

GOVERNANCE & PRIORITIES COMMITTEE REPORT
FROM THE MEETING HELD NOVEMBER 5, 2015

For the Council Meeting of November 12, 2015, the Committee recommends the following:

1. **Balfour Avenue Playlot – New Lease**
That Council authorizes the Mayor and Corporate Administrator to execute a lease with the United Church of Canada, in a form satisfactory to staff, for the children's playlot on Balfour Avenue commencing March 1, 2015 and ending February 28, 2018.
2. **Third Quarter Report, July 1 – September 30, 2015**
That Council receive this report for information.
3. **VicPD Quarterly Report**
That Council receive this report for information.
4. **Potential Amendment to the 2015 - 2018 Strategic Priorities: Motion - Asbestos Control**
That Council refer the following items to staff to report back within no more than two Governance and Priorities Committee Meetings on the implications of adding this:
 1. Requests that the Mayor write to the Prime Minister of Canada endorsing the establishment of National Registries of public buildings and public maritime vessels containing asbestos products and requesting a federal ban on the importation of asbestos and building products containing asbestos into Canada;
 2. Requests that the Mayor write to the Premier of British Columbia, the Minister Responsible for Housing and the Minister of Advanced Education, (1) requesting cooperation with the Federal and Municipal governments in the establishment of National Registries of public buildings and public maritime vessels containing asbestos and building products containing asbestos; (2) proposing more rigorous training in asbestos safety, mitigation and removal within the provincial trades training, apprenticeship and accreditation system; and (3) recommending improvements to the BC Building Code to increase protections for workers from the health and safety risks of asbestos;
 3. Refers the following motion for consideration during the next quarterly Strategic Priorities review:

THAT Council direct staff to report on options for increasing protections for workers in the building trades through the prohibition of the use of asbestos and building products containing asbestos in construction activities authorized by building permit in the City of Victoria;

AND THAT this report include advice from the Fire Chief on the advisability of prohibiting the use of asbestos and building products containing asbestos in construction activities in the City of Victoria;

AND THAT this report include advice on the resource implications and advisability of including municipal buildings, facilities and maritime vessels in National Registries of public buildings and public maritime vessels containing asbestos and building products containing asbestos.

5. **Motion – Increasing Opportunities for Pedicab Entrepreneurs in Victoria**

1. That staff be directed report back within 2 GPC meetings on the resource implications of bringing forward for Council consideration an amendment to the Vehicles for Hire Bylaw that would (a) increase the total number of pedicab licences from 28 to 35, and (b) introduce selection criteria to ensure that license-holders have sufficient experience and expertise to ensure a safe and reliable service, and (c) cap the number of licenses held by any one operator.
2. Once staff return to Council with draft bylaw amendments, that Council consider those amendments, and if approved, that Council
 - (a) Introduce and give second reading to the proposed amendments to the Vehicles for Hire Bylaw, and
 - (b) direct staff to mail a notice to all pedicab businesses in the city to advise of Council's intention to adopt this bylaw and the opportunity to make representation to Council via written (and/or oral) submissions prior to adoption of the bylaw.

6. **Motion - Stewarding Water Systems Responsibly through Eliminating the Use of Single-Use Plastic Bags**

That Council refer the report to staff for staff to report back within two GPC meetings at the most on the implications of adding the proposed action to the strategic plan and operation plan as action items.

AND THAT Council consider directing staff to prepare a bylaw for First Reading upon receipt of the preliminary staff report on resource implications.

7. **2015 Third Quarter Budget Status Report**

That Council receive this report for information.

8. **Regulations for Medical Marijuana-Related Business**

That Council receive this report for information.

9. **Update on the Stormwater Utility Implementation & Proposed Bylaw Amendments for the Stormwater Utility & Rainwater Rewards Program**

That Council:

1. Direct staff to bring forward amendments to the *Sanitary Sewer and Stormwater Utilities Bylaw* to regulate all businesses who operate under Schedule 'E' in the Stormwater Codes of Practice pollution prevention program for protection of the environment.
2. Direct staff to bring forward an updated *Sanitary Sewer and Stormwater Utilities Bylaw* Stormwater Fee to charge "Low Density Residential" properties the 'Local' frontage rate for all frontage lengths, and an update to the Street/Sidewalk Cleaning Factor rate for 'Local' frontages.
3. Direct staff to bring forward an amendment to the *Sanitary Sewer and Stormwater Utilities Bylaw* Rainwater Management Credit Table for Multi-Family Residential, Civic Institutional and Commercial/Industrial properties to:
 - a. Treat roof impervious area and surface impervious area equally.
 - b. Lower minimum size of treated area to 10%, and adjust size increments to 5%.
4. Direct staff to investigate options to eliminate permit fees for projects completed under the Rainwater Rewards program.
5. Direct staff to bring forward minor housekeeping updates to the *Sanitary Sewer and Stormwater Utilities Bylaw* as outlined in this report.

10. Parking Services Budget

That Council:

1. Receive this report for information and consideration.
2. Direct staff to report back with an update in January, 2016.

11. Aerial Apparatus Purchase

That Council receive this report for information relating to the replacement of Victoria Fire Department Ladder 2, 1990 Emergency One 95' Aerial Platform.

12. Motion – Regulating Cannabis in Victoria

That Victoria City Council write to the new Prime Minister asking for clarification on whether and when the new federal government intends to implement the legalization and regulation of cannabis in Canada, and proposing that the federal/provincial/territorial task force described in federal Liberal policy include a representative of the Federation of Canadian Municipalities, to reflect the concerns and interests of municipalities.

13. Motion – Regulating Cannabis in Victoria

That Council postpone consideration of the following proposed motion for two weeks: Further, that Victoria City Council postpone consideration of any local regulatory regime until a response to that letter to the Prime Minister is received, or at February 19, 2016, whichever comes first.

14. Motion – Consistency of Parks Regulation Bylaw and Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms

THAT Council direct staff to review City of Victoria Parks Regulation Bylaw 07-059 in light of the recent BC Supreme Court decision in *Abbotsford (City) v. Shantz*, 2015 BCSC 1909, and recommend any amendments deemed advisable to ensure the City bylaw is constitutional and does not unreasonably infringe on the rights of people who are homeless.