

REPORT TO COUNCIL

STANDING COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL
ON PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT

JANUARY 20, 2011

A Regular Meeting of the Standing Committee of Council on Planning and Environment was held on Thursday, January 20, 2011, 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 Ellen Woodsworth

ABSENT: Councillor Tim Stevenson (Leave of Absence - Civic Business)

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

MATTERS ADOPTED ON CONSENT

MOVED by Councillor Deal

THAT the Committee adopt Item 3 on consent.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Mayor Robertson absent for the vote.)

VARY AGENDA

MOVED by Councillor Anton

THAT the Committee vary the order of the agenda to deal with Item 2 first.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Mayor Robertson absent for the vote.)

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For ease of reference, the Minutes are recorded in numerical order.

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**1. Draft Greenest City 2020 Action Plan
January 5, 2011**

Staff from the Sustainability Group presented an overview on the process of developing the draft Greenest City 2020 Action Plan, and, together with staff from the Planning Department and Strategic Transportation Planning, responded to questions.

The Committee heard from 12 speakers, eight of whom spoke in support of the plan and four who spoke in general support but expressed concerns in relation to various aspects of the plan and the public consultation process.

MOVED by Mayor Robertson
THAT the Committee recommend to Council

- A. THAT Council receive an update on the development of the Greenest City 2020 Action Plan as outlined in the Administrative Report dated January 5, 2011, entitled "Draft Greenest City 2020 Action Plan".
- B. THAT Council adopt the Greenest City 2020 targets as amended from the Greenest City Action Team's report Vancouver 2020: A Bright Green Future, which are included in Appendix 1 of the Administrative Report dated January 5, 2011, entitled "Draft Greenest City 2020 Action Plan".

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**2. 2862 Pandora Street - Nuisance and Dangerous Building
January 4, 2011**

The General Manager, Community Services Group, responded to questions.

MOVED by Councillor Anton
THAT the Committee recommend to Council

- A. THAT Council declare that the building at 2862 Pandora Street, Lot 10, Plan 1169, District Lot THSL, NWD Group 1 of Lot 41, PID 012-201-600 is dangerous to public safety pursuant to Section 324A of the Vancouver Charter.
- B. THAT Council approve the resolution attached to the Administrative Report dated January 4, 2011, entitled "2862 Pandora Street - Nuisance and Dangerous Building" and order the registered owner to pull down and demolish the building, remove all demolition debris from the site and thereafter provide a chain-link fence around the perimeter of the site, within 30 days of a copy of the resolution being served on the registered owner pursuant to Section 342A of the Vancouver Charter.

- C. THAT if the owner fails to comply with the order of Council, Council further orders and hereby authorizes the City Building Inspector or his designate, to pull down and demolish the building, remove all demolition debris from the site and thereafter provide a chain-link fence around the perimeter of the site at the owner's expense pursuant to Section 342A of the Vancouver Charter.
- D. THAT if the owner fails to allow the City Building Inspector and/or his designate access to the site to carry out the work outlined in C above, the Director of Legal Services is authorized, in her discretion, to commence a legal action or proceeding in relation to the building at 2862 Pandora Street, and may, in her discretion, seek injunctive relief in that action or proceeding in order to bring this property into compliance with Council's resolution.
- E. THAT the City Clerk be directed to file a 336D Notice against the Title to the property at 2862 Pandora Street.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**3. Update on the City's Efforts and Impact on Noise Control and Amendments to the Noise Control and Ticket Offences By-laws
October 29, 2010**

- A. THAT Council approve amendments to the Noise Control By-law, No. 6555 substantially as shown in Appendix A of the Administrative Report dated October 29, 2010, entitled "Update on the City's Efforts and Impact on Noise Control and Amendments to the Noise Control and Ticket Offences By-laws" to:
 - i) Streamline the approval process for Noise Exemptions by authorizing the Director of Licenses and Inspections to approve applications;
 - ii) Increase the application fee for a Noise Exemption from \$75 to \$148 for applications submitted at least five working days prior to the date of the proposed activity and \$296 for applications submitted less than five working days prior to the date of the proposed activity in order to streamline and recover costs including overtime for processing late applications; and
 - iii) Other general amendments to improve effectiveness of the By-law by adding definitions, clarification for holidays, setting a maximum 60-day time restrictions for approved noise exemptions, and correct conflicts.
- B. THAT Council approve amendments to the Ticket Offences By-law, No. 9360 to include offences and related fines for power equipment, leaf blowers, and construction noise substantially as shown in Appendix B of the Administrative Report dated October 29, 2010, entitled "Update on the City's Efforts and Impact on Noise Control and Amendments to the Noise Control and Ticket Offences By-laws".
- C. THAT Council direct staff to continue to encourage alternatives to traditional back-up alarms for vehicles in order to reduce noise impacts.

- D. THAT Council instruct the Director of Legal Services to prepare and bring forward the necessary changes to the Noise Control By-law, No. 6555 and Ticket Offences By-law, No. 9360 as generally described in Appendices A and B of the Administrative Report dated October 29, 2010, entitled "Update on the City's Efforts and Impact on Noise Control and Amendments to the Noise Control and Ticket Offences By-laws" .

ADOPTED ON CONSENT

**4. Historic Area Height Review: Policy Implementation
December 17, 2010**

Vancouver City Council, at its meeting immediately following the Standing Committee on City Services and Budgets held earlier this day, approved a Motion regarding the Policy Report dated December 17, 2010, entitled "Historic Area Height Review: Policy Implementation" to refer Recommendation A to a future Council meeting to allow the City Manager to implement further community consultation and Recommendations B to F (in relation to HA-1 and HA-1A) to a public hearing.

**5. Implementation of "Vancouver Views" and Opportunities for Higher Buildings in the Downtown
November 29, 2010**

Staff from the Planning Department presented an overview on the Vancouver Views study, and responded to questions.

Following questions of staff it was

MOVED by Councillor Anton

THAT Council break for dinner at 6:00 pm and return at 7:00 pm to resume hearing from speakers on the Implementation of "Vancouver Views" and Opportunities for Higher Buildings in the Downtown.

LOST

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

MOVED by Councillor Louie

THAT, as it is Council's intention to hear all speakers tonight on the Implementation of "Vancouver Views" and Opportunities for Higher Buildings in the Downtown, this item be completed tonight.

CARRIED

(Councillor Anton opposed)

MOVED by Councillor Cadman

THAT Council hear from speakers on the Implementation of "Vancouver Views" and Opportunities for Higher Buildings in the Downtown until 7:00 pm, break for dinner and resume hearing from speakers at 7:30 pm.

*CARRIED
(Councillor Anton opposed)*

The Committee heard from 32 speakers, six of whom spoke in support of staff's recommendations, five of whom spoke in general support and 21 who spoke in opposition and expressed concerns which included loss of views, increased congestion in the downtown, and the public consultation process.

During the hearing of speakers it was

MOVED by Councillor Deal

THAT Council recess at 7:05 pm for dinner and reconvene at 7:35 pm.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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The Council recessed at 7:05 pm and reconvened at 7:41 pm, all members present except Councillor Chow and Mayor Robertson, who arrived during the hearing of speakers.

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During the hearing of speakers it was

MOVED by Councillor Deal

THAT, under Section 2.3 (e) of the Procedure By-law, Council extend the length of the Standing Committee on Planning and Environment meeting by one hour or less in order to finish hearing from all registered speakers.

*CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AND
BY THE REQUIRED MAJORITY*

MOVED by Councillor Deal

THAT Council, having concluded hearing from speakers, refer discussion and decision on the "Implementation of "Vancouver Views" and Opportunities for Higher Buildings in the Downtown" to the Regular Council meeting on February 1, 2011, as Unfinished Business.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Committee adjourned at 10:39 pm.

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

JANUARY 20, 2011

A Regular Meeting of the Council of the City of Vancouver was held on Thursday, January 20, 2011, at 10:39 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
January 20, 2011

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

1. Draft Greenest City 2020 Action Plan
2. 2862 Pandora Street - Nuisance and Dangerous Building
3. Update on the City's Efforts and Impact on Noise Control and Amendments to the Noise Control and Ticket Offences By-laws
4. Historic Area Height Review: Policy Implementation
5. Implementation of "Vancouver Views" and Opportunities for Higher Buildings in the Downtown

Items 1 - 5

MOVED by Councillor Louie

THAT the recommendations and actions taken by the Standing Committee on Planning and Environment at its meeting of Thursday, January 20, 2011, 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 Woodsworth
SECONDED by Councillor Deal

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Council adjourned at 10:40 pm

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