

STANDING COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL
ON PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT

DECEMBER 16, 2010



A Regular Meeting of the Standing Committee of Council on Planning and Environment was held on Thursday, December 16, 2010, at 2:00 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 Tim Stevenson*
Councillor Ellen Woodsworth

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

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE: Tina Hildebrandt, Meeting Coordinator

* Denotes absence for a portion of the meeting.

1. 2920 Grant Street - Request for Injunctive Relief
November 23, 2010

Property Use Inspection staff responded to questions.

MOVED by Councillor Anton
THAT the Committee recommend to Council

THAT the Director of Legal Services is hereby authorized, in her discretion, to commence a legal action or proceeding seeking to discontinue the unauthorized use of the City lane adjacent to 2920 Grant Street (for auto repairs, storage of vehicles and equipment) and to have the property brought into compliance with all City By-laws.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Councillors Chow and Stevenson absent for the vote.)

2. Amendments to Limousine Regulations
November 23, 2010

Licences & Inspections staff presented an overview of the report and responded to questions.

The Committee heard from two representatives of the limousine industry who spoke in general support of the recommendations but expressed concerns in relation to the proposed increases in age requirements for sedan and sport utility limousines (*submission on file*).

MOVED by Councillor Woodsworth
THAT the Committee recommend to Council

- A. THAT Council approve an amendment to the Vehicles for Hire By-Law which reduces the carbon footprint of limousine services by eliminating the following requirements for limousine operators:
 - i. to own or operate at least one stretch limousine; and
 - ii. to maintain a ratio of one stretch limousine to every two smaller limousines.
- B. THAT Council approve certain amendments to limousine definitions in the Vehicles for Hire By-Law as outlined in the Policy Report dated November 23, 2010, entitled "Amendments to Limousine Regulations", which would make operators of all larger bus-style limousines subject to criminal record checks.
- C. THAT Council approve an amendment to the Vehicles for Hire By-Law which streamlines vehicle for hire regulations by eliminating the requirement for vehicles for hire operators, with the exception of taxicabs, to own at least one vehicle, as outlined in the Policy Report dated November 23, 2010, entitled "Amendments to Limousine Regulations".
- D. THAT Council approve the following amendment to the Vehicles for Hire By-Law which would relax and standardize age requirements for sedan, sport utility and stretch limousines:
 - i. Require annual inspections for all limousines.
- E. THAT Council approve the following amendments to the Vehicles for Hire By-Law which make wheelbase requirements consistent with the Passenger Transportation Board and provide incentive for eco-friendly limousines:
 - i. Decrease minimum wheelbase for sedan limousines from 114.5 to 113 inches; and
 - ii. Allow eco-friendly sedan limousines as defined by the Passenger Transportation Board.

- F. THAT Council instruct the Director of Legal Services to bring forward a by-law to amend the Vehicles for Hire By-Law, generally in accordance with Appendix A of the Policy Report dated November 23, 2010, entitled “Amendments to Limousine Regulations”.

amended

REFERRAL MOVED by Councillor Deal

THAT the following two points contained in recommendation D of the Policy Report dated November 23, 2010, entitled “Amendments to Limousine Regulations” be referred to staff for more information:

- i. Increase maximum age for newly licensed sedan and sport utility limousines from two years to five years;
- ii. Increase maximum age for sedan and sport utility limousine renewals from seven years to nine years;

LOST

(Councillors Chow, Jang, Louie, Meggs, Stevenson and Mayor Robertson opposed.)

AMENDMENT MOVED by Councillor Deal

THAT Motion D be amended as follows (*in italics*):

- D. THAT Council approve the following amendments to the Vehicles for Hire By-Law which would relax and standardize age requirements for sedan, sport utility and stretch limousines:
- i. Increase maximum age for newly licensed sedan and sport utility limousines from two years to five years;*
 - ii. Increase maximum age for sedan and sport utility limousine renewals from seven years to nine years; and*
 - iii. Require annual inspections for all limousines.

CARRIED

(Councillors Cadman and Woodsworth opposed.)

The Committee agreed to separate the components of the Motion for the vote.

The amendment having carried, the Motion as amended was put and CARRIED with Councillors Cadman and Woodsworth opposed D i and ii.

FINAL MOTION AS AMENDED AND ADOPTED
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3. Implementation of "Vancouver Views" and Opportunities for Higher Buildings in the Downtown
November 29, 2010

Vancouver City Council, at its meeting held December 14, 2010, approved a Motion to receive staff's presentation on this matter at this meeting and refer speakers to the Standing Committee on Planning and Environment meeting to be held January 20, 2011.

Accordingly, Planning staff gave a presentation on the City's current policy for higher buildings and responded to questions.

The Committee adjourned at 4:03 pm

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

DECEMBER 16, 2010

A Regular Meeting of the Council of the City of Vancouver was held on Thursday, December 16, 2010, at 4:03 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: Mayor Gregor Robertson
Councillor Suzanne Anton
Councillor David Cadman
Councillor George Chow
Councillor Heather Deal
Councillor Kerry Jang
Councillor Raymond Louie
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
December 16, 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. 2920 Grant Street - Request for Injunctive Relief
2. Amendments to Limousine Regulations

3. Implementation of “Vancouver Views” and Opportunities for Higher Buildings in the Downtown

Items 1 - 3

MOVED by Councillor Jang

THAT the recommendations and actions taken by the Standing Committee on Planning and Environment at its meeting of Thursday, December 16, 2010, as contained in Items 1 to 3, 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 Jang

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Council adjourned at 4:04 pm.

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