

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE REPORT
FROM THE MEETING HELD JUNE 2, 2016

For the Council Meeting of June 9, 2016, the Committee recommends the following:

1. Update on Downtown Late Night Program

That Council receive this report for information and direct staff to reconvene the original task force to receive their input on the progress made.

2. 2016 First Quarter Report and 2016 Operational Work Plan

That Council receive this report for information and thank staff for the great work.

3. Trans Mountain Pipeline Expansion Project

THAT Council request that the Mayor, on behalf of Council, write to the Prime Minister of Canada, re-iterating the City of Victoria's opposition to the Trans Mountain Pipeline Expansion Project and requesting that the Federal Government decline the application.

AND THAT the City forward a copy of the letter to the Premier of British Columbia and member local governments of the Union of BC Municipalities, encouraging similar advocacy to the Federal Government to ensure the Trans-Mountain Pipeline Expansion Project does not proceed.

4. Transgender Human Rights Protection

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council commits to working with transgender Victoria residents to develop a transgender inclusion policy for the City, and urges other municipalities in the Capital Region to develop and implement transgender inclusion policies in order that transgender and gender variant citizens can be better included in all our communities.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Council submit the following motion to be considered at UBCM and copy UBCM member municipalities requesting their favourable consideration:

WHEREAS transgender and gender variant members of our communities face shocking rates of harassment, discrimination, and social exclusion which interfere with threaten their lives and reduce their ability to participate fully in civil life;

AND WHEREAS the wording of provincial human rights legislation is not always explicit about the protection afforded to transgender people on the basis of gender identity and gender expression;

AND WHEREAS the majority of Canadian provinces have made amendments to their human rights legislation to explicitly protect transgender and gender variant people;

AND WHEREAS the government of British Columbia has failed to introduce explicit protection for transgender and gender variant people on the basis of gender identity and gender expression, despite having suitable draft legislation before it since 2011;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that UBCM urge the province of British Columbia, through the Premier and the Attorney General, to adopt explicit protection for transgender and gender variant British Columbians by including gender identity and gender expression in the BC *Human Rights Code*, and that UBCM urges other municipalities in BC to develop and implement transgender inclusion policies in order that transgender and gender variant citizens can be better included in all our communities.