

MINUTES - COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MEETING HELD THURSDAY, JANUARY 10, 2002, AT 9:00 A.M.

PRESENT: Councillor Madoff, in the Chair, Mayor Lowe and Councillors Fleming, Holland, Hughes, Lunt, McLean, Savoie, and Vanden Berg.

Mr. Joe Martignago, City Manager, attended for the entire meeting and Messrs. Carlow, Chow, Colantonio, Daly, Dowdall, Furtado, Koch, Lam, McCliggott, O'Reilly, Roberts, Seivewright, Silvester, Slater, Snow, Timms, Vander Boomen, Wiffen, Woodland, Ms. Low, Ms. Fowler, Ms. Thompson, Ms. Zink, Chief Battershill, Deputy Chief Varley attended for portions of the meeting.
Recording Secretary: Linda Johnson

DELEGATIONS

GREATER VICTORIA FILM COMMISSION

02/22

Mr. Ted Smith, President, and Mr. Tom Crowe, Director, Greater Victoria Film Commission provided Committee with a progress report of Film Commission activities during 2001, and outlined plans for 2002. They discussed revenue sources for the Commission's work, and advised that they receive a large portion of their funding from the private sector. The industry is bringing increased revenue to the province, with a value presently estimated at \$1.2 billion. They discussed labour issues and the use of local professional film crews. They thanked Victoria staff representatives for their excellent cooperation with the film commission and individual film crews. The provincial government now uses the Greater Victoria Film Commission as a template for similar projects throughout the province.

A video was shown that outlined recent film work done in the region.

THE NEW VI TELEVISION STATION

02/21

Laura Acton, Director of Community Affairs, and Clint Nickerson, Director of News & Information Programming, The New VI television station, spoke to Committee regarding a request to install a video camera on the roof of city hall. The TV station would like to broadcast views of the Broad Street corridor and their building at the corner of Broad Street and Pandora Avenue. They asked Committee to consider a licensing agreement between the City and The New VI to allow installation of the camera.

ACTION: Councillor McLean moved that the proposal received from The New VI television station to install a video camera on the roof of City Hall, be approved in principle, subject to:

- 1) the licensing agreement, when complete, being presented to Committee of the Whole for consideration of approval.

- 2) receipt of a staff report providing information on the appearance of the camera installation, and a discussion of privacy issues regarding camera use.

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT

DEVELOPMENT PERMIT APPLICATION #01-40 **60 DALLAS ROAD**

02/20

Committee of the Whole, at its meeting on December 13, 2001, tabled consideration of Development Permit #01-40 for 60 Dallas Road, to allow for further design consultations.

Committee received a memorandum dated January 4, 2002 from the Head, Urban Design, advising that the applicant has revised the proposal in accordance with Committee's suggestions.

ACTION:

Councillor Savoie moved that it be recommended to Council that:

- 1) A Development Permit be issued in accordance with:
 - a) Plans stamped "Development Permit Application #01-40, dated January 3, 2002;
 - b) Development meeting all bylaw requirements except:

Section 4.53.6	Open site space relaxed from 45% minimum to 22%
Section 4.53.8(1)(a)	Dallas Road setback relaxed from 3m to 1.5m
Section 4.53.8(2)(a)	Simcoe Street setback relaxed from 6m to 1.5m
Section 4.53.9(2)	Relaxation of live/work parking from 2 stalls per unit to 1.5 stalls per unit
 - c) Final plans to be in accordance with plans identified above, with the incorporation of the responses to the recommendations of the Advisory Design Panel, to the satisfaction of the Director of Planning & Development.
- 2) Council consider Development Permit Application #01-40 at its meeting on January 10, 2002.

ENGINEERING

RESIDENTIAL STRATA TITLE APPLICATION **2565 / 2567 BLACKWOOD STREET**

02/19

Committee received a memorandum dated December 5, 2001 from the Supervisor, Development Engineering advising that the owners of 2565/2567 Blackwood Street have applied to strata title this existing duplex. The Tenant Plan advises that the building is currently vacant and that the owners will likely occupy the duplex once construction has been completed.

ACTION:

Mayor Lowe moved that it be recommended to Council that the application to strata title the duplex at 2565/2567 Blackwood Street be approved subject to compliance with the applicable provincial codes and municipal bylaws.

PARKS

PEMBERTON PARK

02/18

Committee received a memorandum dated December 18, 2001 from the Manager, Park Design & Development advising that the Parks Division has received a proposal from the Margaret Jenkins Greening Committee to plant trees at Pemberton Park. A Tree Canada Grant in the amount of \$5,000 will provide funding for this initiative. City funding is not required for the project, however, maintenance of the trees beyond the first year would be the responsibility of the Parks Division.

Councillor McLean requested that the planting plan, once completed, be forwarded to the Parks, Recreation and Community Services Advisory Committee and the Fairfield Neighbourhood Association for information.

ACTION: Councillor Savoie moved that it be recommended to Council that the Margaret Jenkins School Planting project at Pemberton Park be approved, subject to resolution, between staff and the proponents, of final details regarding tree species selection and planting locations.

DOGS IN PARKS

02/17

Committee received a memorandum dated January 7, 2002 from the Parks & Community Services Advisory Committee regarding the issue of unleashed dogs in city parks. The Advisory Committee has recently heard from representatives from Oaklands, James Bay, and Topaz Park, and from CRD and City Bylaw Enforcement staff.

The following recommendations were forwarded to Committee of the Whole from the Advisory Committee:

- ?? That City Council support the current CRD Bylaw Enforcement one year trial program of "Off Leash" enforcement/non-enforcement times in City parks.
- ?? That after next summer season, staff be directed to undertake an evaluation process that includes the solicitation of input from both dog owners and non-dog owners.
- ?? That City Council support the expansion of the City's contract with the CRD specifically to undertake a door-to-door dog licensing campaign.
- ?? That Parks staff develop a one page information sheet of current regulations to be distributed with the issuance of dog licenses in 2002.
- ?? That specific complaints regarding the actions of CRD Bylaw Enforcement staff be referred to the Manager, Regulatory and Development Services, City of Victoria.

Committee requested that the original report from the Advisory Committee be forwarded to Council members for their information.

ACTION: Councillor Savoie moved that consideration of recommendations from the Parks & Community Services Advisory Committee regarding Dogs in Parks, be tabled pending receipt of legal information regarding non-enforcement of a City bylaw, and a staff report on the implications of the other advisory committee recommendations.

COMMUNITY SERVICES

ZONING FOR DANCE CLUBS

02/16

At its meeting on December 13, 2001, City Council cancelled the public hearing for the zoning changes proposed to accommodate Dance Clubs, and referred the issue to the January 10, 2002 Committee of the Whole meeting.

Committee received a memorandum dated January 3, 2001 from the Manager, City Planning Division and the Downtown Coordinator advising that, in response to concerns about noise and other impacts of All Night and Youth Dance Clubs, staff have determined that it is possible to identify the use in the Zoning Bylaw without including it in any zone.

An amendment to the Zoning Bylaw was attached, and if approved, no site in the City would be zoned for Dance Clubs. An applicant would have to apply to rezone a specific site and Council would decide on the appropriateness of the site for an All Night or Youth Dance Club.

- ACTION:** Councillor Hughes moved that it be recommended to Council that:
- 1) Zoning Regulation Bylaw #02-02, Amendment (No.633) be introduced and given two readings on January 10, 2002, and a public hearing be held on January 24, 2002.
 - 2) The All Night Event Bylaw and Dance Club Bylaw be brought forward for consideration of adoption on January 24, 2002.

FINANCE

RESERVED HANDICAP PARKING ZONES

02/15

Committee received a memorandum dated December 11, 2002 from the Manager, Parking Services outlining a recommendation to increase the penalty for illegally parking in a Handicap Parking Zone. The current voluntary payment within 14 days is \$15, payment between 14 and 45 days is \$27.50, and the bylaw amount (45+ days) is \$35. Staff researched the penalties imposed in other BC municipalities, and recommended an increase in the bylaw penalty amount from \$35 to \$150 to reflect the imposition to physically disabled motorists who find these zones occupied by unauthorized vehicles.

- ACTION:** Councillor McLean moved that it be recommended to Council that the bylaw penalty amount for illegally parking in a handicap zone be increased to \$150.00; the voluntary payment amount within 14 days be set at \$122.50; and the voluntary payment between 14 and 45 days be set at \$137.50.

CAUSEWAY FLOATS - YELLOW LINE

02/14

Committee received a memorandum dated December 11, 2001 from the Manager, Parking Services regarding the review of use of the causeway floats yellow line. In June 2001 staff met with users of the docking facility to discuss a number of issues. At that time, whale watching

operators expressed the opinion that the rate structure discriminated against them, and requested a rate review. Consultant Brian McConnell was hired to appraise the issue, and a further meeting with whale watching operators was held in November 2001.

- ACTION:** Councillor McLean moved that it be recommended to Council that:
- 1) The yellow line whale watching tour license rate currently at \$300 per seat be reduced to \$166.67 per seat for 2002.
 - 2) Tour (Fishing Charter) rates, currently at \$1,200 per boat be adjusted for 2002 with an increase of the Consumer Price Index 1.7% to \$1,220.
 - 3) Transportation (Harbour Ferry) currently at \$1,800 per boat be adjusted for 2002 with an increase of the Consumer Price Index 1.7% to \$1,830.
 - 4) Rates to be reviewed annually.
 - 5) Issuing of 2002 licenses to be conditional upon payment of any outstanding license fees from prior years, at the prior year's rate.

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

DEPUTY MAYORS FOR 2002

02/13

Committee received a memorandum dated January 4, 2002 from the Secretary to the Mayor, outlining the schedule for Deputy Mayors for 2002.

- ACTION:** Councillor Holland moved that it be recommended to Council that the following schedule of Deputy Mayors for 2002 be adopted:
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| January | Councillor Madoff |
| February | Councillor McLean |
| March | Councillor Lunt |
| April | Councillor Holland |
| May | Councillor Fleming |
| June | Councillor Savoie |
| July | Councillor Vanden Berg |
| August | Councillor Hughes |
| September | Councillor Madoff |
| October | Councillor McLean |
| November | Councillor Lunt |

SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES NATIONAL CONFERENCE

02/12

Committee received a memorandum dated January 4, 2002 from the Secretary to the Mayor advising that Councillor Savoie would like to attend the 2nd Annual Sustainable Communities Conference in Ottawa, February 7-9, 2002.

- ACTION:** Councillor McLean moved that it be recommended that Councillor Savoie be authorized to attend the Sustainable Communities Conference in Ottawa, February 7-9, 2002, with approval of approximate expenses of \$1,526.

DISPOSITION OF COMMUNICATIONS

02/11

Committee received a memorandum dated January 7, 2002, from the Corporate Administrator reporting that certain communications received in the Legislative Services Division have been dealt with on the date and in the manner indicated.

Councillor Savoie inquired about Correspondence Item #25, a letter outlining concern regarding the time pedestrians are given to cross at signalled intersections. She wondered if staff members take into consideration Victoria's aging population when they determine the crossing time allowed.

ACTION: Councillor Savoie moved that the Disposition of Communications dated January 7, 2002 received from the Corporate Administrator, be received for information and filed.

PROCLAMATIONS

02/10

ACTION: Councillor Vanden Berg moved that the following proclamation be approved and forwarded to the appropriate Council meeting:
Family Literacy Day January 27, 2002

COUNCILLOR INQUIRIES

ESQUIMALT WATER SYSTEM

02/9

Councillor Fleming inquired about recent media reports stating that the District of Esquimalt is considering taking over the management of its water distribution system, a job that has been contracted to the City of Victoria for many years.

Committee requested a staff report on the history of this utility.

FAIRFIELD ROAD DEVELOPMENT - ROOF HEIGHT

02/8

Councillor McLean expressed concern about construction at 1611 Fairfield Road. Apparently the building meets City requirements, however the shape of the roof seems to take advantage of height limitations. He requested a staff report within two weeks on current entitlements and an explanation of how this project meets the criteria.

STORM WATER BYLAW

02/7

Councillor Savoie advised that a portion of the Storm Water Bylaw dealing with impervious services was removed from the bylaw in order to allow staff to review the issue. She requested that Planning Division staff include this in their work plan, and prepare recommendations to amend the zoning bylaw to include impervious services in the various zones.

COUNCILLOR INFORMATION SHARING

VANCOUVER ISLAND RAIL SERVICE

02/6

Mayor Lowe provided an update on initiatives to preserve rail service on Vancouver Island.

CLOSED MEETING - 11:05 A.M.

Councillor Hughes moved that Committee of the Whole convene a closed meeting that excludes the public under Section 10(6) of the Council Bylaw for the reason that the following agenda items deal with matters specified in Section 10 (3) of the Council Bylaw.

DOCKSIDE REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT

02/5

Committee of the Whole, at its December 13, 2001 meeting postponed consideration of an option agreement with Griffiths, Milne, Clough Projects Inc. to its January 10, 2002 meeting.

Councillor Savoie advised that the issue will be reviewed by the Dockside Steering Committee at its meeting on January 21, 2002, and requested that consideration of this item be postponed to the January 24, 2002 Committee of the Whole meeting.

OFFER TO PURCHASE - CECELIA ROAD

02/4

Committee received a memorandum dated December 14, 2001 from the Property Manager regarding an Offer to Purchase received for city-owned property on Cecelia Road.

ACTION: Councillor McLean moved that it be recommended to Council that staff be instructed to counter the offer received from S.E.L.F. Productions Foundation at \$72,000 for the purchase of city-owned property legally described as Lot 2, Section 4, Victoria District, Plan 3187, subject to:

- 1) The City obtaining title to the adjacent lane, once closed.
- 2) Registration of an easement, if required, over the southwest corner of the lane allowing access to parking behind 540 Manchester Road.
- 3) Consolidation of the land and Lot 2 by the purchaser.
- 4) Termination of the existing parking agreement with Manchester House.

LEASE - HARBOUR ROAD

02/3

Committee received a memorandum dated January 4, 2002 from the Property Manager advising that the lease for Unit #1 at 203 Harbour Road has expired, and the tenant, Western Subsea Technology Limited (WSTL), has requested a new three year lease.

ACTION: Councillor McLean moved that it be recommended to Council that approval be given to a new lease with Western Subsea Technology Limited for Unit #1 at 203 Harbour Road, for a term of three years commencing January 1, 2002, with rent in years 1 - 3 being set at \$8,400, \$9,600, and \$10,200 respectively.

APPOINTMENTS - SOCIAL PLANNING & HOUSING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Committee reviewed applications received for the Social Planning & Housing Advisory Committee.

ACTION: Councillor Fleming moved that it be recommended to Council that:

- 1) Marge Reitsma-Street, Christine Stoneman, and Candis Elliott be appointed to the Social Planning & Housing Advisory Committee for the term January 1, 2002 to June 30, 2003.
- 2) Lee Ferguson King's appointment to the Advisory Planning Commission be rescinded, and that Mr. King be appointed to the Social Planning & Housing Advisory Committee for the term January 1, 2002 to June 30, 2003.

COUNCILLOR INQUIRIES

VICTORIA HIGH SCHOOL - CAREER TECH PROPOSAL

02/2

Councillor McLean referred to information received from the Vic High Alumni Association regarding a proposal to establish a Career Technical Education Centre.

ACTION: Councillor McLean moved that it be recommended to Council that Mayor Lowe forward a letter of support to the Vic High Alumni Association for their proposed Career Technical Education Centre.

The closed meeting adjourned at 11:25 a.m.

The budget portion of the meeting was chaired by Councillor McLean in his capacity as Chair of the Human Resources and Finance Standing Committee.

INFORMATION PRESENTATION

2002 BUDGET

02/1

Chief Battershill, Deputy Chief Varley, and Mr. Scott Seivewright, Controller, Financial Services, Victoria Police Department presented their 2002 Budget submission. They discussed the proposed 2002 operating budget, significant budget increases, the process used to determine their budget proposal, and percentage breakdowns by function and object.

The Comptroller and the Manager, Finance Services provided a 2002 Budget Overview starting with the recommended 2002 tax increase of 3.74%, and then going back to the original budget guidelines and five-year capital budget strategies. They outlined original budget submissions, that indicated an 8.09% tax increase. Then they described the budget initiatives that reduced the proposed tax increase to the recommended 3.74%. Details were provided on expenditure and revenue increases, and the 2001 and proposed 2002 operating budgets were compared.

2002 Budget presentations were also received from the Parks & Community Services Department and the Engineering Department.

The meeting adjourned at 1:45 p.m.

Councillor Madoff, Chair