

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

### **MEETING HELD THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 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

Mr. Jack Basey, Director of Planning & Development, attended for the entire meeting, and Messrs. Dowdall, Hortsing, Jackson, McCliggott, Skinner and Woodland, Ms. Atkinson, Ms. Fowler, Ms. Low, Ms. Masters, Ms. Price-Douglas, and Ms. Ramsay attended for portions of the meeting.  
Recording Secretary: Linda Johnson

### **PRESENTATION**

#### **CITY SOLICITOR – LOCAL GOVERNMENT FELLOW DESIGNATION**

02/516

Mayor Lowe advised that City Solicitor Jack Basey recently received the designation of Local Government Fellow from the International Municipal Lawyers Association (IMLA). The Mayor presented Mr. Basey with a plaque commemorating this award.

### **DELEGATION**

#### **BC HYDRO – POWER SMART**

02/515

Mr. Dave Thomson, Manager, Vancouver Island Community Relations, BC Hydro Power Smart addressed Committee regarding the drive recently launched by BC Hydro to make Vancouver Island and the Gulf Islands BC's first Power Smart region. He outlined the impact that this drive will have on the Greater Victoria region. By investing \$120 million over the next 10 years in the region, Hydro expects to save enough electricity to power an additional 70,000 homes.

Mr. Thomson outlined various projects operated under the Power Smart program, including the very successful fluorescent light bulb program. Over 110,000 bulbs have been distributed throughout Greater Victoria. BC Hydro has also developed energy-saving programs for municipalities, businesses, and industrial applications. They are currently working with the City of Victoria on several projects, including a traffic light program, energy-use reviews for City facilities, and the hiring of a temporary energy manager.

In addressing a concern expressed by Councillors, Mr. Thomson advised that BC Hydro is presently reviewing its graffiti policies. He has recently met with City police officers to discuss this issue.

## **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

### **SPECIAL PROJECT GRANTS**

02/514

Committee received a memorandum dated November 14, 2002 from the Community Development Planner providing a summary of the Special Project Grant applications for the September 2002 intake, and making funding recommendations for consideration by Council.

Staff advised that copies of the applications were not distributed to Committee prior to the meeting, and because of this it was agreed that consideration of this item would be tabled to the November 21<sup>st</sup>, 2002 Committee of the Whole meeting. For this meeting, staff was requested to provide information regarding:

- Alternate City funding sources for the Greater Victoria Hospitality Award Society.
- Possible sources of computer and design expertise available to the James Bay Newspaper Society.
- Possible involvement of Tourism Victoria with the exit survey proposed by Victoria AM Association.

Councillor Savoie joined the meeting at 9:20 a.m.

## **FINANCE**

### **BUDGET STATUS REPORT**

02/513

Committee received a memorandum dated November 8, 2002 from the Director of Finance advising that a budget review is undertaken periodically each year in order to highlight any variances and recommend necessary adjustments. Depending on the variances identified, the Contingency Account is adjusted to reflect the net difference. The report did not recommend any changes, simply advised of areas that staff is monitoring.

**ACTION:** Councillor Madoff moved that the report dated November 8, 2002 from the Director of Finance regarding the Budget Status Report, be received for information.

## **CALEDONIA STREET HYDRO POLES**

02/512

Committee received a memorandum dated November 12, 2002 from the Comptroller and the Project Manager for the Victoria Arena, regarding Hydro Poles on Caledonia Street. Two of the poles are located at the edge of the future civic plaza site. These hydro lines must be temporarily relocated for the safe demolition of the building. The relocation would be done at the contractor's expense. If this project proceeds immediately, the City's cost to permanently relocate the poles would be reduced by \$12,000, being the contractor's cost to temporarily relocate the lines.

Committee members requested that, prior to consideration of the following recommendation by Council, staff confirm that:

Committee of the Whole

Minutes – November 14, 2002

- North Park Neighbourhood Association representatives have been contacted regarding this issue.
- delaying consideration by Council to the November 28<sup>th</sup>, 2002 meeting will affect the demolition schedule.

**ACTION:** Councillor Holland moved that it be recommended to Council that \$138,000 be allocated from the corporate contingency account to fund the relocation of two hydro poles to the south side of Caledonia Street.

### **PLUMBING PERMITS FOR CRD BYLAW NO. 2922**

02/511

Committee received a memorandum dated November 7, 2002 from the Manager, Regulatory & Development Services Division advising that a Capital Regional District (CRD) code of practice will come into effect on January 1, 2003 and will manage liquid waste entering the sewer system from food services operations. CRD Bylaw No. 2922 has set a standard of 100 parts per million (PPM) as the limit for oil and grease entering the sewer. The CRD has reached an agreement with the restaurant association for a standard which City staff, and some consulting engineers and manufacturers believe will not meet the 100 PPM limit. As a result, the City wants to inform all owners, who make a plumbing permit application through the City for grease interceptor installation, that the City is not responsible for the CRD Bylaw standards and any blockage of sewer mains resulting from grease discharges will be the responsibility of the source emitters.

**ACTION:** Councillor Savoie moved that it be recommended to Council that:

- 1) Whereas the City has limited resources available for the performance of plumbing inspections;

And whereas it is expected that the City will receive an increased number of plumbing permit applications as a result of the requirements of Schedule "I" of Capital Regional District Bylaw No. 2922;

And whereas Council for the City does not consider that it is an appropriate use of limited City resources to review plumbing permit applications for compliance with the requirements of Schedule "I" of CRD Bylaw No. 2922;

Be it resolved that City staff be directed not to review plumbing permit applications or to inspect plumbing work for compliance with Schedule "I" of CRD Bylaw No. 2922;

And be it further resolved that staff prepare any necessary amendments to the Plumbing Bylaw and permit application forms to ensure that they are consistent with this policy.

- 2) Staff be instructed to place appropriate wording in a disclaimer on the plumbing permit application.

- 3) Mayor Lowe be requested to send a letter to the CRD Board advising them of the action taken by Council.

### **ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS**

### **DISPOSITION OF COMMUNICATIONS**

Committee received a memorandum dated November 12, 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 November 12, 2002 from the Manager, Administration, be received for information and filed.

### **PROCLAMATIONS**

02/509

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

<i>White Ribbon Days</i>	<i>November 25 - December 6, 2002</i>
<i>Spirit of Giving Season</i>	<i>November 19 – December 24, 2002</i>
<i>Victoria Christmas Festival</i>	<i>November 29 – December 15, 2002</i>

### **CLOSED MEETING - 9:50 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.

### **APPOINTMENT – CYCLING ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

02/508

Councillor Savoie presented an application for a position on the Cycling Advisory Committee.

**ACTION:** Councillor Savoie moved that it be recommended to Council that Gerald Hartwig be appointed to the Cycling Advisory Committee for the remainder of the term, which expires June 30, 2003.

Councillor Savoie left the meeting at 10:05 a.m.

### **VICTORIA WEST LAND NEGOTIATIONS**

02/507

Committee received a memorandum dated November 13, 2002 from the Manager, Regulatory & Development Services regarding negotiations with Land and Water British Columbia for the purchase of property in Victoria West.

**ACTION:** Councillor Hughes moved that the report dated November 13, 2002 from the Manager, Regulatory & Development Services regarding the purchase of property in Victoria West, be received for information.

**COUNCILLOR INQUIRIES**

**HUMAN RESOURCES**

02/506

Councillor Hughes referred to recent correspondence from CUPE Local 388 and she requested further information.

**ANDERSON v. CITY OF VICTORIA**

02/505

**ACTION:** Councillor Holland moved that it be recommended to Council that the City not appeal the Court decision in the matter of Anderson v. City of Victoria.

The meeting adjourned at 10:07 a.m.

---

Councillor McLean, Chair