



MINUTES – VICTORIA CITY COUNCIL
MEETING OF THURSDAY, MARCH 25, 2010, AT 7:30 P.M.

PLACE OF MEETING: Council Chambers, City Hall

PRESENT: Mayor Fortin in the Chair and Councillors Chandler, Coleman, Hunter, Lucas, Luton, Madoff, Thornton-Joe and Young

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The Corporate Administrator outlined changes to the agenda.

It was moved by Councillor Coleman, seconded by Councillor Chandler, that the agenda be approved. Carried

Councillor Lucas entered the meeting at 7:34 p.m.

PRESENTATION

1. “Navy Day” Proclamation – May 4, 2010

It was moved by Councillor Hunter seconded by Councillor Lucas, that the Navy Day Proclamation be endorsed. Carried

Mayor Fortin introduced Rear-Admiral Tyrone Pile, Commander of Maritime Forces Pacific, Joint Task Force (Pacific) and Joint Task Force Games (2010).

2. Presentation by RAdm Pile, accompanied by the CO of HMCS VICTORIA and the CO of HMCS MALAHAT of namesake artwork to the City of Victoria

A member of the Canadian Navy has not come before Victoria City Council within the last 35 years. There are 320 warships named after cities, provinces, lakes, rivers and bays. However, no ship was named after Victoria as there was a concern it would be confused with the British ship, HMS Victorious; the namesake ship was the HMCS Beacon Hill. It was not until the 1990's that the Navy started naming ships after cities again, but again Victoria was missed and the name went to Vancouver. In 2000 the Upholder Class submarines purchased from Britain were renamed to Victoria Class submarines and the first submarine was named HMCS Victoria.

Today the relationship between the Navy and Victoria has never been stronger and he is looking forward to the Freedom of the City event on May 4th. The last time this was granted was in 1985 and reflects the many decades of support from Victoria. There is 150 years of history with the City of Victoria. The Navy has brought readiness to Victoria and sail within days when they are needed during conflicts. They monitor over 2,000 ships off the west coast of Canada and their other duties across the world.

Commander Steven Pokotylo, Commanding Officer, HMCS Malahat presented Mayor Fortin with a framed print of HMCS Beacon Hill.

Lieutenant-Commander Christopher Ellis, Commanding Officer, HMCS Victoria presented Mayor Fortin with a framed print of HMCS Victoria.

Mayor Fortin advised those present of upcoming Navy events:

- *Freedom of the City May 4th; and*
- *Navy Centennial from June 10th – 14th when naval ships representing 15 countries will be in Victoria.*

MINUTES

It was moved by Councillor Coleman, seconded by Councillor Lucas, that the minutes of the regular Council meeting of March 11, 2010, be approved. Carried

PROCLAMATIONS

It was moved by Councillor Coleman, seconded by Councillor Thornton-Joe, that the following Proclamations be endorsed:

1. “Twinned Cities Awareness Week” – March 22nd to 28th, 2010
2. “Canadian Cancer Society’s Daffodil Month and Daffodil Day” – April 2010 and April 9, 2010
3. “Autism Awareness Day” – April 2, 2010
4. “Tartan Day” – April 6th, 2010

Carried

REZONING APPLICATION PUBLIC HEARING

1. Rezoning Application No. 00242 for property known as 1057 Moss Street

1. Zoning Regulation Bylaw, Amendment Bylaw (No. 889) – No. 10-002

To amend the Zoning Regulation Bylaw

- (a) to create a R1-31 Zone, Moss Street Conversion District, which will permit the uses in the R1-B Zone, Single Family Dwelling District, and add the use of three self-contained dwelling units in accessory buildings and will apply its regulations except for new regulations respecting the number of dwelling units, lot area, lot width, total floor area, floor space ratio, main building and accessory building setbacks, accessory building heights, site coverage, landscaping and parking;
- (b) to rezone land known as 1057 Moss Street to a new R1-31 Zone, Moss Conversion District, to permit the land to be used for three additional self-contained dwelling units in two rear yard accessory buildings, i.e. one unit in the garage and two units in the carriage house.

New Zone: R1-31 Zone, Moss Conversion District
Legal Description: Lot A, Fairfield Farm Estate, Victoria City, Plan 50339
Existing Zone: R1-B Zone, Single Family Dwelling District

2. Heritage Designation Application

Under the provisions of the *Local Government Act*, the City of Victoria intends to designate the building located at 1057 Moss Street, legally described as Lot A, Fairfield Farm Estate, Victoria City, Plan 50339, as protected heritage property, including the stone wall and gate at the front of the property, under Heritage Designation (1057 Moss Street) Bylaw – No. 10-017.

Mayor Fortin opened the public hearing at 7:54 p.m.

Richard Furbacher (Co-owner): Their objective is to address the issue of the inadequate number of small apartment residences available to Victoria citizens and create three small new apartments close to the bus routes and downtown. The neighbourhood has mixed use family residences and heritage buildings and a large apartment building across the street.

Lee Large (1021 Gillespie Place): His property joins the property in question and he is in favour of the application as it makes sense to have these kinds of properties

Resident across from the Subject Property: Since the current owners took ownership of the property they have been very responsible and sensitive to the needs of the neighbourhood and have made parking available to their tenants, so he is not concerned about the increase in density.

Mayor Fortin closed the public hearing at 7:58 p.m.

3. Bylaw Motion – Consideration of Third Reading

It was moved by Councillor Madoff, seconded by Councillor Thornton-Joe, that the following bylaws **be given third reading**:

Zoning Regulation Bylaw, Amendment Bylaw (No. 889)	10-002
Heritage Designation (1057 Moss Street)	10-017

Councillor Madoff said that she thinks this is an example of appropriate infill in the neighbourhood and it includes rental, which is usually lost during these kinds of renovations. The proposal responds to the scale and character of the neighbourhood.

Councillor Coleman said that this has been a labour of love for the applicants and there has been some discontent to the process, but not toward the application itself. He noted that the applicants decommissioned the suites five years ago. He is willing to support.

Carried

5. Bylaw Motion - Adoption

It was moved by Councillor Madoff, seconded by Councillor Thornton-Joe, that the following bylaws **be adopted**:

Zoning Regulation Bylaw, Amendment Bylaw (No. 889)	10-002
Heritage Designation (1057 Moss Street)	10-017
Housing Agreement (1057 Moss Street)	10-003 <u>Carried</u>

HEARINGS – REQUESTS TO ADDRESS COUNCIL

It was moved by Councillor Coleman, seconded by Councillor Thornton-Joe, that the following speaker be permitted to address Council. Carried

1. Casey Edge, Canadian Home Builders Association-Victoria, re: Increase to Development Application Fees

Victoria is one of the least affordable housing markets in North America. Victoria is ranked as the seventh least affordable, which includes Great Britain, Australia and the US. The Municipality must find ways to make processes more efficient. The report talks about staff time, but there is nothing about consulting with developers to more efficient. The Provincial Best Practices Guide for Development Cost Charges talks about opportunities for meaningful public consultation, which has not happened. Stakeholders

should be included in the decision-making process and help shape the decision. He would ask that Council vote against the Corporate Services Standing Committee recommendation.

Councillor Madoff said that the proposal for increasing Development Application Fees has not been considered by Council, it has only gone to the Corporate Services Standing Committee. It has been suggested to the City Manager that this be a workshop item in order for all to see the proposed increases and decreases, as well as familiarizing all parties with the changes. This workshop would be open to the public so stakeholders would be involved.

Councillor Chandler said that as a member of the Committee, they were interested in coming to Council for a full discussion.

Councillor Madoff said that she did not believe the recommendation was what the Committee expected to happen.

Deb Day (Director, Planning and Development): Staff have prepared a short report on the phasing in of the charges for the next Governance & Priorities Committee meeting.

2. Gordon English, Genco Construction, re: Increase to Development Application Fees

He is a local builder and developer in Greater Victoria. Recently the Canadian Homes Builders Convention was held in Victoria and there was a discussion about the government imposed costs on development that has more than doubled over the last few years. A \$300,000 house includes \$60,000 government imposed costs. This is a major concern for builders as it is harder to compete with the existing housing stock and thinks some charges are self defeating; if the numbers don't work with the bank for financing, then the project won't go ahead. This cost won't make a lot of difference, but when it is added to the others it is a lot. Municipalities are not aware of the collective costs that now exist such as building code requirements, etc. and how all levels of government are looking at ramping up their imposed costs.

3. Travis Lee, President, Urban Development Institute – Victoria, re: Proposed Development Application Fee Increases

They were not involved in any dialogue and are concerned that this was fast-tracked through, but he is glad to hear that there will be a chance to have a dialogue.

Councillor Luton said that the Committee was told there was a consultation with UDI, but we are now hearing there was not.

Alison Meyer, (Manager, Development Services): There was a brief conversation, but there was no formal engagement. Some fees are government imposed and are required, such as sewers, water, roads through new developments, etc. Staff are looking forward to increased efficiencies, but they cannot eliminate costs for building and servicing of new communities.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Development Permit Application No. 000172 for 2780 Shelbourne Street

A report dated March 23, 2010 from the Senior Process Planner with respect to Development Permit Application No. 000172 for 2780 Shelbourne Street was received. Council held a Public Hearing on February 25, 2010 and endorsed the following motion:

That Council postpone consideration of Development Permit Application No. 00172 for 2780 Shelbourne Street and request the applicant to modify their plans in consultation with City staff to take into consideration the concerns raised during the public hearing.

In order to address the concerns of the neighbours, the applicant has undertaken the following actions:

- Obtained an offer to purchase the adjacent lot at 2750 Shelbourne Street;
- Committed, by way of letter, to minimize the use of the mechanical venting and to increase the sound attenuation around the vent by way of decorative cast fencing and enhanced landscaping;
- Restated the rationale for the parking garage to minimize parking conflicts in the neighbourhood.

Staff support this application as it is generally consistent with the relevant design guidelines which encourage scale and massing that relate to the surrounding neighbourhood. To capture the proposed changes to the landscape plan which further enhance the masking of the mechanical venting.

Motion:

It was moved by Councillor Madoff, seconded by Councillor Thornton-Joe that Council authorize the issuance of Development Permit Application No. 000172 for 2780 Shelbourne Street in accordance with all *Zoning Regulation Bylaws*, except for Section 1.2.10 – side yard setback relaxed from 5.03 m to 1.0 m for parkade projection above existing grade, subject to changes to the landscape plan to allow for screening and additional landscaping of the venting for the underground parkade to the satisfaction of the Director of Planning and Development.

Councillors Madoff and Thornton-Joe said they appreciated the work of the applicant to address the neighbours concerns.

Councillor Luton said that it will be an improvement for the new Hall, but he still cannot support as he is concerned about the excess parking, which is more than is needed. He would like to see it scaled back

to closer meet the parking standard required in the zoning bylaw and guidelines. It is time for the City to consider minimum rather than maximum parking for uses and properties. He thinks this is a good development, but he is concerned about the excess parking

Carried

Councillor Luton voted against this motion

2. Rezoning Application No. 00237 for 840 Fort Street

At the March 11, 2010 public hearing for Rezoning Application No. 00237 for the property known as 840 Fort Street, adoption of the following bylaws:

- Zoning Regulation Bylaw, Amendment Bylaw (No. 890) – No. 10-004
 - Housing Agreement (840 Fort Street) Bylaw - No. 10-005, and
 - the Development Permit
- were withheld pending registration of the Car Share Covenant with the Land Title Office.

The Covenant was submitted to the Land Title Office for registration this morning under FB337838 and FB337837.

Robert Woodland (Corporate Administrator): The practise is to withhold approval of the Development Permit pending final registration of the Covenant, however, the applicant contacted him this afternoon advising that approval of the Development Permit is one of the conditions required to close their real estate deal. It is Council's discretion if they choose to approve the Development Permit tonight.

Motion:

It was moved by Councillor Lucas, seconded by Councillor Madoff, that Victoria City Council **adopt** the following bylaws:

- Zoning Regulation Bylaw, Amendment Bylaw (No. 890) – No. 10-004
- Housing Agreement (840 Fort Street) Bylaw – No. 10-005

Carried

Mayor Fortin asked what the likelihood of the Covenant being refused is.

Robert Woodland: There is a very low risk.

Development Permit

It was moved by Councillor Madoff, seconded by Councillor Lucas, that Council authorize the issuance of a Development Permit in accordance with:

1. Plans stamped "Development Permit # 000188, dated December 17, 2009.
2. Development meeting all *Zoning Regulation Bylaw* requirements.
3. Provision of plans for the entrance gate.
4. Final plans to be in accordance with the plans identified above, with refinements in response to the Advisory Design Panel recommendations, to the satisfaction of the Director of Planning & Development prior to issuance of a Building Permit.

Councillor Madoff said that she has never seen an initiative come back after it has gone this far, so she is comfortable to move it forward.

Councillor Hunter said that Council has heard this evening about government processes that add costs and this would be an example if we fail to approve this permit.

Carried

REPORTS OF THE COMMITTEE

1. Corporate Services Standing Committee – March 11, 2010

1. Request of Removal from the Boulevard Maintenance Tax Program

It was moved by Councillor Madoff, seconded by Councillor Chandler, that Council approve the removal of the first block of Eberts Street, between Dallas Road and Bushby Street, fro the Boulevard Maintenance Tax Program effective 2010.

Carried

2. Amendment to the Recreation Fee Bylaw to Remove the Inclusion of GST

It was moved by Councillor Madoff, seconded by Councillor Chandler, that Council approve the amendment of the Recreation Fee Bylaw No. 06-056 to reflect that fees will no longer include GST, and will be applicable to taxes.

Carried

3. Amendment to Land Use Procedures Review to Update Land Use Development Application Fees

Councillor Chandler said the motion "that staff look at a phased-in approach for implementation of fees and report back to Council for discussion" was not the intention of Committee. Committee did not only want a phased-in approach discussion, they wanted a full discussion with Council with one of the items to be discussed being the phased-in approach. This has been discussed with the City Manager and a workshop has been suggested.

Deb Day (Director, Planning and Development): Staff met with respect to how the phased-in approach might work, and a memo will be coming to the next GPC meeting.

Councillor Thornton-Joe said that motion arising from Committee makes it look like the fees have been approved and that concerns her.

Councillor Madoff said that she cannot see the value of a phased-in approach if it is not part of an entire discussion. Council needs to have a chance to examine the recommendation and identify a community engagement process.

Deb Day: The target was to be at the next GPC meeting and report back to the next Corporate Services Standing Committee with a supplement to the phased-in approach and the workshop will work through questions. She suggested that Council receive the recommendation for information and have an in-depth discussion at the proposed workshop.

Councillor Chandler said that it was not the intention of Committee for the recommendation to look at a phased-in approach come to Council. Committee was limited to two members and they wanted a full discussion with Council at a future opportunity, and that discussion was to include a phase-in approach.

Councillor Luton said that the recommendation looks like they are recommending something, and that was not the intention of the Committee, we wanted a full discussion with Council.

Mayor Fortin suggested that the recommendation be referred to GPC for discussion and that it include additional information on a phased-in approach.

Motion:

It was moved by Councillor Chandler, seconded by Councillor Luton, that the proposed Amendment to Land Use Procedures Review to Update Land Use Development Application Fees be brought to GPC for a full discussion and that it include a review of a phased-in approach. Carried

2. Special Governance and Priorities Committee – March 16, 2010

1. CREST

It was moved by Councillor Coleman, seconded by Councillor Lucas, that City Council authorize the City Manager to:

1. Work with VicPD and CREST to prepare a business case and confirm functional performance requirements for improved radio system. The business case should be provided to CREST to assist them in comparing potential suppliers. The City of Victoria would request that a representative of the VicPD be involved in the selection of a new radio system based on the VicPD's outlined performance needs.
2. Work with CREST and the Province of British Columbia Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General to explore options to find a solution to resolve the radio performance issues being experienced by VicPD.
3. Present the findings of this report to the CREST Board at their next meeting and request an action plan to improve performance and build capacity within CREST to maintain an effective system within 60 days.
4. To demonstrate willingness to work together within the CREST model, request Victoria Police Board to pay monies owing for current CREST services.
5. Review what bylaws have been developed in Lower Mainland municipalities to proactively protect in-building communication needs of safety services.
6. Meet with Management from the Township of Esquimalt and determine their position in terms of the CREST system. Carried

3. Planning and Land Use Standing Committee – March 18, 2010

1. Rezoning Application No. 00258 for property known as 15-21 Gorge Road East

It was moved by Councillor Madoff, seconded by Councillor Thornton-Joe, that Council forward the application to a public hearing and that the necessary Zoning Regulation Bylaw amendments subject to:

1. Concurrent with consideration of the rezoning, amending the *Official Community Plan* to include the site in Development Permit Area 37, Gorge Road.
Note: Council considers consultation under 879 (2) of the *Local Government Act* and determines that no referrals are necessary with the CRD Board, Councils of Oak Bay, Esquimalt and Saanich, the Songhees and Esquimalt First Nations, the School District Board, and the federal government and its agencies because the amendment affects two properties and is in keeping with approved neighbourhood plan policies.
2. Amending the *Official Community Plan* to change the land use designation covering the site to "Apartment Residential (Established)" from "General Residential".
3. Consideration of a Development Permit for this proposal concurrent with the rezoning application with the following relaxations:

Front (Gorge Road) Setback:	relaxed from 10.5 to 9.34 m
Side Yard Setback (east):	relaxed from 5.87 to 5.2 for balcony
Side Yard Setback (west):	relaxed from 5.87 to 5.5 for balcony and nil for parkade
Rear Setback:	relaxed from 5.87 to 5.79 for building and nil for parkade
Site Coverage:	relaxed from 40% to 42%
Parking:	relaxed from 68 to 57

Further, that prior to a Public Hearing the following conditions be satisfied:

4. Advisory Design Panel review.
5. Provision of a 4.92 m statutory right-of-way (SRW) or dedication for the Gorge Road frontage to the satisfaction of the Director of Engineering and Public Works.
6. The provision of a sewer attenuation report to the satisfaction of the Director of Engineering and Public Works.
7. Compliance with the Tree Preservation Bylaw.
8. Gorge Road frontage improvements to be made to the satisfaction of the Director of the Parks, Recreation & Community Development and the Director of Engineering and Public Works.
9. Securing the rental nature of the apartments by a Housing Agreement.

Councillor Young said that it looks like the back wall is one of those with the parkade presenting at the property line as a solid wall.

Councillor Madoff said that was a specific question that Committee had and there is an existing retaining wall there and the applicant has worked with the owner to figure out the design of the wall and there will be plantings to reduce the impact of the wall.

Councillor Thornton-Joe said that the applicant has said he would consider moving the house rather than demolishing it.

Carried

2. Rezoning Application No. 00200 for property known as 2201, 2203 and 2205 Chambers Street

It was moved by Councillor Madoff, seconded by Councillor Thornton-Joe, that Council advance Rezoning Application # 00200 for consideration at a Public Hearing, subject to:

1. The three existing buildings being designated heritage.
2. The applicant entering into a Heritage Revitalization Agreement securing the following:
 - a. Replacement of inappropriate vinyl windows with wooden windows.
 - b. Painting of the dwellings at 2203 and 2205 Chambers to be consistent with the colours used on dwellings of this era.
3. Final plans to be in accordance with plans identified above prior to the issuance of a Building Permit, to the satisfaction of the Director of Planning & Development. Carried

3. Development Permit Application No. 000182 for property known as 355 Cook Street/1101-1107 Oscar Street

It was moved by Councillor Madoff, seconded by Councillor Thornton-Joe, that Council authorize the issuance of a Development Permit in accordance with:

1. Plans stamped "Development Permit # 000183 dated January 19, 2010".
2. Development meeting all *Zoning Regulations Bylaw* requirements.
3. Final plans to be in accordance with the plans identified above. Carried

4. Development Permit Application No. 000187 and Heritage Alteration Permit Application No. 00107 for property known as 923 Burdett Avenue

It was moved by Councillor Madoff, seconded by Councillor Thornton-Joe, that that Council authorize the issuance of a Development Permit and Heritage Alteration Permit in accordance with:

1. Plans stamped "Development Permit 000187", dated January 22, 2010.
2. Development meeting all *Zoning Regulations Bylaw* requirement.
3. With the condition that the permits are valid until December 31, 2010.
4. Final plans to be in accordance with the plans identified above, to the satisfaction of the Director of Planning & Development. Carried

4. Governance and Priorities Committee – March 18, 2010

1. Conference Request – Association of Vancouver Island Coastal Communities AGM

It was moved by Councillor Thornton-Joe, seconded by Councillor Coleman, that Council approve the attendance and associated costs for Councillor Luton to attend the Association of Vancouver Island Coastal Communities AGM and Convention to be held in Powell River, B.C., April 9 – 11, 2010. Carried

2. Request to Extend the Timelines for Affordable Housing Permissive Tax Exemptions

It was moved by Councillor Thornton-Joe, seconded by Councillor Lucas, that Council maintain the Affordable Housing Category timelines as implemented in April 2009, but direct staff to allow those specific projects that are currently in discussion, as listed in the report dated February 23, 2010, to apply for a permissive tax exemption. Carried

Councillor Hunter and Young voted against this motion

3. Status Report on Sustainable Procurement Strategy

It was moved by Councillor Thornton-Joe, seconded by Councillor Coleman, that Council received the report *Status Report on Sustainable Procurement Strategy* dated March 15, 2010, for information. Carried

4. **CRD Agreement for the Harbours Program**
It was moved by Councillor Thornton-Joe, seconded by Councillor Coleman, that Council authorize the Mayor and the Corporate Administrator to sign the Service Fee Agreement between the Capital Regional District and the City of Victoria. Carried
5. **Economic Development Mission to China**
It was moved by Councillor Thornton-Joe, seconded by Councillor Coleman, that Council:
1. Accepts this report for information.
2. Supports the concept of the City of Victoria forming 'Friendship Cities' with China. Carried
6. **Hosting the 2012 UBCM Annual Convention in Victoria**
It was moved by Councillor Thornton-Joe, seconded by Councillor Coleman, that Council approve the funding associated with the host community requirements for the 2012 convention as UBCM has approached the City of Victoria for the 2012 rotation. Carried
7. **Hosting the UBCM Annual Convention in Victoria**
It was moved by Councillor Thornton-Joe, seconded by Councillor Coleman, that Council instruct staff to investigate the potential of the City of Victoria to host the 2014 UBCM Convention and report back to Governance and Priorities Committee. Carried
8. **Motion - Poverty Reduction**
It was moved by Councillor Thornton-Joe, seconded by Councillor Coleman, recommends that Council:
1. Forward the motion regarding Poverty Reduction and the *Open Letter to BC political parties* to the Community Development Public Advisory Committee for its consideration;
2. Direct staff to draft a motion regarding Poverty Reduction to forward to the UBCM Convention, and;
3. Bring forward the motion regarding Poverty Reduction and the *Open Letter to BC political parties* to Victoria City Council's next priorities setting meeting for discussion. Carried
9. **Invitation to Attend Governance and Priorities Committee**
It was moved by Councillor Thornton-Joe, seconded by Councillor Coleman, that Council endorse the following resolution:
WHEREAS:
 - Harm reduction is one of Council's top priorities;
 - Effective harm reduction strategies have been proven to increase public health and reduce public disorder;
 - VIHA is the main organization addressing public health on Vancouver Island;
 - There is growing public concern about regional reductions in harm reduction services in Greater Victoria, particularly the absence of a fixed-site needle exchange;
 - It is the goal of the City of Victoria to see the establishment of a distributed needle-exchange strategy and the re-establishment of a properly funded and staffed fixed site needle exchange;**BE IT SO MOVED** that City Council request that Howard Waldner (President and CEO of VIHA) and Jac Kreut, (Chair, VIHA), to attend Council's Governance and Priorities Committee to present VIHA's current harm reduction strategy as soon as possible. Carried
10. **Harm Reduction Strategy and the Victoria Police Board**
It was moved by Councillor Lucas, seconded by Councillor Chandler, that Council support in principle the following resolution:
WHEREAS:
 - Harm reduction is one of Council's top priorities;
 - Effective harm reduction strategies have been proven to increase public health and reduce public disorder;
 - Harm reduction policies and practices are more effective at reducing the harms of problematic substance use when they have the support and cooperation of local law enforcement;
 - The entire Vancouver Police Department is currently undergoing training by Vancouver Coastal Health on health approaches to drug use and addiction;
 - The City of Victoria has taken many steps over the years to inform both police and the general public about the public health and safety benefits of effective harm reduction services;
 - The City of Victoria is the primary funder of police services in Victoria;**BE IT SO MOVED** that Victoria City Council requests that the Victoria Police Board:
 - Consider passing a motion in support of harm reduction in principle and practice;
 - Consider initiating a strategy of regular harm reduction training for members and employees of the Victoria Police Department.**AMENDMENT:**
It was moved by Councillor Lucas, seconded by Councillor Chandler, the motion be amended as follows:
That Council support in principle the following resolution:
WHEREAS:
 - **Many members of the Victoria Police Department are already engaged formally and informally in reducing the harms associated with problematic substance use;**

- Harm reduction is one of Council's top priorities;
 - **Enforcement and harm reduction form two pillars of a four pillar approach to substance use endorsed by the City of Victoria;**
 - Effective harm reduction strategies have been proven to increase public health and reduce public disorder; **thus reducing the drain on police resources caused by problematic substance use;**
 - Harm reduction policies and practices are more effective at reducing the harms of problematic substance use when they have the support and cooperation of local law enforcement;
 - The entire Vancouver Police Department is currently undergoing training by Vancouver Coastal Health on health approaches to drug use and addiction;
 - The City of Victoria has taken many steps over the years to inform both police and the general public about the public health and safety benefits of effective harm reduction services;
 - The City of Victoria is the primary funder of police services in Victoria;
- BE IT SO MOVED** that Victoria City Council requests that the Victoria Police Board:
- Consider passing a motion in support of harm reduction in principle and practice (**see attached City of Victoria ppt on harm reduction**);
 - Consider **developing** ~~initiating~~ a strategy of regular harm reduction training for members and employees of the Victoria Police Department **in order to ensure a consistent understanding and application of harm reduction practices in order to improve public health and safety.** Carried

Councillors Hunter and Young voted against this motion

On the main motion as amended Carried

Councillors Hunter and Young voted against this motion

MOTIONS

1. For Public Hearing to be held on Thursday, April 15, 2010

It was moved by Councillor Chandler, seconded by Councillor Thornton-Joe, at the following Public Hearings be held in the Council Chambers, City Hall, on **THURSDAY, APRIL 15, 2009, at 7:30 p.m.:** Heritage Designation Application No. 000094 for property known as 652 Battery Street Carried

BYLAWS

1. INTRODUCTION

It was moved by Councillor Hunter, seconded by Councillor Lucas, that the following bylaws **be introduced:**
Heritage Revitalization Agreement (151 Oswego Street) Bylaw 10-007 Carried

2. SECOND READING

It was moved by Councillor Luton, seconded by Councillor Lucas, that the following bylaw **be given second reading:**
Heritage Revitalization Agreement (151 Oswego Street) Bylaw 10-007 Carried

3. THIRD READING

It was moved by Councillor Hunter, seconded by Councillor Coleman, that the following bylaw **be given third reading:**
Heritage Revitalization Agreement (151 Oswego Street) Bylaw 10-007 Carried

QUESTION PERIOD

A question period was held.

NEW BUSINESS

1. CRD Bylaw 3692, Regional Parks Loan Authorization Bylaw No. 1, 2010

A letter was received from the Capital Regional District with respect to CRD Bylaw 3692, Regional Parks Loan Authorization Bylaw No.1, 2010 requesting consent from Victoria City Council for the CRD to adopt the bylaw.

The purpose of this bylaw is to authorize the borrowing of up to \$11,000,000 to allow the CRD to purchase parkland. In the case of the current regional parkland purchases in the Jordan River and Sooke Potholes areas, it is necessary for the CRD to have in place the authority to borrow in order to complete the acquisition. While it is not anticipated that the entire amount will be need to be borrowed, any necessary borrowing will be repaid from the Regional Parks' acquisition levy.

Motion:

It was moved by Councillor Thornton-Joe, seconded by Councillor Young, the Victoria City Council give consent to the approval of CRD Bylaw 3692, Regional Parks Loan Authorization Bylaw No. 1, 2010.

Carried

2. Late Night Bus Pilot Project

It was moved by Councillor Thornton-Joe, seconded by Councillor Chandler, that the Mayor send a letter to the Victoria Transit Commission expressing Council's support for continued late night bus service.

Councillor Thornton-Joe said that public transit was an issue with the Late Night Task Force and they were pleased when Transit came forward with late night bus routes. Some felt that they did not go late enough, but this is a pilot program and they recognize that it concludes April 2nd. They have heard that employees of late night establishments have been using the bus service and the bar and cabaret owners are pleased with it as are the students.

Councillor Lucas said that he is supportive and hopes BC Transit will continue with the service year-round. He asked when Council could expect a report on the Pilot Project.

Councillor Thornton-Joe said that the six months end in June and a report will come to Council after that. There have been some problems with the taxi stands, but once the drivers were engaged, the Task Force learned what worked best for them and will adjust some of the stands placement.

Carried

CLOSED MEETING

It was moved by Councillor Lucas, seconded by Councillor Coleman, that Council convene a closed meeting that excludes the public under Section 12(6) of the Council Bylaw for the reason that the following agenda items deal with matters specified in Sections 12(3) and/or (4) of the Council Bylaw.

Carried

Council agreed not to rise and report, but requested that the discussion be recorded and kept confidential.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Councillor Madoff, seconded by Councillor Coleman, that the Council meeting adjourn.
Time: 8:58 p.m.

Carried

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

CORPORATE ADMINISTRATOR

MAYOR OF THE CITY OF VICTORIA