

GOVERNANCE & PRIORITIES COMMITTEE REPORT
FROM THE MEETING HELD DECEMBER 3, 2015

For the Council Meeting of December 10, 2015, the Committee recommends the following:

1. **Downtown Victoria Business Association – Annual Presentation**

That Council receive the report for information.

2. **Council Appointments**

That Council postpone consideration of the appointments.

3. **Downtown Bus Terminal Proposal – 700 block Douglas Street**

That Council:

1. Request BC Transit and the commercial bus operators consult with stakeholders and citizens, including adjacent property owners and businesses, to solicit feedback on the details of the proposal,
2. Direct staff to work with BC Transit to identify necessary on-street improvements prior to April 30, 2016,
3. Direct staff to negotiate a lease with the commercial bus operators for curb space on the 700 block of Douglas Street, consistent with the 2011 Guiding Principles for the Use of Public Space.

That Council direct staff to engage the property owner where current the current bus station is located and report back on options for a permanent stations as part of redevelopment.

That Council postpone consideration of the following point:

1. Endorse the BC Transit proposal to create a bus terminal/transportation precinct on the east side of the 700 block Douglas Street.

4. **Skateboarding Regulations – Additional Information**

That Council direct staff to:

1. Proceed with proposed amendments to the *Streets and Traffic Bylaw*, *Ticket Bylaw*, and *Parks Regulation Bylaw* that would permit the use of skateboards, roller skates, in-line skates, and non-motorized scooters on all City streets, and require skateboarders and users of other similar modes of transportation to follow the same rules of the road as cyclists, and include a requirement for lighting at night, and eliminate associated impound provisions, effective February 1, 2016.
2. Proceed with a communications strategy to increase public understanding on how skateboarders can integrate in City streets.
3. Report back in June 2016 with any observations/considerations related to skateboarding safety in the City.

5. **Victoria West Park Improvements**

That Council endorse the Park Improvement for Victoria West Park including the priority improvements of the skate park, playground and off-leash dog area.

6. Development Cost Charges Review

That Council endorse the proposed approach for the review of development cost charges as outlined in this report.

7. Service Policy Review

That Council approve the Service Review Policy as outlined in Appendix A of this report.

8. Proposed Participatory Budgeting and “My Great Neighbourhood Fund”

That Council direct staff to:

1. Prepare for a participatory budgeting process to commence upon approval of the 2016 Financial Plan.
2. Develop a policy for a "My Great Neighbourhood Fund" and application guidelines for introduction upon approval of the 2016 Financial Plan.

9. Proposed Public Use of City Hall and Guidelines

That Council:

- a. Approve the proposed Public Use of City Hall Policy and Guidelines
- b. Direct staff to pilot usage of City Hall for events and report back in six months.

10. Liquor Licence Application - Royal Canadian Legion Public Service Branch 127, 514 Government Street (James Bay Neighbourhood)

That Council, after conducting a review of the staff assessment of the application for a Liquor Primary Licence for **the Royal Canadian Legion Public Service Branch 127**, located at 514 Government Street, and in accordance with the City's Liquor Licensing Fee Bylaw and Liquor Licensing Policy, approves:

1. The scheduling of a Liquor Licence Hearing (suggested date: Thursday January 28) before Council to receive written and oral submissions from residents, property owners and the public with respect to this application; and
2. Based upon the results of the public input received through the Liquor Licence hearing process, approve a resolution (with comments on the relevant factors) either supporting the licence application or not supporting the licence application. The appropriate resolution will be brought to Council at the earliest opportunity after completion of the Liquor Licence hearing.
3. That the application be sent to the Neighbourhood Association Land Use Committee for comment.

That Council approve the following motion:

Until the City's Liquor Licensing Policy is brought forward for Council's review, all Liquor License Applications that come before Council, be forwarded to the Neighbourhood Land Use Committee for comment.

11. Potential Amendment to the 2015 - 2018 Strategic Priorities: Motion - Asbestos Control

That Council direct staff to:

1. Review existing policy, legislate and current procedures related to worker protections from asbestos exposure.
2. Report on any anticipated benefits and drawbacks associated with improved compliance with WorkSafeBC and OHS Regulation related to asbestos exposure in Q1 of 2016.

12. Resource Implications of Pedicabs Motions

That Council receive the report for information and direct staff to incorporate the proposed review into the 2016 operational plan with recommendations coming to Council for review in April 2016.

13. Heron Cove and Raymur Point Bridge Widths

That Council direct staff to proceed with detailed design and costing for a 5.0 metre wide multi-use bridge at Heron Cove and Raymur Point.

14. Motion – McPherson Theatre

That Council direct staff to enter into discussions with the Capital Regional District, the Royal McPherson Theatre Society, the District of Saanich and the District of Oak Bay, and report back to Council with a strategy for increasing membership in the Capital Regional District McPherson Theatre Service, in order to place the funding of the McPherson Theatre on a more equitable long-term financial footing.

That Council table the following motion until the end of February 2016:

That Council approve the following motion:

1. That City staff be asked to advise Council on steps that would be required to resume City management of the McPherson Playhouse.
2. That the Mayor write to the Councils of Saanich and Oak Bay indicating that we are concerned about the costs for the McPherson borne by Victoria taxpayers, and that if the situation cannot be addressed we will have to consider reassuming control of the Playhouse.
3. That staff be asked to develop terms of reference for an examination of the operations of the McPherson, including:
 - a) why is usage not higher?
 - b) why are users developing alternative facilities? (these questions need to be asked of current users and of nonusers who are potential users or actual past users)
 - c) if costs are indeed an issue, what factors are driving costs?
 - d) are there shortcomings in the facility?
 - e) how does the McPherson compare with other facilities both in terms of efficiency of operation and in terms of ability to attract private donations and government grants?
 - f) is usage is likely to continue to decline and operating losses to rise?

15. Motion – McKenzie Interchange

That Council approve the following motion:

That the Mayor write to the appropriate Provincial and Federal government ministers expressing Victoria Council's concerns that the proposed designs for the McKenzie interchange do not provide sufficiently for future rapid bus or light rail transit or for bicycle connectivity.

16. Motion - Repatriating a Lekwungen Sacred Site

That Council approve the following motion:

RESOLVED that the City of Victoria return to the Esquimalt and Songhees People a portion of their traditional territories, that being the area on which the 'Checkers

Pavilion' now rests, for their use as a site to build a traditional Long House, to be used for First Nations cultural and educational activities, in perpetuity,

FURTHER RESOLVED that City staff be directed to work with the Songhees and Esquimalt People to (1) complete the raising of a First Nations Long House on this site before the end of 2017, to complement the celebration of Canada's 150th anniversary; (2) collaborate with the Esquimalt and Songhees people in applying for federal and provincial government funding support; and (3) provide advice and expertise to the project,

FURTHER RESOLVED that City deconstruct the existing Checkers Pavilion and prepare the site as necessary for Long House construction,

FURTHER RESOLVED that Council direct staff to expend the balance of funds remaining in the 2015 Strategic Priorities Fund (up to \$32,000) to deconstruct the existing Checkers Pavilion (estimated cost: approximately \$15,000) and pay for such other related costs as necessary to expedite the start of this initiative.

17. Update to Facility Conditions Assessment

That Council receive the report for information.

18. Public Engagement for Johnson Street Bridge Public Realm Areas

That Council receive this report for information.