

APPROVED BY COUNCIL SEPTEMBER 3, 2020

G.1 City Response on Sheltering During the Pandemic

Motion:

That Council:

1. Direct the City Solicitor to prepare amendments to the Parks Regulation Bylaw, to the satisfaction of the Director of Parks, Recreation and Facilities, which include:
 - a. The following temporary adjustments;
 - i. No prohibition on daytime sheltering in accordance with Council direction of May 21, 2020;
 - ii. Limitation on maximum size of a shelter (limit footprint of sheltering site);
 - iii. Spacing requirements for prevention of fire spread, access for emergency services, and maintain physical distancing to reduce spread of infection;
 - iv. Restrictions on possession of open flame appliances and combustible materials;
 - v. Creation of a buffer around areas where sheltering is prohibited in parks, as well as schools; and
 - vi. A clause repealing the amendments 30 days after the last extension of the Provincial state of emergency; and
 - b. The following permanent adjustment;
 - i. Adding community gardens and horticultural areas to the list of areas where sheltering is not permitted; and
 - ii. Adding Summit Park, Moss Rocks Park, MacDonald Park, South Park, Robert Porter Park, David Spencer Park, and Centennial Square to the list of parks where sheltering is prohibited.
2. Authorize the expenditure of up to \$165,000 in 2020 funded from contingencies for additional Bylaw Services resources, and direct staff to include ongoing annual budget of \$491,000 in the draft 2021 Financial Plan funded by 2021 new property tax revenue from new development.

Carried

I.2 Council Member Motion: Engagement to Inform City of Victoria Policy Re Encampments

Motion:

1. That Council approve up to \$40,161 from the Financial Stability Reserve to facilitate an engagement with people currently sheltering and camping in the city's parks and seek potential funding partners.
2. That Council provide a grant to the Greater Victoria Coalition to End Homelessness to facilitate that engagement.

Carried

DEFERRED TO SEPTEMBER 10 COTW MEETING

Motion Arising from Sheltering Report:

Amendment to strike off the following:

Direct staff to report back by September 17, 2020 on options for providing managed access to showers, washrooms and temporary shelter for up to 60 individuals during the State of Emergency at the Royal Athletic Park, and options for limiting sheltering at Central Park, including seeking input from BC Housing on the availability of provincial funding and an operator to run the site.

Postponed the motion until the next COTW meeting (Sept 10)

Carried

I. 3 Council Member Motion: Additional Policing Resources to Support Public Safety

Motion:

That Council allocate \$94,528 from the Financial Stability Reserve* to provide additional policing resources in the City of Victoria for the remainder of 2020.

*The proposed revenue source is the financial stability reserve, as the 2020 Contingency was used for COVID related expenses. Some of these expenses may be recoverable through federal-provincial funding for municipalities.

Motion to postpone consideration of this motion until next Thursday (Sept 10) so Council can receive a budget update from VicPD.

Carried

FOR FINAL APPROVAL AT THE SEPTEMBER 10 COUNCIL MEETING

F.1 1802 Cook Street and 1056 North Park Street - Temporary Use Permit Application No.00015 (North Park)

A report regarding a Temporary Use Permit for a period of three years to allow for the distribution of cannabis as an ancillary use to harm reduction service.

That Council, after giving notice and allowing an Opportunity for Public Comment at a meeting of Council, consider the following motion:

That Council authorize the issuance of Temporary Use Permit Application No. 00015 for 1802 Cook Street & 1056 North Park Street, in accordance with:

1. Plans date stamped February 19, 2020
2. Development meeting all Zoning Regulation Bylaw requirements
3. A street ambassador provided by the service operator during operating hours that patrols the immediate area every hour to prevent congregation and negative behaviours from clients of the harm reduction service
4. The Temporary Use Permit lapsing three years from the date of this resolution."

City Response on Sheltering During the Pandemic

Motion:

Request that BC Housing use of the Save on Foods Memorial Centre until December 31, 2020 for temporary housing with supports.