



## REPORT TO COUNCIL

### STANDING COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL ON PLANNING, TRANSPORTATION AND ENVIRONMENT

SEPTEMBER 19, 2012

A Regular Meeting of the Standing Committee of Council on Planning, Transportation and Environment was held on Wednesday, September 19, 2012, at 9:31 am, in the Council Chamber, Third Floor, City Hall.

**PRESENT:**

- Councillor Andrea Reimer, Chair\*
- Mayor Gregor Robertson\*
- Councillor George Affleck
- Councillor Elizabeth Ball
- Councillor Adriane Carr
- Councillor Heather Deal (Leave of Absence - Civic Business for Items 1 and 2 and a Portion of Item 3)
- Councillor Kerry Jang
- Councillor Raymond Louie (Leave of Absence - Civic Business for Items 1 and 2 and a Portion of Item 3)
- Councillor Geoff Meggs, Vice-Chair
- Councillor Tim Stevenson
- Councillor Tony Tang

**CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE:** Penny Ballem, City Manager  
Brenda Proskan, General Manager, Community Services

**CITY CLERK'S OFFICE:** Terri Burke, Meeting Coordinator

\* Denotes absence for a portion of the meeting.

#### MATTERS ADOPTED ON CONSENT

MOVED by Councillor Jang

THAT the Committee adopt item 1 on consent.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY  
(Mayor Robertson absent for the vote)  
(Councillors Deal and Louie absent on Civic Business)

## AGENDA ITEMS

### 1. Q2 Capital Budget Adjustments and Closeouts August 15, 2012

THAT the Committee recommend to Council

- A. THAT Council approve Capital Budget Adjustments and funding sources as outlined in Appendix 1 of the Administrative Report dated August 15, 2012, entitled "Q2 Capital Budget Adjustments and Closeouts", that have a net impact of \$2,149,000 to the Council approved 2012 Annual Capital Budget.
- B. THAT, as part of the Q2 Capital closeout process, Council approve the closeout of capital projects with variances exceeding 15% and \$50,000 of the approved budget as outlined in the Administrative Report dated August 15, 2012, entitled "Q2 Capital Budget Adjustments and Closeouts", and in Appendix 2 of the aforementioned report.

ADOPTED ON CONSENT

### 2. Nuisance Building at 3530 Marshall Street August 16, 2012

The Assistant Director of Inspections Services provided an overview of the report and, along with the City Manager, responded to questions.

The Committee heard from five speakers; four who spoke in support of the recommendations and one who spoke in opposition.

MOVED by Councillor Stevenson

THAT the Committee recommend to Council

- A. THAT Council declare that the building and property at 3530 Marshall Street (Lot 22, Block 17&18, Plan VAP 2002, District Lot 195, PID 014-129-876) are a nuisance and dangerous to public safety pursuant to Section 324A of the Vancouver Charter.
- B. THAT Council approve the resolution attached as Appendix A to the Administrative Report dated August 16, 2012, entitled "Nuisance Building at 3530 Marshall Street", and order the registered owner, Mr. Yiu Kwun Wai, to pull down and demolish the building, remove all demolition debris from the site and thereafter provide a chain-link fence around the perimeter of the property within 30 days of a copy of the resolution being served on the registered owner, Mr. Wai, pursuant to Section 324A of the Vancouver Charter.
- C. THAT if the registered owner, Mr. Wai, fails to comply with this order of Council, Council further orders and hereby authorizes the City Building Official or his designate, to pull down and demolish the building, remove all demolition debris from the site and thereafter provide a chain-link fence around the

perimeter of the property, at the cost of the registered owner, Mr. Wai, pursuant to Section 324A of the Vancouver Charter.

- D. THAT if the registered owner, Mr. Wai, fails to allow the City Building Official and/or his designate access to the site to carry out the work as outlined in C above, the Director of Legal Services be authorized, in her discretion, to commence a legal action or proceeding in relation to the building at 3530 Marshall Street, and may, in her discretion, seek injunctive relief in that action or proceeding in order to bring this property into compliance with the resolution attached as Appendix A to the Administrative Report dated August 16, 2012, entitled "Nuisance Building at 3530 Marshall Street".

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

(Councillors Deal and Louie absent on Civic Business)

### 3. Expansion of Civic Event Status

Vancouver City Council, at its meeting on September 18, 2012, referred this matter to the Standing Committee on Planning, Transportation and Environment meeting on September 19, 2012, in order to hear from speakers.

The Committee heard from one speaker who spoke in opposition to the motion.

MOVED by Councillor Stevenson

THAT the Committee recommend to Council

WHEREAS

1. Festivals in Vancouver are largely driven by small non-profit organizations that are responsible for external fundraising and dependent on large numbers of volunteers;
2. Historically, fees and city requirements have been designated on an event-by-event, year-by-year basis that has been frustrating for non-profit organizations;
3. Civic status is currently granted annually to the Celebration of Light and Remembrance Day events;
4. Large-scale events such as the Pride Parade, Vaisakhi, and Lunar New Year bring out crowds of tens of thousands of people;
5. Large festivals and parades are major economic drivers for Vancouver, with the Pride Festival boosting Vancouver's economy by over \$30 million;
6. Tax revenue from the benefits of major festivals and parades goes to the provincial and federal governments, not the city.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT City staff report back by January 2013 on:

1. Options for granting civic status to the Pride, Vaisakhi, and Lunar New Year parades by working with the event organizers to identify priority needs, and providing options for increasing city support and leveraging funding from external partners;
2. Recommendations on how the City can better ensure all festivals benefit from:
  - timely communications between staff and festival organizers;
  - transparency in City and VPD process for decision making, post-event evaluation and decision-making timelines;
  - transparency in City and VPD fee schedules, and up-front invoicing in order for organizers to budget appropriately;
3. Best practices from other cities in funding and revenue sharing for major events.

carried

Following the hearing of the speaker it was

MOVED by Councillor Stevenson

THAT the Committee recess at 10:30 am to convene In Camera and reconvene the Standing Committee on Planning, Transportation and Environment meeting at 12:00 pm.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY  
(Councillors Deal and Louie absent on Civic Business)

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*The Committee recessed at 10:30 am and reconvened at 12:04 pm with the same members present except for Councillor Deal who was in attendance and Mayor Robertson who was not in the Chamber.*

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AMENDMENT MOVED by Councillor Ball

THAT the motion be amended to add the following:

An evaluation of the City of Vancouver's Civic Events Program, including staff recommendations for a transparent application process and evaluation criteria for festivals, events, and parades wishing to be granted civic event status.

Financial implications of conferring civic event status and the need to increase the annual budget appropriately.

LOST

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

(Mayor Robertson absent for the Vote)

(Councillor Louie absent on Civic Business)

The Committee agreed to separate the vote on the components of the motion.

The Amendment having lost, the motion was put and CARRIED with Councillor Affleck opposed to paragraph 1 of the resolved, and Mayor Robertson absent for the vote.

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*At this point in the proceedings Councillor Reimer left the Chamber and Councillor Meggs assumed the Chair.*

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#### 4. Impacts of \$1.1 billion in Building Permits on City Costs and Community Plans

Vancouver City Council, at its meeting on September 18, 2012, referred this matter to the Standing Committee on Planning, Transportation and Environment meeting on September 19, 2012, in order to hear from speakers.

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

MOVED by Councillor Carr

THAT the Committee recommend to Council

WHEREAS

1. The City of Vancouver issued \$1.1 billion in building permits during the first six months of 2012, the first time since 2007 that development plans have exceed a billion dollars for the first half of a year;
2. Metro Vancouver's 2040 Regional Growth Strategy projects that Vancouver's population will increase by 148,800 by 2041 (approximately 50,000 more people every decade);

3. There is no available analysis on whether the current volume of building permit approvals is accommodating growth or driving growth;
4. Growth costs money, and the 2011 Annual Report on Development Cost Levies, presented to Council on May 27, 2012, notes that the City of Vancouver's actual cost of development is not fully covered by Development Cost Levies;
5. The City of Vancouver is currently undertaking community plans in the West End, Marpole, Grandview-Woodland and Downtown Eastside with terms of reference that call for plans to align with city and regional policies including Vancouver's Housing and Homelessness Strategy and Metro Vancouver's 2040 Regional Growth Strategy;
6. Statements have been made in support of every building permit approval to date in 2012 that an increased supply of housing will result in increased affordability of housing in Vancouver.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT staff report back to Council on:

1. To what extent the building permits issued in the first six months of 2012 accommodate Vancouver's projected growth over the period up to when the planned housing units expect to be available;
2. To what extent the Development Cost Levies and Community Amenity Contributions from these building permits cover the estimated actual cost of development to the City;
3. Criteria to determine population growth targets for areas undertaking community plans, including "limits to growth" criteria that can determine when an area is "built out";
4. A mechanism to track the amount of population growth accommodated by any new development, including cumulative data, and that this be incorporated into rezoning and other similar reports to Council; and
5. A mechanism to track the impact of new market housing, especially rental and condo housing, on housing pricing.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this report be received in sufficient time to inform the 2013 capital planning process.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this report be forwarded to the four community planning groups to inform their second stage of planning.

referred

REFERRAL MOVED by Councillor Louie

THAT the motion entitled "Impacts of 1.1 billion in Building Permits on City Costs and Community Plans", be referred in its entirety to staff in order for staff to report back on information and options that are available to the City on this matter, prior to taking action on directions to produce mechanisms and criteria as requested in the motion.

CARRIED

(Councillors Affleck and Ball opposed)

(Councillors Reimer, Stevenson and Mayor Robertson absent for the vote)

The Committee adjourned at 1:25 pm.

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REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
STANDING COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL ON  
PLANNING, TRANSPORTATION AND ENVIRONMENT

SEPTEMBER 19, 2012

A Regular Meeting of the Council of the City of Vancouver was held on Wednesday, September 19, 2012, at 1:26 pm, in the Council Chamber, Third Floor, City Hall, following the Standing Committee on Planning, Transportation and Environment meeting, to consider the recommendations and actions of the Committee.

**PRESENT:** Deputy Mayor Adriane Carr  
Councillor George Affleck  
Councillor Elizabeth Ball  
Councillor Heather Deal  
Councillor Kerry Jang  
Councillor Raymond Louie  
Councillor Geoff Meggs  
Councillor Tony Tang

**ABSENT:** Mayor Gregor Robertson  
Councillor Andrea Reimer  
Councillor Tim Stevenson

**CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE:** Brenda Prosken, General Manager, Community Services

**CITY CLERK'S OFFICE:** Terri Burke, Meeting Coordinator

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

MOVED by Councillor Jang  
SECONDED by Councillor Meggs

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Report of Standing Committee on Planning, Transportation and Environment  
September 19, 2012

Council considered the report containing the recommendations and actions taken by the Standing Committee on Planning, Transportation and Environment. Its items of business included:



1. Q2 Capital Budget Adjustments and Closeouts
2. Nuisance Building at 3530 Marshall Street
3. Expansion of Civic Event Status
4. Impacts of \$1.1 billion in Building Permits on City Costs and Community Plans

Items 1 to 4

MOVED by Councillor Jang

THAT the recommendations and actions taken by the Standing Committee on Planning, Transportation and Environment at its meeting of September 19, 2012, as contained in items 1 to 4, be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**RISE FROM COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

MOVED by Councillor Deal

THAT the Committee of the Whole rise and report.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**ADOPT REPORT OF COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

MOVED by Councillor Ball  
SECONDED by Councillor Tang

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**ADJOURNMENT**

MOVED by Councillor Tang  
SECONDED by Councillor Louie

THAT this meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Council adjourned at 1:28 pm.

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