



## REPORT TO COUNCIL

### STANDING COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL ON POLICY AND STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

APRIL 6, 2016

A Regular Meeting of the Standing Committee of Council on Policy and Strategic Priorities was held on Wednesday, April 6, 2016, at 9:40 am, in the Council Chamber, Third Floor, City Hall.

<b>PRESENT:</b>	Councillor Andrea Reimer*, Chair Mayor Gregor Robertson* Councillor George Affleck Councillor Elizabeth Ball, Vice-Chair Councillor Melissa De Genova Councillor Heather Deal Councillor Kerry Jang* Councillor Raymond Louie Councillor Geoff Meggs Councillor Tim Stevenson*
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Councillor Adriane Carr (Leave of Absence)
<b>CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE:</b>	Sadhu Johnston, City Manager
<b>CITY CLERK'S OFFICE:</b>	Rosemary Hagiwara, Deputy City Clerk Katrina Leckovic, Deputy City Clerk Donald Kinloch, Meeting Coordinator

\*Denotes absence for a portion of the meeting.

#### IN CAMERA MEETING

MOVED by Councillor Louie

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 paragraph:

- (a) personal information about an identifiable individual who holds or is being considered for a position as an officer, employee or agent of the city or another position appointed by the city.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY  
(Mayor Robertson absent for the vote)

## VARY AGENDA

MOVED by Councillor Jang

THAT the order of the agenda be varied to deal with item 8 as the last item of business.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AND  
BY THE REQUIRED MAJORITY

*Note: For clarity, the agenda items are minuted in chronological order.*

## MATTERS ADOPTED ON CONSENT

MOVED by Councillor Deal

THAT items 4 and 7 be adopted on consent.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

### 1. Naming of New Street - Jack Uppal Street February 25, 2016

Heather Gordon, City Archivist provided information about Sikh pioneer and businessman Jagat "Jack" Singh Uppal, and the Committee's recommendation for the naming of a new street.

Cindy Bains, daughter of Jack Uppal, and Wally Oppal spoke in support of the recommended street name. The Mayor presented the family with a replica City of Vancouver street sign.

MOVED by Councillor Reimer

THAT the Committee recommend to Council

THAT the new street which runs between East Kent Avenue North and Sawmill Crescent, as shown in heavy black outline on the graphic attached as Appendix A to the Administrative Report dated February 25, 2016 entitled "Naming of New Street - Jack Uppal Street", be named "Jack Uppal Street";

FURTHER THAT the Director of Legal Services be directed to bring forward the appropriate amendment to the Street Name By-law.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (Vote No. 01140)

**2. Administration of Naloxone by Vancouver Firefighters in Suspected or Confirmed Opiate Overdoses**

Vancouver Fire and Rescue Services staff provided a presentation and, along with Vancouver Police Department staff, responded to questions.

The Committee also heard from a representative of the Ambulance Paramedics Of BC - CUPE Local 873 regarding the administration of Naloxone.

**3. Access to City Services Without Fear Policy for Residents With Uncertain or No Immigration Status  
March 23, 2016**

Social Policy and Projects staff provided a presentation and responded to questions.

The Committee heard from ten speakers, all in support of the report recommendations.

MOVED by Councillor Meggs  
THAT the Committee recommend to Council

- A. THAT Council approve the "Access to City Services Without Fear (ACSWF) for Residents with Uncertain or No Immigration Status" Policy (Appendix A of the Policy Report dated March 23, 2016, entitled "Access to City Services Without Fear for Residents With Uncertain or No Immigration Status") and direct staff to implement initiatives as outlined in the policy.
- B. THAT Council encourage the boards of Parks and Recreation, the Vancouver Police, and the Vancouver Public Library to adopt policies which support the spirit and objectives of the Access to City Services Without Fear for Residents With Uncertain or No Immigration Status" policy.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY  
(Councillor Ball absent for the vote) (Vote No. 01141)

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*At 11:54 am, it was*

*MOVED by Councillor Louie*

*THAT the meeting be extended beyond noon to complete the items of business on the agenda.*

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AND  
BY THE REQUIRED MAJORITY**

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*The Committee recessed at 11:57 am and reconvened at 1:10 pm,  
with Councillor Ball in the Chair.*

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**4. Funding Applications for Active Transportation Projects  
March 23, 2016**

THAT the Committee recommend to Council

- A. THAT Council approve grant applications to the Bike BC Program for each of the following active transportation projects:
- the bikeway improvement components of the Southwest Marine Drive Streets Rehabilitation Project; and
  - the cycling components of the Burrard Bridge Renewal and Transportation Improvement Project.
- B. THAT Council approve an application to the Federation of Canadian Municipalities' Green Municipal Fund for a loan of up to \$10 million and a grant of up to \$1.5 million toward the Burrard Bridge Renewal and Transportation Improvement Project.

ADOPTED ON CONSENT (Vote No. 01152)

**5. 2016 Community Services and Other Social Grants  
March 23, 2016**

Social Policy and Projects staff responded to questions.

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

MOVED by Councillor De Genova

THAT the Committee recommend to Council

- A. THAT Council approve 141 Community Services Grants totaling \$5,193,346 including any recommended Conditions on the grants, as listed in Appendices C-1 to C-6 of the Administrative Report dated March 23, 2016, entitled "2016 Community Services and Other Social Grants". Source of funding is the 2016 Community Services Grants budget.

- B. THAT Council approve one grant totaling \$60,000 for capacity building for non-profit organizations. Source of funding is \$55,000 from the 2016 Community Services Grants budget and \$5,000 from the 2016 Civic Childcare Grants Budget.
- C. THAT Council approve 11 Social Responsibility grants totaling \$209,000 from the Social Responsibility Fund (SRF), as listed in Appendix D of the Administrative Report dated March 23, 2016, entitled "2016 Community Services and Other Social Grants". Source of funding is the Edgewater Casino Social Responsibility Reserve.
- D. THAT Council approve the reallocation of two grants totaling \$12,200 within the Community Services Grants budget and three grants totaling \$51,115 within the Edgewater Casino Social Responsibility Reserve. Details for these reallocations are contained in the Financial section in tables 6 and 8 of the Administrative Report dated March 23, 2016, entitled "2016 Community Services and Other Social Grants".
- E. THAT Council approve 18 Childcare Reserve Grants totaling \$577,995, as listed in Appendix E of the Administrative Report dated March 23, 2016, entitled "2016 Community Services and Other Social Grants". Source of funding is the Childcare Reserve.
- F. THAT Council approve two Childcare Administration Grants totaling \$367,565. Source of funding is 2016 Civic Childcare Grants Budget.
- G. THAT Council approve one grant of \$150,000 to the Vancouver Board of Education to support the creation of new out-of-school care spaces in school sites through the *Vancouver Community Partnership Program*. Source of funding is the VSB Community Partnership Program Budget.
- H. THAT Council approve one grant of \$40,000 to the BC Aboriginal Child Care Society (BCACCS) to engage Vancouver-based organizations providing childcare support to urban Aboriginal families and children in exploring the creation of an Aboriginal child and family support hub. Source of funding is the 2016 Civic Childcare Grants Budget.
- I. THAT Council approve two grants totaling \$977 to Collingwood Neighbourhood House and the YMCA of Greater Vancouver for School Age Expansion grants, as outlined in Appendix F of the Administrative Report dated March 23, 2016, entitled "2016 Community Services and Other Social Grants". Source of funding is the VSB Community Partnership Program Budget.
- J. THAT Council approve three Rent Subsidy Grants totaling \$99,460. Source of funding is the 2016 Operating Budget for Rent Subsidy Grants.

- K. THAT Council approve one grant of \$50,000 to the Vancouver Foundation to continue a granting partnership focused on promoting Social Innovation in the non-profit social service sector. Source of funding is the 2016 Community Services Grants budget.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AND  
A TO K BY THE REQUIRED MAJORITY  
(Councillors Reimer and Stevenson absent for the vote) (Vote No. 01142)

**6. 2016 Culture Grants Allocations  
March 1, 2016**

Community Services staff responded to questions.

The Committee heard from four speakers all in support of the report recommendations.

MOVED by Councillor Deal  
THAT the Committee recommend to Council

- A. THAT Council approve 56 Project grants in the amount of \$402,200, 64 Annual grants in the amount of \$1,079,000, and 41 Operating grants in the amount of \$5,692,400 (Table 2 and detailed in Appendix B, of the Administrative Report dated March 1, 2016, entitled "2016 Culture Grants Allocations"). Source of funds is the 2016 Cultural Grants budget.
- B. THAT Council approve a grant of \$100,000 to Vantage Point, for a renewed partnership to provide capacity building support for the City's cultural grantees.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AND  
A AND B BY THE REQUIRED MAJORITY  
(Councillors Reimer and Stevenson absent for the vote) (Vote No. 01143)

**7. Contract Award for Construction of Sewer Separation  
March 6, 2016**

That the Committee Recommend to Council

- A. THAT Council authorize City staff to enter into a contract with J. Cote and Son Excavating Ltd., for the Construction of Sewer Separation at the sites noted in the Administrative Report dated March 6, 2016, entitled "Contract Award for Construction of Sewer Separation", with an estimated contract value of \$2,794,000.00, plus applicable taxes; source of funds to be the 2016 Capital Budget for Sewer Main Reconstruction.

- B. THAT the Director of Legal Services, Chief Purchasing Official and General Manager of the Engineering Services be authorized to execute on behalf of the City the contract contemplated by A above.
- C. THAT no legal rights or obligations will be created by Council's adoption of A and B above unless and until such contract is executed by the authorized signatories of the City as set out in the foregoing.

ADOPTED ON CONSENT (Vote No. 01153)

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

At the Regular Council meeting on April 5, 2016, Vancouver City Council referred this matter to the Standing Committee on Policy and Strategic Priorities meeting on April 6, 2016, to hear from speakers.

The City Manager responded to questions.

The Committee heard from speakers four speakers all of whom were spoke in support of the motion.

MOVED by Councillor De Genova  
THAT the Committee recommend to Council

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.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

(Councillors Reimer and Stevenson absent for the vote) (Vote No. 01144)

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*At 3:34 pm, Councillor Reimer returned to the meeting and assumed the Chair.*

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## 10. Action to Strengthen Regulation of Short-Term Rentals

At the Regular Council meeting on April 5, 2016, Vancouver City Council referred this matter to the Standing Committee on Policy and Strategic Priorities meeting on April 6, 2016, to hear from speakers.

The Committee heard from five speakers. Two of the speakers were in support of the motion, two were opposed, and one provided other comments.

MOVED by Councillor Meggs

THAT the Committee recommend to Council

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.

Carried (Vote No. 01146)

AMENDMENT MOVED by Councillor De Genova

THAT the motion be amended to strike the words "as soon as feasible" and replace them with the words "within 60 days".

LOST

(Councillors Deal, Jang, Meggs, Reimer, Stevenson and Mayor Robertson opposed)  
(Councillor Louie absent for vote) (Vote No. 01145)

The amendment having lost, the motion was put and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (Vote No. 01146) with Councillor Louie absent for the vote.

## 11. Addressing Vancouver's Housing Affordability Crisis

At the Regular Council meeting on April 5, 2016, Vancouver City Council referred this matter to the Standing Committee on Policy and Strategic Priorities meeting on April 6, 2016, to hear from speakers.

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

MOVED by Councillor De Genova  
THAT the Committee recommend to Council

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.

REFERRAL MOVED by Councillor De Genova

THAT the motion entitled "Addressing Vancouver's Housing Affordability Crisis" be referred to staff.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

(Councillors Jang, Meggs and Mayor Robertson absent for the vote) (Vote No. 01147)

## 8. BECAUSE IT'S 2016: Action on Gender Equality

At the Regular Council meeting on April 5, 2016, Vancouver City Council referred this matter to the Standing Committee on Policy and Strategic Priorities meeting on April 6, 2016, to hear from speakers.

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

MOVED by Councillor Reimer

THAT the Committee recommended to Council

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.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY  
(Mayor Robertson absent for the vote) (Vote No. 01148)

The Committee adjourned at 5:06 pm.

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REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
STANDING COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL ON  
POLICY AND STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

APRIL 6, 2016

A Regular Meeting of the Council of the City of Vancouver was held on Wednesday, April 6, 2016, at 5:06 pm, in the Council Chamber, Third Floor, City Hall, following the Standing Committee on Policy and Strategic Priorities meeting, to consider the recommendations and actions of the Committee.

**PRESENT:** Acting Mayor Raymond Louie  
Councillor George Affleck  
Councillor Elizabeth Ball  
Councillor Melissa De Genova  
Councillor Heather Deal  
Councillor Kerry Jang  
Councillor Raymond Louie  
Councillor Geoff Meggs  
Councillor Tim Stevenson

**ABSENT:** Mayor Gregor Robertson  
Councillor Adrian Carr (Leave of Absence)  
  
Sadhu Johnston, City Manager

**CITY CLERK'S OFFICE:** Katrina Leckovic, Deputy City Clerk  
Donald Kinloch, Meeting Coordinator

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Report of Standing Committee on Policy and Strategic Priorities  
April 6, 2016

Council considered the report containing the recommendations and actions taken by the Standing Committee on Policy and Strategic Priorities. Its items of business included:

1. Naming of New Street - Jack Uppal Street
3. Access to City Services Without Fear Policy for Residents With Uncertain or No Immigration Status
4. Funding Applications for Active Transportation Projects
5. 2016 Community Services and other Social Grants
6. 2016 Culture Grants Allocations
7. Contract Award for Construction of Sewer Separation
8. BECAUSE IT'S 2016: Action on Gender Equality

9. Expediting the Official Designation of "Little Italy" in time for "Italian Day on the Drive" in June 2016
10. Action to Strengthen Regulation of Short-Term Rentals
11. Addressing Vancouver's Housing Affordability Crisis

Items 1 - 11

MOVED by Councillor Meggs  
SECONDED by Councillor Jang

THAT the recommendations and actions taken by the Standing Committee on Policy and Strategic Priorities at its meeting of April 6, 2016, as contained in items 1 to 11, be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AND  
ITEM 5, A TO K BY THE REQUIRED MAJORITY  
ITEM 6, A AND B BY THE REQUIRED MAJORITY

#### BY-LAWS

MOVED by Councillor Deal  
SECONDED by Councillor Jang

THAT Council enact the by-law listed on the agenda for this meeting as number 1, and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign and seal the enacted by-laws.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

1. A By-law to amend Street Name By-law No. 4054 regarding Jack Uppal Street (By-law No. 11491)

#### ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Councillor Deal  
SECONDED by Councillor Jang

THAT the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Council adjourned at 5:07 pm.

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