



## **MINUTES – VICTORIA CITY COUNCIL**

### **SPECIAL MEETING OF THURSDAY, JUNE 16, 2016, AT 12:59 P.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; J. Jenkyns - Deputy City Manager; C. Coates - City Clerk; P. Bruce – Fire Chief; K. Hamilton – Director of Citizen Engagement & Strategic Planning; T. Soulliere - Director of Parks, Recreation & Facilities; S. Thompson – Director of Finance; J. Tinney – Director of Sustainable Planning & Community Development; F. Work – Director of Engineering & Public Works; C. Havelka – Deputy City Clerk; C. Mycroft – Executive Assistant to the City Manager; B. Green – Senior Planner; P. Martin - Council Secretary

### **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**Motion:**

It was moved by Councillor Alto, seconded by Councillor Madoff, that the agenda be approved.

**Carried Unanimously**

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

1. **BC Lottery Corporation Request for Expressions of Interest for Siting of New Casino Facility - Phase Two**

Council received a report dated June 13, 2016, from the Director of Sustainable Planning and Community Development regarding further information on the proposed scope and selection process for a casino.

*Council discussed the following:*

- *Previously discussed plans for the Crystal Gardens.*
- *Potential issues in regards to noise concerns and existing noise bylaws.*
- *Staff's decision behind putting forward Crystal Gardens for consideration.*
- *The potential to have staff discuss cooperation with Saanich, in regards to a new casino facility.*

**Motion:**

It was moved by Mayor Helps, seconded by Councillor Lucas, that Council direct staff to submit a response to BCLC in accordance with Attachment 2 to the Request for Expression of Interest - Phase Two for their consideration and which includes the site identification and promotion of the City-owned Crystal Gardens and Apex site as a potential site for consideration by BCLC.

*Council discussed the following:*

- *Concerns regarding gambling facilities in Victoria as it relates to addiction.*
- *Other possible sites that could be discussed for a new casino facility, and relating correspondence received.*

**Amendment:**

It was moved by Councillor Young, seconded by Councillor Thornton-Joe, that the motion be amended by adding consideration of the Rock Bay / Burnside Gorge neighbourhood as a potential location for a casino.

*Council discussed the following:*

- *Whether the Rock Bay / Burnside Gorge neighbourhood is appropriate*

**On the amendment:**  
**Defeated**

**For:** Councillor Young

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

*Council discussed the following:*

- *Potential benefits or implications that a gambling facility could bring to the City of Victoria.*
- *That further public consultation and information would be required*

**Amendment:**

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

That Council direct staff to submit a response to BCLC in accordance with Attachment 2 to the Request for Expression of Interest - Phase Two for their consideration and which includes the site identification and promotion of the City-owned Crystal Gardens and Apex site, **although not excluding other possible private properties as potential sites as a potential site** for consideration by BCLC.

**On the amendment:**  
**Carried Unanimously**

*Council discussed the following:*

- *Concerns regarding the impacts a casino could have on neighbouring businesses.*
- *The previous casinos that were located in Victoria, and the importance of learning from history.*

**Main motion as amended:**

That Council direct staff to submit a response to BCLC in accordance with Attachment 2 to the Request for Expression of Interest - Phase Two for their consideration and which includes the site identification and promotion of the City-owned Crystal Gardens and Apex site, although not excluding other possible private properties as potential sites for consideration by BCLC.

**On the main motion as amended:**  
**Carried**

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

**BYLAWS**

**1. SECOND READING**

**Motion:**

**Bylaw – Rescind Second Reading:**

It was moved by Councillor Alto, seconded by Councillor Loveday, that Council rescind the second reading of:

1. *Zoning Regulation Bylaw, Amendment Bylaw (No. 1036) No. 16-053*

**Carried**

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

**Motion:**

**Bylaw – Second Reading with Amendment:**

It was moved by Councillor Alto, seconded by Councillor Lucas, that the following bylaw be amended and **be given second reading:**

1. *Zoning Regulation Bylaw, Amendment Bylaw (No. 1036) No. 16-053.*

**Carried**

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

**ADJOURNMENT**

It was moved by Councillor Alto, seconded by Councillor Coleman, that the Special Council meeting adjourn.  
Time: 1:53 p.m.

**Carried Unanimously**

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

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CITY CLERK

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MAYOR