

MINUTES - COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MEETING HELD THURSDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2002, AT 9:03 A.M.

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

Mr. Joe Martignago, City Manager, attended for the entire meeting; and Messrs. Basey, Dellebuur, Dennis, Dowdall, Hortsing, Koch, Lam, O'Reilly, Sikstrom, Woodland, Ms. Atkinson, Ms. Fowler, Ms. Higgins, Ms. Masters, Ms. Mayhew, Ms. Phillips, Ms. Price-Douglas, and Ms. Zink attended for portions of the meeting.
Recording Secretary: Linda Johnson

DELEGATIONS

Mayor Lowe advised that he resides adjacent to the Glenlyon Norfolk School, and because of this potential conflict of interest he left the meeting at 9:05 a.m.

GLENLYON NORFOLK SCHOOL

02/453

Bruce Homer, Chair, Board of Governors; Keith Elwood, Governor; and Bruce Melville, Assistant Head of School, Glenlyon-Norfolk School addressed Committee regarding proposed changes and improvements to the Pemberton Woods campus.

Christopher Rowe, Idealink Architecture, provided details of the proposed improvements, and outlined further plans to address neighbourhood concerns.

ACTION: Councillor Madoff moved that the Glenlyon-Norfolk School – Pemberton Woods Campus Plan be referred to Planning Division staff for recommendations and comments, including remarks on how this Plan relates to the Gonzales Neighbourhood Plan.

Mayor Lowe returned to the meeting at 9:20 a.m.

COMMUNITY SOCIAL PLANNING COUNCIL OF GREATER VICTORIA

02/452

Mabel Jean Rawlins Brannan, Executive Director; Randall Gerlach, Board member; and John Briggs, Treasurer from the Community Social Planning Council (CSPC) of Greater Victoria addressed Committee regarding the services they provide in the region and work done to date on their *Quality of Life Challenge*.

Past funding was provided through the Intermunicipal Committee, which is no longer active. Ms. Rawlins Brannan requested that, during the City's budget process, consideration be given to increasing funding to the CSPC to keep pace with cost of living adjustments.

Committee discussed the possibility of funding the CSPC through the Capital Regional District, and suggested representatives meet with the City's CRD directors to discuss the issue.

OPEN DOOR AND UPPER ROOM

02/451

Barry Sidler and David Stewart from the Upper Room Society and Allan Tysick and Robin Krause from the Open Door addressed Committee regarding recent changes to both organizations in order to better serve the needs of the community in an integrated and cooperative manner.

The Open Door has moved from Pembroke Street to a building on Pandora Avenue adjacent to the Upper Room. The two organizations purchased the building jointly, and both Boards have signed a letter of intent to work together to offer comprehensive services.

Both groups expressed thanks to the City for its support in the past, including providing facilities for the Open Door on Pembroke Street, and funding for the Adult Outreach Program.

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT

DEVELOPMENT PERMIT #02-25 **1234 WHARF STREET**

02/450

Committee received a memorandum dated August 29, 2002 from the Acting Head, Urban Design regarding Development Permit #02-25 for 1234 Wharf Street. The proposal is to enclose two portions of the recessed arcade on the ground floor of the Victoria Regent Hotel facing the harbour. The intent is to provide office space for harbour related commercial activities. This proposed space was provided for in the original Development Permit in 1980 but was not completed at the time. The Advisory Design Panel reviewed the proposal on August 28, 2002 and recommended its approval.

ACTION: Councillor Madoff moved that it be recommended to Council that a Development Permit be issued in accordance with:

- 1) Plans stamped "Development Permit #02-25" dated July 31, 2002.
- 2) Development meeting all bylaw requirements with the following variance:
Section 8.21.5 Setback from high water mark relaxed from 7.5m to 3m
- 3) Final plans to be in accordance with plans identified above to the satisfaction of the Director of Planning & Development.

ENGINEERING

ADULT CROSSING GUARD GRANT 2002

02/449

Committee received a memorandum dated October 7, 2002 from the Senior Technician, Transportation advising that \$27,500 was approved in the 2002 Budget for Engineering Special Grants. This amount included \$15,000 for Compost Education and \$12,500 for Adult Crossing Guards. The Compost Education grant was issued earlier in the year, and staff now requested authority to issue the Adult Crossing Guard grant.

ACTION: Councillor Holland moved that it be recommended to Council that staff be authorized to issue the 2002 Adult Crossing Guard grant of \$12,500 to the Victoria Confederation of Parent Advisory Councils.

FINANCE

CORRECTIONS TO ASSESSMENT ROLLS

02/448

Committee received a memorandum dated September 30, 2002 from the Director of Finance regarding assessment variations to Supplementary Rolls #14 for 2001, and #3, #4, and #5 for 2002 prepared under the provisions of the Assessment Act.

ACTION: Councillor Madoff moved that it be recommended to Council that the assessment variations to Supplementary Rolls #14 for 2001, and #3, #4, and #5 for 2002 as outlined in the memorandum dated September 30, 2002 from the Director of Finance, be approved.

2% HOTEL TAX

02/447

Committee of the Whole, at its meeting on March 28, 2002 requested a review of the Victoria Conference Centre's share of Destination Marketing revenue from the 2% Hotel Tax.

Committee received a memorandum dated October 8, 2002 from the Director of Finance advising that a joint committee was established including representatives from the City, Tourism Victoria, and the hotel association. The resolution drafted by this committee was attached for Council's consideration.

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

Whereas the City of Victoria, under the Hotel Room Tax Act, levies a 2% Hotel Room Tax in respect of accommodation within the City of Victoria, which can by legislation be expended on Conference Centre marketing and tourism promotion, projects and programs, and,

Whereas the City of Victoria agreed in 1988 to establish a Destination Marketing Commission under the auspice of Tourism Victoria for tourism promotion, which

is funded with the proceeds of the hotel tax less an amount set aside for the Victoria Conference Centre for marketing purposes, which as of 1993 was capped at \$400,000 plus C.P.I., and,

Whereas the growth in the hotel tax from 1989 (\$1.2 million) to 2001 (\$2.5 million) was \$1.3 million which equates to an 8.7% average annual increase with Tourism Victoria's share in that period increasing by \$1.1 million from \$.9 million to \$2.0 million, and,

Whereas the City of Victoria has identified a need to address future financial challenges related to tourism projects and programs other than the Conference Centre marketing and the tourism promotion through the Destination Marketing Commission,

Be it resolved that:

- 1) The Victoria Conference Centre Advisory Committee be re-established.
- 2) A Mayor's Blue Ribbon Committee be established to:
 - a) Develop terms of reference for the Victoria Conference Centre Advisory Committee, and
 - b) Advise on the available options for tourism projects and programs;
- 3) The mandate of the Mayor's Blue Ribbon Committee would include but not be limited to the following:
 - a) Engaging a consultant to identify options in expanding the Victoria Conference Centre, including the cost and benefits;
 - b) Engaging a consultant to identify the Return of Investment (R.O.I.) on the dollars spent on marketing the Conference Centre, tourism promotion through the Destination Marketing Commission, and/or other options that would be considered tourism projects and programs including a review of present and future funding options to ensure Victoria's tourism industry is competitive.
 - c) Engaging a consultant to conduct a "value for money" audit on the operations of the Victoria Conference Centre, Tourism Victoria's information centre, and the Destination Marketing Commission.

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT

DEVELOPMENT VARIANCE PERMIT #02-05 **1925 BLANSHARD STREET – MULTIPURPOSE FACILITY**

02/446

Committee received a memorandum dated October 8, 2002 from the Head, Urban Design regarding Development Variance Permit #02-05 for 1925 Blanshard Street. The application is to construct a new 7,000 seat Multipurpose Facility to replace the existing Memorial Arena on the north east corner of Blanshard and Caledonia Streets. The new facility, with a dome shaped roof, is oriented at an angle to the Blanshard Street alignment to create a corner plaza and grand entrance to the facility. A portion of Dowler Place south of Pembroke Street will be included in the overall site.

The application was reviewed at Special Advisory Design Panel meetings on September 9 and October 8, 2002 and recommended for approval with conditions and recommendations.

ACTION: Councillor Madoff moved that it be recommended to Council that a Development Variance Permit be issued in accordance with:

- 1) Plans stamped "Development Variance Permit #02-05" dated September 25, 2002.
- 2) Development meeting all bylaw requirements with the following variances:

Section Introduction #19	Number of buildings on lot relaxed from 1 to 3 buildings
Section 4.1.4	Blanshard Street setback relaxed from 6m to 4.6m
Section 4.1.3	Height relaxed from 12m to 24m
Schedule C	Parking relaxed from 947 spaces to 330 spaces
- 3) Site consolidation to include a portion of Dowler Place south of Pembroke Street.
- 4) Review by Advisory Design Panel prior to Building Permit stage.
- 5) Review by Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design prior to Building Permit stage.
- 6) Review landscaping and planting plan with City Parks Division prior to Building Permit stage.
- 7) Final plans in accordance with plans identified above incorporating responses to Advisory Design Panel's recommendation to the satisfaction of the Director of Planning & Development.

PROPERTY EXEMPTION
VICTORIA HARBOUR AUTHORITY & BAYANIHAN SOCIETY

02/445

Committee received a memorandum dated October 9, 2002 from the Manager, Revenue advising of the following additional requests received for permissive property tax exemptions for 2003:

- Greater Victoria Harbour Authority for the Breakwater at Ogden Point and Ship Point.
- Bayanihan Cultural and Housing Society for that portion of their building used as a place of worship by the congregation of Jesus is Lord Church.

ACTION: Councillor Holland moved that it be recommended to Council that a partial exemption equal to 60% of the improvements and footprint of land be approved under Section 341(2)(k) of the Local Government Act for the Bayanihan Community Centre at 1709 Blanshard, Folio #01516025.

ACTION: Councillor Holland moved that consideration of permissive property tax exemptions for Greater Victoria Harbour Authority for the Breakwater at Ogden Point and Ship Point, be tabled pending receipt of further information from Finance Department staff at the October 17, 2002 Committee of the Whole meeting.

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

DISPOSITION OF COMMUNICATIONS

02/444

Committee received a memorandum dated October 6, 2002, from the Manager, Administration, reporting that certain communications received in the Legislative Services Division have been dealt with on the date and in the manner indicated.

ACTION: Councillor Madoff moved that the Disposition of Communications dated October 6, 2002 from the Manager, Administration, be received for information and filed.

PROCLAMATIONS

02/443

ACTION: Councillor Fleming moved that the following proclamations be approved and forwarded to the appropriate Council meeting:

<i>Canada's Citizenship Week 2002</i>	<i>October 14-20, 2002</i>
<i>Housing Affordability Week 2002</i>	<i>October 14-20, 2002</i>
<i>Waste Reduction Week</i>	<i>October 21-27, 2002</i>
<i>Reel Victoria – A Week In Film</i>	<i>October 22-26, 2002</i>

COUNCILLOR INQUIRIES

TRUCKS ON FINLAYSON STREET

02/442

Councillor Vanden Berg outlined concerns of the Hillside-Quadra Neighbourhood Action Group regarding truck traffic on Finlayson Street.

Committee instructed staff to post signs on Finlayson Street advising of the weight limitations for trucks on that street.

CLOSED MEETING - 10:15 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.

COUNCILLOR INQUIRIES

THE BAY

02/441

Councillor Savoie inquired about the pending sale of The Bay building on Douglas Street.

Mayor Lowe advised that he will meet with representatives of The Bay to discuss this issue.

FERNWOOD

02/440

Councillor Fleming provided an update on police action in the Fernwood neighbourhood in response to reports of illegal activities.

POUNDKEEPER APPOINTMENTS

02/439

Committee received a memorandum dated October 1, 2002 from the Senior Bylaw Officer requesting appointment of CRD Animal Control Officers as Poundkeepers under the City's Animal Control Bylaw.

- ACTION:** Councillor Holland moved that it be recommended to Council that:
- 1) Brad Cornell, Lance Hurrell, and Tony Dobos be appointed Poundkeepers for the City of Victoria.
 - 2) The appointment of Andrew Dolan to the position of Poundkeeper be rescinded.

FORMER TRANSIT CORRIDOR LAND NEGOTIATIONS **DOCKSIDE LANDS**

02/439

Committee received a memorandum dated October 9, 2002 from the Manager, Regulatory & Development Services providing an update on negotiations with Land and Water British Columbia for the former transit lands through the Dockside Lands.

- ACTION:** Councillor Holland moved that Mayor Lowe be requested to discuss the City's concerns regarding land negotiation issues on the former Transit Corridor Lands through the Dockside Lands with the Honourable Stan Hagen, Minister of Sustainable Resource Management.

VICTORIA-ESQUIMALT **POLICE AND FIRE SERVICES**

02/438

Kevin Begg, Ministry of Public Safety & Solicitor General; Police Chief Battershill, Fire Chief Thoresen, Esquimalt Police/Fire Chief Norm Simmons; and Ron Brunson, Greater Victoria Labour Relations Association, provided Committee with an update on the amalgamation of the Victoria and Esquimalt police and fire services. They discussed all aspects of the project, including human resources, finance, administrative, governance, and service delivery.

MULTIPURPOSE FACILITY

02/437

The Steering Committee presented final drafts of the Multipurpose Facility agreements.

- ACTION:** Mayor Lowe moved that it be recommended to Council that staff be instructed to execute the following agreements as presented to Committee of the Whole on October 10, 2002:
- the Design-Build Contract
 - the Operating Agreement
 - the Guarantee and Security Agreement.

The meeting adjourned at 12:25 p.m.

Councillor McLean, Chair