



REPORT TO COUNCIL

SPECIAL STANDING COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL
ON PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT

FEBRUARY 24, 2009

A Special Meeting of the Standing Committee of Council on Planning and Environment was held on Tuesday, February 24, 2009, at 7:00 p.m., in the Council Chamber, Third Floor, City Hall.

PRESENT: Councillor Andrea Reimer, Chair
Mayor Gregor Robertson
Councillor Suzanne Anton*
Councillor David Cadman
Councillor George Chow
Councillor Heather Deal, Vice-Chair
Councillor Kerry Jang
Councillor Raymond Louie
Councillor Geoff Meggs
Councillor Tim Stevenson
Councillor Ellen Woodsworth

CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE: Penny Ballem, City Manager

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE: Nicole Ludwig, Meeting Coordinator

*Denotes absence for a portion of the meeting.

1. Demolition of Rental Housing at 4550 Fraser Street and 701 East 30th Avenue
January 26, 2009

At its regular meeting on February 19, 2009, the Standing Committee on Planning and Environment began hearing speakers on this item. Following that meeting, Vancouver City Council directed staff to find alternate dates to continue hearing speakers. Accordingly, the Committee continued to hear from speakers.

MOVED by Councillor Jang
THAT the Committee recommend to Council

THAT the speakers list be closed.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Councillor Anton absent for the vote)

The following spoke in general opposition to the demolition, noting concerns with the relationship between tenants and landlord, relocation of tenants, increasing homelessness in the City, lack of affordable housing, and mismanagement of the property:

Jovian Francey

Jesica Castaneda
Ned Jacobs, Riley Park South Cambie/Neighbourhoods for a Sustainable Vancouver
Kheira Adem
Jinny Sims
Vivian Hernstedt
Robert Miller
Netah Ericksen
Silvia Olvera
Antonio Villalon
Haroon Asadullah
Ferma Ravn-Greenway
Monica Narayan
Asad Anwari
Erika del Carmen Fuchs
Mohammed Merhzed
Linda Shuto
Christine Baird
Ingrid Steenhuisen
Zameer Harron
Shane Blake
Ruth Herman

Richard Anderson, Consultant, spoke in favour of the proposed demolition and explained the process so far.

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The Committee recessed at 8:10 p.m. and reconvened at 8:30 p.m., with Councillors Anton Stevenson and Mayor Robertson absent.

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Throughout the hearing of speakers, staff from Development Services responded to questions. Following the hearing of speakers, staff from the Housing Centre and Development Services made brief closing comments, and along with staff from Community Services and the Applicant, responded to questions.

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The Committee recessed at 10:37 p.m. and reconvened at 10:47 p.m., with Councillor Deal in the Chair and Councillor Reimer and the Mayor absent. Councillor Reimer arrived at 10:55 p.m. and resumed the Chair.

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MOVED by Councillor Woodsworth
THAT the Committee recommend to Council

- A. THAT discussion and decision on this matter be referred to the Regular Council meeting on March 3, 2009.
- B. THAT this meeting be adjourned.

LOST
(Councillors Anton, Chow, Deal, Jang, Louie, Meggs, Reimer and Mayor Robertson opposed)

The Committee requested to separate components in the Motion for the vote.

MOVED by Councillor Anton
THAT the Committee recommend to Council

- A. THAT Council support further investigation by Planning and Social Development staff of available alternatives to replace the existing 89 rental housing units at a site being redeveloped by LM Century Homes Limited and Ledingham McAllister at 4550 Fraser Street/701 East 30th Avenue, including consideration of rezoning of the site to CD-1 to provide for additional density to off-set the rental housing units being demolished, in conjunction with the development of the site at 4545 Prince Albert Street (798 East 29th Avenue).
- B. THAT Council instruct the Director of Planning to apply to amend section 10.12 of the Zoning and Development By-law, generally as set out in Appendix A of Policy Report *Demolition of Rental Housing at 4550 Fraser Street and 701 East 30th Avenue* dated January 26, 2009, to extend to commercial zones the requirement that a development permit be issued and a building permit issuable before issuance of a demolition permit for rental housing units.

FURTHER THAT Council instruct the Director of Legal Services to prepare the necessary amending by-law, generally in accordance with Appendix A of the aforementioned report, for consideration at the Public Hearing.

CARRIED
(Councillor Anton opposed to A)

The Committee adjourned at 11:25 p.m.

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

FEBRUARY 24, 2009

A Special Meeting of the Council of the City of Vancouver was held on Tuesday, February 24, 2009, at 11:25 p.m., in the Council Chamber, Third Floor, City Hall, following the Special Standing Committee on Planning and Environment meeting, to consider the recommendations and actions of the Committee.

PRESENT: Mayor Gregor Robertson
Councillor Suzanne Anton
Councillor David Cadman
Councillor George Chow
Councillor Heather Deal
Councillor Kerry Jang
Councillor Raymond Louie
Councillor Geoff Meggs
Councillor Andrea Reimer
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COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MOVED by Councillor Stevenson
SECONDED by Councillor Cadman

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Report of Special Standing Committee on Planning and Environment
February 24, 2009

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

1. Demolition of Rental Housing at 4550 Fraser Street and 701 East 30th Avenue

Item 1

MOVED by Councillor Deal

THAT the recommendations and actions taken by the Special Standing Committee on Planning and Environment at its special meeting of Tuesday, February 24, 2009, as contained in item 1, be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

RISE FROM COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MOVED by Councillor Stevenson

THAT the Committee of the Whole rise and report.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADOPT REPORT OF COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MOVED by Councillor Deal

SECONDED by Councillor Jang

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Council adjourned at 11:26 p.m.

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