

## REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

MAY 31, 2011

A Regular Meeting of the Council of the City of Vancouver was held on Tuesday, May 31, 2011, at 2:13 pm, in the Council Chamber, Third Floor, City Hall.

**PRESENT:** Mayor Gregor Robertson  
Councillor Suzanne Anton  
Councillor George Chow\*  
Councillor Kerry Jang  
Councillor Raymond Louie  
Councillor Geoff Meggs  
Councillor Andrea Reimer  
Councillor Tim Stevenson  
Councillor Ellen Woodsworth

**ABSENT:** Councillor David Cadman (Leave of Absence - Civic Business)  
Councillor Heather Deal (Leave of Absence)

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

**CITY CLERK'S OFFICE:** Janice MacKenzie, Deputy City Clerk  
Nicole Ludwig, Meeting Coordinator

\*Denotes absence for a portion of the meeting.

**PRAYER**

The proceedings in the Council Chamber were opened with a prayer read by Councillor Louie.

**"IN CAMERA" MEETING**

MOVED by Councillor Woodsworth  
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:

(a) personal information about an identifiable individual who holds or is being considered for a position as an officer, employee or agent of the city or another position appointed by the city;

(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.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

#### ADOPTION OF MINUTES

##### 1. Regular Council - May 17, 2011

MOVED by Councillor Jang  
SECONDED by Councillor Louie

THAT the foregoing Minutes be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

##### 2. Special Council (Public Hearing) - May 17 and 19, 2011

MOVED by Councillor Louie  
SECONDED by Councillor Jang

THAT the foregoing Minutes be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

##### 3. Regular Council (City Services and Budgets) - May 19, 2011

MOVED by Councillor Louie  
SECONDED by Councillor Woodsworth

THAT the foregoing Minutes be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

#### COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MOVED by Councillor Jang  
SECONDED by Councillor Woodsworth

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## MATTERS ADOPTED ON CONSENT

The Mayor noted that a request to speak to Administrative Report A4 had been received.

MOVED by Councillor Jang

THAT the Administrative Report dated May 11, 2011, entitled, "2011 Community and Neighbourhood Arts Development Program Pilot - Grant Allocations" be referred to a Standing Committee meeting on Thursday, June 16, 2011, in order to hear from speakers.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOVED by Councillor Woodsworth

THAT Council adopt Communication 2, and Administrative Reports A1 to A3 and A5, on consent.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## REPORT REFERENCE

1. **Vancouver Retrofit Energy Efficiency Financing Pilot Program for One- and Two-Family Dwellings  
May 5, 2011**

Amanda Pitre-Hayes, Director of Sustainability, and David Ramslic, Manager, Sustainable Development Program, provided a Report Reference on the Vancouver Retrofit Energy Efficiency Financing Pilot Program for One and Two-Family Dwellings and, along with the City Manager, responded to questions.

Council agreed to separate the vote on the components of the motion.

MOVED by Councillor Reimer

- A. THAT the City proceed with a Retrofit Energy Efficiency Financing Pilot Program for up to 500 homes as a proof of concept for a future on property tax bill green energy financing program.
- B. THAT all legal agreements with Vancouver City Savings Credit Union ("Vancity"), Natural Resources Canada, The Vancity Foundation ("the Foundation"), eligible homeowners, and any other required parties be on such terms and conditions as are satisfactory to the City Manager, Director of Finance, and Director of Legal Services and generally on such terms outlined in the Policy Report dated May 5, 2011, entitled, "Vancouver Retrofit Energy Efficiency Financing Pilot Program for One- and Two-Family Dwellings".

- C. THAT all such legal agreements, upon approval pursuant to B, above, be executed and delivered by the Director of Legal Services.
- D. THAT the City set aside up to \$500,000 in an interest-bearing loan loss reserve (to be matched by a contribution of up to \$1 million from the Vancity Foundation) as a security for up to \$5 million in loans to eligible homeowners under the pilot program on conditions as outlined in the report.
- E. THAT no legal rights or obligations will be created by the adoption of these Recommendations unless and until such legal agreements are executed and delivered by the Director of Legal Services.
- F. THAT Council instruct the Director of Legal Services to seek from the Provincial Government appropriate amendments to the Vancouver Charter to enable the City of Vancouver to introduce an on-property-tax-bill payment mechanism for improvements on private property that support the City of Vancouver's environmental protection objectives.
- G. THAT Staff report back with the results of the pilot program.

CARRIED  
(Councillor Anton opposed to A through E and G)

#### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

##### 1. Community Plan for a Public System of Integrated Early Care and Learning

*Note: The following motion contains a revision to the original, which was accepted by Council.*

At the Standing Committee on City Services and Budgets meeting on May 19, 2011, Vancouver City Council referred consideration of the following motion from Councillor Reimer to the Regular Council meeting on May 31, 2011, in order to receive information from staff regarding elements of the Plan and implications for the City of Vancouver:

THAT the City of Vancouver endorse in principle the *Community Plan for a Public System of Integrated Early Care and Learning* proposed by the Coalition of Child Care Advocates of BC and the Early Childhood Educators of BC, and urge the Provincial Government to commit to the Plan's vision and work with communities to immediately begin its implementation.

carried

Social Policy staff responded to questions.

Following questions to staff, the motion was put and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY with Councillor Chow absent for the vote.

**2. Heritage Designation/Heritage Revitalization Agreement (HRA):  
1245 Harwood Street**

At the Public Hearing on May 19, 2011 (reconvened from May 17, 2011) on the above-noted application, Council agreed to continue the hearing at the Regular Council meeting on May 31, 2011, in order to hear closing comments from the applicant and staff. Council also referred discussion and decision to the same meeting, as Unfinished Business.

Council received the following correspondence related to the application since May 19, 2011:

- 28 letters in support
- 15 letters opposed
- 3 letters dealing with other issues.

**Applicant Closing Comments**

Michael Heeney, Bing Thom Architects, provided the applicant's closing comments and responded to concerns raised by speakers during the Public Hearing.

**Staff Closing Comments**

Yardley McNeill, Heritage Planner, Current Planning Initiatives, Planning Department, and Sailen Black, Development Planner, Urban Design and Development Planning Centre, provided staff closing comments and, along with Brent Toderian, Director of Planning, responded to questions.

MOVED by Councillor Louie

THAT staff be directed to consider further options for the Heritage Designation and Heritage Revitalization Agreement at 1245 Harwood Street which might include the retention of the large tree shared with the neighbour, given the expressed willingness of the adjacent owner to cooperate in its retention.

CARRIED  
(Councillors Anton and Meggs opposed)

**COMMUNICATIONS**

**1. Correction to the Minutes of the Standing Committee on Planning and Environment meeting of April 8, 2010**

MOVED by Councillor Louie

THAT the motion passed by Council on April 20, 2010, to adopt the minutes of the Regular Council (Planning and Environment) meeting of April 8, 2010, be rescinded.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY  
AND BY THE REQUIRED MAJORITY

MOVED by Councillor Anton

- A. THAT the minutes of the Standing Committee on Planning and Environment meeting of April 8, 2010, be amended to reflect that Councillor Anton was opposed to the motion contained in Item 3 (Guidelines for Keeping of Backyard Hens) in its entirety;

FURTHER THAT the minutes of the Regular Council (Planning and Environment) meeting of April 8, 2010, be adopted, as amended.

- B. THAT Council ask the City Clerk to review the minutes and video of the Standing Committee on City Services and Budgets meeting of July 26, 2007, to ascertain if Councillor Louie was present during the vote on item 2 (Free Range Chicken Eggs);

FURTHER THAT, if the minutes require correction, Council instruct the City Clerk to bring forward the necessary rescinding and amending recommendations.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## 2. Amendments to 2011 Council Meeting Schedule

THAT the 2011 Council Meeting Schedule be amended in order to add the following additional Special Council (Public Hearing) dates:

- Wednesday, July 6, 2011 - 6:00 pm
- Tuesday, July 19, 2011 - 6:00 pm.

ADOPTED ON CONSENT

## ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

### 1. Vancouver Landfill: Phase 2 Closure and Landfill Gas Collection Works May 17, 2011

- A. THAT the General Manager of Engineering Services be directed to proceed with the Vancouver Landfill Phase 2 Closure and Landfill Gas Collection Works Project.
- B. THAT Council approve an initial project budget of \$4,678,000 with \$1,780,000 previously approved in the 2010/2011 Capital Budgets, with a further \$1,938,000 to be funded from the Solid Waste Capital Reserve, which is held for this purpose, and \$960,000 as a loan from the Capital Financing Fund to be repaid through tipping fees as an operating cost.

ADOPTED ON CONSENT

**2. Vancouver Police Department - 13 Vehicle Additions to the Fleet  
March 18, 2011**

- A. THAT Council approve the addition of 13 vehicles to support the increase in staffing levels of 36 officers at a total cost of \$513,500, funding to be provided by the Truck and Equipment Plant Account.
- B. THAT the 2011 portion of capital and operating costs of approximately \$75,000 be repaid to the Plant and Equipment Plant Account, funding to be transferred from the General Government to the 2011 Vancouver Police Department Operating Budget.
- C. THAT an increase of approximately \$148,500 be provided to the annual Vancouver Police Department Operating Budget to repay the Plant and Equipment Plant Account for annual capital and operating costs, subject to annual budget review starting in 2012.

ADOPTED ON CONSENT

**3. Capital Grants to Vanier Park Museums for Collections Storage  
May 16, 2011**

- A. THAT Council approve a capital grant of up to \$145,000 to the Vancouver Museum Society as outlined in the Administrative Report dated May 16, 2011, entitled "Capital Grants to Vanier Park Museums for Collection Storage" which will enable the Museum of Vancouver to house, preserve and make available the Vancouver 2010 Legacy Collection on the City's behalf. Source of funds is the Capital Budget for Olympic Shelving.
- B. THAT Council approve a capital grant of up to \$60,000 to the Vancouver Maritime Museum Society as outlined in the Administrative Report dated May 16, 2011, entitled "Capital Grants to Vanier Park Museums for Collection Storage" which will enable the Maritime Museum to install shelving, and reorganize and consolidate current collection artifacts to make room for the Vancouver 2010 Legacy Collection. Source of funds is the Capital Budget for Cultural Reinvestment.

ADOPTED ON CONSENT  
AND BY THE REQUIRED MAJORITY

**4. 2011 Community and Neighbourhood Arts Development Program Pilot -  
Grant Allocations  
May 11, 2011**

This matter was referred to a Standing Committee meeting on June 16, 2011, in order to hear from a person who had requested to speak.

**5. Vancouver Police Department - Multi-Purpose Command Vehicle Addition  
May 13, 2011**

- A. THAT Council approve the addition of one (1) multi-purpose command vehicle to the Vancouver Police Department fleet at a total cost of \$500,000;

FURTHER THAT Council approve funding of the initial vehicle purchase by an acceptance of a donation of up to \$500,000 from the Vancouver Police Foundation.

- B. THAT the annual capital and operating costs of the vehicle be repaid to the Truck and Equipment Plant Account through annual charges of \$8,000 (reduced from \$58,900 with the donated funding applied to the capital cost of the unit), funding to be reviewed as part of the 2012 operating budget approval process.

ADOPTED ON CONSENT

**RISE FROM COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

MOVED by Councillor Stevenson

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 Jang

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**BY-LAWS**

MOVED by Councillor Woodsworth

SECONDED by Councillor Jang

THAT Council, except for those members ineligible to vote as noted below, enact the by-laws listed on the agenda for this meeting as numbers 1 to 11 inclusive, and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign and seal the enacted by-laws.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY



1. A By-law to amend Noise Control By-law No. 6555 (2250 Commercial Drive)  
(By-law No. 10262)
2. A By-law to amend Sign By-law No. 6510 (2250 Commercial Drive)  
(By-law No. 10263)  
*(Councillor Meggs ineligible for the vote)*
3. A By-law to amend Zoning and Development By-law No. 3575 to rezone an area to  
CD-1 (1553-1577 Main Street) (By-law No. 10264)  
*(Councillors Louie, Stevenson and Mayor Robertson ineligible for the vote)*
4. A By-law to amend Protection of Trees By-law No. 9958 regarding emergency  
removal provisions (By-law No. 10265)
5. A By-law to amend Zoning and Development By-law No. 3575 regarding the HA-1  
and HA-1A Districts Schedule (Conditional use, height and rear yard setbacks)  
(By-law No. 10266)
6. A By-law to amend Zoning and Development By-law No. 3575 regarding passive  
design (By-law No. 10267)
7. A By-law to amend Downtown Official Development Plan By-law No. 4912  
(Exterior walls, passive design) (By-law No. 10268)
8. A By-law to amend Downtown-Eastside/Oppenheimer Official Development Plan  
By-law No. 5532 (Exterior walls, passive design) (By-law No. 10269)
9. A By-law to amend the Southeast Granville Slopes Official Development Plan By-law  
No. 5752 (Exterior walls, passive design) (By-law No. 10270)
10. A By-law to amend First Shaughnessy Official Development Plan By-law No. 5546  
(Exterior walls, passive design) (By-law No. 10271)
11. A By-law to amend Sign By-law No. 6510 (1885-1895 Venables Street)  
(By-law No. 10272)  
*(Councillor Meggs ineligible for the vote)*

#### MOTIONS

##### A. Administrative Motions

None.

**B. Motions on Notice**

**1. Request for Leave of Absence - Councillor Deal**

MOVED by Councillor Louie  
SECONDED by Councillor Jang

THAT Councillor Deal be granted Leave of Absence for personal reasons for meetings to be held on May 31, 2011.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**2. Maintaining the Health of Seniors**

MOVED by Councillor Woodsworth  
SECONDED by Councillor Meggs

WHEREAS

1. A significant capacity for maintaining the health and well-being of seniors exists at the municipal level through neighbourhood houses, seniors' centres and community centres.
2. Limited funding for these services means they cannot meet the need for outreach programming to isolated seniors, information services on locally available social and health programs for seniors, social programming to keep seniors active and connected.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

THAT the City of Vancouver request the Provincial Government to provide funding for enhanced seniors outreach and health prevention programs (including information services, social networking and age-appropriate exercise programs) and to support better coordination among existing services.

referred

The Mayor noted that requests to speak to this motion had been received.

MOVED by Councillor Woodsworth  
SECONDED by Councillor Meggs

THAT the motion be referred to a Standing Committee meeting on Thursday, June 16, 2011, in order to hear from speakers.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

### 3. Community-Based Care for Seniors

MOVED by Councillor Woodsworth  
SECONDED by Councillor Reimer

#### WHEREAS

1. Access to community-based care for BC's growing seniors population is vital to keeping seniors healthy in their own homes and communities, and controlling cost pressures in the broader health care system.
2. BC's Ombudsperson is nearing completion of an investigation into systematic issues in seniors care and a number of independent reports and studies (including from the BC Medical Association and the UBC Centre for Health Services and Policy Research) document problems in timely access to appropriate care, inadequate care and inadequate coordination of services.

#### THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

THAT the City of Vancouver ask the Union of BC Municipalities to urge the Provincial Government to significantly enhance BC's system of community-based seniors care, in order to ensure timely access to the full range of public services that support seniors to age and die with dignity.

referred

The Mayor noted that requests to speak to this motion had been received.

MOVED by Councillor Jang  
SECONDED by Councillor Stevenson

THAT the motion be referred to a Standing Committee meeting on Thursday, June 16, 2011, in order to hear from speakers.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

#### NOTICE OF MOTION

### 1. Vancouver Heritage Register Upgrade

Councillor Deal submitted the following Notice of Motion. The motion will be placed on the agenda of the Regular Council meeting to be held June 14, 2011.

#### WHEREAS

1. Heritage plays an important role in remembering and celebrating the history of Vancouver - especially in our 125th year.
2. Protecting and restoring important heritage buildings and features requires a current inventory and assessment.

3. The Vancouver Heritage Register (VHR) was established in 1986 and has not been substantially updated since that date.
4. A VHR upgrade will better align the VHR with global and community heritage values with a shift away from past inventory practices which are heavily weighted towards structures with primarily architectural and stylistic merit.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

- A. THAT City staff be directed to report to Council by July 12, 2011, with a plan to undertake the next phase of the upgrade to the Vancouver Heritage Register, including resource requirements and sources.
- B. THAT City staff work with the Vancouver Heritage Commission to develop a policy framework for identifying and protecting heritage landscape features.

notice

The Council adjourned at 5:52 pm

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