



REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

APRIL 5, 2016

A Regular Meeting of the Council of the City of Vancouver was held on Tuesday, April 5, 2016, at 9:34 am, in the Council Chamber, Third Floor, City Hall.

PRESENT: Mayor Gregor Robertson
Councillor George Affleck
Councillor Elizabeth Ball
Councillor Melissa De Genova
Councillor Heather Deal
Councillor Kerry Jang
Councillor Raymond Louie
Councillor Geoff Meggs
Councillor Andrea Reimer
Councillor Tim Stevenson

ABSENT: Councillor Adriane Carr (Leave of Absence)

CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE: Sadhu Johnston, City Manager

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE: Janice MacKenzie, City Clerk
Nicole Ludwig, Meeting Coordinator

PROCLAMATION - Emergency Preparedness Week

Mayor Robertson proclaimed May 1 to 7, 2016, Emergency Preparedness Week in the city of Vancouver, and invited Daniel Stevens, Director of Emergency Management, and Deputy Chief Rob Renning, Vancouver Fire and Rescue Services, to the podium to receive it and say a few words.

CONDOLENCES - Jody Taylor

Mayor Robertson expressed condolences and deepest sympathies to the family, friends, and colleagues of Jody Taylor, a Parks and Recreation arborist who passed away March 31, 2016, following a workplace accident.

IN CAMERA MEETING

THAT Council will go into meetings later this week which are closed to the public, pursuant to Section 165.2(1) of the *Vancouver Charter*, to discuss matters related to paragraphs:

(e) the acquisition, disposition or expropriation of land or improvements, if the Council considers that disclosure could reasonably be expected to harm the interests of the city;

- (g) litigation or potential litigation affecting the city;
- (h) an administrative tribunal hearing or potential administrative tribunal hearing affecting the city, other than a hearing to be conducted by the Council or a delegate of Council;
- (i) the receipt of advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose;
- (k) negotiations and related discussions respecting the proposed provision of an activity, work or facility that are at their preliminary stages and that, in the view of the Council, could reasonably be expected to harm the interests of the city if they were held in public.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

1. Regular Council - March 8, 2016

MOVED by Councillor Louie
SECONDED by Councillor Jang

THAT the Minutes of the Regular Council meeting of March 8, 2016, be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. Public Hearing - March 8, 2016

MOVED by Councillor Deal
SECONDED by Councillor Ball

THAT the Minutes of the Public Hearing of March 8, 2016, be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. Regular Council (City Finance and Services) - March 9, 2016

MOVED by Councillor Deal
SECONDED by Councillor Louie

THAT the Minutes of the Regular Council meeting following the Standing Committee on City Finance and Services meeting of March 9, 2016, be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MATTERS ADOPTED ON CONSENT

MOVED by Councillor Louie
SECONDED by Councillor Stevenson

THAT Council adopt Administrative Reports 1 to 4 on consent.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Mayor noted requests to speak to Motions on Notice B.1, B.2, B.7, and B.8 had been received.

VARY AGENDA

MOVED by Councillor Reimer
SECONDED by Councillor De Genova

THAT the order of the agenda be varied in order to consider requests to speak to Motions on Notice as the next item of business.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AND
BY THE REQUIRED MAJORITY

Note: for clarity, the minutes are recorded in chronological order.

Motion B.1. BECAUSE IT'S 2016: Action on Gender Equality

MOVED by Councillor Reimer
SECONDED by Mayor Robertson

WHEREAS

1. Women and girls comprise a majority of residents (51%) in Vancouver but on average have lower incomes, less housing security, more unpaid work, experience far greater rates of poverty and gender based violence, and in general have fewer opportunities than men and boys;
2. The City adopted the Gender Equality Strategy for the City of Vancouver in 2005 which committed the City to take action within its power to challenge gender discrimination and to promote and implement gender equity measures;
3. Over the past decade the City, empowered through the 2005 Gender Equality Strategy, has taken a number of proactive measures to better support women and girls including establishing a practice of appointing an equal number of women to City advisory committees;

4. The national government has the most possibility to impact on gender equity policies, but in the decade since the City adopted the Gender Equality Strategy, Canada has slipped to 20th in the world in the World Economic Forum's gender equity rankings which has had particularly devastating impacts on women in the lowest economic circumstances;
5. The Healthy City Strategy, adopted in 2014, sets out a guiding principle that a "for all" and intersectional lens ensures we pursue initiatives that are both universal for all residents and focused on specific populations most vulnerable to health inequities;
6. The report of the Mayor's Task Force on Mental Health and Addictions, also adopted in 2014, is committed to developing a Strategic Gender Framework for the inclusion of women, girls and gender variant communities that can inform future City efforts.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

- A. THAT Council formally adopt a policy that the number of women appointed to City advisory committees must be equal or greater than 50%.
- B. THAT Council direct staff to undertake a review of City funding through Social Policy Grants and subsidized housing prior to the 2017 granting cycle to ensure that funding and support enables equitable delivery of services for women and girls, particularly in the Downtown Eastside (DTES).
- C. THAT Council direct staff to work with the Women's Advisory Committee to establish a process to review the 2005 Gender Equality Strategy and update it, with an eye to successful approaches, integrating more recently adopted policy such as that in Healthy City and the Mental Health and Addictions Task Force, and taking into account a change in national and provincial context.

referred

MOVED by Councillor Jang
SECONDED by Councillor Stevenson

THAT Motion on Notice B.1 be referred to the Standing Committee on Policy and Strategic Priorities on Wednesday, April 6, 2016, in order to hear from speakers.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (Vote No. 01154)

Motion B.2. Expediting the Official Designation of “Little Italy” in Time for “Italian Day on The Drive” in June 2016

MOVED by Councillor De Genova
SECONDED by Councillor Ball

WHEREAS

1. On June 24, 2015, Council unanimously supported a motion calling for the City of Vancouver to formally recognize and designate a portion of Commercial Drive as “Little Italy” in recognition of the city’s Italian cultural heritage, specifically the four blocks of Commercial Drive north and south of 1st Avenue;
2. An amendment by Councillor Reimer at the June 24, 2015, Standing Committee of Council on Planning, Transportation and Environment directed staff to conduct the “Little Italy” community consultation in concert with the Grandview-Woodlands plan consultation and to report back to Council on the same Grandview-Woodlands timeline;
3. Members of the Italian Community were disappointed that Council chose to tie official recognition of “Little Italy” to the wider Grandview-Woodlands consultation and planning process due to a concern that this would delay the “Little Italy” process and official recognition would not come in time for “Italian Day on the Drive” in 2016;
4. There was, and continues to be, a strong community expectation that “Little Italy” will be designated in time for this year’s “Italian Day on the Drive” event in June 2016;
5. Planning for Italian Day on the Drive is presently well underway, but in the absence of clarity as to when “Little Italy” on Commercial Drive will be officially recognized and designated by the City of Vancouver.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council direct staff to separate the formal recognition and designation process for a portion of Commercial Drive as “Little Italy” from the Grandview-Woodlands planning process such that official designation of “Little Italy” on Commercial Drive can be achieved in time for “Italian Day on the Drive” in June 2016.

referred

MOVED by Councillor De Genova
SECONDED by Councillor Ball

THAT Motion on Notice B.2 be referred to the Standing Committee on Policy and Strategic Priorities on Wednesday, April 6, 2016, in order to hear from speakers.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (Vote No. 01155)

Motion B.7. Action to Strengthen Regulation of Short-Term Rentals

MOVED by Councillor Meggs
SECONDED by Councillor Jang

WHEREAS

1. The city of Vancouver has an extremely low rental vacancy rate at less than 1%;
2. Access to affordable, quality rental housing is limited in Vancouver;
3. The City's *Zoning and Development By-law* prohibits rentals for less than thirty days, unless in approved zones for Hotel and Bed & Breakfast businesses, accompanied by an appropriate City business licence;
4. New online technologies such as AirBnB and other popular websites (Vacation Rental by Owner (VRBO), Tripping, Roomorama), are enabling short-term rentals in cities throughout North America;
5. Recent third party reports potential counts of more than 4000 units being offered on AirBnB listings in Vancouver;
6. It is probable that many of these units are being offered in violation of the *Zoning and Development By-law* with a negative impact on vacancy rates, building security and public safety considerations;
7. Enforcement of existing bylaws is complaint-driven and requires more evidence than a simple listing to prove a violation.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT City staff report to Council as soon as feasible on work under way to study the issue of short-term rentals in Vancouver, the impact of short-term rentals on housing stock; options to mitigate negative impacts, both in rental and home ownership housing stocks; and steps that other cities are taking to address these issues;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Council direct staff to seek co-operation from AirBnB and other listing services, including detailed data on listings, to ensure an accurate assessment of the issue; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED THAT Council direct staff to consult with the Renters Advisory Committee, the tourism industry, and others as needed on the City's response to this issue.

referred

MOVED by Councillor Stevenson
SECONDED by Councillor Meggs

THAT Motion on Notice B.7 be referred to the Standing Committee on Policy and Strategic Priorities on Wednesday, April 6, 2016, in order to hear from speakers.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (Vote No. 01156)

Motion B.8 Addressing Vancouver's Housing Affordability Crisis

MOVED by Councillor De Genova
SECONDED by Councillor Ball

WHEREAS

1. The Vancouver real estate market has become unaffordable for many people, including individuals, young families and seniors;
2. Many people who want to own a home find they must leave the city of Vancouver to find affordable homes they can purchase within their price range, especially individuals under the age of 35 years who find they simply cannot afford to purchase a home in Vancouver;
3. On June 24, 2015, Vancouver City Council unanimously supported a motion calling for the establishment of an Affordable Home Ownership program in the City of Vancouver, including exploration of new housing options for families and any changes to the Vancouver Charter that may be required to implement an Affordable Home Ownership program and related policies;
4. Changes to the Vancouver Charter will require the advice and consent of the provincial legislature and will entail a detailed process of review that could take many months or years to complete;
5. Addressing the affordability crisis in Vancouver's real estate market requires the urgent involvement and cooperation of all three orders of government - municipal, provincial, and federal;
6. On March 18, 2016, Premier Christy Clark announced various actions being taken by the province to address Vancouver's affordability crisis including an announcement that Finance Minister Michael de Jong and Deputy Premier Rich Coleman will meet with Mayor Robertson to discuss collaborative steps governments can take to improve affordability in Vancouver.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Vancouver City Council direct staff to initiate, without delay, all necessary processes, provincial or otherwise, that may be required to make changes to the Vancouver Charter in support of an Affordable Home Ownership program, in the interest of a timely and expedient resolution of Vancouver's housing affordability crisis; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Mayor Robertson write to Finance Minister Michael de Jong and Deputy Premier Rich Coleman on behalf of City Council to express Council's eagerness to work collaboratively with the province to improve affordability in Vancouver as well as Council's desire to seek changes to the Vancouver Charter, on an expedited basis, to address housing affordability by enabling an Affordable Home Ownership program in the City of Vancouver.

referred

MOVED by Councillor De Genova
SECONDED by Councillor Ball

THAT Motion on Notice B.8 be referred to the Standing Committee on Policy and Strategic Priorities on Wednesday, April 6, 2016, in order to hear from speakers.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (Vote No. 01157)

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MOVED by Councillor Stevenson
SECONDED by Councillor Jang

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

REPORT REFERENCE

1. Earthquake Preparedness Strategy Update - Disaster Support Hubs

Daniel Stevens, Director of Emergency Management, provided an update on earthquake preparedness and disaster support hubs in Vancouver, and along with Sadhu Johnston, City Manager, responded to questions.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

1. Closure and Sale of a Portion of Lane Adjacent to 3205 to 3221 West 41st Avenue March 7, 2016

A. THAT Council close, stop-up and convey to the owner of 3205, 3211, 3219 and 3221 West 41st Avenue (the "Abutting Lands", as described in Appendix B of the Administrative Report dated March 7, 2016, entitled "Closure and Sale of a Portion of Lane Adjacent to 3205 to 3221 West 41st Avenue") that 355.5 square metre portion of lane (the "Lane Portion"), the same as generally shown hatched on the plan attached as Appendix C to the above-noted report, subject to the terms and conditions as noted in Appendix A of the above-noted report.

B. THAT the sale proceeds of \$1,530,000 be credited to the Property Endowment Fund (PEF).

ADOPTED ON CONSENT (Vote No. 01127)

**2. Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM) and Lower Mainland Local Government Association (LMLGA) Membership Fees for 2016 to 2017
February 12, 2016**

THAT grants to the following organizations for the 2016 to 2017 membership fees be approved; the source of funds is the 2016 Operating Budget:

(a)	Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM)	\$86,339.04
(b)	Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM)	\$52,096.39
(c)	Lower Mainland Local Government Association (LMLGA)	\$ 3,500.00 *
	(* approximate)	

ADOPTED ON CONSENT AND
BY THE REQUIRED MAJORITY (Vote No. 1128)

**3. Atira Development Society - New Housing Agreement and DCL Reimbursement -
41 East Hastings Street
March 11, 2016**

- A. THAT Council approve a new Housing Agreement with Atira Development Society for 41 East Hastings Street that secures the market rental units as for-profit affordable rental housing for the greater of 60 years or the life of project and adds covenants that prohibit the subdivision of those units by strata plan and the separate sale of any of those units without the City's prior consent. This Housing Agreement will replace the Housing Agreement that secures the units as rental for 15 years, approved by Housing Agreement By-law No. 11220 enacted on May 13, 2015.
- B. THAT, if Atira Development Society and its mortgagees enter into such a new Housing Agreement on such terms and conditions as the Director of Legal Services and the Chief Housing Officer in their discretion may require, the Director of Legal Services be instructed to prepare the necessary Housing Agreement By-law for the proposed for-profit affordable rental housing units for enactment, and prepare an application to Council to repeal Housing Agreement By-law No. 11220 at the same time.
- C. THAT, subject to enactment of a Housing Agreement By-law to approve the new Housing Agreement described in A and B above, and registration in the Land Title Office of that new Housing Agreement, Council approve a reimbursement of \$457,158.46 for Development Cost Levy (DCL) charges previously paid by Atira Development Society prior to building permit issuance. Source of funds to be the city-wide Development Cost Levies.
- D. THAT A through C above be adopted on the following conditions:
- i. That the passage of the above resolutions creates no legal rights for the owner or any other person, or obligation on the part of the City; any expenditure of funds or incurring of costs is at the risk of the person making the expenditure or incurring the cost; and

- ii. That the City and all its officials, including the Approving Officer, shall not in any way be limited or directed in the exercise of their authority or discretion, regardless of when they are called upon to exercise such authority or discretion.

ADOPTED ON CONSENT (Vote No. 01129)

**4. Grant to Salsbury Community Society for Social and Supportive Housing
(1870 East 1st Avenue / 1723 Victoria Drive)
March 22, 2016**

THAT Council approve an increase in capital grant from \$260,000 (previously approved) to \$500,000 to Salsbury Community Society to help realize the construction of a 26-unit non-market housing development, including 20 units of supportive housing, at 1870 East 1st Avenue / 1723 Victoria Drive (*Lots 4, Amended Lot 1 and Amended Lot 3 of Block B, Block 144, District Lot 264A, Plans 1315 and 1771; PID: 004-877-934, 015-076-431 and 015-076-458 respectively*); source of funding for the incremental \$240,000 grant to be the 2016 Capital Budget for Non-market Rental Housing Grants.

ADOPTED ON CONSENT AND
BY THE REQUIRED MAJORITY (Vote No. 01130)

RISE FROM COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MOVED by Councillor Louie

THAT the Committee of the Whole rise and report.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADOPT REPORT OF COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MOVED by Councillor Louie
SECONDED by Councillor Deal

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

BY-LAWS

Councillor Ball confirmed she had reviewed the proceedings of the Public Hearing related to by-law 13, and would therefore be voting on the enactment.

MOVED by Councillor Stevenson
SECONDED by Councillor Deal

THAT Council, except for those members ineligible to vote as noted below, enact the by-laws listed on the agenda for this meeting as numbers 1 to 16 inclusive, and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign and seal the enacted by-laws.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

1. A By-law to amend Health By-law No. 9535 regarding regulation of smoking in plazas (By-law No. 11475)
2. A By-law to amend Street and Traffic By-law No. 2849 regarding plazas (By-law No. 11476)
3. A By-law to amend Ticket Offences By-law No. 9360 regarding certain offences pursuant to the Street and Traffic By-law and the Health By-law (By-law No. 11477)
4. A By-law to assess real property to defray 2015 costs for the East Hastings Collective Parking Project (By-law No. 11479)
5. A By-law to assess real property to defray 2015 costs for the South Fraser Collective Parking Project (By-law No. 11478)
6. A By-law to assess real property to defray 2015 maintenance costs for the Trounce Alley and Blood Alley Square Local Improvement Project (By-law No. 11480)
7. A By-law to amend Zoning and Development By-law No. 3575 to rezone an area to CD-1 (3819 Boundary Road (3680-3684 East 22nd Avenue) (By-law No. 11481)
(Councillors Affleck and Stevenson ineligible for the vote)
8. A By-law to amend the Electrical By-law No. 5563 regarding adoption of the Canadian Electrical Code, 23rd Edition and housekeeping (By-law No. 11482)
9. A By-law regarding Mayor and Councillor Remuneration (By-law No. 11483)
10. A By-law regarding Park Board Remuneration (By-law No. 11484)
11. A By-law to amend Zoning and Development By-law No. 3575 to rezone an area to CD-1 (408-488 West King Edward Avenue) (By-law No. 11485)
(Councillors Jang and Meggs ineligible for the vote)
12. A By-law to amend Zoning and Development By-law No. 3575 to rezone an area to CD-1 (7510-7554 Cambie Street) (By-law No. 11486)
(Councillor Reimer ineligible for the vote)

13. A By-law to amend Zoning and Development By-law No. 3575 to rezone an area to CD-1 (450 Gore Avenue) (By-law No. 11487)
(Councillors Jang and Meggs ineligible for the vote)
14. A By-law to amend the Zoning & Development By-law regarding CD-1 (618) (988 West Broadway - Amendments regarding density and height) (By-law No. 11488)
(Mayor Robertson ineligible for the vote)
15. A By-law to amend License By-law No. 4450 Regarding urban farming (By-law No. 11489)
16. A By-law to amend Zoning and Development By-law 3575 Regarding Urban Farms (By-law No. 11490)
(Councillor Louie ineligible for the vote)

MOTIONS

A. Administrative Motions

1. Approval of Form of Development - 984 West Broadway

MOVED by Councillor Jang
SECONDED by Councillor Meggs

THAT the proposed form of development for this site known as 984 West Broadway be approved generally as illustrated in the Development Application Number DE419386, prepared by Chris Dikeakos Architects Inc., and stamped "Received Community Services Group, Planning and Development Services July 30, 2015", provided that the Director of Planning may impose conditions and approve design changes which would not adversely affect either the development character of the site or adjacent properties.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. Approval of Form of Development - 8533 River District Crossing

MOVED by Councillor Jang
SECONDED by Councillor Meggs

THAT the form of development for this portion of the site known as Parcel 15 (8533 River District Crossing being the application address) be approved generally as illustrated in the Development Application Number DE418328, prepared by GBL Architects., and stamped "Received, Community Services Group, Development Services", on January 15, 2015, provided that the Director of Planning may impose conditions and approve design changes which would not adversely affect either the development character of the site or adjacent properties.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. Closure and Sale of a Portion of Lane Adjacent to 3205 to 3221 West 41st Avenue

MOVED by Councillor Jang
SECONDED by Councillor Meggs

THAT WHEREAS:

1. The City of Vancouver is the owner of all the streets and lanes lying within the limits of the City of Vancouver;
2. There is a proposal to redevelop:
 - a. [PID: 010-297-723] Lot 1 Block 12 District Lot 2027 Plan 7918;
 - b. [PID: 007-352-735] Lot 2 Block 12 District Lot 2027 Plan 7918;
 - c. [PID: 010-297-766] Lot 3 Block 12 District Lot 2027 Plan 7918;
 - d. [PID: 003-500-233] Lot 4 Block 12 District Lot 2027 Plan 7918; and
 - e. [PID: 013-006-797] Lot A (Reference Plan 10053) Block 12 District Lot 2027 Plan 3269;collectively, the "Rezoning Lots".
3. The proposal requires the closure of a 355.5 square metre portion of lane abutting the Rezoning Lots.
4. The said portion of lane was dedicated by the deposit of Plans 4098 and 7918 in 1912 and 1948, respectively.
5. The said portion of lane to be closed is no longer required for municipal purposes.
6. The said portion of lane to be closed will be conveyed to the owner of said Lots 1 to 4, and will be subdivided with the Rezoning Lots to form two parcels.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT all that portion of lane adjacent to the said Rezoning Lots, the same as shown in heavy outline on the Reference Plan prepared by Steven E. Wong, B.C.L.S., completed on the 27th day of November, 2015, and numbered Plan EPP51580, be closed, stopped-up and conveyed to the owner of said Lots 1 to 4; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the said portion of lane to be closed is to be subdivided with the said Rezoning Lots to form two parcels, as shown within the heavy bold outline on the Subdivision Plan prepared by Steven E. Wong, B.C.L.S., completed on the 27th day of November, 2015, and numbered Plan EPP51581, to the satisfaction of the Approving Officer and the Director of Legal Services.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. Urban Farm Guidelines

MOVED by Councillor Jang
SECONDED by Councillor Meggs

THAT the document adopted by Council on March 8, 2016, entitled "Urban Farm Guidelines" be approved by Council for use by applicants and staff in consideration of applications for urban farms in the city.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5. Approval of Form of Development - 438 West King Edward Avenue

MOVED by Councillor Jang
SECONDED by Councillor Meggs

THAT the form of development for this portion of the site known as 408-488 West King Edward Avenue (438 West King Edward Avenue being the application address) be approved generally as illustrated in the Development Application Number DE419129, prepared by NORR Architects, and stamped "Received, Community Services Group, Development Services", on Feb 11 2016, provided that the Director of Planning may impose conditions and approve design changes which would not adversely affect either the development character of the site or adjacent properties.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (Vote No. 01132)

6. Approval of Form of Development - 303 East Pender Street

MOVED by Councillor Jang
SECONDED by Councillor Meggs

THAT the form of development for this portion of the site known as 303 East Pender Street, formerly 450 Gore Avenue, be approved generally as illustrated in the Development Application Number DE418996, prepared by Gair Williamson Architect, and stamped "Received, Community Services, Development Services", on November 2, 2015, provided that the Director of Planning may impose conditions and approve design changes which would not adversely affect either the development character of the site or adjacent properties.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (Vote No. 01132)

B. Motions on Notice

1. BECAUSE IT'S 2016: Action on Gender Equality

This motion was referred to the Standing Committee on Policy and Strategic Priorities meeting on April 6, 2016, in order to hear from speakers. (Vote No. 01154)

2. Expediting the Official Designation of "Little Italy" in Time for "Italian Day on The Drive" in June 2016

This motion was referred to the Standing Committee on Policy and Strategic Priorities meeting on April 6, 2016, in order to hear from speakers. (Vote No. 01155)

3. City Mentorship Program for Women

MOVED by Councillor De Genova
SECONDED by Councillor Ball

WHEREAS

1. Vancouver City Council is committed to making Vancouver a place where all women and girls - regardless of race, colour, ancestry, place of origin, religion, economic background, marital status, family status, physical or mental disability, sex, sexual orientation or age - have full access to the range of services and resources provided in the City, and have opportunities to fully participate in the political, economic, cultural and social life of Vancouver;
2. As a member of the Federation of Canadian Municipalities, the City of Vancouver has endorsed the International Union of Local Authorities' *Worldwide Declaration on Women and Local Government*, and as such, has committed to strengthening efforts to make equal the number of women and men in decision-making bodies at all levels and in all policy areas as well as strengthening efforts to ensure qualitative participation of women in councils, committees and other groups related to decision-making in local government;
3. The City of Vancouver's Gender Equality Strategy document (June 2005), prepared by the City of Vancouver's Women's Task Force (2003), is an expression of the City's longstanding commitment to gender equality and outlined numerous steps to promote equality between women and men and challenge gender discrimination;
4. The mandate of the City's Women's Advisory Committee includes the enhancement of access and inclusion for women and girls to fully participate in City services and civic life;
5. Despite the City's efforts to achieve balance between the number of women and men appointed to the City's advisory committees, the number of women has not achieved parity with the number of men;

6. It is vitally important that women, especially young women from among whose ranks the leaders of tomorrow will emerge, be provided with opportunities to engage in public service and become involved in civic affairs;
7. Mentoring is a time-honoured tradition whereby knowledge and experience is passed from one person to another, providing benefits to mentors and mentees alike.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City of Vancouver initiate and support a mentorship program for women interested in public service whereby mentees can increase their knowledge of civic affairs, gain from the experience of participating City staff and members of Council, and also be encouraged to consider applying for service on City advisory committees, with a goal to achieve equality between women and men on the City's decision-making bodies at all levels and in all policy areas;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Council direct staff to report back within six months with a plan to implement a mentorship program for women, including a budget and potential opportunities for sponsors and partners, while remaining cognizant of other inclusion objectives such as efforts by the City to enhance access and inclusion for seniors, persons with disabilities, and for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, two-spirited and queer persons (LGBTQ2+).

referred

REFERRAL MOVED by Councillor Reimer
SECONDED by Councillor Stevenson

THAT Council refer the motion to staff for consideration as part of their ongoing consideration of mentorship programs.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (Vote No. 01121)

4. Requests for Leaves of Absence

MOVED by Councillor Deal
SECONDED by Councillor Stevenson

- A. THAT Councillor Reimer be granted Leave of Absence for Civic Business for meetings to be held April 6, June 14 to 16, 21, and 23, 2016.
- B. THAT Councillor Meggs be granted Leave of Absence for Civic Business from the City Finance and Services Committee Meeting to be held on April 20, 2016.
- C. THAT Councillor Ball be granted Leave of Absence for medical reasons from meetings to be held on Tuesday, April 12, 2016.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (Vote No. 01133)

5. Sexual and Gender Minority Youth in Schools

MOVED by Councillor Stevenson
SECONDED by Councillor Ball

1. The Egale Canada Trust reported in 2011 in *The National Climate Survey on Homophobia, Biphobia and Transphobia in Canadian Schools* that LGBTQ youth face greater prejudice and victimization in their schools and a correspondingly lower level of school connectedness than their non-LGBTQ peers and that the relationship between bullying and suicide is stronger for LGBT youth than for their non-LGBT peers;
2. The City of Vancouver is strongly committed to supporting the equality and human rights of the LGBTQ2+ communities and all residents, and to ending homophobia and transphobia in all forms;
3. Vancouver District Students' Council called on the government in 2012 to implement a province-wide sexual orientation and gender identity policy, instill values of equity and equality at the earliest ages and survey youth at the provincial level to locate direct solutions to direct problems;
4. The Vancouver Board of Education was the first school district in BC to adopt discrete Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity policy in 2004 and revised it in 2014 to provide explicit protections for trans* students;
5. The LGBTQ2+ Advisory Committee encourages Mayor and Council to lend its support to the BC Select Standing Committee on Children and Youth's Report, Child and Youth Mental Health in British Columbia (Concrete Actions for Systemic Change) to the Minister of Education;
6. The LGBTQ2+ Advisory Committee passed a resolution to ask City Council to pass this motion at the next Council meeting.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City of Vancouver endorses Recommendation 21: of the BC Select Standing Committee on Children and Youth's Report dated January 2016, entitled, "Concrete Actions for Systemic Change, Final Report on Child and Youth Mental Health in British Columbia": "Require school districts to support sexual and gender minority youth in schools through general and targeted programs to address child and youth mental health issues."

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (Vote No. 01122)

6. New Action to Enhance Safety for Pedestrians and Cyclists

MOVED by Councillor Deal
SECONDED by Councillor Louie

WHEREAS

1. The City of Vancouver's Transportation 2040 plan identified a safety goal to move toward zero traffic-related fatalities;
2. The City has undertaken a pedestrian safety study and action plan which has 68 of 69 priority actions complete and has undertaken a cycling safety study and is implementing findings in new bikeway designs;
3. The cycling safety study identified that many transportation-related serious injuries do not get reported through the Insurance Corporation of British Columbia (ICBC) as they do not have a motor vehicle involved;
4. Many cities working towards zero traffic-related fatalities also have a goal for zero traffic-related serious injuries; and
5. The City has made progress towards its goal of zero traffic-related fatalities, but there is still more progress needed as fatalities and serious injuries still occur, and even one fatality is too many.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council direct staff report back on a strategy for achieving zero traffic-related fatalities and serious injuries, including:

- A review of best practices from other jurisdictions,
- An action plan, and
- A funding strategy to accelerate implementation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Council direct staff to report back with quick start actions by June, 2016, and longer-term policies by November, 2016.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (Vote No. 01123)

7. Action to Strengthen Regulation of Short-Term Rentals

This motion was referred to the Standing Committee on Policy and Strategic Priorities meeting on April 6, 2016, in order to hear from speakers. (Vote No. 01156)

8. Addressing Vancouver's Housing Affordability Crisis

This motion was referred to the Standing Committee on Policy and Strategic Priorities meeting on April 6, 2016, in order to hear from speakers. (Vote No. 01157)

NEW BUSINESS

1. Requests for Leaves of Absence

MOVED by Councillor De Genova
SECONDED by Councillor Jang

- A. THAT Councillor Ball be granted Leave of Absence for personal reasons for meetings to be held May 19, 2016.
- B. THAT Councillor Carr be granted Leave of Absence for personal reasons for all meetings to be held April 5 to 7, 2016.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (Vote No. 01158)

2. Request for Leave of Absence - Councillor Jang

MOVED by Councillor Stevenson
SECONDED by Councillor Ball

THAT Councillor Jang be granted a leave of absence for the Public Hearing to be held on April 5, 2016.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (Vote No. 01159)

ENQUIRIES AND OTHER MATTERS

1. Improving City of Vancouver Website Navigation

Councillor De Genova requested that more detailed information regarding Council meetings and how and when citizens can speak to items on Council agendas be added to the website. The City Manager agreed to discuss this with staff.

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Councillor Deal
SECONDED by Councillor Louie

THAT the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Council adjourned at 11:48 am.

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