



Council Report For the Meeting of June 22, 2017

To: Council **Date:** June 13, 2017
From: Chris Coates, City Clerk
Subject: Committee of the Whole Motion Correction from the January 12, 2017 Meeting

RECOMMENDATION

That Council approve the grant requests as corrected:

- a. \$5,125 Victoria Civic Heritage Foundation
- b. \$2,153 Victoria Civic Heritage Trust

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

At the January 12, 2017 Council meeting, Council approved recommendations from Mayor Helps on budget allocations and the following motion passed:

Motion:

It was moved by Councillor Alto, seconded by Councillor Lucas:

- 1. That Council direct staff to proceed with the ongoing supplementary requests of:
 - a. \$135,000 for the real estate function.
 - b. \$25,000 arts and culture support
 - c. \$5,125 Victoria Civic Heritage Trust
 - d. \$2,153 Victoria Civic Heritage Foundation
 - e. \$6,000 Community Garden Volunteer Coordination
 - f. \$6,000 distribution of mulch

The Council member report is attached as Schedule "A". It has come to the attention of staff that the Committee of the Whole report presented to Council inadvertently switched the amounts, resulting in the incorrect allocations for the Heritage associations.

In order to keep with the actual Committee of the Whole recommendation, staff recommend Council approve a correcting motion to reflect the Committee motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Chris Coates".

Chris Coates
City Clerk

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jocelyn Jenkyns".

Jocelyn Jenkyns
Deputy City Manager

Report accepted and recommended by the City Manager:

Date:

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of several loops and a long horizontal stroke at the end.

June 14, 2017

Attachment A: Minutes and report from January 12, 2017



Council Member Motion
For the Committee of the Whole Meeting January 12, 2017

Date: January 10 2017

From: Mayor Helps

Subject: Budget Recommendations

BACKGROUND

At its January 9, 2017, Committee of the Whole meeting, Council moved to fund the additional \$277,000 through any additional new assessed revenue rather than to further increase the proposed tax increase of 2.91%. Council will not have the final new assessed revenue numbers until early April. In the meantime, staff need to get to work on some of the key 2017 initiatives that will help to drive forward Council's strategic plan action items in 2017.

I recommend that we give staff clear direction on what to proceed on and what to hold off on, subject to determining the new assessed revenue amount. Further, I recommend, should the additional new assessed revenue not add up to \$277,000, that we give staff direction to fund the items listed in the recommendation below from the 2016 surplus. I recommend further that we signal our intention to fund said items as ongoing with new assessed revenue in 2018.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That Council reconsider the following motion:

That Council approve the following ongoing allocation of the remaining estimated \$450,500 property tax revenue growth from new assessment:

Ongoing Supplemental Requests

- a. Real estate function \$135,000
- b. Correspondence function \$87,000
- c. Arts and culture support \$25,000
- d. Greening of Fleet (Vehicle and Heavy Equipment Reserve) up to \$55,722

Additional Grant Requests

- a. Victoria Civic Heritage Foundation \$5,125
- b. Victoria Civic Heritage Trust \$2,153



Ongoing Supplemental Requests

- a. Tree care \$128,000

Additional Grant Requests

- a. Community Garden Volunteer Coordination \$6,000
- b. Distribution of mulch to Community Garden operators \$6,000

2. That Council rescind the motion.

That Council consider the following recommendations:

1. That Council direct staff to proceed with the ongoing supplementary requests of:
 - a.) \$135,000 for the real estate function.
 - b.) \$25,000 arts and culture support
 - c.) \$5,125 Victoria Civic Heritage Trust
 - d.) \$2,153 Victoria Civic Heritage Foundation
 - e.) \$6000 Community Garden Volunteer Coordination
 - f.) \$6000 distribution of mulch
2. That should the additional new assessed revenue not total \$277,000 that Council direct staff to fund the following from the 2016 surplus:
 - a.) \$87,000 for a correspondence coordinator
 - b.) \$128,000 for tree care
 - c.) \$55,722 for greening of fleet
3. Direct staff to include the following requests in the 2018 budget as ongoing supplementary items:
 - a.) \$87,000 for a correspondence coordinator
 - b.) \$128,000 for tree care
 - c.) \$55,722 for greening of fleet


Respectfully Submitted,



Mayor Helps

On January 9, 2016, Committee passed a motion approving additional funding of \$277,000 for VicPD's core budget using new assessment revenue as the funding source. The final amount of new assessment revenue will not be known until BC Assessment provides this information at the very end of March, and previous committee motions have already allocated the current estimated amount. Based on current information, it is unlikely that additional revenue, over and above the estimated \$1 million, will be sufficient to cover the entire \$277,000. Therefore, staff request clarification regarding which ongoing supplemental budget requests could go ahead now, and which will be put on hold or funded for a one-time period instead. Providing this clarification will allow staff to start implementing the many initiatives within the draft financial plan, and only hold off on, or implement for 2017 only, a few initiatives should that be the direction given by Council.

The following is the list of ongoing supplementary requests:

- Real estate function \$135,000
 - Correspondence function \$87,000
 - Tree care \$128,000
 - Arts and culture support \$25,000
 - Greening of Fleet (Vehicle and Heavy Equipment Reserve) up to \$55,722
 - Additional Grant Requests
 - Victoria Civic Heritage Foundation \$5,125
 - Victoria Civic Heritage Trust \$2,153
 - Community Garden Volunteer Coordination \$6,000
 - Distribution of mulch to Community Garden operators \$6,000
- 

There are two options for Council's consideration:

1. Identify which ongoing supplementary items will be funded on an ongoing basis; which ones will be funded using surplus for 2017 only or put on hold; and allocate the remainder of the new assessment revenue to the Vehicles and Heavy Equipment Reserve for greening the fleet (recommended)
2. Identify which ongoing supplementary items will be funded on an ongoing basis; which ones will be funded using surplus for 2017 only or put on hold; and allocate the remainder of the new assessment revenue once the final amount is known in April

The recommended option is to allocate all funding now so the implementation of all funded requests can begin now rather than be on hold until April.

Should Council provide direction now on the ongoing supplementary requests, only two items remain outstanding:

- The postponed motion regarding VicPD's \$240,200 request for Support for Vulnerable Population, which is scheduled to be addressed at the January 26, 2016 Council meeting
- Allocation of remaining surplus, which would also be addressed at the January 26, 2016 meeting

Following this, a report on tax rates will come to Committee of the Whole on April 13. Both the Financial Plan and Tax Rates bylaws would come to Council on April 13. Tax notices will be sent out once the financial plan and tax rate bylaws have been adopted by Council.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE REPORT
FROM THE MEETING HELD JANUARY 12, 2017

For the Council Meeting of January 12, 2017, the Committee recommends the following:

1. Greater Victoria Coalition to End Homelessness

That Council direct staff to:

1. Allocate funding for the Greater Victoria Coalition to End Homelessness as flow funding through the CRD using their existing agreement with the Coalition.
2. Reallocate \$100,000 from the Strategic Plan Grant budget in the Five Year Financial Plan.
3. Direct the Greater Victoria Coalition to End Homelessness to give an annual progress report, with annual financial statements including budget and expenditures, to the City of Victoria.

2. Budget Recommendations

1. That Council direct staff to proceed with the ongoing supplementary requests of:
 - a. \$135,000 for the real estate function.
 - b. \$25,000 arts and culture support
 - c. \$5,125 Victoria Civic Heritage Trust
 - d. \$2,153 Victoria Civic Heritage Foundation
 - e. \$6,000 Community Garden Volunteer Coordination
 - f. \$6,000 distribution of mulch
2. That should the additional new assessed revenue not total \$277,000 that Council direct staff to fund the following from the 2016 surplus:
 - a. \$87,000 for a correspondence coordinator
 - b. \$128,000 for tree care
 - c. \$55,722 for greening of fleet
3. Direct staff to include the following requests in the 2018 budget as ongoing supplementary items:
 - a. \$87,000 for a correspondence coordinator
 - b. \$128,000 for tree care
 - c. \$55,722 for greening of fleet



3. Proposed Adjustments to the Draft 2017-2021 Financial Plan (Summarization of Direction to date for the Draft 2017-2021 Financial Plan)

That Council:

1. Confirm that all core departmental budgets for 2017 within the Draft 2017-2021 Financial Plan are approved for implementation.
2. Confirm the funding source for ongoing supplementary requests:
 - a. Which ongoing supplementary requests are approved with ongoing funding from new assessment revenue
 - b. Which ongoing supplementary requests are approved for 2017 only with funding from 2016 surplus, or put on hold
3. Direct staff to allocate any remaining new assessment revenue to the Equipment and Infrastructure Reserve (greening the fleet).
4. Direct staff to bring forward the Five Year Financial Plan Bylaw, 2017, as amended, to the April 13, 2017 Council meeting.

Motion:

It was moved by Councillor Coleman, seconded by Councillor Loveday:

2. That Council direct staff to work with police controller and police board to harmonize police and Victoria budgeting timeline for 2018 budget within the context of the signed framework agreement.

Carried Unanimously

Motion:

It was moved by Councillor Thornton-Joe, seconded by Councillor Coleman:

3. That Council postpone consideration of the following motion until the January 26, 2017, Council Meeting to give the public an opportunity to provide input on the Mental Health Strategy:
 - a. That Council: Fund first year of police support for vulnerable population pilot project, \$240,200 from 2016 surplus.
 - b. Subject to a report from police with regard to pilot project, to the satisfaction of the majority of Council, fund second year of pilot project, \$240,200 from 2017 surplus.
4. That Council postpone consideration of the following motion until the January 26, 2017, Council Meeting:
That Council direct staff to allocate any remaining surplus from 2016 to the Buildings and Infrastructure Reserve.

Carried Unanimously

4. Committee of the Whole – January 12, 2017

Councillor Thornton-Joe withdrew from the meeting at 8:30 p.m. due to a potential pecuniary conflict of interest with the following item, as she is on the board of the Aboriginal Coalition to End Homelessness.

1. Greater Victoria Coalition to End Homelessness

Motion:

It was moved by Councillor Alto, seconded by Councillor Coleman, that Council direct staff to:

1. Allocate funding for the Greater Victoria Coalition to End Homelessness as flow funding through the CRD using their existing agreement with the Coalition.
2. Reallocate \$100,000 from the Strategic Plan Grant budget in the Five Year Financial Plan.
3. Direct the Greater Victoria Coalition to End Homelessness to give an annual progress report, with annual financial statements including budget and expenditures, to the City of Victoria.

Carried Unanimously

Councillor Thornton-Joe returned to the meeting at 8:31 p.m.

2. Budget Recommendations

Motion:

It was moved by Councillor Alto, seconded by Councillor Lucas:

1. That Council direct staff to proceed with the ongoing supplementary requests of:
 - a. \$135,000 for the real estate function.
 - b. \$25,000 arts and culture support
 - c. \$5,125 Victoria Civic Heritage Trust
 - d. \$2,153 Victoria Civic Heritage Foundation
 - e. \$6,000 Community Garden Volunteer Coordination
 - f. \$6,000 distribution of mulch
2. That should the additional new assessed revenue not total \$277,000 that Council direct staff to fund the following from the 2016 surplus:
 - a. \$87,000 for a correspondence coordinator
 - b. \$128,000 for tree care
 - c. \$55,722 for greening of fleet
3. Direct staff to include the following requests in the 2018 budget as ongoing supplementary items:
 - a. \$87,000 for a correspondence coordinator
 - b. \$128,000 for tree care
 - c. \$55,722 for greening of fleet



Carried Unanimously

3. Proposed Adjustments to the Draft 2017-2021 Financial Plan (Summarization of Direction to date for the Draft 2017-2021 Financial Plan)

Motion:

It was moved by Councillor Alto, seconded by Councillor Lucas, that Council:

1. Confirm that all core departmental budgets for 2017 within the Draft 2017-2021 Financial Plan are approved for implementation.
2. Confirm the funding source for ongoing supplementary requests: