

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES



MAY 29, 2012

A Regular Meeting of the Council of the City of Vancouver was held on Tuesday, May 29, 2012, at 9:42 am, in the Council Chamber, Third Floor, City Hall.

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
- Councillor Andrea Reimer
- Councillor Tim Stevenson*
- Councillor Tony Tang

CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE:

- Sadhu Johnston, Deputy City Manager
- David McLellan, Deputy City Manager

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE:

- Janice MacKenzie, Acting City Clerk
- Tina Hildebrandt, Meeting Coordinator

* Denotes absence for a portion of the meeting.

WELCOME

The proceedings in the Council Chamber were opened with welcoming comments from Councillor Carr.

RECOGNITIONS

- Mayor Robertson recognized the following staff members:

Wendy Au, Assistant City Manager, who received the YWCA Metro Vancouver Women of Distinction award for the Non Profit and Public Sector category and who was also honoured with the Connecting the Community Award; and

Vicki Potter, Director of Development Services, who was recognized by the YWCA Metro Vancouver in the Community Service category, for her tireless work helping the homeless get housing, and was acknowledged as the Angel of Kitsilano.

- Mayor Robertson also noted the City of Vancouver had recently received the "Recycling Council of British Columbia 2012 Public Sector Award" for its leadership and achievement in waste reduction and recycling.

ITEM ARISING FROM THE "IN CAMERA" MEETING OF MAY 16, 2012

Council made appointments to the following Civic Agencies:

- Arts and Culture Policy Council
- Board of Variance
- Gastown Historic Area Planning Committee
- Civic Asset Naming Committee
- Public Art Committee
- Urban Aboriginal Peoples Advisory Committee
- Chinatown Historic Area Planning Committee.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

1. Special Council (Public Hearing) - May 14, 2012

MOVED by Councillor Jang
SECONDED by Councillor Louie

THAT the foregoing Minutes be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. Regular Council - May 15, 2012

MOVED by Councillor Louie
SECONDED by Councillor Jang

THAT the foregoing Minutes be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. Regular Council (City Finance and Services) - May 15, 2012

MOVED by Councillor Louie
SECONDED by Councillor Deal

THAT the foregoing Minutes be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. Regular Council (Planning, Transportation and Environment) - May 16, 2012

MOVED by Councillor Reimer
SECONDED by Councillor Jang

THAT the foregoing Minutes be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

VARY AGENDA

Council agreed to vary the order of the agenda to consider Motions on Notice B.1 and B.2 prior to going into Committee of the Whole.

B. Motions on Notice

1. Reduce Cigarette Butts on Vancouver Streets

MOVED by Councillor Carr

SECONDED by Councillor Ball

WHEREAS

1. Vancouver has one of the lowest rates of smoking in Canada, but still, according to the most recent statistics, 12.3% of residents (113,423 people) in the Vancouver Coastal Health Authority region smoke;
2. The provincial ban on smoking in all public places and workplaces and the City of Vancouver's ban on smoking at beaches, parks and within 6 meters of doors, open windows and air intakes, have not been accompanied by placement of cigarette butt receptacles in public areas where people do smoke;
3. Community campaigns to clean up public streets and spaces, such as Keep Vancouver Spectacular, the West End Cleanup, and the Great Canadian Shoreline Cleanup, have identified cigarette butts as the most common item of litter; and
4. Cigarette butts are not only unsightly but also, washed from sidewalks and streets into storm sewers, can damage Vancouver's sewage system and marine environment.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT City of Vancouver staff investigate options to reduce cigarette butt litter including providing cigarette butt receptacles in public areas where smoking is currently allowed;

FURTHER THAT staff report back to Council with sufficient time for options to be considered for the 2012 budget.

referred

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

MOVED by Councillor Reimer

SECONDED by Councillor Deal

THAT the motion be referred to the Standing Committee on City Finance and Services meeting to be held later this day at 1:30 pm, in order to hear from speakers.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. Federal Cutbacks to Local Marine Public Safety

MOVED by Mayor Robertson
SECONDED by Councillor Jang

WHEREAS

1. The Federal Government is closing the Kitsilano Coast Guard search and rescue station;
2. The station serves the busiest port in Canada, and responds to 300-350 search and rescue calls a year;
3. The consolidation of rescue services at the Sea Island hovercraft base will be 17 nautical miles farther away from its current location;
4. There was no public consultation on the closure, and the City of Vancouver, Park Board, and Vancouver Police Department had no advance warning of the closure;
5. The closure of the Kitsilano Coast Guard search and rescue station is another marine safety service for Vancouver being eliminated by the Federal Government, along with the recently announced closure of the coast guard communications centre in Vancouver, and the BC command centre for emergency oil spills;
6. Any response to increased risk to marine public safety due to Federal cutbacks may be borne by the City's first responders, such as the VPD's marine unit.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

- A. THAT the Mayor, on behalf of the City, write to the Federal Government expressing the City's opposition to these closures, and urge the Federal Government to reverse them.
- B. THAT staff report back on the full range of safety and financial impacts, including increased service demands on City first responders, as a result of the Kitsilano Coast Guard station closure and any other Federal marine safety cutbacks.

referred

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

MOVED by Councillor Jang
SECONDED by Councillor Meggs

THAT the motion be referred to the Standing Committee on City Finance and Services meeting to be held later this day at 1:30 pm, in order to hear from speakers.

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 Stevenson

THAT Council adopt Administrative Reports A1, A3 and A6, on consent.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

REPORT REFERENCE

1. 2012 Homeless Count

Brenda Proskan, General Manager, Community Services Group, Abi Bond, Assistant Director, Housing Policy, Patrick Stewart, Chair, Aboriginal Metro Steering Committee, and Dr. Michael Krausz, UBC/Providence Leadership Chair in Addiction Research, presented a Report Reference on the 2012 Homeless Count Results and, along with Judy Graves, Coordinator, Tenant Assistance Program, responded to questions.

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During discussion on Report Reference 1, Council recessed at 10:56 am, and reconvened at 11:09 am, with all members present except for Councillor Ball, in order to present the 2012 Access and Inclusion Awards.

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PRESENTATION - ACCESS AND INCLUSION AWARDS

The Mayor recognized the following 2012 Access and Inclusion Award recipients:

- Organization Award: Computer Comfort Program, Neil Squire Society
- Individual Award: Paul Gauthier
- Honourable Mention Awards: Organization: The Cleaning Solution
Individual: Kim Calsaferrri

The Mayor invited each recipient to the podium to receive their award and say a few words.

The presentation was immediately followed by a reception in the foyer in honour of the 2012 Access and Inclusion Award recipients.

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Council recessed at 11:35 am and, following the reception, reconvened at 12:10 pm, with all members present.

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1. 2012 Homeless Count (continued)

MOVED by Mayor Robertson

- A. THAT Council endorse the recommended three year action plan proposed by staff as follows:
- i) Strategic direction 1: Increase the supply of Affordable Housing
 - (a) Assist in creation of 450 new supportive housing units
 - Identify additional City-owned sites (250 units)
 - Assist community partners with projects underway (200 units)
 - (b) Work with BC Housing to sustain 400 units of interim Housing
 - Dunsmuir, At Home/Chez Soi (Bosman & scattered sites)
 - (c) Market rental opportunity
 - Work with non-profits, private landlords, VCH & BC Housing to increase scattered supportive housing units
 - ii) Strategic direction 2: Encourage a housing mix across all neighbourhoods that enhances quality of life
 - (a) Final Homeless Count report - June 2012
 - (b) Support BC Housing Shelter Review
 - Sharing of data
 - Maintain HEAT and Winter Response shelters pending permanent supportive housing
 - Make 436 shelter beds permanent
 - Support partners who focus on Aboriginal, youth & women who are homeless
 - iii) Strategic direction 3: Provide strong leadership and support partners to enhance housing stability
 - (a) Increase the number of homeless moving into the 14 City-sites from 38% to 60% overall
 - Carnegie Outreach Team filling SRO backfill vacancies
 - (b) Support Streetohome:
 - Prevent of homelessness (health, justice & foster care systems)
 - June 22, 2012: Healthy City Summit
www.vancouver.ca/healthycity

- (c) Work with BC Housing, Vancouver Coastal Health & other partners to deliver Dr. Krausz' recommendations:
 - Improve access at all levels of care for mental health, addiction & trauma
 - Deliver effective family intervention & prevent childhood trauma
 - Improve access to detox & substitution treatment, counselling and case management
 - Ensure low barrier treatment is available for mental health, addiction & trauma
- B. THAT staff prioritize a shelter strategy that specifically meets the needs of aboriginal, youth and women's homeless populations.
- C. THAT Council endorse the Mayor communicating to the Premier of British Columbia the verified need for 350 year-round "lower barrier" shelter spaces with annual funding.
- D. THAT Council endorse the Mayor writing to the Federal Government and service providers to congratulate them on the tremendous success of the Bosman and At Home/Chez Soi programs and to urge a continuation of the program past its current 2013 end date.
- E. THAT Council support the Raise the Rates Coalition in urging the Provincial Government to:
 - (a) remove arbitrary barriers that prevent people in need from receiving provincial Income Assistance such as the 2-year independence test and 3-week work search;
 - (b) end clawbacks that prevent people from supplementing their welfare with paid work and single parents receiving support from the absent parent up to the Market Basket Measure; and
 - (c) increase provincial Income Assistance rates to the Market Basket Measure, the minimum monthly cost required for food, shelter, transportation and other basic needs as determined by the federal government.

carried

REFERRAL MOVED by Councillor Affleck

THAT the motion be referred to the next Regular Council meeting to be held June 12, 2012.

LOST

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

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At 1:00 pm, during debate, it was

MOVED by Councillor Stevenson

THAT, under Section 6.8 of the Procedure By-law, Council suspend section 2.3(b) of the Procedure By-law in order to extend the length of the Regular Council meeting to approximately 1:30 pm.

*CARRIED BY THE REQUIRED MAJORITY
(Councillor Affleck opposed)*

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Council recessed at 1:01 pm, and reconvened at 1:23 pm, with all members present except for Councillors Ball, Carr and Tang who were not in the Chamber in order to continue debate on Report Reference 1. Councillors Ball, Carr and Tang returned to the Chamber shortly thereafter.

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1. 2012 Homeless Count (continued)

The referral motion having lost, the main motion was put and CARRIED with Councillors Affleck and Ball opposed.

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Council recessed at 1:36 pm, in order to hold the regularly scheduled Standing Committee on City Finance and Services. Council reconvened at 4:39 pm, upon conclusion of the Standing Committee meeting, with all members present except for Councillors Reimer and Stevenson who were not in the Chamber. The Councillors returned to the Chamber shortly thereafter.

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VARY AGENDA

Council agreed to vary the agenda in order to consider the following additional item.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Report of Standing Committee on City Finance and Services
May 29, 2012

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

1. Reduce Cigarette Butts on Vancouver Streets
2. Federal Cutbacks to Local Marine Public Safety

Items 1 and 2

MOVED by Councillor Stevenson

THAT the recommendations and actions taken by the Standing Committee on City Finance and Services at its meeting of May 29, 2012, as contained in items 1 and 2, be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

REPORT REFERENCE (continued)

2. Transportation Plan Phase II Consultation Launch

Jerry Dobrovolny, Director of Transportation, and Lon LaClaire, Manager, Strategic Transportation Planning, provided an update on the Transportation Plan Phase II Consultation Launch and responded to questions.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

**1. Business Licence/Chauffeur's Permit Hearing Panels - September to December 2012
May 9, 2012**

THAT Council delegate the holding of hearings under Section 275 or 278, or appeals under Sections 277 of the Vancouver Charter or under Section 36(7) of the Motor Vehicle Act, for those hearing dates designated by Council to a panel of three Council Members as follows:

September 12, 2012 - 9:30 AM

Councillor Deal - Chair
Councillor Ball
Councillor Reimer
Councillor Meggs - Alternate

October 03, 2012 - 7:30 PM

Councillor Louie - Chair
Councillor Stevenson
Councillor Tang
Councillor Ball - Alternate

October 17, 2012 - 7:30 PM

Councillor Jang - Chair
Councillor Carr
Councillor Meggs
Councillor Louie - Alternate

October 24, 2012 - 9:30 AM

Councillor Stevenson - Chair
Councillor Ball
Councillor Deal
Councillor Meggs - Alternate

October 31, 2012 - 7:30 PM

Councillor Tang - Chair
Councillor Deal
Councillor Stevenson
Councillor Jang - Alternate

November 21, 2012 - 9:30 AM

Councillor Affleck - Chair
Councillor Meggs
Councillor Tang
Councillor Carr - Alternate

November 27, 2012 - 7:30 PM

Councillor Carr - Chair
Councillor Ball
Councillor Louie
Councillor Deal - Alternate

December 05, 2012 - 9:30 AM

Councillor Deal - Chair
Councillor Louie
Councillor Reimer
Councillor Stevenson - Alternate

Should any of the above members of Council be unable to attend the hearings, the hearings and the power to make a Council decision in relation to those hearings will be delegated to the remaining two Councillors and alternate Councillor.

ADOPTED ON CONSENT

**2. Amendment to Lease Terms and Other Arrangements for Social and Supportive Housing at 675-691 East Broadway
May 11, 2012**

MOVED by Councillor Jang

THAT Council approve an amendment to the lease terms and other arrangements for social and supportive housing at 675-691 East Broadway, in order to authorize a payment amount to BC Housing representing the total construction costs of the commercial space of up to \$4,650,000 plus applicable taxes, with the source of funds being the Property Endowment Fund (PEF).

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**3. 5515-5665 Boundary Road, 5448-5666 Ormidale Street and 3690 Vanness Avenue - Closure and Sale of Lane and Sale of City-owned Lot
May 17, 2012**

- A. THAT Council close, stop-up and convey to the owners of 5515-5665 Boundary Road and 5448-5666 Ormidale Street (BJW Holdings Ltd.) that approximately 1079 square metre portion of lane (hereinafter, the "City Lane"), as generally shown hatched on the sketch attached as Appendix "B" to the Administrative Report dated May 17, 2012, entitled "5515-5665 Boundary Road, 5448-5666 Ormidale Street and 3690 Vanness Avenue - Closure and Sale of Lane and Sale of City-owned Lot", to be subdivided with the abutting lands subject to the terms and conditions as noted in Appendix "A" of the above-noted Administrative Report.
- B. THAT Council close, stop-up and convey to BJW Holdings Ltd. that approximately 116 square metre portion of road legally described as That Part of Lot C (Shown on Plan LMP47050) Block 6 District Lot 36 Group 1 New Westminster District Plan 13894 (hereinafter, the "Road Portion"), as generally shown cross-hatched on the sketch attached as Appendix "B" to the Administrative Report dated May 17, 2012, entitled "5515-5665 Boundary Road, 5448-5666 Ormidale Street and 3690 Vanness Avenue - Closure and Sale of Lane and Sale of City-owned Lot", to be subdivided with the abutting lands subject to the terms and conditions as noted in Appendix "A" of the above-noted Administrative Report.
- C. THAT Council convey to BJW Holdings Ltd. the City-owned property at 3690 Vanness Avenue legally described as Lot C Except: Part in Plan LMP47050 Block 6 District Lot 36 Group 1 New Westminster District Plan 13894 (hereinafter, the "City Lot"), as generally shown dotted on the sketch attached as Appendix "B" to the Administrative Report dated May 17, 2012, entitled "5515-5665 Boundary Road, 5448-5666 Ormidale Street and 3690 Vanness Avenue - Closure and Sale of Lane and Sale of City-owned Lot", to be subdivided with the abutting lands subject to the terms and conditions as noted in Appendix "A" of the above-noted Administrative Report.

- D. THAT the sale proceeds for the City Lane and 0.1 square metre of the Road Portion be credited to the Capital Fund for \$2,555 and to the Property Endowment Fund ("PEF") for \$2,377,700.
- E. THAT the sale proceeds for the City Lot be credited to the Capital Fund for \$219,433 and to the PEF for \$909,467.

ADOPTED ON CONSENT AND
BY THE REQUIRED MAJORITY

**4. Award of Contract for ITT PS20120077 Contracting Services - Phase 2 Closure Construction and Gas System Upgrades at the Vancouver Landfill
May 18, 2012**

MOVED by Councillor Carr

THAT subject to the conditions set out below, Council award a contract to King Hoe Excavating Ltd. for construction services on the Phase 2 Closure Construction and Gas System Upgrades Project at an estimated cost of \$13,686,469.78 (excluding HST) subject to a contract satisfactory to the General Manager of Engineering Services, Director of Legal Services, Director of Finance, and the Chief Purchasing Official;

FURTHER THAT all legal documentation is to be in a form which is satisfactory to the General Manager of Engineering Services, Director of Legal Services, Director of Finance and Chief Purchasing Official;

AND FURTHER THAT upon approval of the legal documentation, the Director of Legal Services, the General Manager of Engineering Services, the Director of Finance and the Chief Purchasing Official be authorized to execute and deliver the necessary agreement on behalf of City Council;

AND FURTHER THAT no legal rights or obligations shall arise hereby and none shall arise or be granted hereafter unless and until all contemplated legal documentation has been executed and delivered by all parties.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**5. Civic Theatres Rental Rates 2012-2013
May 5, 2012**

MOVED by Councillor Ball

THAT Council approve the rental rate increases for the Queen Elizabeth Theatre, Vancouver Playhouse, Orpheum, Queen Elizabeth Plaza and Queen Elizabeth Theatre Salons, as outlined in the Schedule of Rental Rates for Civic Theatres (as set out in Appendix "A" of the Administrative Report dated May 5, 2012, entitled "Civic Theatres Rental Rates 2012-2013), effective September 1, 2012.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOVED by Councillor Ball

THAT the existing Theatre Rental Grant Program be increased to match the rate increase for Civic Theatres.

THAT the increase in the Theatre Rental Grant Program be provided through an annual increase to the City's Cultural budget. Source of the increase to be determined.

LOST

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

**6. 2012 Homelessness Action Week Grants
May 22, 2012**

- A. THAT Council champion Vancouver's 2012 Homeless Action Week (HAW) by supporting neighbourhood-based responses to homelessness.
- B. THAT Council approve an allocation of \$30,000 in grants to the following organizations to create awareness and engage citizens on awareness and solutions to homelessness through a variety of events during Homelessness Action Week (HAW) on October 7-13, 2012, and over the coming fall and winter months:

1. South Vancouver Neighbourhood House	\$2,950
2. Collingwood Neighbourhood House	\$1,650
3. Downtown Eastside Women's Centre Association	\$3,000
4. La Boussole Francophone Community Centre	\$2,950
5. MPA Society	\$2,800
6. Marpole Oakridge Area Council Society	\$2,990
7. Vi Fineday Family Shelter Society	\$2,950
8. Pacific Community Resources Society	\$2,800
9. The Parish of St. Faith's	\$2,910
10. NEC Native Education Society	\$3,000
11. Union Gospel Mission	\$2,000

Source of funds to be the Community Services Group Operating Budget 2012 - Street Homeless Budget.

- C. THAT Council direct staff to report back on October 2, 2012, to proclaim Homelessness Action Week (HAW) 2012 and to showcase actions and events being planned.

**ADOPTED ON CONSENT AND
BY THE REQUIRED MAJORITY**

RISE FROM COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MOVED by Councillor Stevenson

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 Carr advised she had reviewed the proceedings in relation to By-law No. 2 and she would therefore be voting on the by-law.

MOVED by Councillor Stevenson
SECONDED by Councillor Jang

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 8 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 (105-167 West 2nd Avenue)
(By-law No. 10483)
2. A By-law to amend Sign By-law No. 6510 (105-167 West 2nd Avenue)
(By-law No. 10484)
(Councillors Ball, Jang and Tang ineligible for the vote)
3. A By-law to designate certain real property as protected heritage property
(2435 West 5th Avenue - The Northey Residence) (By-law No. 10485)
(Councillor Stevenson and Mayor Robertson ineligible for the vote)
4. A By-law to authorize Council entering into a Heritage Revitalization Agreement
with the Owner of Heritage Property (2435 West 5th Avenue - The Northey
Residence) (By-law No. 10486)
(Councillor Stevenson and Mayor Robertson ineligible for the vote)

5. **A By-law to amend Animal Control By-law No. 9150 regarding a housekeeping amendment (Section 4.14) (By-law No. 10487)**
6. **A By-law to amend CD-1 By-law No. 10264 (1618 Quebec Street) (By-law No. 10488)**
7. **A By-law to amend Sign By-law No. 6510 (1618 Quebec Street) (By-law No. 10489)**
8. **A By-law to amend Parking Meter By-law No. 2952 regarding housekeeping amendments (Subsection 5(3)) (By-law No. 10490)**

MOTIONS

A. Administrative Motions

1. **Approval of Form of Development: 4578 Puget Drive (4508-4652 Puget Drive)**

MOVED by Councillor Reimer
SECONDED by Councillor Louie

THAT the form of development for this portion of the site known as 4508-4652 Puget Drive (4578 Puget Drive being the application address) be approved generally as illustrated in the Development Application Number DE415470, prepared by Raffaelle and Associates, and stamped "Received, Community Services Group, Development Services", on April 27, 2012, provided that the Director of Planning may impose conditions and approve design changes which would not adversely affect either the development character of the site or adjacent properties.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. **Approval of Form of Development: 1880 Renfrew Street)**

MOVED by Councillor Reimer
SECONDED by Councillor Louie

THAT the form of development for this portion of the site known as 1880 Renfrew Street be approved generally as illustrated in the Development Application Number DE415570, prepared by Retirement Concepts Development Ltd., and stamped "Received, Community Services Group, Development Services", on February 27, 2012, provided that the Director of Planning may impose conditions and approve design changes which would not adversely affect either the development character of the site or adjacent properties.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

NEW BUSINESS

1. TaxiSaver Program

MOVED by Councillor Tang
SECONDED by Councillor Meggs

WHEREAS:

1. The decision of the Provincial Government to reject the Translink Mayor's Council proposal for a vehicle levy has eliminated a new source of funding for public transit and triggered a financial crisis at Translink.
2. Translink has been forced by this decision and the rejection of a proposed fare increase to cut services, including cancellation of the TaxiSaver program.
3. Thousands of people, especially seniors, with physical or cognitive disabilities rely on TaxiSavers for transportation in Vancouver.
4. The TaxiSaver Program is one of the most cost efficient parts of the custom transit system for people who are in need but are unable to use conventional transit services without assistance.
5. The TaxiSaver Program provides the only flexible same day transportation service, and in some cases, the only transportation service for people, especially seniors, with physical or cognitive disabilities.
6. A service reduction of reliable, essential transit service for these users, especially seniors, with physical or cognitive disabilities, places an extreme burden on those most in need of transportation support.
7. The elimination of TaxiSavers, which will be complete by July and begin with cancellation of all coupons in June, will eliminate over 80,000 custom transit rides each year.
8. Both the City of Vancouver's Seniors Advisory Committee and the Persons with Disabilities Advisory Committee have unanimously called on Council to oppose cancellation of the TaxiSaver program and to call for its reinstatement, and communicate this position to Translink in time for the Annual General Meeting scheduled May 30th, 2012.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City of Vancouver communicate to the Provincial Government of British Columbia and the Translink Board its opposition to the cancellation of the TaxiSaver Program by Translink and demand its complete reinstatement.

carried

AMENDMENT MOVED by Councillor Affleck

THAT staff report back on a full range of options and alternatives that the City could implement in partnership with the taxi industry should the taxisaver program be eliminated.

LOST

(Councillors Carr, Deal, Jang, Louie, Meggs, Reimer, Tang and Mayor Robertson opposed)
(Councillor Stevenson absent for the vote)

The amendment having lost, the motion was put and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY, with Councillor Stevenson absent for the vote.

ENQUIRIES AND OTHER MATTERS

1. 1850 Adanac Street

Councillor Carr requested staff report back on issues involving asbestos removal and eviction notices at 1850 Adanac Street, which is currently being renovated by the owner.

Sadhu Johnston, Deputy City Manager, noted that many of the issues fall under Provincial mandate and agreed to report back on City-related matters.

2. Staffing Costs

Councillor Reimer requested staff provide a memorandum on options available to address staffing costs in relation to lengthy Council meetings. Sadhu Johnston, Deputy City Manager, agreed to look into options to address this matter.

3. Southwest False Creek Lease Expiry Issues

Councillor Affleck enquired on the status of his request for an update on Southwest False Creek leasehold issues.

Sadhu Johnston, Deputy City Manager, noted that staff have prepared a memorandum which will be distributed in the next few days.

The Council adjourned at 6:31 pm.

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