



REPORT TO COUNCIL

STANDING COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL ON POLICY AND STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

MARCH 29, 2017

A Regular Meeting of the Standing Committee of Council on Policy and Strategic Priorities was held on Wednesday, March 29, 2017, at 9:33 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 Kerry Jang
Councillor Geoff Meggs
Councillor Tim Stevenson

ABSENT: Councillor Heather Deal (Leave of Absence - Medical)
Councillor Raymond Louie (Leave of Absence - Civic Business)

CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE: Sadhu Johnston, City Manager
Paul Mochrie, Deputy City Manager

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

* Denotes absence for a portion of the meeting.

WELCOME

The Chair acknowledged that we are on the unceded traditional territory of the Musqueam, Squamish and Tsleil-Waututh First Nations.

MATTERS ADOPTED ON CONSENT

MOVED by Councillor Stevenson

THAT Item 5 be adopted on consent.

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

1. Presentation - Public Spaces - VIVA Vancouver Update

Engineering Services staff presented an update on this matter and, along with the General Manager of Engineering and City Manager, responded to questions.

**2. Downtown Places and Spaces Strategy - Work Program
March 20, 2017**

The Acting Assistant Director of Planning presented on this matter and, along with the General Manager of Planning, Urban Design and Sustainability, and Engineering Services staff, responded to questions.

The Committee heard from two speakers in support of the recommendations.

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

MOVED by Councillor Carr

THAT the Committee recommend to Council

- A. THAT Council approve the preparation of a *Downtown Places and Spaces Strategy*, in accordance with the work program outlined in Appendix A of the Administrative Report dated March 20, 2017, entitled "Downtown Places and Spaces Strategy - Work Program"; the source of funds for the 2017 work program is \$350,000 from the 2017 Operating Budget.
- B. THAT staff be directed to report back to Council in late 2017 with a progress update, including key public engagement and consultant findings, and with the work program budget and funding required for 2018.
- C. THAT Council acknowledge the Vancouver Public Spaces Network's many years of volunteer work to document the usage of public spaces in Downtown Vancouver and that staff find ways where appropriate to ensure this knowledge and data gathering capacity is informing the development of the Downtown Places and Spaces Plan.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (Vote No. 01838)

**3. Public Art Boost - 2017 - 2018 Recommendations
March 2, 2017**

Cultural Services staff presented on this matter and, along with the General Manager of Community Services, responded to questions.

The Committee heard from three speakers in general support of the recommendations.

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At 11:55 am, it was

MOVED by Councillor Carr

THAT the meeting be extended to complete the business on the agenda.

*CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AND
BY THE REQUIRED MAJORITY*

The Committee recessed at 12 noon and reconvened at 12:50 pm.

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MOVED by Mayor Robertson
THAT the Committee recommend to Council

THAT Council approve the following Public Art Boost allocations from funding sources previously approved by Council on June 2, 2016:

- A. Grant recommendations of \$490,000 from the 2015-2018 Capital Plan for Social and Cultural Grants for public art projects as detailed in the Administrative Report dated March 2, 2017, entitled "Public Art Boost -2017 - 2018 Recommendations", and noted in Appendix B of the above mentioned Administrative Report. These Boost projects harness the creativity and commitment of art organizations to increase the number and variety of opportunities for public art expression across the city.
- B. Public Art Community Grant recommendations of \$152,000 from the 2015-2018 Capital Plan for Social and Cultural Grants and Public Art capital funds, as noted in Appendix C of the Administrative Report dated March 2, 2017, entitled "Public Art Boost - 2017 - 2018 Recommendations".

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AND
BY THE REQUIRED MAJORITY (Vote No. 01843)

**4. 2017 Cultural Grants Allocations (Operating/Annual/Projects/Arts Capacity)
February 28, 2017**

The Committee heard from two speakers in support of the recommendations and one speaker who spoke about the challenges of obtaining grant funding for emerging artists and new arts organizations.

MOVED by Mayor Robertson
THAT the Committee recommend to Council

- A. THAT Council approve:
 - i. 59 Project grants in the amount of \$410,000 as per Appendix A of the Administrative Report dated February 28, 2017, entitled "2017 Cultural Grants Allocations (Operating/Annual/Projects/Arts Capacity)";
 - ii. 49 Annual Assistance grants in the amount of \$861,000 as per Appendix B of the above mentioned Administrative Report; and
 - iii. 56 Operating grants in the amount of \$6,403,700 as per Appendix C of the above mentioned Administrative Report.
- B. THAT Council approve a grant of \$100,000 to Vantage Point, for a renewed partnership to provide workshops, labs and customized opportunities for capacity development assistance to City-supported cultural organizations.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AND
BY THE REQUIRED MAJORITY (Vote No. 01844)

**5. 2016 Creative Spark Vancouver Grant Allocation, Program Evaluation and Modifications
February 28, 2017**

THAT the Committee recommend to Council

THAT Council approve the disbursement of a grant of \$52,500 to ArtStarts in Schools to deliver the second year of the Independent Arts and Culture Fund (Creative Spark Vancouver) to support emerging individual artists. Source of funds is the 2017 Cultural Grants Budget.

ADOPTED ON CONSENT AND
BY THE REQUIRED MAJORITY (Vote No. 01845)
(Mayor Robertson absent for the vote)

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The Committee recessed at 1:45 pm and reconvened at 2:01 pm.

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**6. Vancouver Housing and Homelessness Strategy Reset - *Housing Vancouver* Emerging Directions
March 8, 2017**

At the Regular Council meeting on March 28, 2017, Vancouver City Council received a presentation on this matter and referred the related report to the Standing Committee on Policy and Strategic Priorities meeting on March 29, 2017, to hear from speakers.

The Director of Housing Policy and Projects presented on this matter and, along with the Deputy Director of Planning, Director of Development Services, and the General Manager of Planning, Urban Design and Sustainability, responded to questions.

The Committee heard from four speakers in general support of the recommendations, who also expressed concerns regarding rental housing accessibility, security of tenure, and certain zoning and development aspects for purpose-built rental housing.

MOVED by Mayor Robertson
THAT the Committee recommend to Council

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

- A. THAT Council receive and approve in principle the *Housing Vancouver* Emerging Directions, as contained in the Administrative Report dated March 8, 2017, entitled "Vancouver Housing and Homelessness Strategy Reset - *Housing Vancouver* Emerging Directions", subject to further investigation, public consultation and analysis.
- B. THAT Council approve a one-year Rezoning, Development and Building Permit pilot to prioritize affordable housing projects and with an update on pilot progress and findings to be brought forward to Council in intervals of six months.
- C. THAT Council direct staff to begin a public engagement process to seek input into the *Housing Vancouver* Emerging Directions and report back in July 2017 with recommendations for quick starts, and a financial strategy for Council consideration.
- D. THAT Council direct staff to report back on specific measures to make it easier to legalize secondary suites in RT and RM zones.

carried

AMENDMENT MOVED by Councillor De Genova

THAT B above be amended to add ", without impeding or slowing the process for any other Rezoning, Development and Building Permits and including affordable home ownership; subject to necessary Charter change that allows the City's approved Affordable Home Ownership program to be implemented," after "projects", so that the amendment would read:

- B. THAT Council approve in principle a one-year Rezoning, Development and Building Permit pilot to prioritize affordable housing projects, without impeding or slowing the process for any other Rezoning, Development and Building Permits and including affordable home ownership; subject to necessary Charter change that allows the City's approved Affordable Home Ownership program to be implemented, and with an update on pilot progress and findings to be brought forward to Council in intervals of six months.

LOST (Vote No. 01846)

(Councillors Jang, Meggs, Reimer, Stevenson and Mayor Robertson opposed)

The Committee agreed to sever the vote on components of the motion.

MOVED by Mayor Robertson

THAT the Committee recommend to Council

- B. THAT Council approve a one-year Rezoning, Development and Building Permit pilot to prioritize affordable housing projects and with an update on pilot progress and findings to be brought forward to Council in intervals of six months.

CARRIED (Vote No. 01847)

(Councillors Ball and De Genova opposed)

MOVED by Mayor Robertson

THAT the Committee recommend to Council

- A. THAT Council receive and approve in principle the Housing Vancouver Emerging Directions, as contained in the Administrative Report dated March 8, 2017, entitled "Vancouver Housing and Homelessness Strategy Reset - Housing Vancouver Emerging Directions", subject to further investigation, public consultation and analysis.
- C. THAT Council direct staff to begin a public engagement process to seek input into the *Housing Vancouver* Emerging Directions and report back in July 2017 with recommendations for quick starts, and a financial strategy for Council consideration.
- D. THAT Council direct staff to report back on specific measures to make it easier to legalize secondary suites in RT and RM zones.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (Vote No. 01848)

FINAL MOTION AS ADOPTED

THAT the Committee recommend to Council

- A. THAT Council receive and approve in principle the Housing Vancouver Emerging Directions, as contained in the Administrative Report dated March 8, 2017, entitled "Vancouver Housing and Homelessness Strategy Reset - Housing Vancouver Emerging Directions", subject to further investigation, public consultation and analysis.
- B. THAT Council approve a one-year Rezoning, Development and Building Permit pilot to prioritize affordable housing projects and with an update on pilot progress and findings to be brought forward to Council in intervals of six months.
- C. THAT Council direct staff to begin a public engagement process to seek input into the *Housing Vancouver* Emerging Directions and report back in July 2017 with recommendations for quick starts, and a financial strategy for Council consideration.
- D. THAT Council direct staff to report back on specific measures to make it easier to legalize secondary suites in RT and RM zones.

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The Committee recessed at 4:15 pm and reconvened at 4:21 pm with the same members present except for Mayor Robertson who was absent.

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7. Finding an Appropriate City Location for Vancouver's 2017 4/20 Event

At the Regular Council meeting on March 28, 2017, Vancouver City Council referred this matter to the Standing Committee on Policy and Strategic Priorities meeting on March 29, 2017, to hear from speakers.

The City Manager responded to questions.

The Committee heard from four speakers who expressed support to find an appropriate City Location for Vancouver's 4/20 Event.

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The Committee recessed at 6:05 pm and reconvened at 6:23 pm.

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MOVED by Councillor Carr
THAT the Committee recommend to Council

WHEREAS

1. The Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms protects the fundamental rights of Canadians including freedom of speech and freedom of assembly, which requires the City of Vancouver to accommodate non-violent public protests such as the 4/20 event;
2. Timed for April 20 to coincide with similar events around the world, Vancouver's 4/20 event has been held annually since 1995 as a day-long public protest and rally calling for the legalization of cannabis;
3. The 4/20 event is the largest annual public protest event in Vancouver, with over 10,000 people from Vancouver and the surrounding region attending;
4. Vancouver's 4/20 event has historically been held at the Vancouver Art Gallery (VAG) but in 2016, due to the redevelopment of the VAG front lawns, was relocated to Sunset Beach Park;
5. The Vancouver Park Board decided on March 6, 2017, to deny a permit to the 4/20 event for Sunset Beach Park primarily because smoking is banned on all park lands in the city;
6. Vancouver's 4/20 event organizers are currently planning to hold their event at Sunset Beach Park in 2017 despite not being granted a permit, because another location has not been made available by the City of Vancouver;
7. Many residents of the West End have expressed their opposition to the 4/20 event at Sunset Beach due to the smoking and impact on air quality, noise, trash, and negative impacts on sensitive grassy park lands.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Vancouver City Council direct staff to consult with the 4/20 event organizers and the public to identify an appropriate non-residential-neighbourhood City site where Vancouver's 4/20 event could be held in future years.

referred

REFERRAL MOVED by Councillor Jang

THAT this matter be referred to staff for consideration pending the anticipated legal framework for cannabis by the Government of Canada.

CARRIED (Vote No. 01849)
(Councillors Ball, Carr and De Genova opposed)
(Mayor Robertson absent for the vote)

The Committee adjourned at 7:11 pm.

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

MARCH 29, 2017

A Regular Meeting of the Council of the City of Vancouver was held on Wednesday, March 29, 2017, at 6:22 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. Subsequently, the meeting recessed and was reconvened at 7:11 pm.

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Report of Standing Committee on Policy and Strategic Priorities
March 29, 2017

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 - Public Spaces - VIVA Vancouver Update
2. Downtown Places and Spaces Strategy - Work Program
3. Public Art Boost - 2017 - 2018 Recommendations
4. 2017 Cultural Grants Allocations (Operating/Annual/Projects/Arts Capacity)
5. 2016 Creative Spark Vancouver Grant Allocation, Program Evaluation and Modifications
6. Vancouver Housing and Homelessness Strategy Reset - *Housing Vancouver* Emerging Directions
7. Finding an Appropriate City Location for Vancouver's 2017 4/20 Event

Items 1 to 6

MOVED by Councillor Jang
SECONDED by Councillor Reimer

THAT the recommendations and actions taken by the Standing Committee on Policy and Strategic Priorities at its meeting of March 29, 2017, as contained in items 1 to 6, be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AND
ITEMS 3, 4 AND 5 BY THE REQUIRED MAJORITY

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The Council recessed at 6:22 pm and reconvened at 7:11 pm.

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Item 7

MOVED by Councillor Jang
SECONDED by Councillor Reimer

THAT the recommendations and actions taken by the Standing Committee on Policy and Strategic Priorities at its meeting of March 29, 2017, as contained in item 7, be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Councillor Jang
SECONDED by Councillor Stevenson

THAT the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Council adjourned at 7:12 pm.

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