

## **MINUTES - COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

### **MEETING HELD THURSDAY, JANUARY 24, 2002, AT 8:10 A.M.**

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

**ABSENT:** Councillor Lunt

Mr. Joe Martignago, City Manager, attended for the entire meeting and Messrs. Colantonio, Daly, Dowdall, Furtado, Kerr, Koch, Matthews, McCliggott, Oberg, O'Reilly, Robertson, Slater, Timms, Woodland, Chief Thoresen, Ms. Atkinson, Ms. Fowler, Ms. Masters, and Ms. O'Keeffe attended for portions of the meeting. Recording Secretary: Linda Johnson

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

### **BUDGET PRESENTATIONS**

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The Director of Finance presented 2002 Budget proposals for the Finance Department, including a discussion of expenditures and non-tax revenues, an explanation of changes from the 2001 budget, and expected changes to service levels and staffing impacts.

The Comptroller discussed Non-Departmental Revenues and Expenditures, 2002 grant requests, and supplementary budget requests.

The Director of Finance reviewed the proposed 2002 Capital Budget, including funding strategies, budget comparisons from 1997 to 2001, the Five Year Capital Budget summary, and long term debt strategy. He presented charts showing principal and interest payments from 2001 to 2020.

Committee requested that a Special Committee of the Whole meeting be held on Monday, February 4, 2002, 8:30 am to 1:00 pm to further consider the Capital Budget. In addition, the City's prioritized list of Infrastructure Grant requests will be reviewed.

### **CLOSED MEETING - 9:45 A.M.**

Mayor Lowe 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/

At meetings on December 13, 2001 and January 10, 2002, Committee of the Whole tabled consideration of an option agreement proposed by Griffiths, Milne, Clough Projects Inc. for a portion of the Dockside Lands.

Committee now received a verbal report from the Manager, Regulatory and Development Services, and a written report dated January 2002 regarding the development of the Dockside Lands.

- ACTION:** Councillor Savoie moved that it be recommended to Council that:
- 1) Any sale of city-owned Dockside Lands be tendered through a public process, and that adjacent property owners be advised of this policy.
  - 2) Staff be directed to create a Development Permit Area for the Dockside Lands, and potential developers be advised that the City will not consider new development proposals for the Dockside Lands until the Development Permit Area is established.
  - 3) Staff be directed to continue negotiations with British Columbia Assets and Lands Corporation toward purchasing the former transit corridor lands.

The closed meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m. and the open public meeting resumed.

## **FINANCE**

### **PARTNERING AGREEMENT - CITY OF VICTORIA / RG PROPERTIES AND LOAN AUTHORIZATION BYLAW**

02/

Committee received a memorandum dated January 7, 2002 from the Director of Finance outlining financing options for the proposed Victoria Centre. The memorandum provided annualized and total cost information for the project over different amortization periods.

- ACTION:** Councillor McLean moved that it be recommended to Council that approval be given to an amortization period of 30 years for financing the proposed Victoria Centre.

## **ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS**

### **CANADIAN HERITAGE REGISTER WORKSHOP**

02/

Committee received a memorandum from Councillor Madoff requesting authorization of her attendance at a workshop in Vancouver on February 22, 2002. The subject of the workshop is "*Towards the Canadian Heritage Register: Implications for Heritage Conservation Policies*".

**ACTION:** Councillor Madoff moved that it be recommended to Council that Councillor Madoff be authorized to attend a Canadian Heritage Register workshop, to be held in Vancouver on February 22, 2002, with an approximate cost of \$390.

### **DISPOSITION OF COMMUNICATIONS**

02/

Committee received a memorandum dated January 18, 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.

**ACTION:** Councillor Savoie moved that the Disposition of Communications dated January 18, 2002 received from the Corporate Administrator, be received for information and filed.

### **COUNCILLOR INQUIRIES**

#### **HARBOUR AUTHORITY**

02/

Councillor Savoie requested an update on the status of the Victoria Harbour Authority.

Councillor Holland advised that a Memorandum of Understanding will be presented at the next Committee of the Whole meeting for discussion and ratification.

### **COUNCILLOR INFORMATION SHARING**

#### **PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT CUTBACKS**

02/

Councillor Savoie relayed a suggestion she received from a Victoria resident that the Mayor's Task Force on Provincial Government Cutbacks consider staging a job fair for former provincial government employees impacted by recent job cuts.

### **IMPLICATIONS OF REORGANIZATION ON PROVINCIAL HEALTH CARE**

02/

Councillor Savoie provided information from the CRD Health Planning Committee regarding the serious regional implications of provincial funding reductions, including a loss of operating funds for the new Mount St. Mary's project and a reduction of \$50 million in labour funding over the next eight months.

She will provide members of Council with a copy of the report from the CRD Health Care Planning Committee.

**DOCKSIDE LANDS**  
**INTERIM REPORT**

02/

Councillor Savoie referred to an Interim Report dated January 2002 regarding the Dockside Lands that discussed the background and objectives of the project and proposed uses for the land.

She advised that a project team has been established, and City staff, with BC Buildings Corporation representatives are preparing a business case and studying environmental issues. A consultant has been hired to prepare an environmental assessment.

**CORONER'S OFFICE**

02/

Councillor Fleming inquired about the local effect of the recent closure of the Coroner's office and centralization of this service to Nanaimo.

Mayor Lowe advised that the City's Police Chief feels that the City will experience only a minimal impact from this action.

The meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

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Councillor Madoff, Chair