



REPORT TO COUNCIL

STANDING COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL
ON PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT

OCTOBER 6, 2011

A Regular Meeting of the Standing Committee of Council on Planning and Environment was held on Thursday, October 6, 2011, at 2:12 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

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE: Pat Boomhower, Meeting Coordinator

* Denotes absence for a portion of the meeting.

**1. Northeast False Creek Issues Report
September 28, 2011**

Planning Staff reviewed the report and, along with the General Managers of Community Services and Parks and Recreation, and the City Manager responded to questions.

The Committee heard from the Park Board Chair as well as from 16 speakers; two of whom spoke in general support of the report recommendations, seven who spoke in opposition, and seven who supported the inclusion of dragonboat and rowing facilities.

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At 3:45 pm, during the hearing of speakers regarding item 1, the Committee dealt with item 3. For ease of reference, the minutes are recorded in numerical order.

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At 3:46 pm, Councillor Reimer stepped down and Councillor Deal, as Vice-Chair, assumed the Chair. At 4:05 pm, Councillor Reimer returned and assumed the chair.

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The Committee agreed to separate the vote on the components of the motion.

MOVED by Councillor Louie

THAT the Committee recommend to Council

- A. That Council *endorse in principle* the Northeast False Creek conceptual diagram, generally as outlined in Appendix A of the Policy Report dated September 28, 2011, entitled "Northeast False Creek Issues Report", to ensure integration of future development in Northeast False Creek.
- B. THAT Council *endorse in principle* the reconfiguration of the future Creekside Park extension, generally as outlined in Appendix B of the Policy Report dated September 28, 2011, entitled "Northeast False Creek Issues Report", which facilitates the efficient and safe management of contaminated soils and enables an expedited delivery of a park that meets the needs of residents, and

FURTHER THAT Council requests that staff embark on a more detailed design, soils management and park delivery plan that includes additional public consultation.
- C. THAT Council *endorse in principle* a change to the public benefits strategy for False Creek North ODP areas 7A ("Rogers Arena site, Aquilini Development") and 6b ("Plaza of Nations Site, Canadian Metropolitan Properties") to include a publicly-accessible sports and recreation centre, noting that the public benefits package will be further refined and analyzed through the rezoning process, including additional public consultation and public hearing.
- D. THAT Council *endorse in principle* a change to the public benefits strategy for False Creek North ODP areas 6C and 9 (Concord sites) to include:
 - the possibility of a publicly-accessible non-motorized marina, with a view that other governmental and non governmental funding be levered; and
 - noting that the public benefits package will be further refined and analyzed through detailed park design and the rezoning process, including additional public consultation and public hearing.
- E. THAT Council *endorse in principle* the demolition of Enterprise Hall on the Plaza of Nations' site in order to accommodate a public plaza and performance space, noting the significant direct costs and opportunity costs involved in retaining and upgrading the building, and in consideration of other recent public investments in heritage retention in east False Creek.
- F. THAT Council's decisions pertaining to A-E above do not fetter Council's future decisions on rezoning applications in Northeast False Creek.

CARRIED

(Councillor Anton opposed to A and B)

(Mayor Robertson absent for the vote)

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At 5:37 pm, the Committee agreed to recess to facilitate the change in staff and speakers for the next item.

The Committee reconvened at 5:44 pm with Councillor Reimer in the Chair and Councillors Chow and Jang absent and Mayor Robertson away on civic business.

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2. West End Mayor's Advisory Committee (WEMAC) Community Priorities Survey

Vancouver City Council, at its meeting on September 20, 2011, referred the following motion to the Standing Committee on Planning and Environment meeting on October 6, 2011, in order to hear from speakers.

MOVED by Mayor Robertson
THAT the Committee recommend to Council

WHEREAS

1. The West End Mayor's Advisory Committee (WEMAC) created a community priorities survey, of which over 1,000 people provided feedback;
2. WEMAC was created by Council as an interim measure to undertaking a formal planning process in the West End;
3. The West End is one of three neighbourhoods about to begin a new community plan;
4. WEMAC's interim report to Mayor Robertson includes 23 recommendations on community priorities and ways to improve and strengthen the City's consultation and engagement processes.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT staff review and report back on options for implementing the recommendations from the survey on community priorities as outlined in WEMAC's Interim Report, dated July 20, 2011.

referred

The Committee heard from six speakers who spoke in opposition to the motion and expressed concerns. Two WEMAC members also provided comments.

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At 6:00 pm, during the hearing of speakers, it was

MOVED by Councillor Cadman

THAT, under Section 2.3 (c) of the Procedure By-law, Council extend the length of the meeting by one hour or less.

*CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AND
BY THE REQUIRED MAJORITY*

(Councillors Chow, Deal, Jang, and Mayor Robertson absent for the vote)

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At this point in the proceedings, the Committee concluded hearing from speakers.

REFERRAL MOVED by Councillor Louie

THAT, due to time constraints, discussion and decision on the motion be referred to a Standing Committee in the week of October 18, 2011, in order to have an opportunity for staff and the West End Mayor's Advisory Committee (WEMAC) to respond to questions.

CARRIED

(Councillors Stevenson and Woodsworth opposed)

(Councillor Chow, Deal, Meggs and Mayor Robertson absent for the vote)

3. Hastings Park Governance

Vancouver City Council, at its meeting on September 20, 2011, referred the following motion to the Standing Committee on Planning and Environment meeting on October 6, 2011, in order to hear from speakers.

MOVED by Councillor Anton

THAT the Committee recommend to Council

WHEREAS

1. Council approved the Hastings Park / Pacific National Exhibition Master Plan on December 14, 2010;
2. At the same time, Council requested staff to report back on a governance review for Hastings Park and the PNE;
3. There has been little to no engagement of the local neighbourhood by City officials since the Master Plan was presented this year.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT staff be requested to engage Hastings Park stakeholders immediately to commence the process of determining the long term governance of Hastings Park.

postponed

MOVED by Councillor Stevenson
THAT the Committee recommend to Council

THAT due to time constraints, this matter be postponed to the next Standing Committee on Planning and Environment meeting on Thursday, October 20, 2011, in order to hear from speakers.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Councillor Chow absent for the vote)

The Committee adjourned at 7:07 pm

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

OCTOBER 6, 2011

A Regular Meeting of the Council of the City of Vancouver was held on Thursday, October 6, 2011, at 7:08 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: Deputy Mayor Andrea Reimer
Councillor Suzanne Anton
Councillor David Cadman
Councillor Kerry Jang
Councillor Raymond Louie
Councillor Tim Stevenson
Councillor Ellen Woodsworth

ABSENT: Mayor Gregor Robertson (Civic Business)
Councillor George Chow
Councillor Heather Deal
Councillor Geoff Meggs

CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE: Penny Ballem, City Manager

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE: Pat Boomhower, Meeting Coordinator

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MOVED by Councillor Stevenson
SECONDED by Councillor Jang

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Report of Standing Committee on Planning and Environment
October 6, 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. Northeast False Creek Issues Report
2. West End Mayor's Advisory Committee (WEMAC) Community Priorities Survey
3. Hastings Park Governance

Items 1 - 3

MOVED by Councillor Cadman

THAT the recommendations and actions taken by the Standing Committee on Planning and Environment at its meeting of October 6, 2011, as contained in items 1 - 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 Cadman

SECONDED by Councillor Jang

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Council adjourned at 7:09 pm

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