

**GOVERNANCE & PRIORITIES COMMITTEE REPORT**  
**FROM THE MEETING HELD AUGUST 20, 2015**

For the Council Meeting of August 27, 2015, the Committee recommends the following:

**1. Use of City Hall for TedxVictoria – November 21**

That Council approve the following motion:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approves the use of the City Hall Antechamber and Council Chamber by TedxVictoria for a public event on Saturday, November 21 between 9:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m., subject to security costs of up to \$500 being covered by TedxVictoria.

**2. Conference Attendance Request**

That Council authorizes the attendance and associated costs for Mayor Lisa Helps, Councillor Marianne Alto and Councillor Chris Coleman to the Union of British Columbia Municipalities Conference to be held in Vancouver, September 21 to 25, 2015.

**3. Johnson Street Bridge Public Realm Areas**

That Council direct staff to proceed with public engagement on urban design of the public realm in fall 2015 and to report back to Council with a public realm design and corresponding budget options.

**4. Amendment to the 2015 – 2018 Strategic Plan:  
Socially Responsible Investments and Pension Funds**

That Council direct staff to report back on the implications of adding to the 2015 – 2018 Strategic Plan the actions related to the motion Socially Responsible Investments and Pension Funds.

**5. Strategic Real Estate Review – Report August 2015**

That Council:

1. Direct staff to implement and operationalize the Strategic Real Estate function for the City of Victoria as outlined in the Urban Systems August 2015 report.
2. That a six-month Strategic Real Estate Implementation report come forward to the Governance and Priorities Committee in April 2016.
3. Direct staff to release \$40,000 from the strategic priorities fund for implementation in 2015.
4. Pursue highest and best use while employing the triple bottom line approach.

**6. 2016 Permissive Tax Exemptions**

That Council approve:

1. That all applications for permissive tax exemption detailed in table 2 of the report dated August 6, 2015, for the 2016 tax year be approved.
2. That permissive tax exemptions detailed in table 4 of the report dated August 6, 2015, be approved.
3. That Council direct staff to prepare a 2016 permissive tax exemption bylaw for Council approval.

**7. Johnson Street Art on Parkades Selection**

That Council approve the decision of the selection panel naming Susan Point and Thomas Cannell winners of the Johnson Street Art on Parkades competition.

**8. Closing City Right of Way – Clawthorpe Park**

That Council instructs City staff to:

1. Draft a bylaw closing the part of Clawthorpe Avenue that is already integrated into Clawthorpe Park and removing its highway dedication for Council's consideration of three readings and adoption.
2. Make an application to remove internal lot lines on Plan VIP1222 in order to create a single lot from Lots 23 to 28.
3. File a plan dedicating as park the two new lots created by implementation of the above recommendations.

**9. Mayor's Art and Innovation Award Jury**

That Council select Councillor Loveday to join the Mayor and five other community members on the jury for the Mayor's Arts and Innovation Awards as described in the motion dated August 13, 2015.

**10. National Pharmacare Program**

That Council approve the following motion:

WHEREAS the City of Victoria has been recognized and demonstrated its commitment to the importance of healthy citizens as the foundation of a healthy, engaged and economically vibrant community;

AND WHEREAS over 3 million Canadians, including many in our local communities, do not take medicines prescribed by doctors because they cannot afford to purchase them;

AND WHEREAS Canada is currently the only country with a national medicare program that does not have a national pharmacare program;

AND WHEREAS the risk of having no insurance for medicines is particularly high among lower income Canadians, including many workers in the City of Victoria with precarious and seasonal employment;

AND WHEREAS research suggests that adding a national pharmacare program to our national health care system would lower costs to businesses by as much as \$8 billion per year, with a corresponding competitive advantage for Canadian companies;

AND WHEREAS the creation of a national pharmacare program could produce substantial cost savings for local government expenditures on employee benefits;

AND WHEREAS a national prescription drug formulary would support better quality prescribing, including reducing dangerous and inappropriate prescribing to Canadian seniors;

AND WHEREAS a National Pharmacare plan is sound policy, both economically and socially.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City of Victoria places itself on the record supporting the creation of a National Pharmacare program as an extension of Canadian Medicare, to improve the health outcomes of local residents, ensure fairness in access to medicine, and provide for greater efficiency and effectiveness in Canada's health care system.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the City of Victoria calls on the Government of British Columbia to work with other Provinces and the Federal Government to develop and implement a National Pharmacare program;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Council requests that the Mayor convey this decision to the Prime Minister of Canada, the federal Minister of Health, the Premier of British Columbia, the provincial Minister of Health, and members of the legislative assembly and members of parliament representing districts within the City of Victoria;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the City of Victoria submits this resolution for consideration at the 2016 conventions of the Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities and the Union of British Columbia Municipalities.

**11. Accessibility Working Group**

That Council approve the following motion:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approves the formation of an Accessibility Working Group.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Council adopts the Terms of Reference attached to the motion dated August 13, 2015, for the Accessibility Working Group and directs staff to convene a meeting of the working group as soon as practicable.