

These Minutes will be adopted at the Regular Council meeting on September 16, 2008



CITY OF VANCOUVER

REPORT TO COUNCIL

STANDING COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL ON PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT

JULY 24, 2008

A Regular Meeting of the Standing Committee of Council on Planning and Environment was held on Thursday, July 24, 2008, at 2:04 p.m., recessed at 2:05 p.m., reconvened at 2:45 p.m., and recessed at 6:00 p.m. on the same day. The meeting reconvened on Tuesday, July 29, 2008 at 9:30 a.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 (Sick Leave for July 29)
Councillor George Chow
Councillor Heather Deal
*Councillor Peter Ladner
Councillor B.C. Lee
Councillor Raymond Louie
Councillor Tim Stevenson

CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE:

Jody Andrews, Deputy City Manager (July 24 and 29)
Judy Rogers, City Manager (July 24)

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE:

Diane M. Clairmont, Meeting Coordinator
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 July 10, 2008, were adopted.

MOVED by Councillor Ball

THAT the Committee recommend to Council

THAT the Speakers' List for the July 24, 2008, meeting of Standing Committee on Planning and Environment be closed.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

1. **514 Homer Street - Request for Injunctive Relief and Warning to Prospective Purchasers**
May 26, 2008

Staff from Permits and Licenses reviewed the report and responded to questions.

MOVED by Councillor Stevenson
THAT the Committee recommend to Council

THAT the Committee reconsider its motion from earlier this day, July 24, 2008, to open the speakers' list for Administrative Report *514 Homer Street - Request for Injunctive Relief and Warning to Prospective Purchasers*, dated May 26, 2008 to allow for one additional speaker.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Councillor Ladner absent for the vote)

The Committee heard from 7 speakers, all opposed to the report recommendations (brief submitted - on file)

MOVED by Mayor Sullivan
THAT the Committee recommend to Council

- A. THAT the Director of Legal Services is hereby authorized, in her discretion, to commence a legal action or proceeding in relation to the premises located at 514 Homer Street, Lots 1-4, Block 36, Plan 210, District Lot 541, New Westminster Land District, PID 015-487-946, and may, in her discretion, seek injunctive relief in that action or proceeding, in order to bring this building into compliance with City By-laws.
- B. THAT the City Clerk be directed to file a 336D Notice against the title to the property at 514 Homer Street, Lots 1-4, Block 36, Plan 210, District Lot 541, New Westminster Land District, PID 015-487-946, in order to warn prospective purchasers that there are contraventions of the Zoning and Development and Vancouver Building By-laws related to this building.
- C. THAT any action on A& B be delayed until October 1, 2008.

Council agreed to separate the vote on the components of the motion.

A and B CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY and C CARRIED (Councillors Cadman, Deal, Louie and Stevenson opposed to C)
(Councillor Ladner absent for the votes)

2. **Vancouver Agreement's Economic Revitalization Plan for the Downtown Eastside - Status Report**
June 24, 2008

and

3. **Downtown Eastside Commercial Revitalization**
May 22, 2008

Staff from Planning reviewed the reports and responded to questions.

The Committee heard from 13 speakers, 12 in support, with several expressing concerns related to displacement and social conditions yet to be resolved. One speaker opposed the report recommendations citing inconsistencies relating to boundaries between Strathcona and the Downtown Eastside and reasons leading to economic and social decline in the area (briefs submitted - on file)

MOVED by Councillor Deal

THAT the Committee recommend to Council

THAT Council receive the Vancouver Agreement Economic Revitalization Plan as included in Policy Report *Vancouver Agreement's Economic Revitalization Plan for the Downtown Eastside - Status Report*, dated June 24, 2008, and the update on its Downtown Eastside implementation for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOVED by Councillor Deal

THAT the Committee recommend to Council

THAT Council direct staff to report back within 12 months on the following:

1. Effectiveness of the Downtown Eastside commercial revitalization initiatives of the Building Opportunities with Business Inner City Society as outlined in Administrative Report *Downtown Eastside Commercial Revitalization*, dated May 22, 2008; and
2. Based on (1),
 - a. whether the City should contribute up to \$1 million over three years to Building Opportunities with Business Inner City Society in the form of a grant to support the Downtown Eastside commercial revitalization initiatives;
 - b. the criteria, terms and conditions relating to the grant; and
 - c. an implementation plan and a funding strategy for the revitalization initiatives.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. **Arbutus Centre Policy Statement**
July 2, 2008

Staff from the Planning Department reviewed the report and along with staff from the Housing Centre and Social Planning responded to questions.

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The Committee recessed at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, July 24, 2008, and reconvened at 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday, July 29, 2008, with all members present except Councillor Cadman.

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The Committee heard from 16 speakers. Fourteen were opposed and one was generally in favour of the report recommendations. Concerns expressed included: access to shopping and recreation, traffic flow, transit and parking, density, noise, safety, and policy and public processes. A representative from Larco Investments spoke to some of the issues raised by the other speakers.

MOVED by Mayor Sullivan
THAT the Committee recommend to Council

THAT Council approve the Arbutus Centre Policy Statement (Appendix A of Policy Report *Arbutus Centre Policy Statement*, dated July 2, 2008), as a framework for considering Arbutus Centre rezoning and development proposals.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Committee recessed at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, July 24 and adjourned at 11:57 a.m. on Tuesday, July 29, 2008.

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CITY OF VANCOUVER

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

JULY 29, 2008

A Regular Meeting of the Council of the City of Vancouver was held on Tuesday, July 29, 2008, at 11:57 a.m., in the Council Chamber, Third Floor, City Hall, following the Standing Committee on Planning and Environment meeting of Thursday, July 24 and reconvened on Tuesday, July 29, 2008, 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
- Councillor B.C. Lee
- Councillor Raymond Louie
- Councillor Tim Stevenson

ABSENT: Councillor David Cadman (Sick Leave)

CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE: Jody Andrews, Deputy City Manager

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE: Nicole Ludwig, Meeting Coordinator

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Report of Standing Committee on Planning and Environment July 24 and 29, 2008

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

1. 514 Homer Street - Request for Injunctive Relief and Warning to Prospective Purchasers
2. Vancouver Agreement's Economic Revitalization Plan for the Downtown Eastside - Status Report
3. Downtown Eastside Commercial Revitalization
4. Arbutus Centre Policy Statement

Items 1 to 4

MOVED by Councillor Chow

THAT the recommendations and actions taken by the Standing Committee on Planning and Environment at its meeting of July 24 and 29, 2008, as contained in items 1 to 4, be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

RISE FROM COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MOVED by Councillor Deal

THAT the Committee of the Whole rise and report.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADOPT REPORT OF COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MOVED by Councillor Lee

SECONDED by Councillor Ball

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

NOTICE OF MOTION

1. Reconsideration of the Minutes of June 26, 2007

The following Notice of Motion for the Regular Council meeting on September 16, 2008, was submitted by Councillor Louie and recognized by the Chair.

WHEREAS:

1. Councillor Louie requested the City Clerk review the June 26, 2007, Regular Council meeting minutes for the omission of an amendment moved by him during the discussion of a motion on Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Emission Targets.
2. The note from the Meeting Coordinator stated: "The minutes were reviewed, and the following amendment, moved by Councillor Louie, which lost, was omitted from the minutes:
 - THAT staff report back with practical options for the City of Vancouver to be carbon neutral by 2010."

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Vancouver City Council reconsider the adoption of the Regular Council meeting minutes of June 26, 2007.

2. Amendment to the Minutes of June 26, 2007

The following Notice of Motion for the Regular Council meeting on September 16, 2008, was submitted by Councillor Louie and recognized by the Chair.

MOVED by Councillor Louie
SECONDED by Councillor Chow

WHEREAS:

1. Councillor Louie requested the City Clerk review the June 26, 2007, Regular Council meeting minutes for the omission of an amendment moved by him during the discussion of a motion on Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Emission Targets.
2. The note from the Meeting Coordinator stated: "The minutes were reviewed, and the following amendment, moved by Councillor Louie, which lost, was omitted from the minutes:
 - THAT staff report back with practical options for the City of Vancouver to be carbon neutral by 2010."

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Vancouver City Council amend the June 26, 2007, Regular Council meeting minutes to include the following amendment and voting record:

THAT staff report back with practical options for the City of Vancouver to be carbon neutral by 2010.

LOST

(Councillors Anton, Ball, Capri, Ladner, Lee and Mayor Sullivan opposed)

NEW BUSINESS

1. Homelessness Action Week 2008

MOVED by Councillor Stevenson

SECONDED by Councillor Louie

WHEREAS:

1. Everyday there are men and women who do not have a place to call home in the City of Vancouver;
2. Community action and participation are essential in addressing and eliminating issues and circumstances that contribute to homelessness;
3. During this week, activities and events will be offered and the community will be encouraged to participate and learn about the many issues related to homelessness, about the community agencies that offer services and support to persons who are homeless, and about what each of us as citizens can do to help.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Vancouver City Council proclaim October 12 to 19, 2008, in the City of Vancouver as Homelessness Action Week and encourage all citizens to recognize and support efforts to put an end to homelessness in our society.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. BC Green Party at the 2008 Union of British Columbia Municipalities Convention

The following motion was submitted by Councillor Capri. Councillor Stevenson called notice under section 5.4(c) of the Procedure By-law.

MOVED by Councillor Capri

SECONDED by Councillor Ladner

WHEREAS:

1. Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM) will be holding their annual convention in September 2008.
2. The leaders of the BC Liberal Party and BC New Democrats are provided an opportunity to address the UBCM delegates.
3. The Green Party of British Columbia is the third major political party in the province and is supported by a large number of Vancouver citizens and has no official voice at UBCM.
4. Mayor Sullivan introduced a motion at UBCM last year that was narrowly defeated, asking them to consider allowing the leader of the BC Green Party to formally address the convention.
5. The leader of the BC New Democrats did not support providing the BC Greens an opportunity to address the convention.
6. The Green Party of BC has indicated their interest in addressing the delegates.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

- A. THAT City Council request the Mayor write a letter to the Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM) asking that they permit the leader of the BC Green Party to address the 2008 convention delegates.
- B. THAT a copy of this motion be sent to all Mayors and Councillors across BC.
- C. THAT a copy of this motion be sent to the UBCM, the Premier and the Leader of the Official Opposition.

notice

3. Update on Housing in the Downtown Eastside

The following motion was submitted by Councillor Ladner. Councillor Louie called notice under section 5.4(c) of the Procedure By-law.

MOVED by Councillor Ladner
SECONDED by Councillor

THAT staff provide a memo on housing in the Downtown Eastside (DTES) that includes updated data on housing applications and completions in the DTES, the involvement of community organizations in implementation of the Homelessness Action Plan, and an update on the mix of housing in the DTES.

notice

4. **Vancouver Organizing Committee for the 2010 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games (VANOC) Presentation**

MOVED by Councillor Ladner
SECONDED by Councillor Capri

THAT John Furlong, Chief Executive Officer of Vancouver Organizing Committee for the 2010 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games (VANOC), be invited to make a presentation on the Olympics to Council in the Fall.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Council adjourned at 12:08 p.m.

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