

MOTION

8. Current Zoned Capacity for Housing in Vancouver

On February 14, 2012, Vancouver City Council referred the following motion to the Standing Committee on City Finance and Services meeting later that day, in order to hear from speakers.

MOVED by Councillor Carr
SECONDED by

WHEREAS

1. The City of Vancouver is commencing with Community Plans in four neighbourhoods in which the amount and type of new housing will undoubtedly be a focus as the city, in the context of the Regional Growth Strategy, plans for future growth.
2. Information about the zoned capacity for housing, both in these neighbourhoods and city wide, is essential to inform these planning processes.
3. This information, requested in a previous motion to council (February 1, 2011), was delayed by a referral to staff for more information regarding financial and staffing implications to conduct the work, and has now become urgent.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council request staff to report back, at a meeting open to the public, with the following information:

1. The current total existing zoned capacity for residential housing in the City of Vancouver at a macro-scale with total numbers updated from previous work done under Regional Context Statements;
2. The current total existing zoned capacity in the City of Vancouver for residential housing broken down by land use zones and showing total capacity in number of additional dwellings and additional population;
3. Explanations of how net figures of "potential homes" are calculated and what factors may lead to unused zoned capacity.

FURTHER THAT the data be further broken down by neighbourhood with the four neighbourhoods currently entering into Community Plan processes as a priority (Grandview Woodland, West End, Marpole and the Downtown East Side);

AND FURTHER THAT this work should be completed in a timely way so that:

1. Each of the four neighbourhoods entering into Community Plan processes receive macro-scale information as well as detailed information by land use zones for their neighbourhood as base information for the development of their plans;
2. the detailed breakdown of information by land use zone for the city as a whole be available to inform other upcoming planning processes such as the development of a new Regional Context Statement for Metro Vancouver's Regional Growth Strategy.

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