



## REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

OCTOBER 2, 2012

A Regular Meeting of the Council of the City of Vancouver was held on Tuesday, October 2, 2012, at 9:41 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

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

\* Denotes absence for a portion of the meeting.

### WELCOME

The proceedings in the Council Chamber began with welcoming comments from Councillor Meggs.

### PROCLAMATION - Homelessness Action Week

The Mayor proclaimed the week of October 7-13, 2012, as Homelessness Action Week in the city of Vancouver and invited the following individuals from At Home/Chez Soi to the podium to accept the proclamation and say a few words:

- Dr. Julian Somers
- Greg Richmond
- Emily Grant

## "IN CAMERA" MEETING

MOVED by Councillor Deal  
SECONDED by Councillor Jang

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;
- (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 SEPTEMBER 19, 2012

Council appointed Janice MacKenzie to the position of City Clerk.

## ADOPTION OF MINUTES

### 1. Regular Council - September 18, 2012

MOVED by Councillor Louie  
SECONDED by Councillor Deal

THAT the foregoing Minutes be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

### 2. Regular Council (Planning, Transportation and Environment) - September 19, 2012

MOVED by Councillor Reimer  
SECONDED by Councillor Ball

THAT the foregoing Minutes be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MOVED by Councillor Deal  
SECONDED by Councillor Louie

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY  
(Councillor Jang absent for the vote)

## REPORT REFERENCE

### 1. Homelessness Action Week (HAW) 2012

Brenda Prosen, General Manager, Community Services, along with Abigail Bond, Assistant Director, Housing Policy, and Judy Graves, Coordinator, Tenant Assistance Program, provided a presentation regarding Homelessness Action Week 2012; including key findings from the 2012 Homeless Count, working towards ending homelessness, preventing and reducing the risk of homelessness, and events taking place in the city for Homelessness Action Week.

Ms. Prosen, Ms. Bond and Ms. Graves, along with the City Manager, responded to questions.

### 2. Final Report from the Mayor's Task Force on Housing Affordability

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

REFERRAL MOVED by Councillor Jang

THAT Council receive for information the presentation on the Final Report from the Mayor's Task Force on Housing Affordability and ask questions of staff, and refer the hearing of speakers, discussion, and decision on the Administrative Report dated September 25, 2012, entitled "Final Report from the Mayor's Task Force on Housing Affordability", to the Standing Committee on Planning, Transportation and Environment meeting to be held on Wednesday, October 3, 2012, at 9:30 am.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY  
(Councillor Deal absent for the vote)

David McLellan, Deputy City Manager, along with Olga Ilich, Co-Chair, Mayor's Task Force on Housing Affordability, provided a presentation regarding the Final Report from the Mayor's Task Force on Housing Affordability; including the focus and process of the Task Force and their recommendations, the City's plan for implementation, and next steps.

Mr. McLellan and Ms. Ilich, along with Vicki Potter, Director, Development Services, Abigail Bond, Assistant Director of Housing Policy, Matt Shillito, Assistant Director, Community Planning, and the City Manager, responded to questions.

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*At 12:00 pm it was*

*MOVED by Councillor Deal*

*THAT, under Section 2.3 (a) of the Procedure By-law, Council extend the length of the Regular Council meeting to 1:00 pm.*

*CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AND  
BY THE REQUIRED MAJORITY*

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#### 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 Jang  
SECONDED by Councillor Tang

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, except for those members ineligible to vote as noted below, enact the by-law listed on the agenda for this meeting as number 1, and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign and seal the enacted by-law.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

1. **A By-law to designate certain real property as protected heritage property (1927 West 17<sup>th</sup> Avenue - Hawkins House) (By-law No. 10564)**  
*(Mayor Robertson ineligible for the vote)*

## MOTIONS

### A. Administrative Motions

None.

### B. Motions on Notice

#### 1. Endorse the Get On Board BC Campaign

MOVED by Mayor Robertson

SECONDED by Councillor Meggs

#### WHEREAS

1. Metro Vancouver has seen an 80% increase in transit ridership since 2000;
2. TransLink does not have a stable, long-term funding arrangement with the Province of BC;
3. The total funding shortfall for TransLink from 2013-2015 is \$472 million;
4. There are currently 110,000 daily transit trips on the Broadway Corridor, which is BC's 2nd largest job centre in BC;
5. 50% of all trips made through the Broadway Corridor come from outside of Vancouver, demonstrating the importance of a strong, connected transit system throughout Metro Vancouver;
6. There are over 2000 passengers passed-up during the morning transit peak for the B-Line;
7. Expanding rapid transit service through the Broadway Corridor is a priority for the City of Vancouver;
8. The Get On Board BC Campaign, a diverse coalition of business groups, residents, workers, students and academics, is advocating for two basic principles: the need for a sustainable, equitable funding model for transit in Metro Vancouver, and municipalities to be given the power of choice when it comes to implementing new transportation funding options.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City of Vancouver formally endorse the Get On Board BC Campaign.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**2. Request for Leave of Absence - Councillor George Affleck**

MOVED by Councillor Ball  
SECONDED by Councillor Jang

THAT Councillor George Affleck be granted Leave of Absence for Personal Reasons from the Standing Committee on Planning, Transportation and Environment meeting to be held on October 17, 2012.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**3. Support for Vancouver School Board Application to Union of British Columbia Municipalities Grant**

MOVED by Councillor Reimer  
SECONDED by Councillor Louie

WHEREAS

1. The City of Vancouver supports early care and learning as a cornerstone of healthy child development;
2. The City of Vancouver shares a common vision with Vancouver School Board to support children and their families through an accessible, integrated, neighbourhood-based and culturally responsive system of quality early and middle years childhood development learning and care services;
3. The StrongStart Program and the Circles of Care and Connection (CCC) Refugee Project which address the settlement needs of young refugee children under the age of 6 and their primary care givers, are key early care and learning programs and housed in the outbuilding at Nightingale Elementary school;
4. The space which houses both programs is in need of repair and is eligible for a UBCM grant of \$12,500, to assist with upgrading expenses.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT as part of the Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM) grant requirement the City of Vancouver fully supports the Vancouver School Board's application for grant funding to make such space upgrades to Nightingale Elementary School in order to better accommodate young children and their families in early learning programs.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY  
(Councillor Meggs absent for the vote)

#### 4. Engaged City Task Force

MOVED by Councillor Reimer  
SECONDED by Mayor Robertson

##### WHEREAS

1. Vancouver City Council has a strong and demonstrated commitment to bringing the community into City Hall by engaging citizens, and soliciting their ideas, input and creative energy;
2. It is desirable to have the highest level of resident engagement, matching the demographics of the city as closely as possible, in City processes and resource allocation;
3. Recent research by the Vancouver Foundation found a strong correlation between low neighbor to neighbor engagement and low engagement with government;
4. The Vancouver Foundation research further shows social isolation was the single largest concern for residents in the Metro Vancouver region;
5. The Community Summit that took place from September 18-23, 2012, generated a number of ideas for action on increasing engagement, both with neighbours and with government;
6. The City has been a recognized leader in Open Data initiatives and is thus well-poised to expand these efforts to better engage citizens online and through social media.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Vancouver City Council establish an Engaged City Task Force as a Type D advisory committee with the terms of reference attached in Appendix A entitled "Mayor's Engaged City Task Force"; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Councillor Andrea Reimer be appointed to the Task Force.

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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 entitled "Engaged City Task Force", be referred to the Standing Committee on Planning, Transportation and Environment meeting to be held at 9:30 am on Wednesday, October 3, 2012, in order to hear from speakers.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY  
(Councillor Meggs absent for the vote)

## NOTICES OF MOTION

### 1. Urban Forest Action Plan & Protection for Mature Trees

Mayor Robertson submitted the following Notice of Motion. The motion will be placed on the agenda of the Regular Council meeting of October 16, 2012, as a Motion on Notice.

MOVER: Mayor Gregor Robertson

SECONDER: Councillor Andrea Reimer

#### WHEREAS

1. Street trees play an important role in mitigating and adapting to climate change, managing stormwater, supporting native biodiversity and access to nature, and providing food;
2. Vancouver's street trees are a significant financial asset having an assessed value, using standards of the International Society of Arboriculture (2004, Farr), of over \$500 million;
3. The City of Vancouver is committed to planting 150,000 new trees and increasing food assets by 50% through the adoption of the Greenest City Action Plan in July 2011, and the Vancouver Park Board is also looking to developing a food assets plan;
4. The Greenest City Action Plan commits the City to develop an urban forest plan in conjunction with the Vancouver Park Board;
5. There are policy gaps that need to be addressed to provide the urban forest plan with clear direction and a higher chance of success in meeting the goals of mitigating and adapting to climate change, supporting native biodiversity and access to nature, and food production;
6. Mature trees provide greater social and environmental benefits to neighbourhoods but the existing Protection of Trees Bylaw does not distinguish between mature and younger trees in allowing the removal of one healthy tree on a property;
7. An urban forest plan should include full life cycle management and wood waste is costly for the city to manage while at the same time there is a high demand from artisans for a local supply of hardwood;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Urban Forest Action Plan be completed by September 2013, and include the following:

- Recognize the desire for considerably more food-bearing trees while ensuring goals for climate, native biodiversity and access to nature are maintained, and taking into account public health issues such as allergies to specific tree species;



- Include soil quantity requirements that use the Toronto's Green Development Standard <http://www.toronto.ca/planning/greendevlopment.htm> as a minimum for trees on private and public land to ensure the myriad health, ecological and economic benefits that urban trees can provide, including the significant stormwater management benefits;
- Provide options for Council to consider regarding making wood, from trees that must be removed, available to local artisans;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT staff report back to Council with options for protecting healthy mature trees;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the City establish a Landmark Tree Program to celebrate trees of particular significance.

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#### NEW BUSINESS

##### 1. Request for Leave of Absence - Councillor Raymond Louie

MOVED by Councillor Deal  
SECONDED by Councillor Jang

THAT Councillor Raymond Louie be granted Leave of Absence for Civic Business from the Standing Committee on Planning, Transportation and Environment meeting to be held on October 3, 2012.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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*At 1:00 pm it was*

*MOVED by Councillor Deal  
SECONDED by Councillor Affleck*

*THAT Council extend the length of the Regular Council meeting to complete all items.*

*CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY  
(Councillor Jang absent for the vote)*

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## ENQUIRIES AND OTHER MATTERS

### 1. Composting Program

Councillor Carr noted the inclusion of composting into the recycling program for single family residents in the city of Vancouver and inquired when the City would be requiring those living in apartment blocks to also have their service provider include composting into the recycling program.

The City Manager informed that there will be a report back at the October 16, 2012, Regular Council meeting on composting and the final phase for the food scrapes program, along with the proposal being looked at in terms of bringing multi-units buildings into the program.

## ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Councillor Louie  
SECONDED by Councillor Meggs

THAT this meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY  
(Councillor Jang absent for the vote)

The Council adjourned at 1:06 pm.

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