

These minutes will be adopted at the regular Council meeting on September 13, 2005.



REPORT TO COUNCIL
STANDING COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL
ON PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT

JULY 14, 2005

A Regular Meeting of the Standing Committee of Council on Planning and Environment was held on Thursday, July 14, 2005, at 2:00 p.m., in the Council Chamber, Third Floor, City Hall.

PRESENT: Councillor Anne Roberts, Chair
Mayor Larry Campbell
Councillor Fred Bass
Councillor David Cadman
Councillor Jim Green, Vice-Chair
*Councillor Peter Ladner
Councillor Raymond Louie
Councillor Tim Louis
Councillor Tim Stevenson
*Councillor Sam Sullivan
Councillor Ellen Woodsworth

CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE: Judy Rogers, City Manager

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE: Nicole Ludwig, Meeting Coordinator

*Denotes absence for a portion of the meeting.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

The Minutes of the Standing Committee on Planning and Environment meeting of June 16, 2005, were adopted.

MOVED by Councillor Stevenson

THAT the meeting of the Standing Committee on Planning and Environment be adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Councillors Ladner and Sullivan absent for the vote)

RECOMMENDATION

1. Liquor License Policy: Liquor Primary Size, Capacity and Location (File 2610)

The Committee had before it a Policy Report dated April 14, 2005, in which the Chief License Inspector sought Council approval to amend the License By-law with updated definitions for businesses primarily engaged in the sale and consumption of alcohol on the premises, and

recommended policy and guidelines relating to the location of new Liquor Primary licensed venues. The General Manager of Community Services recommended approval.

Andrea Wickham, Policy Analyst - License Office, gave an overview of the report.

MOVED by Councillor Louis

THAT the Committee recommend to Council

- A. THAT Council approve amendments to the License By-law to update definitions for businesses in which the primary function is the sale and consumption of alcohol on the premises, generally as set out in the Policy Report dated April 14, 2005, entitled, "Liquor License Policy: Liquor Primary Size, Capacity, and Location" and in Appendix A of the aforementioned report; and,

FURTHER THAT Council instruct the Director of Legal Services to bring forward a by-law amending the License By-law, generally as set out in the Policy Report dated April 14, 2005, entitled, "Liquor License Policy: Liquor Primary Size, Capacity, and Location" and in Appendix A of the aforementioned report.
- B. THAT Council endorse the proposed policy and guidelines for Liquor Primary venue size and location, as set out in Appendix B of the Policy Report dated April 14, 2005, entitled, "Liquor License Policy: Liquor Primary Size, Capacity, and Location".

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. Plaza of Nations Land Use Study (File 8204)

The Committee had before it a Policy Report dated June 28, 2005, in which the Director of Current Planning and the Managing Director of Cultural Services recommended Council adopt a policy statement for the special event, festival and entertainment areas of False Creek North. The General Manager of Community Services recommended approval.

Kevin McNaney, Central Area Planning Branch, reviewed the report and gave a brief summary of outcomes of the study, overview of the process, and area concerns.

Larry Beasley, Director of Current Planning, reviewed the history of the area, provided context for the presentation, detailed work done with landowners and residents, and areas of potential conflict between residential zoning and big-scale events. Mr. Beasley responded to questions regarding the possibility of mixing in residential zoning and hotels in the area, economic issues, noise impacts, the role of the City following approval, City restrictions on private property and how much is driven by casino development.

During staff presentations, Councillor Sullivan declared Conflict of Interest as he is involved with not-for-profit groups that are tenants at the Plaza of Nations. He left the meeting at 3:05 p.m. and did not return until the conclusion of the vote on this item at 4:40 p.m..

The following delegation spoke in favour of the report recommendations

Jess Chant, Youth Mappers Team - Environmental Youth Alliance

Her comments included:

- there are many benefits to mapping, such as allowing communities to build and validate knowledge;
- good engagement at many levels; and
- thanks to Social Planning for support, and hopes mapping will continue to be supported both financially and politically.

The following delegations spoke generally against the report recommendations:

Rick Hurlbut
Charlie Wu, Taiwanese Cultural Festival
James Chang, Planner (Plaza of Nations) (*brief submitted - on file*)
Dasen Gee Wing, Canadian Metropolitan Properties Corporation

Their comments included:

- disagreement with lack of financial implications for the City;
- need to provide and preserve such a unique cultural area;
- the Plaza is important to the life of the City;
- the Plaza is currently operating at a loss;
- it makes no sense to have live music at the Plaza as the structure amplifies sound, potentially disturbing residents of the area;
- would like to see the owner of the Plaza rewarded for long-time investment in the facility;
- the Plaza was not originally designed as a legacy building at Expo '86; and,
- Council urged to consider market and non-market residential use in order to create a continuous population for the area.

POSTPONEMENT MOVED by Councillor Green

THAT the decision the recommendations in the Policy Report dated June 28, 2005, entitled "Plaza of Nations Land Use Study" be postponed to October.

LOST (Tie Vote)

(Councillors Bass, Cadman, Ladner, Louis and Roberts opposed)

MOVED by Councillor Cadman
THAT the Committee recommend to Council

THAT the document entitled "False Creek North: Land Use Policy - Special Event, Festival and Entertainment Functions" (attached as Appendix A to the Policy Report dated June 28, 2005, entitled, "Plaza of Nations Land Use Study) be adopted as the guiding policy for future planning and development in False Creek North.

CARRIED
(Councillors Green, Louie, Stevenson and the Mayor opposed)

At approximately 4:30 p.m. the Committee recessed for 10 minutes, and reconvened at 4:40 p.m. with the same members present..

3. New Animal Control By-Law and Amendments to the License By-Law and Noise Control By-Law (Files 113/3507)

The Committee had before it an Administrative Report dated June 13, 2005, in which the Chief License Inspector sought Council approval for a new Animal Control By-Law and amendments to the License By-Law and Noise Control By-Law relating to dogs. Council was also requested to consider prohibiting inhumane rodeo activities and practices. The General Manager of Community Services recommended approval.

Prior to staff review and the hearing of speakers, the Chair announced the speaker's list for this item was closed.

Alena Straka, Policy Analyst, reviewed the report.

Paul Teichroeb, Chief License Inspector, along with Bill Manning, Vancouver Park Board, responded to questions regarding fines, potential flexibility for fines for owners with financial difficulties, other possibilities for dog control, relative harm pertaining to dogs and when and where activities take place, the role of bike patrols in enforcement, seizing powers, the number of tickets actually issued, and exotic pets.

The following delegations spoke against the report recommendations:

Bev Ballantyne (*brief submitted - on file*)
Caralee Randall, Yaletown Dog Owners Association (*brief submitted - on file*)
Greg Taylor
Erik Whiteway, dogparks.bc.ca

Their comments included:

- dogs need to be socialized and off-leash in order to learn good behaviour;
- the City needs to look at relative harm and enforcement is often overzealous;
- restricting dog activity will have disastrous results;

- dogs need park space just like people do;
- the process for licensing needs to be rationalized - responsible owners do not receive the benefits of licensing (e.g. - returning a lost dog);
- people do not trust the Licensing Department;
- need to deal with construction noise, not just animal noise; and
- the problem is primarily in licensing and fines.

The following delegations spoke in general support of the report recommendations:

Megan Carvell Davis (brief submitted)
Peter Fricker, Vancouver Humane Society
Darryle Wheatecroft (*brief submitted - on file*)

Their comments included:

- support of responsible dog owners;
- more enforcement is needed;
- Animal Control has its hands tied;
- dogs are off-leash during non-off-leash times at parks;
- support minimum standards of care for dogs, the level of the fines and the elimination of rodeo practices;
- proposed noise restrictions need clarification; and,
- dogs at off-leash parks are exceedingly noisy and negatively affect the quality of life of residents near those parks.

POSTPONEMENT MOVED by Councillor Stevenson
THAT the Committee recommend to Council

THAT registered speakers continue to be heard, and discussion and decision of the recommendations in the Administrative Report dated June 13, 2005, entitled, "New Animal Control By-Law and Amendments to the License By-Law and Noise Control By-Law", be postponed to a Standing Committee meeting in September 2005.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Committee adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

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CITY OF VANCOUVER

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES STANDING COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL ON PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT

JULY 14, 2005

A Regular Meeting of the Council of the City of Vancouver was held on Thursday, July 14, 2005, at 6:15 p.m., in the Council Chamber, Third Floor, City Hall, following the Standing Committee on Planning and Environment meeting, to consider the recommendations and actions of the Committee.

PRESENT: Mayor Larry Campbell
Councillor Fred Bass
Councillor David Cadman
Councillor Jim Green
Councillor Peter Ladner
Councillor Raymond Louie
Councillor Tim Louis
Councillor Anne Roberts
Councillor Tim Stevenson
Councillor Ellen Woodsworth

ABSENT: Councillor Sam Sullivan

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE: Nicole Ludwig, Meeting Coordinator

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MOVED by Councillor Cadman
SECONDED by Councillor Woodsworth

THAT this Council resolve itself into Committee of the Whole, Mayor Campbell in the Chair.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Report of Standing Committee on Planning and Environment July 14, 2005

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

1. Liquor License Policy: Liquor Primary Size, Capacity and Location
2. Plaza of Nations Land Use Study
3. New Animal Control By-Law and Amendments to the License By-Law and Noise Control By-Law

Items 1-3

MOVED by Councillor Cadman

THAT the recommendations and actions taken by the Standing Committee on Planning and Environment at its meeting of July 14, 2005, as contained in items 1-3, be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

RISE FROM COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MOVED by Councillor Cadman

THAT the Committee of the Whole rise and report.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADOPT REPORT OF COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MOVED by Councillor Cadman
SECONDED by Councillor Roberts

THAT the report of the Committee of the Whole be adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ENQUIRIES AND OTHER MATTERS

1. 2936 West 4th Avenue/2008 Bayswater Street (File 2604)

Councillor Green requested staff bring a report before the Vancouver Heritage Commission prior to work being done on the development permit for the building at 2936 West 4th Avenue/2008 Bayswater Street.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Leave of Absence for Councillor Green (File 1254)

MOVED by Councillor Louie
SECONDED by Councillor Stevenson

THAT Councillor Green be granted a leave of absence for the Business License Hearing on July 19, 2005, at 7:30 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. Amendment to Business License Hearing Panel (File 2711)

MOVED by Councillor Louie
SECONDED by Councillor Stevenson

THAT Councillor Stevenson replace Councillor Green as the Chair of the Business License Hearing panel on July 19, 2005, at 7:30 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Council adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

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