



REPORT TO COUNCIL

STANDING COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL ON CITY FINANCE AND SERVICES

NOVEMBER 16, 2016

A Regular Meeting of the Standing Committee of Council on City Finance and Services was held on Wednesday, November 16, 2016, at 9:33 am, in the Council Chamber, Third Floor, City Hall.

PRESENT: Councillor Geoff Meggs, Chair
Mayor Gregor Robertson*
Councillor George Affleck
Councillor Elizabeth Ball
Councillor Adriane Carr
Councillor Melissa De Genova
Councillor Heather Deal
Councillor Kerry Jang*
Councillor Raymond Louie
Councillor Andrea Reimer
Councillor Tim Stevenson, Vice-Chair

CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE: Sadhu Johnston, City Manager

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE: Rosemary Hagiwara, Deputy City Clerk
Katrina Leckovic, Deputy City Clerk
Tina Hildebrandt, Meeting Coordinator
Bonnie Kennett, Meeting Coordinator

* Denotes absence for a portion of the meeting.

WELCOME

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

ANNOUNCEMENT - Climate & Energy Action Award

Acting Mayor Raymond Louie announced that the city of Vancouver was recognized at the Union of BC Municipalities Convention in September for the 2016 Climate & Energy Action Awards for the Empower Me Program and invited Dale Littlejohn, Executive Director, Community Energy Association, to present the award to Vancouver City Council and say a few words about the program.

AGENDA ITEMS

1. Electric Vehicle Ecosystem Strategy October 19, 2016

Gil Kelley, General Manager, Planning, Urban Design and Sustainability, and staff from the Sustainability Group provided an overview of the report and, along with the City Manager, Doug Smith, Acting Director, Sustainability Group, and staff from Parking Management, responded to questions.

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

Following the hearing of speakers, staff from the Sustainability Group, along with Jerry Dobrovolny, General Manager, Engineering Services, responded to questions.

MOVED by Mayor Robertson

THAT the Committee recommend to Council

- A. THAT Council adopt the *Electric Vehicle Ecosystem Strategy*, as presented in Appendix A of the Administrative Report dated October 19, 2016, entitled “Electric Vehicle Ecosystem Strategy”, and direct staff to begin implementation of the priorities therein. Staff will seek subsequent Council approval as necessary on specific initiatives in the Strategy as well as programs and projects that require regulatory changes or significant financial investments that cannot be accommodated in the capital request included in Appendix A of the above-noted Administrative Report.
- B. THAT Council approve a multi-year project budget of \$500,000 to support the initial implementation of the *Electric Vehicle Ecosystem Strategy* as a pilot project, to be funded from Emerging Priorities in the 2015-2018 Capital Plan as follows:
 - \$250,000 from the unallocated cash Community Amenity Contribution (CAC) associated with the rezoning of 999 Seymour Street in 2008 for new Electric Vehicle infrastructure in the Metro Core; and
 - \$250,000 from the Gas Tax Fund Community Works Reserve for new Electric Vehicle infrastructure located outside the Metro Core;

FURTHER THAT expenditures will be managed within the City’s overall Annual Capital Expenditure Budget.

- C. THAT Council direct staff to pursue funding and partnership opportunities with senior levels of government and private sector partners to advance the *Electric Vehicle Ecosystem Strategy*.
- D. THAT Council direct staff to report back in 2017 and annually until 2021 on the status of the *Electric Vehicle Ecosystem Strategy*.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (Vote No. 01581)

**2. The Greenest City Fund: Updates and Revisions
October 18, 2016**

Doug Smith, Acting Director, Sustainability Group, responded to questions.

MOVED by Councillor Reimer

THAT the Committee recommend to Council

- A. THAT Council approve the revised Greenest City Fund framework, which has approved annual grant funding of \$250,000 within the annual Operating Budget.
- B. THAT subject to C and D below, Council authorize the City to enter into an agreement (“MOU”) with the Vancouver Foundation to govern the administration of the Greenest City Neighbourhood Small Grant from 2017-2020 (inclusive).
- C. THAT the MOU be on such terms as are generally described in the Administrative Report dated October 18, 2016, entitled “The Greenest City Fund: Updates and Revisions”, and such other terms as are approved by the City Manager.
- D. THAT the Director of Legal Services be authorized to sign the MOU on behalf of the City but that no legal rights or obligations will be created unless and with such MOU is executed and delivered by the Director of Legal Services and the Vancouver Foundation.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (Vote No. 01582)

**3. Updates to the Green Buildings Policy for Rezonings
November 1, 2016**

Staff from the Sustainability Group provided an overview of the report.

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The Committee recessed at 11:55 am and reconvened at 12:34 pm

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Staff from the Sustainability Group responded to questions.

The Committee heard from two speakers in support of the recommendations and two speakers who were opposed.

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At 1:24 pm, it was

MOVED by Councillor Deal

THAT the Committee vary the order of the agenda in order to deal with item 6 next and then continue with debate and decision for item 3 and then deal with items 4, 5, 7 and 8.

*CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AND
BY THE REQUIRED MAJORITY
(Mayor Robertson absent for the vote)*

Note: For ease of reference, the minutes are recorded in numerical order.

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REFERRAL MOVED by Councillor Andrea Reimer
THAT the Committee recommend to Council

THAT Council refer discussion and decision on the Policy report dated November 1, 2016, entitled "Updates to the Green Buildings Policy for Rezoning", to the next Regular Council meeting on November 29, 2016, as Unfinished Business.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**4. 39 Smithe Street and 45 Smithe Street - Parq Holdings Limited Partnership
Application to Relocate and Amend Liquor Primary Licences
September 23, 2016**

The Committee heard from two representatives of the Applicant, Parq Holdings Limited Partnership, who spoke in support of the application.

Andreea Toma, Director, Licensing, Property Use Inspections and Animal Services, along with Mary Clare Zak, Managing Director, Social Policy, and representatives of the Applicant, responded to questions.

MOVED by Councillor Deal
THAT the Committee recommend to Council

- A. THAT Council, having considered the opinion of local area residents and business operators as determined by neighbourhood notifications, site signs, open house, noise impacts and relevant Council policy as outlined in the Administrative Report dated September 23, 2016, entitled "39 Smithe Street and 45 Smithe Street - Parq Holdings Limited Partnership Application to Relocate and Amend Liquor Primary Licences", endorse the request by Parq Holdings Limited Partnership for an increase in person capacity for the Liquor Primary Licence (#302500) from 2494 persons to 5000 persons (Liquor Establishment Class 6-Casino/Entertainment Venue) and relocate from 760 Pacific Boulevard to 39 Smithe Street subject to:

- i. A maximum total capacity of 5000 persons to include three restaurants, two lounges, patio, casino and private gaming salons located over two floors;
 - ii. No increase in slots and gaming tables;
 - iii. Acoustic report to be submitted certifying that the establishment meets Noise Control By-law requirements;
 - iv. The outdoor patio ceasing all liquor service and vacated by 11 pm nightly;
 - v. No music or entertainment permitted on the patio;
 - vi. Signing a Good Neighbour Agreement with the City prior to business licence issuance; and
 - vii. A Time-limited Development Permit.
- B. THAT Council, having considered the opinion of local area residents and business operators as determined by neighbourhood notifications, site signs, open house, noise impacts and relevant Council policy as outlined in the Administrative Report dated September 23, 2016, entitled “39 Smithe Street and 45 Smithe Street - Parq Holdings Limited Partnership Application to Relocate and Amend Liquor Primary Licences”, endorse the request by Parq Holdings Limited Partnership to reduce the person capacity for the Liquor Primary Licence (#303909) from 405 persons to 125 person interior lounge with a 225 person courtyard patio located on the 6th floor of the Douglas Hotel (Liquor Establishment Class 2 - Hotel Lounge) and relocate from 750 Pacific Boulevard to 45 Smithe Street subject to:
 - i. A maximum total capacity of 125 persons inside and 225 persons on the patio (reduction of 55 persons) located on the 6th floor;
 - ii. Acoustic report to be submitted certifying that the establishment meets Noise Control By-law requirements;
 - iii. Signing a Good Neighbour Agreement with the City prior to business licence issuance;
 - iv. The outdoor patio ceasing all liquor service and vacated by 11 pm nightly;
 - v. No music or entertainment permitted on the patio;
 - vi. A Time-limited Development Permit; and
 - vii. Food service to be provided while minors are present as well as on the patio when open.

CARRIED (Vote No. 01587)
(Councillor Carr opposed)

REFERRED ITEMS

5. Parking Meter Program Changes and Various By-law Changes Related to Parking November 1, 2016

At the Regular Council meeting on November 15, 2016, Vancouver City Council referred this matter to the Standing Committee on City Finance and Services meeting on November 16, 2016, to hear from speakers.

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

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At 6:11 pm, it was

MOVED by Councillor Louie

THAT the meeting be extended to complete Item 5 before the recess.

*CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AND
BY THE REQUIRED MAJORITY*

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MOVED by Councillor Louie

THAT the Committee recommend to Council

- A. THAT Council approve the on-street parking meter program changes discussed in the Administrative Report dated November 1, 2016, entitled “Parking Meter Program Changes and Various By-law Changes Related to Parking”, and set out in Appendix A of the Administrative Report dated November 1, 2016, entitled “Parking Meter Program Changes and Various By-law Changes Related to Parking”.
- B. THAT Council approve, in principle, changes to the Parking Meter By-law No. 2952, the Street and Traffic By-law No. 2849, the By-law Notice Enforcement By-law No. 10201, and the Impounding By-Law No. 3519, as detailed in the Administrative Report dated November 1, 2016, entitled “Parking Meter Program Changes and Various By-law Changes Related to Parking”, and Appendices A, B, C, and D of the report.
- C. THAT Council authorize the Director of Legal Services to prepare and bring forward for enactment amendments to the Parking Meter By-law No. 2952, Street and Traffic By-law No. 2849, By-law Notice Enforcement By-law No. 10201, and Impounding By-law No. 3519, generally as outlined in Appendices A, B, C, and D of the Administrative Report dated November 1, 2016, entitled “Parking Meter Program Changes and Various By-law Changes Related to Parking”.

CARRIED (Vote No. 01588)
(Councillor De Genova opposed)
(Councillor Jang absent for the vote on Medical Leave)
(Mayor Robertson absent for the vote)

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The Committee recessed at 6:19 pm and reconvened at 6:35 pm.

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**6. Encouraging Homes for Renters: Recommended Approach for Taxing Empty Homes
November 6, 2016**

At the Regular Council meeting on November 15, 2016, Vancouver City Council referred this matter to the Standing Committee on City Finance and Services meeting on November 16, 2016, to hear from speakers.

Staff from Housing Policy and Projects, along with Heidi Granger, Assistant Director, Lawyer Administration, Legal Department, and Patrice Impey, General Manager, Finance, Risk and Supply Chain Management, responded to questions.

The Committee heard from three speakers in support of the recommendations and five speakers who were opposed.

MOVED by Mayor Robertson

THAT the Committee recommend to Council

- A. THAT Council approve the program to impose and collect a tax on empty homes as set out in the Administrative Report dated November 6, 2016, entitled “Encouraging Homes for Renters: Recommended Approach for Taxing Empty Homes”, with all net monies raised from the tax to be used for the purposes of affordable housing initiatives.
- B. THAT Council approve, in principle, and instruct the Director of Legal Services to bring forward a by-law to impose and collect a tax on empty homes generally as set out in Appendix A of the Administrative Report dated November 6, 2016, entitled “Encouraging Homes for Renters: Recommended Approach for Taxing Empty Homes”, for enactment.

amended

AMENDMENT MOVED by Councillor De Genova

THAT the motion be struck and replaced with the following:

- A. THAT Council direct staff to explore approaches and options that provide incentives to homeowners who choose to rent vacant homes, secondary suites or laneway homes for the purposes of increasing the most affordable rental stock and encouraging affordable housing initiatives and report back to council with recommendations within 60 days.
- B. THAT Council direct staff to consider a grant or property tax reduction for homeowners who choose to rent a secondary suite, laneway home or a portion of their residence, and give consideration for offering additional incentives to homeowners providing rental below the Housing Income Limit rates.
- C. THAT Council direct staff to consult with property owners and real estate developers and consider ways to increase rental housing stock offered for fixed lengths of time. Furthermore, that staff consider offering greater certainty for timelines surrounding the City of Vancouver’s Development Application process as an incentive for applicants who participate in providing rental housing during the application process and/or before demolition of existing homes.

not put

The Chair ruled the amendment to be out of order as it is contrary to the entire sense of direction of the staff report.

AMENDMENT MOVED by Councillor Jang

THAT the motion be amended to add the following:

- C. THAT staff do further analysis with the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation and other organizations as needed to assess the number of homes in the city that are subject to the 2017 Empty Homes tax, including those frequented for family purposes, and report back to Council in advance of the 2018 Empty Homes Tax period.

CARRIED (Vote no. 01583)
(Councillor De Genova opposed)

The City Manager clarified that on page 6 of the report, the last sentence in the second paragraph, "An owner and their spouse may only designate one principal residence between them." be removed.

AMENDMENT MOVED by Councillor Carr

THAT the motion be amended to add the following:

- D. THAT Council instruct staff to develop criteria to exempt secondary homes that are used for a significant portion of the year by the owner or owner's family for the 2017 tax period and on an interim basis until the review of data has been completed to inform possible changes for the 2018 tax year.

LOST (Vote no. 01584)
(Councillors Deal, Jang, Louie, Meggs, Reimer, Stevenson and Mayor Robertson opposed)

REFERRAL MOVED by Councillor Affleck

THAT the report be referred back to staff for further legal and policy analysis until June 2017 in advance of the 2018 budget planning process.

LOST (Vote no. 01585)
(Councillors Deal, Jang, Louie, Meggs, Reimer, Stevenson and Mayor Robertson opposed)

The amendments having either carried or lost, the motion as amended was put and CARRIED (Vote No. 01586) with Councillors Affleck, Ball and De Genova opposed.

FINAL MOTION AS ADOPTED

THAT the Committee recommend to Council

- A. THAT Council approve the program to impose and collect a tax on empty homes as set out in the Administrative Report dated November 6, 2016, entitled "Encouraging Homes for Renters: Recommended Approach for Taxing Empty Homes", with all net monies raised from the tax to be used for the purposes of affordable housing initiatives.

- B. THAT Council approve, in principle, and instruct the Director of Legal Services to bring forward a by-law to impose and collect a tax on empty homes generally as set out in Appendix A of the Administrative Report dated November 6, 2016, entitled “Encouraging Homes for Renters: Recommended Approach for Taxing Empty Homes”, for enactment.
- C. THAT staff do further analysis with the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation and other organizations as needed to assess the number of homes in the city that are subject to the 2017 Empty Homes tax, including those frequented for family purposes, and report back to Council in advance of the 2018 Empty Homes Tax period.

7. Support for a Democratically Elected Board of Education

At the Regular Council meeting on November 15, 2016, Vancouver City Council referred this matter to the Standing Committee on City Finance and Services meeting on November 16, 2016, to hear from speakers.

The Committee heard from three speakers in support of the motion and one speaker who, while in support of the return of a democratically elected Vancouver Board of Education, spoke in opposition to the motion.

The Committee agreed to sever the vote on parts A and B of the motion.

MOVED by Councillor Reimer

THAT the Committee recommend to Council

WHEREAS

- 1. On November 15, 2014, nine individuals were democratically elected to the Vancouver Board of Education (VBE) for a term of four years by a process certified by the City of Vancouver and Elections BC;
- 2. On October 17, 2016, the provincial government’s Minister of Education dismissed the VBE and replaced them with one appointed individual;
- 3. The City has a number of resident advisory committees and other bodies in which it reserves a spot for a VBE trustee with the assumption that the individual appointed by the VBE has a direct mandate from Vancouver residents;
- 4. Several advisory committees have expressed confusion or concern about having an individual with no mandate from Vancouver residents act in any capacity on an advisory committee established to empower resident voices;
- 5. The BC School Trustees Association (BCSTA) passed a motion calling on the provincial government to hold an election to fill vacant trustee positions no longer than six months from the date of dismissal of a democratically elected board and as soon as is feasible;

6. Residents of Vancouver deserve the same right as residents of every other municipality in the Province of BC to independent and democratically elected School Trustees to represent their interests in regard to education, school facilities and related matters.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

- A. THAT, interim to the provincial government requiring an election to allow for a democratically elected Vancouver Board of Education (VBE), the terms of reference for City of Vancouver Type A and B committees be amended to remove a request to the VBE to appoint a “liaison trustee” and instead invite the most recently democratically elected individuals to the office of School Trustee to apply to be a non-voting “special representative”.

CARRIED (Vote No. 01589)

(Councillors Ball, Affleck and De Genova opposed)

(Councillor Jang absent for the vote on Medical Leave)

(Mayor Robertson absent for the vote)

- B. THAT Vancouver City Council write to the Minister of Education and the Premier to state unequivocal support for the return of a democratically elected Vancouver Board of Education as soon as is feasible and no later than six months from the date of dismissal.

CARRIED (Vote No. 01590)

(Councillors Affleck, Ball and De Genova opposed)

(Councillor Jang absent for the vote on Medical Leave)

(Mayor Robertson absent for the vote)

8. Homeowners' Advisory Committee

At the Regular Council meeting on November 15, 2016, Vancouver City Council referred this matter to the Standing Committee on City Finance and Services meeting on November 16, 2016, to hear from speakers.

REFERRAL MOVED by Councillor Reimer

THAT the Committee recommend to Council

THAT Council refer the motion proposing the establishment of a Homeowners' Advisory Committee to the Standing Committee on Policy and Strategic Priorities meeting on November 30, 2016.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (Vote No. 01592)

(Councillor Jang absent for the vote on Medical Leave)

(Mayor Robertson absent for the vote)

The Committee adjourned at 7:30 pm.

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**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
STANDING COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL ON
CITY FINANCE AND SERVICES**

NOVEMBER 16, 2016

A Regular Meeting of the Council of the City of Vancouver was held on Wednesday, November 16, 2016, at 7:30 pm, in the Council Chamber, Third Floor, City Hall, following the Standing Committee on City Finance and Services meeting, to consider the recommendations and actions of the Committee.

PRESENT:	Acting Mayor Raymond Louie Councillor George Affleck Councillor Elizabeth Ball Councillor Adriane Carr Councillor Melissa De Genova Councillor Heather Deal Councillor Geoff Meggs Councillor Andrea Reimer Councillor Tim Stevenson
ABSENT:	Mayor Gregor Robertson Councillor Kerry Jang (Medical Leave)
CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE:	Sadhu Johnston, City Manager
CITY CLERK'S OFFICE:	Katrina Leckovic, Deputy City Clerk Tina Hildebrandt, Meeting Coordinator

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Report of Standing Committee on City Finance and Services
November 16, 2016

Council considered the report containing the recommendations and actions taken by the Standing Committee on City Finance and Services. Its items of business included:

1. Electric Vehicle Ecosystem Strategy
2. The Greenest City Fund: Updates and Revisions
3. Updates to the Green Buildings Policy for Rezoning
4. 39 Smithe Street and 45 Smithe Street - Parq Holdings Limited Partnership
Application to Relocate and Amend Liquor Primary Licences
5. Parking Meter Program Changes and Various By-law Changes Related to Parking
6. Encouraging Homes for Renters: Recommended Approach for Taxing Empty Homes
7. Support for a Democratically Elected Board of Education
8. Homeowners' Advisory Committee

Items 1 - 8

MOVED by Councillor Stevenson
SECONDED by Councillor Carr

THAT the recommendations and actions taken by the Standing Committee on City Finance and Services at its meeting of Wednesday, November 16, 2016, as contained in items 1 to 8, be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

BY-LAWS

MOVED by Councillor Stevenson
SECONDED by Councillor Deal

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-law.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

1. Vacancy Tax By-law (By-law No. 11674)

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Councillor Deal
SECONDED by Councillor Stevenson

THAT the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Council adjourned at 7:32 pm.

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