

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE REPORT**  
**FROM THE MEETING HELD JUNE 16, 2016**

For the Council Meeting of June 23, 2016, the Committee recommends the following:

**1. Canada 150 Committee**

1. That Council establish a Canada 150 Committee and engage the Greater Victoria Spirit Committee Society to work with City staff in the development of the detailed program, grant applications and concepts for legacy projects for the 150th celebrations.
2. That Council appoint 3 Council liaisons to the Sesquicentennial Committee for planning and implementation.
3. That Council declare 2017 the Year of Reconciliation, and that this theme inspire our sesquicentennial activities throughout the year.

**2. Regional District Consent to Municipal and Regional District Tax Imposition**

That the Mayor, on behalf of Council, request formal consent from the Regional Board of the Capital Regional District for the imposition of a 3% Municipal and Regional District tax in the City of Victoria.

**3. Rezoning & Development Permit with Variances Application No. 00489 for 2035 Stanley Avenue (Fernwood Neighbourhood)**

That Council refer the application back to staff to allow the applicant an opportunity to submit a revised application addressing the pattern on the street and the size of the building.

**4. Project Plan for the Fairfield Gonzales Neighbourhood Plans**

That Council approve the Project Plan for the Fairfield - Gonzales Neighbourhood Plans outlined in Attachment 1 of this report.

**5. Budget Request for a James Bay Library Branch**

That Council:

1. Approve a capital budget for the tenant improvements and furniture and fixtures of \$1.508 million for inclusion in the 2017 year in the 2017-2021 Financial Plan to be funded from the Buildings and Infrastructure Reserve to be repaid to the reserve with the new property tax revenue generated from the Capital Park development over a two- or three-year period.
2. Approve an operating budget for the ongoing lease of a James Bay Library Branch in the Capital Park Development of \$232,000 for inclusion in the 2018 and future years in the 2017-2021 Financial Plan.
3. Approve an ongoing operating budget, to be submitted through the Greater Victoria Public Library's regular budget submission process, of approximately \$110,000 for the staffing and operating costs for a James Bay Library Branch in the Capital Park Development for inclusion in the 2018 and future years in the 2017-2021 Financial Plan.

**6. Victoria Housing Strategy, 2016-2025**

THAT Council approve the Victoria Housing Strategy, 2016-2025 and direct staff to:

- 1) introduce without delay the fast-tracking of applications for purpose-built rental housing;
- 2) expedite actions relating to the creation of secondary suites and other new units of housing through the renovation of residential properties;
- 3) report back to Council with a progress update on implementation of the Municipal Housing Strategy by November 30, 2016.

**7. Update on Downtown Zoning Bylaw - Proposed Change in Approach**

That Council direct staff to:

1. Develop the new zones for the Downtown Core Area to reflect existing zoned densities.
2. Report back to Council with a draft Downtown Zoning Bylaw by September 2016 based on the recommended approach described in this report and a summary of next steps for consultation and implementation of the Downtown Zoning Bylaw.

**8. Municipal Housing Strategy Addendum: Preserving and Improving Housing Supply**

THAT Council direct staff to report on a priority basis in the context of implementation of the Municipal Housing Strategy with: (1) information on the City of Victoria's legal and regulatory powers in the following areas; and (2) recommendations for actions within municipal jurisdiction and advocacy to other levels of government to preserve and improve the housing supply and housing affordability:

- a) Building demolitions, including interim and longer-term options for increased regulation and Council oversight;
- b) Zoning regulations and policies, including conversion regulations, that may be impediments to the retention, refurbishment, and/or repurposing of existing buildings, to facilitate the retention or creation of dwelling units within existing buildings and accessory buildings;
- c) Ensuring the floor space entitlement of existing buildings, including permitted additions to existing buildings, is greater than the floor space entitlement for new construction, informed by best practices in the City of Vancouver and other jurisdictions.
- d) Standards of property maintenance, including the exterior, interior and structural condition of buildings, as a mechanism for maintaining the housing supply;
- e) Utilization of vacant and/or derelict buildings, including mechanisms to encourage or mandate the improvement and/or use of buildings, informed by best practices in the City of Winnipeg and other jurisdictions;
- f) Environmental impacts of development processes, particularly regulations relating to the waste stream arising from building demolitions, informed by best practices in the City of Vancouver and other jurisdictions.