



REPORT TO COUNCIL

STANDING COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL ON CITY FINANCE AND SERVICES

JULY 8, 2015

A Regular Meeting of the Standing Committee of Council on City Finance and Services was held on Wednesday, July 8, 2015, at 9:40 am, in the Council Chamber, Third Floor, City Hall.

PRESENT: Councillor Geoff Meggs, Chair
Mayor Gregor Robertson
Councillor George Affleck*
Councillor Elizabeth Ball
Councillor Adriane Carr
Councillor Melissa De Genova
Councillor Heather Deal
Councillor Kerry Jang
Councillor Raymond Louie (Item 8)

ABSENT: Councillor Raymond Louie (Leave of Absence - Civic Business)*
Councillor Andrea Reimer (Leave of Absence - Civic Business)
Councillor Tim Stevenson, Vice-Chair (Leave of Absence - Civic Business)

* Arrived to meeting during consideration of Item 8.

CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE: Penny Ballem, City Manager

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE: Janice MacKenzie, City Clerk
Leslie Tuerlings, Meeting Coordinator

*Denotes absence for a portion of the meeting.

VARY AGENDA

*MOVED by Councillor Jang
SECONDED by Councillor Deal*

THAT the Committee vary the agenda in order to deal with Item 9 first.

*CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AND
BY THE REQUIRED MAJORITY
(Councillor Affleck absent for the vote)*

*Note: Subsequently, the Committee agreed to vary the order of the agenda further.
For clarity, the minutes are recorded in chronological order.*

9. Make the City of Vancouver a Living Wage Employer

At the Regular Council meeting on July 7, 2015, Vancouver City Council referred this matter to the Standing Committee on City Finance and Services meeting on July 8, 2015, to hear from speakers.

Council heard from 9 speakers in support of the City of Vancouver becoming certified as a Living Wage Employer.

The City Manager responded to questions.

MOVED by Mayor Robertson
THAT the Committee Recommend to Council

WHEREAS:

1. At least 20 percent of Greater Vancouver families with children are unable to earn an income sufficient to meet their basic needs, even if both parents are working full-time, forcing them to choose between food or rent;
2. Average earnings in the region have not been increasing despite rising housing and living costs, resulting in greater inequality, child poverty and social costs;
3. A living wage strengthens families and communities by ensuring working families can enjoy basic economic security, participate fully in civic life and lift children from poverty;
4. The need for a living wage has been the focus of advocacy by First Call: BC Child and Youth Advocacy Coalition, the Canadian Centre For Policy Alternatives, Living Wage for Families Campaign and the Hospital Employees Union;
5. Metro Vancouver Alliance, a non-partisan grassroots coalition of more than 50 dues-paying member organizations, including faith groups, community organizations and trade unions, has mobilized to urge private and public sector employers to commit to a living wage to reduce inequality and poverty;
6. A living wage for direct and indirect civic employees was endorsed by all municipal parties in the last election, is consistent with Vancouver's Healthy City Strategy, and is already in place in New Westminster and a range of city corporations, including Vancity Savings Credit Union.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Vancouver City Council affirm its commitment to have the City of Vancouver be certified as a living wage employer by the Living Wage for Families Campaign and direct staff to report back on the steps necessary to achieve that goal.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Councillor Affleck absent for the vote)

**5. 2015 Cultural Infrastructure Grant Allocations
June 8, 2015**

MOVED by Councillor Deal

THAT the Committee recommend to Council

- A. THAT Council approve twenty (20) Cultural Infrastructure Grants totaling \$724,680 as outlined in the Administrative Report dated June 8, 2015, entitled "2015 Cultural Infrastructure Grant Allocations", and noted in Table 1 and Appendix B; source of funds to be 2015 Capital Budget - Cultural Infrastructure Grants.
- B. THAT Council authorize a new Permit Fee Assistance Grant stream, within the Cultural Infrastructure Grant Program, to assist Vancouver-based non-profit and charitable cultural organizations with paying their development and building permit fees associated with improving cultural facilities, as outlined in the Administrative Report dated June 8, 2015, entitled "2015 Cultural Infrastructure Grant Allocations", and to be administered under the direction of the Managing Director of Cultural Services; and that Council hereby deems any organization meeting the criteria specified in Appendix E of the above noted report, to be an organization contributing to the culture of the City;

FURTHER THAT Council direct staff to reallocate up to \$10,000 from the 2015 Cultural Infrastructure Grant budget for this new grant stream.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AND
BY THE REQUIRED MAJORITY

**6. DTES Community Economic Development Matching Grant Project
June 19, 2015**

MOVED by Councillor Jang

THAT the Committee recommend to Council

THAT City Council approve the matching grant allocation of \$460,432 to fifteen DTES non-profit organizations (as detailed in Appendix A of the Administrative Report dated June 19, 2015, entitled "DTES Community Economic Development Matching Grant Project") to strategically advance Community Economic Development objectives of the recently approved DTES Plan; source of funds is the 2015 Capital budget for the DTES Community Economic Development.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AND
BY THE REQUIRED MAJORITY

**1. A Healthy City for All Phase II: Healthy City Strategy Action Plan (2015-2018)
May 20, 2015**

The Managing Director of Social Policy and Projects provided a presentation and, along with Engineering, Planning and Development Services and Sustainability Group staff, responded to questions.

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At 12 pm, during the hearing of speakers, it was

MOVED by Councillor Deal

THAT the meeting be extended in order to complete Item 1.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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Subsequently, the Committee recessed at 1 pm and reconvened at 2:08 pm.

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The Committee heard from nine speakers in support of the recommendations.

MOVED by Councillor Jang

THAT the Committee recommend to Council

- A. THAT Council adopt the Healthy City Strategy Action Plan for 2015 - 2018, as Phase II of *A Healthy City for All*.
- B. THAT Council direct staff to report back on the progress of the Healthy City Strategy Action Plan in 2017.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**4. 2015 Social Grants: Social Innovation Partnership Grants and Childcare Grants
June 23, 2015**

The Managing Director of Social Policy and Projects responded to questions.

The Committee heard from eight speakers who provided background on their projects and organizations.

MOVED by Councillor Deal

THAT the Committee recommend to Council

- A. THAT Council authorize payment of two Social Innovation Project grants to two organizations totalling \$200,000, which will be matched by the Community Action Initiative. Source of funds 2015 Social Innovation Project Grants budget.
- B. THAT Council authorize payment of 46 Childcare Enhancement Grants to 26 non-profit childcare providers totalling \$885,740. Source of funds to be the 2015 Civic Childcare Operating Grants budget.
- C. THAT Council authorize a Neighbourhood Access Grant payment of up to \$45,000 to the YMCA Woodward's Childcare for the period January 1, 2015 to December 31, 2015, to reduce parent fees for low income parents receiving full Provincial subsidy living in the Downtown East Side. Source of funds to be the 2015 Community Service Operating Grant Budget. Any unused portion of this grant will be reallocated to provide a grant to Westcoast Childcare Resource Society, which will be used to work with other childcare providers serving a similar population of children.
- D. THAT Council authorize payment of \$253,700 to the Collingwood Neighbourhood House Society for the delivery of recreational programs and for the operation of the Collingwood Gymnasium for the period January 1, 2015 to December 31, 2015. Source of funds to be the 2015 Operating Budget.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AND
BY THE REQUIRED MAJORITY

**2. Issues Report - Proposed Rezoning - Central Steam Site, 720 Beatty Street
June 26, 2015**

The Assistant Director of Planning, Downtown Division, provided a presentation and, along with Engineering and Sustainability Group staff, responded to questions.

MOVED by Mayor Robertson

THAT the Committee recommend to Council

THAT Council indicate it is willing to consider a rezoning application from Creative Energy Vancouver Platforms Inc. ("Creative Energy") for the site at 720 Beatty St./701 Expo Blvd. (PID: 009-599-479, Lot 8, Except Portions in Plan 13872 and Reference Plan 16566, Block 49, District Lot 541, Plan 9669 ("Lot 8"); and PID: 018-500-382, Lot 222, False Creek, Plan LMP12038 (the "Central Steam Site"), Lot 8 of which is within the C1 Area of the Central Business District of the Downtown Official Development Plan where only non-residential use is permitted unless Council approves market residential use in accordance with the Rezoning Policy for the Central Business District (CBD) and CBD Shoulder (2009), if the following conditions are met:

- i. the General Manager of Planning and Development determines that any proposed market residential uses will result in a substantial public

benefit as described in the policy report dated June 26, 2015, entitled "Issues Report - Proposed Rezoning - Central Steam Site, 720 Beatty Street", and, if a rezoning application is made, the conditions of rezoning of the Central Steam Site are approved by Council in accordance with the usual rezoning process;

- ii. proposed market residential uses will only be considered if the rezoning application also proposes a minimum of 7.0 FSR (floor space ratio) of non-residential uses, as non-residential uses are required by the Downtown Official Development Plan, with the final achievable density to be identified in the rezoning process;
- iii. all non-residential uses must be fully constructed concurrently with or prior to any market residential uses and in accordance with a timeline satisfactory to the General Manager of Planning and Development Services;
- iv. any non-residential buildings must front onto key commercial arterials such as Georgia Street; must be easily accessible to rapid transit; and their location must be otherwise satisfactory to the General Manager of Planning and Development Services;
- v. the proposed rezoning must meet all applicable City policies and guidelines, including View Protection Guidelines and increased measures for noise mitigation for residential development in the stadium and entertainment district as per the Noise Control By-Law; and
- vi. prior to referral of the rezoning application for the Central Steam Site to a Public Hearing, the applicant will have executed and delivered to the City all legal agreements with respect to the conversion of the Central Steam plant as described in the "Legal" section of this report, which legal agreements will be satisfactory to the City Manager and the Director of Legal Services;

FURTHER THAT, the passage of the above resolution will in no way fetter Council's discretion in considering any rezoning application for the Central Steam Site, and does not create any legal rights for any person or obligation on the part of the City; any expenditures of funds or incurring of costs is at the risk of the person making the expenditure or incurring the cost.

CARRIED
(Councillor Carr Opposed)

**3. Report Back on Contracting Protocol and Lease Rates for Telecommunications Installations on City-Owned Poles
June 12, 2015**

The General Manager of Human Resources, Digital Strategy and IT, responded to questions.

MOVED by Councillor Deal

THAT the Committee recommend to Council

- A. THAT Council approve changes to the "Contracting Protocol for Antenna Installations on City-Owned Poles" (the "Protocol") attached as Appendix A of the Administrative Report dated June 12, 2015, entitled "Report Back on Contracting Protocol and Lease Rates for Telecommunications Installations on City-Owned Poles".
- B. THAT the General Manager of Engineering Services and the Director of Legal Services be authorized to execute and deliver license agreements for antenna installations on City-owned street poles, and related infrastructure, in the revised form of agreement attached as Appendix B of the Administrative Report dated June 12, 2015, entitled "Report Back on Contracting Protocol and Lease Rates for Telecommunications Installations on City-Owned Poles".
- C. THAT no legal rights or obligations will arise or be created by Council's adoption of A and B above, unless and until a license agreement has been executed and delivered by the respective parties.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7. New Edition of the Fire By-law (2015 Fire By-law)

At the Regular Council meeting on July 7, 2015, Vancouver City Council referred this matter to the Standing Committee on City Finance and Services meeting on July 8, 2015, to hear from speakers.

The Committee heard from one speaker in support of the motion.

The following motion contains amendments to the original motion which were accepted by Council.

MOVED by Councillor De Genova

THAT the Committee recommend to Council

- A. THAT Council approve the adoption of the 2012 British Columbia Fire Code, together with amendments to reflect the "Unique to Vancouver Provisions" generally as provided in Appendix A of the Policy Report dated June 23, 2015, entitled "New Edition of the Fire By-law (2015 Fire By-law)", as the 2015 Fire By-law.
- B. THAT the Director of Legal Services be instructed to bring forward for enactment a By-law to repeal the existing Fire By-law 8191 and to substitute the proposed 2015 Fire By-law as referred to in A above, to take effect upon enactment.
- C. THAT Council approve consequential amendments to the Ticket Offences By-law 9360 generally as provided in Appendix E of the Policy Report dated

June 23, 2015, entitled "New Edition of the Fire By-law (2015 Fire By-law)", to reflect the changes to the section numbers of offences in the proposed 2015 Fire By-law.

- D. THAT the Director of Legal Services be instructed to bring forward for enactment a By-law to amend the Ticket Offences By-law as referred to in C above.
- E. THAT Council direct staff to investigate and report back on best practices in emergency building access and lock box programs.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8. Dealing with Unoccupied and Deteriorating Properties Slated for Redevelopment

At the Regular Council meeting on July 7, 2015, Vancouver City Council referred this matter to the Standing Committee on City Finance and Services meeting on July 8, 2015, to hear from speakers.

The Committee heard from three speakers in support of the motion.

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At this point in the proceedings, Councillor Louie returned from his Leave of Absence for Civic Business and was present for the remainder of the meeting.

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The following motion contains amendments to the original motion which were accepted by Council.

MOVED by Councillor Carr
THAT the Committee recommend to Council

WHEREAS

1. Along the Cambie Corridor some homes purchased for redevelopment have been left vacant and untended for extended periods of time, attracting squatters, vandalism and theft, that affect local residents' safety, security and quality of life;
2. Redevelopment of different blocks and clusters of homes along the Cambie Corridor occurs at different times which means that the Corridor as a whole could experience deteriorating, unkempt and unsafe conditions for many years;
3. The problem of unoccupied and deteriorating properties exists along the Cambie Corridor as well as other parts of the City of Vancouver despite the

City's "*Untidy Premises By-law*" that states: "Every owner or occupier of real property shall maintain the said property in a neat and tidy condition in keeping with a reasonable standard of maintenance prevailing in the neighbourhood."

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT staff report back to Council on:

- A. An estimation of the city-wide extent of the problem of unoccupied and deteriorating properties that are being held for redevelopment.
- B. An action plan to address the safety, security and other problems associated with unoccupied, untidy and deteriorating properties slated for redevelopment in the city of Vancouver, including actions by our police and fire services, enforcement of the Untidy Premises Bylaw and other relevant bylaws.
- C. Whether the City can require that developers holding vacant properties for redevelopment for lengthy periods of time either ensure occupancy or provide security services for their properties.

amended

AMENDMENT MOVED by Councillor Louie

THAT the motion be amended to add the following as D and E:

- D. Whether or not the large, billboard like signs posted on consecutive residential properties along Cambie, Oak, Granville, Nanaimo and other streets in the city advertising "land assembly opportunities" are consistent with the City's sign bylaw for residential areas.
<http://former.vancouver.ca/commsvcs/BYLAWS/sign/scheda.pdf>
- E. The current diversion rate of materials from landfill and incinerator for buildings on the Cambie corridor.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The amendment having carried, the motion as amended was put and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

FINAL MOTION AS APPROVED

WHEREAS

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The Committee adjourned at 4:14 pm.

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REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
STANDING COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL ON
CITY FINANCE AND SERVICES

JULY 8, 2015

A Regular Meeting of the Council of the City of Vancouver was held on Wednesday, July 8, 2015, at 4:14 pm, in the Council Chamber, Third Floor, City Hall, following the Standing Committee on City Finance and Services meeting, to consider the recommendations and actions of the Committee.

PRESENT: Mayor Gregor Robertson
Councillor George Affleck
Councillor Elizabeth Ball
Councillor Adriane Carr
Councillor Melissa De Genova
Councillor Heather Deal
Councillor Kerry Jang
Councillor Raymond Louie
Councillor Geoff Meggs

ABSENT: Councillor Andrea Reimer
Councillor Tim Stevenson

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE: Janice MacKenzie, City Clerk
Leslie Tuerlings, Meeting Coordinator

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Report of Standing Committee on City Finance and Services
July 8, 2015

Council considered the report containing the recommendations and actions taken by the Standing Committee on City Finance and Services. Its items of business included:

1. A Healthy City for All Phase II: Healthy City Strategy Action Plan (2015-2018)
2. Issues Report - Proposed Rezoning - Central Steam Site, 720 Beatty
3. Report Back on Contracting Protocol and Lease Rates for Telecommunications Installations on City-Owned Poles
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7. New Edition of the Fire By-law (2015 Fire By-law)
8. Dealing with Unoccupied and Deteriorating Properties Slated for Redevelopment
9. Make the City of Vancouver a Living Wage Employer

Items 1 to 9

MOVED by Councillor Deal
SECONDED by Councillor Jang

THAT the recommendations and actions taken by the Standing Committee on City Finance and Services at its meeting of July 08, 2015, as contained in items 1 to 9, be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AND
ITEMS 4, 5, AND 6 BY THE REQUIRED MAJORITY

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Councillor De Genova
SECONDED by Councillor Jang

THAT the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Council adjourned at 4:15 pm.

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