

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE REPORT**  
**FROM THE MEETING HELD MAY 26, 2016**

For the Council Meeting of May 26, 2016, the Committee recommends the following:

1. **Rezoning Application No. 00506 for 406 & 408 Wilson Street (Victoria West Neighbourhood)**

That Council instruct staff to prepare the necessary Zoning Regulation Bylaw Amendment that would authorize the proposed development outlined in Rezoning Application No. 00506 for 406 and 408 Wilson Street, that first and second reading of the Zoning Regulation Bylaw Amendment be considered by Council and a Public Hearing date be set.

2. **Development Permit with Variances Application No. 00506 for 406 & 408 Wilson Street (Victoria West Neighbourhood)**

That Council after giving notice and allowing an opportunity for public comment at a meeting of Council and after the Public Hearing for Rezoning Application No. 00506, if it is approved, consider the following motion:

"That Council authorize the issuance of Development Permit with Variances Application No. 00506 for 406 and 408 Wilson Street in accordance with:

1. Plans date stamped May 6, 2016.
2. Development meeting all *Zoning Regulation Bylaw* requirements, except for the following variances:
  - i. reduce the rear yard setback from 10.70m to 9.45m
  - ii. reduce the side (east) yard setback from 3.50m to 2.45m
3. The Development Permit lapsing two years from the date of this resolution."

3. **Single-Use Plastic Retail Bags – Waste Management Review**

That Council direct staff to:

1. Convene initial discussions / meetings with key business and waste management stakeholders, before the end of June 2016, to better understand perspectives and issues related to a ban or voluntary or required retail bag fee, at a cost of no less than 10 cents per bag, to incentivise the adoption of sustainable reusable bags, with the City's recommendation to re-invest those funds to improve business packaging and sustainability programs and future packaging reduction initiatives;
2. Develop and report on a preliminary work-plan and resource assessment, by July 2016, for the future analysis, engagement, and communications of any related initiatives to reduce single-use packaging;
3. Based on those findings, continue development of a more detailed, longer term, work-plan and the associated resource implications, needed to:
  - a. Work with local businesses and retailers in order to implement waste reduction strategies arising from item 1 and 3.
  - b. To convene or promote a working group with local and regional stakeholders (CRD, MMBC, Province, neighbouring municipalities, waste managers, local retailers and other key stakeholders) to collaboratively develop strategies

and initiatives to reduce single-use retail bags, single-use beverage containers, food packaging, and plastic film products, towards an overall goal of zerowaste, and sustainable, circular-economy model.

**4. Review of Pedicab Regulations**

That Council:

1. Direct staff to bring forward amendments to the Vehicles for Hire Bylaw that would:
  - a) increase the total number of pedicab licences to 46, to be distributed within a distribution of three blocks, of six licenses each, with opportunities for applicants requesting fewer than six licenses if the licenses remain available.
  - b) limit the total number of pedicabs that a person can operate to 28
  - c) require an applicant for a pedicab licence to demonstrate to the satisfaction of the Licence Inspector that the person has procedures in place to ensure that persons operating the pedicab will do so in a safe manner,
  - d) that the name of the company be clearly displayed on the pedicab, and
  - e) that the current licence holders can hold 28 pedicab licences, but the cap for any individual licence holder to hold or operate in the future would be 15 pedicabs licences.
2. Direct staff to invite comments from pedicab operators in the City on the proposed bylaw amendments as outlined in this motion.

**5. Centennial Square Washrooms**

That Council direct staff to report back on the potential to provide public washrooms in the single retail unit in the CRD building.

**6. Community Gardens - New Licences of Occupation**

That Council authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute new Licenses of Occupation for the following community gardens, subject to the publication of notices as required by the Community Charter:

1. Banfield Commons Garden (Banfield Park, Victoria West) - from June 1, 2016
2. Banfield Park Orchard (Banfield Park, Victoria West) - from June 1, 2016
3. Earthbound Community Garden (2507 Garden Street, Hillside-Quadra) - from June 1, 2016
4. Fairfield Community Garden (Robert Porter Park, Fairfield Gonzales) - from June 1, 2016
5. Fernwood Community Orchard (William Stevenson Memorial Park, Fernwood) - from June 1, 2016
6. Spirit Garden (1769 Newton Street and 1782 Kings Road, North Jubilee) - from September 1, 2016.
7. Wark Street Park Garden (Wark Street Park, Hillside-Quadra) - from June 1, 2016

**7. Liquor Licence Application for 538 Yates Street (Downtown Neighbourhood)**

That Council consider directing staff to provide the following response to the Liquor Licensing Agency:

1. Council, after conducting a review with respect to noise and community impacts, does not support the application of Famous Original, located at 538 Yates Street to amend its existing food-primary liquor licence hours of 9:00 am -12:00 am, seven days a week to 9:00 am to 4:00 am seven days a week.
2. Council does support the application of Famous Original to amend its food-primary liquor licence to allow an increase in operating hours and liquor sales from 9:00 am to 1:00 am on Fridays and Saturdays only.

Providing the following comments on the prescribed considerations:

- a. While the original request by the Applicant represents a maximum 4 hour nightly increase to the allowed hours for liquor sales, Council has previously considered this issue and believes a 1:00 am closing on Friday and Saturday evenings represents a reasonable compromise between the business interests of food-primary licensees and concerns for additional noise and nuisance in the community. Furthermore, the proposed amendment to the hours does not give cause to believe that the establishment would be operated in a manner contrary to the primary purpose as a food-primary licensee.
- b. The views of residents were solicited via a mail out to neighbouring property owners and occupiers within 50 metres of the licensed location and a notice posted at the property. The City received 21 letters in support of the application and 12 letters opposed to the application including one from the Downtown Victoria Residents Association (DVRA).

**8. Johnson Street Bridge Replacement Project Quarterly Update**

That Council receive this report for information.