

## REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

JUNE 14, 2011

A Regular Meeting of the Council of the City of Vancouver was held on Tuesday, June 14, 2011, at 2:00 pm, in the Council Chamber, Third Floor, City Hall.

**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\*  
Councillor Ellen Woodsworth

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

**CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE:** Penny Ballem, City Manager

**CITY CLERK'S OFFICE:** Janice MacKenzie, Deputy City Clerk  
Laura Kazakoff, 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 Deal.

**CONDOLENCES****Brian Creer, Civic Merit Recipient**

The Mayor expressed condolences on behalf of City Council to the family and friends of Brian Creer, past recipient of the City of Vancouver Civic Merit Award, and noted Mr. Creer's significant contributions to the city of Vancouver in the areas of education and sport.

**Stuart Lefeaux, Former Park Board Superintendent**

The Mayor also acknowledged the passing of Stuart Lefeaux and expressed condolences on behalf of City Council to his family and friends. The Mayor noted Mr. Lefeaux's significant achievements and contributions to the city of Vancouver during his 30 years of service with the Vancouver Park Board, including his role as Superintendent from 1961 to 1979.

## "IN CAMERA" MEETING

MOVED by Councillor Louie  
SECONDED by Councillor Cadman

THAT Council will go into a meeting later this day and/or on Thursday, June 16, 2011, which is closed to the public, pursuant to Section 165.2(1) of the Vancouver Charter, to discuss matters related to paragraph:

(j) information that is prohibited, or information that if it were presented in a document would be prohibited, from disclosure under section 21 [disclosure harmful to business interests of a third party] of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## ITEMS ARISING FROM THE "IN CAMERA" MEETING OF MAY 31, 2011

- Council appointed Dr. Penny Ballem as the City's representative to the E-Comm Board of Directors for the remainder of the 2010-2011 term, and for the 2011-2012 term.

## ADOPTION OF MINUTES

### 1. Regular Council - May 31, 2011

MOVED by Councillor Deal  
SECONDED by Councillor Jang

THAT the foregoing Minutes be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## 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

**MATTERS ADOPTED ON CONSENT**

The Mayor noted that a request to speak to Administrative Report A2 had been received.

MOVED by Councillor Louie

THAT the Administrative Report dated May 31, 2011, entitled "Greenest City Neighbourhood Grants Allocations" be referred to the Standing Committee on Planning and Environment meeting on Thursday, June 16, 2011, in order to hear from speakers.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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*Note from Meeting Coordinator: Subsequent to the preceding motion the following was moved:*

*RECONSIDERATION MOVED by Councillor Louie*

*THAT the motion to refer the Administrative Report dated May 31, 2011, entitled "Greenest City Neighbourhood Grants Allocations" to the Planning and Environment meeting on June 16, 2011, be reconsidered.*

*CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY*

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MOVED by Councillor Louie

THAT the Administrative Report dated May 31, 2011, entitled "Greenest City Neighbourhood Grants Allocations" be referred to the Standing Committee on City Services and Budgets meeting on Thursday, June 16, 2011, in order to hear from speakers.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOVED by Councillor Louie

THAT Council adopt Administrative Reports A1, A3 and A5 and Policy Reports P1, P2 and P4 on consent.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

**1. 2011 Rent Subsidies to Social Organizations  
May 31, 2011**

THAT Council approve four Rent Subsidy Grants totalling \$95,575 as listed in Appendix A of the Administrative Report dated May 31, 2011, entitled "2011 Rent Subsidies to Social Organizations". Source of funding is the 2011 Rent Subsidy Grants Budget.

ADOPTED ON CONSENT AND  
BY THE REQUIRED MAJORITY

**2. Greenest City Neighbourhood Grants Allocations  
May 31, 2011**

This item was referred to the Standing Committee on City Services and Budgets meeting on June 16, 2011, in order to hear from speakers.

**3. Civic Theatres Rental Rates  
May 26, 2011**

- A. THAT Council approve the rental rate increases for the Queen Elizabeth Theatre, Vancouver Playhouse and Orpheum, as outlined in the Schedule of Rental Rates for Civic Theatres attached as Appendix A to the Administrative Report dated May 26, 2011, entitled "Civic Theatres Rental Rates" effective September 1, 2011.
- B. THAT Council approve the baseline rental rate structure for the OET Plaza, as set out in the Administrative Report dated May 26, 2011, entitled "Civic Theatres Rental Rates".
- C. THAT Council approve the baseline rental rate structure for the Orpheum Annex, as set out in the Administrative Report dated May 26, 2011, entitled "Civic Theatres Rental Rates".

ADOPTED ON CONSENT

**4. Community Urban Agriculture Fund and Neighbourhood Food Security Grant Allocations  
May 31, 2011**

MOVED by Councillor Anton

THAT Council approve the Community Urban Agriculture and Neighbourhood Food Security Grants for 2011, totalling \$110,000, source of funds to be \$60,000 from the Canon Canada Community Urban Agriculture Fund and \$50,000 from the Edgewater Social Responsibility Fund.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AND  
BY THE REQUIRED MAJORITY

**5. Downtown Eastside Capital Budget Funding Allocation: Green and Creative Community Projects  
June 8, 2011**

THAT Council approve an allocation of grants totalling \$194,160 that will leverage an additional \$363,915 to support seven community and social economic development initiatives in the Downtown Eastside:

1. \$30,000 - Commercial Recycling Pilot (grant to Strathcona Business Improvement Association);
2. \$25,000 - Hastings Urban Tree Nursery (grant to Strathcona Business Improvement Association), subject to gaining the necessary approvals by Engineering and Park Board;
3. \$3,600 - Farm to Kitchen Project (grant to Save Our Living Environment);
4. \$20,000 - Rooftop Greenhouse Feasibility Study (grant to Save Our Living Environment);
5. \$60,560 - Kitchen Tables Project (grant to Potluck Café Society);
6. \$40,000 - Strathcona Community Centre Food Security Program Enhancements (grant to Strathcona Community Centre Association); and
7. \$15,000 - Firehall Courtyard Renovations (grant to Firehall Theatre Society).

Source of funds is the 2008 Capital Budget for Downtown Eastside Revitalization (Community and Social Economic Development Projects).

ADOPTED ON CONSENT AND  
BY THE REQUIRED MAJORITY

## POLICY REPORTS

**1. Miscellaneous Text Amendments: CD-1 By-laws #454, #473 and #503  
May 31, 2011**

THAT the Director of Planning be instructed to make application to amend the following CD-1 (Comprehensive Development) District By-laws:

- (i) CD-1 #454 (By-law No. 9454) for Olympic Village;
- (ii) CD-1 #473 (By-law No. 9733) for East Fraser Lands Non-High Street;
- (iii) CD-1 #503 (By-law No. 10249) for 1304 Howe Street;

for miscellaneous text amendments generally as presented in Appendix A of the Policy Report dated May 31, 2011, entitled "Miscellaneous Text Amendments: CD-1 By-laws #454, #473 and #503", and that the application be referred to a Public Hearing.

ADOPTED ON CONSENT

**2 CD-1 Text Amendment: 1700 Manitoba Street  
May 31, 2011**

A. THAT the application by Pinnacle International (West First) Plaza Inc. to amend CD-1 (Comprehensive Development) District (464) (By-law No. 9600) for 1700 Manitoba Street (sub area 1), to allow an increase in the maximum height permitted from 30.48 m (100 ft.) to 36.58 m (120 ft.) and a 2 477 m<sup>2</sup> (26,661 sq. ft.) increase in the maximum permitted floor area, be referred to a public hearing, together with:

- (i) plans prepared by Bingham Hill Architects received March 10, 2011;
- (ii) draft CD-1 By-law amendments, generally as presented in Appendix A of the Policy Report dated May 31, 2011, entitled "CD-1 Text Amendment: 1700 Manitoba Street"; and
- (iii) the recommendation of the Director of Planning to approve, subject to conditions contained in Appendix B of the above-noted Policy Report;

FURTHER THAT the Director of Legal Services be instructed to prepare the necessary amending By-law generally in accordance with Appendix A of the above-noted Policy Report for consideration at public hearing.

B. THAT, subject to approval of the proposed amendments to the CD-1 By-law at the Public Hearing, the Director of Planning be instructed to make application to bring forward consequential amendments to the Southeast False Creek Official Development Plan (By-law No. 9073) to increase by 2 477 m<sup>2</sup> the maximum total floor area and the maximum residential floor area for Area 2B and for the whole of the Southeast False Creek area, as set out in Appendix C of the Policy Report dated May 31, 2011, entitled "CD-1 Text Amendment: 1700

Manitoba Street", and that, before of enactment of the CD-1 By-law amendments, the Southeast False Creek Official Development Plan amendment be referred to another public hearing, with the recommendation of the Director of Planning that it be approved;

FURTHER THAT the Director of Legal Services be instructed to prepare the necessary amending By-law generally in accordance with Appendix C of the above-noted Policy Report for consideration at the public hearing.

- C. THAT A and B above be adopted on the following conditions:
- (i) THAT the passage of the above resolution creates no legal rights for the applicant or any other person, or obligation on the part of the City; any expenditure of funds or incurring of costs is at the risk of the person making the expenditure or incurring the cost;
  - (ii) THAT any approval that may be granted following the public hearing shall not obligate the City to enact a by-law to amend By-law CD-1 (464) and that any costs incurred in fulfilling requirements imposed as a condition of amending By law CD-1 (464) are at the risk of the property owner; and
  - (iii) THAT the City and all its officials, including the Approving Officer, shall not in any way be limited or directed in the exercise of their authority or discretion, regardless of when they are called upon to exercise such authority or discretion.

ADOPTED ON CONSENT

**3. CD-1 Rezoning: 2667-2703 Kingsway  
May 31, 2011**

MOVED by Councillor Deal

- A. THAT the application by Thind Holdings Ltd. to rezone 2667-2703 Kingsway (Lot D [Ex. Plan 10195] of Lot A, Blocks 1-4, D.L. 37, Plan 2421 PID: 013-823-230; and Lots 35, 36, 37, 40, 41, 42 and 43, all except the north 10 Ft. and Part in Ref. Plan 2407, Now Highways, all of Lot A, Blocks 1-4, D.L. 37, Plan 2402 PID: 013-822-659, PID: 013-822-802, PID: 013-822-811, PID: 013-822-845, PID: 013-822-861, PID: 013-822-888, PID: 013-823-043, respectively) from C-2 (Commercial) to CD-1 (Comprehensive Development), to permit development of this site with a 12- and 4-storey mixed commercial-residential project at a density of 3.80 FSR, be referred to a Public Hearing, together with:
- (i) plans prepared by W.T. Leung Architects Inc., received on November 18, 2010;
  - (ii) draft CD-1 By-law provisions, generally as presented in Appendix A of the Policy Report dated May 31, 2011, entitled "CD-1 Rezoning: 2667-2703 Kingsway"; and

- (iii) the recommendation of the Director of Planning to approve, subject to conditions contained in Appendix B of the above-noted Policy Report;

FURTHER THAT the Director of Legal Services be instructed to prepare the necessary CD 1 By-law generally in accordance with Appendix A of the above-noted Policy Report or consideration at Public Hearing.

- B. THAT, if the application is referred to a Public Hearing, the application to amend Schedule C of the Sign By-law to establish regulations for this CD-1 in accordance with Schedule "B" (C-2), be referred to the same Public Hearing;

FURTHER THAT the Director of Legal Services be instructed to prepare the necessary by law generally as set out in Appendix C of the Policy Report dated May 31, 2011, entitled "CD-1 Rezoning: 2667-2703 Kingsway" for consideration at the Public Hearing.

- C. THAT, subject to approval of the rezoning, the Noise Control By-law be amended to include this CD-1 in Schedule B, generally as set out in Appendix C of the Policy Report dated May 31, 2011, entitled "CD-1 Rezoning: 2667-2703 Kingsway";

FURTHER THAT the Director of Legal Services be instructed to bring forward the amendment to the Noise Control By-law at the time of enactment of the CD-1 By-law.

- D. THAT A to C above be adopted on the following conditions:

- (i) THAT the passage of the above resolutions creates no legal rights for the applicant or any other person, or obligation on the part of the City; any expenditure of funds or incurring of costs is at the risk of the person making the expenditure or incurring the cost;
- (ii) THAT any approval that may be granted following the Public Hearing shall not obligate the City to enact a by-law rezoning the property, and any costs incurred in fulfilling requirements imposed as a condition of rezoning are at the risk of the property owner; and
- (iii) THAT the City and all its officials, including the Approving Officer, shall not in any way be limited or directed in the exercise of their authority or discretion, regardless of when they are called upon to exercise such authority or discretion.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY



4. **CD-1 Rezoning: 4255 Arbutus Street (Arbutus Street)  
May 31, 2011**

A. THAT the application by Dialog on behalf of Larco Investments to rezone 4255 Arbutus Street (Lot 2, DL 526, Plan 14750, PID: 003-501-680) from CD-1 (Comprehensive Development) District (78) to a new CD-1 (Comprehensive Development) District, to permit a mixed-use development with 55 743 m2 of residential development and 25 022 m2 of commercial development be referred to a Public Hearing, together with:

- (i) plans received October 29, 2010;
- (ii) draft CD-1 By-law provisions, generally as presented in Appendix A of the Policy Report dated May 31, 2011, entitled "CD-1 Rezoning: 4255 Arbutus Street (Arbutus Centre)"; and
- (iii) the recommendation of the Director of Planning to approve, subject to conditions contained in Appendix B of the above-noted Policy Report;

FURTHER THAT the Director of Legal Services be instructed to prepare the necessary CD-1 By-law, generally in accordance with Appendix A of the above-noted Policy Report, for consideration at Public Hearing.

B. THAT, if the application is referred to a Public Hearing, the application to amend Schedule E of the Sign By-law, to establish regulations for this CD-1 in accordance with Schedule B to the Sign By-law [assigned Schedule "B" C-2], generally as set out in Appendix C of the Policy Report dated May 31, 2011, entitled "CD-1 Rezoning: 4255 Arbutus Street (Arbutus Centre)", be referred to the same Public Hearing;

FURTHER THAT the Director of Legal Services be instructed to prepare the necessary By-law generally as set out in Appendix C of the above-noted Policy Report for consideration at the Public Hearing.

C. THAT, if the application is referred to a Public Hearing, consequential amendments to CD-1 (78) By-law 4634, to delete references to the rezoned site from the bylaw, generally as set out in Appendix D of the Policy Report dated May 31, 2011, entitled "CD-1 Rezoning: 4255 Arbutus Street (Arbutus Centre)", be referred to the same Public Hearing;

FURTHER THAT the Director of Legal Services be instructed to prepare the necessary by-law generally as set out in Appendix D of the above-noted report for consideration at the Public Hearing.

D. THAT, subject to approval of the rezoning, the Noise Control By-law be amended to include this CD-1 in Schedule B, generally as set out in Appendix C of the Policy Report dated May 31, 2011, entitled "CD-1 Rezoning: 4255 Arbutus Street (Arbutus Street)";

FURTHER THAT the Director of Legal Services be instructed to bring forward the amendment to the Noise Control By-law at the time of enactment of the CD-1 By-law.

- E. THAT A through D above be adopted on the following conditions:
- (i) THAT the passage of the above resolutions creates no legal rights for the applicant or any other person, or obligation on the part of the City; any expenditure of funds or incurring of costs is at the risk of the person making the expenditure or incurring the cost;
  - (ii) THAT any approval that may be granted following the public hearing shall not obligate the City to enact a by-law rezoning the property, and any costs incurred in fulfilling requirements imposed as a condition of rezoning are at the risk of the property owner; and
  - (iii) THAT the City and all its officials, including the Approving Officer, shall not in any way be limited or directed in the exercise of their authority or discretion, regardless of when they are called upon to exercise such authority or discretion.

ADOPTED ON CONSENT

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

## BY-LAWS

Councillor Deal rose and advised she had received a report of the Public Hearing in regard to By-law No. 2 and she would therefore be voting on the By-law.

MOVED by Councillor Meggs  
SECONDED by Councillor Louie

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 27 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 (1553-1577 Main Street)**  
(By-law No. 10273)
2. **A By-law to amend Sign By-law No. 6510 (1553-1577 Main Street)**  
(By-law No. 10274)  
*(Councillor Louie and the Mayor ineligible for the vote)*
3. **A By-law to designate certain real property as protected heritage property**  
(639 Commercial Drive - The York Theatre) (By-law No. 10275)
4. **A By-law to authorize Council entering into a Heritage Revitalization Agreement with the Owner of Heritage Property (639 Commercial Drive - The York Theatre)**  
(By-law No. 10276)
5. **A By-law to levy rates on qualifying real property in the West Broadway Business Improvement Area** (By-law No. 10277)
6. **A By-law to levy rates on qualifying real property in the Cambie Village Business Improvement Area** (By-law No. 10278)
7. **A By-law to levy rates on qualifying real property in the Chinatown Business Improvement Area** (By-law No. 10279)
8. **A By-law to levy rates on qualifying real property in the Collingwood Business Improvement Area** (By-law No. 10280)
9. **A By-law to levy rates on qualifying real property in the Commercial Drive Business Improvement Area** (By-law No. 10281)
10. **A By-law to levy rates on qualifying real property in the Downtown Vancouver Business Improvement Area** (By-law No. 10282)

11. A By-law to levy rates on qualifying real property in the Dunbar Village Business Improvement Area (By-law No. 10283)
12. A By-law to levy rates on qualifying real property in the Fraser Street Business Improvement Area (By-law No. 10284)
13. A By-law to levy rates on qualifying real property in the Gastown Business Improvement Area (By-law No. 10285)
14. A By-law to levy rates on qualifying real property in the Hastings Crossing Business Improvement Area (By-law No. 10286)
15. A By-law to levy rates on qualifying real property in the Hastings North Business Improvement Area (By-law No. 10287)
16. A By-law to levy rates on qualifying real property in the Kerrisdale Business Improvement Area (By-law No. 10288)
17. A By-law to levy rates on qualifying real property in the Kitsilano Fourth Avenue Business Improvement Area (By-law No. 10289)
18. A By-law to levy rates on qualifying real property in the Marpole Business Improvement Area (By-law No. 10290)
19. A By-law to levy rates on qualifying real property in the Mount Pleasant Business Improvement Area (By-law No. 10291)
20. A By-law to levy rates on qualifying real property in the Point Grey Village Business Improvement Area (By-law No. 10292)
21. A By-law to levy rates on qualifying real property in the Robson Street Business Improvement Area (By-law No. 10293)
22. A By-law to levy rates on qualifying real property in the South Granville Business Improvement Area (By-law No. 10294)
23. A By-law to levy rates on qualifying real property in the Strathcona Business Improvement Area (By-law No. 10295)
24. A By-law to levy rates on qualifying real property in the Victoria Drive Business Improvement Area (By-law No. 10296)
25. A By-law to levy rates on qualifying real property in the West End Business Improvement Area (By-law No. 10297)
26. A By-law to levy rates on qualifying real property in the Yaletown Business Improvement Area (By-law No. 10298)

27. **A By-law to amend Secondhand Dealers and Pawnbrokers By-law No. 2807 regarding miscellaneous matters (By-law No. 10299)**

### MOTIONS

#### A. Administrative Motions

1. **Establishing Road on the west side of Knight Street, between 57<sup>th</sup> and 59<sup>th</sup> Avenue, adjacent to 1387 East 59<sup>th</sup> Avenue, for a widening strip for the installation of left turn bays on Knight Street at 57<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 54<sup>th</sup> to 57<sup>th</sup> Avenue Safety Improvements**

MOVED by Councillor Louie  
SECONDED by Councillor Jang

THAT WHEREAS the registered owner will be conveying to the City of Vancouver for road purposes lands in the City of Vancouver, Province of British Columbia, more particularly known and described as follows:

All that portion of Lot 17, Block 23, District Lot 200, Plan 7942 as shown heavy outlined on plan of survey completed April 27, 2011, attested to by James E. Gregson, B.C.L.S. and marginally numbered LD5086.

AND WHEREAS it is deemed expedient and in the public interest to accept and allocate the said lands for road purposes.

BE IT RESOLVED that the above described lands to be conveyed are hereby accepted and allocated for road purposes and declared to form and to constitute a portion of a road.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

#### B. Motions on Notice

1. **Vancouver Heritage Register Upgrade**

MOVED by Councillor Deal  
SECONDED by Councillor Woodsworth

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.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## 2. Request for Leave of Absence - Councillor Jang

MOVED by Councillor Cadman  
SECONDED by Councillor Louie

THAT Councillor Jang be granted Leave of Absence for Personal Reasons from meetings to be held on July 26, 27 and 28, 2011.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## 3. Release of Information from Freedom of Information Request

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*Prior to discussion on this motion, Councillor Louie rose and declared Conflict of Interest on this matter as he is employed by Pacific Press. Councillor Louie left the meeting at 2:37 pm, and did not return until the conclusion of the vote on this matter.*

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*Note: The following motion reflects an amendment to the original Motion on Notice, in the form of additional wording at the end, which was accepted by Council.*

MOVED by Councillor Anton  
SECONDED by Councillor Meggs

WHEREAS

1. Mayor Robertson ran on openness and transparency at City Hall;
2. Some public bodies have taken to releasing information generated in response to a Freedom of Information (FOI) request to all media simultaneously ("simultaneous disclosure");
3. The City Manager recently wrote to the Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner in support of simultaneous disclosure;
4. Mayor Robertson did not bring the issue to Council and Council has not expressed an opinion on the matter;
5. It is widely believed that simultaneous disclosure will have a dampening effect on FOI requests and reduce openness and transparency;
6. The Information and Privacy Commissioner issued a report on the issue, which is summarized in a release from her office as follows:

Following complaints about the practice, the Commissioner conducted an investigation. While the Commissioner found nothing in the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act prohibiting simultaneous disclosure, she found that it had the effect of pre-emptively "sharing the fruits of a journalist's labour with the public at large", which "impairs the information-gathering function of the media and other groups." In affirming the "unique and important role" of media in accountable government, the Commissioner stated, "I maintain that it is in the public interest to protect the ability of mainstream media to identify issues and instigate public dialogue in the first place."

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City of Vancouver hereby commits to not engaging in the practice of simultaneous disclosure of materials resulting from a Freedom of Information request, unless simultaneous disclosure is requested by the applicant.

amended

AMENDMENT MOVED by Councillor Reimer

THAT the motion be struck and replaced with the following:

WHEREAS

1. Mayor Robertson ran on openness and transparency at City Hall;
2. Some public bodies have taken to releasing information generated in response to a Freedom of Information (FOI) request to all media simultaneously ("simultaneous disclosure");
3. The City Manager recently wrote to the Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner in support of simultaneous disclosure;
4. Mayor Robertson did not bring the issue to Council and Council has not expressed an opinion on the matter;
5. The Information and Privacy Commissioner issued a report on the issue, which is summarized in a release from her office as follows:

Following complaints about the practice, the Commissioner conducted an investigation. While the Commissioner found nothing in the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act prohibiting simultaneous disclosure, she found that it had the effect of pre-emptively "sharing the fruits of a journalist's labour with the public at large", which "impairs the information-gathering function of the media and other groups." In affirming the "unique and important role" of media in accountable government, the Commissioner stated, "I maintain that it is in the public interest to protect the ability of mainstream media to identify issues and instigate public dialogue in the first place."

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City of Vancouver reaffirms its current practice of not engaging in the practice of simultaneous disclosure of materials resulting from a Freedom of Information request, unless simultaneous disclosure is requested by the applicant.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY  
(Councillor Louie absent for the vote)

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*Councillor Louie returned to the Chamber at 2:46 pm, following the vote on the foregoing motion.*

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**4. Request for Leave of Absence - Mayor Robertson**

MOVED by Councillor Cadman  
SECONDED by Councillor Jang

THAT Mayor Robertson be granted Leave of Absence for Civic Business from the Special Council (Public Hearing) meeting to be held on June 16, 2011.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**5. Request for Leave of Absence - Councillor Stevenson**

MOVED by Councillor Cadman  
SECONDED by Councillor Jang

THAT Councillor Stevenson be granted Leave of Absence for Civic Business from the Standing Committee on Planning and Environment meeting to be held on Thursday, June 16, 2011.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**NEW BUSINESS**

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

MOVED by Councillor Cadman  
SECONDED by Councillor Jang

THAT Councillor Anton be granted Leave of Absence for Personal Reasons from the Standing Committee of Council on Planning and Environment meeting to be held on June 30, 2011.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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*Note from Meeting Coordinator: The following motion was considered immediately following the Newcomers Mentorship Pilot Project Presentation, however, for ease of reference is minuted along with the first New Business item.*

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**2. Request for Leave of Absence - Mayor Robertson**

MOVED by Councillor Deal  
SECONDED by Councillor Louie

THAT Mayor Robertson be granted Leave of Absence from the Court of Revision meeting to be held on Tuesday, June 14, 2011, at 7:30 pm.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY  
(Councillors Anton and Reimer absent for the vote)

**ENQUIRIES AND OTHER MATTERS**

**1. Unauthorized Building Wrap**

Councillor Meggs enquired regarding a building wrap at the corner of Robson and Granville, which he believed to be in contravention of City by-laws. Penny Ballem, City Manager, confirmed that by-law inspection staff were dealing with this matter as the building wrap was in violation of the City's Sign By-law and noted she would request an update on this situation.

**2. MMA Event Policing Costs**

Councillor Woodsworth referenced the recent mixed martial arts event in Rogers Arena and enquired as to whether Council's agreement to allow these events was subject to UFC agreeing to pay a portion of the increased policing costs on event nights. The City Manager advised she would request Chief Constable Chu to provide her with an update as to the agreement between the VPD, Rogers Arena and UFC regarding policing arrangements during these events.

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*The Council recessed at 3:00 pm, and reconvened at 3:50 pm.*

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## PRESENTATION - NEWCOMERS MENTORSHIP PILOT

Penny Ballem, City Manager, welcomed everyone to the celebration of the successful completion of the City of Vancouver's Newcomers Mentorship Pilot Project. Dr. Ballem introduced Mayor Robertson, who provided an overview of the pilot project, Larry Chan, who provided comments on behalf of MOSAIC, Peter Judd, General Manager of Engineering Services, who spoke about his role as a mentor in the project, Veronica Zhou, who spoke of her experiences as a mentee of the program and who is now working in Revenue Services, and Stephen Owen, who provided comments on behalf of Immigrant Employment Council of BC, which played a valuable role in coordinating partners in the project.

Following the presentation, Dr. Ballem invited Council members and invited guests and participants to the foyer outside of Council Chamber for a reception in recognition of the Newcomers Mentorship Pilot Project.

The Council adjourned at 4:40 pm

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