

REPORT TO COUNCIL

STANDING COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL
ON PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT

JUNE 18, 2009

A Regular Meeting of the Standing Committee of Council on Planning and Environment was held on Thursday, June 18, 2009, at 2:05 p.m., in the Council Chamber, Third Floor, City Hall.

- PRESENT:** Councillor Andrea Reimer, Chair
Mayor Gregor Robertson*
Councillor Suzanne Anton
Councillor George Chow
Councillor Heather Deal, Vice-Chair
Councillor Kerry Jang
Councillor Raymond Louie
Councillor Geoff Meggs
Councillor Tim Stevenson*
Councillor Ellen Woodsworth
- ABSENT:** Councillor David Cadman, (Leave of Absence - Civic Business)
- CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE:** Penny Ballem, City Manager
- CITY CLERK'S OFFICE:** Lori Isfeld, Meeting Coordinator

*Denotes absence for a portion of the meeting.

1. Report Reference - Fraser Basin Council

The Committee received a presentation from Steve Litke, Senior Manager, Fraser Basin Council, on the recent State of the Fraser Basin report, as it relates to Vancouver.

- 2. 330 West Georgia St - Black Stripe Enterprises Ltd., Liquor Primary Liquor License Application for an Increase in Person Capacity and a Change to Existing Patio Seats (Food Primary seats) to Liquor Primary Seats (Library Square Pub)**
May 19, 2009

The Committee heard from the applicant who provided an overview of the application.

MOVED by Councillor Deal

THAT the Committee recommend to Council

THAT Council, having considered the opinion of local area residents and business operators as determined by neighbourhood notifications, noise impacts and relevant Council policy as outlined in this Administrative Report dated May 19, 2009, entitled "330 West Georgia St - Black Stripe Enterprises Ltd., Liquor Primary Liquor License Application for an Increase in Person Capacity and a Change to Existing Patio Seats (Food Primary seats) to Liquor Primary Seats", endorse the request by Black Stripe Enterprises Ltd. for an increase in person capacity for the Liquor Primary liquor license (License #301409 - Liquor Establishment Class 3) from 172 seats to 212 seats via the conversion of 40 existing restaurant seats (Food Primary liquor license) and the conversion of the existing patio restaurant seats (60 seats) to liquor primary seats (as determined by Vancouver Fire Officials) at 330 West Georgia Street (Library Square Pub), subject to:

- i. A maximum interior capacity of 212 persons;
- ii. An amendment to their existing Time Limited Development Permit;
- iii. The patio ceasing all liquor service and vacated by 11:00 p.m.;
- iv. A maximum capacity of 60 persons on the patio;
- v. No music permitted on the patio;
- vi. Signing a Good Neighbour Agreement with the City prior to the issuance of the revised business license; and
- vii. Food service to be provided while the establishment is operating as well as on the patio when open.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

(Councillor Stevenson and the Mayor absent for the vote)

3. 101 East 2nd Avenue - Proposed Liquor Store

June 4, 2009

Planning staff reviewed the report and with the General Manager of Community Services and the City Manager provided comments and responded to questions.

The Committee heard from three speakers in support and three speakers in opposition to the rezoning application.

MOVED by Councillor Louie

THAT the Committee recommend to Council

THAT the application by West Coast Liquor Company to rezone 101 East 2nd Avenue (PID 012-321-621 Lot 16, Blk 7, DL 200A, Plan 197) from M-2 (Industrial) District to a CD-1 (Comprehensive Development) District to allow a Liquor Store in an existing building be REFUSED.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

(Mayor Robertson absent for the vote)

4. **Funding Allocations Host City Happenings Community Grant Program:
May 2009 Deadline**
June 2, 2009

At its regular meeting on June 16, 2009, Vancouver City Council referred this matter to a Standing Committee meeting on June 18, 2009, to hear from speakers.

Olympic and Paralympic Operations staff reviewed the report and responded to questions.

The Committee heard from two speakers regarding their grant applications.

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The Committee agreed to recess at 4:20 p.m.

The Committee reconvened at 4:30 p.m. with the same members present except for Councillor Stevenson who was absent.

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MOVED by Councillor Deal
THAT the Committee recommend to Council

THAT Council approve in total \$75,000 of Host City Happenings Community Grants for the 20 organizations listed in Table 1 of this report. Source of funds to be the \$1 million Olympic and Paralympic Community Celebrations Program entitled Host a City Happening.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Councillor Stevenson absent for the vote)

5. **Short Term Incentives for Rental (STIR) Program**
June 2, 2009

At the Special Standing Committee on Transportation and Traffic meeting on June 16, 2009, Vancouver City Council heard from five speakers and due to time constraints agreed to continue hearing speakers at the Standing Committee on Planning and Environment meeting on June 18, 2009.

Housing Policy, Planning and Financial Policy staff responded to questions.

The Committee heard from four speakers who expressed concerns and offered suggestions regarding the STIR program.

POSTPONEMENT MOVED by Councillor Anton

THAT this item be postponed to a future meeting.

not put

Councillor Louie rose on a point of order that the motion is out of order because a postponement motion had already been defeated at the Special Standing Committee on Transportation and Traffic meeting on June 16, 2009, at which time the Committee agreed to continue this item on June 18, 2009.

The Chair ruled the motion out of order.

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During the discussion of this item, it was

MOVED by Councillor Deal

THAT, under Section 2.3 (c) of the Procedure By-law, Council extend the length of the Standing Committee on Planning and Environment meeting by one hour or less.

*CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AND
BY THE REQUIRED MAJORITY*

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MOVED by Councillor Louie

THAT the Committee recommend to Council

- A. THAT Council endorse the Short Term Incentives for Rental program for rental housing ("STIR program") for a 2.5 year period with applications beginning July 6, 2009 and ending December 15, 2011, as contained in the Administrative Report dated June 2, 2009, entitled "Short Term Incentives for Rental Program".
- B. THAT Council amend the Parking By-law to authorize parking relaxations for rental housing generally as outlined in Appendix A of the Administrative Report dated June 2, 2009, entitled "Short Term Incentives for Rental Program".
- C. THAT Council amend the Vancouver Development Cost Levy By-law and Area Specific Development Cost Levy By-law ("DCL By-laws") for the waiving of DCL payments on rental housing units generally as outlined in Appendix B of the Administrative Report dated June 2, 2009, entitled "Short Term Incentives for Rental Program".
- D. THAT Council instruct the Director of Legal Services to bring forward for Council's approval of amendments to the Parking By-law, Vancouver Development Cost By-law, and Area Specific Development Cost Levy By-law, generally in accordance with Appendices A and B of the Administrative Report dated June 2, 2009, entitled "Short Term Incentives for Rental Program".

- E. THAT Council instruct the Director of Real Estate Services and the Managing Director of Social Development to report back with recommendations on the use of City lands for the development of rental housing.
- F. THAT Council instruct staff to report back every six months on industry response to the STIR program, efficacy of the incentive package, and financial implications.
- G. THAT Council instruct staff to seek affordability in projects submitted for STIR incentives through finishing, size, location and other design considerations.
- H. THAT the Mayor, on behalf of Council, write to the Premier and Minister of Housing and Social Development, Province of BC informing them of the City's efforts to increase rental housing and requesting expansion of housing programs to address affordability, in particular a partnership which could include:
 - rent supplements
 - shelter allowances
 - mortgage insurance
 - interim construction financing.

carried

REFERRAL MOVED by Councillor Anton

THAT this item be referred back to staff to do another public consultation.

not put

The Chair ruled the motion out of order because a postponement had already been put and ruled out of order.

REFERRAL MOVED by Councillor Woodsworth

THAT this item be referred back to staff for a definition of affordable housing.

not put

Housing Policy staff provided a definition of affordable housing and the Chair ruled the referral out of order.

The referral motions having been ruled out of order, Councillor Louie's motion was put and CARRIED with Councillors Anton and Woodsworth opposed to A, C, D, E, F, G and H.

The Committee adjourned at 6:29 p.m.

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

JUNE 18, 2009

A Regular Meeting of the Council of the City of Vancouver was held on Thursday, June 18, 2009, at 6:29 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 George Chow
Councillor Heather Deal
Councillor Kerry Jang
Councillor Raymond Louie
Councillor Geoff Meggs
Councillor Andrea Reimer
Councillor Tim Stevenson
Councillor Ellen Woodsworth
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"IN CAMERA" MEETING

MOVED by Councillor Louie
SECONDED by Councillor Jang

THAT Council will go into a meeting later this day, which is closed to the public, pursuant to Section 165.2(1) of the *Vancouver Charter*, to discuss matters related to paragraphs:

- (g) litigation or potential litigation affecting the city;
- (i) the receipt of advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose;
- (k) negotiations and related discussions respecting the proposed provision of an activity, work or facility that are at their preliminary stages and that, in the view of the Council, could reasonably be expected to harm the interests of the city if they were held in public.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MOVED by Councillor Deal
SECONDED by Councillor Chow

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 18, 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. Report Reference - Fraser Basin Council
2. 330 West Georgia St - Black Stripe Enterprises Ltd.
Liquor Primary Liquor License Application (Library Square Pub)
3. 101 East 2nd Avenue - Proposed Liquor Store
4. Funding Allocations Host City Happenings Community Grant Program:
May 2009 Deadline
5. Short Term Incentives for Rental (STIR) Program

Items 1 - 5

MOVED by Councillor Jang

THAT the recommendations and actions taken by the Standing Committee on Planning and Environment at its meeting of June 18, 2009, as contained in items 1 - 5, 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 Jang
SECONDED by Councillor Stevenson

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Council adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

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