



MINUTES - COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

March 7, 2024, 9:02 A.M.

COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL, 1 CENTENNIAL SQUARE

The City of Victoria is located on the homelands of the Songhees and Esquimalt Nations
Meeting will recess for a lunch break between 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Mayor Alto in the Chair, Councillor Caradonna, Councillor Dell, Councillor Gardiner, Councillor Hammond, Councillor Kim, Councillor Loughton, Councillor Thompson

ABSENT: Councillor Coleman

STAFF PRESENT: J. Jenkyns - City Manager, S. Thompson - Deputy City Manager / Chief Financial Officer, C. Kingsley - City Clerk, C. Anderson - Deputy City Clerk, S. Johnson - Director of Communications and Engagement, T. Zworski - City Solicitor, P. Rantucci - Director of Strategic Real Estate, K. Hoese - Director of Sustainable Planning and Community Development, B. Roder - Senior Legislative Coordinator, A. Klus - Legislative Coordinator

GUESTS: Shaun Heffernan and Laura Bernier, Urban Systems

A. TERRITORIAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Committee acknowledged that the City of Victoria is located on the homelands of the Songhees First Nation and Esquimalt First Nation communities and asked that we reflect on the work that has gone into creating these amazing lands and the seas that surround them.

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved and Seconded:

That the agenda be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

D. CONSENT AGENDA

*Councillor Dell requested item **H.4 – Council Member Motion: Centennial Square: The Fountain, Monoliths and Tiara** be removed from the consent agenda.*

Moved and Seconded:

That the following Consent Agenda items be approved:

E.1 Minutes from the Committee of the Whole meeting held February 15, 2024

That the minutes from the Committee of the Whole meeting held February 15, 2024 be approved.

H.1 Council Member Motion: Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities (AVICC) 2024 Conference

Committee received a Council Member Motion dated February 22, 2024 from Councillor Caradonna requesting authorization to attend, and approve associated costs for, the AVICC AGM and Convention in Victoria in April 2024.

That Council authorize Councillor Jeremy Caradonna to be reimbursed for the costs associated with attending the AVICC conference:

- Group field trip to Metchosin \$70
- Delegate banquet \$125
- Taxes \$29.75

- Total: \$224.75

H.2 Council Member Motion: Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities (AVICC) 2024 Conference

Committee received a Council Member Motion dated February 22, 2024 from Councillor Thompson requesting authorization to attend, and approve associated costs for, the AVICC AGM and Convention in Victoria in April 2024.

That Council authorize the attendance and associated costs for Councillor Thompson to attend the AVICC AGM and Convention in Victoria in April 2024.

The approximate cost for attending is \$582.75 including early bird registration, the workshop on housing, and the delegates' banquet.

H.3 Council Member Motion: Advocacy for Local Natural Areas Protection Fund

Committee received a Council Member Motion dated February 29, 2024 from Councillor Gardiner, regarding the establishment of a Local Natural Areas Protection Fund consistent with Resolution EB32 adopted at the 2023 UBCM convention.

That Council request that the Mayor write to the Premier, copying the Minister of Municipal Affairs, Minister of Environment and Climate Change Strategy and the Minister of Water, Land and Resource Stewardship, as well as Members of the Legislative Assembly representing Victoria:

Stating Council's support for establishment of a Local Natural Areas Protection Fund consistent with Resolution EB32 adopted at the 2023 UBCM convention.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

F. PRESENTATION

F.1 Capital Regional District Regional Water Supply (RWS) - Development Cost Charge (DCC) Program

Committee received a presentation dated February 22, 2024 from Shaun Heffernan and Laura Bernier from Urban Systems regarding the proposed CRD Regional Water Supply Develop Cost Charge Program.

Committee discussed the following:

- *How development cost charge rates are set, DCC rates and impact on new housing and additional funding on a broad level*
- *Sewage rates*
- *Impact on development / affect on developers/projects*
- *Population growth estimates and affect on rate changes, grants from higher levels of government to help subsidize*
- *Water use versus conservation, affect of higher rates on conservation, demand management*

G. STAFF REPORTS

G.1 Provincial Electric Kick Scooter Pilot Project

Committee received a report dated February 23, 2024 from the Acting Director of Engineering and Public Works providing an update on the provincial Electric Kick Scooter Pilot Project and seeking Council's endorsement for the City's participation in the pilot.

Committee discussed the following:

- *Length of the pilot program*
- *Regulations and enforcement of specific e-devices, safety*
- *Rental businesses and tours using e-devices; regulations, licensing,*
- *Interim report back*
- *Encourage Province to expand pilot*

Moved and Seconded:

That Council:

1. Instruct the Director of Engineering and Public Works to notify the Province that the City wishes to participate in the Electric Kick Scooter Pilot Project, starting on April 5, 2024, and ending on April 5, 2028; and;
2. Direct staff to report back in 2026 on the interim findings of the Pilot Project.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Committee recessed at 10:31 a.m. and reconvened at 10:45 a.m.

H. NEW BUSINESS

H.4 Council Member Motion: Centennial Square: The Fountain, Monoliths and Tiara

Committee received a Council Member Motion dated February 29, 2024 from Councillor Gardiner, regarding the future of Centennial Square.

Committee discussed the following:

- *The impact on staff resources to develop report and action the proposed recommendations*
- *consolidate publicly available resources into singular factsheet / link to information*

Moved and Seconded:

That Council request staff to present to Council, before completion or presentation of the report of the consultant retained to develop a design concept of Centennial Square, at a Committee of the Whole in April of 2024; the staff presentation to include:

1. a brief review of the development of Centennial Square and the fountain, including conditions/obligations to neighbouring municipalities which gifted the monoliths;
2. a review of The Centennial Square Action Plan (June 2018) including the proposed phased transformation;
3. a summary of the 2018 consultation survey regarding Centennial Square;
4. a summary of responses obtained in June and July 2023 to the use of funds from the Buildings and Infrastructure Reserve for the Centennial Square Action Plan; and
5. response to other matters raised by the public.

That this motion be forwarded to the March 7, 2024 daytime Council meeting for consideration.

Amendment:

Moved and Seconded:

That Council request staff to present to Council, before completion or presentation of the report of the consultant retained to develop a design concept of Centennial Square, at a Committee of the Whole in April of 2024; the staff presentation to include:

1. a brief review of the development of Centennial Square and the fountain, including conditions/obligations to neighbouring municipalities which gifted the monoliths;

2. a review of The Centennial Square Action Plan (June 2018) including the proposed phased transformation;
3. a summary of the 2018 consultation survey regarding Centennial Square;
4. a summary of responses obtained in June and July 2023 to the use of funds from the Buildings and Infrastructure Reserve for the Centennial Square Action Plan; and
- 5. ~~response to other matters raised by the public.~~**

That this motion be forwarded to the March 7, 2024 daytime Council meeting for consideration.

OPPOSED (1): Councillor Caradonna

CARRIED (7 to 1)

Amendment:

Moved and Seconded:

That Council request staff to present to Council, before completion or presentation of the report of the consultant retained to develop a design concept of Centennial Square, at a Committee of the Whole in April of 2024; the staff presentation to include:

1. a brief review of the development of Centennial Square and the fountain, including conditions/obligations to neighbouring municipalities which gifted the monoliths;
2. a review of The Centennial Square Action Plan (June 2018) including the proposed phased transformation;
3. a summary of the 2018 consultation survey regarding Centennial Square;
4. **~~a summary of responses obtained in June and July 2023 to the use of funds from the Buildings and Infrastructure Reserve for the Centennial Square Action Plan; and~~**

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OPPOSED (2): Councillor Caradonna and Councillor Gardiner

CARRIED (6 to 2)

Amendment:

Moved and Seconded:

That Council request staff to **~~provide online links to present to Council, before completion or presentation of the report of the consultant retained to develop a design concept of Centennial Square, at a Committee of the Whole in April of 2024; the staff presentation to include:~~**

1. ~~a brief review of the development of Centennial Square and the fountain, including conditions/obligations to neighbouring municipalities which gifted the monoliths;~~
2. ~~a review of~~ The Centennial Square Action Plan (June 2018) including the proposed phased transformation;
3. ~~a summary of~~ the 2018 consultation survey regarding Centennial Square

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A point of order was raised regarding the intent of the amendment. The Chair ruled that the amendment does dramatically change the motion but does not fundamentally defeat the motion.

On the amendment:

OPPOSED (3): Mayor Alto, Councillor Gardiner, and Councillor Hammond

CARRIED (5 to 3)

Motion to call the question on the matter:

Moved and Seconded:

That the previous question be called.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

On the main motion as amended:

That Council request staff to provide online links to:

1. The Centennial Square Action Plan (June 2018) including the proposed phased transformation;
2. the 2018 consultation survey regarding Centennial Square

That this motion be forwarded to the March 7, 2024 daytime Council meeting for consideration.

OPPOSED (3): Councillor Dell, Councillor Gardiner, and Councillor Hammond

CARRIED (5 to 3)

J. ADJOURNMENT OF COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Moved and Seconded:

That the Committee of the Whole Meeting be adjourned at 11:41 a.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CITY CLERK

MAYOR

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