



REPORT TO COUNCIL
STANDING COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL
ON PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT

JUNE 6, 2007

A Special Meeting of the Standing Committee of Council on Planning and Environment was held on Wednesday, June 6, 2007, at 2:00 p.m., in the Council Chamber, Third Floor, City Hall.

PRESENT: Councillor Kim Capri, Chair
*Mayor Sam Sullivan
Councillor Suzanne Anton, Vice-Chair
Councillor Elizabeth Ball
Councillor David Cadman
Councillor George Chow
Councillor Heather Deal
Councillor Peter Ladner
Councillor B.C. Lee
Councillor Raymond Louie

ABSENT: Councillor Tim Stevenson

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE: Denise Salmon, Meeting Coordinator
*Denotes absence for a portion of the meeting.

MOVED by Councillor Anton

THAT the Speakers' List for this meeting be closed.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

RECOMMENDATION

1. Liquor Policy Motion (File 01-0600-10)

Vancouver City Council, at its meeting on April 3, 2007, agreed to refer the following motion to a future Standing Committee meeting in order to hear from speakers:

MOVED by Councillor Anton
SECONDED by Councillor Capri

WHEREAS:

- (a) The Liquor Store Guidelines adopted in November 2004 provide for a maximum of one Type 1 liquor store (selling beer and/or wine only) to locate in a Local Shopping Area (LSA) that has no liquor store of any kind;

- (b) The Liquor Store Guidelines amended by Council in January 2007 allow for existing Type 1 liquor stores to add spirits to their product range, after 12 months of positive business history in the community, effectively providing full liquor service in those LSAs;
- (c) Some Type 1 liquor stores, those operated under the LDB Act, are restricted to wine only sales;
- (d) These wine only stores are restricted from selling a full range of liquor products, and the Guidelines prohibit the location of a second liquor store in an LSA, some LSAs are effectively prevented from having full range of liquor products;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Liquor Store Guidelines be amended to provide for the consideration of a second Type 1 liquor store in those LSAs where the existing liquor store is restricted to selling wine only, to potentially provide for a full range of liquor products.

Referred

The following delegations spoke in opposition to the motion:

Kimberly Daum, South Vancouver Ad Hoc Neighbourhood Group
Cheryl Davies, Chair, PAC, David Thompson Secondary School
Jude Kenny (brief filed)
Geoffrey Pitman
Colleen Jones, Vice President, BCGEU (petition filed)

Their comments included:

- this amendment would allow more stores than originally allowed under the Liquor Store Guidelines approved by Council in January 2007;
- key stakeholder/community consultation process has been very inadequate; why did this not happen through the City's visioning process;
- information is neither transparent nor readily accessible in regard to what is happening with liquor applications;
- this motion impacts on liquor policy development, and would never have come before the public for comment if interested parties had not been alerted to the fact it was on a Council agenda;
- a method must be found to address the current liquor store recycling practices and the resultant noise, long line ups, illegal activities, and the visual aesthetics of abandoned carts associated with the Broadway Encorp Return-It depot;
- any decision on this motion will affect communities across BC and lead to even more private "for profit" retailers; and
- private sales are cutting into LDB sales, whose profits are turned back into the community by the Province, unlike private owners.

The following delegations spoke in support of the motion:

Bert Hick, Rising Tide Consultants
Steve Bauer, Pumpjack Pub
John Teti
Phil Moon
Ishwan Patel (letter filed)

Their comments included:

- communities and business associations have expressed support for this motion;
- people do not want to travel outside their local community to buy a range of liquor products; they want the convenience that one stop shopping allows;
- allowable stores resulting from this amendment would still be required to go through the usual public notification process;
- access to full service allows for an equalling of communities;
- similarly to the Province, the Pumpjack does invest its profits back into the community;
- in regard to bottle return depots, the real issue is not the problems associated with the depots, but rather that society is forcing people to go through garbage to earn a living; and
- just trying to build a good community, and a good store where people can shop in their own areas.

Throughout the hearing of speakers, Bill Boons, Co-Manager of Processing Centre, Heike Roth, Planner, and Constable Peter Ryan, Vancouver Police Department, responded to questions from Council regarding:

- number of locations in the City that would be affected if this amendment is approved;
- time spent on guidelines approved earlier this year and potential cost and impact on staff resources of this proposed;
- potential impact of the amendment on the City's processing of future liquor applications; and
- the negative impact on Police resources in relation to increased availability of liquor; the VPD feels there is already sufficient access to alcohol in the community.

MOVED by Councillor Anton

THAT the Committee recommend to Council

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carried

REFERRAL MOVED by Councillor Cadman

THAT this motion to amend Vancouver's liquor guidelines be referred to staff for consultation and report back so that it complies with Council's process for public input and consultation.

LOST
(Councillors Anton, Ball, Capri, Ladner and Lee opposed)
(Mayor Sullivan absent for the vote)

The Motion to Refer having lost, the motion was put and CARRIED with Councillors Cadman, Chow, Deal and Louie opposed and Mayor Sullivan absent for the vote.

The Committee adjourned at 5:05 p.m.

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CITY OF VANCOUVER

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

JUNE 6, 2007

A Special Meeting of the Council of the City of Vancouver was held on Wednesday, June 6, 2007, at 5:06 p.m., in the Council Chamber, Third Floor, City Hall, following the Standing Committee on Planning and Environment special meeting, to consider the recommendations and actions of the Committee.

PRESENT: Deputy Mayor Heather Deal
Councillor Suzanne Anton
Councillor Elizabeth Ball
Councillor David Cadman
Councillor Kim Capri
Councillor George Chow
Councillor Peter Ladner
Councillor B.C. Lee
Councillor Raymond Louie

ABSENT: Mayor Sam Sullivan (Civic Business)
Councillor Tim Stevenson

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE: Denise Salmon, Meeting Coordinator

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MOVED by Councillor Capri
SECONDED by Councillor Anton

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Report of Standing Committee on Planning and Environment
June 6, 2007

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 Policy Motion**

Item 1

MOVED by Councillor Anton

THAT the recommendations and actions taken by the Standing Committee on Planning and Environment at its special meeting of June 6, 2007, as contained in item 1, be approved.

CARRIED

(Councillors Cadman, Chow, Louie and Deputy Mayor Deal opposed)

RISE FROM COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MOVED by Councillor Ball

THAT the Committee of the Whole rise and report.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADOPT REPORT OF COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MOVED by Councillor Ball

SECONDED by Councillor Capri

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Council adjourned at 5:07 p.m.

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