

GOVERNANCE & PRIORITIES COMMITTEE REPORT
FROM THE MEETING HELD JUNE 4, 2015

For the Council Meeting of June 11, 2015, the Committee recommends the following:

1. **Quarterly Report and New Operational Plan Aligned with Strategic Plan:** that Council:
 1. Direct staff to develop plan metrics and a public engagement/survey opportunity for measuring the 13 strategic objectives on an annual basis as they contribute to achieving the goal as stated in the Strategic Plan.
 2. Refer the *Parks Consultation Bylaw* and *Creating a Park Zone* to the Parks Master Plan process.
 3. Direct that the review of CALUC processes be included in work that is underway.
 4. Refer the following issues to the Mayor's Task Force on Housing Affordability:
Housing Initiatives:
 - i. Develop rental housing policy
 - ii. Create and implement Housing Action Plan
 - iii. Establish housing pilot projects
 - iv. Establish targets and create monitoring tools
 5. Refer the *Inner Harbour Vitality Principles Implementation Strategy* to work that is underway.
 6. Refer *Specific projects identified in the Greenways Plan and Pedestrian Master Plan* to the 2016 Capital Budget process.
 7. Consider *Victoria Harbour Noise & Nuisance Issues* at Council's quarterly report after the Federal Election.
 8. Refer the *Secondary Suite Enforcement Policy* to the work being done on the new Building Bylaw.
 9. Direct that *CR-754 – Report on Railway Crossing* be completed as it is aligned with direction to get the railway running between Victoria and Langford.
 10. Direct staff to report on models for the Greater Victoria Harbour Authority's governance.
 11. Direct staff to provide information on the *Antenna Siting Protocol* issue and the *Implementation of Green Building Policy (in relation to landscape standards)* issue.
 12. Direct staff to report back on the operational plan impacts of completing *R1-A Zoning Update* and *C-1 Zone Improvements*.
 13. Refer *Projects listed in the Official Community Plan Implementation and Downtown Core Area Plan Implementation Strategies* to the Mayor's Task Force on Economic Development and Prosperity:
 - *Develop a Downtown Retail Strategy*
 - *Develop a Downtown Core Area Beautification Strategy*
 14. Direct that staff provide a scope of work update to Committee on the following:
Projects listed in the Official Community Plan Implementation and Downtown Core Area Plan Implementation Strategies:
 - *Review potential for heritage building retrofits through review of Heritage Tax Incentive program (expanding scope of program)*
 15. Refer the following item to the Local Area Planning process:
Projects listed in the Official Community Plan Implementation and Downtown Core Area Plan Implementation Strategies:
 - *Prepare key amendments to existing local area plans, policies, DPAs and HCAs to correct egregious inconsistencies*
 16. Direct staff to report quarterly on August 20, 2015, November 5, 2015 and the first meeting in February 2016.

2. Summary of Public Input on the Proposed Grant Process and Approval of Fee-for-Service Grants: that Council:

1. Direct:
 1. Staff to accept applications for the 2015 Strategic Plan grants until June 26, 2015.
 2. Staff to report on eligible applications at the July 9, 2015 Council meeting (decisions on awards to be made on July 23 after presentations).
 3. The approval of the 2015 Fee-For-Service Grants as outlined in Appendix B attached to the report dated May 26, 2015.
2. Approve the Grant Policy, including amendments as a result of the feedback:
 - a. A simple application form with a shorter version for the micro-grants.
 - b. A streamlined reporting form.
 - c. An interim report requirement for the 2016 intake.
 - d. Pay community garden volunteer coordination grants and micro-grants in March.
 - e. Require presentations to Council only for grant requests over \$10,000.
3. Direct staff to schedule Town Hall meetings for presentations as required.
4. Approve the terms of reference for the Community Garden Volunteer Coordinator grant as outlined in Appendix C of the report dated May 26, 2015 with the following amendments:

Community Garden Volunteer Coordinator Grant Terms of Reference

 - a. Eligibility:

The neighbourhoods that have existing gardens and new gardens established in the future through the community garden policy in a neighbourhood, are therefore eligible to apply, including:

 - Vic West
 - Fairfield-Gonzales
 - Fernwood
 - Burnside-Gorge
 - James Bay
 - Hillside-Quadra
 - North Jubilee
 - b. Approve the terms of reference for the Community Garden Volunteer Coordinator grant as outlined in Appendix C of the report dated May 26, 2015, amending the terms of reference by removing the reference to funding amounts for community gardens.

3. Action Plan for Housing Supports and City Services for Sheltering in City Parks: that Council approve:

1. The *Action Plan for Housing Supports and City Services for Homeless People Sheltering in City Parks* outlined in Appendix A of the report dated May 27, 2015, with the following amendment:
 - a. Appendix A: Advocacy for Permanent Housing & Supports
 - 1.a. Increase the supply of emergency shelter spaces in the region:

Recommendation:

Support Cool Aid Society in seeking \$112,000 in funding to open 40 adult emergency mats and/or rent supplements between May and October.
2. A requirement that facilitating the actions outlined in Appendix A include specific outreach to current and potential residents, and;
3. Additional operating funding of up to \$350,000 from 2015 contingencies to support specific *Action Plan* initiatives, subject to final approval by the City Manager.

4. **Victoria West Park Improvements Engagement Plan:** that Council endorse the proposed engagement strategy for Victoria West Park as outlined in the report dated May 22, 2015.
5. **Canada 150 Community Infrastructure Fund:** that Council:
 1. Instruct staff to submit a grant application to the Canada 150 Community Infrastructure Fund for David Foster Harbour Pathway improvements.
 2. Authorize the Mayor and the Corporate Administrator to execute any agreement related to a successful grant application.
6. **Confined Space Rescue Agreement with the Township of Esquimalt:** that Council authorize staff to execute an agreement with the Corporation of the Township of Esquimalt, for their Fire Department to continue to provide Confined Space Rescue Service to the City of Victoria's employees when working on the water distribution system within the boundaries of the Township of Esquimalt.
7. **Liquor Licence Application – Irish Times Pub and Oyster Bar:** that Council, after conducting a review with respect to noise and community impacts regarding the application to amend the hours of liquor service for the Liquor Primary License of the Irish Times Pub and Oyster Bar, Liquor License No. 301113, located at 1200 Government Street, supports:
 1. The application of the Irish Times Pub and Oyster Bar to amend its Liquor Primary Licence for their Pub to allow a change in operating hours to include 9:00AM to 1:00AM from Monday to Sunday.
 2. The Council provides the following comments on the prescribed considerations;
 - a. The location is within a mixed commercial zone which authorizes offices, retail, multi-unit residential, transient accommodation, restaurants, clubs and associated uses. There is a small amount of residential use in the immediate vicinity. The Liquor Primary licensed operation is compatible with the neighbouring land uses. The business is located within the Historic Commercial District and is within the Intermediate Noise District which allows for a higher noise threshold.
 - b. This request represents a change in operating hours to enable liquor service 2 hours earlier each day. This change is expected to have minimal impact on the neighbourhood due to the time of day involved in the longer opening hours and the nature of service being provided during that time period. There have been no complaints of noise or nuisance from the pub in the past 5 years. There is no concern that this change would result in the business being operated contrary to its primary purpose.
 - c. The views of residents were solicited via a mail out to neighbouring property owners and occupiers within 50 metres of the pub and a notice posted at the property. Two responses were received by the City, both in support of the application.
8. **Liquor Licence Application – The Bard and Banker Pub:** that Council, after conducting a review with respect to noise and community impacts regarding the application to amend the hours of liquor service for the Liquor Primary License of the Bard and Banker Pub, Liquor License No. 050182, located at 1022 Government Street, supports:
 1. The application of the Bard and Banker Pub to amend its Liquor Primary Licence for their Pub to allow a change in operating hours to include 9:00AM to 1:00AM from Monday to Sunday.
 2. The Council provides the following comments on the prescribed considerations;
 - a. The location is within a mixed commercial zone which authorizes offices, retail,

residences restricted to the second and higher storeys, transient accommodation, restaurants, clubs and associated uses. There is a small amount of residential use in the immediate vicinity. The Liquor Primary licensed operation is compatible with the neighbouring land uses. The business is located within the Historic Commercial District and is within the Intermediate Noise District which allows for a higher noise threshold.

- b. This request represents a change in operating hours to enable liquor service 2 hours earlier each day. This change is expected to have minimal impact on the neighbourhood due to the time of day involved in the longer opening hours and the nature of service being provided during that time period. The pub has had one complaint of noise in the past 5 years, which was quickly resolved by the licensee. There is no concern that this change would result in the business being operated contrary to its primary purpose.
- c. The views of residents were solicited via a mail out to neighbouring property owners and occupiers within 50 metres of the pub and a notice posted at the property. No responses were received by the City.

9. **Air Space Parcel – 2300 Dowler Place:** that Council

- 1. That Council authorizes the Mayor and Corporate Administrator to execute and register the documentation required, in a form satisfactory to the City, to transfer ownership of the air space parcel with PID 001-042-173 from BC Transportation Financing Authority to the City.
- 2. That Council authorizes the Mayor and Corporate Administrator to execute an agreement modifying a lease dated January 1, 2009 between the City and Agropur Co-operative, a renewed and modified by an agreement dated January 1, 2013, in a form satisfactory to the City, such that the lease includes the air space parcel identified with PID 001-042-173.
- 3. That Council authorizes City staff to make an application to the Land Title Office to discharge Charge S127509 from the air space parcel with PID 001-042-173 after the City becomes the registered owner of that property

10. **Appointment of Council Member – CRD Climate Action Inter-Municipal Steering Committee:** that Council appoint Councillor Alto to the Capital Regional District Climate Action Inter-Municipal Steering Committee.

11. **Proposed Strategic Plan Amendment Process:** that Council adopt the process laid out in Appendix A of the motion dated May 25, 2015, for proposing amendments to the 2015 – 2018 Strategic Plan, and

That *Appendix A – Process for Amending Strategic Plan* be included as part of the published Strategic Plan, and add to Appendix A that this policy be reviewed quarterly.

12. **2017 BC Games 55+:** that Council support a bid to host the BC Senior's Games in the capital region in 2017 and commit to a contribution of up to \$60,000 in cash and up to \$55,000 in kind in 2017 should the region be successful in its bid.