



Council Member Motion

For the Governance and Priorities Committee Meeting of January 21, 2016

To: Governance and Priorities Committee **Date:** January 15, 2016
From: Councillor Lucas
Subject: Council Sharing

Report

1. CREST – Capital Region Emergency Service Telecommunication

CREST is currently undertaking a 3-year, \$25 million technology upgrade, migrating the existing system to a new P25 North American standard. CREST has executed an agreement with Motorola Solutions Canada for the infrastructure equipment component of its planned replacement of the regional radio system. The next generation technology will replace the existing radio system that currently serves 50 emergency response agencies within the Capital Region.

2. TOURISM VICTORIA

Tourism Victoria is preparing for 2016 with a variety of upcoming campaigns to drive business through the off-peak season including a romance campaign through late January and February, Dine Around & Stay in Town in late February, a short push around Chinese New Year and continuing Halloween and Christmas through October, November and December. Highlights of their 5 year Strategic:

- Objective #1 – Grow Rate and Volume
- Objective #2 – Addressing Seasonality
- Objective #3 – Destination Management
- Objective #4 – Telling Tourism's Story

3. JAMES BAY NEIGHBOURHOOD

Community Interest/Concerns:

- BC Transit / Commercial Bus Operators have proposed changes in James Bay and the South End of Douglas Street
- Ogden Point Master Plan
- Bellville Terminal Upgrades and David Foster Walkway
- Proposed Biketoria Routes
- Yuk Yuks Comedy Club
- Advocacy for Affordability & Security of Rental Housing in James Bay – Larlyn / Starlight Renovictions
- Creating Equity Among all City of Victoria Neighbourhoods
- Branch Library for Capital Park

4. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT TASK FORCE

Reverse Mission San Francisco – **A Capital Mission** – February 17 – 19th, 2016

5. CONFERENCE CENTRE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Continuing to work with their partners in VCON (Tourism Victoria, Hotel Association of Greater Victoria) to drive business to the Conference Centre.

6. GOVERNANCE REVIEW OF THE COALITION TO END HOMELESSNESS

The Honourable Ted Hughes, Brenda Eaton, Bernie Pauly and Margaret Lucas were appointed to conduct a governance review of the Coalition to End Homelessness. Our report has been finalized and submitted to the Leadership Council (Board of Directors) of the Coalition for their review and comments.

7. DOWNTOWN VICTORIA BUSINESS ASSOCIATION

- Pilot Project – Douglas Street Project is now through the concept and design phase and implementation is commencing in the next couple of months
- Car Free Day – 2nd Annual – June 2016
- Wanting to Partner with the City in branding Downtown as an Arts Hub
- Ongoing consultation with the Government & Douglas Street property owners and businesses re: Charrette's held in 2015
- Ken Kelly retirement – June 2016 - recruitment for a new Executive Director has commenced

8. THE VICTORIA CIVIC HERITAGE TRUST

Dr. Ken Elwood, guest speaker – Christchurch Earthquake: Five Years Later Wednesday, January 13th – Victoria City Hall

9. THE GREATER VICTORIA AIRPORT AUTHORITY – Member Representative

Annual report attached to the Council meeting agenda on Thursday, January 14th, 2016

10. THE GREATER VICTORIA HARBOUR AUTHORITY – Member Representative

The Ogden Point Master Plan

11. CONFERENCES 2015

Ottawa Canada – Tourism Industry Association of Canada (TIAC) San Francisco – International Downtown Association Conference (IDA) – Bridge the Gap – Innovation Inclusion Inspiration

Respectfully submitted,



Councillor Lucas