



REPORT TO COUNCIL

STANDING COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL ON PLANNING, TRANSPORTATION AND ENVIRONMENT

OCTOBER 3, 2012

A Regular Meeting of the Standing Committee of Council on Planning, Transportation and Environment was held on Wednesday, October 3, 2012, at 9:37 am, in the Council Chamber, Third Floor, City Hall.

PRESENT: Councillor Andrea Reimer, Chair
Mayor Gregor Robertson*
Councillor George Affleck
Councillor Elizabeth Ball
Councillor Adriane Carr
Councillor Heather Deal (Leave of Absence - Civic Business
for Items 1 to 3)
Councillor Kerry Jang*
Councillor Geoff Meggs, Vice-Chair
Councillor Tim Stevenson*
Councillor Tony Tang

ABSENT: Councillor Raymond Louie (Leave of Absence - Civic Business)

CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE: Penny Ballem, City Manager
David McLellan, Deputy City Manager

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE: Bonnie Kennett, Meeting Coordinator

* Denotes absence for a portion of the meeting.

MATTERS ADOPTED ON CONSENT

MOVED by Councillor Ball

THAT the Committee adopt item 3 on consent.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

(Councillors Jang, Stevenson and Mayor Robertson absent for the vote.)
(Councillor Deal absent on Civic Business)

AGENDA ITEMS

1. **Vancouver Neighbourhood Energy Strategy and Energy Centre Guidelines September 25, 2012**

Brian Crowe, Director, Water and Sewers, presented the report and along with Sean Pander, Assistant Director, Sustainability and Hugo Haley, Project Planner, Sustainability Group, responded to questions.

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

MOVED by Mayor Robertson

THAT the Committee recommend to Council

- A. THAT Council adopt in principle the Strategic Approach to Neighbourhood Energy, as described in the Policy Report dated September 25, 2012, entitled “Vancouver Neighbourhood Energy Strategy and Energy Centre Guidelines”.
- B. THAT Council adopt the Energy Centre Guidelines, generally set out in Appendix A of the Policy Report dated September 25, 2012, entitled “Vancouver Neighbourhood Energy Strategy and Energy Centre Guidelines”, which guide the evaluation and approval process for new energy centre projects.
- C. THAT staff report back in the second quarter of 2013 with implementation strategies and detailed financial information for the Downtown and Cambie Corridor areas.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

(Councillor Deal absent on Civic Business)

2. **2013 Budget Outlook September 20, 2012**

Patrice Impey, General Manager, Financial Services Group, and Mairi Welman, Director, Corporate Communications, presented the report and responded to questions.

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During questions to staff at 11:29 am, it was

MOVED by Councillor Jang

THAT, under Section 2.3 (a) of the Procedure By-law, Council extend the length of the Standing Committee on Planning, Transportation and Environment meeting to recess after the conclusion of item 2 and reconvene at 1:30 pm.

*CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AND
BY THE REQUIRED MAJORITY
(Mayor Robertson absent for the vote)
(Councillor Deal absent on Civic Business)*

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The Committee heard from three speakers who expressed concerns with the report.

MOVED by Councillor Jang
THAT the Committee recommend to Council

THAT Council receive for information the 2013 Budget Outlook as outlined in Appendix 1 of the Administrative Report dated September 20, 2012, entitled "2013 Budget Outlook".

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Councillor Deal absent on Civic Business)

**3. 1262 Davie Street - Score Hospitality Group Ltd.
Liquor Primary Liquor Licence Application
Liquor Establishment Class 2 - Neighbourhood Pub (Score on Davie)
September 11, 2012**

THAT the Committee recommend to Council

THAT Council, having considered the opinion of local area residents and business operators as determined by neighbourhood notification, site sign, noise impacts and relevant Council policy as outlined in the Administrative Report dated September 11, 2012, entitled "1262 Davie Street - Score Hospitality Group Ltd. Liquor Primary Liquor Licence Application Liquor Establishment Class 2 - Neighbourhood Pub (Score on Davie)", endorse the request by Score Hospitality Ltd. for a 104 person Liquor Primary liquor licence (Liquor Establishment Class 2 - Neighbourhood Pub) with a 35 person (outdoor) patio located at 1262 Davie Street subject to:

- i. A maximum total capacity of 104 persons inside and 35 persons outside;
- 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;
 - i. The outdoor patio ceasing all liquor service and vacated by 11 pm nightly;
 - ii. No music or entertainment permitted on the patio;
- iii. A Time-limited Development Permit;
- iv. Acoustic report to be submitted certifying that the establishment meets Noise Control By-law requirements;
- v. Food service to be provided while the establishment is operating as well as on the patio when open;
- vi. Signing a Good Neighbour Agreement with the City prior to business licence issuance; and
- vii. The surrendering of the existing Food Primary liquor licence #300034 at the time of issuance of the Liquor Primary liquor licence.

ADOPTED ON CONSENT

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Council recessed at 12:55 pm and reconvened at 1:39 pm, with the same members present except for Councillors Deal and Louie who have Leaves of Absence - Civic Business for this meeting.

At 2:01 pm, Councillor Deal arrived at the meeting.

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4. Final Report from the Mayor's Task Force on Housing Affordability September 25, 2012

Vancouver City Council, at its meeting on October 2, 2012, referred this matter to the Standing Committee on Planning, Transportation and Environment meeting on October 3, 2012, in order to hear from speakers.

David McLellan, Deputy City Manager, Abi Bond, Assistant Director, Housing Policy and Matt Shillito, Assistant Director, Community Planning responded to questions.

The Committee heard from seventeen speakers; one who spoke in support of the recommendations and sixteen who spoke in opposition.

MOVED by Mayor Robertson

THAT the Committee recommend to Council

- A. THAT Council receive the final report from the Mayor's Task Force on Housing Affordability (*Bold Ideas Towards an Affordable City*), including the results of the re:THINK HOUSING competition and the web-based Place Speak survey attached as Appendix B of the Administrative Report dated September 25, 2012, entitled "Final Report from the Mayor's Task Force on Housing Affordability", and thank the members of the Task Force for their work.
- B. THAT Council direct staff to implement the action plan in Appendix A of the Administrative Report dated September 25, 2012, entitled "Final Report from the Mayor's Task Force on Housing Affordability", with the following revisions:

Action 1: Implement an Interim Rezoning Policy that increases affordable housing choices in Vancouver's neighbourhoods

- The maximum number of affordable housing rezoning applications be 20, and limited to 2 within ten blocks on any arterial, to maintain neighbourhood character;
- Staff present the interim affordable housing rezoning policy to all of the City's citizen advisory committees for feedback, as well as distribute it to all neighbourhood advisory groups for feedback;
- Staff reconvene the Talk Housing to Us Renters' Roundtable to seek feedback on the interim affordable housing rezoning policy; and
- Staff report back by June 1st, 2013, with an affordable housing rezoning policy that incorporates this feedback.

Action 2: Implement the Thin Street concept

- Consider the Thin Streets concept as part of the Community Plans currently underway in Marpole, Grandview-Woodland and the West End, to see where there is interest in opting in, and include any options for locations, types of affordable housing, increases in green/park space, and community feedback in the final reports for the end of 2013.

Action 3: Develop an operational and organizational model for a City-owned Housing Authority

- Move the project completion date up to Q3 2013.

Action 13: Evaluate the City's rental protection regulations (Rate of Change)

- Move the project completion date up to Q3 2013 and a preliminary report by the end of Q1 2013.

carried

AMENDMENT MOVED by Councillor Carr

THAT recommendation B be struck and replaced with the following:

- B. THAT consideration of actions be postponed until Council has held Special Council Meeting(s), scheduled in the evening, to hear input from the public and deliberate on that input and that Council undertake in-depth public meetings and consultation during evening hours, in each of the identified 22 city areas and include the citizen input in the final report and recommendations.

LOST

(Councillors Deal, Jang, Meggs, Reimer, Stevenson, Tang and Mayor Robertson opposed)

For the vote, the Committee requested to separate the components of the motion and the Action items contained in Appendix A of the Administrative Report dated September 25, 2012, entitled "Final Report from the Mayor's Task Force on Housing Affordability".

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CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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Action 4: Use current community planning programs to increase the supply of affordable housing

Action 5: Revise and clarify the City's inclusionary housing policies (20% Policy) to enhance flexibility

Action 6: Identify additional City-owned land that may be underused and begin planning works to bring these sites forward for affordable housing development

Action 7: Increase housing supply and options in strategic locations throughout the City

Action 8: Increase the supply of additional secondary rental units

- Expand laneway housing to additional single family zones;
- Explore feasibility of laneway housing in duplex zones;
- Expand the zoning districts and housing forms for secondary suites (e.g. row houses); and
- Consult with industry on revisions to BBL to require "suite readiness".

Action 9: Create opportunities for the development of more co-housing projects

Action 10: Enhance the City's family housing requirements

Action 11: Support the development of Community Land Trusts and new financing mechanisms

Action 12: Evaluate the impacts of expiring federal operating agreements and City-lease expiry and develop options

Action 13: Evaluate the City's rental protection regulations (Rate of Change)

- Move the project completion date up to Q3 2013 and a preliminary report by the end of Q1 2013.

Action 14: Develop and implement rezoning and permit process improvements

Action 15: Take steps to provide applicants more certainty in the City's approach to financing the infrastructure and amenities needed to accommodate growth

CARRIED

(Councillors Affleck, Ball and Carr opposed to Actions 1 and 3)
(Councillors Affleck and Ball opposed to Actions 5, 6, 11 and 13)
(Councillor Carr opposed to Actions 8 and 14)
(Councillor Affleck opposed to Actions 10 and 12)

5. Engaged City Task Force

Vancouver City Council, at its meeting on October 2, 2012, referred this matter to the Standing Committee on Planning, Transportation and Environment meeting on October 3, 2012, in order to hear from speakers.

The Committee heard from one speaker who spoke on other issues.

MOVED by Councillor Andrea Reimer
THAT the Committee recommend to Council

WHEREAS

1. Vancouver City Council has a strong and demonstrated commitment to bringing the community into City Hall by engaging citizens, and soliciting their ideas, input and creative energy;
2. It is desirable to have the highest level of resident engagement, matching the demographics of the city as closely as possible, in City processes and resource allocation;

3. Recent research by the Vancouver Foundation found a strong correlation between low neighbor to neighbor engagement and low engagement with government;
4. The Vancouver Foundation research further shows social isolation was the single largest concern for residents in the Metro Vancouver region;
5. The Community Summit that took place from September 18-23, 2012, generated a number of ideas for action on increasing engagement, both with neighbours and with government;
6. The City has been a recognized leader in Open Data initiatives and is thus well-poised to expand these efforts to better engage citizens online and through social media.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Vancouver City Council establish a Citizens Engaged City Task Force as a Type D advisory committee with the terms of reference attached in Appendix A entitled “Mayor’s Citizens Engaged City Task Force”.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Councillor Andrea Reimer be appointed to the Task Force.

Appendix A - Mayor’s Citizens Engaged City Task Force

Timeline	Start December, Final Report by June 2013
Composition	<p>The Mayor’s Citizens Engaged City Task Force will be composed of Mayor Gregor Robertson, one Councillor and twenty-two (22) individuals with broad experience, expertise, and interest in community engagement in citizen-based democracy.</p> <p>In light of the Vancouver Foundation research on belonging and inclusion, particular attention will be paid to recruiting individuals with expertise and experience with engaging individuals 25-34 years of age. In addition, the task force will seek to recruit individuals with experience and expertise in effective use of social media for community engagement.</p> <p>The task force will be supported by staff from the Mayor’s Office, City Manager’s Office and Corporate Communications.</p>
Appointment Process	Members will be appointed using an open call nomination process.
Scope of Inquiry	<p>Making Vancouver a more engaged city will require progress on the following priority issues:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. neighbour to neighbour engagement 2. increased literacy of, and opportunities for engaging in, City processes and resource allocations 3. enhancing how the city engages with citizens, and vice versa

	4. ensuring all citizen engagement and consultation processes are based in citizen-based democratic decision-making
Outputs	The Mayor's Citizens Engaged City Task Force will issue a final report on what is working, what needs improvement and what is missing

carried

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During discussion of the motion at 5:59 pm, it was

MOVED by Councillor Deal

THAT, under Section 6.8 of the Procedure By-law, the Committee suspend Section 2.3(c) of the Procedure By-law in order to extend the length of the Standing Committee on Planning, Transportation and Environment meeting to complete item 5 on the agenda.

*CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AND
BY THE REQUIRED MAJORITY*

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AMENDMENT MOVED by Councillor Carr

THAT the following phrase “, representing all 22 Vancouver neighbourhoods” be added after the word “individuals” in the first sentence in the Composition Section of Appendix A entitled “Mayor’s Citizens Engaged City Task Force”.

LOST

(Councillors Affleck, Ball, Deal, Jang, Meggs, Reimer, Stevenson and Tang opposed)
(Mayor Robertson absent for the vote)

The Amendment having lost, the motion was put and CARRIED with Councillors Affleck and Ball opposed and Mayor Robertson absent for the vote.

The Committee adjourned at 6:22 pm.

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

OCTOBER 3, 2012

A Regular Meeting of the Council of the City of Vancouver was held on Wednesday, October 3, 2012, at 6:22 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: Councillor Andrea Reimer, Acting Chair
Councillor George Affleck
Councillor Elizabeth Ball
Councillor Adriane Carr
Councillor Kerry Jang
Councillor Geoff Meggs
Councillor Tim Stevenson
Councillor Tony Tang

ABSENT: Mayor Gregor Robertson
Councillor Heather Deal (Leave of Absence)
Councillor Raymond Louie (Leave of Absence)

CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE: Penny Ballem, City Manager

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE: Bonnie Kennett, Meeting Coordinator

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MOVED by Councillor Deal
SECONDED by Councillor Ball

THAT this Council resolve itself into Committee of the Whole, Councillor Reimer in the Chair.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Report of Standing Committee on Planning, Transportation and Environment
October 3, 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. Vancouver Neighbourhood Energy Strategy and Energy Centre Guidelines
2. 2013 Budget Outlook
3. 1262 Davie Street - Score Hospitality Group Ltd.
Liquor Primary Liquor Licence Application
Liquor Establishment Class 2 - Neighbourhood Pub (Score on Davie)
4. Final Report from the Mayor's Task Force on Housing Affordability
5. Engaged City Task Force

Items 1 to 5

MOVED by Councillor Tang

THAT the recommendations and actions taken by the Standing Committee on Planning, Transportation and Environment at its meeting of October 3, 2012, as contained in items 1 to 5, be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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 Deal
SECONDED by Councillor Tang

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Councillor Stevenson
SECONDED by Councillor Ball

THAT this meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Council adjourned at 6:23 pm.

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