

## **MINUTES – COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

### **MEETING HELD THURSDAY, AUGUST 14, 2003, AT 9:00 A.M.**

**PRESENT:** Acting Mayor, Denise Savoie, Chair; Councillors Coleman, Fortin, Holland, Hughes, Madoff, and Thornton-Joe

**ABSENT:** Mayor Lowe and Councillor Fleming

**ALSO PRESENT:** Mr. Joe Martignago, City Manager, attended for the entire meeting. Messrs Dellebuur, Kerr, Lam, McCliggott, Matanowitsch, O'Reilly, Scoones, Sikstrom, Thomas, Timms, Woodland, and Ms Atkinson, Fowler, Higgins, Masters, Mayhew were present for part of the meeting.

Messrs. Tom Moore, Moore Paterson Architects Inc.; Mr. Troy DeSouza, Staples McDannold Stewart; and Mr. Richard Herd, Royal Heritage Construction, were present for part of the meeting.

Recording Secretary: Ming Moodrey

### **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

03/575

The Agenda of the August 14, 2003 meeting was circulated. The City Manager outlined the following addition to the Agenda:

1. Item 3(a) –Rezoning Application No. 03-01 – correspondence
2. Item 13(a) – Jubilee Traffic Management – correspondence
3. Councillor Information Sharing:
  - a. Councillor Coleman – Empress of the North
  - b. Councillor Coleman – Snowbirds Show
  - c. Acting Mayor Savoie - Vancouver Island Health Authority
4. Councillor Information Sharing – Closed Meeting:
  - a. Councillor Holland – CREST

**ACTION:** It was moved by Councillor Hughes that the Agenda be approved as amended.

### **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

03/574

The Minutes of the July 24, 2003 meeting was circulated.

**ACTION:** It was moved by Councillor Coleman that the Minutes be approved as circulated.

Councillor Madoff advised that she has a personal association with the next application. Because of this potential conflict of interest she left the meeting at 9:05 a.m.

**PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT**

**REZONING APPLICATION NO. 03-01**  
**240 – 252 COOK STREET AND 1035/39/43 SUTLEJ STREET**

03/573

Committee received a report from the Secretary, Advisory Planning Commission, dated July 29, 2003, regarding Rezoning Application No. 03-01 to rezone the properties at 240-252 Cook Street and 1035/39/43 Sutilej Street from CR-3M (Commercial Residential Apartment Modified) and R1-B (Single Family Dwelling) to a new zone to permit construction of a mixed use development. The application is for the acquisition of a section of public lane and to amend the *Official Community Plan* land use designation and Development Permit Area designation on 3 properties and to rezone 5 properties to accommodate a mixed-use development in the Cook Street Village. The Advisory Planning Commission at its meeting of July 8, 2003, reviewed the proposal and voted on the following recommendations:

*“That the application be approved subject to the concerns raised by the Commission and assurance that the existing trees be evaluated for protection before the development proceeds and retained as part of comprehensive development.”*

3 in favour    6 opposed    DEFEATED

*“That the application be approved subject to the concerns raised by the Commission and assurance that the existing trees be evaluated for protection before the development proceeds and retained as part of the comprehensive development and the concern of the Commission regarding the amenity package relating to permanent affordable housing being increased and the valuation of the amenity package being insufficient and irrelevant to the community be addressed by Council.”*

4 in favour    5 opposed    DEFEATED

**ACTION:** It was moved by Councillor Coleman that this report be received for information.

**DEVELOPMENT PERMIT 03-31A**  
**280 COOK STREET**

03/572

Committee received a report from the Head, Urban Design, Planning Division, dated August 01, 2003, regarding 280 Cook Street, Development Permit 03-31A, application of The Amadon Group. The application is for a Development Permit to construct a three-storey (plus an access to an amenity roof deck) 26-unit residential building (Bohemia) on the south west

corner of the Cook / Sutilej intersection. This Cook Street residential proposal includes ground floor retail with frontage on Cook Street, Sutilej Street, Castana Mews and Lane. The residential component above is divided into two blocks running north-south connected by a common courtyard. The main residential access is the south side of the building along Castana Lane, halfway between Cook Street and Castana Mews. Vehicular access to underground parking is from Sutilej Street through the parking area under the Castana block. The underground parking of the 2 proposals are connected.

The Advisory Design Panel at its meeting of July 23, 2003 reviewed the proposal and recommended its approval.

It is also noted that a separate and parallel Development Permit 03-31B application to develop the site to the west is in progress. A concurrent Rezoning Application No. 03-01, for this site, is also in process.

The Development Permit application is not subject to a notification requirement and a hearing. However, the concurrent rezoning application in progress will require a Public Hearing.

**ACTION:** It was moved by Councillor Charlayne Thornton-Joe that it be recommended to Council that:

1. Final consideration of the Development Permit be considered in the same Council meeting as the Public Hearing for the rezoning application.
2. Council authorize the issuance of a Development Permit in accordance with:
  - a. Plans stamped "Development Permit Application 03-31A" dated July 3, 2003.
  - b. Development meeting all bylaw requirements.
  - c. Site consolidation to be arranged to the satisfaction of the City Engineer.
  - d. Easement to allow vehicular access to the underground parking area to be arranged to the satisfaction of the City Engineer.
  - e. Easement to secure parking on adjoining lot to meet parking requirements to the satisfaction of the Director of Planning & Development.
  - f. Final plans to be in accordance with plans identified above with the incorporation of responses to Advisory Design Panel's recommendation to the satisfaction of the Director of Planning & Development.

**DEVELOPMENT PERMIT 03-31B**  
**1055 SUTLEJ STREET**

03/571

Committee received a report from the Head, Urban Design, Planning Division, dated August 01, 2003, regarding 280 Cook Street, Development Permit 03-31B, application of The Amadon Group. The application is for a Development Permit to construct a 4-storey 45 unit strata-titled residential building (Castana) fronting on Sutilej Street, which is the western portion of a concurrent but separate proposal (Bohemia) at 280 Cook Street (Development

Permit 03-31A). Both developments have a frontage on Castana Mews, which separates the two buildings. This 4-storey building includes a mixture of a 3 two-storey townhouses for live-in work use and 42 studio, one and two bedroom units. The units on the ground floor will have access directly to the street. The main entrance to all the units fronts onto Castana Mews, which is created by closure of the existing lane. Vehicular access to underground parking is from Suttlej Street. It also provides access to the development on its east (Bohemia at 280 Cook Street). The underground parking of the two proposals are connected.

The Advisory Design Panel at its meeting of July 23, 2003 reviewed the proposal and recommended its approval.

It is also noted that a separate and parallel Development Permit 03-31A application to develop the site to the east is in progress. A concurrent Rezoning Application No. 03-01, for this site, is also in process.

The Development Permit application is not subject to a notification requirement and a hearing. However, the concurrent rezoning application in progress will require a Public Hearing.

Mr. Tom Moore was present to answer questions. He indicated that he received correspondence from Community Arts Council of Greater Victoria supporting the Bohemia project. Committee requested that Mr. Moore deliver the Community Arts Council's letter to the City Planning Division.

Committee requested that the shadowing study regarding the rezoning application of 240 – 252 Cook Street and 1035/39/43 Suttlej Street be forwarded to Committee of the Whole for approval prior to the Public Hearing.

- ACTION:** It was moved by Councillor Charlayne Thornton-Joe that it be recommended to Council that:
1. Final consideration of the Development Permit be considered in the same Council meeting as the Public Hearing for the rezoning application.
  2. Council authorize the issuance of a Development Permit in accordance with:
    - a. Plans stamped "Development Permit Application 03-31B" dated July 3, 2003.
    - b. Development meeting all bylaw requirements.
    - c. Site consolidation to be arranged to the satisfaction of the City Engineer.
    - d. Easement to allow vehicular access to the underground parking area to be arranged to the satisfaction of the City Engineer.
    - e. Easement to allow public vehicular access of Castana Mews to be arranged to the satisfaction of the City Engineer.
    - f. Final plans to be in accordance with plans identified above with the incorporation of responses to Advisory Design Panel's recommendation to the satisfaction of the Director of Planning & Development.

Councillor Madoff returned to the meeting at 9:20 a.m.

**DEVELOPMENT PERMIT 03-30**  
**837-847 YATES STREET**

03/570

Committee received a report from the Head, Urban Design, Planning Division, dated August 01, 2003, regarding Development Permit 03-30, 837-847 Yates Street, application of de Hoog & Kierulf Architects. The application is for a Development Permit to construct a 13 storey residential condominium building with street frontage retail/café uses at 837-847 Yates Street replacing the existing single storey commercial buildings, car sale lot and surface parking. The 104 units proposed are arranged in an L-shape consisting of a 2 tower blocks with heights of 10 and 13 storeys. The 2 blocks are joined with a glazed lobby. The arrangement frees up space for a south and west facing the courtyard. Underground parking is provided with access from Yates Street.

The Advisory Design Panel at its meeting of July 23, 2003 reviewed the proposal and recommended its approval subject to review by the Advisory Design Panel at Building Permit stage.

The applicant has, by letter dated June 13, 2003, requested variances on height and build-to line distance. The requested variances for height and build-to lines are supported.

The Development Permit application is not subject to a notification requirement and a hearing. However, the concurrent Rezoning Application No. 03-13 will be subject to a Public Hearing.

- ACTION:** It was moved by Councillor Charlayne Thornton-Joe that it be recommended to Council that:
1. Final consideration of the Development Permit be considered concurrent with the Public Hearing for the rezoning application.
  2. Council authorize the issuance of a Development Permit in accordance with:
    - a. Plans stamped "Development Permit Application 03-30" dated July 2, 2003.
    - b. Development meeting all bylaw requirements with the following variances:

Section 3.67.5(2)	Relax height from 30m to 44.2m and relax number of storeys from 10 to 13
Section 3.67.6(a)	Relaxation of build to line for residential use from 3.5m to 0.18m
Section 3.67.6(b)	Relaxation of build to line for non-residential use from 0.5m to 0.15m
    - c. Review by Advisory Design Panel prior to Building Permit stage.
    - d. Final plans to be in accordance with plans identified above with responses to Advisory Design Panel's recommendations to the satisfaction of the Director of Planning & Development.

**DEVELOPMENT PERMIT 03-32**  
**701 TYEE ROAD**

03/569

Committee received a report from the Head, Urban Design, Planning Division, dated August 05, 2003, regarding Development Permit 03-32, 701 Tyee Road – Phase 2 (Railyards), application of The Railyards Development. The application is to develop Phase 2 of the Railyards on the Harbour development. It consists of two parallel rows of three storey townhouses with a total of 22 units. It is located at the south east corner of the Regatta Landing / Central Spur Road intersection and is also south east of the Phase 1 development under construction. Vehicular access to the individual garages is provided via a car court from Central Spur Road. The proposal is consistent with the Development Guidelines – the Railyards September 2002. The applicant has, by letter dated July 4, 2003, provided details of the design concept for information.

At the Advisory Design Panel meeting on July 23, 2003, the Development Permit application was reviewed and was recommended for approval.

The Development Permit application is not subject to a notification requirement and a hearing.

**ACTION:** It was moved by Councillor Holland that it be recommended to Council that Council authorize the issuance of a Development Permit in accordance with:

1. Plans stamped “Development Permit 03-32” dated July 8, 2003.
2. Development meeting all bylaw requirements.
3. Final plans to be in accordance with plans identified above with the incorporation of responses to the Advisory Design Panel to the satisfaction of the Director of Planning & Development.

**DEVELOPMENT VARIANCE PERMIT 03-28**  
**1616 EARLE STREET**

03/568

Committee received a report from the Planning Division, dated August 07, 2003, regarding Development Variance Permit 03-28, 1616 Earle Street. The application is for a Development Variance Permit to permit the two required parking spaces to be located in the front yard, and to permit an exterior change to the street façade (front of the building), in order to allow the conversion of a single family dwelling to a duplex. At the July 24, 2003 Committee of the Whole meeting, the subject Development Variance Permit application was tabled. The Committee requested: “that the applicant provide more extensive plans for screening the front yard parking area, similar to the work that has been done on an adjacent property.”

The applicant has consulted with surrounding neighbours. The applicant presented a landscaping plan, identifying a 48-inch tall fence lining three sides of the driveway, the vegetation around the driveway, and a grasscrete surface at grade level.

**ACTION:** It was moved by Councillor Madoff that it be recommended to Council that consideration of the issuance of a Development Variance Permit 03-28 for 1616 Earle Street be declined.

### **NOISE BYLAW COUNCILLOR INQUIRIES**

03/567

Committee received a memorandum from the Planning Division dated August 08, 2003, regarding inquiries by Committee at the July 10, 2003 Committee of the Whole Meeting.

Committee inquired about the FAS Seafood site on Erie Street, how Federal and Provincial Legislation might be referenced in the draft bylaw, and whether staff would be meeting with the James Bay Neighbourhood Environment Committee. Staff have reviewed the FAS Seafood property and note that the zoning on this and the adjacent parcels to the east are zoned M-2 Light Industrial. The properties in the vicinity that are in the Activity District are all zoned for heavy industrial uses. Part of the rationale used by staff in determining the location of the activity district relates to the existing zoning. As a result of the zoning and proximity of residential uses, staff do not recommend that the FAS seafood site be placed in the Activity District.

Upon closer examination of the residential uses in the vicinity, it has come to staffs' attention that the report of July 5, 2003 recommending that 21 Dallas Road be placed in the Activity District as based on incorrect zoning information. 21 Dallas Road (also known as Shoal Point) is a mixed used development, and as such should be in the intermediate Noise District.

Council also inquired about the possibility of referencing federal and provincial legislation within the text of the noise bylaw. Staff have reviewed this issue and recommend that an information guide be prepared to accompany the draft bylaw. The guide will include references to the federal study on float plane noise and other explanatory information. This guide will not form part of the bylaw, but will provide answers to frequently asked questions as well as contact information for other agencies involved in the regulation of noise.

Staff offered to meet with the James Bay Neighbourhood Environment Committee and the Harbour Authority regarding the Intermediate District in James Bay. The James Bay Neighbourhood Environment Committee is now ready to meet with City staff.

Committee requested that City Staff submit a memo to the Mayor and Councillors with respect to the decibel range on refrigeration units on trucks and a brief memo to the Mayor and Councillors regarding the meeting on August 20, 2003 with the James Bay Neighbourhood Environment Committee and the Harbour Authority.

**ACTION:** It was moved by Councillor Holland that this report be received for information and that 21 Dallas Road be placed in the Intermediate District on the Noise Bylaw Map.

## **CATHEDRAL HILL, PRECINCT DRAFT PLAN**

03/566

Committee received a memorandum from the Planning Division dated August 07, 2003 from the Planning Division regarding the Cathedral Hill Precinct Draft Plan. In December 2002 Council approved a communications plan for this project, which indicated that a focus group would be selected from residents, business interests, the Advisory Planning Commission and the Fairfield Community Association. In January 2003, Council approved an 11-member focus group comprised of people representing these interests in the area. The focus group was responsible for working on a vision and the planning principles that would underlie the objective and policies of the plan. The work of the focus group was completed in March 2003 and since that time, staff have been working on drafting the plan and maps. Staff propose to hold an open house on September 8, 2003 to present the draft plan and gather feedback from stakeholder groups and the general public.

**ACTION:** It was moved by Councillor Madoff that this report be tabled with a request that:

1. The Planning Division set up a workshop for City Council; and
2. The Advisory Planning Commission and Advisory Design Committee are to be invited to this workshop.

## **POUNDKEEPER APPOINTMENTS**

03/565

Committee received a memorandum from the Senior Bylaw Officer regarding recent staff changes within the CRD and appointment of Poundkeepers. The Animal Control Bylaw is enforced by the Capital Region District Bylaw Enforcement Services Division through a contract with the City of Victoria. CRD Animal Control Officers require appointment as Poundkeepers under the bylaw.

**ACTION:** It was moved by Councillor Coleman that it be recommended to Council that Cathe Park and Tania Hamilton be appointed to the position of Poundkeeper effective immediately.

## **TIME LIMIT ON REZONING APPROVALS**

03/564

Committee received a memorandum from the Manager, Planning Division, dated August 06, 2003, regarding a request at the Committee of the Whole meeting of July 10, 2003, that staff review the possibility of placing a time limit on rezoning approvals, i.e. if the proposed development is not constructed within a certain time, can the original zoning be reinstated?

Two options for a time limit on rezoning approvals if development has not started by a specified time frame are:

- (1) placing a restrictive covenant on a property prohibiting privileges after a specified date, such as use and density, as a condition of the rezoning; or
- (2) considering a public hearing to restore the previous zoning (provided members keep an open mind in determining their response to the hearing).

Council has used the second mechanism in its *Downtown Victoria Plan 1990* policy 3.2.2.4, which states:

“It will be Council’s policy to monitor and review progress on projects for which an increased density has been conceded. Where Council considers there are insufficient signs of progress within a 24 month period, City Council reserves the right to remove the bonus density privileges of the development.”

Committee requested that:

1. Consideration be given to developing a policy for time limits on rezoning approvals;
2. City Staff review the implications of developing this policy on the Planning Division’s Work Program and report to Committee of the Whole.

**ACTION:** It was moved by Councillor Madoff that this report be received for information.

## **ENGINEERING**

### **JUBILEE TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT**

03/563

Committee received a memorandum from the Manager, Transportation & Development, dated August 08, 2003, regarding a request at the Committee of the Whole meeting of July 24, 2003, that “a modeling process be undertaken by the Transportation Section to evaluate the routes that will be taken through the neighbourhood by Jubilee residents and their immediate neighbours, and this information be provided to members of Council before the August 14, 2003 meeting.” The request was made to better understand the extent of inconvenience caused by the new measures. There was concern that neighbourhood traffic would take lengthy detours and “go around in circles”.

Staff have reviewed the optional routes that would be available to Jubilee residents and their immediate neighbours, with proposed traffic management measures in place. In conclusion, a change from road closures to traffic management means, in many cases, increased convenience for neighbourhood traffic and there is no evidence of any serious inconvenience caused.

**ACTION:** It was moved by Councillor Holland that this report be received for information.

## PARKS

### VENDING MACHINES IN TOPAZ PARK AND VICTORIA WEST PARK

03/562

Committee received a memorandum from the Business Support Division and Parks Division dated August 07, 2003 regarding the City of Victoria's proposal to enter into a partnership with Coca Cola on a one-year trial basis to provide water, soft drinks and fruit juice from vending machines located in two of the major youth and sport-oriented park venues, Topaz Park and Victoria West Park.

By providing this service, the City benefits from a revenue share agreement with the vendors and revenue received could go back to benefiting the maintenance and operation of these facilities. Also the City would be providing an amenity within these Parks that would likely be welcomed by majority of users of these facilities.

The Parks Regulation Bylaw currently prohibits advertising in all City parks, so this proposal requires the approval of Council for an amendment allowing this type of advertising.

**ACTION:** It was moved by Councillor Hughes that consideration of this matter be referred to the Parks, Recreation & Community Services Advisory Committee for review and report to Committee of the Whole prior to proceeding with this matter.

## FINANCE

### JUNE 30, 2003 BUDGET STATUS REPORT

03/561

Committee received a memorandum from the Comptroller dated July 31, 2003 regarding the June 30, 2003 Budget Status Report. 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 would be adjusted to reflect the net difference. The contingency account is currently \$2,416,604, which includes a general provision, funding for multipurpose debt and funding for outstanding collective agreement settlements. This report is not recommending any changes but merely to point out some of the potential problem areas that are being monitored.

Copies of the following financial reports were attached:

1. Department Revenue Summary, actual to budget for six months ending June 30, 2003;
2. Department Expenditure Summary, actual to budget for six months ending June 30, 2003; and
3. Capital Budget Summary and Detailed Status Report to June 30, 2003.

Committee requested that City Staff provide a report on the Transition Fund to Committee of the Whole by October 2003.

**ACTION:** It was moved by Councillor Coleman that this report be received for information.

**TENDER NO. 03-037**  
**SANITARY SEWER MAIN RE-LINING**

03/560

Committee received a memorandum from the Acting Manager, Supply Management Services, dated August 06, 2003, regarding Tender No. 03-037, Sanitary Sewer Main Re-lining. An advertisement was placed in the July 5, 2003 edition of the Victoria Time-Colonist and was advertised on the City's Web Page. Eleven packages were issued generating four responses. A committee was formed to conduct the evaluation of the tender.

Current City policy states that all expenditures in excess of \$200,0000 require the approval of City Council.

**ACTION:** It was moved by Councillor Fortin that it be recommended to Council that Tender #03-037 – Sanitary Sewer Main Lining, projects #1 & 7 be awarded to Eagle West Truck & Crane Inc., for a total of \$45,708.48 and projects #2–6 be awarded to Insituform Technologies Ltd., for a total of \$187,285.66, based on providing the City the best overall value.

**LIQUOR LICENSING**

**SOPRANOS KARAOKE & SPORTS BAR**  
**LIQUOR PRIMARY LICENSE #11988**

03/559

Committee received a memorandum dated July 23, 2003 from the Manager, Administration, regarding an application from *Sopranos Karaoke & Sports Bar*, Traveller's Inn City Centre, operating at 1961 Douglas Street, Victoria, and B.C. to change the hours of sale:

- On Sunday nights from the currently approved hours between 11:00h- 24:00h to 11:00h – 02:00h.

The applicant is requesting the change in hours in order to remain competitive with other businesses in the community. Sopranos Karaoke & Sports Bar is located in the area covered by the Burnside Neighbourhood Plan, 1992. The policies in this area support a range of business services, including hotels and restaurants, which serve and compliment the

downtown business district. There are no residential properties on the street or within 50 metres of the hotel.

- ACTION:** It was moved by Councillor Hughes that it be recommended to Council that:
1. Victoria City Council recommends the following amendment to the liquor primary licence for Sopranos Karaoke & Sports Bar, Traveller's Inn, 1961 Douglas Street, Liquor Primary License # 11988:
    - a. On Sunday extending the hours of sale to 11:00h – 02:00h from 11:00h – 24:00h.
  2. Victoria City Council, in consideration of the applicant's need to remain competitive in the industry by matching hours to similar establishments, provides the following comments on the prescribed conditions:
    - a. The potential for noise is slightly increased from that of the current operation; the operation is located within the Intermediate Zone of the Noise Bylaw, which allows for a higher noise level threshold for nuisance;
    - b. The impact on the community will be minor as there is no residential in the community and the Bar is operated until 02:00h the other six days of the week;
    - c. The views of the residents were solicited through a public notice and a notification letter sent to surrounding residents and property owners as described in the staff report to Council dated July 23, 2003 to which Council received no submissions.

## ADMINISTRATION

### DISPOSITION OF COMMUNICATION

03/558

Committee received a memorandum dated August 6, 2003 and a memorandum dated August 11, 2003 from the Manager, Administration, reporting that certain correspondence was received in Legislative Services have been dealt with on the date and in the manner indicated.

- ACTION:** It was moved by Councillor Madoff that the Dispositions of Communication dated August 6 and August 11, 2003 from the Manager, Administration, be received for information and filed.

## PROCLAMATIONS

03/557

- ACTION:** Councillor Coleman moved that the following proclamations be approved and forwarded to the appropriate Council meeting:
- *Merchant Navy Day (September 03, 2003)*
  - *Global Forgiveness Day (August 27, 2003)*

- *Taoist Tai Chi Awareness Day (September 06, 2003)*
- *National Payroll Week (September 08 – 12, 2003)*

## **COUNCILLOR INFORMATION SHARING**

### **PROVINCIAL CAPITAL COMMISSION**

03/556

Committee received correspondence dated June 26, 2003, addressed to the Mayor, from the Provincial Capital Commission (PCC), inviting City Council to attend a presentation at PCC's July 22, 2003 Board meeting by the City Planner on the Victoria Harbour Plan as adopted by Council in November 2001. PCC also advised City Council of a "Visioning Session" that they are proposing for the Inner Harbour as it relates to properties owned by the PCC, other Inner Harbour property owners (including the Harbour Authority and, of course, the City) along with other major stakeholders. From the PCC perspective, the purpose of this visioning session is two-fold: to explore ways for the PCC's Inner Harbour properties to be put to a better use and to eventually explore the possibilities of some carefully managed divestiture or some form of passive partnerships.

Committee received further correspondence from PCC dated July 28, 2003 regarding the Inner Harbour Visioning Session. An Inner Harbour Visioning Task Force has been established to plan for and develop an agenda for the session. The Task Force has met once and the PCC Board approved the following recommendations.

1. The theme of the visioning session be "Amazing Possibilities".
2. The Inner Harbour Visioning Task Force be expanded to include two representatives from the City of Victoria and two representatives from the Greater Victoria Harbour Authority.
3. The Visioning Session include up to 50 participants, including Mayor and Council, Harbour Authority directors and PCC directors.

The proposed date for the session is November 19, 2003. The focus of this session is the Inner Harbour. PCC's intention is to work together with the City and Harbour Authority to develop a vision for the Inner Harbour in order that the properties owned by the PCC is put to the very best use within available financial resources.

In the July 28 correspondence, PCC invited City Council and Harbour Authority to the meeting of the Inner Harbour Visioning Task Force, at noon on August 11, 2003, at the PCC Office, to discuss the next step in preparing for the Visioning Session and to determine the various stakeholder representatives for an important session featuring facilitation details, speakers, agenda, and the sort of short and long-term expectations or outputs that should come from the session.

Council was not able to attend the August 11, 2003 meeting of the Inner Harbour Visioning Task Force because they did not receive PCC's correspondence until after the meeting date of August 11, 2003.

Committee directed that the City Manager reply to the June 26 and July 28, 2003 correspondence of PCC, with an explanation why City Council did not attend.

Committee also indicated that City Council and City staff should attend the Inner Harbour Visioning Session.

### **EMPRESS OF THE NORTH**

03/555

Councillor Chris Coleman showed Committee the plaque presented to the City of Victoria by the Captain of the Empress of the North, a steam powered stern wheeler from Seattle. The City of Victoria is chosen as one of the ports for the Empress of the North, thus, improving tourism for Victoria.

### **SNOWBIRDS SHOW**

03/554

Councillor Coleman presented a gift depicting the Snowbirds in flight formation. He reported that traffic tie-up was alleviated this year and that there were no complaints received by the City.

Committee indicated that special recognition be given to Elizabeth Low, Downtown Coordinator, for her organizational skills and expertise in planning this event.

### **VANCOUVER ISLAND HEALTH AUTHORITY**

03/553

Acting Mayor Savoie reported on the Vancouver Island Health Authority's Downtown Health Initiative Action Plan.

The Short-Term Actions (less that 6 months) are, as follows:

1. Significant targeted increase in police enforcement of drug dealing in the downtown core and in the neighbourhoods.
2. Establish an adult sobering and assessment centre.
3. Expand youth detoxification services to full-time operation.
4. Intensify needle pick-up services.
5. Improve in-take procedures at the hospital for psychiatric emergencies.
6. Add additional outreach workers (mental health support workers).

The Long-Term Actions (more that 6 months) are, as follows:

1. Continue capital planning for a new psychiatric emergency building.

2. Review current mental health and addiction services available in Greater Victoria to develop a coordinated harm reduction delivery model. This review will include an investigation of the feasibility and effectiveness of a supervised safe injection site in our community.
3. Increase the supply of appropriate, affordable housing for homeless people in our community.
4. Establish an inner city health coalition.

Acting Mayor Savoie invited the Councillors, who may be interested in this matter, to informally meet, preferably next Monday or Tuesday, to discuss the Short-Term / Long Term Actions.

### **CLOSED MEETING - 11:15 A.M.**

Councillor 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.

#### **CASINO**

03/552

Committee received a letter from Destination Victoria Resorts Inc. requesting an opportunity to address Committee of the Whole in a Closed Meeting on the issue of a proposed casino in the City of Victoria.

**ACTION:** It was moved by Councillor Holland that it be recommended to Council that the request from Destination Victoria Resorts Inc. to address Committee of the Whole in a Closed Meeting be declined.

#### **GVPL CENTRAL LIBRARY**

03/551

Committee discussed the possible relocation of the Greater Victoria Public Library's Central Library. Committee agreed to request a meeting, through Councillor Hughes, on Wednesday, August 20, 2003 at the GVPL with the Councils of Saanich, Oak Bay, and Esquimalt to discuss this matter.

#### **BYLAW ENFORCEMENT - SPCA**

03/550

Committee received legal advice regarding bylaw enforcement issues arising from the SPCA Animal Shelter at 3150 Napier Lane. Troy DeSouza, of the law firm of Staples McDannold Stewart, was present.

**CAPITAL REGION EMERGENCY SERVICES**  
**TELECOMMUNICATIONS (CREST) INCORPORATED**

03/549

Committee discussed the performance of the CREST radio system in relation to the City of Victoria's emergency services.

**ACTION:** It was moved by Councillor Holland that it be recommended to Council that the City of Victoria request that CREST have an emergency board meeting within the next 10 days to address the concerns of the Victoria Fire Department and Victoria Police Department.

The meeting adjourned at 1:00 pm.

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Acting Mayor, Denise Savoie, Chair