



REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

JULY 24, 2012

A Regular Meeting of the Council of the City of Vancouver was held on Tuesday, July 24, 2012, at 9:40 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: Penny Ballem, City Manager
Sadhu Johnston, Deputy City Manager

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE: Janice MacKenzie, Acting City Clerk
Terri Burke, Meeting Coordinator

*Denotes absence for a portion of the meeting.

WELCOME

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

CONDOLENCES - Musqueam Elder Rose Point

The Mayor expressed condolences on behalf of Council to the family and friends of Musqueam Elder Rose Point and noted her many years of significant contributions in the areas of education, health and community development. He noted that her leadership and dedication to the community has made Vancouver a better place.

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT - Members of the Heavy Urban Search and Rescue (HUSAR) -
Canada Task Force 1**

The Mayor expressed appreciation to Fire Chief McKearney and members of the Heavy Urban Search and Rescue (HUSAR) - Canada Task Force 1, for their tremendous resolve, courage and dedication in their response to the Johnsons Landing slide on July 12, 2012. Fire Chief McKearney was invited to the podium to say a few words.

"IN CAMERA" MEETING

MOVED by Councillor Deal
SECONDED by Councillor Louie

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;
- (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;
- (g) litigation or potential litigation affecting the city;
- (i) the receipt of advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose;
- (j) information that is prohibited, or information that if it were presented in a document would be prohibited, from disclosure under section 21 [disclosure harmful to business interests of a third party] of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act;
- (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

ITEMS ARISING FROM THE "IN CAMERA" MEETING OF JULY 10, 2012.

Council unanimously granted the Civic Merit Award to Marg Meikle.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

1. Regular Council - July 10, 2012

MOVED by Councillor Jang
SECONDED by Councillor Deal

THAT the foregoing Minutes be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. Regular Council (City Finance and Services) - July 10, 2012

MOVED by Councillor Louie
SECONDED by Councillor Carr

THAT the foregoing Minutes be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. Special Council (Public Hearing) – July 10, 12, and 19, 2012

MOVED by Councillor Louie
SECONDED by Councillor Jang

THAT the foregoing Minutes be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MOVED by Councillor Jang
SECONDED by Councillor Carr

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MATTERS ADOPTED ON CONSENT

MOVED by Councillor Ball

THAT Council adopt Administrative Reports A1 to A4, and Other Report 1, on consent.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

REPORT REFERENCE

1. Climate Change Adaptation Strategy

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

MOVED by Councillor Jang

THAT Council receive for information the presentation on Climate Change Adaptation Strategy, and refer the hearing of speakers, discussion, and decision on the Administrative Report dated June 28, 2012, entitled "Climate Change Adaptation Strategy", to the Standing Committee on Planning, Transportation and Environment meeting to be held on Wednesday, July 25, 2012, at 9:30 am.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

(Councillor Deal absent for the vote)

David Ramslie, Senior Programs Manager, and Tamsin Mills, Climate Change Adaptation Planner, Sustainability Group, provided a presentation regarding the Climate Change Adaptation Strategy; including background, the adaptation planning process, strategy content, and primary action details.

2. Georgia and Dunsmuir Viaducts Update

Kevin McNaney, Assistant Director, Central Area Planning Branch, and Jerry Dobrovolny, Director of Transportation, provided a presentation regarding an update on the Georgia and Dunsmuir Viaducts; including history, context, guiding principles, public consultation, and next steps.

Mr. McNaney and Mr. Dobrovolny responded to questions.

The Mayor noted a report on this matter would be coming to Council later this year, at which time members of the public will have an opportunity to speak.

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*The Council recessed at 10:58 am and reconvened at 11:09 am
for the Civic Merit Award Ceremony.*

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CIVIC RECOGNITION - Marg Meikle, Recipient of the Civic Merit Award

The Mayor and Council recognized Marg Meikle, who had been unanimously awarded the Civic Merit Award in honour of her many achievements and contributions to art, culture and community in Vancouver. The Mayor presented the Civic Merit Award medal to Ms. Meikle and invited her to say a few words.

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*The Council recessed at 11:24 am and reconvened at 1:29 pm, with the same members
present, except for Councillor Stevenson who was not in the Chamber.*

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ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

1. **Licence Agreement for 'Welcome to Vancouver' Sign on Grandview Highway
June 26, 2012**
 - A. THAT Council authorize the City to enter into a licence agreement with Brandon Investments Limited ("Brandon") to allow the City to relocate and place a 'Welcome to Vancouver' sign on property owned by Brandon at 3695 Grandview Highway, legally described as PID: 003-388-221, Lot 4, Blocks B and C, South ½ of Section 39, Town of Hastings, Suburban Lands Plan 9384 (the "Property"), which licence agreement will include an indemnity by the City in favour of Brandon and will otherwise be on terms and conditions satisfactory to the General Manager of Engineering Services and the Director of Legal Services.
 - B. THAT Council authorize the General Manager of Engineering Services to execute the licence agreement and any other documents that may be required to effect A above.

ADOPTED ON CONSENT

**2. Street and Traffic By-law Amendments
June 27, 2012**

- A. THAT Council amend the parking and stopping regulations in Section 19.1 (f) of the Street and Traffic By-Law 2849 to include fire gates adjacent to premises whose primary access is via the lane, as described in the Administrative Report dated June 27, 2012, entitled "Street and Traffic By-law Amendments".
- B. THAT Council amend the definition for trucks in Section 90B of the Street and Traffic By-law 2849 to better support the enforcement of Truck Route regulations by the Vancouver Police Department, as described in the Administrative Report dated June 27, 2012, entitled "Street and Traffic By-law Amendments".

ADOPTED ON CONSENT

**3. Contract Award for the Supply and Delivery of Replacement Construction
June 22, 2012**

- A. (i) THAT, subject to the conditions set out in B, C, and D below, a purchase agreement be entered into with Parker Pacific Equipment Sales ("Parker Pacific") for the supply and delivery of nine (9) municipal backhoe loaders, one (1) cemetery backhoe loader, one (1) 1.5 yard excavator and one (1) 2.0 yard excavator with a total contract value of \$1,606,857, plus HST; with an option to purchase additional units within four (4) additional one (1) year extensions at the City's sole option, funded from the Truck and Equipment Plant Account.
- (ii) THAT, subject to the conditions set out in B, C, and D below, a purchase agreement be entered into with Finning International Inc. dba Finning (Canada) ("Finning") for the supply and delivery of two (2) wheel loaders, with a total contract value of \$903,418, plus HST; with an option to purchase within four (4) additional one (1) year extensions at the City's sole option, funded from the Truck and Equipment Plant Account.
- B. THAT all legal documentation is to be in a form and on terms and conditions satisfactory to the Director of Legal Services, Director of Finance, General Manager of Engineering Services and the Chief Purchasing Official.
- C. THAT upon approval of the legal documentation, the Director of Legal Services, the General Manager of Engineering Services and the Chief Purchasing Official be authorized to execute and deliver the necessary agreement on behalf of City Council.

- D. 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.

ADOPTED ON CONSENT

**4. Excavated Waste Hauling Contract Extension
July 17, 2012**

THAT the City be authorized to enter into a contract extension for eighteen (18) months with an overall 3% increase (average 2% increase per annum) effective August 1, 2012, with Mainland Demo Contracting Ltd. ("Mainland") for the Supply of Excavated Waste Hauling Disposal at an estimated cost of \$2,450,000 plus applicable taxes based on annual historical volumes;

FURTHER THAT, subject to approval, the funding will be provided from the Kent Construction Supplies - Rubble Operations operating budget;

AND FURTHER THAT the Chief Purchasing Official and the Director of Finance be authorized to execute and deliver on behalf of the City all legal documents that are required to implement the foregoing recommendations.

ADOPTED ON CONSENT

POLICY REPORTS

**1. Sidewalk and Street Hazard Inspection Policy
July 16, 2012**

This item was WITHDRAWN.

OTHER REPORTS

**1. New Public Street Names - "Nunavut Lane" and "Saskatchewan Lane"
July 6, 2012**

- A. THAT the lane east of Cambie Street, between South West Marine Drive and West 64th Avenue (adjacent 8150 Cambie Street), as shown in the graphic attached as Appendix A of the Other Report dated July 6, 2012, entitled "New Public Street Names - "Nunavut Lane" and "Saskatchewan Lane"", be named as "Nunavut Lane".
- B. THAT the existing public lane west of Granville Street, north from West 70th Avenue, as shown on the graphic attached as Appendix B of the Other Report dated July 6, 2012, entitled "New Public Street Names - "Nunavut Lane" and "Saskatchewan Lane"", be named as "Saskatchewan Lane".

- C. THAT the Director of Legal Services be instructed to bring forward the appropriate amendments to the Street Name By-law.

ADOPTED ON CONSENT

RISE FROM COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MOVED by Councillor Carr

THAT the Committee of the Whole rise and report.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Councillor Meggs absent for the vote)

ADOPT REPORT OF COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MOVED by Councillor Ball
SECONDED by Councillor Deal

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Councillor Meggs absent for the vote)

BY-LAWS

Councillors Affleck, Carr, Jang, Meggs, Reimer and Tang advised they had reviewed the relevant proceedings in relation to By-law No. 6 and they would therefore be voting on the by-law.

Councillors Ball and Carr advised they had reviewed the relevant proceedings in relation to By-law No. 9 and they would therefore be voting on the by-law.

Councillor Ball advised she had reviewed the relevant proceedings in relation to By-law No. 10 and she would therefore be voting on the by-law.

In addition, Councillors Ball and Tang advised they had reviewed the relevant proceedings in relation to By-law 11 and they would therefore be voting on the by-law.

MOVED by Councillor Ball
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 13 inclusive, and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign and seal the enacted by-laws.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

1. A By-law to designate certain real property as protected heritage property (334 West 14th Avenue - The Lawrence Residence) (By-law No. 10538)
(Mayor Robertson ineligible for the vote)
2. A By-law to authorize Council entering into a Heritage Revitalization Agreement with the Owner of Heritage Property (334 West 14th Avenue - The Lawrence Residence) (By-law No. 10539)
(Mayor Robertson ineligible for the vote)
3. A By-law to designate certain real property as protected heritage property (1720 Waterloo Street - The Gables) (By-law No. 10540)
(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 (1720 Waterloo Street - The Gables) (By-law No. 10541)
(Mayor Robertson ineligible for the vote)
5. A By-law to amend By-law No. 9533 to authorize entering into an amended Heritage Revitalization Agreement with the Owner of Heritage Property (658 Keefer Street) (By-law No. 10542)
(Mayor Robertson ineligible for the vote)
6. A By-law to amend Zoning and Development By-law No. 3575 to rezone an area to CD-1 (1695 Main Street) (By-law No. 10543)
(Mayor Robertson ineligible for the vote)
7. A By-law to amend Street Name By-law No. 4054 regarding Nunavut Lane (By-law No. 10544)
8. A By-law to amend Street Name By-law No. 4054 regarding Saskatchewan Lane (By-law No. 10545)
9. A By-law to amend CD-1 By-law No. 5091 (4500 Oak Street - Children's and Women's Health Centre of British Columbia) (By-law No. 10546)
(Councillors Affleck and Tang ineligible for the vote)
10. A By-law to amend Zoning and Development By-law No. 3575 to rezone an area to CD-1 (8018-8150 Cambie Street) (By-law No. 10547)
(Councillor Stevenson ineligible for the vote)
11. A By-law to amend Zoning and Development By-law No. 3575 to rezone an area to CD-1 (675-691 East Broadway) (By-law No. 10548)
(Councillors Affleck, Carr, Stevenson, and Mayor Robertson ineligible for the vote)
12. A By-law to approve a Housing Agreement for 1075 Burnaby Street (By-law No. 10549)
13. A By-law to enact a Housing Agreement for 1265 Howe Street (1265-1281 Howe Street and 803-831 Drake Street) (By-law No. 10550)

MOTIONS

A. Administrative Motions

1. Approval of Form of Development: 105-167 West 2nd Avenue (1751 Manitoba Street)

MOVED by Councillor Reimer
SECONDED by Councillor Louie

THAT the form of development for this portion of the site known as 105-167 West 2nd Avenue (1751 Manitoba Street being the application address) be approved generally as illustrated in the Development Application Number DE415422, prepared by Walter Francl Architecture Inc., and stamped "Received, Community Services Group, Development Services", on June 21, 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: 3010-3098 Kings Avenue (3026 Kings Avenue)

MOVED by Councillor Reimer
SECONDED by Councillor Louie

THAT the form of development for this portion of the site known as 3010-3098 Kings Avenue (3026 Kings Avenue being the application address) be approved generally as illustrated in the Development Application Number DE415514, prepared by Simplex Home Design Ltd, and stamped "Received, Community Services Group, Development Services", on July 11, 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

3. Approval of Form of Development: 775 Richards Street

MOVED by Councillor Reimer
SECONDED by Councillor Louie

THAT the form of development for this portion of the site known as 775 Richards Street be approved generally as illustrated in the Development Application Number DE415286, prepared by Henriquez Partners Architect, and stamped "Received, Community Services Group, Development Services", on June 21, 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

4. Approval of Form of Development: 520 West Georgia Street

MOVED by Councillor Reimer
SECONDED by Councillor Louie

THAT the form of development for this portion of the site known as 520 West Georgia Street be approved generally as illustrated in the Development Application Number DE415285, prepared by Henriquez Partners Architect, and stamped "Received, Community Services Group, Development Services", on June 21, 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

**5. Approval of Form of Development: 4567 Heather Street
(formerly 4500 Oak Street)**

MOVED by Councillor Reimer
SECONDED by Councillor Louie

THAT the form of development for this portion of the site known as 4567 Heather Street (formerly 4500 Oak Street) be approved generally as illustrated in the Development Application Number DE415382, prepared by Michael Green Architecture Inc., and stamped "Received, Community Services Group, Development Services", on April 24, 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

6. Establishing Road on the north side of Kingsway at Slocan Street, adjacent to 2516 Kingsway, for a corner cut for the Norquay Village - Kingsway Safety and Streetscape Improvements

MOVED by Councillor Reimer
SECONDED by Councillor Louie

THAT WHEREAS the registered owner will be conveying to the City of Vancouver for road purposes lands in the City of Vancouver, Province of British Columbia, more particularly known and described as follows:

All that portion of Lot 3, Except portions in Explanatory Plan 9715 and Reference Plan 2407, Blocks 1 and 2, District Lot 52, Plan 2007 as shown heavy outlined on plan of survey completed June 12, 2012, attested to by James E. Gregson, B.C.L.S. and marginally numbered LD5295;

AND WHEREAS it is deemed expedient and in the public interest to accept and allocate the said lands for road purposes;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the above described lands to be conveyed are hereby accepted and allocated for road purposes and declared to form and to constitute a portion of a road.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

B. Motions on Notice

1. Federal Government: Long-Term Infrastructure Plan

MOVED by Councillor Louie
SECONDED by Mayor Robertson

WHEREAS

1. The Building Canada Plan and a number of important federal-provincial transfer agreements vital to Canada's cities and communities will expire in March 2014; and
2. Federal investments over the last few years have helped to slow the decline of our cities and communities, and the Government of Canada has committed to develop a new long-term plan for municipal infrastructure funding in consultation with municipal and provincial/territorial governments; and
3. A seamless transition from the Building Canada Plan to a new long term plan is necessary to ensure that municipalities can continue planning their capital spending effectively; and

4. The Federation of Canadian Municipalities has launched a campaign to ensure the new plan reflects municipal priorities across the country and asks its member municipalities to pass a Council resolution supporting the campaign; and
5. The City of Vancouver has identified a series of large-scale infrastructure projects linked to economic development such as building rapid transit serving the Central Broadway business district and improving connections with the Port of Vancouver, in addition to ongoing long-term infrastructure needs such as maintaining and upgrading the water and sewer systems, addressing housing affordability, renewing and expanding community facilities/infrastructure to serve a growing population, and replacing or upgrading facilities/infrastructure to meet current seismic standards;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Vancouver City Council endorses the campaign by the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) and urges the Minister of Transport, Infrastructure and Communities to work with FCM to ensure the new long-term infrastructure plan meets the core infrastructure needs of cities and communities;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Vancouver City Council urges the Minister of Transport, Infrastructure and Communities to ensure that the new long-term plan is fully in place when existing programs expire in 2014; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED THAT a copy of this resolution shall be sent to the Minister of Transport, Infrastructure and Communities, the Honourable Denis Lebel; to BC Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure, the Honourable Blair Lekstrom; to BC Minister of Community, Sport and Cultural Development, the Honourable Ida Chong; to the Federation of Canadian Municipalities; and to the Union of BC Municipalities.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Councillor Jang absent for the vote)

2. Building By-law Review: Emergency Services Access

Note: The following motion contains amendments to the original Motion on Notice.

MOVED by Councillor Louie
SECONDED by Councillor Tang

WHEREAS

1. Life safety and property preservation requires timely access to multi-unit structures; and
2. The Vancouver Fire Department already has access to multi-unit structures through Vancouver's Building By-law; and
3. City staff are currently in the process of updating Vancouver's Building By-laws;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Vancouver City Council instruct staff to consult with emergency service providers and other jurisdictions on the issue of emergency access into and within multi-unit buildings; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT staff, as part of their Vancouver Building By-law review, consider providing all emergency service providers with similar or greater access to what the Vancouver Fire Department currently has into and within multi-unit structures.

carried

AMENDMENT MOVED by Councillor Ball

THAT the following be added to the end of the first Resolved

“and report back to Council”

LOST

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

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

3. Request that BC Independently Assess and Decide on Kinder Morgan Pipeline Proposal

Note: The following motion contains amendments to the original Motion on Notice.

MOVED by Councillor Carr

SECONDED by Councillor Reimer

WHEREAS

1. In May 2012, Mayor and Council passed a motion expressing the City of Vancouver's "strenuous opposition to any increase in oil tanker traffic, or measures that lead to increased oil tanker traffic, as it poses an unacceptable and unmitigated risk to Vancouver's economy and environment";
2. Kinder Morgan's proposal to expand its pipeline and export up to five times more Alberta tar sands bitumen in up to 360 tankers per year through the Port of Vancouver will be subject to environmental assessment and it is critical that such assessment be independent, unbiased and thorough;
3. The federal Conservative government has just radically changed and streamlined its environmental assessment processes and has failed to stay neutral and independent on the National Energy Board's environmental assessment of the Northern Gateway (Enbridge) pipeline project, with both the Prime Minister and Minister of Natural Resources commenting on the "hijacking" of the National

Energy Board's hearings on the Enbridge pipeline by environmentalists and that it is in Canada's interest to sell its energy exports to Asia;

4. The Province of BC in June of 2010 signed an *Environmental Assessment Equivalency Agreement* with the National Energy Board to achieve environmental assessment process efficiencies through the Province foregoing its own environmental assessment on listed projects and accepting the National Energy Board's assessment as being equivalent;
5. Kinder Morgan's proposed expansion of its pipeline and crude oil exports has not yet been listed as part of the *Environmental Assessment Equivalency Agreement*;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City of Vancouver write to the Government of BC and request that the Province retain its sovereign right to conduct a provincial environmental assessment regarding the Kinder Morgan pipeline and oil export expansion project by not listing this project in the *Environmental Assessment Equivalency Agreement* with the National Energy Board;

FURTHER THAT the City of Vancouver send a copy of this letter to the National Energy Board, Kinder Morgan Canada, all Vancouver MLAs and MPs, Port Metro Vancouver, Metro Vancouver and member municipalities of Metro Vancouver.

referred

REFERRAL MOVED by Councillor Reimer
SECONDED by Councillor Deal

THAT the motion entitled "Request that BC Independently Assess and Decide on Kinder Morgan Pipeline Proposal", be referred to the City Manager for action; specifically to write a letter to the Government of BC and to forward the letter to others deemed appropriate.

CARRIED
(Councillors Affleck, Ball and Carr opposed)

4. Consumer Fireworks Sales

MOVED by Councillor Louie
SECONDED by Councillor Deal

WHEREAS

1. The City of Vancouver has a long tradition of outdoor celebrations with fireworks displays including consumer fireworks;
2. The City of Vancouver has made significant improvements in the control and sales of consumer fireworks for the Halloween period through banning the sale

of noise making devices and the requirement of a permit for purchase and discharge as set out in Vancouver Fire By-Law Section 5.8.2;

3. The City of Vancouver has a multicultural population who have special celebrations throughout the year, such as Chinese/Lunar New Year, Vaisakhi, Canada Day, BC Day, and New Years;
4. Many other jurisdictions across Canada have allowed the sale and discharge of Consumer Fireworks including Edmonton, Saskatoon, Regina, Winnipeg, Ottawa, Brampton and Toronto;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Vancouver City Council instruct staff to explore and report back to City Council with recommendations for additional but limited periods of consumer fireworks sales and discharge similar to the current allowance in place for Halloween.

referred

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

REFERRAL MOVED by Councillor Deal
SECONDED by Councillor Jang

THAT the motion be referred to the Standing Committee on Planning, Transportation and Environment meeting to be held at 9:30 am on Wednesday, July 25, 2012, in order to hear from speakers.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5. Support Vancouver's Digital Media Sector

MOVED by Mayor Robertson
SECONDED by Councillor Jang

WHEREAS

1. The interactive digital media and visual effects sectors are a major part of Vancouver's economy, employing more than 25,000 employees in 1300 companies;
2. There are a number of internationally recognized post-secondary institutions in Vancouver that produce highly skilled graduates for these sectors, which supports local hiring and a robust regional workforce that makes up a significant component of Vancouver's global advantage;
3. The Province of British Columbia has established an effective tax credit policy that helps to attract companies in some digital media sectors, and has worked with the Government of Canada to lead changes in immigration policy that has

contributed to the establishment of Vancouver as one of the top three global clusters in the world, behind only London and Los Angeles;

4. Vancouver has an Economic Action Strategy that has made job creation and investment attraction an explicit priority in sectors like interactive digital media and visual effects, and has successfully supported the creation of over 1,000 jobs in the last three years alone in this industry;
5. Vancouver is gaining strength and growing in some segments of the interactive digital media sectors, like visual effects and animation, but is seeing a rapid decline in other segments like console gaming;
6. Under the Ontario Interactive Media Tax Credit, video game developers are eligible to receive up to a 37.5 per cent tax credit with additional stacked incentives, compared to the 17.5 per cent offered by BC's Interactive Digital Media Tax Credit, which limits stackable incentives;
7. These strategies and incentive policies in other jurisdictions, such as Ontario and Quebec, have influenced the decisions of gaming companies to leave Vancouver, dropping the region's ranking from Number 1 to Number 3 over the past 3 years;
8. The departure of these companies and the talent associated with them has implications on the broader talent pool for Interactive Digital Media and screen-based sectors that could eventually threaten the stability of the entire cluster.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

- A. THAT the Mayor write to the Premier and the Minister of Jobs, Tourism and Innovation, encouraging them to explore options to close the gap with the incentive programs in other Canadian provinces in order to protect these important BC sectors which are becoming vulnerable to inter-provincial poaching.
- B. THAT the Mayor write to the Federal Minister of Industry to promote the idea of a national interactive digital media strategy that would strengthen the entire country's cluster in these sectors, as opposed to the current approach which only serves to weaken our global competitiveness.
- C. THAT the Mayor, as Chair of the Vancouver Economic Commission (VEC), ask the VEC to proactively pursue solutions that can resolve the challenges facing the digital media sector by working with Vancouver's industry leaders, and report back to Council.

referred

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

REFERRAL MOVED by Councillor Jang
SECONDED by Councillor Ball

THAT the motion be referred to the Standing Committee on Planning, Transportation and Environment meeting to be held at 9:30 am on Wednesday, July 25, 2012, in order to hear from speakers.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

NEW BUSINESS

1. The Children's Family House Society of BC (aka - Ronald McDonald House)

Councillor Affleck submitted the following Motion which was recognized by the Chair. Councillor Ball called Notice under Section 10.3(d) of the Procedure By-Law. Accordingly, the motion will be placed on the agenda of the next Regular Council meeting to be held on Tuesday, September 18, 2012, at 9:30 am, as a "Motion on Notice".

MOVER: Councillor George Affleck

SECONDER:

WHEREAS

1. The Children's Family House Society of BC (aka Ronald McDonald House) is building a new facility in conjunction with the redevelopment of Children's Hospital;
2. The City of Vancouver has assessed Development Cost Levies (DCLs) on the new Ronald McDonald House;
3. Ronald McDonald House is a non-profit organization serving families in times of serious illness of a child; and
4. DCLs are forgiven when private developers build privately owned rental Housing;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT staff are requested to recommend a means whereby the Development Cost Levies normally applicable to a new building can be waived for Ronald McDonald House.

notice

ENQUIRIES AND OTHER MATTERS

1. Painting Over Graffiti on Walls

Councillor Louie requested that staff look into waiving the fee for owners who wish to paint a mural over a blank wall with graffiti on it, rather than paint it with a single colour. He noted that currently the owners of buildings are required to paint over graffiti and there is no fee for painting it with a single colour, however, there is a fee to paint a mural.

The Deputy City Manager advised he will follow up on this enquiry.

2. Heavy Truck Traffic

Councillor Louie requested the City Manager to report back on what the City could input into the Provincial study regarding heavy truck weights and the risk they may pose to city streets. He asked the City Manager to include in the report back the possibility of changing some of the weight restrictions currently in place to eliminate the number of trucks by making them longer, therefore, making heavy truck traffic more environmental.

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Councillor Ball
SECONDED by Councillor Tang

THAT the Regular Council meeting of July 24, 2012, be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Council adjourned at 3:00 pm.

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