



(These Minutes to be adopted at the Regular Council meeting on July 7, 2009)

## REPORT TO COUNCIL

### STANDING COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL ON PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT

JUNE 11, 2009

A Regular Meeting of the Standing Committee of Council on Planning and Environment was held on Thursday, June 11, 2009, at 2:07 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 Geoff Meggs  
Councillor Ellen Woodsworth

**ABSENT:**

Councillor Raymond Louie (Leave of Absence - Civic Business)  
Councillor Tim Stevenson (Leave of Absence - Civic Business)

**CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE:**

Penny Ballem, City Manager

**CITY CLERK'S OFFICE:**

Pat Boomhower, 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 May 21, 2009, were adopted.

**1. Nuisance Site at 209 East 58th Avenue  
April 23, 2009**

MOVED by Councillor Deal

THAT the Committee recommend to Council

- A. THAT Council declare that the vacant site at 209 East 58<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Lot B (Explanatory Plan 4225) of Amended Lot 8 Block 9 District Lot 656, Plan 2744, PID 013-478-737, is a nuisance and dangerous to public safety and health pursuant to Section 324A of the Vancouver Charter.
- B. THAT Council approve the resolution as contained in Appendix A of the Administrative Report dated April 23, 2009, entitled *Nuisance Site at 209 East 58th Avenue* and order the registered owner to provide a chain-link fence around the perimeter of the site within 30 days of a

copy of the resolution being served pursuant to Section 324A of the Vancouver Charter.

- C. THAT in the event that the owner fails to comply with this order of Council, Council further orders and hereby authorizes the City Building Inspector or his designate, to provide a chain-link fence around the perimeter of the site pursuant to Section 324A(1) of the Vancouver Charter at the owner's expense.
- D. THAT in the event of the failure of the owner to allow the City Building Inspector and/or his designate access to the site to carry out the work outlined in C above, the Director of Legal Services is hereby authorized, in her discretion, to commence a legal action or proceeding in relation to the property at 209 East 58<sup>th</sup> Avenue, and may, in her discretion, seek injunctive relief in that action or proceeding in order to bring this property into compliance with Council's resolution.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY  
(Councillor Chow absent for the vote)

## **2. Central Waterfront Hub Framework** April 21, 2009

At the Standing Committee on Transportation and Traffic meeting on June 2, 2009, Council referred this matter to a Standing Committee on June 11, 2009, due to time constraints.

Staff from the Major Projects Group presented the report, and along with Transportation and Planning staff, responded to questions.

The Committee heard from four speakers, who expressed concerns related to the impact on Crab Park, the need to extend green space and car free space to the park, and the dangers of developing over railway tracks.

MOVED by Councillor Anton  
THAT the Committee recommend to Council

- A. THAT Council endorse the document entitled "Central Waterfront Hub Framework" (as contained in Appendix A of the Policy Report dated April 21, 2009) to supplement existing policy and guide future planning in the Central Waterfront Hub area.
- B. FURTHER THAT Council direct staff to develop a strategy for seeking the support and involvement of senior levels of government, area landowners and other stakeholders in the implementation of the vision established in the Central Waterfront Hub Framework.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. **Parking Policy and By-law Requirements**  
May 21, 2009

At the Standing Committee on Transportation and Traffic meeting on June 2, 2009, Council referred this matter to a Standing Committee on June 11, 2009, due to time constraints.

Engineering Services staff provided an overview of the report and responded to questions.

The Committee heard from seven speakers; four of whom spoke in general support of reduced parking and expressed concerns related to subsidizing cars, sustainability issues, visitor and bicycle parking, and impact of parking stalls on housing costs. Three delegates spoke in opposition to a parking reduction in general or the proposed maximum standard, expressing concern about flexibility for family size, stratas and market expectations.

MOVED by Councillor Deal  
THAT the Committee recommend to Council

- A. THAT Council approve a reduction in both the minimum and maximum parking standards for non-residential uses Downtown as shown on Appendix A ("Downtown") of the Policy Report dated May 21, 2009, entitled *Parking Policy and By-law Requirements* and as detailed in Appendix B of that report.
- B. THAT Council approve a common minimum parking standard for residential uses Downtown that results in a reduction of parking as explained in the Policy Report dated May 21, 2009, entitled *Parking Policy and By-law Requirements* and as detailed in Appendix B of that report and as amended on June 11, 2009; and  
  
FURTHER THAT following consultation with stakeholders, staff report back on proposed maximum vehicle parking standards for residential uses Downtown and bicycle parking requirements.
- C. THAT Council approve an increase to the incentive for developments to include a car share space and vehicle as part of the building's parking requirements, as explained in this report and as detailed in Appendix B of the Policy Report dated May 21, 2009, entitled *Parking Policy and By-law Requirements*.
- D. THAT Council amend the disability parking requirements so that they may be set independently of the general purpose parking spaces as detailed in Appendix B of the Policy Report dated May 21, 2009, entitled *Parking Policy and By-law Requirements*, and subject to the conditions outlined in that report.
- E. THAT Council approve payment-in-lieu of providing parking spaces for residential use in buildings within HA-1 (Chinatown), HA-2 (Gastown), and HA-3 (Yaletown) zones, and within the Downtown Official Development

Plan area sub-area C-2 (Victory Square) zone, specifically affecting buildings that Council has not designated as heritage by by-law or placed on the Heritage register, at \$20,200 per space; with the proceeds to be used for public realm improvements to support walking and cycling.

- F. THAT Council approve reduced parking requirements for the Central Broadway (C-3A) area and the Mount Pleasant Industrial (I-1) area, as shown on Appendix D of the Policy Report dated May 21, 2009, entitled *Parking Policy and By-law Requirements*, and as detailed in Appendix B of that report.
- G. THAT the Director of Legal Services be instructed to prepare the necessary amendments to the Parking By-law, generally as set out in Appendix B of the Policy Report dated May 21, 2009, entitled *Parking Policy and By-law Requirement*, together with all the necessary consequential amendments to the Parking By-law and to the CD-1 By-laws listed in Appendix C of that report.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

#### 4. Canada Line Neighbourhood Parking Program May 8, 2009

At the Standing Committee on Transportation and Traffic meeting on June 2, 2009, Council referred this matter to a Standing Committee on June 11, 2009, due to time constraints.

The Committee also had before it a memorandum dated June 9, 2009, from the General Manager of Engineering Services which provided a revised map for page 3 of Appendix A of the May 8, 2009, Administrative Report entitled *Canada Line Neighbourhood Parking Program*, to clarify proposed resident parking regulations in the 4100-4400 block of Cambie Street.

Engineering staff provided an overview of the report and, together with the City Manager, responded to questions.

The Committee heard from two speakers, one of whom expressed concern regarding metered parking in residential areas and parking hazards on Cambie Street, and one who spoke in opposition to multi-vehicle households having subsidized street parking.

MOVED by Councillor Deal  
THAT the Committee recommend to Council

- A. THAT Council approve a resident permit parking program in the neighbourhoods surrounding Canada Line Stations as detailed in the Administrative Report dated May 8, 2009, entitled *Canada Line Neighbourhood Parking Program* and illustrated in Appendix A of the report and the memorandum dated June 9, 2009, from the General Manager of Engineering Services.

- B. THAT Council approve the removal of the 500 and 600 blocks of West 18<sup>th</sup> and West 19<sup>th</sup> Avenues from the area described in section 23.4(b) of the Street and Traffic By-law so that the annual permit fee for those blocks will be part of the general area of the city at an annual permit fee of \$31.43 (\$33.00 including GST).

FURTHER THAT the Director of Legal Services bring forward the necessary By-law to enact this change.

- C. THAT Council approve the expansion of the metered zones as detailed in Appendix C of the Administrative Report dated May 8, 2009, entitled *Canada Line Neighbourhood Parking Program*, for future potential meter installations subject to consultation with adjacent business owners.

FURTHER THAT the Director of Legal Services bring forward the necessary By-law to enact these changes.

- D. THAT Council approve the estimated cost of \$90,000 to install signing in the areas outlined in Appendix A of the Administrative Report dated May 8, 2009, entitled *Canada Line Neighbourhood Parking Program* and memorandum dated June 9, 2009, from the General Manager of Engineering Services, funding provided from the 2006-2008 Streets Capital Budget for Cambie Street Restoration with revenue from permit sales used to fund related maintenance and staffing costs as described in the Administrative Report.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Committee adjourned at 5:32 p.m.

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

JUNE 11, 2009

A Regular Meeting of the Council of the City of Vancouver was held on Thursday, June 11, 2009, at 5:33 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 Gregor Robertson  
Councillor Suzanne Anton  
Councillor David Cadman  
Councillor George Chow  
Councillor Heather Deal  
Councillor Kerry Jang  
Councillor Geoff Meggs  
Councillor Andrea Reimer  
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**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

MOVED by Councillor Cadman

SECONDED by Councillor Deal

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Report of Standing Committee on Planning and Environment  
June 11, 2009

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

1. Nuisance Site at 209 East 58th Avenue
2. Central Waterfront Hub Framework
3. Parking Policy and By-law Requirements
4. Canada Line Neighbourhood Parking Program

**Items 1 - 4**

MOVED by Councillor Cadman

THAT the recommendations and actions taken by the Standing Committee on Planning and Environment at its meeting of June 11, 2009, as contained in items 1 - 4, be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**RISE FROM COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

MOVED by Councillor Cadman

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 Cadman

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Council adjourned at 5:34 p.m.

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