



CITY OF VANCOUVER

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

FEBRUARY 26, 27, MARCH 3, 4, 13, APRIL 2 and 3, 2008

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A Special Meeting of the Council of the City of Vancouver was held on Tuesday, February 26, 2008, at 7:30 p.m., in the Council Chamber, Third Floor, City Hall, for the purpose of hearing speakers on EcoDensity. The meeting reconvened at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, February 27, 2008; at 6:00 p.m. Monday, March 3, 2008; at 7:30 Tuesday, March 4, 2008 and Thursday, March 13, 2008; at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday April 2, 2008; and at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 3, 2008. The minutes have been consolidated for ease of reference.

PRESENT:

Mayor Sam Sullivan
Councillor Suzanne Anton
*Councillor Elizabeth Ball (see Absent)
Councillor David Cadman
Councillor Kim Capri
Councillor George Chow
Councillor Heather Deal
*Councillor Peter Ladner
Councillor B.C. Lee
Councillor Raymond Louie (see Absent)
Councillor Tim Stevenson (see Absent)

ABSENT:

Councillor Elizabeth Ball (March 3 - Sick Leave)
Councillor Raymond Louie (March 3)
Councillor Tim Stevenson (March 3 - Leave of Absence - Personal)

CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE:

James Ridge, Deputy City Manager (February 26, 27, March 4, April 2)
Judy Rogers, City Manager (March 13 and April 3)

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE:

Diane M. Clairmont, Meeting Coordinator

* Denotes absence for a portion of the meeting.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MOVED by Councillor Stevenson
SECONDED by Councillor Anton

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

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

MOVED BY Councillor Stevenson

THAT the Speakers' list be closed for the Special Council Meeting regarding EcoDensity convened on Tuesday, February 26, 2008.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Councillor Ball absent for the vote)

1. EcoDensity - Draft Charter & Draft Actions - Next Steps (VanRIMS No.11-2000-14)

At its Regular Council meeting on November 27, 2007, Vancouver City Council heard a Report Reference on Policy Report *Next Stage of EcoDensity Public Consultation: Draft Charter and Draft Initial Actions*, dated November 21, 2008, and referred consideration to a Special Council meeting on the evening of February 26, 2008, in order to hear from speakers.

Council had before it Policy Report *EcoDensity, - Draft Charter and Draft Initial Actions, - Next Steps*, dated February 18, 2008.

The Director of Planning, provided a presentation and along with staff from City-wide and Regional Planning, Sustainability, Social Planning, Housing Centre, Engineering, Development Services, and Vancouver Parks and Recreation responded to questions.

Council heard from the following speakers:

Peter Oberlander
Clarence Hansen, Vancouver School Board
Korina Houghton, Vancouver Park Board
James Burton, Vancouver Heritage Commission
Andrea Reimer, Vancouver Food Policy Council (brief submitted)
Alan Boniface, Vancouver City Planning Commission (brief submitted)
John Wall, Urban Design Panell
Richard Campbell, Bicycle Advisory Committee
Jeff Friedrich and Brendon Goodmurphy, University of British Columbia
Ann Grant
Brian Palmquist (brief submitted)
Alicia Barsallo (brief submitted)
Peter Busby, Busby, Perkins & Will (brief submitted)
Wendy Pedersen, Carnegie Community Action Project
Paul Baumann (brief submitted)
Greg Booth
Gordon Price, Simon Fraser University Vancouver
John Whistler, West End Residents' Association
Martha Lewis, TRAC (Tenant Resource & Advisory Centre)
Milinda Schulz
Eleanor Hadley (brief submitted)
Penny Street, Reinstate Third Party Appeals
Michael Geller

Dan Murray, Immigration Watch Canada
John Shayler
Don Buchanan (brief submitted)
Jim McCardle
Patrick Condon, UBC Design Center for Sustainability (brief submitted)
Rolf Auer
Elizabeth Kelliher, DERA (brief submitted)
Annabel Vaughan
Art Cowie (brief submitted)
Josh Patterson, Vancouver Public Space Network (brief submitted)
Jean Swanson, Carnegie Action Centre
David Negrin, Urban Development Institute
Karen Gregory, Planning Institute of British Columbia
Susan Chapman, Dunbar Residents' Association (brief submitted)
Lance Berelowitz
Norm Shearing
Jim Green
Jeanette Jones
Joseph Jones
Jane Ingman Baker, Dunbar City Plan Vision & Implementation Committee (brief submitted)
Michael Mortensen
Peter Sven (brief submitted)
Jason Emmert, SmarthGrowth BC
Cam Brewer, Canada Green Building Council
Mike Carr, Grandview-Woodlands Area Council (brief submitted)
Robert Allen, Renfrew Collingwood City Plans/ Visions
Kristen Mucha, Terasen Energy Services
Allan Buium, Riley Park South Cambie City Plan/Visions
Sara Fryer
Richard Nantel
Virginia Alexandor, Arbutus Ridge Concerned Citizens Assn. (ARCCA)
Dan Fass
Norman Dooley, Coalition Against EcoDensity & for Liveability
Lynn Werner (brief submitted)
Z Smith (brief submitted)
Richard Balfour, Metro Vancouver Planning Coalition (brief submitted)
Gudrun Langolf (brief submitted)
Jonathan Baker
Kenji Kage
Eric Mazzi (brief submitted)
Fred Bass (brief submitted)
Mark Townsend, PHF Community Service Society
Ingrid Steenhuisen (brief submitted)
Michael Alexander
Rebecca Hockin (brief submitted)
Leslie Stern, Lower Mainland Network
Ned Jacobs

Mary Ann Code
Anita Romaniuk
Julee Kaye (brief submitted)
Randy Chatterjee
J. Taylor
Terry Slack (brief submitted)
Louise Seto
Peter Whitelaw
John Yano
Linda MacAdam
Kim Maust
Amar Shan (brief submitted)
Patrick Lum, Marpole Business Association
Veronica Ross, Neighbourhoods for a Sustainable Vancouver
Paul Hildebrand (brief submitted)
Georgina Spilos, Arbutus Ridge Concerned Citizens Association
Eszter Csutkai
Gord Richards, Architectural Institute of BC
Lynne Kent
Leah Whitehead
Robert Brown
Heather Tremain
Anthony Norfolk, Chair. Gastown Historic Area Planning Committee
John Colenutt
Katherine Reichert, Shaughnessy Heights Property Owners' Association
Harvey Des Roches
Elizabeth Murphy (brief submitted)
Robert Angus
George Heslop
Angela Woo
Ellen Woodsworth, COPE
Mel Lehan, Neighbourhoods for a Sustainable Vancouver
Jim Lehto, Urban Design & Development Consulting
Hubert Culham
Mona Heppner

*(briefs submitted on file in City Clerk's Office)

While there was no clear majority, many speakers expressed concerns regarding amenities, infrastructure, sustainability, green space, public realm, affordable housing, assistance for the homeless, environmental impact, language/jargon in the draft document, heritage, land use, building height and density, the public consultation process, Little Mountain housing plan, impact on schools/children and third party appeals.

At the start of the meeting on April 3, 2008, the following was moved:

MOVED by Councillor Anton

- A. THAT the Special Council Meeting on EcoDensity continue this evening, April 3, 2008, until all remaining speakers are heard; and
- B. THAT discussion and decision be referred to the next Regular Council meeting.

CARRIED

(Councillors Cadman and Stevenson opposed to A)

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At the conclusion of the Speakers' list,

MOVED BY Councillor Louie

THAT two speakers, previously registered, but unable to attend the meeting at which they were called to speak, be heard.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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RISE FROM COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MOVED by Councillor Lee

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 Special Council meeting recessed at 10:05 p.m. on February 26 and 27, 2008, at 10:10 p.m. on March 3, 2008, at 10:05 p.m. on March 4, 2008, at 10:10 on March 13, at 10:03 on April 2, 2008, and adjourned at 9:30 p.m. on April 3, 2008.

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