

REPORT TO COUNCIL



STANDING COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL  
ON CITY FINANCE AND SERVICES

JANUARY 17, 2012

A Regular Meeting of the Standing Committee of Council on City Finance and Services was held on Tuesday, January 17, 2012, at 1:30 pm, in the Council Chamber, Third Floor, City Hall.

PRESENT: Councillor Raymond Louie, Chair  
Mayor Gregor Robertson\*  
Councillor George Affleck  
Councillor Elizabeth Ball  
Councillor Adriane Carr  
Councillor Heather Deal, Vice-Chair\*  
Councillor Kerry Jang  
Councillor Geoff Meggs  
Councillor Andrea Reimer\*  
Councillor Tim Stevenson  
Councillor Tony Tang

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

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE: Lori Isfeld, Meeting Coordinator

\* Denotes absence for a portion of the meeting.

1. 2012 Theatre Rental Grant Allocations  
December 9, 2011

The Committee heard from one speaker in support of the recommendation.

MOVED by Councillor Jang  
THAT the Committee recommend to Council

THAT Council approve \$2,583,300 in Theatre Rental Grants as listed in Table 1 of the Administrative Report dated December 9, 2011, entitled "2012 Theatre Rental Grant Allocations", source of funds to be the 2012 Theatre Rental Grants budget.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AND  
BY THE REQUIRED MAJORITY  
(Councillors Deal, Reimer and Mayor Robertson absent for the vote)

2. Taxis in Bus Lanes  
January 9, 2012

Transportation staff reviewed the report and responded to questions.

The Committee heard from four speakers in support of the recommendation.

MOVED by Mayor Robertson  
THAT the Committee recommend to Council

THAT Council adopt a resolution as required under sections 124.2(2) and 124.2 (3) of the Motor Vehicle Act, expressly permitting taxis to travel but not stop in bus lanes for the purposes of a trial project.

CARRIED  
(Councillor Carr opposed)

3. Container Truck Access to the Port

Transportation staff provided a presentation and responded to questions.

The Committee heard from one speaker in support of the proposed improvements to container truck access to Port Metro Vancouver.

4. Online Rental Database

On January 17, 2012, Vancouver City Council referred a motion on the above-noted matter to the Standing Committee on City Finance and Services meeting later that day, in order to hear from speakers.

Licences and Inspections staff responded to questions.

The Committee heard from four speakers in general support of the motion, some of whom provided additional comments and suggestions.

MOVED by Councillor Tim Stevenson  
THAT the Committee recommend to Council

WHEREAS

1. 52% of Vancouver residents are renters;
2. there are approximately 4,900 purpose-built rental buildings in Vancouver;
3. many of these rental buildings are several decades old, and require regular maintenance to maintain the safety and livability for tenants;

4. information on these buildings, such as property violations, currently exists in the public domain but is difficult to access;
5. the City of Vancouver is striving to be a leader in implementing open source standards and applications;
6. other cities, including New York, have created online, searchable databases that include information on the history of rental apartment buildings.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT City staff report back on creating an online, searchable database of rental apartments in Vancouver, which would:

- utilize existing publicly available information collected by the City; and
- include information such as building owner, outstanding work orders, and property violations, if any.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Committee adjourned at 3:34 pm

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REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
STANDING COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL ON  
CITY FINANCE AND SERVICES

JANUARY 17, 2012

A Regular Meeting of the Council of the City of Vancouver was held on Tuesday, January 17, 2012, at 3:35 pm, in the Council Chamber, Third Floor, City Hall, following the Standing Committee on City Finance and Services, to consider the recommendations and actions of the Committee.

PRESENT: Mayor Gregor Robertson  
Councillor George Affleck  
Councillor Elizabeth Ball  
Councillor Adriane Carr  
Councillor Heather Deal  
Councillor Kerry Jang  
Councillor Raymond Louie  
Councillor Geoff Meggs  
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COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MOVED by Councillor Deal  
SECONDED by Councillor Stevenson

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Report of Standing Committee on City Finance and Services  
January 17, 2012

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

1. 2012 Theatre Rental Grant Allocations
2. Taxis in Bus Lanes
3. Container Truck Access to the Port
4. Online Rental Database

Items 1 to 4

MOVED by Councillor Affleck

THAT the recommendations and actions taken by the Standing Committee on City Finance and Services at its meeting of January 17, 2012, as contained in items 1 to 4, be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AND ITEM 1  
BY THE REQUIRED MAJORITY

RISE FROM COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MOVED by Councillor Ball

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 Carr

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Council adjourned at 3:36 pm

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