

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE REPORT
FROM THE MEETING HELD FEBRUARY 18, 2016

For the Council Meeting of February 25, 2016, the Committee recommends the following:

1. Advocacy for Provincial Funding for Film Commission

That Council request that the Mayor, on behalf of Council, writes to Creative BC, supporting the request of the Vancouver Island South Film & Media Commission for an increase in annual funding in order to increase capacity to attract employment, investment and spending relating to film and media in the City of Victoria and Capital Region.

2. Advocacy for Increases to Income Assistance Rates

That the Mayor, on behalf of Council, write to the Provincial Minister of Social Development and Social Innovation, copying the Premier, re-iterating the City of Victoria's support for increases to the provincial income assistance rate tables, to ensure that residents receiving this assistance have sufficient income to live with dignity and participate in the local economy.

3. Development Variance Permit No. 00125 for 3189 Quadra Street

That Council after giving notice and allowing an opportunity for public comment at a meeting of Council, consider the following motion:

1. "That Committee recommends that Council authorize the issuance of Development Permit Application No. 00125 for 3189 Quadra Street, in accordance with:
 - a. Plans date stamped July 31, 2013;
 - b. Development meeting all *Zoning Regulation Bylaw* requirements, except for the following variance:
 - Schedule C, Section 16.C.12 - Relaxation from 1 parking space for every 5 seats to 1 parking space for every 38 seats (8 parking stalls to 1);
 - c. The applicant provide a six space bike rack within the front yard of the property (subject to a security) in a location satisfactory to City staff;
 - d. The Development Permit lapsing two years from the date of this resolution.
2. That the issue of the residential occupancy of the building located at 3189 Quadra Street be referred to the Council for deliberation on a *Community Charter*, Section 57 filing."

4. Gorge Waterway Park Zone

1. That Council direct staff to work with community partners to reach out to people currently residing on live-aboard vessels in the Selkirk water with a view toward assisting them in developing individualized strategies for relocating to alternate accommodations, including alternate moorage options and/or land-based housing options.
2. That Council direct staff to:
 1. Proceed with a city initiated zoning process to amend the Gorge Waterway Park Zone to allow anchoring for a period of up to 48 consecutive hours, but not exceeding 72 total hours in a 30-day period.
 2. Hold a community meeting to receive comments on proposed changes to the zoning regulations for the Gorge Waterway Park District Zone.
 3. Prepare a bylaw to implement the changes after the community meeting has been held to bring forward for Council's consideration.
 4. Investigate and report back to Council on options for the installation of

moorage buoys to prevent the potential negative impacts of short-term anchoring, including interference with navigation channels and damage to the ecological health of flora and fauna on the seabed of the water lot.

3. That staff report back to council on methods to provide environmental protection and the potential removal of hazardous boats in the immediate term while working towards the bylaw changes as laid out in today's staff report.

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

That Council receive this report dated February 12th, 2016 for information.

6. **Status of Motion re: Amendments to the Parks Regulation Bylaw**

That staff bring forward amendments to the Parks Regulation Bylaw based on the following principles including:

1. proximity to pathways or play areas used by children;
2. directly adjacent to surrounding residences;
3. environmentally sensitive areas;
4. park size;

to add the following parks to section 16 (2) (b) to be considered after the city has consulted people currently sleeping in the following parks and nearby residents and council has considered implementation options for temporary housing referenced in an earlier council motion passed April 2, 2015:

Haegert Park
Cridge Park
Kings Park
Arbutus Park

7. **Status of BC Transit Southbound Bus Lane Proposal**

That Council:

1. Receive this report for information as an update to the ongoing planning for the southbound, Douglas St. bus lane proposal; and
2. Endorse Option 2 (street widening) in principle, subject to further community engagement and detailed design improvements that aim to minimize impacts and improve the overall public realm and design improvements and reflect objectives of the local area planning process.
3. Direct staff to report back with engagement results, and a recommended design detail by May 12, 2016.

8. **BC and Commercial Transit on-Street – Public Engagement**

1. That Council:

1. Receive this report as an update to the ongoing public consultation of potential changes to on-street commercial and public bus operations;
2. Consider endorsing the proposal as a one-and-a-half year 'pilot' for implementation, with ongoing analysis and continuing public engagement (with 6 month interim report), pertaining to:
 - a. The relocation of commercial bus operations to the 700 block, Douglas St, on-street terminal; and
 - b. Establishing an additional BC Transit downtown turnaround/layover terminal at Government and Superior St.
3. Direct staff to complete an inter-agency agreement formalizing a framework to guide future decisions/considerations for transit operations in the City.
4. Direct staff to develop the terms of reference / statement of work (by May 2016) for a holistic review of all City transit operations and how they integrate

with local and community planning, active transportation, marine port operations, and public health and safety – to better define longer term public transportation operations that reach an optimum balance of benefits and risks.

5. Direct staff and bus operators to demonstrate to Council (no later than 6 months) what strategies are available and recommended to mitigate the unfavourable impacts of excessive bus noise, emissions, and aesthetic impacts.
6. Direct staff, BCT and operators to progress ongoing and meaningful engagement with city stakeholders to communicate plans, impacts and the required mitigations for both short and longer term issues (and define the City's role to facilitate, support and/or lead).
7. That infrastructure costs associated with operational changes be provided by Transit operators.

2. THAT the Mayor, on behalf of Council, be requested to write to the provincial Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure, requesting that the Rapid Transit Corridor and corresponding Bus-Priority / Bus-Only Lanes be implemented as soon as possible along the Trans-Canada Highway from Tolmie Avenue to the Old Island Highway to decrease travel times for commuters riding transit to and from Downtown Victoria.
3. AND THAT changes to the design or regulation of the Trans-Canada Highway between the City of Victoria and Western Communities give proper consideration to comfortable and efficient transport for people riding bicycles, including in the vicinity of the McKenzie interchange.

9. **Annual Parking Services Update**

That Council accept this report for information and direct staff to provide the next annual parking update in February 2017.

10. **Arts and Culture Master Plan Advisory Group Terms of Reference**

That Council adopt the Terms of Reference for the Arts and Culture Master Plan Advisory Group as detailed in Appendix A.
AND that the terms of reference be amended to reflect that the two Council representatives be Co-chairs.

11. **MosaiCanada 150/2017 Request for Response**

That Council direct staff to attend the MosaiCanada meeting on behalf of the City of Victoria.