

REPORT TO COUNCIL

STANDING COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL
ON CITY SERVICES AND BUDGETS

OCTOBER 6, 2011

A Regular Meeting of the Standing Committee of Council on City Services and Budgets was held on Thursday, October 6, 2011, at 10:05 am, in the Council Chamber, Third Floor, City Hall.

PRESENT: Councillor Raymond Louie*, Chair
Mayor Gregor Robertson*
Councillor Suzanne Anton
Councillor David Cadman
Councillor George Chow
Councillor Heather Deal*
Councillor Kerry Jang
Councillor Geoff Meggs*, Vice-Chair
Councillor Andrea Reimer*
Councillor Tim Stevenson*
Councillor Ellen Woodsworth

CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE: Penny Ballem, City Manager
Sadhu Johnston, Deputy City Manager

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE: Terri Burke, Meeting Coordinator

* Denotes absence for a portion of the meeting.

MATTERS ADOPTED ON CONSENT

MOVED by Councillor Anton

THAT the Committee adopt Items 4 and 5 on consent.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Councillor Deal and Mayor Robertson absent for the vote)

PROCLAMATION: Homelessness Action Week 2011

The Mayor proclaimed the week of October 10 - 16, 2011, as "Homelessness Action Week" in the city of Vancouver and invited Karen O'Shannacery, Executive Director, Lookout Emergency Aid Society, to receive the proclamation and say a few words.

PRESENTATION: Homelessness Action Week 2011

The Coordinator of the Tenant Assistance Program, along with the Deputy General Manager, Community Services, and the Assistant Director, Housing Policy, provided a presentation on Homelessness Action Week, and responded to questions.

MOVED by Councillor Jang
THAT the Committee recommend to Council

THAT staff present a report at the next Regular Council meeting to confirm the tenanting of the fourteen Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) sites is progressing.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**1. Renewal of Sub-Lease of Foreshore in Stanley Park to Vancouver Rowing Club
September 19, 2011**

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

MOVED by Councillor Deal
THAT the Committee recommend to Council

A. THAT Council authorize the Director of Real Estate Services to negotiate and enter into a sub-lease with Vancouver Rowing Club for the two areas of Stanley Park, with an area of 4.426 acres and .091 acres respectively, and on which the Vancouver Rowing Club Heritage Clubhouse, wharves and appurtenances are situated, as shown dotted and labelled "Lease of Portion of Stanley Park" in Appendix A (the "Sub-Lease Lands") of the Administrative Report dated September 19, 2011, entitled "Renewal of Sub-Lease of Foreshore in Stanley Park to Vancouver Rowing Club", subject to the following general terms and conditions:

Term: Thirteen (13) years and one (1) month, commencing December 1, 2011, ending December 31, 2024, to coincide with the expiration of Vancouver Rowing Club's adjacent water lot lease with Port Metro Vancouver.

Rent: Nominal Rent. Two (\$2.00) dollars per year plus property taxes as if levied and applicable taxes.

Use: For the purposes of maintaining a clubhouse and operating a club engaged in promoting, developing, participating in and sponsoring amateur athletic activities related to but not limited to the sports of rowing, rugby, cricket, field hockey, tennis, cross country running, in addition to the operation of a marina for use by members and the public for no commercial gain to its members.

Other Terms and Conditions: Tenant to be responsible for all building improvement costs associated with their use, including, but not limited to all operating, repair, maintenance, structural, electrical and mechanical costs of the property during the term of the lease.

- B. THAT such sub-lease, as contained in the Administrative Report dated September 19, 2011, entitled "Renewal of Sub-Lease of Foreshore in Stanley Park to Vancouver Rowing Club", will be on terms and conditions acceptable to the Directors of Real Estate and Legal Services.
- C. THAT the Director of Real Estate Services be authorized to execute and deliver the sub-lease, as contained in the Administrative Report dated September 19, 2011, entitled "Renewal of Sub-Lease of Foreshore in Stanley Park to Vancouver Rowing Club", on behalf of the City of Vancouver.
- D. THAT, as contained in the Administrative Report dated September 19, 2011, entitled "Renewal of Sub-Lease of Foreshore in Stanley Park to Vancouver Rowing Club", no legal rights or obligations will arise hereby and none will arise or be granted hereafter unless and until all legal documentation has been executed and delivered by the Director of Real Estate Services.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AND
BY THE REQUIRED MAJORITY
(Mayor Robertson absent for the vote)

2. Little Saigon

Vancouver City Council, at its meeting on September 20, 2011, referred this matter to the Standing Committee on City Services and Budgets meeting on September 22, 2011, in order to hear from speakers. Subsequently, due to time constraints this matter was referred to a future Standing Committee meeting.

The Committee heard from eleven speakers; ten spoke in support of the motion and one spoke in opposition.

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During the hearing of speakers, it was

MOVED by Councillor Cadman

THAT, under section 2.3 (a) of the Procedure By-law, the Committee extend the length of the Standing Committee on City Services and Budgets meeting by one hour or less.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AND
BY THE REQUIRED MAJORITY
(Mayor Robertson absent for the vote)

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MOVED by Councillor Jang
THAT the Committee recommend to Council

WHEREAS

1. Vietnamese communities began arriving in Canada in the mid-1970's as refugees following the end of the war in Vietnam and settled in major urban areas, in particular Vancouver, Montreal, Calgary, and Toronto;
2. The Vietnamese community has become the fifth largest in Vancouver with over 30,000 residents with a significant proportion residing in the Renfrew-Collingwood, Norquay, and Mt. Pleasant neighbourhoods;
3. In Vancouver, many Vietnamese businesses opened throughout Vancouver, especially along Kingsway between Nanaimo and Fraser Street, have become a hub of the Vietnamese community across the region by providing a full range of services including food markets, salons, restaurants, physicians, dentists, legal offices, pharmacies, and travel agents that has been dubbed as Vancouver's "Little Saigon" for decades;
4. The Vietnamese community in 2011 have held Vancouver's first Tet annual Lunar New Year parade on Kingsway;
5. The Vietnamese businesses along Kingsway have recently come together to form a Vietnamese Business Association;
6. The major cities in Canada and the United States have officially recognized such areas as "Little Saigon" with street signs, banners, and commemorative plaques; and
7. A community process including newspaper polls and petitions within the Vietnamese community and local business demonstrated overwhelming support for naming an area along Kingsway as "Little Saigon".

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT City staff be directed to conduct community consultations, including members of the Vietnamese community, merchants' associations, community groups, and local area residents, to designate and promote an area along Kingsway as "Little Saigon".

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**3. Artist Studio Regulatory Review
September 27, 2011**

Public Art, Planning and Facilities Development staff provided an overview of the report and responded to questions.

The Committee heard from three speakers; one spoke in support of the recommendations and two spoke on the loss of studio spaces for artists.

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During the hearing of speakers, it was

MOVED by Councillor Deal

THAT, under Section 6.8 of the Procedure By-law, the Committee suspend section 2.3(a) of the Procedure By-law in order to extend the length of the Standing Committee on City Services and Budgets meeting until 1:30 pm.

*CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AND
BY THE REQUIRED MAJORITY
(Councillors Meggs and Reimer absent for the vote)*

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At this point in the proceedings, Councillor Louie stepped down as Chair. As the Vice-Chair was not in the Chamber, Councillor Reimer assumed the Chair for the remainder of the meeting.

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At 1:30 pm, during debate, it was

MOVED by Councillor Deal

THAT, under Section 6.8 of the Procedure By-law, the Committee suspend section 2.3(a) of the Procedure By-law in order to complete all items on the Standing Committee on City Services and Budgets agenda.

*CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AND
BY THE REQUIRED MAJORITY
(Councillors Louie, Meggs and Stevenson absent for the vote)*

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MOVED by Councillor Deal
THAT the Committee recommend to Council

- A. THAT Council approve the *Artist Studio Regulatory Review Implementation Framework* as outlined in the Administrative report dated September 27, 2011, entitled "Artist Studio Regulatory Review", and attached in Appendix A of the above-noted report.
- B. THAT Council approve the following actions for immediate implementation as outlined in the Administrative report dated September 27, 2011, entitled "Artist Studio Regulatory Review", and attached in Appendix A of the above-noted report;
 - opportunities for studio development;
 - improvements to functionality of studios;

- timely issuance of permits and licences for studio development;
- identify known multi-tenant studios;
- implement "interim program" for artist studios;
- mechanism for ensuring artist tenure in newly approved studios;
- notification of approved uses for artist studio buildings; and
- engagement and learning opportunities for artists.

- C. THAT Council thank members of the cultural community who aided in the development of the *Framework*, as contained in the Administrative report dated September 27, 2011, entitled "Artist Studio Regulatory Review", through their participation in the Artist Studio Roundtables, studio tours and feedback on the draft *Framework*.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

(Councillors Louie, Meggs and Stevenson absent for the vote)

**4. 312 Main Street Complex: Report Back on Proposed VPD Use of the Annex Building
September 20, 2011**

MOVED by Councillor Anton

THAT the Committee recommend to Council

- A. THAT Council approve the relocation of the Beat Enforcement Team and other Vancouver Police Department (VPD) functional units as identified in the Administrative Report dated September 20, 2011, entitled "312 Main Street Complex: Report Back on Proposed VPD Use of the Annex Building", to the Cordova Annex of the 312 Main complex (the "Annex") at a cost of approximately \$4.55 million; source of funding to be from the proceeds of the sale of the former police facility at 5 East 8th Avenue.
- B. THAT the Director of Real Estate Services be authorized to offer the former police facility at 5 East 8th Avenue for sale, with any such transaction subject to a report back to Council.

FURTHER THAT the proceeds related to the above-noted transaction be allocated first to the improvements contemplated in A above (\$4.55 million) and the balance being placed in the Capital Facilities Reserve.

ADOPTED ON CONSENT

(Councillor Deal and Mayor Robertson absent for the vote)

**5. Proposed Street Utilities By-law
September 22, 2011**

MOVED by Councillor Anton

THAT the Committee recommend to Council

- A. THAT Council approve the implementation of a by-law and a permit system to regulate access to city streets and city support structures by utility companies installing, repairing or operating utility equipment.

- B. THAT the Director of Legal Services be directed to prepare and bring forward to Council a proposed Street Utilities By-law generally in accordance with Appendix A of the Administrative Report dated September 22, 2011, entitled "Proposed Street Utilities By-law".

ADOPTED ON CONSENT
(Councillor Deal and Mayor Robertson absent for the vote)

The Committee adjourned at 1:42 pm.

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

OCTOBER 6, 2011

A Regular Meeting of the Council of the City of Vancouver was held on Thursday, October 6, 2011, at 1:43 pm, in the Council Chamber, Third Floor, City Hall, following the Standing Committee on City Services and Budgets meeting, to consider the recommendations and actions of the Committee.

PRESENT: Mayor Gregor Robertson
Councillor Suzanne Anton
Councillor David Cadman
Councillor George Chow
Councillor Heather Deal
Councillor Kerry Jang
Councillor Andrea Reimer
Councillor Ellen Woodsworth

ABSENT: Councillor Raymond Louie
Councillor Geoff Meggs
Councillor Tim Stevenson

CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE: Sadhu Johnston, Deputy City Manager

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE: Terri Burke, Meeting Coordinator

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MOVED by Councillor Cadman
SECONDED by Councillor Jang

THAT this Council resolve itself into Committee of the Whole, Mayor Robertson in the Chair.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Report of Standing Committee on City Services and Budgets
October 6, 2011

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

Presentation - Homelessness Action Week 2011

1. Renewal of Sub-Lease of Foreshore in Stanley Park to Vancouver Rowing Club
2. Little Saigon
3. Artist Studio Regulatory Review
4. 312 Main Street Complex: Report Back on Proposed VPD Use of the Annex Building
5. Proposed Street Utilities By-law

Presentation and Items 1 - 5

MOVED by Councillor Cadman

THAT the recommendations and actions taken by the Standing Committee on City Services and Budgets at its meeting of October 6, 2011, as contained in the presentation and items 1 to 5, be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AND
BY THE REQUIRED MAJORITY

RISE FROM COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MOVED by Councillor Jang

THAT the Committee of the Whole rise and report.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADOPT REPORT OF COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MOVED by Councillor Cadman
SECONDED by Councillor Jang

THAT the report of the Committee of the Whole be adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Council adjourned at 1:44 pm.

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