



REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

NOVEMBER 29, 2016

A Regular Meeting of the Council of the City of Vancouver was held on Tuesday, November 29, 2016, at 9:35 am, in the Council Chamber, Third Floor, City Hall.

PRESENT:	Acting Mayor Raymond Louie Councillor George Affleck Councillor Elizabeth Ball Councillor Adriane Carr Councillor Melissa De Genova Councillor Heather Deal* Councillor Kerry Jang Councillor Geoff Meggs Councillor Andrea Reimer Councillor Tim Stevenson
ABSENT:	Mayor Gregor Robertson (Leave of Absence - Civic Business)
CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE:	Sadhu Johnston, City Manager
CITY CLERK'S OFFICE:	Janice MacKenzie, City Clerk Laura Kazakoff, Meeting Coordinator

*Denotes absence for a portion of the meeting.

WELCOME

The Acting Mayor acknowledged that the city of Vancouver is on the unceded traditional territory of the Musqueam, Squamish and Tsleil-Waututh First Nations.

CONDOLENCES - Douglas John McNicol

The Acting Mayor expressed condolences on behalf of Council to the family, friends and colleagues of Doug McNicol, and noted his lengthy history of service to CUPE 1004 and its members through his leadership role in collective bargaining and many significant arbitrations.

IN CAMERA MEETING

MOVED by Councillor Carr

SECONDED by Councillor Stevenson

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:

(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;

(c) labour relations or other employee relations;

(d) the security of the property of the city;

(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;

(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;

(l) a matter that, under other enactment, is such that the public may be excluded from the meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

(Councillor Deal absent for the vote)

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

1. Regular Council - November 15, 2016

MOVED by Councillor Carr

SECONDED by Councillor Reimer

THAT the Minutes of the Regular Council meeting of November 15, 2016, be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

(Councillor Deal absent for the vote)

2. Public Hearing - November 15, 2016

MOVED by Councillor Ball
SECONDED by Councillor Carr

THAT the Minutes of the Public Hearing of November 15, 2016, be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Councillor Deal absent for the vote)

3. Regular Council (City Finance and Services) - November 16, 2016

MOVED by Councillor Reimer
SECONDED by Councillor Carr

THAT the Minutes of the Regular Council meeting immediately following the Standing Committee on City Finance and Services meeting of November 16, 2016, be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Councillor Deal absent for the vote)

MATTERS ADOPTED ON CONSENT

MOVED by Councillor Stevenson
SECONDED by Councillor De Genova

THAT Council adopt Administrative Reports 1 and 2 and Other Report 1 on consent.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Councillor Deal absent for the vote)

VARY AGENDA

Council agreed to vary the order of the agenda in order to consider Motion on Notice B.1, which had received requests to speak.

Motion B.1 - Commitment to Affordable Energy in the City of Vancouver

MOVED by Councillor De Genova
SECONDED by Councillor Ball

WHEREAS

1. Vancouver is facing an affordability crisis and the cost of energy contributes to the affordability of housing;

2. Natural gas is a clean burning energy;
3. Hundreds of thousands of people in the city of Vancouver rely on natural gas as a utility to heat their households, fuel their stoves, barbeques and businesses;
4. Retrofitting and/or replacing heating systems and furnaces in households and buildings that rely on natural gas is expensive and wasteful;
5. Vancouver strives to compete with world class cities and continually strives to strengthen the economy;
6. As a culinary capital, Vancouver has attracted world renowned chefs, restaurateurs and is known worldwide as a hub for culinary tourism who rely on natural gas as their favoured cooking mechanism;
7. The Zero Emissions Building Plan that came to Council on July 12, 2016, states that "City's Renewable City Strategy target to have all buildings in Vancouver (including those already built) use only renewable energy by the year 2050." The report outlines that this strategy expects 30% would be built prior to 2010, 30% would be built between 2010 and 2020, and 40% would be built after 2020;
8. Taking action that limits the number of residential and commercial users of natural gas will have an impact on affordability for restaurants, caterers and other suppliers and limit the ability of suppliers to maintain natural gas as a utility.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

- A. THAT Council affirms support for natural gas as an acceptable source of affordable energy.
- B. THAT staff be directed to report back to Council within 60 days with recommendations to enhance and amend the 2016 Zero Emissions Report and include natural gas as an acceptable form of energy in the Green Buildings Report.

referred

REFERRAL MOVED by Councillor Stevenson
SECONDED by Councillor De Genova

THAT Motion B.1 be referred to the Standing Committee on Policy and Strategic Priorities meeting to be held on Wednesday, November 30, 2016, in order to hear from speakers.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (Vote No. 1601)
(Councillor Deal absent for the vote)

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Updates to the Green Buildings Policy for Rezoning November 1, 2016

At the Standing Committee on City Finance and Services meeting on November 16, 2016, Vancouver City Council heard from speakers on the above-noted Policy Report, and referred discussion and decision to the Regular Council meeting on November 29, 2016, as Unfinished Business.

Sean Pander, Green Building Programs Manager, responded to questions regarding the proposed updates.

MOVED by Councillor Reimer
SECONDED by Councillor Meggs

- A. THAT Council approve updates to the Green Buildings Policy for Rezoning (the "Policy"), as set out in Appendix A of the Policy Report dated November 1, 2016, entitled "Updates to the Green Buildings Policy for Rezoning", which updates include adopting limits on greenhouse gas emissions, thermal energy and total energy use, and establishing administrative requirements as intended in the Zero Emissions Building Plan.
- B. THAT Council direct staff to report back by Q3 2017 with updates to the sustainability requirements in the Rezoning Policy for Large Sustainable Sites and the General Policy for Higher Buildings.

CARRIED (Vote No. 1594)
(Councillors Affleck, Ball and De Genova opposed)

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

1. 2017 Targeted Three-Year Land Assessment Averaging Program: Notice to BC Assessment Authority November 16, 2016

- A. THAT, pursuant to Section 374.4 (4b) of the Vancouver Charter, the City Clerk be instructed to notify the BC Assessment Authority ("BC Assessment"), before January 1, 2017, of Vancouver City Council's intent to consider the adoption of targeted 3-year land assessment averaging for the purpose of property tax calculations for 2017.

It should be noted that this notice of intent is revocable should Council, at a later date, decide not to proceed with this mechanism.

- B. THAT the Director of Finance be instructed to provide the required two weeks' notice to the public in advance of Council's consideration of the use of targeted 3-year land assessment averaging and, before March 31, 2017, report on the projected taxation impacts of the program based on the assessed values provided by BC Assessment in the 2017 Completed Roll.
- C. THAT the Area Assessor for Vancouver be invited to address Council on the 2017 assessment trends.

ADOPTED ON CONSENT (Vote No. 1597)

**2. Approval of Council Initiatives - Business Improvement Area Renewals - 2017
November 15, 2016**

Chinatown BIA Renewal:

- A1. THAT Council confirm the Vancouver Chinatown Business Improvement Area (BIA) Society as sponsor for the Chinatown BIA.
- A2. THAT Council approve the commencement of a Council Initiative to re-establish (renew) the Chinatown BIA, for a further term (7 years) commencing April 1, 2017; and

FURTHER THAT Council forward the application of the Vancouver Chinatown BIA Society to a hearing of the Court of Revision.
- A3. THAT the City notify property owners and tenants within the area (outlined in Appendix A1 of the Administrative Report dated November, 15, 2016, entitled "Approval of Council Initiatives - Business Improvement Area Renewals - 2017") of the proposed BIA renewal and levy.
- A4. THAT Council approve a 7-year (2017-2024) funding-ceiling of \$3,048,950 for the Chinatown BIA, subject to Council approval of the renewal.

Strathcona BIA Renewal:

- B1. THAT Council confirm the Strathcona Business Improvement Association as sponsor for the Strathcona Business Improvement Area (BIA).
- B2. THAT Council approve the commencement of a Council Initiative to re-establish (renew) the Strathcona BIA, for a further term (7 years) commencing April 1, 2017; and

FURTHER THAT Council forward the application of the Strathcona Business Improvement Association to a hearing of the Court of Revision.

- B3. THAT the City notify property owners and tenants within the area (outlined in Appendix B1 of the Administrative Report dated November, 15, 2016, entitled "Approval of Council Initiatives - Business Improvement Area Renewals - 2017") of the proposed BIA renewal and levy.
- B4. THAT Council approve a 7-year (2017-2024) funding-ceiling of \$7,449,000 for the Strathcona BIA, subject to Council approval of the renewal.

ADOPTED ON CONSENT (Vote No. 1598)

3. New Year's Eve Celebration Funding

THAT Council approve a grant of up to \$50,000 to the Vancouver New Year's Eve Celebration Society to support the 2016/17 New Year's Eve celebration.

Funding for the grant will be managed through the approved 2016 Operating budget.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AND
BY THE REQUIRED MAJORITY (Vote No. 1595)

OTHER REPORTS

- 1. **Street Naming - Naming of Street Extension and New Public Street - Yew Street and Lahb Avenue - October 31, 2016**
 - A. THAT the new public street running north from Nanton Street, shown in heavy black outline on the graphic attached as Appendix A to the Other Report dated October 31, 2016, entitled "Street Naming - Naming of Street Extension and New Public Street - Yew Street and Lahb Avenue", be named "Yew Street", as it is an extension of the existing street.
 - B. THAT the new public street running between Yew and Arbutus Streets, north of Nanton Avenue, shown in heavy black outline on the graphic attached as Appendix A to the Other Report dated October 31, 2016, entitled "Street Naming - Naming of Street Extension and New Public Street - Yew Street and Lahb Avenue", be named as "Lahb Avenue".
 - C. THAT the Director of Legal Services be instructed to bring forward the appropriate amendments to the Street Name By-law.

ADOPTED ON CONSENT (Vote No. 1599)

BY-LAWS

The Acting Mayor noted that By-law 12 had been withdrawn from the agenda.

Councillors Jang and Reimer advised they had reviewed the proceedings in relation to By-law 15, and they would therefore be voting on its enactment.

Councillor Stevenson advised he had reviewed the proceedings in relation to By-law 17, and he would be voting on its enactment.

Councillors Ball, Deal and Reimer advised they had reviewed the proceedings in relation to By-law 18, and they would be voting on its enactment.

MOVED by Councillor Jang
SECONDED by Councillor Stevenson

THAT Council enact the by-laws listed on the agenda for this meeting as numbers 1 to 11 and 13 to 18 inclusive, and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign and seal the enacted by-laws.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

1. A By-law to amend Zoning and Development Fee By-law No. 5585 to increase fees (By-law No. 11675)
2. A By-law to amend Secondary Suite Inspection Fee By-law No. 6553 to increase fees (By-law No. 11676)
3. A By-law to amend Building By-law No. 10908 to increase fees (By-law No. 11677)
4. A By-law to amend Protection of Trees By-law No. 9958 regarding fee increases (By-law No. 11678)
5. A By-law to amend Miscellaneous Fees By-law No. 5664 regarding fee increases (By-law No. 11679)
6. A By-law to amend Gas Fitting By-law No. 3507 to increase fees (By-law No. 11680)
7. A By-law to amend Subdivision By-law No. 5208 to increase fees (By-law No. 11681)
8. A By-law to amend Electrical By-law No. 5563 to increase fees (By-law No. 11682)
9. A By-law to amend Sign By-law No. 6510 to increase fees (By-law No. 11683)
10. A By-law to amend Noise Control By-law No. 6555 regarding 2017 fee increases (By-law No. 11684)

11. A By-law to amend Animal Control By-law No. 9150 regarding 2017 fee increases (By-law No. 11685)
12. WITHDRAWN
13. A By-law to amend Fire By-law No. 11312 regarding housekeeping and underground storage tanks (By-law No. 11686)
14. A By-law to amend Building By-law No. 10908 in relation to miscellaneous Housekeeping amendments, sustainability and energy efficiency and amendments to incorporate certain revisions to the British Columbia Building Code (By-law No. 11687)
15. A By-law to designate certain real property as protected heritage property (1102 Commercial Drive, Florida Market) (By-law No. 11688)
16. A By-law to amend Street Name By-law No. 4054 regarding Yew Street and Lahb Avenue (By-law No. 11689)
17. A By-law to amend Zoning and Development By-law No. 3575 (2805 East Hastings Street) (By-law No. 11690)
18. A By-law to amend Zoning and Development By-law No. 3575 (4976-5010 Cambie Street) (By-law No. 11691)

MOTIONS

A. Administrative Motions

None.

B. Motions on Notice

1. Commitment to Affordable Energy in the City of Vancouver

The above-noted motion was referred to the Standing Committee on Policy and Strategic Priorities meeting on November 30, 2016, in order to hear from speakers.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Modifying the Moratorium on New Taxi Licenses to Allow for Increased Service During the 2016 Festive Season

Councillor De Genova submitted a motion on the above-noted matter as "Urgent Business".

Following a short recess, the Acting Mayor advised this matter did not meet the criteria for Urgent Business and advised Councillor De Genova to move her motion as New Business.

MOVED by Councillor De Genova
SECONDED by Councillor Ball

WHEREAS

1. At the October 19, 2016, Standing Committee on City Finances and Services meeting, Council approved a motion to "reaffirm its decision of October 2015 and extend the moratorium on new taxi licenses for a further 12 months pending the completion of the provincial process."
2. There continues to be high demand on taxi service during the festive season with more individuals choosing to use taxi service.
3. At the Standing Committee of Council on Planning, Transportation and Environment Minutes, Thursday, December 10, 2015, the following motion was brought forward under urgent business and was passed unanimously by Council:

"1. Moratorium on new Taxi Licences

MOVED by Councillor Meggs
SECONDED by Councillor Stevenson

THAT Council modify the moratorium on new taxi licences to allow for increased taxi service on a temporary basis over the festive period until January 8, 2016;

FURTHER THAT Council request the Director of Legal Services to bring forward by-law amendments to the Vehicles for Hire By-law generally in accordance with this direction; and

FURTHER THAT Council urge taxi companies serving the city to maximize the availability of wheelchair accessible taxis and urge the Passenger Transportation Board to expedite the approval of additional wheelchair accessible taxis in Vancouver as requested by the Vancouver Taxi Association."

4. Increased demand for taxi service during December and early January puts strain on individuals who rely on taxis and have no other options, including persons with disabilities and individuals with limited mobility.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

- A. THAT Council modify the moratorium on new taxi licenses to allow for increased taxi service on a temporary basis over the festive period until January 8, 2017.

- B. THAT Council instruct the Director of Legal Services to bring forward by-law amendments to the Vehicles for Hire By-law generally in accordance with this direction.
- C. THAT Council urge taxi companies serving the City of Vancouver to maximize the availability of wheelchair accessible taxis and urge the Passenger Transportation Board to expedite the approval of additional wheelchair accessible taxis in Vancouver.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (Vote No. 1596)

NOTICE OF MOTION

1. Culture: Fourth Pillar of Sustainability

Councillor Ball submitted a Notice of Motion on the above-noted matter. The Motion will be placed on the agenda of the Regular Council meeting to be held on December 13, 2016, as a Motion on Notice.

ENQUIRIES AND OTHER MATTERS

1. Fentanyl Crisis and 2017 Budget

Councillor Meggs noted the growing concerns regarding fentanyl and the increasing number of overdoses, and requested the City Manager provide an information memo outlining additional budget options to provide the City with flexibility in responding to aspects of this crisis, such as support for staff and first responders, resources on the streets, clean up, and shelter capacity. He asked if the information could possibly be brought forward as part of the budget considerations and that the public also be made aware of the options which may be available to Council.

Councillor Jang requested that the memo include information on specific steps that can possibly be taken to help manage the crisis, including a new mobile medic van, additional shelter workers and opportunities for leveraging with the City's partners in health.

The City Manager noted the City is planning a fentanyl overdose Town Hall Meeting on December 8, 2016, at City Hall, and are working with VANDU partners. He agreed to provide Council with an information memo in advance of the Special Council meeting on the 2017 budget.

2. Clarification on Roles of Council Liaisons

Councillor Reimer requested an information memo to provide clarification with regard to Council Liaison positions, whether it be to a neighbourhood or an advisory committee, and the parameters of that representation. She noted it may be helpful to clarify those roles given the newly created neighbourhood liaison process.

The City Manager agreed to provide an information memo.

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Councillor Stevenson
SECONDED by Councillor Meggs

THAT the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Council adjourned at 11:55 am.

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