

2. **Wayne Shillington, JBNA, re: Capital Park (Victoria Accord) Survey**

The next slide is on build-out and the question was intended to get a handle on the general attitude towards the heritage houses. Some people said the houses should be on Menzies Street, others said they should be on Michigan Street. The consistent comment was that they should not be placed on Q-lot. When asked about amenities and what people wanted, the thing that most people valued was common outdoor areas. The rating of other amenities was also described and survey respondent comments were shown and should be considered as representative but not inclusive of all expressed sentiments. Overall, respondents supported the integration of provincial employees and believed that integration would be encouraged through additional housing, amenities and retail. Some comments came from public servants who thought housing was important while a smaller segment of respondents did not see public servants integrating into the community as a benefit. Respondents identified commercial activities and the need for a hardware store shone through. Many suggested different types of restaurants and some competition to the sole grocery store in James Bay. The need for more medical, dental and specialist health related services was also expressed.

3. **Brian Scarfe, Assisting JBNA, re: Build-out of South Block**

This is a good news story and they are excited about what will happen in James Bay to glue the government sector down in the City of Victoria. A review of general comments found many contradictory statements, some want buildings really low, while others want higher buildings that may permit more outdoor venue space. Specific comments were made about heritage houses and allotment gardens and market space. Although there were few comments about senior's housing, there was recognition that James Bay has more seniors and affordable housing. Traffic, parking and the loss of the allotment garden were also identified as issues to be resolved. Most comments were positive of the build-out of South Block but some objected to the build-out or the privatization of land and there were concerns about the future of Q-lot. It is now known that Jawl Properties Ltd and Concert Properties Ltd entered into an agreement with the Province to purchase and develop South Block and part of Q-lot. There is an expectation of consultation with the James Bay community and there is confidence in Jawl Properties Ltd due to their track record in Victoria. There will be challenges but the JBNA Board will work towards the resolution of those challenges and keep residents apprised of meetings so all residents have an opportunity to participate in the public process.

4. **Janet Birney, re: Canadian Union of Postal Workers:**

She is in favour of Council's resolution regarding Canada Post's decision to eliminate door-to-door delivery. This is not a well thought-out decision and she noted that Canada Post is not mandated to make a profit but they have made a profit in the last 17 of 18 years. She found out how successful they were this last year and they should be expanding their parcel business. There are other lines of revenue they should go after such as postal banking. It is not run as a business but in a sense it should be as it is a public service which could help home based businesses, seniors and people who cannot afford a computer, or who don't have computer access. The younger generation is using Canada Post online and a lot of housebound people shop online and this is very successful for them. She is in favour of Council's resolution to oppose getting rid of door-to-door postal delivery which provides stable jobs for the community. She doesn't feel that the Federal Government should be downloading the cost onto the City and the citizens who pay taxes.

REPORTS OF THE COMMITTEE

1. **Governance and Priorities Committee – January 16, 2014**

1. **Door-to-Door Postal Delivery in Canada**

It was moved by Councillor Isitt, seconded by Councillor Alto, that Council approve the following motion:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve forwarding the following resolution for consideration to the board of the Federation of Canadian Municipalities and the annual conference:

WHEREAS local governments in Canada have a direct financial interest in the security and stability of Canada's postal system, to ensure reliable communications with rate-payers and certainty in the timely payment of taxes and other fees;

AND WHEREAS Canada Post, a consistently profitable Crown Corporation, has announced its intention to eliminate residential door-to-door mail delivery in Canada, calling into question the stability of Canada's postal system, the certainty of communications and payments, the reliability of business transactions and the availability of municipal land for postal infrastructure;

AND WHEREAS this fundamental change to Canada's communications system is unprecedented in the G7 countries and has been announced in the absence of any meaningful consultation with local governments, Canada Post customers or postal workers;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Federation of Canadian Municipalities request that the Federal Government direct Canada Post to maintain the current system of residential door-to-door postal delivery in Canada.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Council direct staff to forward this resolution to other local governments in Canada for whom contact information is readily available, requesting favourable consideration of this resolution to FCM.

Amendment:

It was moved by Councillor Isitt, seconded by Councillor Alto, that Council amend the motion as follows:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT **Victoria City** Council approve ~~forwarding~~ the following resolution for consideration ~~to the board by~~ of the Federation of Canadian **Municipalities Board** and **at** the annual conference **of the Federation of Canadian Municipalities**:

WHEREAS local governments in Canada have a direct financial interest in the security and stability of Canada's postal system, to ensure reliable communications with rate-payers and certainty in the timely payment of taxes and other fees;

AND WHEREAS Canada Post, a consistently profitable Crown Corporation, has announced its intention to eliminate residential door-to-door mail delivery in Canada, calling into question the stability of Canada's postal system, the certainty of communications and payments, **and** the reliability of business transactions ~~and the availability of municipal land for postal infrastructure~~;

AND WHEREAS this proposed change would entail the downloading of responsibilities, costs, and liabilities to local governments, including requirements for municipal land and rights-of-way, infrastructure such as paving and lighting, and policy related to vandalism, graffiti and mail theft;

AND WHEREAS this fundamental change to Canada's communications system is unprecedented in the G7 countries and has been announced in the absence of any meaningful consultation with local governments, Canada Post customers or postal workers;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Federation of Canadian Municipalities request that the Federal Government direct Canada Post to maintain the current system of residential door-to-door postal delivery in Canada.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Council direct staff to forward this resolution to other local governments in Canada for whom contact information is readily available, requesting favourable consideration of this resolution to FCM.

Councillor Isitt outlined the reasons for the amendment, noting that the absence of consultation on this decision to end door-to-door postal service is not sound policy and the downloading to local governments is one of many issues that need to be addressed. Carried Unanimously

On the main motion as amended:

Carried Unanimously

2. Planning and Land Use Standing Committee – January 09, 2014

1. Rezoning Application # 00403 for 542 Langford Street:

It was moved by Councillor Alto, seconded by Councillor Helps, that Council authorize staff to prepare the necessary *Zoning Regulation Bylaw* amendments for Rezoning Application # 00403 and advance the application for consideration at a Public Hearing. Carried Unanimously

2. Development Permit # 000331 for 769 Pandora Avenue:

It was moved by Councillor Alto, seconded by Councillor Helps, that Council authorize the issuance of Development Permit # 000331. Carried Unanimously

3. Heritage Designation # 000132 for 804 Foul Bay Road:

It was moved by Councillor Alto, seconded by Councillor Helps, that Council authorize that Heritage Designation Application # 000132 for 804 Foul Bay Road proceed for consideration at a Public Hearing in conjunction with Rezoning Application # 00414 and Heritage Alteration Permit Application # 00177 and that City staff prepare the *Heritage Designation Bylaw* to designate the property as a Municipal Heritage Site. Carried Unanimously

4. Heritage Alteration Permit # 00177 for 804 Foul Bay Road:

It was moved by Councillor Alto, seconded by Councillor Helps, that Council authorize that Heritage Alteration Permit Application # 00177 for 804 Foul Bay Road proceed for consideration at a Public Hearing in conjunction with Rezoning Application # 00414 and Heritage Designation Application # 000132. Carried Unanimously

5. Amendment to Master Development Agreement for 1701 Douglas Street (The Hudson):

It was moved by Councillor Alto, seconded by Councillor Helps, that Council authorize an amendment to the Master Development Agreement for 1701 Douglas Street, in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor and the Director of Sustainable Planning and Community Development, requiring that the Developer submit plans describing full details of the required public art installations, prior to the issuance of a Building Permit for any building to be constructed in Phase IV of the development. Carried Unanimously