



REPORT TO COUNCIL

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STANDING COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL
ON PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT

JUNE 10, 2010

A Regular Meeting of the Standing Committee of Council on Planning and Environment was held on Thursday, June 10, 2010, at 2:04 pm, 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 - Civic Business)

CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE: Penny Ballem, City Manager
David McLellan, General Manager of Community Services

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE: Bonnie Eng Kennett, 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 April 22, 2010, were adopted.

MATTERS ADOPTED ON CONSENT

MOVED BY Councillor Cadman

THAT the Committee adopt items 2 and 7 on consent.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Councillors Chow and Louie and the Mayor absent for the vote)

VARY AGENDA

MOVED by Councillor Anton

THAT Item 8 be dealt with first.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AND
BY THE REQUIRED MAJORITY
(Councillors Chow and Louie and the Mayor absent for the vote)

Note from Meeting Coordinator: for ease of reference, the minutes are recorded in numerical order.

1. **Proposed Amendment to Subdivision By-law Number 5208 - Reclassification of 3583 and 3593 West 39th Avenue
May 20, 2010**

Staff from Subdivision and Strata provided an overview of the report and responded to questions.

The Committee heard from one speaker, who spoke in support of the reclassification of 3583 and 3593 West 39th Avenue.

MOVED by Councillor Anton
THAT the Committee recommend to Council

- A. THAT Council approve the application to reclassify the properties at 3583 and 3593 West 39th Avenue from Category C to Category B of Schedule A, Table 1, of Subdivision By-law Number 5208.
- B. THAT the Director of Legal Services be instructed to prepare the necessary by-law for enactment.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. **Proposed Amendment to Subdivision By-law Number 5208 - Reclassification of 2272 East 54th Avenue
May 21, 2010**

THAT the Committee recommend to Council

THAT Council approve the application to reclassify the property at 2272 East 54th Avenue from Category B to Category A of Schedule A, Table 1, of Subdivision By-law Number 5208.

ADOPTED ON CONSENT
(Councillors Chow and Louie and the Mayor absent for the vote)

**3. Proposed Amendment to Subdivision By-law Number 5028 - Reclassification of 4416 West 11th Avenue
May 21, 2010**

Staff from Subdivision and Strata provided an overview of the report and responded to questions.

The Committee heard from six speakers who spoke in support of the reclassification of the property at 4416 West 11th Avenue.

MOVED by Councillor Meggs
THAT the Committee recommend to Council

THAT Council refuse the application to reclassify the property at 4416 West 11th Avenue from Category B to Category A of Schedule A, Table 1, of Subdivision By-law Number 5208.

CARRIED
(Councillor Anton opposed)

**4. Amendment to City of Vancouver Health Bylaw
May 28, 2010**

Staff from Parks and Recreation provided an overview of the report and responded to questions.

The Committee heard from three speakers who spoke in support of the recommendations.

MOVED by Councillor Deal
THAT the Committee recommend to Council

- A. THAT Council delegate the authority to regulate smoking in parks for the care, promotion and protection of the health of persons in parks, to the Board of Parks and Recreation.
- B. THAT the Director of Legal Services be instructed to prepare and bring forward the necessary changes to the Health Bylaw as generally described in Appendix A, of the Administrative Report dated May 28, 2010, entitled "Amendment to City of Vancouver Health Bylaw", which in the opinion of the Director of Legal Services, are necessary to carry out the direction of Council.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**5. Housing Agreement for 5498 Fraser Street (Related to the Replacement of Rental Units at 798 East 29th Avenue)
May 25, 2010**

Social Infrastructure staff provided an overview of the report and responded to questions.

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At this point in the proceedings, Councillor Reimer stepped down as Chair. Councillor Deal, as Vice-Chair, assumed the Chair for the remainder of this item.

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MOVED by Councillor Anton
THAT the Committee recommend to Council

- A. That Council approve entering into a Housing Agreement with 709 Homes Ltd. (Ledingham McAllister), the owners of 5498 Fraser Street (PID 014-288-591; Lot 6 of Block 6, DL 667, Plan 1797), pursuant to the Rental Housing Stock Official Development Plan, to secure 48 rental units, for 60 years or the life of the building, whichever is greater, on the terms and conditions set out in this report and subject to the satisfaction of the Director of Legal Services and Managing Director of Social Development.
- B. THAT the Director of Legal Services be instructed to bring forward a by-law to enter into the Housing Agreement.
- C. THAT no legal rights or obligations will arise or be created from the approval of A and B above, until the Housing Agreement as authorized by by-law is fully executed on terms and conditions to the satisfaction of the City's Director of Legal Services.

CARRIED
(Councillors Cadman and Woodsworth opposed)
(Councillor Reimer absent for the vote)

**6. Heritage Incentives Policy for Landscape Resources
May 25, 2010**

Heritage Planning staff provided an overview of the report and along with the Director of Planning responded to questions.

The Committee heard from eight speakers, two in support of the recommendation and six in opposition, specifically with reference to the property at 1245 Harwood Street.

MOVED by Councillor Louie
THAT the Committee recommend to Council

THAT historic landscape resources in the City are important and worthy of retention and protection however, Council affirms that bonus incentives are not supported for landscape resources that cannot be wholly protected through legal designation.

CARRIED
(Councillor Anton opposed)
(Councillor Deal and the Mayor absent for the vote)

**7. SRA Exemption & Conversion Permit for 577 Richards (St. Clair Hotel)
May 25, 2010**

THAT the Committee recommend to Council

- A. THAT Council approve an exemption from the Single Room Accommodation By-law for 15 rooms at 577 Richards Street (St. Clair Hotel).
- B. THAT Council approve an SRA Conversion Permit to convert the remaining 21 rooms at 577 Richards Street (St. Clair Hotel) subject to the payment of \$30,000 (\$15,000 x 2 rooms).

ADOPTED ON CONSENT

(Councillors Chow and Louie and the Mayor absent for the vote)

**8. SRA Exemption - 1038 Main Street (Ivanhoe)
May 25, 2010**

Community Services staff responded to questions.

MOVED by Councillor Anton

THAT the Committee recommend to Council

THAT Council grant an exemption from the Single Room Accommodation By-law for 6 rooms (#500, #501, #502, #504, #505, #506) at 1038 Main Street (Ivanhoe Hotel).

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9. Office of Public Consultation

Vancouver City Council, at its meeting on June 8, 2010, referred the following motion to the Standing Committee on Planning and Environment meeting on June 10, 2010, in order to hear from speakers.

WHEREAS:

1. Vancouver City Council wants to encourage citizens to participate more actively in civic life, as well as in the development and management of municipal affairs.
2. Council unanimously passed a resolution on July 28, 2009 that noted "the City of Vancouver is committed to bringing the community into City Hall by engaging citizens, and soliciting their ideas, input and creative energy".
3. City Council should more formally recognize the power of citizens to influence the decisions of City Hall.

4. The City of Vancouver's public consultation processes are managed by a variety of city departments, agencies and boards.
5. These consultation processes are often delivered using different goals, budget levels, tools and methodologies.
6. The efficacy of some of these consultation processes have been put into question by several residents' groups in recent years (for example, in the West End and by groups concerned about the budget consultation).
7. Both COPE and Vision Vancouver candidates and parties said they strongly supported establishing an independent office of public consultation when surveyed by the Think City Society in the fall of 2008.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

THAT staff report back on the feasibility of the creation of an independent office of public consultation; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED

THAT the staff report will include:

- (a) the potential savings or cost of the office (and the possibility of consolidating public consultation and engagement in one department to create a cost-neutral office);
- (b) examination of how other cities handle public consultation processes that involve multiple departments, agencies and boards; and
- (c) examination of how other cities handle public consultation processes to ensure that processes are transparent, credible and effective.

referred

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At this point in the proceedings, Councillor Reimer stepped down as Chair and Councillor Louie assumed the Chair for the remainder of the meeting.

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Council heard from one speaker in support of the motion.

AMENDMENT MOVED by Councillor Reimer

THAT the Motion be struck and replaced with the following:

THAT the Committee recommend to Council

WHEREAS:

1. Vancouver City Council wants to encourage citizens to participate more actively in civic life, as well as provide opportunities for citizens to meaningfully engaged in municipal affairs.
2. City Council's commitment to this principle has been demonstrated over the past 18 months by a number of initiatives including:
 - reinstating citizen advisory committees cut by the previous council;
 - initiating a globally recognized initiative on open data;
 - expanding and improving community consultation on a number of policy areas such as the annual operating budget; and
 - introducing engagement tools such as Facebook, Twitter, Pecha Kucha and other modern processes for increasing opportunities for a broader range of citizens.
3. City Council strives to constantly improve both citizen consultation and citizen engagement to ensure citizens have a strong voice.
4. Public consultation processes and citizen engagement is conducted across a variety of city departments, agencies and boards and these consultation processes may unnecessarily vary in tools and methodology.
5. Staff have recognized this deficiency and have been working for a number of months to pilot initiatives aimed at developing a coordinated Office of Citizen Engagement under the working title of "VOICE".
6. A majority of City Councillors broadly support this work evidenced by a 2008 election platform commitment to creating a Citizen Engagement Unit.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

THAT staff provide a status report to Council no later than September 2010 on their ongoing work to improve the effectiveness, efficiency and coherence of community engagement on policy and planning. As part of this status report, staff are requested to provide Council with background information on the research they have done to inform their ongoing work.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

(Councillors Anton and Deal and the Mayor absent for the vote)

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

The Committee adjourned at 5:53 pm

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

JUNE 10, 2010

A Regular Meeting of the Council of the City of Vancouver was held on Thursday, June 10, 2010, at 5:53 pm, 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: Councillor Andrea Reimer, Acting Chair
Councillor George Chow
Councillor Kerry Jang
Councillor Raymond Louie
Councillor Geoff Meggs
Councillor Ellen Woodsworth

ABSENT: Mayor Gregor Robertson
Councillor Suzanne Anton
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Councillor Tim Stevenson (Leave of Absence - Civic Business)

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COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MOVED by Councillor Jang
SECONDED by Councillor Meggs

THAT this Council resolve itself into Committee of the Whole, Councillor Reimer in the Chair.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Report of Standing Committee on Planning and Environment
June 10, 2010

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

1. Proposed Amendment to Subdivision By-law Number 5208 - Reclassification of 3583 and 3593 West 39th Avenue
2. Proposed Amendment to Subdivision By-law Number 5208 - Reclassification of 2272 East 54th Avenue
3. Proposed Amendment to Subdivision By-law Number 5028 - Reclassification of 4416 West 11th Avenue
4. Amendment to City of Vancouver Health Bylaw
5. Housing Agreement for 5498 Fraser Street (Related to the Replacement of Rental Units at 798 East 29th Avenue)
6. Heritage Incentives Policy for Landscape Resources
7. SRA Exemption & Conversion Permit for 577 Richards (St. Clair Hotel)
8. SRA Exemption - 1038 Main Street (Ivanhoe)
9. Office of Public Consultation

Items 1 to 9

MOVED by Councillor Woodsworth

THAT the recommendations and actions taken by the Standing Committee on Planning and Environment at its meeting of June 10, 2010, as contained in items 1 to 9, be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

RISE FROM COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MOVED by Councillor Woodsworth

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 Woodsworth

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Council adjourned at 5:55 pm

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