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www.colwood.ca/meetings.

Watch video of the [January 9, 2023 Council Meeting](#)

- **Mayor's Message:**

- Mayor Kobayashi wished everyone a happy New Year and hopes 2023 will be a year filled with happiness and health
- Acknowledged our public works team for the fantastic work they did to remove snow over the holidays
- 2023 property assessments were sent by mail – a reminder that assessed value only drives an increase in taxes if your value increased significantly more than your neighbours. Read this article on our [website](#) for more.

- **Public Participation:** (Video Time Stamp 06:35)

- One member of the public spoke in favour of temporary speed cushions on Lagoon Road (item 8.1 on the agenda)
- One member spoke on behalf of Friends of Havenwood Park in support of the Havenwood Park Management Plan (item 8.2 on the agenda)
- One member spoke on behalf of the Royal Bay Homeowner's Association regarding development of Colwood Waterfront lands at Royal Beach.
- Read the [written correspondence](#) received.

- **Delegation – The Village Initiative:** (Video Time Stamp 16:15)

The Village Initiative (TVI) is an inter-disciplinary network of more than 40 organizations, TVI works to engage community and system leaders in the West Shore – Sooke region in a collaborative structure working to identify and address key community issues facing children, youth, and adults through coordinated responses.

View the [Presentation](#) and visit their [Website](#).

- **Notice of Motion:** (Video Time Stamp 31:35)

Councillor Jantzen brought forward a Notice of Motion regarding short-term rental housing that will be discussed during the January 23, 2022 Council Meeting. Staff will begin compiling a report that includes the number of complaints the City has received related to short-term rentals as well as an estimate of the total number of short-term rentals.

- **Staff to Investigate Temporary Speed Cushions on Lagoon Road:** (Video Time Stamp 34:05)
Following a Notice of Motion from the December 12, 2022 Council Meeting, Council directed staff to gather information and return to council with a report regarding installing temporary speed cushions on Lagoon Road.

Read the about the [Recommendation](#) and view Background Information:

- [May 19, 2017 – Transportation and Public Infrastructure Committee Report](#)
- [August 30, 2021 – Council Report](#)
- [August 30, 2021 – Council Minutes](#)

- **Draft Park Management Plans Endorsed:** (Video Time Stamp 57:30)
Council received an overview of the Draft Park management Plans for Havenwood and Latoria Creek Park. Council endorsed the draft plans and staff will now seek final feedback from the public and stakeholders.

View the [Presentation](#) and read the [Report](#), view [Appendix 1 – Havenwood Park Management Plan](#), [Appendix 2 – Latoria Creek Park Management Plan](#).

- **National Urban Parks Project:** (Video Time Stamp 1:38:15)
The City is collaborating with Parks Canada to plan for a potential new National Urban Park expected to be centered around the lands located within the Fort Rodd Hill and Fisgard Lighthouse National Historic Sites. Staff are collaborating to develop an Ecosystem Regeneration Strategy, Public Transit and Active Transportation, and Developing and Implementing the Engagement Process. Next steps include implementing the pre-feasibility assessments, continuing outreach and collaboration with Parks Canada, Esquimalt, and Songhees Nations, and developing the draft Policy

View the [Presentation](#), [Briefing](#), and [Appendix 1](#).

- **Building Permit Fee Amendment Not Supported:** (Video Time Stamp 1:49:10)
Staff have been working to review the Building Permit Fee structure and are recommending an amendment to reduce building permit fees for buildings with a construction value greater than \$50,000,000. After some discussion, a Council vote did not support an amendment to the Building Permit Fee.

View the [Report](#).

- **Policing Facilities Expansion Project Budget Request Deferred:** (Video Time Stamp 2:11:15)
Population growth on the West Shore has resulted in an increase in our RCMP staffing contingent, resulting a need for an expanded policing support facility. Staff brought forward a report recommending Council approve \$291,720 (Colwood's proportionate share of the total budget of \$1,200,000) to advance the Policing Facilities Expansion Project.

Council deferred a the budget request until Colliers can be invited to present on their proposal for the RCMP facility and advise why alternate locations were not chosen and that alternate locations must be close to transit and include parking of police vehicles.

View the [Report](#), [Appendix 1](#), and [Appendix 2](#).

- **City of Colwood Advisory Committees Approved:** (Video Time Stamp 3:11:05)

During the Inaugural Meeting, Mayor Kobayashi advised that Council will be working to establish citizen advisory committees in 2023. The proposed advisory committees include:

- Planning and Land Use
- Parks, Trails & Recreation
- Active Transportation
- Environment

Council supported the staff recommendation as shared in the report to form the committees, draft terms of reference be approved, and that Waterfront Stewardship Committee be re-established. Staff were also directed to establish a community engagement process in February/March of 2023 on the following topics: seniors, traffic and speeding issues, sewer, health, arts and culture, and youth.

Read the [Report](#) and view appendices:

- [Appendix 1](#) - Draft Terms of Reference - Planning and Land Use
- [Appendix 2](#) - Draft Terms of Reference - Parks, Trails & Recreation
- [Appendix 3](#) - Draft Terms of Reference - Active Transportation
- [Appendix 4](#) - Draft Terms of Reference - Environment
- [Appendix 5](#) - Draft Terms of Reference - Waterfront Stewardship
- [Appendix 6](#) - Advisory Planning Commission Bylaw No. 1623, 2016
- [Appendix 7](#) - Council and Committee Meetings 2023 Schedule

- **Bylaws:** (Video Time Stamp 3:17:35)

- [Bylaw No. 1947](#) - Land Use Amendment (CD28 Zone Area 2 - Latoria South) was adopted
- Bylaw No. 1967 - Land Use Amendment (Accessory Dwelling Unit) was given a first and second reading, and that a Public Hearing be scheduled prior to the third reading.

View the [Presentation](#), read the [Report](#), and appendices:

- [Appendix 1](#) - Draft Amending Bylaw
- [Appendix 2](#) - Excerpt from LUB, Section 2.1.06
- [Appendix 3](#) - Excerpt from LUB, Section 2.2

- [Appendix 4](#) - BC Housing ADU Guide
- [Appendix 5](#) - Comparison to Other Municipalities
- [Bylaw No. 1968](#) - Building Bylaw Amendment (Energy Conservation and GHG Emission Reduction) was given a first, second, and third reading. View the [Report](#).