

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE REPORT
FROM THE MEETINGS HELD OCTOBER 24, OCTOBER 26 AND OCTOBER 31, 2016

For the Special Council Meeting of November 3, 2016, the Committee recommends the following:

From the October 24, 2016 meeting:

1. 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.
2. 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.

3. 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 Lekwungen Square.

From the October 26, 2016 meeting

4. 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.
5. 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.
6. That Council direct staff to report back with a cost estimate and resource implications of providing accessible access to the shoreline in 2017.

From the October 31, 2016 meeting:

7. Be it resolved that Council directs 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.

8. 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.
9. 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.
10. That Council direct staff to make a budgetary allocation for an indigenous artist in residence for 2017.
11. That Council direct staff to move the supplementary \$25,000 request for City Studio from a "grant" to a two-year supplementary request.
12. 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.
13. 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.
14. 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.
15. 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.