



REPORT TO COUNCIL

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

JANUARY 16, 2013

A Regular Meeting of the Standing Committee of Council on Planning, Transportation and Environment was held on Wednesday, January 16, 2013, 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*
Councillor Geoff Meggs, Vice-Chair
Councillor Tim Stevenson*
Councillor Tony Tang

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

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE: Rosemary Hagiwara, Deputy City Clerk
Pat Boomhower, Meeting Coordinator

* Denotes absence for a portion of the meeting.

MATTERS ADOPTED ON CONSENT

MOVED by Councillor Deal

THAT the Committee approve Item 3 on consent.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Mayor Robertson absent for the vote)

AGENDA ITEMS

1. Vancouver School Board Presentation: Capital Plan 2012 - 2017

Jim Meschino, Director of Facilities, Vancouver School Board (VSB), presented the 5-Year Capital Plan with regard to seismic upgrades for school buildings, and along with Patti Bacchus, Chairperson, Vancouver Board of Education, responded to questions.

**2. 2013 Advance Grant Installments to Cultural Operating Organizations
December 1, 2012**

Margaret Specht, Director - Grants, Awards and Support Programs, Cultural Services, responded to a question.

The Committee heard from one speaker who spoke in support of the grant to the Vancouver Opera Association and commented on the economic benefits of arts and cultural tourism.

MOVED by Councillor Ball

THAT the Committee recommend to Council

- A. THAT Council approve advance Cultural Grants Operating installments in the amount of \$1,041,240 to 82 organizations, in advance of their 2013 annual operating review, as listed in Appendix A of the Administrative Report dated December 1, 2012, entitled "2013 Advance Grant Installments to Cultural Operating Organizations".
- B. THAT Council approve quarterly grant installments in the amount of \$988,600 (noting Q3 and Q4 exceptions) to the five major exhibiting institutions beginning January 2013, in advance of their 2013 annual operating review, as listed in Table 1 of the Administrative Report dated December 1, 2012, entitled "2013 Advance Grant Installments to Cultural Operating Organizations".

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AND
BY THE REQUIRED MAJORITY

**3. Contract Award for the Supply and Delivery of Maintenance, Repair and Operating Supplies
January 7, 2013**

THAT the Committee recommend to Council

- A. THAT Council authorize City staff to negotiate, to the satisfaction of the City's General Manager of Engineering Services, General Manager of Park Board, Director of Legal Services, Director of Finance, and Chief Purchasing Official, and enter into a contract with ACKLANDS GRAINGER Inc. for the supply and delivery of maintenance, repair and operating supplies for a term of three years, (with the option to extend for two additional one year periods), with an estimated contract value of \$6,000,000 over the term to be funded through the annual operating budget process.
- B. THAT the Director of Legal Services be authorized to execute on behalf of the City the contract as outlined in A above.
- C. THAT no legal rights or obligations will be created by Council's adoption of A and B above, unless and until such contract is executed by the Director of Legal Services.

ADOPTED ON CONSENT

REFERRED ITEM

4. Supporting Vancouver's Restaurant Industry

At its meeting on January 15, 2013, Vancouver City Council referred the following motion to the Standing Committee on Planning, Transportation and Environment meeting on January 16, 2013, in order to hear from speakers.

MOVED by Councillor George Affleck

WHEREAS

1. The City of Vancouver prides itself on the quality of its internationally renowned restaurant industry;
2. The restaurant industry in Vancouver employs thousands of people and generates multi millions of dollars per year into the Vancouver economy;
3. The City of Vancouver expanded its street and mobile food vending programs in January 2011 to promote the range of options available for consumers;
4. The restaurant industry states that:
 - i. restaurants are more environmentally responsible than food carts within the street vendor program in areas such as disposable packaging, cutlery, gas powered generators, and commute time of vehicles;
 - ii. restaurants pay property taxes, business license fees, and all utility fees within the city;
 - iii. restaurants are required to provide washrooms and pay rent;
 - iv. restaurants must follow strict signage rules;
5. The number of food vending program licences has been projected to increase by 15 each year until 2015;
6. The Canadian Restaurant and Food Services Association recommends that food trucks be located at least 100 meters from an existing restaurant;
7. Vancouver's guidelines state food vendors may not be located within 60 meters of an existing business which has the same type of food, food concept, or theme;
8. New permit locations are becoming scarcer, thus increasing the potential that new permits may be issued near established restaurants, particularly in the downtown core.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT staff report back on concerns expressed by the restaurant sector and how the food vending program may need to be modified to ensure the long-term viability of Vancouver's restaurant industry;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT staff report back on existing permit locations and their proximity to local restaurants and details on how enforcement efforts have been undertaken;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT staff report back on the environmental impact and carbon footprint of the food vending licences.

amended

The Committee heard from eight speakers, four of whom expressed support for the motion, and four business owners who expressed concerns and provided suggestions.

At 12:00 pm, during the hearing from speakers, it was

MOVED by Councillor Deal

THA Council extend the length of the Standing Committee on Planning, Transportation and Environment meeting to complete the agenda.

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

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At 12:45 pm, the Committee recessed and convened in Regular Council.

The Committee reconvened at 2:05 pm with Councillor Reimer in the Chair and all members present except for Councillors Louie and Stevenson and Mayor Robertson, who were absent.

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The Deputy City Manager responded to questions.

AMENDMENT MOVED by Councillor Deal

THAT the motion be amended by

- striking the first paragraph of the Resolveds and inserting:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT staff continue to report back on evolving food cart program, including reporting on successes, on concerns expressed by the restaurant sector, and on potential future program modifications;

- and striking the third paragraph of the Resolveds and inserting:

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT staff report back on food carts' environmental impact plans and potential for reducing environmental footprint.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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

The amendment having carried, the motion was put and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY, with Councillors Louie and Stevenson and Mayor Robertson absent for the vote.

FINAL MOTION AS ADOPTED

THAT the Committee recommend to Council

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT staff report back on existing permit locations and their proximity to local restaurants and details on how enforcement efforts have been undertaken;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT staff report back on food carts' environmental impact plans and potential for reducing environmental footprint.

The Committee adjourned at 2:49 pm

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

JANUARY 16, 2013

A Regular Meeting of the Council of the City of Vancouver was held on Wednesday, January 16, 2013, at 12:45 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. Subsequently, Council reconvened at 2:49 pm the same afternoon.

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

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

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COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MOVED by Councillor Tang
SECONDED by Councillor Jang

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 January 16, 2013

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. Vancouver School Board Presentation: Capital Plan 2012 - 2017
2. 2013 Advance Grant Installments to Cultural Operating Organizations
3. Contract Award for the Supply and Delivery of Maintenance, Repair and Operating Supplies
4. Supporting Vancouver's Restaurant Industry

Items 1 - 3

MOVED by Councillor Deal

THAT the recommendations and actions taken by the Standing Committee on Planning, Transportation and Environment at its meeting of January 16, 2013, as contained in items 1 - 3, be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AND
ITEM 2 BY THE REQUIRED MAJORITY

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 Deal

THAT the report of the Committee of the Whole be adopted, for items 1 to 3.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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At 12:46 pm, it was

*MOVED by Councillor Tang
SECONDED by Councillor Deal*

THAT Council recess and reconvene immediately following the Standing Committee on Planning, Transportation and Environment meeting later this day.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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At 2:49 pm, Council reconvened with Councillor Reimer in the Chair, and all members present except for Councillors Louie and Stevenson and Mayor Robertson.

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COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MOVED by Councillor Tang
SECONDED by Councillor Jang

THAT this Council resolve itself into Committee of the Whole, Councillor Reimer in the Chair.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Councillor Stevenson and Mayor Robertson absent for the vote)

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Item 4

MOVED by Councillor Deal

THAT the recommendations and actions taken by the Standing Committee on Planning, Transportation and Environment at its meeting of January 16, 2013, as contained in item 4, be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Councillor Stevenson and Mayor Robertson absent for the vote)

RISE FROM COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MOVED by Councillor Jang

THAT the Committee of the Whole rise and report.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Councillor Stevenson and Mayor Robertson absent for the vote)

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, for item 4.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Councillor Stevenson and Mayor Robertson absent for the vote)

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Councillor Deal
SECONDED by Councillor Affleck

THAT the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Councillor Stevenson and Mayor Robertson absent for the vote)

The Council adjourned at 2:50 pm.

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