



REPORT TO COUNCIL

STANDING COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL
ON CITY SERVICES AND BUDGETS

NOVEMBER 18, 2010

A Regular Meeting of the Standing Committee of Council on City Services and Budgets was held on Thursday, November 18, 2010, at 9:30 am, in the Council Chamber, Third Floor, City Hall.

PRESENT: Councillor Geoff Meggs, Vice-Chair
Mayor Gregor Robertson
Councillor Suzanne Anton
Councillor David Cadman
Councillor George Chow
Councillor Kerry Jang
Councillor Andrea Reimer
Councillor Ellen Woodsworth

ABSENT: Councillor Heather Deal (Leave of Absence - Civic Business)
Councillor Raymond Louie, Chair (Leave of Absence -
Civic Business)
Councillor Tim Stevenson (Leave of Absence - Civic Business)

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

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE: Lori Isfeld, Meeting Coordinator

MATTERS ADOPTED ON CONSENT

MOVED by Councillor Woodsworth

THAT the Committee adopt Items 1 and 2 on consent.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

1. #22-1055 Canada Place - Bellagio Café and Wine Bar - Liquor Primary
Liquor Licence Application (Liquor Establishment Class 1)
October 28, 2010

THAT the Committee recommend to Council

THAT Council, having considered the opinions of local area residents and business operators as determined by neighbourhood notifications, noise impacts and relevant Council policy as outlined in the Administrative Report dated October 28, 2010, entitled "#22-1055 Canada Place - Bellagio Café and Wine Bar, Liquor Primary Liquor

Licence Application (Liquor Establishment Class 1)", endorse the request by Bellagio Café and Wine Bar for a Liquor Primary liquor licence (Liquor Establishment Class 1) at #22-1055 Canada Place subject to:

- i. Signing a Good Neighbour Agreement with the City prior to business licence issuance;
- ii. A Time-limited Development Permit;
- iii. The patio ceasing all liquor service and vacated by 11 pm;
- iv. No entertainment or music permitted on the patio;
- v. Acoustic report to be submitted certifying that the establishment meets Noise Control By-law requirements;
- vi. A maximum total capacity of 56 persons inside and 40 persons on the patio;
- vii. Food service to be provided while the establishment is operating as well as on the patio when open; and
- viii. Standard hours of operation for the first three to six months are limited to 11 am to 1 am, Sunday to Thursday; and 11 am to 2 am, Friday and Saturday; after which time extended hours of operation may be considered which are limited to 9 am to 3 am, seven days a week.

ADOPTED ON CONSENT

2. 1138 Davie Street - Pulse Night Club Ltd. - Liquor Primary Liquor Licence Outdoor Patio Application for an Increase in Capacity (The Junction Public House) October 29, 2010

THAT the Committee recommend to Council

THAT Council, having considered the opinion of area residents and business operators of the community as determined by site sign, the proximity of residential developments, potential noise impacts and relevant Council policy as outlined in the Administrative Report dated October 29, 2010, entitled "1138 Davie Street - Pulse Night Club Ltd., Liquor Primary Liquor Licence Outdoor Patio Application for an Increase in Capacity (The Junction Public House)", endorse the application by Pulse Night Club Ltd., for an increase in capacity of the Liquor Primary patio (on private property) at The Junction Public House, 1138 Davie Street subject to:

- i. A maximum capacity of 60 persons;
- ii. The signing of a Good Neighbour Agreement with the City;
- iii. The patio ceasing all liquor service and vacated by 11:00 p.m.;
- iv. No music permitted on the patio;
- v. A Time-limited Development Permit for the patio; and
- vi. Food service to be provided while the patio is open.

ADOPTED ON CONSENT

3. Taxi Licenses

Vancouver City Council, at its meeting on November 16, 2010, referred this matter to the Standing Committee on City Services and Budgets meeting on November 18, 2010, in order to hear from speakers.

Licensing staff responded to questions.

The Committee heard from eight speakers who were in general support of working to improve service at peak periods, some of whom offered additional comments or expressed concerns about aspects of the taxi industry and licensing system.

MOVED by Councillor Anton
THAT the Committee recommend to Council

WHEREAS

1. The Province of BC has reduced tolerance levels for drinking and driving;
2. Public transit is not universally available after midnight;
3. Taxis are reporting increased business;
4. There is anecdotal discussion regarding the difficulty of getting a taxi out of the city;
5. 111 new licenses were issued in 2007 and none have been issued since;
6. At the time of the issuance of the 2007 licenses, staff were requested to report back on license fees;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT staff be directed to work with the taxi roundtable and other stakeholders, and to report back with recommendations as to measures to improve service to customers at peak periods, including but not limited to possible temporary licenses.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. Endorse the Vienna Declaration

Vancouver City Council, at its meeting on November 16, 2010, referred this matter to the Standing Committee on City Services and Budgets meeting on November 18, 2010, in order to hear from speakers.

Social Policy staff responded to questions.

The Committee heard from four speakers in support of the motion.

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During debate it was

MOVED by Councillor Cadman

THAT, under Section 2.3 (a) of the Procedure By-law, Council extend the length of the Standing Committee on City Services and Budgets meeting by one hour or less.

*CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AND
BY THE REQUIRED MAJORITY*

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MOVED by Councillor Jang
THAT the Committee recommend to Council

WHEREAS

1. The City of Vancouver has provided municipal leadership by endorsing a comprehensive and evidence-based strategy to reduce harm from the sale and use of illegal drugs and is committed to work with all levels of government to implement the four pillars of prevention, treatment, harm reduction and enforcement;
2. It is important to distinguish between harms that result from drug use and harms that are consequences of policy, specifically the enforcement of prohibition;
3. The current policy of drug prohibition has failed to reduce drug production, availability and use with illegal drug prices falling and purity increasing as monitored by international drug surveillance systems;
4. There is no evidence that increasing law enforcement reduces the prevalence of drug use;
5. The number of countries where people inject illegal drugs is increasing;
6. Injecting illegal substances is the leading cause for approximately one in three new cases of HIV;
7. An illicit drug market worth an estimated value of US\$320 billion in the hands of criminals fuels violence, deaths and destabilizes entire nations;
8. The “War on Drugs” approach has been a waste of billions of tax dollars and has in fact resulted in consequences that are the very opposite of its stated aims and has spawned more harm to public health;

9. The Vienna Declaration was spearheaded by the scientific community, and in particular, the British Columbia Centre for Excellence in HIV/AIDS, in the wake of the XVIII International AIDS conference in Vienna to call for an acknowledgement of the harms of drug prohibition and for drug policy reform to remove barriers to effective HIV prevention, treatment and care.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Council continue to support an urban health approach based on science to address safety and harms to community and individuals by formally endorsing the Vienna Declaration, writing to the Federation of Canadian Municipalities, the Union of BC Municipalities, and Provincial and Federal Ministers in the Justice and Health departments to inform them of our endorsement, as well as urging the Mayor to put this issue on the agenda of the next meeting of the Big City Mayors Caucus.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5. Improving Safety and Accessibility for Pedestrians

Vancouver City Council, at its meeting on November 16, 2010, referred this matter to the Standing Committee on City Services and Budgets meeting on November 18, 2010, in order to hear from speakers.

Engineering staff responded to questions.

The Committee heard from four speakers in support of improving safety and accessibility for pedestrians, some of whom offered additional suggestions and comments.

MOVED by Mayor Robertson
THAT the Committee recommend to Council

WHEREAS

1. Pedestrians are Vancouver's top transportation priority;
2. There are 318,000 walking trips made every day in the City, which represents 17% of total trips;
3. 41% of residents in the Downtown and West End either walk or cycle to work;
4. The City of Vancouver has the Greenest City goal of having at least 50% of all trips in the City be either by walking, cycling or transit by 2020;
5. The safety and accessibility of pedestrian routes is critical to the health and well-being of our citizens;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

- A. THAT City staff, in conjunction with the Vancouver Police Department, the Vancouver School Board and the public, identify locations and priority measures for improving pedestrian safety and accessibility in Vancouver.
- B. THAT staff be directed to report back in the spring of 2011, and that as part of the report, staff include recommendations on how to better improve pedestrian input into the City's Transportation Plan.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Committee adjourned at 12:39 pm

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REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
STANDING COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL ON
CITY SERVICES AND BUDGETS

NOVEMBER 18, 2010

A Regular Meeting of the Council of the City of Vancouver was held on Thursday, November 18, 2010, at 12:40 pm, in the Council Chamber, Third Floor, City Hall, following the Standing Committee on City Services and Budgets meeting, to consider the recommendations and actions of the Committee.

PRESENT: Mayor Gregor Robertson
Councillor Suzanne Anton
Councillor David Cadman
Councillor George Chow
Councillor Kerry Jang
Councillor Geoff Meggs
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"IN CAMERA" MEETING

MOVED by Councillor Cadman
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:

- (e) the acquisition, disposition or expropriation of land or improvements, if the Council considers that disclosure could reasonably be expected to harm the interests of the city;
- (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 Cadman
SECONDED by Councillor Jang

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Report of Standing Committee on City Services and Budgets
November 18, 2010

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

1. #22-1055 Canada Place - Bellagio Café and Wine Bar - Liquor Primary Liquor Licence Application (Liquor Establishment Class 1)
2. 1138 Davie Street - Pulse Night Club Ltd. - Liquor Primary Liquor Licence Outdoor Patio Application for an Increase in Capacity (The Junction Public House)
3. Taxi Licenses
4. Endorse the Vienna Declaration
5. Improving Safety and Accessibility for Pedestrians

Items 1 - 5

MOVED by Councillor Jang

THAT the recommendations and actions taken by the Standing Committee on City Services and Budgets at its meeting of November 18, 2010, as contained in items 1 - 5, 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 Cadman

SECONDED by Councillor Woodsworth

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Council adjourned at 12:42 pm

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