



REPORT TO COUNCIL

STANDING COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL ON PLANNING, TRANSPORTATION AND ENVIRONMENT

OCTOBER 17, 2012

A Regular Meeting of the Standing Committee of Council on Planning, Transportation and Environment was held on Wednesday, October 17, 2012, at 9:33 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
Councillor Kerry Jang
Councillor Raymond Louie (Leave of Absence - Civic Business for Items 1 to 3, a Portion of Item 4, and Item 6)
Councillor Geoff Meggs, Vice-Chair
Councillor Tim Stevenson*
Councillor Tony Tang

CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE: Penny Ballem, City Manager
Sadhu Johnston, Deputy City Manager

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE: Terri Burke, Meeting Coordinator

* Denotes absence for a portion of the meeting.

1. **PRESENTATION - City of Vancouver Heavy Urban Search and Rescue (HUSAR) Canadian Task Force 1 Magnitude 12 Exercise**

John McKearney, Fire Chief, Vancouver Fire and Rescue Services, provided a presentation on Vancouver's HUSAR, emergency exercises, and the Joint Emergency Preparedness Program (JEPP) including; an update on the Johnsons Landing HUSAR deployment, an overview of upcoming training exercises including Shakeout BC, Tumbling Dice and Magnitude 2012, and JEPP federal funding reductions.

Mr. McKearney also responded to questions.

2. Food Scraps Diversion Update & Full Phase 2 Implementation October 9, 2012

Albert Shames, Director, Waste Management and Resource Recovery, presented the report, and along with Chris Underwood, Manager, Solid Waste Management, and Peter Judd, General Manager, Engineering, responded to questions.

The Committee heard from one speaker in support of the recommendations who also offered additional suggestions regarding recycling.

MOVED by Mayor Robertson

THAT the Committee recommend to Council

- A. THAT Council approve full implementation of food scraps recycling including a switch to weekly collection of green bins and every-other-week collection of garbage for single-family and duplex homes supported by a comprehensive communications campaign for launch in early 2013, as set out in the Administrative Report dated October 9, 2012, entitled "Food Scraps Diversion Update and Full Phase 2 Implementation".
- B. THAT Council approve one-time implementation costs of up to \$5.4 million for operating costs as described in the Financial Implications section of the Administrative Report dated October 9, 2012, entitled "Food Scraps Diversion Update and Full Phase 2 Implementation", funded as a loan from the Capital Financing Fund (Solid Waste Capital Reserve) based on a budget and terms acceptable to the Chief Financial Officer with repayment by Solid Waste Utility fees. Final budget to be approved by the City Manager and Chief Financial Officer.
- C. THAT Council approve a total upset budget of up to \$5 million for capital improvements to the City's solid waste transfer operations, funded as a loan from the Capital Financing Fund (Solid Waste Capital Reserve) based on budget and terms acceptable to the Chief Financial Officer with repayment by Solid Waste Utility fees. Final budget to be approved by City Manager and Chief Financial Officer.
- D. THAT Council approve, in principle, the expedited introduction of mandatory recycling of compostable waste from all sectors in Vancouver by the end of 2013, including multi-family (MF) residential, commercial, industrial and institutional (ICI) sectors, and direct staff to report back by the end of 2012 with a recommended approach and budget for the diversion of these materials from the MF and ICI sectors that prioritizes the food service industry and aligns with a planned region-wide ban on the disposal of compostable organics by 2015.

- E. THAT Council instruct the Director of Legal Services to bring forward amendments to the Solid Waste By-Law, generally in accordance with the principles described in the Administrative Report dated October 9, 2012, entitled "Food Scraps Diversion Update and Full Phase 2 Implementation".

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Councillor Louie absent on Civic Business)

**3. 2012 Cultural Infrastructure Grant Allocations
September 18, 2012**

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At 11:32 am, Councillor Stevenson declared Conflict of Interest on Item 3 as he is an active member of St. Andrew's-Wesley United Church and his spouse is the lead Minister. He left the Chamber and did not return until after the vote on this item.

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The Committee heard from two speakers in support of the recommendations.

MOVED by Councillor Deal
THAT the Committee recommend to Council

THAT Council approve twenty-three (23) Cultural Infrastructure Grants totalling \$866,320 as outlined in the Administrative Report dated September 18, 2012, entitled "2012 Cultural Infrastructure Grant Allocations", and in Table 1 and Appendix B of the aforementioned report; source of funds to be the 2011 and 2012 Capital Budgets for Cultural Infrastructure Grants.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AND
BY THE REQUIRED MAJORITY
(Councillor Stevenson absent for the vote)

**4. Implementation of a Public Bike Share Program - By-law Amendments Phase 2
October 5, 2012**

The Committee heard from four speakers who had concerns with the implementation of a Bike Share Program in the city.

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At noon, during the hearing of speakers it was

MOVED by Councillor Affleck

THAT, under Section 2.3 (a) of the Procedure By-law, the Committee extend the length of the Standing Committee on Planning, Transportation and Environment meeting by one hour or less.

*CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AND
BY THE REQUIRED MAJORITY*

*(Councillor Stevenson and Mayor Robertson absent for the vote)
(Councillor Louie absent on Civic Business)*

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The Committee recessed at 12:51 pm and reconvened at 1:29 pm with the same members present except for Councillor Louie who was in attendance, and Councillor Stevenson and Mayor Robertson who were not in the Chamber.

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Sadhu Johnston, Deputy City Manager, presented the report, and along with Scott Edwards, Manager, Street Activities Branch, responded to questions.

The Committee agreed to separate the vote on the components of the motion, and to vote on each of the five by-laws in A below separately.

MOVED by Councillor Deal

THAT the Committee recommend to Council

- A. THAT Council approve, in principle, the proposed amendments to the City Land Use By-law, the Street Vending By-law, the Vehicle for Hire By-law, the License By-law and the Building By-law to facilitate the introduction of a public bike share system in Vancouver.
- B. THAT the Director of Legal Services be instructed to prepare the necessary amending by-laws, generally in accordance with Appendix A of the Administrative Report dated October 5, 2012, entitled "Implementation of a Public Bike Share Program - By-law Amendments Phase 2".

CARRIED

(Councillors Affleck and Ball opposed to the License By-law in A)
(Councillor Stevenson absent for the vote)

5. **Single Room Accommodation (SRA) Conversion Application for
403 East Hastings Street (Patricia Hotel)
October 2, 2012**

This item was WITHDRAWN.

6. **Urban Forest Action Plan & Protection for Mature Trees**

Vancouver City Council, at its meeting on October 16, 2012, referred this matter to the Standing Committee on Planning, Transportation and Environment meeting on October 17, 2012, in order to hear from speakers. Subsequently, the requests to speak were withdrawn.

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

The Deputy City Manager responded to questions.

MOVED by Mayor Robertson
THAT the Committee recommend to Council

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 By-law 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

- A. 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, air quality 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 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.
- B. THAT staff report back to Council with options for protecting healthy mature trees.
- C. THAT the City establish a Landmark Tree Program to celebrate trees of particular significance.

carried

REFERRAL MOVED by Councillor Affleck

THAT the motion be referred to Vancouver Park Board and City of Vancouver staff for information.

LOST

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

(Councillor Stevenson absent for the vote)

(Councillor Louie absent on Civic Business)

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

The referral having lost, the motion was put and CARRIED with Councillor Affleck opposed to B, and Councillors Affleck and Ball opposed to C, and Councillor Louie absent on Civic Business.

The Committee adjourned at 3:11 pm.

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

OCTOBER 17, 2012

A Regular Meeting of the Council of the City of Vancouver was held on Wednesday, October 17, 2012, at 3:12 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: Mayor Gregor Robertson
Councillor George Affleck
Councillor Elizabeth Ball
Councillor Adriane Carr
Councillor Heather Deal
Councillor Kerry Jang
Councillor Geoff Meggs
Councillor Andrea Reimer
Councillor Tim Stevenson
Councillor Tony Tang

ABSENT: Councillor Raymond Louie (Leave of Absence - Civic Business)

CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE: Penny Ballem, City Manager
Sadhu Johnston, Deputy City Manager

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE: Terri Burke, Meeting Coordinator

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MOVED by Councillor Deal
SECONDED by Councillor Meggs

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Report of Standing Committee on Planning, Transportation and Environment October 17, 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. PRESENTATION - City of Vancouver HUSAR Canadian Task Force 1
Magnitude 12 Exercise
2. Food Scraps Diversion Update & Full Phase 2 Implementation
3. 2012 Cultural Infrastructure Grant Allocations
4. Implementation of a Public Bike Share Program - By-law Amendments Phase 2
5. Single Room Accommodation (SRA) Conversion Application for
403 East Hastings Street (Patricia Hotel) - WITHDRAWN
6. Urban Forest Action Plan & Protection for Mature Trees

Items 1 to 6

MOVED by Councillor Stevenson

THAT the recommendations and actions taken by the Standing Committee on Planning, Transportation and Environment at its meeting of Wednesday, October 17, 2012, as contained in items 1 to 6, be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AND
ITEM 3 BY THE REQUIRED MAJORITY

RISE FROM COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MOVED by Councillor Tang

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 Deal

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

URGENT BUSINESS

1. Leave of Absence - Mayor Robertson

MOVED by Councillor Jang
SECONDED by Councillor Ball

THAT Mayor Robertson be granted Leave of Absence for Civic Business from the Court of Revision meeting to be held October 18, 2012.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Councillor Deal
SECONDED by Councillor Ball

THAT this meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Council adjourned at 3:16 pm.

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