



**REPORT TO COUNCIL**  
**STANDING COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL**  
**ON PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT**

**JULY 13, 2006**

A Regular Meeting of the Standing Committee of Council on Planning and Environment was held on Thursday, July 13, 2006, at 2:00 p.m., in the Council Chamber, Third Floor, City Hall.

**PRESENT:** Councillor Suzanne Anton, Chair  
Mayor Sam Sullivan  
Councillor Elizabeth Ball  
Councillor Kim Capri  
Councillor George Chow  
\*Councillor Heather Deal  
\*Councillor Peter Ladner  
Councillor B.C. Lee  
\*Councillor Raymond Louie  
\*Councillor Tim Stevenson

**ABSENT:** Councillor David Cadman (Leave of Absence - Civic Business)

**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 15, 2006, were adopted.

**RECOMMENDATION**

- 1. Heritage Revitalization Agreement - 5825 Carnarvon Street**  
(VanRIMS No. 11-2800-20)

The Committee had before it an Administrative Report dated June 12, 2006, in which the Director of Current Planning in consultation with the Subdivision Approving Officer sought Council approval to enter into a Heritage Revitalization Agreement (HRA) with the owners of the property at 5825 Carnarvon Street (the Simpson House) to secure its conservation and protection. The General Manager of Community Services recommended approval.

MOVED by Councillor Capri  
THAT the Committee recommend to Council

- A. THAT Council authorize the City to enter into a Heritage Revitalization Agreement for the site at 5825 Carnarvon Street to:
- secure the long-term protection and on-going maintenance of the house listed on the Vancouver Heritage Register as the Simpson House;
  - vary the RS-5 District Schedule of the Zoning & Development By-law for the proposed north parcel for rear yard and building depth, and existing non-conforming front and west side yards;
  - vary the RS-5 District Schedule of the Zoning & Development By-law for the proposed south parcel for front yard setback, rear yard depth, site coverage and impermeable coverage; and
  - require that the relevant context for the design of the future house on the proposed south lot use be the neighbouring Simpson House as part of the application of RS-5 Design Guidelines, as described in detail in the Administrative Report dated June 12, 2006, entitled "Heritage Revitalization Agreement - 5825 Carnarvon Street".
- B. THAT Council instruct the Director of Legal Services to bring forward for enactment a by-law to authorize the Heritage Revitalization Agreement.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY  
(Councillors Deal, Ladner, Louie and Stevenson absent for the vote)

**2. 1110 Hamilton Street - Private Liquor Store  
Development Application Number DE409989 (VanRIMS No. 11-3500-10)**

The Committee had before it an Administrative Report dated June 27, 2006, in which the Director of Current Planning sought Council's advice on a development application to change the use of a portion of the building at 1110 Hamilton Street for a new private Liquor Store (Type 2 -Full Service) and put forward the option of either favouring or not favouring approval of the application. The General Manager of Community Services submitted the two options for Council's consideration.

Bill Boons, Development Services, reviewed the report.

Bert Hick, Rising Tide Consultants, and Mark James, Owner, Yaletown Brewing Company (*brief submitted - on file*), requested Council give its approval, and noted the proposed site is centrally located, will serve a substantial population, and that there are currently no other applications in this area.

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*At 2:12 p.m., Councillor Ladner declared conflict of interest because his son is employed by Yaletown Brewing Company. Councillor Ladner left the room and did not return until the conclusion of this item.*

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The following delegations spoke in support of the application:

Rory Amelio  
Greg McNally  
Liam Maynard  
Dan Iris, 3 Wave Software  
Brad Routledge  
Ed Kelly  
Chris Breiks

Their comments included:

- strongly support the application;
- other stores in the area are not necessarily within walking distance;
- would like to be able to buy cold beer in Yaletown; and
- store would serve workers and residents in the area who work late or who arrive home too late to go to the government liquor store.

Marina Giokas, Communications Consultant (*brief submitted - on file*) noted she was hired to do communications for the application and canvassing in the neighbourhood, and gave an overview of support for and opposition to the application in the neighbourhood.

Following the hearing of speakers, staff responded to questions regarding the current guidelines, timeline for review of the guidelines, the status of liquor licenses following this review, the number of current applications, whether there are other similar applications for the area, the effect of deferral of decision on the applications and how many of those applications would actually come before Council.

MOVED by Councillor Lee  
THAT the Committee recommend to Council

THAT consideration on the application for a private liquor store at 1110 Hamilton (Development Application Number DE 409989) be referred pending the conclusion of the public consultation process on liquor policy and the ensuing staff recommendation on the guidelines to Council.

withdrawn

MOVED by Councillor Lee  
THAT the Committee recommend to Council

THAT consideration on the application for a private liquor store at 1110 Hamilton (Development Application Number DE 409989) be referred to the Regular Council meeting on July 18, 2006.

CARRIED  
(Councillors Chow, Deal, Louie and Stevenson opposed)

**3. Carrall Street Greenway: Detailed Design and Implementation**  
(VanRIMS No. 13-4000-30)

The Committee had before it an Administrative Report dated June 27, 2006, in which the General Manager of Engineering Services and the Director of Current Planning updated Council on the detailed design of the Carrall Street Greenway and sought Council approval of the budget and staffing costs for the construction and ongoing maintenance of the greenway. The General Manager of Community Services recommended approval.

Brigid Kudzius, Greenways and Neighbourhood Transportation, and Jessica Chen-Adams, Central Area Planning, reviewed the report.

Staff, along with Jerry Dobrovolny, Assistant City Engineer, Scott Edwards, Manager of Greenways and Neighbourhood Transportation, and Nathan Edelson, Downtown Eastside Revitalization Program, responded to questions regarding parking, public consultation, street markings for cyclists and pedestrians, sidewalk width and timeline for completion.

The following delegations spoke generally in favour of staff's recommendations:

Rick Lam  
Albert Fok, Vancouver Chinatown Merchants' Association  
Fred Mah  
Eddie Emerman, The Blarney Stone  
Carol Sill  
Richard Campbell, BEST  
Miriam Yu  
Peyton Alford  
Roger Bayley

Their comments included:

- greenway will assist with community building and is an example of urban sustainability and considered planning;
- loss of parking will have little effect;
- concerns with location of loading zones;

- should finalize adjacent areas in conjunction with Maple Tree Square;
- conceptual design needs work before there is safe and convenient access from Carrall Street to the bridge on the tracks;
- closing the section between Keefer Street and Expo Street would allow for more green space; and
- greenway is good for business and property owners.

The following delegations spoke in general opposition to staff's recommendations

Rod Chow  
Jack Chow

They noted there is a need to keep all parking spaces currently available and create more if possible, skid row will increase in size and that they had been ignored in the process.

MOVED by Councillor Deal  
THAT the Committee recommend to Council

- A. THAT Council approve the construction of the Carrall Street Greenway as detailed in the Administrative Report dated June 27, 2006, entitled "Carrall Street Greenway: Detailed Design and Implementation", at an estimated cost of \$5,073,500 with funding to be provided as follows:
  - \$1,500,000 from 2006 Streets Basic Capital for the Carrall Street Greenway
  - \$73,500 cost sharing from the 2006 Translink Bicycle Program
  - \$3,500,000 from the 2007 Streets Basic Capital for the Carrall Street Greenway subject to approval of the 2007 Streets Capital Budget
- B. THAT Council approve an increase of \$76,500 for maintenance costs to the Engineering Operating Budget, without offset, beginning in 2008 and subject to an annual budget review.
- C. THAT Council approve the conversion of the temporary landscape designer position to regular full-time to further develop the Carrall Street Greenway and other on-going greenways projects at a total annual cost of \$63,700 including Fringe Benefits. 2006 funding to be provided from the Carrall Street Greenway Capital Budget while subsequent year funding to be provided equally from the Operating and Street Capital Budget, resulting in a \$31,850 increase to the Engineering Operating Budget in 2007.
- D. THAT Council instruct staff to review the usage of the Carrall Street Greenway after construction.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. **Woodward's - 101 West Hastings Street: Follow-up Process for Selection of Non-profit Organizations Requesting Purpose Built Space in the City-owned Parcel (VanRIMS No. 11-3600-03)**

The Committee had before it an Administrative Report dated June 29, 2006, in which the Directors of Current Planning and Social Planning, the Managing Director Cultural Services and the Assistant General Manager of Community Services, in consultation with the Woodward's Steering Committee, provided information and an update to Council on the selection process for non-profit tenants in the Purpose Built Space, including recommendations from the Panel regarding four short-listed Proponents to be considered as tenants for the Purpose Built Space in the City Parcel in the Project. The City Manager concurred with the recommendations in the aforementioned report, noting identification of non-profit tenants to be offered leases for Purpose Built space in the City Parcel was built on the principles and priorities identified by the community through the Co-design Visioning workshops that the opportunities for non-profit organizations requesting generic space in the project will remain open until closer to project completion.

Kathryn Lee spoke in support of staff's recommendations, noting it will be accessible to many organizations and low-income residents.

Vickie Morris, Social Planning, Christina Medland, Office of Cultural Affairs, Nathan Edelson, Downtown Eastside Revitalization Program, and Christine Tapp, Central Area Planning, responded to questions regarding floor space, opportunities for other applicants, final selection process, and citizen advisory process.

MOVED by Councillor Deal

THAT the Committee recommend to Council

- A. THAT Council receive for information the short-list of Proponents recommended by the Non-Profit Tenant Selection Advisory Panel (the "Panel") after its review of all Proposals submitted pursuant to the Request for Proposals (the "RFP") issued by the City for tenancies of purpose built space (the "Purpose Built Space") within the City-owned parcel (the "City Parcel") to be constructed as part of the Woodward's project, which short-listed Proponents are:
  - AIDS Vancouver
  - The Centre for Creative Technology and Community Arts (CCTCA)
  - The Downtown Eastside Neighbourhood House Initiative
  - Tradeworks/Woody's Workshop
- B. THAT Council approve that each short-listed Proponent be requested to provide additional information to the City, in accordance with the RFP, regarding its Proposal, prior to staff submitting their final recommendations.
- C. THAT Council request the Directors of Current Planning and Social Planning, the Managing Director Cultural Services, in consultation with the Woodward's

Steering Committee, to report back at the conclusion of the selection process with recommendations as to the Proponents, if any, to be selected as tenants of the Purpose Built Space by fall 2006.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5. Hillcrest Curling Venue Agreement Amendment (VanRIMS No. 08-8000-20)

This item was withdrawn.

6. Vancouver Economic Development Commission - "Guiding Principles"  
(VanRIMS No. 08-3000-11)

Vancouver City Council, at its meeting on July 11, 2006, referred this item to the Standing Committee on Planning and Environment meeting in order to hear from speakers.

Accordingly, the Committee had before it a motion with an attached document entitled, "Guiding Principles: Economic Development in the City of Vancouver", originally submitted by Councillor Ladner and on the agenda for the Regular Council meeting on July 11, 2006.

The following delegations spoke in general support of the motion:

Maureen Kirkbride, Vancouver Economic Development Commission (*brief submitted*)  
Jerry Lampert, Business Council of British Columbia  
Charles Gauthier, Downtown Vancouver Business Improvement Association  
Dave Park, Vancouver Board of Trade

Their comments included:

- principles will provide an important framework for the local economy;
- must begin developing a regional economic strategy to develop a strong economy that can weather future downturns;
- some small changes could make the principles more effective; and,
- Vancouver needs to move cautiously on regional leadership.

MOVED by Councillor Ladner  
THAT the Committee recommend to Council

WHEREAS:

1. The economic well-being and the long-term economic sustainability of the City of Vancouver is a high priority for City Council;
2. The City of Vancouver does not have an economic development strategy to guide economic development priorities;

3. A clear sense of economic direction will support wider city strategies, planning, policy development and decision-making;
4. Guiding principles provide a framework for sound economic development strategies;
5. City Council has budgeted funds for the Vancouver Economic Development Commission to complete an economic development strategy for the City of Vancouver;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

THAT City Council adopt the document entitled "Guiding Principles: Economic Development in the City of Vancouver" to give direction to the Vancouver Economic Development Commission for its economic development strategy and to inform wider city strategies, planning, policy development and decision-making.

referred

MOVED by Councillor Ladner  
THAT the Committee recommend to Council

THAT discussion and decision this item be postponed to the Regular Council Meeting at on Tuesday, July 18, 2006, in order to give organizations with interest in this matter an opportunity to provide written comments to Council.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Committee adjourned at 5:42 p.m.

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## CITY OF VANCOUVER

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

JULY 13, 2006

A Regular Meeting of the Council of the City of Vancouver was held on Thursday, July 13, 2006, at 5:42 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 Sam Sullivan  
Councillor Suzanne Anton  
Councillor Elizabeth Ball  
Councillor Kim Capri  
Councillor George Chow  
Councillor Heather Deal  
Councillor Peter Ladner  
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**ABSENT:** Councillor David Cadman (Leave of Absence - Civic Business)

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#### COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MOVED by Councillor Stevenson

SECONDED by Councillor Ladner

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY  
(Councillor Lee absent for the vote)

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

### Report of Standing Committee on Planning and Environment July 13, 2006

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

1. Heritage Revitalization Agreement - 5825 Carnarvon Street
2. 1110 Hamilton Street - Private Liquor Store  
Development Application Number DE409989
3. Carrall Street Greenway: Detailed Design and Implementation
4. Woodward's - 101 West Hastings Street: Follow-up Process for Selection of Non-profit Organizations Requesting Purpose Built Space in the City-owned Parcel
5. Hillcrest Curling Venue Agreement Amendment - WITHDRAWN
6. Vancouver Economic Development Commission - "Guiding Principles"

Items 1 to 6

MOVED by Councillor Deal

THAT the recommendations and actions taken by the Standing Committee on Planning and Environment at its meeting of July 13, 2006, as contained in items 1 to 6, be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY  
(Councillor Lee absent for the vote)

### RISE FROM COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MOVED by Councillor Ball

THAT the Committee of the Whole rise and report.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY  
(Councillor Lee absent for the vote)

### ADOPT REPORT OF COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MOVED by Councillor Ladner  
SECONDED by Councillor Chow

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

### ENQUIRIES AND OTHER MATTERS

**1. Taxi Use of Bus Lanes (VanRIMS No. 13-5000-10)**

Councillor Stevenson requested an information memo on the possibility of taxis using bus lanes, particularly during the summer months.

**2. Facilitating Issuance of Temporary Licenses for Taxi Drivers  
(VanRIMS No. 11-4600-60)**

Councillor Ladner requested an information memo on the process for issuing temporary licenses to taxi drivers, including information on expediting the process.

The Council adjourned at 5:48 p.m.

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