Ferris - Vice Chair, School District 61

Councillor Isitt was not present at the time the meeting convened.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion: It was moved by Councillor Alto, seconded by Councillor Lucas, that the Agenda of the February 9, 2017, Committee of the Whole meeting be approved.

Councillor Isitt joined the meeting at 9:00 a.m.

Amendment: It was moved by Councillor Thornton-Joe, seconded by Councillor Lucas, that the Agenda of the February 9, 2017, Committee of the Whole meeting be amended as follows:

Consent Agenda:

Item No. 3 - Development Permit with Variance No. 00027 for 1070 Joan Crescent (Rockland)

Item No. 4 - Development Variance Permit No. 00183 for 2625 Shakespeare Street (Oaklands)

On the amendment:
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 17/COTW

Main motion as amended:

That the amended Agenda of the February 9, 2017, Committee of the Whole Meeting be approved as follows:

Consent Agenda:

Item No. 3 - Development Permit with Variance No. 00027 for 1070 Joan Crescent (Rockland)

Item No. 4 - Development Variance Permit No. 00183 for 2625 Shakespeare Street (Oaklands)

On the main motion as amended:
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 17/COTW

3. CONSENT AGENDA

Motion: It was moved by Councillor Thornton-Joe, seconded by Councillor Alto, that the following items be approved without further debate:

3.1 Development Permit with Variance No. 00027 for 1070 Joan Crescent (Rockland)

Committee received a report dated January 20, 2017, from the Director of Sustainable Planning and Community Development regarding an application to allow the roof overhang to project over the south property line.

Motion: It was moved by Councillor Thornton-Joe, seconded by Councillor Alto, 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 Variance Application No. 00027 for 1070 Joan Crescent, in accordance with:

1. Plans date stamped December 28, 2016.
2. Development meeting all *Zoning Regulation Bylaw* requirements, except for Introduction and General Regulations, Section 19, to permit a portion of a building (roof overhang of 0.80m) to be erected partly on one lot and partly on another lot.
3. The Development Permit lapsing two years from the date of the original permit (DP No. 000448, expiry date January 14, 2018).
4. Prior to the issuance of a building permit the appropriate encroachment agreement be executed to the satisfaction of the Director of Sustainable Planning and Community Development."

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 17/COTW

3.2 Development Variance Permit No. 00183 for 2625 Shakespeare Street (Oaklands)

Committee received a report dated January 27, 2017, from the Director of Sustainable Planning and Community Development regarding an application to relocate the existing staircase and authorize previous additions completed without permits.

- Motion:** It was moved by Councillor Thornton-Joe, seconded by Councillor Alto, that Council, after giving notice and allowing an opportunity for public comment at a meeting of Council and subject to the applicant adhering to the Clean Hands Policy, consider the following motion:
"That Council authorize the issuance of Development Permit Application No. 00183 for 2625 Shakespeare Street, in accordance with:
1. Plans date stamped January 24, 2017.
 2. Development meeting all *Zoning Regulation Bylaw* requirements, except for the following variances:
 - i. reduce the rear yard setback from 8.38 metres to 7.6 metres;
 - ii. reduce the side yard setback (east) from 1.52 metres to 1.5 metres;
 - iii. increase the allowable extension of enclosed floor area for secondary suites from 20 square metres to 67.8 square metres.
 3. The Development Permit lapsing two years from the date of this resolution."

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 17/COTW

4. Presentation

4.1 School District 61

Committee received a presentation from the Superintendent, the Secretary Treasurer, and the Vice Chair from the Greater Victoria School District 61 providing information regarding and update on the school district's initiatives.

Committee discussed:

- Involvement with Truth and Reconciliation Calls to Action.
- Recent Syrian refugees and how these students are being supported.
- Supporting the school district with seismic upgrading and renovations.
- The growth in student numbers and future plans to accommodate this.

- Motion:** It was moved by Councillor Isitt, seconded by Councillor Alto, that Council receive this report for information.

Committee discussed:

- Creative partnerships with the school district to approach land surplus and accommodate more community desires.

Councillor Loveday withdrew from the meeting at 9:36 a.m.

Committee discussed:

- Future of plans for various schools and properties owned by the school district.

Amendment: It was moved by Councillor Thornton-Joe, seconded by Councillor Isitt, that the motion be amended as follows:

That Council:

1. Receive this report for information, and
2. **That the Mayor write to the Ministry of Education supporting funding for the needed upgrades of Victoria High School.**

On the amendment:
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 17/COTW

Main motion as amended:

That Council:

1. Receive this report for information, and
2. That the Mayor write to the Ministry of Education supporting funding for the needed upgrades of Victoria High School.

On the main motion as amended:
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 17/COTW

5. STAFF REPORTS

5.1 City Wide Seismic Vulnerabilities Assessment Study

Committee received a report dated January 5, 2017, from the Director of Sustainable Planning and Community Development providing information and recommendations regarding the results of the Citywide Seismic Vulnerability Assessment Study.

Motion: It was moved by Councillor Thornton-Joe, seconded by Councillor Alto, that Council direct staff to:

1. Expand the scope of the Tax Incentive Program (TIP) beyond Downtown to include eligible heritage buildings city-wide; and
2. Examine the City's authority to expand incentives beyond heritage buildings and assess opportunities to include seismic considerations as part of the rental retention and revitalization study.

Committee discussed:

- Areas for focused economic revitalization based on the outcomes of the study.
- The current Building Resilience in Canada Program with the federal government and how the programs can work together.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 17/COTW

Committee recessed at 10:04 a.m. until 10:09 a.m.

5.2 Cycling Network Implementation Program Update

Committee received a report dated February 9, 2017, from the Director of Engineering and Public Works providing information and recommendations regarding an update on the cycling network implementation program.

Committee discussed:

- Various routes for piloting protected bike lanes.
- Concerns about the current public support with the proposal and potential changes to increase support.
- Lessons learned for future engagement strategies from the project.
- Plans for parking spaces and bus stops in areas where the cycle track is proposed and ensuring accessible parking with the implementation.
- Receiving a report from ICBC to advise of the safety merits for all transportation modes with the cycle track.

Councillor Loveday returned to the meeting at 11:05 a.m.

Councillor Alto withdrew from the meeting at 11:08 a.m.

Committee discussed:

- Practices and ridership in other municipalities.

Councillor Isitt withdrew from the meeting at 11:09 a.m.

Committee discussed:

- Landscaping and various design options along the track.

Councillor Alto returned to meeting at 11:11 a.m.

Councillor Loveday withdrew from the meeting at 11:13 a.m.

Committee discussed:

- Engagement and consideration of various stakeholders on the cycle track placement.

Councillor Loveday returned to the meeting at 11:14 a.m.

Councillor Isitt returned to the meeting at 11:16 a.m.

Councillor Lucas withdrew from the meeting at 11:18 a.m.

Committee discussed:

- Engagement and consideration of various stakeholders on the cycle track placement.
- Various locations for refinement and improvement of the proposed two-way cycle track.

Councillor Lucas returned at 11:21 a.m.

Committee discussed:

- Desire for future presentations to depict where the bike lanes are separated and where the roadway is shared.
- Continuing dialogue with businesses to provide safe space for deliveries.
- Desire to take a more gradual approach to the implementation to ensure reduced costs and an ideal location of the cycle track.

Councillor Young withdrew from the meeting at 11:31 a.m. and returned at 11:33 a.m.

Committee discussed:

- The need for the cycle track to connect riders with the facilities they are travelling to.
- Implications of postponing implementation of Fort Street to consider the success of the Pandora Street cycle path first.

Councillor Thornton-Joe withdrew from the meeting at 11:44 a.m. and returned at 11:46 a.m.

Committee discussed:

- Review of accessible parking spots and loss of parking associated with the project.

Motion: It was moved by Mayor Helps, seconded by Councillor Isitt, that Council direct staff to report back in June 2017 with further Cycling Network updates and recommendations regarding sequencing, scheduling, resourcing and costs to get the network implemented by 2022.

Amendment: It was moved by Councillor Isitt, seconded by Councillor Loveday, that the motion be amended as follows:
That Council direct staff to report back in June 2017 with further Cycling Network updates and recommendations regarding sequencing, scheduling, resourcing and costs to get the network implemented by 2022 **and that the report include information on financial implications and options for completing the network by 2020.**

Amendment to the amendment:
It was moved by Councillor Thornton-Joe, seconded by Mayor Helps, that the amended motion be amended as follows:
That Council direct staff to report back in June 2017 with further Cycling Network updates and recommendations regarding sequencing, scheduling, resourcing and costs to get the network implemented by 2022 **and that the report include information on financial all the implications and options for completing the network by 2020.**

On the amendment to the amendment:
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 17/COTW

Committee discussed:

- The pros and cons of expediting the implementation of the track.

On the amendment:
DEFEATED 17/COTW

For: Councillor Isitt
Against: Mayor Helps, Councillors Alto, Loveday, Lucas, Thornton-Joe, and Young

Amendment: It was moved by Councillor Isitt, that the motion be amended as follows:
That Council direct staff to report back in June 2017 with further Cycling Network updates and recommendations regarding sequencing, scheduling, resourcing and costs to get the network implemented by 2022
And THAT staff consider implementing interim protection on identified corridors prior to completion of intersections to AAA standards.

MOTION FAILED DUE TO NO SECONDER

Main Motion: That Council direct staff to report back in June 2017 with further Cycling Network updates and recommendations regarding sequencing, scheduling, resourcing and costs to get the network implemented by 2022.

On the main motion:
CARRIED 17/COTW

For: Mayor Helps, Councillors Alto, Loveday, Lucas, Thornton-Joe, and Young
Against: Councillor Isitt

6. NEW BUSINESS

6.1 Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities (AVICC) Motion Social / Community Benefit Procurement

Committee received a Council member motion dated February 6, 2017, from Mayor Helps and Councillor Alto providing recommendations regarding the endorsement of a motion to be forwarded to the AVICC for consideration and a recommendation regarding working group undertaking a feasibility study.

Motion: It was moved by Mayor Helps, seconded by Councillor Alto:

THAT COUNCIL endorse the following motion and send it to AVICC for consideration at the 2017 Convention.

WHEREAS at the 2016 AVICC AGM & Convention in Nanaimo, membership gave direction to the AVICC to "advance the use of social procurement policies";

AND WHEREAS the AVICC Executive has received presentations and proposals from an ad hoc Working Group of volunteer elected officials and subject matter experts (see attached backgrounder) about how to advance this membership direction so as to best assist interested local governments in implementing social procurement (AKA community benefit procurement) policies and practices;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the AVICC Executive appoint a liaison to the Working Group; AND that the Working Group undertake a feasibility assessment of a "Community Benefit Procurement Hub" as per the information circulated at the AVICC 2017 Convention for the AVICC membership and report back to the AVICC at the 2018 AGM.

Committee discussed:

- Differences among environmental standards and issues with selecting contractors this way.
- Providing fair opportunities to compete and concerns about changing the system.

CARRIED 17/COTW

For: Mayor Helps, Councillors Alto, Isitt, Loveday, Lucas, and Thornton-Joe
Against: Councillor Young

7. ADJOURNMENT

Motion: It was moved by Councillor Loveday, seconded by Councillor Alto, that the Committee of the Whole meeting of February 9, 2017, be adjourned at 12:31 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 17/COTW

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

CITY CLERK

MAYOR