



REPORT TO COUNCIL

STANDING COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL ON POLICY AND STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

NOVEMBER 30, 2016

A Regular Meeting of the Standing Committee of Council on Policy and Strategic Priorities was held on Wednesday, November 30, 2016, at 9:35 am, in the Council Chamber, Third Floor, City Hall.

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

ABSENT: Mayor Gregor Robertson (Leave of Absence)
Councillor Kerry Jang

CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE: Sadhu Johnston, City Manager

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE: Rosemary Hagiwara, Deputy City Clerk
Katrina Leckovic, Deputy City Clerk
Maria Castro, 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.

MATTERS ADOPTED ON CONSENT

MOVED by Councillor Deal

THAT items 3, 5 and 6 be adopted on consent.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AND ITEM 5
BY THE REQUIRED MAJORITY

1. Presentation - Metro Vancouver Update

Greg Moore, Chair, Metro Vancouver Board, provided an update on Metro Vancouver's regional strategies on waste reduction, affordable housing, and planning and growth, and responded to questions.

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Prior to the introduction of Item 2, the Chair invited the Acting Mayor to express condolences for Hendrik Hoekema.

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CONDOLENCES - Hendrik Hoekema

Acting Mayor Louie expressed condolences on behalf of Council to the family, friends and colleagues of Hendrik Hoekema, and noted his life-long dedication in helping Vancouver's Downtown Eastside community, and his commitment to reconciliation and inclusion.

2. Downtown Eastside Community Economic Development Strategy (DTES CED Strategy) Phase II November 21, 2016

Staff from Social Policy and Projects Division, and Planning, Urban Design and Sustainability, provided a presentation on the Downtown Eastside Community Economic Development Strategy, and responded to questions.

The Committee heard from twelve speakers in support of the recommendations. Some of the speakers commented on various aspects of the report including economic planning, business and social enterprise, and concerns regarding the consultation process.

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At 11:49 am, during the hearing of speakers, it was

MOVED by Councillor Stevenson

THAT Council extend the meeting to complete hearing from the current speaker on Item 2 before the noon recess.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AND
BY THE REQUIRED MAJORITY**

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The Committee recessed at 11:55 am and reconvened at 1:08 pm.

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MOVED by Councillor Reimer

THAT the Committee recommend to Council

- A. THAT Council approve the Downtown Eastside Community Economic Development (DTES CED) Strategy (Phase II) as set out in Appendix B of the Administrative Report dated November 21, 2016, entitled "Downtown Eastside Community Economic Development Strategy (DTES CED Strategy) Phase II".
- B. THAT subject to approval of A above, Council approve four (4) grants totalling \$258,879 as outlined in table 1 of this report; source of funding is the 2016 DTES Capital Budget.
- C. THAT subject to approval of A above, Council approve the use of \$94,621 to fund feasibility studies and program development to assist in creating the work-plan for Phase III of the DTES CED Strategy (Long-Term Initiatives); source of funding is the 2016 DTES Capital Budget.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AND B
BY THE REQUIRED MAJORITY (Vote No. 01603)
(Councillor Carr absent for the vote)

3. **PARQ's Annual Report Back to Council on the "Responsible Gaming Agreement" and "Inner-City Local Employment and Procurement Agreement" for the Vancouver Urban Resort at 39 Smithe Street
November 8, 2016**

THAT the Committee recommend to Council

THAT Council receive PARQ Holdings Limited Partnership's (known also as "PARQ" and the "Applicant") report in Appendix A of the Administrative Report dated November 8, 2016, entitled "PARQ's Annual Report Back to Council on the 'Responsible Gaming Agreement' and 'Inner-City Local Employment and Procurement Agreement'" for the Vancouver Urban Resort at 39 Smithe Street", that details PARQ's progress in fulfilling their social responsibility commitments made in two legal agreements, the "Responsible Gaming Agreement" and the "Inner-City Local Employment and Procurement Agreement" in relation to the construction and operation of the Vancouver Urban Resort.

ADOPTED ON CONSENT (Vote No. 01607)

4. **Increased Municipal Ticket Fines for Operating Without a Business License and Failing to Comply with License Conditions
November 2, 2016**

The Chief Licence Inspector responded to questions.

MOVED by Councillor De Genova
THAT the Committee recommend to Council

- A. THAT Council approve an increase to the municipal ticket information fines for operating without a business licence and failure to comply with license conditions, from \$250.00 to \$1,000.00.
- B. THAT Council instruct the Director of Legal Services to bring forward amendments to the Ticket Offences By-law No. 9360, generally in accordance with Appendix B of the Administrative Report dated November 2, 2016, entitled "Increased Municipal Ticket Fines for Operating Without a Business License and Failing to Comply with License Conditions", for consideration by Council.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (Vote No. 01604)
(Councillor Carr absent for the vote)

**5. 2016 Cultural Grant Allocation to Assist Emerging Individual Artists
November 15, 2016**

THAT the Committee recommend to Council

THAT Council approve a grant of \$50,000 to ArtStarts in Schools to deliver the second year of Independent Arts and Culture Fund to support emerging individual artists. The source of funds to be the 2016 Cultural Grants Budget, and disbursement subject to:

- an evaluation of the first year pilot program; and
- a report-back to Council from staff with any changes required to enhance access and impact for the program moving forward.

ADOPTED ON CONSENT AND
BY THE REQUIRED MAJORITY (Vote No. 01608)

**6. Funding Applications to Federal-Provincial Clean Water and Wastewater Fund
November 23, 2016**

THAT the Committee recommend to Council

- A. THAT Council approve a funding application to the Federal-Provincial Clean Water and Wastewater Fund for \$9.69 million for the Vancouver South Sewer Separation Project;

FURTHER THAT Council commit \$3.31 million in City funding to this project from the Sewer Separation allocation in the 2015-2018 Capital Plan.

- B. THAT Council approve a funding application to the Federal-Provincial Clean Water and Wastewater Fund for \$17.32 million for the Vancouver West Sewer Separation Project;

FURTHER THAT Council commit \$6.01 million in City funding to this project from the Sewer Separation allocation in the 2015-2018 Capital Plan.

- C. THAT Council communicate to the Federal and Provincial governments that funding from the Clean Water and Wastewater Fund would be incremental to the City's \$110 million Sewer Separation allocation in the 2015-2018 Capital Plan.

ADOPTED ON CONSENT (Vote No. 01609)

7. 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. Subsequently, at the Standing Committee on City Finance and Services meeting on November 16, 2016, Vancouver City Council referred this matter to the Standing Committee on Policy and Strategic Priorities meeting on November 30, 2016.

The Committee heard from one speaker in support of the establishment of a Homeowners' Advisory Committee.

The following contains changes to the original motion that were accepted by the Committee.

MOVED by Councillor De Genova
THAT the Committee recommend to Council

WHEREAS

1. The City of Vancouver is committed to consultation and engaging the community.
2. In July 2011 Council endorsed and approved the mandate of the Bicycle Advisory Committee to be expanded to address all forms of active transportation and the Active Transportation Policy Council was formed.
3. In October 2011 Council committed to establishing an Arts and Culture Policy Council and Urban Aboriginal Peoples' Advisory Committee.
4. In February 2012 Council established the Civic Asset Naming Committee;
5. In April 2013 Council created a Children, Youth and Families Advisory Committee.

6. In December 2014 Council approved a motion to establish a Renter's Advisory Committee to address issues unique to renters and engage individuals renting in Vancouver in consultation.
7. City of Vancouver Type A advisory committees at the City of Vancouver include:
 - Active Transportation Policy Council
 - Arts and Culture Policy Council
 - Children, Youth and Families Advisory Committee
 - Civic Asset Naming Committee
 - Cultural Communities Advisory Committee
 - Food Policy Council, LGBTQ2+ Advisory Committee
 - Persons with Disabilities Advisory Committee
 - Renters Advisory Committee
 - Seniors' Advisory Committee
 - Urban Aboriginal Peoples' Advisory Committee
 - Women's Advisory Committee.
8. City of Vancouver Type B advisory committee include:
 - Chinatown Historic Area Planning Committee
 - First Shaughnessy Design Panel
 - Gastown Historic Planning Committee.
9. There is currently no committee that specifically addresses the needs or issues facing homeowners.
10. The National Household Survey, published by Statistics Canada confirms in their most recent data from 2011 that there are 264,570 private homes in the City of Vancouver.
11. Council regularly makes decisions that affect homeowners. For example, in 2016 Council supported motions including an empty home tax, a new process and regulations for short term rentals and proposed changes to the homeowners grant.
12. Affordable Housing has been identified as a priority of the City of Vancouver and in June 2015 Council unanimously approved and committed to Affordable Home Ownership.
13. The City of Vancouver has identified affordable housing as a priority and actions have been taken to encourage home owners to rent properties when appropriate.
14. There is currently no committee where homeowners can specifically address issues and concerns or provide advice on policy that affects homeowners.

15. The City of Vancouver has a history of updating and adding committees to represent the needs, interests and issues facing different groups of people in Vancouver.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

- A. THAT Council establish a new Type A committee named the Homeowners' Advisory Committee, governed by the mandate and terms of references that govern other Type A City of Vancouver Advisory Committees;

FURTHER THAT staff report back to Council to provide recommendations for the membership and terms of reference for the Homeowners' Advisory Committee with the following mandate:

- (i) To advise Council on strategic City priorities relevant to homeowners;
 - (ii) To advise Council on issues of housing and the impacts of affordability; and
 - (iii) To respond to engaging homeowners in strategy to further address issues specific to housing in developing City of Vancouver policy.
- B. THAT the Homeowners' Advisory Committee begin clerked meetings as of the new term for Advisory Committees in March 2017.

amended

AMENDMENT MOVED by Councillor Reimer

THAT the motion be struck and replaced with the following:

THAT Council place a moratorium on the creation of new Type A and Type B advisory committees pending a review of existing Type A and Type B advisory committees as to how well they are empowering residents that have traditionally been underrepresented in the City's consultative processes.

CARRIED (Vote No. 01605)
(Councillors Affleck, Ball and De Genova opposed)
(Councillor Carr absent for the vote)

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The Committee recessed at 3:07 pm and reconvened at 3:15 pm with Councillor Louie in the Chair.

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8. Commitment to Affordable Energy in the City of Vancouver

At the Regular Council meeting on November 29, 2016, Vancouver City Council referred this matter to the Standing Committee on Policy and Strategic Priorities meeting on November 30, 2016, to hear from speakers.

The Committee heard from eight speakers in support of the motion and who also commented on the negative implications derived from the current policy.

MOVED by Councillor De Genova
THAT the Committee recommend to Council

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.

carried

AMENDMENT MOVED by Councillor Louie

THAT the motion be struck and replaced with the following:

WHEREAS

1. Vancouver is facing an affordability crisis and energy and other operating costs should be considered in the affordability of housing.
2. The burning of conventional natural gas is the largest source of greenhouse gas pollution in Vancouver.
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 often pay for themselves in energy cost savings in a short period of time and Fortis BC offers incentives for actions such as replacing of old inefficient boilers with new, high efficiency ones.
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 which rely on natural gas (from both renewable and conventional sources) 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. Reducing energy demand in buildings will result in savings for occupants.
9. The burning of fossil fuels has led directly to climate change and it is well understood the poorest and most vulnerable populations in the world have been hardest hit by impacts.

10. In Metro Vancouver, the damage due to sea level rise associated with climate change is estimated at \$30 billion, and the cost to adapt to this is estimated at \$10 billion. These costs will be borne by taxpayers.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

- A. THAT Council reaffirms support for natural gas as an acceptable source of energy as already articulated in the Renewable City Strategy adopted in November, 2015, and the Zero Emissions Building Strategy adopted in July, 2016.
- B. THAT Council reaffirms the long-standing practice that all future policy and regulation proposals arising from high-level strategies such as the Renewable City Strategy and Zero Emission Building Plan will be informed by detailed costing, feasibility analysis, and stakeholder consultation, and will be considered by Council as they are brought forward.
- C. THAT Council reaffirms that reducing carbon pollution from buildings will require a reduction in energy use and a transition to renewable sources.

CARRIED (Vote No. 01606)
(Councillors Affleck, Ball and De Genova opposed)
(Councillors Carr and Reimer absent for the vote)

The Committee adjourned at 6:10 pm.

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

NOVEMBER 30, 2016

A Regular Meeting of the Council of the City of Vancouver was held on Wednesday, November 30, 2016, at 3:08 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 Geoff Meggs
Councillor Andrea Reimer*
Councillor Tim Stevenson
- ABSENT:** Mayor Gregor Robertson (Leave of Absence)
Councillor Adriane Carr
Councillor Kerry Jang
Councillor Andrea Reimer (Leave of Absence - Civic Business)
- CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE:** Sadhu Johnston, City Manager
- CITY CLERK'S OFFICE:** Rosemary Hagiwara, Deputy City Clerk
Katrina Leckovic, Deputy City Clerk
Maria Castro, Meeting Coordinator

*Denotes absence for a portion of the meeting.

IN CAMERA MEETING

MOVED by Councillor Deal
SECONDED by Councillor Reimer

THAT Council will go into a meeting on December 7, 2016, which is closed to the public, pursuant to Section 165.2(1) of the Vancouver Charter, to discuss matters related to paragraph(s):

- (g) litigation or potential litigation affecting the city;
- (i) the receipt of advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Report of Standing Committee on Policy and Strategic Priorities November 30, 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. Presentation - Metro Vancouver Update
2. Downtown Eastside Community Economic Development Strategy (DTES CED Strategy) Phase II
3. PARQ's Annual Report Back to Council on the "Responsible Gaming Agreement" and "Inner-City Local Employment and Procurement Agreement" for the Vancouver Urban Resort at 39 Smithe Street
4. Increased Municipal Ticket Fines for Operating Without a Business License and Failing to Comply with License Conditions
5. 2016 Cultural Grant Allocation to Assist Emerging Individual Artists
6. Funding Applications to Federal-Provincial Clean Water and Wastewater Fund
7. Homeowners' Advisory Committee
8. Commitment to Affordable Energy in the City of Vancouver

Items 1 to 7

MOVED by Councillor Deal
SECONDED by Councillor Reimer

THAT the recommendations and actions taken by the Standing Committee on Policy and Strategic Priorities at its meeting of November 30, 2016, as contained in items 1 to 7, be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AND ITEM 5
BY THE REQUIRED MAJORITY

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The Council recessed at 3:08 pm and reconvened at 6:10 pm.

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Item 8

MOVED by Councillor Stevenson
SECONDED by Councillor Deal

THAT the recommendations and actions taken by the Standing Committee on Policy and Strategic Priorities at its meeting of November 30, 2016, as contained in item 8, be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AND ITEM 2
BY THE REQUIRED MAJORITY
(Councillor Reimer absent for the vote)

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
(Councillor Reimer absent for the vote)

1. A By-law to amend Vehicles for Hire By-law No. 6066 regarding temporary part time taxis during the holiday season (By-law No. 11692).

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Councillor Stevenson
SECONDED by Councillor Deal

THAT the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Councillor Reimer absent for the vote)

The Council adjourned at 6:11 pm.

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