



## **Governance and Priorities Committee Report**

### **For the Meeting of June 12, 2014**

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**To:** Governance and Priorities Committee  
**From:** Jocelyn Jenkyns, General Manager  
**Subject:** David Foster Way Project Charter

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**Date:** May 30, 2014

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### **Executive Summary**

The City of Victoria is committed to seeking opportunities to revitalize the Inner Harbour, as outlined in various Council-approved policy plans. The Harbour Pathway was identified as the first priority of the City-wide Greenways plan. The principal goal of the Harbour Pathway is to create a major public amenity for the entire city that will provide continuous public access to the harbour waterfront. The 2003 Harbour Pathway Plan involved substantial community and stakeholder consultation, including input from the Greenways Interdisciplinary Committee and all identified stakeholders.

The Harbour Pathway Plan was to be constructed as a long term project of the City with phased investment from parks capital on an annual basis. Work continues in that regard with key priority areas identified with funding allocations. In addition, to accelerate the project, the City has taken steps to partner with the David Foster Foundation on a community based philanthropic campaign to raise capital funds for the development of the "special places" along the pathway. As a result of this partnership, the City agreed to rename the Harbour Pathway "David Foster Way".

The attached project charter summarizes the work undertaken to plan and guide implementation of David Foster Way - the 5km stretch of continuous public pathway along the inner harbour waterfront between Ogden Point and Rock Bay. Included as attachments to this report are: Appendix A – Victoria Harbour Pathway Plan.

The design and development of David Foster Way is a significant multi-year City capital project. Work is well underway with regard to the connectivity of the pathway and an application to the Trans Canada Trail (TCT) for funding related to the connectivity will be submitted to TCT late summer of 2014. Updates for Council will be provided on a quarterly basis beginning in September 2014. There will also be periodic updates to Council and the public based on the achievement of significant milestones of the project which include:

1. Upon completion of the public consultation on Herron and Raymur pt. bridges
2. Upon completion (prior to tendering) of the 100% detailed design with cost estimates for the bridges and the Janion connection at Johnson Street Bridge.
3. Upon completion of the way finding program
4. Updates, as required when grant and/or funding opportunities become available.

### **Recommendation:**

That Council approve the attached project charter as attached.

Respectfully submitted

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Jocelyn Jenkyns  
General Manager

**Report accepted and recommended by the City Manager:**

**Date:**

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June 6, 2014