



REPORT TO COUNCIL
STANDING COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL
ON PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT

NOVEMBER 15, 2007

A Regular Meeting of the Standing Committee of Council on Planning and Environment was held on Thursday, November 15, 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 Heather Deal
Councillor Peter Ladner
Councillor B.C. Lee
Councillor Raymond Louie
Councillor Tim Stevenson

ABSENT: Councillor George Chow (Leave of Absence)

CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE: Judy Rogers, City Manager
James Ridge, Deputy 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 September 20, 2007, were adopted.

MATTERS ADOPTED ON CONSENT

MOVED by Councillor Anton

THAT agenda item 2 be adopted on consent.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Councillor Ball and Mayor Sullivan absent for the vote)

RECOMMENDATION

1. **Vancouver Food Policy Council Terms of Reference (VanRIMS No.: 11-2000-14)**

The Committee had before it an Administrative Report dated October 25, 2007, in which the Director of Social Planning provided Council with terms of reference for the Vancouver Food Policy Council (VFPC). The City Manager noted the proposed terms of reference aligns the VFPC with the decisions made by Council in July and November 2006 regarding the City's advisory bodies, and submitted the recommendations in the report for consideration.

Staff from Social Planning presented the report and responded to questions.

MOVED by Councillor Deal
THAT the Committee recommend to Council

That Council adopt the draft Terms of Reference for the Vancouver Food Policy Council (VFPC) as outlined in Appendix A of the Administrative Report dated October 25, 2007, entitled "Vancouver Food Policy Council Terms of Reference".

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Councillor Ball and Mayor Sullivan absent for the vote)

2. **Strata Title Conversion 19 - 23 and 55 - 59 North Renfrew Street (VanRIMS No.: 11-3400-30)**

THAT the application to convert the previously occupied buildings at 19 - 23 North Renfrew Street and 55 - 59 North Renfrew Street (Lot E and Lot N of 14, THSL, Plans LMP4690 and LMP29710) to strata title ownership be approved in principle, but that pursuant to Section 242(5)(a) of the Strata Property Act, the strata plan shall not be signed unless the following conditions have been met within one year of the date of this approval:

1. Arrangements are made to the satisfaction of the City Engineer and the Director of Legal Services to allow for the existing parking use and access over the unopened City lane at the rear of the site;
2. Completion of all work required by the City Building Inspector, under the required permits, at no cost to the City, in order that these previously-occupied buildings substantially comply with all relevant City By-laws; and
3. Consolidation of the site.

ADOPTED ON CONSENT

**3. Lease and Maintenance of City Owned Capital Assets at 390 Main Street
(VanRIMS No.: 02-3000-13)**

At its meeting on July 24, 2007, Vancouver City Council postponed consideration of the Administrative Report dated July 17, 2007, entitled "Lease and Maintenance of City Owned Capital Assets at 390 Main Street" in order for staff to provide Council with the terms of the proposed lease agreement with the Aboriginal Community Career Employment Society (ACCESS).

Accordingly, the Committee had before it the aforementioned report in which the General Managers of Community and Corporate Services, in consultation with the Directors of Planning, Real Estate Services, Risk and Emergency Management, Legal Services and Facilities Design and Management sought Council direction for staff to negotiate a head lease agreement with ACCESS to occupy the City-owned property at 390 Main Street. The General Manager of Community Services and the General Manager of Corporate Services recommended approval.

Staff from the Community Services Group responded to questions.

Council heard from two speakers in favour of the recommendations.

MOVED by Councillor Deal

THAT the Committee recommend to Council

- A. THAT the City lease those lands and premises at 390 Main Street, legally described as Amended Lot 10, Block 10, District Lot 196, Plan 184 to the Aboriginal Community Career Employment Society (ACCESS) on the terms set out in Appendix A attached to the Administrative Report dated July 17, 2007, entitled "Lease and Maintenance of City Owned Capital Assets at 390 Main Street".
- B. THAT the current year's costs to cover the City's maintenance and insurance obligations relating to this lease be funded from within the existing 2007 operating budget of Building Services, and that funding of \$55,000 be added to Building Services' 2008 Operating Budget, without offset to cover the City's maintenance and insurance obligations relating to this lease.
- C. THAT no legal relations are hereby created and none shall arise until the indenture of lease, drawn to the satisfaction of the Director of Legal Services is executed by her on behalf of the City.
- D. THAT ACCESS report to Council annually on its activities.

postponed

POSTPONEMENT MOVED by Councillor Ladner

THAT consideration of this item be postponed subject to a report back on the following issues:

- i. total amount of grant to organizations from this agreement;
- ii. comparison of this grant to City of Vancouver support for other employment agencies;
- iii. process for staff evaluation of these organizations based on City of Vancouver standards for reviewing social agency grants;
- iv. options for covering these costs through agreements with Millenium/VANOC;
- v. options for other locations for these services; and
- vi. importance of the City of Vancouver's contribution in leveraging other government grants.

CARRIED

(Councillors Cadman, Deal, Louie, and Stevenson opposed)

The Committee adjourned at 3:22 p.m.

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CITY OF VANCOUVER

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

NOVEMBER 15, 2007

A Regular Meeting of the Council of the City of Vancouver was held on Thursday, November 15, 2007, at 3:22 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 David Cadman
Councillor Kim Capri
Councillor Heather Deal
Councillor Peter Ladner
Councillor B.C. Lee
Councillor Raymond Louie
Councillor Tim Stevenson*

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COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MOVED by Councillor Lee
SECONDED by Councillor Anton

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Councillor Stevenson absent for the vote)

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Report of Standing Committee on Planning and Environment November 15, 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. Vancouver Food Policy Council Terms of Reference
2. Strata Title Conversion: 19 - 23 and 55 - 59 North Renfrew Street
3. Lease and Maintenance of City Owned Capital Assets at 390 Main Street

Council requested separation of the vote on item 3.

Items 1 and 2

MOVED by Councillor Capri

THAT the recommendations and actions taken by the Standing Committee on Planning and Environment at its meeting of November 15, 2007, as contained in items 1 and 2, be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Councillor Stevenson absent for the vote)

Item 3

MOVED by Councillor Capri

THAT the recommendations and actions taken by the Standing Committee on Planning and Environment at its meeting of November 15, 2007, as contained in item 3, be approved.

CARRIED
(Councillors Cadman, Deal and Louie opposed)
(Councillor Stevenson absent for the vote)

RISE FROM COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MOVED by Councillor Ladner

THAT the Committee of the Whole rise and report.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Councillor Stevenson absent for the vote)

ADOPT REPORT OF COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MOVED by Councillor Ball
SECONDED by Councillor Cadman

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Councillor Stevenson absent for the vote)

MOTIONS

A. Administrative Motions

None.

B. Motions on Notice

- 1. Urgent Housing Repairs and Strengthening Standards of Maintenance By-law**
(VanRIMS No.: 08-1000-01)

Vancouver City Council, at its meeting on November 13, 2007, postponed consideration of the following Motion to the Council meeting following the Standing Committee on Planning and Environment on November 15, 2007, due to time constraints:

MOVED BY Councillor Stevenson
SECONDED BY Councillor Deal

WHEREAS:

- there are landlords in Vancouver who routinely fail to maintain their properties to code;
- this ongoing pattern of neglect wastes considerable time and money by City staff, as well as causing extensive suffering to the tenants who live in these buildings;
- some of Vancouver's most disadvantaged citizens are forced to live in these properties, as there is a well-known shortage of safe, affordable housing in Vancouver;
- there has been difficulty in relocating the displaced tenants of the apartment on 2131 Pandora;
- the City has the ability, through the Standards of Maintenance by-law, to repair these buildings and charge the costs to the owner, if the owner has not remedied the problems within 60 days of receiving an order (Section 23.9).

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT

1. Staff immediately apply the full powers of the Standards of Maintenance By-law to 2131 Pandora Street and report back in 60 days on the status of repairs and renovations;

2. The City of Vancouver undertake any repairs or renovations required to ensure 2131 Pandora is fit for human habitation after the 60 days of the initial order has passed;
3. The City inspect and report back to council in 30 days all properties owned by the owner of 2131 Pandora, as well as any serious repeat offenders of the Standards of Maintenance by-law;
4. That staff report back in 60 days on enforcement mechanisms, including increased fines, ticketing, receivership, and expropriation, to strengthen the Standards of Maintenance by-law to ensure that Vancouver's rental housing stock is kept in good repair; and
5. That staff report back in 60 days on legislation and by-laws used in other jurisdictions to prevent rental housing from becoming vacant

referred

The Mayor advised requests to speak had been received. Council agreed to refer the motion to a future Standing Committee meeting in order to hear from speakers.

ENQUIRIES AND OTHER MATTERS

1. Parking in the Hastings Park Area (VanRIMS No.: 13-5500-20)

Councillor Louie requested a memorandum back from the City Manager on the subject of illegal parking on public and private property near Hastings Park.

2. China Trip (VanRIMS No.: 01-5200-20)

Councillor Louie noted he recently went to Guangzhou and delivered greetings from Council to the Vice-Mayor of Guangzhou.

3. United Cities and Local Government Conference (VanRIMS No.: 01-5200-20)

Councillor Cadman noted he met with the Mayor of Guangzhou at the United Cities and Local Government Conference in South Korea, and noted the 2010 fair would be an excellent opportunity to do something tangible with Guangzhou.

The Council adjourned at 3:29 p.m.

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