

## **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

The Corporate Administrator outlined changes to the agenda.

*Councillor Alto requested that Jeff Hopkins from Learningstorm Education Society, re: Permissive Tax Exemption be added to the Request to Address section of the agenda.*

*Mayor Fortin requested that the agenda be amended to include cancellation of the public hearing for Rezoning Application No. 00381 for 1005-1008, 1012 Pandora Avenue, as requested by the applicant.*

### **Motion:**

It was moved by Councillor Young, seconded by Councillor Coleman, that the agenda be approved as amended.

*Councillor Isitt said there was a motion at the previous meeting to postpone consideration of the public hearing which was defeated. He said he was in favour of opening the hearing tonight but not closing it.*

*Councillor Helps said she supports postponing the hearing as density in neighbourhoods is important and a postponement of this application will provide an opportunity to find a solution that works.*

*Councillor Gudgeon said there have been mistakes made in the process but the applicant has been willing to work with the neighbourhood and made concessions but the voice of the neighbourhood has not been heard.*

*Councillor Alto said that she supports postponing the hearing and she voted to postpone at the last meeting because the engagement process was still ongoing. This proposal needs more time to find a development that will work.*

*Councillor Young said this is the developer's request to postpone the hearing which is their right versus Council delaying the process.*

*Councillor Thornton-Joe said she voted against postponing at the last meeting in the hope that any changes were conveyed to the public before the hearing. But she wouldn't want to refuse the request, noting the postponement is at the applicant's cost.*

*Councillor Coleman said the request is unusual but the applicant has said they can make it a better project.*

*Mayor Fortin read the letter from the applicant and expressed approval for the developer wanting to work with the community.*

***Councillor Madoff entered Council Chambers at 7:28 p.m.***

*Councillor Gudgeon said there has been misinformation and urged the neighbourhood to listen to the developer and actually get to know the proposal better.*

**Carried Unanimously**



September 10, 2014

City of Victoria  
1 Centennial Square  
Victoria, BC V8W 1P6

Attn: Mayor and Members of Council

Re: 1002-1008 and 1012 Pandora Avenue

Dear Mayor and Council,

As Council is aware, we recently conducted a number of public information sessions to share the most recent plans with the community and to specifically communicate how the proposal has evolved with public input over the last two years. While we heard from a number of community members who support our proposal, we also know that others have ongoing concerns with respect to site access, building height and massing. As a result of these recent meetings, we have determined that given the scale and complexity of the proposal, we require more time to further consider and engage with stakeholders regarding key elements of the project.

As such, we respectfully request of Council to delay the Public Hearing so that we can complete further work with stakeholders before rescheduling the Public Hearing for a later date.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark Kopinya", with a long, sweeping underline.

Mark Kopinya  
Development Manager