

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

JANUARY 31, 2012

A Regular Meeting of the Council of the City of Vancouver was held on Tuesday, January 31, 2012, at 9:30 am, in the Council Chamber, Third Floor, City Hall.

PRESENT: Mayor Gregor Robertson
Councillor George Affleck
Councillor Adriane Carr
Councillor Heather Deal*
Councillor Kerry Jang
Councillor Raymond Louie
Councillor Geoff Meggs
Councillor Andrea Reimer
Councillor Tim Stevenson
Councillor Tony Tang

ABSENT: Councillor Elizabeth Ball (Leave of Absence - Medical Reasons)

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

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE: Marg Coulson, City Clerk
Laura Kazakoff, Meeting Coordinator

*Denotes absence for a portion of the meeting.

WELCOME

The proceedings in the Council Chamber were opened with welcoming remarks by Councillor Deal.

"IN CAMERA" MEETING

MOVED by Councillor Jang
SECONDED by Councillor Deal

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;

(c) labour relations or other employee relations;

(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;

(k) negotiations and related discussions respecting the proposed provision of an activity, work or facility that are at their preliminary stages and that, in the view of the Council, could reasonably be expected to harm the interests of the city if they were held in public.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

1. Regular Council - January 17, 2012

MOVED by Councillor Jang
SECONDED by Councillor Meggs

THAT the foregoing Minutes be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. Regular Council (City Finance and Services) - January 17, 2012

MOVED by Councillor Louie
SECONDED by Councillor Deal

THAT the foregoing Minutes be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. Chauffeur's Permit Appeal Hearing -January 18, 2012

MOVED by Councillor Affleck
SECONDED by Councillor Deal

THAT the foregoing Minutes be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MOVED by Councillor Jang
SECONDED by Councillor Meggs

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MATTERS ADOPTED ON CONSENT

MOVED by Councillor Jang

THAT Council adopt Administrative Reports A1 and A3 and Policy Reports P1, P3 and P4 on consent.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

REPORT REFERENCE

1. **Vancouver Economic Commission Economic Action Strategy
January 23, 2012**

Lee Malleau, Chief Executive Officer, Vancouver Economic Commission, provided an overview of the Vancouver Economic Action Strategy, including a review of key focus areas, and highlights for 2012. Ms. Malleau responded to questions from Council members concerning the economic action strategy.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

1. **3066 Clark Drive - Request for Building Permit Extension
December 15, 2011**

THAT City Council approve an extension of Building Permit No. BU446376 for 3066 Clark Drive until April 13, 2012.

ADOPTED ON CONSENT

**2. Proposed Strata Title Conversions: "The Village" Market Rental Residential Buildings
January 16, 2012**

MOVED by Councillor Meggs

THAT Council approve the application to convert to strata title ownership the previously occupied market rental residential buildings at 169 Walter Hardwick Avenue, 121 Walter Hardwick Avenue and 75 West 1st Avenue (PID: 028-074-114, Lot 341, False Creek, Plan BCP42610, Except Part in Air Space Plan BCP45059; PID: 028-245-202, Air Space Parcel 3, False Creek, Air Space Plan BCP44958; and PID: 028-234-600, Air Space Parcel 3, False Creek, Air Space Plan BCP44913).

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**3. Sale of 1408 East 49th Avenue
January 17, 2012**

THAT Council accept the Sale Contract for City-owned property located at 1408 East 49th Avenue, legally described as PID 027-914-003; Lot A Block 9 District Lot 738 Group 1 New Westminster District, Plan BCP40920 from Leo Paskalidis / Greco Development Ltd. in the amount of \$650,000.00, exclusive of HST, provincial sales tax, property tax, property transfer tax, or other like charges, under the terms and conditions contained in the Sale Contract dated January 6, 2012, and in the Administrative Report dated January 17, 2012, entitled "Sale of 1408 East 49th Avenue";

FURTHER THAT the proceeds of this sale be credited to the Capital Fund and considered during the 2012 Capital Budget process.

ADOPTED ON CONSENT

POLICY REPORTS

**1. Miscellaneous Text Amendments: CD-1 By-laws #462, #464, #490, #500 and #513;
and the Sign By-law
January 6, 2012**

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

- (i) CD-1 #462 (By-law No. 9594) for 140 West 1st Avenue;
- (ii) CD-1 #464 (By-law No. 9600) for 99 West 2nd Avenue;
- (iii) CD-1 #490 (By-law No. 10123) for 2304 West 8th Avenue;
- (iv) CD-1 #500 (By-law No. 10238) for 6511 Granville Street; and
- (v) CD-1 #513 (By-law No. 10382) for 2402 East Broadway;

for miscellaneous text amendments, generally as presented in Appendix A of the Policy Report dated January 6, 2012, entitled "Miscellaneous Text Amendments: CD-1 By-laws #462, #464, #490, #500 and #513; and the Sign By-law", and that the application be referred to a Public Hearing;

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

- B. THAT the Director of Planning be instructed to make application to amend the Sign By law (By-law No. 6510) for miscellaneous text amendments, generally as presented in Appendix B of the Policy Report dated January 6, 2012, entitled "Miscellaneous Text Amendments: CD-1 By-laws #462, #464, #490, #500 and #513; and the Sign By-law", and that the application be referred to a Public Hearing;

FURTHER THAT the Director of Legal Services be instructed to prepare the necessary amending by-laws, generally in accordance with Appendix B of the above-noted Policy Report, for consideration at the Public Hearing.

ADOPTED ON CONSENT

**2. CD-1 Text Amendment: 3837 Point Grey Road
January 9, 2012**

MOVED by Councillor Tang

- A. THAT the application by Proscenium Architecture + Interiors Inc. on behalf of Jericho Tennis Club to amend CD-1 (421) (By-law No. 8893 as amended) for 3837 Point Grey Road (P.I.D.: 023-913-118 - Parcel A, District Lot 448, 538 and 6882, Group 1 New Westminster District, Plan LMP35211) to permit an additional seasonal air-supported structure over an existing tennis court ("tennis bubble"), an increase in certain interior and exterior spaces and an increase in the number of parking spaces, be referred to a Public Hearing, together with:
- (i) plans received October 18, 2011;
 - (ii) draft CD-1 By-law amendment provisions, generally as presented in Appendix A of the Policy Report dated January 9, 2012, entitled "CD-1 Text Amendment: 3837 Point Grey Road"; 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 amendment generally in accordance with Appendix A of the above-noted Policy Report for consideration at Public Hearing.

- B. THAT A 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 (421) and that any costs incurred in fulfilling requirements imposed as a condition of amending By law CD-1 (421) 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
(Councillor Deal absent for the vote)

**3. CD-1 Rezoning: 4350 Oak Street (Congregation Beth Israel Synagogue)
January 10, 2012**

- A. THAT the application, by Acton Ostry Architects on behalf of Congregation Beth Israel, to rezone 4350 Oak Street (PID: 010-720-570, Lot A Block 716 District Lot 526 Plan 7119) from RS-1 (Single-Family Residential) District to CD-1 (Comprehensive Development) District to permit additions to the existing synagogue building and development of a four-storey building to contain community serving office uses, be referred to a Public Hearing, together with:
- (i) Plans received September 12, 2011;
 - (ii) draft CD-1 By-law provisions, generally as presented in Appendix A of the Policy Report dated January 10, 2012, entitled "CD-1 Rezoning: 4350 Oak Street (Congregation Beth Israel Synagogue"; and
 - (iii) the recommendation of the Director of Planning to approve the application, 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 the Public Hearing.

- B. THAT, subject to enactment of the CD-1 By-law, the Subdivision By-law be amended as set out in Appendix C of the Policy Report dated January 10, 2012, entitled "CD-1 Rezoning: 4350 Oak Street (Congregation Beth Israel Synagogue";

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

- C. THAT A and B 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

**4. CD-1 Rezoning: 998 West 26th Avenue (Vancouver Talmud Torah School)
January 10, 2012**

- A. THAT the application, by Acton Ostry Architects on behalf of Vancouver Talmud Torah Association, to rezone 998 West 26th Avenue (PID: 015-645-690, Lot E Block 696 District Lot 526 Plan 22648) from RS-1 (Single-Family Residential) District to CD-1 (Comprehensive Development) District to permit additions to the existing school building, be referred to a Public Hearing, together with:
- (i) Plans received September 12, 2011;
 - (ii) draft CD-1 By-law provisions, generally as presented in Appendix A of the Policy Report dated January 10, 2012, entitled "CD-1 Rezoning: 998 West 26th Avenue (Vancouver Talmud Torah School)"; and
 - (iii) the recommendation of the Director of Planning to approve the application, 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 the Public Hearing.

- B. THAT, subject to enactment of the CD-1 By-law, the Subdivision By-law be amended as set out in Appendix C of the Policy Report dated January 10, 2012, entitled "CD-1 Rezoning: 998 West 26th Avenue (Vancouver Talmud Torah School)";

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

- C. THAT A and B 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

**5. CD-1 Rezoning: 228-246 East Broadway and 180 Kingsway (Rize Alliance)
January 20, 2012**

Planning staff responded to questions regarding the proposed rezoning application and public consultation process.

Councillor Meggs requested staff to provide an information memo to explain the discrepancies between staff's rendering of the proposed building heights and a computer modelling prepared by a member of the public.

MOVED by Councillor Louie

- A. THAT the application, by Acton Ostry Architects on behalf of Rize Alliance (Kingsway) Properties Ltd., to rezone 228-246 East Broadway (PIDs: 009-760-814, 009-760-822 and 009-760-831 - Lots A, B and C Block 119 District Lot 301 Plan 9097) and 180 Kingsway (PID: 010-976-523 - Lot E [Explanatory Plan 6228] Block 119 District Lot 301 Plan 6082) from C 3A (Commercial) District to CD-1 (Comprehensive Development) District to permit a mixed-use commercial and residential project with a total floor space ratio of 5.55, be referred to a Public Hearing, together with:
- (i) Plans received October 7, 2011;
 - (ii) draft CD-1 By-law provisions, generally as presented in Appendix A of the Policy Report dated January 20, 2012, entitled "CD-1 Rezoning: 228-246 East Broadway and 180 Kingsway (Rize Alliance)"; and

- (iii) the recommendation of the Director of Planning to approve the application, 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 the Public Hearing.

- B. THAT, if the application is referred to a Public Hearing, the application to amend the Sign By-law to establish regulations for this CD-1 in accordance with Schedule E (assigned Schedule "B" [C-3A]) generally as set out in Appendix C of the Policy Report dated January 20, 2012, entitled "CD-1 Rezoning: 228-246 East Broadway and 180 Kingsway (Rize Alliance)", be referred to the same Public Hearing;

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

- C. THAT, subject to enactment of the CD-1 By-law, the Noise Control By-law be amended to include this CD-1 in Schedule B, as set out in Appendix C of the Policy Report dated January 20, 2012, entitled "CD-1 Rezoning: 228-246 East Broadway and 180 Kingsway (Rize Alliance)";

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 subject to enactment of the CD-1 By-law, the Parking By-law be amended to include this CD-1 and to provide parking regulations generally as set out in Appendix C of the Policy Report dated January 20, 2012, entitled "CD-1 Rezoning: 228-246 East Broadway and 180 Kingsway (Rize Alliance)";

FURTHER THAT the Director of Legal Services be instructed to bring forward the necessary amendments to the Parking By-law at the time of enactment of the CD-1 By law.

- E. THAT A, B, C and D above be adopted on the following conditions:
 - (i) THAT passage of the above resolutions creates no legal rights for the applicant or any other person, or obligation on the part of the City and 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 appeal 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
(Councillors Affleck and Carr opposed)

RISE FROM COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MOVED by Councillor Jang

THAT the Committee of the Whole rise and report.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADOPT REPORT OF COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MOVED by Councillor Jang
SECONDED by Councillor Deal

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

BY-LAWS

MOVED by Councillor Jang
SECONDED by Councillor Deal

THAT Council enact the by-laws listed on the agenda for this meeting as numbers 1 to 4 inclusive, and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign and seal the enacted by-laws.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

1. A By-law to amend Subdivision By-law No. 5208 (7101-7201 Granville Street) (By-law No. 10416)
2. A By-law to authorize Housing Agreements for certain lands and premises located in the Olympic Village site (By-law No. 10417)
3. A By-law to amend Vancouver City Planning Commission By-law No. 5064 regarding appointments (By-law No. 10418)

4. A By-law to Amend the Street Utilities By-law (By-law No. 10419)

MOTIONS

A. Administrative Motions

None.

B. Motions on Notice

1. Councillors' Appointments to Committees, Boards and Other Bodies

MOVED by Councillor Affleck

SECONDED by Councillor Carr

WHEREAS

1. Council designates Council members to sit on Committees, Boards and other bodies.
2. Such appointments involve time commitments, travel and the use of additional resources.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council direct staff to report back regarding the current process by which Council members are appointed to committees, boards and other bodies, as well as a listing of these specific appointments, and the duration of these appointments.

LOST

(Councillors Deal, Jang, Louie, Meggs, Reimer, Stevenson, Tang and Mayor Robertson opposed)

2. Request to Metro Vancouver Regarding Broadcasting of Meetings

MOVED by Councillor Affleck

SECONDED by Councillor Carr

WHEREAS

1. The residents of the city of Vancouver rely on Metro Vancouver for many services, including water supply and wastewater treatment.
2. Decisions by the Board of Metro Vancouver have a significant impact on the taxes paid by the residents of Vancouver.

3. The City of Vancouver seeks to ensure it is transparent and open in its activities, including governance.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council direct the Council representatives appointed to the Board of Metro Vancouver to request that future Metro Vancouver Board and possibly committee meetings be broadcast, either by internet or other means, to allow residents to view the proceedings of these meetings.

postponed

POSTPONEMENT MOVED by Councillor Meggs
SECONDED by Councillor Jang

THAT the motion be postponed until further information is obtained from Metro Vancouver regarding their progress with regard to the live streaming of Metro meetings.

CARRIED
(Councillor Affleck opposed)

3. Increasing Fairness and Citizen Involvement in Municipal Elections

MOVED by Councillor Reimer
SECONDED by Councillor Deal

WHEREAS

1. On March 25, 2010 Council, on the advice of an all-party subcommittee, unanimously passed recommendations to the Local Government Elections Task Force in regards to Campaign Finance Reform and other changes to improve fairness and citizen involvement in Vancouver municipal elections.
2. The Local Government Elections Task Force failed to accept these recommendations and the City of Vancouver requires approval by the Provincial Government in order to make changes to campaign finance rules or voting procedures.
3. The Chief Election Officer implemented enhancements, such as increasing advanced voting opportunities, with an aim to increase voter turnout and citizen involvement in the 2011 municipal election, as well as ensure fairness for all candidates.
4. The Vancouver Charter currently prohibits the release of raw vote data, which is data that is not traceable to individual voters but provides information on the contents of each ballot.

5. The Chief Election Officer and members of Council have received requests from voting policy analysts to access raw vote data for the purpose of conducting academic research and providing policy recommendations on elections.
6. The analysis of raw vote data provided in jurisdictions such as New Zealand, Scotland, and Minneapolis has been invaluable in better informing important policy issues related to electoral systems and the relationship between demographics and voter turn out.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

- A. THAT the City Council write to the Minister of Community, Sport and Cultural Development and reiterate the request to have the ability under the Vancouver Charter for Council to make campaign finance rules and consider alternate voting systems, as outlined in Appendix A of the Motion on Notice submitted by Councillor Reimer, and make a new request for the ability to release raw vote data.
- B. THAT City Council requests recommendations from the 2011 Chief Elections Officer for measures to increase voter turnout, citizen involvement and fairness for all candidates in the 2014 civic election.

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 the Standing Committee on City Finance and Services meeting to be held this day at 2:00 pm, in order to hear from speakers.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. Allow Safe Tying Up of Leashed Dogs

MOVED by Councillor Carr
SECONDED by Councillor Affleck

WHEREAS

1. It is common practice for many dog owners to tie up their leashed dog for a brief time in a public space outside of a store, café or other establishment.
2. Some business establishments have even encouraged this practice by providing dog-friendly areas outside their entrances.

3. It appears that in the vast majority of cases this practice has not compromised the safety and well-being of the public or the pet.
4. The City of Vancouver Animal Control By-law (9150) states that if a dog is off its property, not leashed and not under the immediate charge and control of a responsible person, it may be impounded and/or the owner or keeper ticketed for breach of the by-law.
5. The intent of this by-law may be to protect the safety and well-being of the public and the pets but in practice unfairly penalizes dog owners who act responsibly and whose dogs are well behaved and pose no threat to public safety or well-being.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT staff report back on options for changing the Animal Control Bylaw so as to allow people to safely tie up and leave temporarily unattended a well behaved leashed dog in a public space, such as outside of a store, café or building.

referred

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

MOVED by Councillor Jang
SECONDED by Councillor Stevenson

THAT the motion be referred to the Standing Committee on City Finance and Services meeting to be held at 2:00 pm this day, in order to hear from speakers.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5. Request Provincial Government to Allow the Rio Theatre to Show Movie Screenings

MOVED by Councillor Deal
SECONDED by Councillor Reimer

WHEREAS

1. The Rio Theatre is a multi-use cultural venue hosting a variety of events including movie screenings, variety shows, theatre performances, music concerts, and speaker series.
2. The Rio Theatre is legally allowed to serve alcohol at special events, provided it is through a one-time special occasion license obtained by the event organizer.

3. The Rio Theatre has asked for a liquor license for pre-booked, live ticketed events, a request which Vancouver City Council approved of in October 2011.
4. The current Provincial legislation does not allow for a live performance venue to serve alcohol if it also shows movie screenings at other operating times.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

- A. THAT Council requests the Provincial Government, through the Liquor Control and Licensing Branch, provide a condition on the Rio Theatre's existing liquor license which allows them to show movie screenings without alcohol service when no live events are scheduled.
- B. THAT Council requests the Provincial Government undertake a review of liquor policy to streamline existing regulations, particularly those where duplication or contradicting policies are concerned.

referred

The Mayor noted that requests to speak to Motion B5 had been received.

MOVED by Councillor Jang
SECONDED by Councillor Deal

THAT the motion be referred to the Standing Committee on City Finance and Services meeting to be held this day at 2:00 pm, in order to hear from speakers.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

NEW BUSINESS

1. Request for Leaves of Absence - Councillor Elizabeth Ball

MOVED by Councillor Jang
SECONDED by Councillor Affleck

THAT Councillor Ball be granted Leaves of Absence for Medical Reasons for all meetings to be held on January 31 and February 1, 2012.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ENQUIRIES AND OTHER MATTERS

1. Conflict of Interest

Councillor Meggs asked staff to prepare an information memo for Council to provide clarification as to what constitutes Conflict of Interest for Council members, particularly with regard to instances where there is a financial implication or perceived conflict of interest related to the activities of a member's spouse.

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The Council recessed at 11:30 am and reconvened at 12:00 noon for the Black History Month proclamation and event.

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PROCLAMATION - BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Vancouver Park Board Chair Constance Barnes hosted a celebration in recognition of Black History Month, which included performances by Yoro Noukoussi, Kevan "Scruffmouth" Cameron, Jurai Mubaiwa, and Jacky Essombe, and the unveiling by Maurice Earle, Canada Post Corporation, of two new stamps depicting the 2012 Black History Month honourees, Viola Desmond and John Ware.

The Mayor proclaimed the month of February as Black History Month in the city of Vancouver and invited Nalda Callender, Executive Director, National Congress of Black Women Foundation, to the podium to accept the proclamation and say a few words.

Commissioner Barnes invited Council members and guests to the foyer outside of Council Chamber for a reception in honour of Black History Month.

The Council adjourned at 12:50 pm

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