

SPECIAL STANDING COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL
ON PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT

JANUARY 22, 2010

A Regular Meeting of the Standing Committee of Council on Planning and Environment was held on Friday, January 22, 2010, at 9:34 am, 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 Ellen Woodsworth*

ABSENT: Councillor Tim Stevenson (Leave of Absence)

CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE: Penny Ballem, City Manager
Sadhu Johnston, Deputy City Manager

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE: Bonnie Eng, Meeting Coordinator (Minutes)
Cobi Falconer, Meeting Coordinator
Tina Hildebrandt, Meeting Coordinator

*Denotes absence for a portion of the meeting.

1. **Rapid Transit Principles for the Broadway Corridor and the UBC Line Rapid Transit Study**
January 12, 2010

At the Standing Committee on Transportation and Traffic meeting on January 19, 2010, Council referred the above-noted Policy Report to the Special Standing Committee on Planning and Environment meeting on January 22, 2010, in order to hear from speakers.

The Committee heard from two speakers in support of the recommendations and two speakers generally in support of some of the recommendations but who also submitted concerns.

MOVED by Councillor Reimer

THAT the Committee recommend to Council

- A. THAT Council send Vancouver's draft rapid transit principles, as contained in Appendix A of the Policy Report dated January 12, 2010, entitled "Rapid Transit Principles for the Broadway Corridor and the UBC Line Rapid Transit Study", and intended to guide staff involvement in the planning and future implementation of a rapid transit solution for the Broadway Corridor, to public consultation and bring back to Council, with Revisions from the consultation as appropriate, for approval by April 30, 2010.
- B. THAT pending approval of rapid transit principles by Council, staff use the draft principles contained in Appendix A of the Policy Report dated January 12, 2010, entitled "Rapid Transit Principles for the Broadway Corridor and the UBC Line Rapid Transit Study" to guide participation in TransLink's UBC Line Rapid Transit Study and report back at key milestones including: after development and public review of the short-listed options; and, upon the identification of a preferred option for rapid transit technology(ies), alignment and general station locations.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

(Councillor Louie and the Mayor absent for the vote)

2. Cambie Corridor Planning Program - Phase One January 4, 2010

At the Standing Committee on Transportation and Traffic meeting on January 19, 2010, Council referred the above-noted Policy Report to the Special Standing Committee on Planning and Environment meeting on January 22, 2010, in order to hear from speakers.

The Committee heard from four speakers in support of the recommendations and two speakers opposed to the recommendations.

MOVED by Councillor Louie

THAT the Committee recommend to Council

- A. THAT Council approve the revised Cambie Corridor Principles as included in Appendix A of the Policy Report dated January 4, 2010, entitled "Cambie Corridor Planning Program - Phase One" with the following amendments:

Principle 1, add the underlined text to 1a):

Supportive land uses as those that:

- include high employee and residential densities, recognizing that the highest densities will be focused at stations and other areas with strategic opportunities for sustainability (i.e. large sites and significant district energy opportunities) and decrease with distance from these areas.

Principle 2, add the following:

“Develop spaces in a way that provides adaptability / flexibility among different uses as the Corridor evolves.”

Principle 2, add the underlined text to c):

Provide amenities and services, including entertainment, cultural facilities and services, that support and contribute to a complete community as well as a strong corridor of mobility. In doing so, review, monitor and consider the impacts of an increasing residential and employment population.

Principle 5, add the following:

“Include family housing and facilities for young families to attract and retain mobile talent.”

Principle 6, add the following:

Ensure that transit and other non-auto modes of travel have appropriate priority on Cambie and other connecting streets, including provision to support the effective and efficient movement of goods within the Corridor.”

Principle 7, add the underlined text to b):

Ensure appropriate levels of office, entertainment, creative incubators, educational facilities, live-work spaces and retail space within mixed use developments.

- B. THAT Council approve the revised Cambie Corridor Interim Rezoning Policy as included in Appendix B of the Policy Report dated January 4, 2010, entitled “Cambie Corridor Planning Program - Phase One.”

amended

AMENDMENT MOVED by Councillor Anton

THAT the Motion be amended by striking the phrases below from Appendix B:

Section 4.2, paragraph one, delete:

“...may reach heights of 6 storeys...”

Section 4.2, paragraph two, delete:

“(up to 12 storeys)”

LOST

(Councillors Cadman, Chow, Deal, Jang, Louie, Meggs, Reimer and Woodsworth
opposed)

(Mayor Robertson absent for the vote)

AMENDMENT MOVED by Councillor Woodsworth

THAT the Motion be amended by adding the phrase below to the end of
Principle 5 b) in Appendix A:

“...to maintain existing affordable housing.”

LOST

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

(Mayor Robertson absent for the vote)

AMENDMENT MOVED by Councillor Reimer

THAT the Motion be amended by striking the phrase below from Principle 6 a) in
Appendix A:

“...implementing the EcoDensity Charter and...”

CARRIED

(Councillor Anton opposed)

(Mayor Robertson absent for the vote)

The Amendment having carried, the motion was put and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY with
Mayor Robertson absent for the vote.

FINAL MOTION AS ADOPTED

THAT the Committee recommend to Council

- A. That Council approve the revised Cambie Corridor Principles as included in
Appendix A of the Policy Report dated January 4, 2010, entitled “Cambie
Corridor Planning Program - Phase One” with the following amendments:

Principle 1, add the underlined text to 1a):

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- include high employee and residential densities, recognizing that the highest densities will be focused at stations and other areas with strategic opportunities for sustainability (i.e. large sites and significant district energy opportunities) and decrease with distance from these areas.

Principle 2, add the following:

"Develop spaces in a way that provides adaptability / flexibility among different uses as the Corridor evolves."

Principle 2, add the underlined text to c):

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Principle 6 a), strike the following phrase:

"...implementing the EcoDensity Charter and..."

Principle 7, add the underlined text to b):

Ensure appropriate levels of office, entertainment, creative incubators, educational facilities, live-work spaces and retail space within mixed use developments.

- B. THAT Council approve the revised Cambie Corridor Interim Rezoning Policy as included in Appendix B of the Policy Report dated January 4, 2010, entitled "Cambie Corridor Planning Program - Phase One."

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The Committee recessed at 12:02 pm and reconvened at 1:03 pm with Councillor Reimer in the Chair and the same members present, except for Mayor Robertson, who was absent.

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Moved by Councillor Anton

THAT the end time of the meeting be 6 pm.

LOST

*(Councillors Deal, Jang, Louie, Meggs and Reimer opposed)
(Robertson absent for the vote)*

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MOVED by Councillor Louie

THAT the Committee recommend to Council

THAT, under Section 6.8 of the Procedure By-law, Council suspend section 2.3(c) of the Procedure By-law with regard to meeting end time.

CARRIED AND

BY THE REQUIRED MAJORITY

(Councillors Anton and Woodsworth opposed)

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3. Vancouver Views: Downtown View Corridors and Capacity Study January 5, 2010

At the Regular Council meeting on January 19, 2010, Council referred the above-noted Policy Report to the Special Standing Committee on Planning and Environment meeting on January 22, 2010, in order to hear from speakers.

Planning staff provided a presentation for further clarification.

The Committee heard from four speakers in support of and ten speakers opposed to the recommendations.

MOVED by Councillor Woodsworth

THAT the Committee recommend to Council

THAT Council refer discussion and decision on the Policy Report dated January 5, 2010, entitled "Vancouver Views: Downtown View Corridors and Capacity Study", to the Special Council meeting to be held Tuesday, January 26, 2010, at 9:30 am, as Unfinished Business.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

(Councillors Anton, Reimer and the Mayor absent for the vote)

4. **Historic Area Height Review: Conclusion and Recommendations
January 4, 2010**

At the Regular Council meeting on January 19, 2010, Council referred the above-noted Policy Report to the Special Standing Committee on Planning and Environment meeting on January 22, 2010, in order to hear from speakers.

Planning staff responded to questions.

The Committee heard from 22 speakers in support of and 28 speakers opposed to the recommendations.

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During the hearing of speakers, the Committee recessed at 5:54 pm and reconvened at 6:30 pm with Councillor Reimer in the Chair and the same members present, except for Mayor Robertson who was absent.

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MOVED by Councillor Deal
THAT the Committee recommend to Council

THAT Council refer discussion and decision on the Policy Report dated January 4, 2010, entitled "Historic Area Height Review: Conclusion and Recommendations", to the Special Council meeting to be held Tuesday, January 26, 2010, at 9:30 am, as Unfinished Business.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Councillor Woodsworth absent for the vote)

The Committee adjourned at 8:46 pm

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

JANUARY 22, 2010

A Special Meeting of the Council of the City of Vancouver was held on Friday, January 22, 2010, at 8:47 pm, 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: Deputy Mayor Kerry Jang
Councillor Suzanne Anton
Councillor David Cadman
Councillor George Chow
Councillor Heather Deal
Councillor Raymond Louie
Councillor Geoff Meggs
Councillor Andrea Reimer

ABSENT: Mayor Gregor Robertson
Councillor Tim Stevenson (Leave of Absence)
Councillor Ellen Woodsworth

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE: Tina Hildebrandt, Meeting Coordinator

ROLL CALL

"IN CAMERA" MEETING

MOVED by Councillor Cadman
SECONDED by Councillor Deal

THAT Council will go into a meeting on Tuesday, January 26, 2010, which is closed to the public, pursuant to Section 165.2(1) of the *Vancouver Charter*, to discuss matters related to paragraph:

- (j) Information that is prohibited, or information that if it were presented in a document would be prohibited, from disclosure under section 21 [disclosure harmful to business interests of a third party] of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MOVED by Councillor Deal
SECONDED by Councillor Cadman

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Report of Special Standing Committee on Planning and Environment
January 22, 2010

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. Rapid Transit Principles for the Broadway Corridor and the UBC Line Rapid Transit Study
2. Cambie Corridor Planning Program - Phase One
3. Vancouver Views: Downtown View Corridors and Capacity Study
4. Historic Area Height Review: Conclusion and Recommendations

Items 1 to 4

MOVED by Councillor Reimer

THAT the recommendations and actions taken by the Standing Committee on Planning and Environment at its meeting of Friday, January 22, 2010, 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 Cadman
SECONDED by Councillor Deal

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Council adjourned at 8:49 pm

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