

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

### **MEETING HELD THURSDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2002, AT 9:00 A.M.**

**PRESENT:** Councillor McLean, in the Chair, Mayor Lowe, and Councillors Fleming, Holland, Hughes, Lunt, Madoff, Savoie and Vanden Berg (from 9:20 a.m.)

Mr. Rob Woodland, Corporate Administrator, attended for the entire meeting, and Messrs. Dellebuur, Galavan, O'Reilly, and Timms, Ms. Atkinson, Ms. Masters, Ms. Price-Douglas, Ms. Ramsay and Ms. Zink attended for portions of the meeting.  
Recording Secretary: Linda Johnson

### **MINUTES**

02/483

Councillor Savoie referred to Item 02/454 – Dogs in Parks in the Minutes of the October 17, 2002 Committee of the Whole meeting. The last paragraph refers to the development of a “dogs in parks policy”. Councillor Savoie informed the meeting that work on this policy has been underway for some time. Currently a memorandum of understanding with dog-owner groups is being developed to set out agreed terms, principles and responsibilities in accordance with direction given by Council on May 9, 2002.

### **DELEGATIONS**

#### **ART GALLERY OF GREATER VICTORIA**

02/482

Carl Nesbitt, President; Donna Jones, Past President; and Steve McKerrell, New Building Committee Chair, addressed Committee regarding the Art Gallery's plans to build a 33,000 sq.ft. satellite gallery on the “Y” Lot property between Humboldt Street and Fairfield Road, in cooperation with the site developer, Concert Properties Ltd. In addition, the current Moss Street facility will be maintained and upgraded to provide improved vault space for the long term care of the collection, administrative offices, and permanent galleries. A preliminary feasibility study has endorsed the space allocation and the concept of a downtown location. Recent communications with federal government representatives indicate a favourable review of the Gallery's grant application. Mr. Nesbitt advised that the information update was provided to Committee to outline the Gallery's expansion plans, and to dispel notions of relocation to any property other than the “Y” Lot.

## **ENGINEERING**

### **JUBILEE TRIAL ROAD CLOSURES – UPDATE**

02/481

Committee of the Whole, at its meeting on April 25, 2002 requested that Transportation Section staff carry out certain reviews and tasks in connection with the Jubilee Neighbourhood Transportation Management Plan trial road closures. These included:

- Traffic calming options for adjacent local streets.
- Traffic signal timing changes.
- Road closure design.
- Road safety operational reviews.
- Review possibility of re-opening Fern Street.

Committee received a memorandum dated October 21, 2002 from the Transportation Section providing an update on the work done to date.

#### **ACTION:**

Mayor Lowe moved that it be recommended to Council that:

- 1) Fern Street be re-opened to vehicle traffic subject to consultation with residents and the North Jubilee Neighbourhood Association.
- 2) Staff be instructed to complete an evaluation of the 18 month Jubilee Trial Road Closures and report back to Committee of the Whole with recommendations.

## **ENGINEERING**

### **REQUEST FOR REMOVAL FROM BOULEVARD MAINTENANCE TAX**

02/480

Committee received a memorandum dated September 30, 2002 from the Manager, Parks advising that the owners of the only two properties on Brooke Street receiving boulevard maintenance service have requested that this service be withdrawn and their property taxes adjusted accordingly.

#### **ACTION:**

Councillor Madoff moved that it be recommended to Council that the petition from the owners of 1435 and 1439 Brooke Street, requesting removal from the taxed boulevard program, be endorsed.

## **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

### **YOUTH OUTREACH FUNDING GRANT**

02/479

Committee received a memorandum dated October 15, 2002 from the Community Development Planner regarding a request received from Fernwood, Fairfield and Oaklands Community Centres for a 2003 funding grant to hire a Youth Outreach Worker to serve the three areas. The worker would be based in Fernwood, but would designate time to the other two neighbourhoods. The need for a worker is demonstrated by the youth demographics for these areas and the high percentage of "at risk" students. The total budget for the program is \$41,150, and the request to

the City is for \$10,000. Other funding requests are being pursued through a number of non-profit foundations.

The following community representatives addressed Committee regarding the funding request: Joan Kotarski and Jennifer Halfide, Fairfield; Christine Lanz, Oaklands; Darcy Topinka, Fernwood.

- ACTION:** Councillor Hughes moved that it be recommended to Council that:
- 1) Support in principle be given to the joint application from Fernwood, Fairfield and Oaklands Community Centres for a Youth Outreach Program Grant of \$10,000.
  - 2) This amount be set aside in the 2003 budget, for release upon confirmation that the Community Centres have received the balance of funding required for the program.

### **GRANT FUNDING OF RECURRING SPECIAL PROJECTS**

02/478

Committee received a memorandum dated October 24, 2002 from the Community Development Planner regarding Special Project Grants given continuously to four organizations for the past three years. The grants are intended to provide start-up support for new and innovative projects, therefore the following projects are no longer eligible for support under the Program Guidelines:

- Tourism Victoria – Downtown Ambassadors' Program
- Victoria AM Association – Meet and Greet Program
- Victoria Youth Empowerment Society – Opportunities for Youth Program
- Greater Victoria Bike to Work Society – Bike to Work Week Initiatives

- ACTION:** Councillor Holland moved that it be recommended to Council that:
- 1) Tourism Victoria, Victoria AM Association, Victoria Youth Empowerment Society, and Greater Victoria Bike to Work Society be requested to submit Program Grant applications to be evaluated and reported back to Council during the regular Program Grant review process early in 2003.
  - 2) Staff be requested to prepare a supplementary budget submission for these four programs in the 2003 budget and these supplementary requests be referred to the 2003 budget discussion.

### **ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS**

#### **DISPOSITION OF COMMUNICATIONS**

02/477

Committee received a memorandum dated October 21, 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 Holland moved that the Disposition of Communications dated October 21, 2002 from the Manager, Administration, be received for information and filed.



**THE BAY**

02/472

Mayor Lowe provided an update on discussions held with the owner regarding the pending sale of The Bay building on Douglas Street.

The meeting adjourned at 10:50 a.m.

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Councillor McLean, Chair