

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

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

1. Request to Attend Conference

That Council authorize the attendance and associated costs for Councillor Isitt and Councillor Loveday to attend the Union of British Columbia Municipalities Conference to be held in Vancouver September 21-25, 2015.

2. Pilot Boulevard Community Garden, Pandora Parkway (900 Block Pandora)

That Council:

1. Authorize the Mayor and Corporate Administrator to execute a new License of Occupation with the Lifecycles Project Society for a pilot boulevard community garden on Pandora Parkway (900 Block Pandora Avenue) for a period of one year, at an annual consideration of \$1.00, in a form satisfactory to staff and subject to the publication of the statutory notices required by the *Community Charter*, and
2. Direct staff to report back to Council within one year on the outcomes related to the pilot garden.

3. Relocation of the Neighbourhood Garden of All Sorts (formerly the Michigan Street Community Garden) to MacDonald Park

That Council:

1. Approve the proposal for a community garden at MacDonald Park, and
2. Authorize the Mayor and Corporate Administrator to execute a new License of Occupation with Lifecycles Project Society, for a community garden at MacDonald Park for a period of three years, at an annual consideration of \$1.00, in a form satisfactory to staff and subject to the publication of the statutory notices required by the *Community Charter*.

4. Socially Responsible Investments and Pension Funds

That Council direct staff to write the institutions where the city currently has short term investments to inquire about options for fossil fuel free investments that currently exist or may exist in the near future, and

That staff report back with the information received and what action they intend to take, or any recommendations that Council might take to amend its investment policy, based on this information.

5. Lessons Learned from the 2014 Municipal Election and Proposed Improvements for 2018

That Council:

1. Receive the report for information.
2. Direct staff to:
 - a. Write to the Provincial government requesting that the *Local Government Act* be amended to increase the amount of time between the end of the nomination period and the start of the advance election dates, and prepare a Council Resolution to submit to AVICC recommending this action,
 - b. Bring forward amendments to the *Elections Procedures Bylaw* by December 31, 2015, and
 - c. Request Elections BC resume enumeration of provincial voters.

6. **Intermunicipal Correspondence – City of Hamilton – Support in the Regulation of the City's Road Allowance**

That the City of Victoria contribute a one-time grant in aid of \$2,500.00 to the City of Hamilton to support that municipality's appeal of the jurisdiction's authority to reasonably regulate their road allowance.