



MINUTES – SPECIAL VICTORIA CITY COUNCIL

MEETING OF THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2016, AT 11:22 A.M.

PLACE OF MEETING: Council Chambers, City Hall

PRESENT: Mayor Helps in the Chair, Councillors Alto, Coleman, Isitt, Loveday, Lucas, Madoff, Thornton-Joe, and Young

STAFF PRESENT: J. Johnson – City Manager; C. Coates - City Clerk; P. Bruce – Fire Chief; S. Thompson – Director of Finance; J. Tinney – Director of Sustainable Planning & Community Development; F. Work – Director of Engineering & Public Works; T. Soulliere – Director of Parks, Recreation, & Facilities; C. Havelka – Deputy City Clerk; H. Follis – Customer Service Advisor; C. Mycroft – Executive Assistant to the City Manager; A. M. Ferguson – Recording Secretary; A. K. Ferguson – Recording Secretary.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion:

It was moved by Councillor Thornton-Joe, seconded by Councillor Alto, that the agenda be approved.

Carried Unanimously

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

1. **Committee of the Whole – October 24, 2016**

1. **Financial plan presentations**

Motion:

1. It was moved by Mayor Helps, seconded by Councillor Alto, that Council direct staff to report back on the capital and operating implications of having two portable ping pong tables in Centennial Square during the summer months.

Carried Unanimously

Motion:

2. It was moved by Councillor Thornton-Joe, seconded by Councillor Alto:

Whereas the City of Victoria has declared 2017 a Year of Reconciliation;

And whereas Reconciliation is about taking meaningful action;

And whereas some of the colonizing elements of Canadian history cannot be erased or removed but can be acknowledged and addressed;

Therefore be it resolved that staff report back on the budget implications of creating a statue or symbol of the Lekwungen peoples of equal or greater size and stature of John A. MacDonald to be placed somewhere near the front entrance of City Hall, to possibly be created by a carving station set up in Centennial Square.

Carried Unanimously

Motion:

3. It was moved by Councillor Alto, seconded by Councillor Thornton-Joe:

Whereas the City of Victoria has declared 2017 a Year of Reconciliation;

And whereas Reconciliation is about taking meaningful action;

Therefore be it resolved that staff report back on the budget implications of renaming Centennial Square to Lekwungen Square.

Carried

For: Mayor Helps, Councillors Alto, Isitt, Loveday, and Lucas
Opposed: Councillors Coleman, Madoff, Thornton-Joe, and Young

1. **Committee of the Whole – October 26, 2016**

Motion:

4. It was moved by Councillor Madoff, seconded by Councillor Thornton-Joe, that Council identify that the planning for the repainting of Victoria's historic City Hall and the reinstatement of the roof cresting and urns be identified as 2017 initiatives related to the 150 commemorations.

Carried Unanimously

Motion:

5. It was moved by Councillor Loveday, seconded by Councillor Isitt:

Be it resolved that Council directs staff to each year allocate \$250,000 from funds already allocated for the Building and Infrastructure Fund, to the Accessibility Fund, beginning in the 2017 Financial Plan.

Carried

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

Motion:

6. It was moved by Councillor Isitt, seconded by Councillor Thornton-Joe, that Council direct staff to report back with a cost estimate and resource implications of providing accessible access to the shoreline in 2017.

Carried Unanimously

2. **Committee of the Whole – October 31, 2016**

Motion:

7. It was moved by Councillor Loveday, seconded by Councillor Isitt:

Be it resolved that Council direct staff to report back on potential capital and operating implications of including an envelope of funding to action items in the forthcoming Youth Engagement Strategy.

Carried Unanimously

Motion:

8. It was moved by Councillor Alto, seconded by Councillor Thornton-Joe, that, in its 2017 budget, Council allocate up to \$50,000 into a fund to be drawn down by a Council motion, out of this year's surplus to implement recommendations arising from the work of the City's Truth and Reconciliation Commission Calls to Action Task Force.

Carried

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

Motion:

9. It was moved by Councillor Alto, seconded by Councillor Isitt, that the City of Victoria Arts and Culture department include \$500.00 in its operational budget to provide a cash award in that amount as part of the City of Victoria Medallion Challenge Trophy, and that the Trophy and cash award be given to an outstanding student of piano performance in the Greater Victoria Performing Arts Festival, as long as that Festival continues in uninterrupted operation.

Carried Unanimously

Motion:

10. It was moved by Councillor Thornton-Joe, seconded by Councillor Isitt, that Council direct staff to make a budgetary allocation for an indigenous artist in residence for 2017.

Amendment:

10. It was moved by Mayor Helps, seconded by Councillor Madoff, that the motion be amended as follows: That Council direct staff to make a budgetary allocation **from the art in public places reserve fund** for an indigenous artist in residence for 2017.

On the amendment:
Carried Unanimously

Main motion as amended:

10. That Council direct staff to make a budgetary allocation from the art in public places reserve fund for an indigenous artist in residence for 2017.

On the main motion as amended:
Carried

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

Motion:

11. It was moved by Mayor Helps, seconded by Councillor Loveday, that Council direct staff to move the supplementary \$25,000 request for City Studio from a "grant" to a two-year supplementary request.

Carried Unanimously

Councillor Thornton-Joe excused herself from the meeting at 11:30 a.m. due to a pecuniary conflict of interest, as she is a member of the board for the Aboriginal Coalition to End Homelessness.

Motion:

12. It was moved by Councillor Alto, seconded by Councillor Lucas, that Council direct staff to develop a multi-year service agreement with the Greater Victoria Coalition to End Homelessness Society (Coalition) for Council consideration and request a presentation from the Coalition in advance of Council's consideration of any service agreement.

Carried Unanimously

Councillor Thornton-Joe returned to the meeting at 11:31 a.m.

Motion:

13. It was moved by Councillor Isitt, seconded by Councillor Alto, that staff report back with cost estimates and staff resource implications of making "spot improvements" in 2017 for cyclist and pedestrian safety and usability along the Vancouver Street Biketoria corridor at the intersections of Vancouver Street / Pembroke Street and Vancouver Street / Caledonia Avenue.

Carried Unanimously

Motion:

14. It was moved by Councillor Alto, seconded by Councillor Isitt, that, in its 2017 budget, Council commits up to \$110,000 in total funds out of this year's surplus to match other contributions toward costs associated with constructing the Songhees and Esquimalt First Nations Long House atop Meegan/Beacon Hill.

Carried

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

Motion:

15. It was moved by Councillor Isitt, seconded by Councillor Alto, that Council:
1. Direct staff to bring forward the Five-year Financial Plan Bylaw, 2017, to a Special Council meeting on November 3, 2016 for first reading prior to commencing public consultation.
 2. Approve the following allocations of assessment growth (non-market change) property tax revenue:
 - a. \$500,000 to the Buildings and Infrastructure Reserve as per the Financial Sustainability Policy
 - b. \$49,000 to fund operating costs for the gymnasium at 950 Kings Rd.
 - c. Direct staff to bring forward options for the use of the remainder upon completion of public consultation
 3. Direct staff to bring forward options for the use of 2016 surplus upon completion of public consultation.
 4. Direct staff to bring forward options for funding supplementary budget requests upon completion of public consultation.
 5. Allocate \$2,146,000 of the annual gas tax funding to the Storm Drain Brick Main project and direct staff to bring forward options for the allocation of the remainder upon completion of public consultation.
 6. Approve the direct-award grants as outlined in this report.
 7. Direct staff to bring forward options for funding increased grant requests for Victoria Heritage Foundation, Victoria Civic Heritage Trust, Fairfield Community Association, City Studio Victoria, and Community Garden Volunteer Coordination upon completion of public consultation.
 8. Approve the additional 0.5 FTE for Public Works seasonal support and 0.33 FTE for garden care as part of the horticulture team funded through existing budgets.

Council discussed the following:

- Improvements for Biketoria connections and traffic calming.

Councillor Loveday withdrew from the meeting at 11:41 a.m. and returned at 11:42 a.m.

Carried Unanimously

Motion:

16. It was moved by Councillor Isitt, seconded by Councillor Lucas, THAT Council direct staff to report back on the financial implications of providing working lunches in 2017 for Committee of the Whole Meetings or Special Council Meetings that are of at least 3 hours in duration and extend beyond 12:30 p.m.

Council discussed the following:

- The pros and cons of catered lunches and whether or not it improves comradery and efficiency.

Defeated

For: Councillors Isitt and Loveday

Opposed: Mayor Helps, Councillors Alto, Coleman, Lucas, Madoff, Thornton-Joe, and Young

BYLAWS

1. FIRST READING

Motion:

It was moved by Councillor Alto, seconded by Councillor Coleman, that the following bylaw **be given first reading:**

- a. Five Year Financial Plan Bylaw, 2017 No. 16-084

Motion:

It was moved by Councillor Alto, seconded by Councillor Coleman, that the following bylaw **be given first reading:**

- b. Housing Agreement (1016 Southgate Street) Bylaw No. 16-081

Carried Unanimously

2. SECOND READING

Motion:

It was moved by Councillor Madoff, seconded by Councillor Coleman, that the following bylaw **be given second reading:**

- a. Housing Agreement (1016 Southgate Street) Bylaw No. 16-081

Carried Unanimously

3. THIRD READING

Motion:

It was moved by Councillor Alto, seconded by Councillor Coleman, that the following bylaw **be given third reading:**

- a. Housing Agreement (1016 Southgate Street) Bylaw No. 16-081

Carried Unanimously

Motion:

It was moved by Councillor Coleman, seconded by Councillor Lucas, that Council convene a closed meeting that excludes the public under Sections 90(1) and/or (2) of the Community Charter; namely:

- *Section 90(1)(e) the acquisition, disposition or expropriation of land or improvements, if the council considers that disclosure could reasonably be expected to harm the interests of the municipality;*
- *Section 90(1)(f) law enforcement, if the council considers that disclosure could reasonably be expected to harm the conduct of an investigation under or enforcement of an enactment;*
- *Section 90(1)(i) the receipt of advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose;*
- *Section 90(2)(b) the consideration of information received and held in confidence relating to negotiations between the municipality and a provincial government or the federal government or both, or between a provincial government or the federal government or both and a third party.*

Carried Unanimously

APPROVAL OF CLOSED AGENDA

Motion:

It was moved by Councillor Alto, seconded by Councillor Coleman, that Council approve the special closed agenda of November 3, 2016.

Carried Unanimously

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Intergovernmental Relations

Council received a confidential verbal report providing information and recommendations regarding intergovernmental relations.

The discussion was recorded and kept confidential.

NEW BUSINESS

2. **Land**

Council received a confidential report providing information and recommendations regarding a land item.

The discussion was recorded and kept confidential.

3. **Legal Advice**

Council received a confidential report providing information and recommendations regarding legal advice.

The discussion was recorded and kept confidential.

4. **Law Enforcement**

Council received a confidential report providing information and recommendations regarding law enforcement.

The discussion was recorded and kept confidential.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Councillor Young, seconded by Councillor Loveday, that the Council meeting adjourn.
Time: 2:14 p.m.

Carried Unanimously

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

CITY CLERK

MAYOR