

REPORT TO COUNCIL



STANDING COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL  
ON PLANNING, TRANSPORTATION AND ENVIRONMENT

MAY 2, 2012

A Regular Meeting of the Standing Committee of Council on Planning, Transportation and Environment was held on Wednesday, May 2, 2012, at 9:33 am, in the Council Chamber, Third Floor, City Hall.

**PRESENT:** Councillor Geoff Meggs, Vice-Chair  
Mayor Gregor Robertson  
Councillor George Affleck  
Councillor Adriane Carr  
Councillor Kerry Jang  
Councillor Raymond Louie  
Councillor Tim Stevenson  
Councillor Tony Tang\*

**ABSENT:** Councillor Elizabeth Ball (Sick Leave)  
Councillor Heather Deal (Leave of Absence - Civic Business)  
Councillor Andrea Reimer, Chair (Sick Leave)

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

**CITY CLERK'S OFFICE:** Nicole Ludwig, Meeting Coordinator

\*Denotes absence for a portion of the meeting.

**MATTERS ADOPTED ON CONSENT**

MOVED by Councillor Jang

THAT the Committee adopt items 1 and 2 on consent.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

1. **#35-1055 Canada Place - 0907277 BC Ltd. (Sweet Sorrow Lounge)  
Liquor Primary Liquor Licence Application  
Liquor Establishment Class 1 - Lounge  
March 29, 2012**

THAT the Committee recommend to Council

THAT Council, having considered the opinion of local area residents and business operators as determined by neighbourhood notifications, site sign, noise impacts and relevant Council policy as outlined in the Administrative Report dated March 29, 2012, entitled "#35-1055 Canada Place - 0907277 BC Ltd. (Sweet Sorrow Lounge) Liquor Primary Liquor Licence Application Liquor Establishment Class 1 - Lounge", endorse the request by 0907277 BC Ltd. (Sweet Sorrow Lounge) for a 42 person with 8 person outdoor patio Liquor Primary liquor licence (Liquor Establishment Class 1 - Lounge) at #35 - 1055 Canada Place subject to:

- i. A maximum capacity of 42 persons inside and 8 persons on the outdoor patio;
- ii. Standard hours of operation for the first six months limited to 11 am to 2 am, seven days a week; after which time extended hours of operation may be considered which are limited to 9 am to 3 am, seven days a week;
- iii. The outdoor patio ceasing all liquor service and vacated by 11 pm nightly;
- iv. No entertainment or music permitted on the patio;
- v. Food service to be provided while the establishment is operating as well as on the patio when open;
- vi. A Time-limited Development Permit;
- vii. Acoustic report to be submitted certifying that the establishment meets Noise Control By-law requirements; and
- viii. Signing a Good Neighbour Agreement with the City prior to business licence issuance.

ADOPTED ON CONSENT

2. **1131 Mainland Street - Follie Deuce  
Liquor Primary Liquor Licence Application  
Liquor Establishment Class 2 - Neighbourhood Pub  
March 29, 2012**

THAT the Committee recommend to Council

THAT Council, having considered the opinion of local area residents and business operators as determined by neighbourhood notifications, site sign, noise impacts and relevant Council policy as outlined in the Administrative Report, dated March 29, 2012, entitled, "1131 Mainland Street - Follie Deuce Liquor Primary Liquor Licence Application Liquor Establishment Class 2 - Neighbourhood Pub", endorse the request by Mark James for a new 125 person Liquor Primary liquor licence (Liquor

Establishment Class 2 - Neighbourhood Pub) with outdoor patio seating (25 seats) at 1131 Mainland Street subject to:

- i. Standard hours of operation for the first six months are limited to 11 am to 1 am, Sunday to Thursday and 11 am to 2 am, Friday and Saturday; after which time Extended hours of operation may be considered which are limited to 9 am to 2 am, Sunday to Thursday and 9 am to 3 am, Friday and Saturday;
- ii. The outdoor patio ceasing all liquor service and vacated by 11 pm nightly;
- iii. A maximum total capacity of 125 persons inside and 25 persons on the patio;
- iv. Acoustic report to be submitted certifying that the establishment meets Noise Control By-law requirements;
- v. No music or entertainment permitted on the patio;
- vi. Signing a Good Neighbour Agreement with the City prior to business licence issuance and a licence agreement with Engineering Services with an initial one-year term for the patio;
- vii. A Time-limited Development Permit; and
- viii. Food service to be provided while the establishment is operating as well as on the patio when open.

ADOPTED ON CONSENT

**3. 2012 Community and Neighbourhood Arts Development Grant Allocations  
April 5, 2012**

MOVED by Councillor Louie  
THAT the Committee recommend to Council

THAT Council approve a total of \$375,000 in Community and Neighbourhood Arts Development Grants to 56 organizations as listed in Appendix A of the Administrative Report dated April 5, 2012, entitled, "2012 Community and Neighbourhood Arts Development Grant Allocations". Source of funds to be the 2012 New Cultural Grants Program budget.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AND  
BY THE REQUIRED MAJORITY

**4. 2012 Community Services and Other Social Grants  
March 27, 2012**

The Committee heard from three speakers who were in support of the recommendations and thanked the City.

MOVED by Councillor Jang

THAT the Committee recommend to Council

- A. THAT Council approve 110 Community Services Grants totaling \$2,184,404 including any recommended Conditions on the grants, as listed in Appendices C-1, C-2 and C-3 of the Administrative Report dated March 27, 2012, entitled, "2012 Community Services and Other Social Grants". Source of funding is the 2012 Community Services Grants budget.
- B. THAT Council approve 14 grants for a total of \$218,700 from the Social Responsibility Fund. Source of funding is the Edgewater Casino Social Responsibility Reserve.
- C. THAT Council approve 1 grant of \$20,000 from the Hastings Legacy Fund. Source of funding is the Hastings Social Responsibility Reserve.
- D. THAT Council approve 3 Rent Subsidy Grants totalling \$80,075. Source of funding is the 2012 Rent Subsidy Grants Budget.
- E. THAT Council approve Childcare Administration grants of \$57,396 to Vancouver Society of Children's Centres (VSOCC) for the administration of City-owned child care facilities and a grant of \$116,639 to the Westcoast Child Care Resource Centre for city wide support services, totalling \$174,035. Source of funding is 2012 Civic Child Care Grants, 2012 Operating Budget.
- F. THAT Council approve \$100,000 in funding for Greenest City Neighbourhood (GCN) Grants to 10 applicants. Source of funding is the 2012 Greenest City Neighbourhood Grants Budget.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AND  
BY THE REQUIRED MAJORITY

**5. Bylaw for Liability Insurance Requirements for Oil Tankers and Pipelines that could Spill into Burrard Inlet or the Fraser River**

Vancouver City Council, at its meeting on Tuesday, May 1, 2012, referred the following motion to the Standing Committee on Planning, Transportation and Environment meeting on Wednesday, May 2, 2012, in order to hear from speakers.

The following motion contains amendments to the original motion on notice, which were agreed to by the Committee.

MOVED by Mayor Robertson  
THAT the Committee recommend to Council

WHEREAS

1. Kinder Morgan recently announced that it will seek approval to double the capacity of their pipeline and estimates tanker traffic will increase five-fold from the 2010 level of 71 tankers;
2. Kinder Morgan's pipeline would carry both conventional oil and diluted bitumen. Bitumen is a viscous, black, sticky tar-like substance extracted from Alberta's Tar Sands. To create a liquid that can travel through pipelines, bitumen is diluted by up to 50% with volatile solvents such as naphtha;
3. It is estimated that even larger tankers will be required to take the increased volume of oil to foreign market, increasing the risk of a large oil spill, and requiring extensive dredging of the Vancouver Harbour and/or Fraser River;
4. A tanker or pipeline mishap affecting Burrard Inlet, Vancouver Harbour or the Fraser River would cause immediate and long term harm to the marine environment and the Vancouver shoreline. If an accident occurred in a tanker or pipeline carrying diluted bitumen that risk would exponentially expand as a result of the potential toxic contamination of air, groundwater and soil, and risk to human health;
5. The impact on the existing local economy of a major oil spill in Burrard Inlet, Vancouver Harbour or the Fraser River would be enormous with direct impacts on major sectors of Vancouver's economy including tourism, development and fisheries. The reputational impact could have further and long term impacts on other existing economic activities;
6. The Federal Government announced on March 29, 2012 that they are closing BC's command centre for emergency oil spills, and centralizing oil spill response in Quebec due to federal government budget constraints. This would further increase risk to Vancouver's shoreline as immediate response - the responsibility of the federal government in Vancouver Harbour and the Fraser River - would be hampered;
7. Vancouver taxpayers expect that the full cost of any oil tanker or pipeline mishap - emergency response, clean up, and offsetting any loss to existing economic activity resulting from a spill - would be borne by the industry as they are using the public resource of Burrard Inlet, Vancouver Harbour or the Fraser River.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

- A. THAT staff be directed to prepare a by-law that would require pipeline operators and oil tankers using Burrard Inlet, Vancouver Harbour and/or the Fraser River to indemnify the City of Vancouver and existing local industries

through appropriate liability insurance at a level equal to the projected amount of clean up operation costs, and loss of business compensation for a worst case scenario oil spill.

- B. THAT, interim to a bylaw coming back to Council,
- the Mayor write to Prime Minister Harper expressing the City of Vancouver's strenuous opposition to any increase in oil tanker traffic, or measures that lead to increased oil tanker traffic, as it poses an unacceptable and unmitigated risk to Vancouver's economy and environment;
  - this motion be communicated to the Metro Vancouver Port Cities Committee, and municipalities and First Nations in coastal British Columbia and the Fraser River Basin;
  - the Mayor convene a coordinated local government response as appropriate.
- C. THAT City staff and the Vancouver Economic Commission report back on possible impacts and risks to the City of Vancouver associated with increased oil tanker traffic;

FURTHER THAT City staff report back on ways and means to provide this information to the public.

carried

The Committee heard from 4 speakers in support of the motion.

Following the hearing of speakers, the motion was put and CARRIED with Councillor Affleck opposed.

## **6. Prevent Additional Utilities Billing to Social Housing Tenants at Olympic Village**

Vancouver City Council, at its meeting on Tuesday, May 1, 2012, referred the following motion to the Standing Committee on Planning, Transportation and Environment meeting on Wednesday, May 2, 2012, in order to hear from speakers.

The following motion contains amendments to the original motion, which were agreed to by the Committee.

MOVED by Councillor Carr  
THAT the Committee recommend to Council

WHEREAS

1. The City of Vancouver promised, as part of its bid to host the 2010 Winter Olympics, that 20 percent of the housing at the Olympic Village site—

approximately 250 units—would be non-market housing (owned or operated by non-profit housing societies);

2. The Southeast False Creek Official Development Plan (2006), which by section 561 (3) of the Vancouver Charter, is binding on the City unless amended by bylaw following a public hearing, further stipulates at least 20% of the housing in the Olympic Village site must be affordable housing and defines affordable housing as housing, including utilities, that costs 30% or less of gross household income;
3. Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC) stipulates that “Affordable housing costs less than 30% of before-tax household income. For renters, shelter costs include rent and any payments for electricity, fuel, water and other municipal services.” (CMHC Corporate Plan for 2011-2015);
4. On April 22, 2010 Vancouver City Council passed a motion confirming that 252 units of affordable housing in the Olympic Village are to be operated as “mixed income housing managed by a non-profit operator with approximately 50% of the units being occupied by core need and deep core need households”; and
5. Residents comprising core-need and deep-core-need households at 80 Walter Hardwick Avenue and 122 Walter Hardwick Avenue in the Olympic Village have been billed a District Energy Utility bill that results in their rent and utilities amounting to a sum in excess of 30% of their gross household income.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City of Vancouver ensure that the rent and cost of utilities, including the District Energy Utility, do not exceed 30% of the gross household income for all core-need and deep-core-need households at 80 Walter Hardwick Avenue and 122 Walter Hardwick Avenue in the Olympic Village, even should this entail the City continuing to cover the costs of the District Energy Utility bills for the core-need and deep-core-need households;

FURTHER THAT this matter be resolved prior to June 2012, beyond which date the City has not committed to covering the District Energy Utility bills for social housing tenants in the Olympic Village.

amended

The City Manager responded to questions prior to hearing from speakers.

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

AMENDMENT MOVED by Councillor Jang

THAT the motion be struck and replaced with the following:

**Non-Market Housing Utility Usage**

WHEREAS:

1. Upon hearing of concerns regarding energy bills for residents of non-market housing located in Southeast False Creek Area 3A shortly after occupancy in March 2011, a utilities review was undertaken by the City and COHO Property Management.
2. Whilst servicing of all building systems in response to these concerns was undertaken the utility bills of affected tenants are being paid for by the City of Vancouver until July 1, 2012.
3. Tenants of the non-market housing who are on Provincial income assistance receive a \$55.00 utility allowance per month.
4. The recommissioning of building systems and review of consumption between March 1, 2011 to February 29, 2012 demonstrate the average utility charges are in keeping with the monthly provincial allowance.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT staff continue monitoring utility consumption and related charges for subsidized units to ensure that the goals of our affordable housing are achieved in Southeast False Creek.

CARRIED

(Councillors Affleck and Carr opposed)

(Councillor Tang absent for the vote)

The amendment having carried, the motion as amended was put and CARRIED with Councillors Affleck and Carr opposed, and Councillor Tang absent for the vote.

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*The Committee recessed at 11:56 am and reconvened at 12:38 pm with the same members present.*

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## 7. Opt Out of BC Hydro Wireless Smart Meter Program

Vancouver City Council, at its meeting on Tuesday, May 1, 2012, referred the following motion to the Standing Committee on Planning, Transportation and Environment meeting on Wednesday, May 2, 2012, in order to hear from speakers.

MOVED by Councillor Carr  
THAT the Committee recommend to Council

### WHEREAS

1. Vancouver residents have raised significant and serious health, privacy, security, safety, cost and other concerns, including infringement of their democratic, civil and human rights, regarding the forced installation of BC Hydro's wireless smart meters on their homes.
2. Many other British Columbia residents have raised similar concerns, prompting 39 BC Municipal and Local Government Councils (as of April 16, 2012) and the Union of BC Municipalities (2011 Convention) to pass motions calling for a moratorium on mandatory installations of wireless meters and/or an opt-out option for their residents to provide citizens with a choice in accordance with our democratic process.
3. In May, 2011, the World Health Organization reclassified radio-frequency electromagnetic fields, such as occur with smart meters, as possibly carcinogenic to humans. Smart meter radio-frequency emissions have been reconfirmed as a hazard by Dr. Baan of the International Agency on the Research of Cancer (IARC), Responsible Officer for the RF-EMF reclassification, in correspondence dated March 30, 2012.
4. Information has not been made readily available to the public on the exact locations within Vancouver of Smart Grid "collector units" or "hubs" where data is received and re-transmitted, as well as locations where meters are concentrated in banks such as apartment blocks, which create the potential for increased radio-frequency emissions at these locations.
5. Clarifying information has not been made available to the public concerning the Frequency and Duration of radio frequency emissions from wireless smart meters, which would include information on the Message Type (Meter Read Data, Network Management, Time Synch, Mesh Network Message Management) and the Transmission Frequency of all radio-frequency transmissions and messages within a 24 hour period.
6. Section 83 (1) of the British Columbia Public Health Act states that, if a local government becomes aware of a health hazard or health impediment within its jurisdiction, it must report the health hazard or health impediment to a health officer or take an action which it has authority to take and provide health officers with information the health officers require.

7. Smart meters and smart grids can be installed using non-wireless technology, including phone lines, fiber optics, or the Echelon power line technology as used in many European countries.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

- A. THAT the City of Vancouver request that BC Hydro offer opt out options to Vancouver residents, whether or not a smart meter has already been installed in their home, at no extra costs to the consumers, which options would include analogue meter or smart meter and smart grid technologies which do not emit radio frequency emissions such as used in Italy and other European countries.
- B. THAT the City of Vancouver request that BC Hydro provide the City with all locations of wireless smart meter "collector units" and "hubs", information regarding maximum number of smart meters in "smart meter banks", and data on radio-frequency emissions exposure (including all Message Types and all Transmission Frequencies per 24 hour period of radio frequency emissions), from smart meters, "collector units", "hubs", and multiple smart meter locations.
- C. THAT the City of Vancouver report the concerns and health impacts raised by Vancouver residents regarding the wireless smart meters and wireless smart grid being installed by BC Hydro, as well as information from BC Hydro regarding the wireless smart meter "collector units", "hubs" and multiple smart meter locations, to BC's Chief Medical Officer and the Chief Medical Officer of Vancouver Coastal Health.

amended

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*Prior to hearing speakers it was*

*MOVED by Councillor Louie*

*THAT the speakers list for this item be closed.*

*CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY*

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The Committee heard from 22 speakers in support of the motion and two speakers who addressed other issues related to the motion.

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*The Committee recessed at 2:43 pm and reconvened at 2:58 pm with the same members present except for Councillor Stevenson, who was not in the Chamber.*

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AMENDMENT MOVED by Councillor Louie

THAT A, B and C in the motion be struck and replaced with the following:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT

The City of Vancouver write to BC Hydro requesting:

- A. THAT BC Hydro provide public assurances that individual household privacy will be maintained in any public release or sharing of data collected by Smart Meters; and that this data not be sold to private companies.
- B. THAT a “just transition” strategy is in place for BC Hydro employees whose jobs will be impacted by the introduction and maintenance of the Smart Meter program.
- C. THAT BC Hydro offer an opt out option while continuing to research alternatives for real-time measurement of energy usage in British Columbia based on best practices in other jurisdictions.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY  
(Councillor Tang absent for the vote)

The amendment having carried, the motion as amended was put and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY, with Councillor Tang absent for the vote.

FINAL MOTION AS APPROVED

WHEREAS

1. Vancouver residents have raised significant and serious health, privacy, security, safety, cost and other concerns, including infringement of their democratic, civil and human rights, regarding the forced installation of BC Hydro’s wireless smart meters on their homes;
2. Many other British Columbia residents have raised similar concerns, prompting 39 BC Municipal and Local Government Councils (as of April 16, 2012) and the Union of BC Municipalities (2011 Convention) to pass motions calling for a moratorium on mandatory installations of wireless

meters and/or an opt-out option for their residents to provide citizens with a choice in accordance with our democratic process;

3. In May, 2011, the World Health Organization reclassified radio-frequency electromagnetic fields, such as occur with smart meters, as possibly carcinogenic to humans. Smart meter radio-frequency emissions have been reconfirmed as a hazard by Dr. Baan of the International Agency on the Research of Cancer (IARC), Responsible Officer for the RF-EMF reclassification, in correspondence dated March 30, 2012;
4. Information has not been made readily available to the public on the exact locations within Vancouver of Smart Grid "collector units" or "hubs" where data is received and re-transmitted, as well as locations where meters are concentrated in banks such as apartment blocks, which create the potential for increased radio-frequency emissions at these locations;
5. Clarifying information has not been made available to the public concerning the Frequency and Duration of radio frequency emissions from wireless smart meters, which would include information on the Message Type (Meter Read Data, Network Management, Time Synch, Mesh Network Message Management) and the Transmission Frequency of all radio-frequency transmissions and messages within a 24 hour period;
6. Section 83 (1) of the British Columbia Public Health Act states that, if a local government becomes aware of a health hazard or health impediment within its jurisdiction, it must report the health hazard or health impediment to a health officer or take an action which it has authority to take and provide health officers with information the health officers require; and
7. Smart meters and smart grids can be installed using non-wireless technology, including phone lines, fiber optics, or the Echelon power line technology as used in many European countries.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City of Vancouver write to BC Hydro requesting:

- A. THAT BC Hydro provide public assurances that individual household privacy will be maintained in any public release or sharing of data collected by Smart Meters; and that this data not be sold to private companies.
- B. THAT a "just transition" strategy is in place for BC Hydro employees whose jobs will be impacted by the introduction and maintenance of the Smart Meter program.
- C. THAT BC Hydro offer an opt out option while continuing to research alternatives for real-time measurement of energy usage in British

Columbia based on best practices in other jurisdictions.

The Committee adjourned at 3:58 pm

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REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
STANDING COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL ON  
PLANNING, TRANSPORTATION AND ENVIRONMENT

MAY 2, 2012

A Regular Meeting of the Council of the City of Vancouver was held on Wednesday, May 2, 2012, at 4:01 pm, in the Council Chamber, Third Floor, City Hall, following the Standing Committee on Planning, Transportation and Environment meeting, to consider the recommendations and actions of the Committee.

**PRESENT:** Mayor Gregor Robertson  
Councillor George Affleck  
Councillor Adriane Carr  
Councillor Kerry Jang  
Councillor Raymond Louie  
Councillor Geoff Meggs  
Councillor Tim Stevenson  
Councillor Tony Tang

**ABSENT:** Councillor Elizabeth Ball (Sick Leave)  
Councillor Heather Deal (Leave of Absence - Civic Business)  
Councillor Andrea Reimer (Sick Leave)

**CITY CLERK'S OFFICE:** Nicole Ludwig, Meeting Coordinator

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

MOVED by Councillor Jang  
SECONDED by Councillor Tang

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Report of Standing Committee on Planning, Transportation and Environment  
May 2, 2012

Council considered the report containing the recommendations and actions taken by the Standing Committee on Planning, Transportation and Environment. Its items of business included:

1. #35-1055 Canada Place - 0907277 BC Ltd. (Sweet Sorrow Lounge)  
Liquor Primary Liquor Licence Application  
Liquor Establishment Class 1 - Lounge
2. 1131 Mainland Street - Follie Deuce  
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3. 2012 Community and Neighbourhood Arts Development Grant Allocations
4. 2012 Community Services and other Social Grants
5. Bylaw for Liability Insurance Requirements for Oil Tankers and Pipelines that could Spill into Burrard Inlet or the Fraser River
6. Prevent Additional Utilities Billing to Social Housing Tenants at Olympic Village
7. Opt Out of BC Hydro Wireless Smart Meter Program

Items 1 to 7

MOVED by Councillor Jang

THAT the recommendations and actions taken by the Standing Committee on Planning, Transportation and Environment at its meeting of Wednesday, May 2, 2012, as contained in items 1 to 7, be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AND  
ITEMS 3 AND 4 BY THE REQUIRED MAJORITY

**RISE FROM COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

MOVED by Councillor Stevenson

THAT the Committee of the Whole rise and report.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**ADOPT REPORT OF COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

MOVED by Councillor Stevenson  
SECONDED by Councillor Jang

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**URGENT BUSINESS**

1. Request for Leave of Absence - Councillor Jang

MOVED by Councillor Stevenson  
SECONDED by Councillor Carr

THAT Councillor Jang be granted a leave of absence for Civic Business from the Regular Council meeting to be held on May 15, 2012.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Council adjourned at 4:03 pm

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