



REPORT TO COUNCIL

STANDING COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL ON POLICY AND STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

OCTOBER 5, 2016

A Regular Meeting of the Standing Committee of Council on Policy and Strategic Priorities was held on Wednesday, October 5, 2016, 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, Vice-Chair
Councillor Adriane Carr
Councillor Melissa De Genova
Councillor Heather Deal
Councillor Kerry Jang
Councillor Raymond Louie
Councillor Geoff Meggs
Councillor Tim Stevenson

CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE: Sadhu Johnston, City Manager

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE: Katrina Leckovic, Deputy City Clerk
Maria Castro, Meeting Coordinator

WELCOME

Councillor Reimer, Chair, acknowledged that the City of Vancouver is on the unceded traditional territory of the Musqueam, Squamish and Tsleil-Waututh First Nations.

PROCLAMATION - Homelessness Action Week 2016 Update

Mayor Robertson proclaimed October 9, 2016 to October 15, 2016, as Homelessness Action Week in Vancouver, and invited Miss Celine Co, Frog Hollow Neighbourhood House, and Mr. Eric Xiong, South Vancouver Neighbourhood House, to receive the proclamation.

MATTERS ADOPTED ON CONSENT

MOVED by Councillor Deal

THAT item 3 be adopted on consent.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

1. HOUSING

a) Presentation - Homelessness Action Week 2016 Update

Kathleen Llewellyn-Thomas, General Manager, Community Services, and staff from Housing Policy and Projects, provided a presentation on “Homelessness Action Week 2016 Update”, and responded to questions.

b) Presentation - Urban Native Youth Association - Native Youth Centre and Housing Project Update

Mukhtar Latif, Chief Housing Officer, and Ginger Gosnell-Myers, Aboriginal Relations Manager, provided an update on the Urban Native Youth Association - Native Youth Centre and Housing Project and, along with Dena Klashinsky, Executive Director, Urban Native Youth Association (UNYA), Tracey Wolsey, Suncor Energy, and the City Manager, responded to questions.

The City Manager acknowledged Debbie Anderson Eng, Senior Social Planner, Social Policy and Projects Division, who will be departing the City, and thanked her for her contributions to the project.

**c) Regulating Short-Term Rentals in Vancouver
September 28, 2016**

Kaye Krishna, General Manager, Development Services, Building and Licensing, and Mayna Vancaillie, Project Manager, Vancouver Services Review, provided an update on “Regulating Short-Term Rentals in Vancouver” and, along with Andreea Toma, Director, Licensing, Property Use Inspections and Animal Services, and the City Manager, responded to questions.

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The Committee recessed at 11:48 am and reconvened at 1:12 pm.

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The Committee heard from twelve speakers in general support of staff’s recommendations on regulating short-term rentals. Some speakers offered suggestions on how to strengthen this approach while some expressed concerns related to permitting and licensing aspects, enforcement processes and compliance, and other issues such as the increasing shortage of affordable, long-term rental housing.

MOVED by Councillor Meggs
THAT the Committee recommend to Council

- A. THAT Council endorse the approach described in the Administrative Report dated September 28, 2016, entitled “Regulating Short-Term Rentals in Vancouver”, to allow short-term rentals in principal residences, subject to a business licence.

- B. THAT Council direct staff to engage key stakeholders and the public to refine the proposed policy approach, and report back with the by-laws required to enact these regulations and a plan, schedule and resourcing proposal for implementation.

carried

AMENDMENT MOVED by Councillor Carr

THAT B be amended to add the words "including possibly placing a cap on the number of short term rental nights per year per unit, and allowing the short term rental of a secondary suite without separate permit if the suite is used part time by the principle residence owner," after the words "policy approach," so that the amendment would read:

- B. THAT Council direct staff to engage key stakeholders and the public to refine the proposed policy approach, including possibly placing a cap on the number of short term rental nights per year per unit, and allowing the short term rental of a secondary suite without separate permit if the suite is used part time by the principle residence owner, and report back with the by-laws required to enact these regulations and a plan, schedule and resourcing proposal for implementation.

LOST

(Councillors Affleck, Ball, Deal, De Genova, Jang, Louie, Meggs, Reimer, Stevenson, and Mayor Robertson opposed) (Vote No. 01491)

The amendment having lost, the motion was put and CARRIED (Vote No. 01492) with Councillors Affleck, Ball and De Genova opposed.

2. Presentation - Northeast False Creek Area Plan Update

Gil Kelley, General Manager, Planning and Development Services, and Kevin McNaney, Director, Northeast False Creek Project Office, provided an update on the Northeast False Creek Area Plan and, along with the City Manager, responded to questions.

3. Year 2017 Vehicles for Hire Inflationary Fee Increase September 8, 2016

THAT the Committee recommend to Council

- A. THAT Council approve a 2 percent inflationary increase to compensate for increases to the City's costs for all Vehicles for Hire fees, in accordance with Appendix A of the Administrative Report dated September 8, 2016, entitled "Year 2017 Vehicles for Hire Inflationary Fee Increase".
- B. THAT the Director of Legal Services be instructed to bring forward for enactment the necessary amendments to Vehicles for Hire By-law No. 6066, as shown in Appendix A of the Administrative Report dated September 8, 2016,

entitled "Year 2017 Vehicles for Hire Inflationary Fee Increase", to be effective January 1, 2017.

ADOPTED ON CONSENT (Vote No. 01494)

**4. Heritage Amenity Bank and Transfer of Density Update
October 4, 2016**

At the Regular Council meeting on October 4, 2016, Vancouver City Council referred this matter to the Standing Committee on Policy and Strategic Priorities meeting on October 5, 2016, in order to hear from speakers.

The Committee heard from two speakers who expressed concerns regarding rezoning conditions for density bank purchase and completing requirements for enactment.

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The Committee recessed at 5:45 pm, and reconvened at 7:02 pm.

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The Senior Heritage Planner responded to questions.

MOVED by Councillor Deal
THAT the Committee recommend to Council

THAT, effective November 15, 2016, Council authorize the City to accept cash payments in lieu of the purchase and transfer of heritage density for all rezoning applications that have been approved in principle following a public hearing up to July 31, 2016, which included, as part of the offered public benefits, the purchase and transfer of heritage density as a condition of rezoning enactment and for which the applicant has not yet provided a Letter A, Letter B and receipt to the City;

FURTHER THAT all such cash payments be set aside in a reserve for citywide heritage conservation purposes.

CARRIED (Vote No. 1493)
(Councillors Affleck, Ball, and De Genova, opposed)
(Councillor Meggs and Mayor Robertson absent for the vote)

The Committee adjourned at 7:17 pm.

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

OCTOBER 5, 2016

A Regular Meeting of the Council of the City of Vancouver was held on Wednesday, October 5, 2016, at 7:17 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: Councillor Raymond Louie, Acting Mayor
Councillor George Affleck
Councillor Elizabeth Ball
Councillor Adriane Carr
Councillor Melissa De Genova
Councillor Heather Deal
Councillor Kerry Jang
Councillor Andrea Reimer
Councillor Tim Stevenson

ABSENT: Mayor Gregor Robertson
Councillor Geoff Meggs

CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE: Sadhu Johnston, City Manager

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Report of Standing Committee on Policy and Strategic Priorities
October 5, 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. HOUSING
 - a) Presentation - Homelessness Action Week 2016 Update
 - b) Presentation - Urban Native Youth Association - Native Youth Centre and Housing Project Update
 - c) Regulating Short-Term Rentals in Vancouver
2. Presentation - Northeast False Creek Area Plan Update
3. Year 2017 Vehicles for Hire Inflationary Fee Increase
4. Heritage Amenity Bank and Transfer of Density Update

Items 1 to 4

MOVED by Councillor Deal
SECONDED by Councillor Carr

THAT the recommendations and actions taken by the Standing Committee on Policy and Strategic Priorities at its meeting of October 5, 2016, as contained in items 1 to 4, be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

BY-LAWS

MOVED by Councillor Deal
SECONDED by Councillor Jang

THAT Council enact the by-laws listed on the agenda for this meeting as numbers 1 and 2, and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign and seal the enacted by-laws.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

1. A By-law to amend License By-law No. 4450 regarding 2017 fee increases (By-law No. 11644)
2. A By-law to amend Vehicles for Hire By-law No. 6066 regarding 2017 fees (By-law No. 11645)

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Councillor Jang
SECONDED by Councillor Carr

THAT the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Council adjourned at 7:18 pm.

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