

MINUTES of a Special meeting of the MUNICIPAL COUNCIL of The Corporation of the District of Oak Bay, held via videoconference (pursuant to Ministerial Order M192) on Thursday, May 28, 2020 at 12:15 P.M.

We acknowledge that the land on which we gather is in the traditional territory of the Coast and Straits Salish Peoples. Specifically we recognize the Lekwungen speaking people, known today as the Songhees and Esquimalt Nations, and that their historic connections to these lands continue to this day.

PRESENT: Mayor K. Murdoch, Chair
Councillor A. Appleton
Councillor H. Braithwaite
Councillor C. Green
Councillor T. Ney
Councillor E. Paterson
Councillor E.W. Zhelka

STAFF: Chief Administrative Officer, L. Varela
Director of Corporate Services, D. Hopkins
Director of Financial Services, C. Paine
Director of Engineering and Public Works, D. Horan
Director of Building and Planning, B. Anderson
Deputy Director of Corporate Services, S. Morden
Superintendent of Public Works, D. Brozuk
Recorder, A. Nurvo

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Murdoch called the meeting to order at 12:20 p.m. and advised that the meeting was being held remotely by live video stream via Zoom, and will be recorded for future viewing.

MAYOR'S REMARKS:

1. Mayor's Remarks

Mayor Murdoch expressed appreciation for staff for all of their work transitioning from phase 1 to phase 2 of the pandemic recovery plan, including the gradual restart of municipal operations, while ensuring everyone is being kept safe. The Mayor also thanked the community in coming together to show support for essential workers, as well as other local individual initiatives to raise spirits, such as Ms. Greaves' lawn concerts. He advised residents that Parks and Recreation staff will be in the community acting as COVID-19 Ambassadors, reminding people about the importance of social distancing. The Mayor also reminded residents that the secondary drop off site for garden waste and garbage will end June 5, since that location will be required for parking for Parks and Recreation patrons.

COMMUNICATIONS:

2. Tender Award - Supply and Delivery of Refuse Collection Truck (PW 11-2019)

MOVED and seconded: THAT the contract for the Supply and Delivery of Refuse Collection Truck tender be awarded to Rollins Machinery Ltd. in accordance with their request for proposal submission in the amount of \$351,503.00.

CARRIED

3. Tender Award - Asphalt Resurfacing Program Tender Award (PW 09-2020)

MOVED and seconded: THAT the contract for the Asphalt Resurfacing & Miscellaneous Concrete Program be awarded to Island Asphalt Company in accordance with their tender submission in the amount of \$815,000.00.

CARRIED

4. Traffic Control Order No. 2020-16 - Handicapped Parking at Monterey Centre

MOVED and seconded: THAT two regular parking spaces at the Monterey Centre parking lot be converted to handicap parking as outlined in the Traffic Control Order No. 2020-16.

CARRIED

5. Grant in Aid Approval 2020

The Director of Financial Services provided an overview of the Grant in Aid process previously approved by Council and advised that the total amount requested for 2020 was lower than the budgeted amount, that some applications were withdrawn due to the pandemic, and that some funds will remain available to consider additional applications throughout the year. Mr. Paine confirmed that staff will clarify with the applicants prior to releasing any grant funds that the funds are to be used for the purposes set out in the application and if the project does not proceed, the applicant will be required to return the funds to the District.

- i. BC Accordion and Tango Society

MOVED and seconded: THAT Council allocate \$0 in Grant in Aid to the BC Accordion and Tango Society for 2020.

MOVED and seconded: THAT the Motion be amended to read that in lieu of the \$1,500 Grant in Aid amount, staff be directed to provide the BC Accordion and Tango Society with one night of municipal booking time at Dave Dunnet Theatre if possible.

CARRIED

The question was called on the Main Motion as amended and declared

CARRIED

ii. Capital Region Food and Agriculture Initiatives Roundtable

MOVED and seconded: THAT Council approve the 2020 Grant in Aid request by the Capital Region Food and Agriculture Initiatives Roundtable (CRFAIR) in the amount of \$500.

CARRIED

iii. Community Association of Oak Bay

MOVED and seconded: THAT Council approve the 2020 Grant in Aid request by the Community Association of Oak Bay in the amount of \$2,000.

CARRIED

iv. Friends of Uplands Park

MOVED and seconded: THAT Council approve the 2020 Grant in Aid request by the Friends of Uplands Park in the amount of \$2,500.

CARRIED

v. Gage Gallery Arts Collective

MOVED and seconded: THAT Council approve the 2020 Grant in Aid request by the Gage Gallery Arts Collective in the amount of \$1,300.

CARRIED

vi. Greater Victoria Bike to Work Society

MOVED and seconded: THAT Council approve the 2020 Grant in Aid request by the Greater Victoria Bike to Work Society in the amount of \$1,650.

CARRIED

With Councillors Appleton and Ney opposed

MOVED and seconded: THAT Council give direction to staff to allow the funds to be used for any activities promoting bicycle usage and not limited to the events included in the application as presented from the Greater Victoria Bike to Work Society.

CARRIED

vii. Green Teams of Canada (Greater Victoria Green Team Program)

MOVED and seconded: THAT Council approve the 2020 Grant in Aid request by the Green Teams of Canada in the amount of \$6,000.

MOVED and seconded: THAT the Motion be amended to approve \$3,800.

CARRIED

With Councillors Ney, Paterson and Zhelka opposed

The question was called on the Main Motion as amended and declared

CARRIED

With Councillor Ney opposed

viii. Oak Bay Heritage Foundation

MOVED and seconded: THAT Council approve the 2020 Grant in Aid request by the Oak Bay Heritage Foundation in the amount of \$5,000.

CARRIED

ix. Oak Bay Lawn Bowling Club

MOVED and seconded: THAT Council approve the 2020 Grant in Aid request by the Oak Bay Lawn Bowling Club in the amount of \$0.

DEFEATED

*With Mayor Murdoch and Councillors Braithwaite,
Green, Ney, Paterson and Zhelka opposed*

MOVED and seconded: THAT Council approve the 2020 Grant in Aid request by the Oak Bay Lawn Bowling Club in the amount of \$5,000.

CARRIED

x. St. John Society

MOVED and seconded: THAT Council approve the 2020 Grant in Aid request by the St. John Society in the amount of \$1,500.

CARRIED

With Councillor Green opposed

xi. Vancouver Island South Film & Media Commission

MOVED and seconded: THAT Council approve the 2020 Grant in Aid request by the Vancouver Island South Film & Media Commission in the amount of \$10,000.

CARRIED

xii. Victoria Sexual Assault Centre

MOVED and seconded: THAT Council approve the 2020 Grant in Aid request by the Victoria Sexual Assault Centre in the amount of \$5,580.

MOVED and seconded: THAT the Motion be amended to change the amount to \$6,000.

DEFEATED

*With Mayor Murdoch and Councillors Braithwaite,
Ney, Paterson and Zhelka opposed*

The question was called on the Main Motion and declared

CARRIED

With Councillor Green opposed

MOVED and seconded: THAT Council direct Mayor Murdoch to write to the Province requesting that they provide stable, consistent funding for the Victoria Sexual Assault Centre.

CARRIED

xiii. Victoria Women's Transition House

MOVED and seconded: THAT Council approve the 2020 Grant in Aid request by the Victoria Women's Transition House in the amount of \$2,500.

MOVED and seconded: THAT the Motion be amended to change the amount to \$1,220.

CARRIED

With Councillors Appleton and Zhelka opposed

The question was called on the Main Motion as amended and declared

CARRIED

With Councillor Green opposed

The Director of Financial Services reported that there was \$36,950 remaining in the 2020 Grant in Aid discretionary budget, following Council's decisions on the current applications.

MOVED and seconded: That Council approve the Grant in Aid request from the JeuxFC Victoria 2020 (Canadian Francophone Games) in the amount of \$30,000 by funding \$15,000 from the 2020 discretionary Grant in Aid budget and \$15,000 from the 2021 Grant in Aid budget.

CARRIED

6. Use of Public Spaces to Support Small Business

Councillor Ney left the meeting at 2:42 p.m.

MOVED and seconded: THAT the Director of Engineering and Public Works be authorized to issue Street Occupancy Permits for the purposes of temporary sidewalk or parking stall patios;

THAT application fees and administration fees for the purposes of temporary sidewalk or parking patios be waived;

AND FURTHER THAT these measures be in place effective immediately, until November 15, 2020.

CARRIED

7. Suspension of Committee and Commission Meetings Due to COVID-19

MOVED and seconded: THAT staff be directed to temporarily suspend all Committee and Commission meetings until the District's Emergency Operations Centre is deactivated.

MOVED and seconded: THAT the Motion be amended to read: "...all Committee and Commission regular meetings..."

CARRIED

MOVED and seconded: THAT the Motion be amended to add the words “or September 15th, 2020, whichever is earlier”.

CARRIED

The question was called on the Main Motion as amended and declared:

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT:

7. Motion to Adjourn to In Camera:

MOVED and seconded: THAT in accordance with Sections 90(1) (a) and (b), of the *Community Charter*, that the open portion of the meeting of Council be adjourned at 3:14 p.m. and that a closed session be convened to discuss personal information about an identifiable individual who holds or is being considered for a position as an officer, employee or agent of the municipality or another position appointed by the municipality; and personal information about an identifiable individual who is being considered for a municipal award or honour, or who has offered to provide a gift to the municipality on condition of anonymity.

CARRIED

Certified Correct:

Mayor

Director of Corporate Services