



REPORT TO COUNCIL

**STANDING COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL
ON CITY FINANCE AND SERVICES**

JUNE 12, 2013

A Regular Meeting of the Standing Committee of Council on City Finance and Services was held on Wednesday, June 12, 2013, at 9:36 am, in the Council Chamber, Third Floor, City Hall.

PRESENT: Councillor Heather Deal, Vice-Chair
Councillor George Affleck
Councillor Elizabeth Ball
Councillor Adriane Carr
Councillor Kerry Jang
Councillor Geoff Meggs
Councillor Andrea Reimer
Councillor Tim Stevenson
Councillor Tony Tang

ABSENT: Mayor Gregor Robertson (Leave of Absence)
Councillor Raymond Louie, Chair (Leave of Absence -
Civic Business)

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

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE: Rosemary Hagiwara, Deputy City Clerk
Wendy Stewart, Deputy City Clerk
Nicole Ludwig, Meeting Coordinator

MATTERS ADOPTED ON CONSENT

MOVED by Councillor Carr

THAT the Committee adopt item 3 on consent.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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VARY AGENDA

MOVED by Councillor Jang

THAT the Committee vary the order of the agenda to deal with item 4 first.

*CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AND
BY THE REQUIRED MAJORITY*

Note: for ease of reference the minutes are recorded in numerical order.

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**1. Rental Rate and Ticket Surcharge Increase - Civic Theatres 2013-2014
March 18, 2013**

The City Manager and the General Manager of Community Services responded to questions.

MOVED by Councillor Ball

THAT the Committee recommend to Council

THAT Council approve the following user fees for Civic Theatres:

- i) Rental Rate increases as outlined in the Schedule of Rental Rates for Civic Theatres (Appendix "A" of the Administrative Report dated March 18, 2013, entitled "Rental Rate and Ticket Surcharge Increase - Civic Theatres 2013-2014), effective September 1, 2013;
- ii) Ticket surcharge increases of \$2.75 per ticket, for City supported not for profit performing arts groups as well as other non-profits, and \$3.00 for other organizations, effective September 1, 2013.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. Transportation 2040

- (a) Presentation: Walking and Cycling Safety and Active Transportation Corridors

The Manager of Active Transportation provided a presentation on Transportation 2040 - Walking and Cycling Safety and Active Transportation Corridors.

- (b) Transportation 2040 - 2013 Active Transportation Corridor Implementation
May 30, 2013

The Director of Transportation provided an update on the 2013 Active Transportation Corridor Implementation, provided clarification on by-law changes proposed in the recommendations, and along with staff from Active Transportation, Engineering Services, responded to questions.

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At 11:55 am, it was

MOVED by Councillor Reimer

THAT the Committee extend the length of the meeting to finish the business on the agenda, with a one hour lunch break at approximately 12:30 pm.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AND
BY THE REQUIRED MAJORITY

The Committee recessed at 12:36 pm and reconvened at 1:37 pm with the same members present except for Councillors Carr and Stevenson, who were not in the Council Chamber.

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The Committee heard from five speakers in support of the recommendations, seven speakers opposed to some of the recommendations who raised concerns regarding neighbourhood engagement and notification of these projects, and two speakers who addressed other issues related to active transportation.

MOVED by Councillor Meggs

THAT the Committee recommend to Council

- A. THAT Council approve the following Active Transportation Capital Projects, as described in the Administrative Report dated May 30, 2013, entitled “Transportation 2040 - 2013 Active Transportation Corridor Implementation”, at a cost of up to \$2,950,000, for construction in 2013:
 - i. Union Street Upgrade - Gore Avenue to Carrall Street and to the Seawall (\$700,000), except as noted below;
 - ii. Canada Line Bridge Pedestrian and Bicycle Connection (\$750,000); and
 - iii. North End of Cambie Street Bridge to Beatty Street (up to \$1,500,000).

Source of funds to be \$2,245,000 from the Council approved 2013 Capital Budget for Active Transportation Corridors and Spot Improvements and \$705,000 from TransLink.

- B. THAT Council authorize the Director of Legal Services to prepare amendments to Street and Traffic By-law No. 2849 and Parking Meter By-law No. 2952 as outlined in Appendix E of the Administrative Report dated May 30, 2013, entitled “Transportation 2040 - 2013 Active Transportation Corridor Implementation” to provide flexibility in the design and implementation of cycling improvements throughout the City and to remove Union Street from Main Street to Quebec Street from the truck route network.
- C. THAT Council direct staff to postpone consideration of the eastbound barrier at Gore Avenue and Union Street pending further consultation with the community and report back within a month, with a view to identifying suitable

traffic calming measures that improve safety for all users between Main Street and Princess Avenue on Union Street.

carried

AMENDMENT MOVED by Councillor Affleck

THAT the following be added to "C": "and until that time, further public consultation be undertaken with businesses along Union Street between Gore Avenue and Main Street to see if there are any better alternatives to the proposed separated bike lane."

LOST

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

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

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

**3. 320 Abbott Street - Façade Grant - DE 416539
March 18, 2013**

THAT the Committee recommend to Council

- A. THAT Council approve a façade grant of up to \$50,000 for the rehabilitation of the principal façade at 320 Abbott Street as contemplated by Development Application Number DE 416539 (Application), the source of funding being the 2009 Capital Budget for the Heritage Façade Rehabilitation Program.
- B. THAT Council authorize the City to enter into an agreement with the owner of 320 Abbott Street to be registered in the Land Title Office as a covenant under Section 219 of the Land Title Act, which agreement shall require the rehabilitation to be overseen by a qualified Heritage Consultant and will require the owner to maintain the 320 Abbott Street façade in good appearance and good repair for a minimum of fifteen years.
- C. THAT the agreement described above shall be prepared, registered and given priority to the satisfaction of the Director of Legal Services in consultation with the General Manager of Planning and Development Services.

ADOPTED ON CONSENT AND
BY THE REQUIRED MAJORITY

4. Mayor's Engaged City Task Force

At the Regular Council meeting held Tuesday, May 28, 2013, Vancouver City Council received a presentation from the Mayor's Engaged City Task Force and postponed decision on the following motion to the next Regular Council meeting to be held on June 11, 2013. Subsequently, Council referred this item to the Standing Committee on City Finance and Services meeting on June 12, 2013, as the first item of business, in order to hear from speakers.

The Committee heard from one speaker in support of the motion, who offered further suggestions for citizen engagement.

The City Manager and a representative from the Mayor's Engaged City Task Force responded to questions.

Note: The motion contains revisions to the original motion which were accepted by the Committee.

MOVED by Councillor Reimer
THAT the Committee recommend to Council

THAT Council receive the Quick Start recommendations from the Engaged City Task Force, as presented to Council on May 28, 2013, and direct staff to implement; and

FURTHER THAT staff be directed to report back with recommendations for implementing any quick starts that cannot be absorbed within the existing budget;

FURTHER THAT staff be directed to report back on all costs of the quick starts that are to be absorbed within the existing budget; and

FURTHER THAT staff be directed identify the departments overseeing the 'quick starts' noted below and any possible program cuts that may occur as a result of the Engaged City Task Force program.

Summary of Quick Start Recommendations:
Engagement at a Neighbourhood Level

1. Bring City Hall to the Community
2. Participatory Budgeting for Neighbourhoods
3. Declare a City-wide Neighbourhood Block Party Day
4. Neighbourhood Councillor Liaisons

Improve Civic Education

5. Open the Doors to City Hall
6. City Hall 101
7. Make it Easy to Register to Vote
8. City Hall Storytelling

Improve the Development Process

9. Earlier Public Involvement in Major Rezoning Proposals
10. Enhanced Notice of Planning Changes
11. Rethink Public Signs and Notices

Social Media for Civic Engagement

12. Bring 3-1-1 Online
13. Crowdsourced Venue List
14. Create and Promote an Engaged City Listserv
15. Create and Promote an Online Engagement Panel
16. Create and Promote an Engaged City Twitter Handle

carried

AMENDMENT MOVED by Councillor Carr

THAT Quick Start recommendation 4 - Neighbourhood Councillor Liaisons - be struck from the list of recommendations.

LOST

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

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During debate Councillors Affleck and Carr raised concerns with the method of appointment of Neighbourhood Councillor Liaisons. Councillor Reimer rose on a Point of Order, noting that the recommendations do not deal the process of assigning Councillors to neighbourhoods. The Chair ruled Councillor Carr out of order.

Councillor Carr challenged the ruling of the Chair.

The Chair then put the question:

Shall the ruling of the Chair be sustained?

CARRIED

(Councillors Affleck, Ball and Carr opposed)

A two-thirds majority of those present is required to overrule the ruling of the Chair. Therefore, the ruling of the Chair was SUSTAINED.

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

The amendment having lost, the motion was put and CARRIED with Councillors Affleck and Ball opposed to Quick Start Recommendations 2 and 4.

5. Support Renters with Pets

At its meeting on June 11, 2013, Vancouver City Council referred the following motion to the Standing Committee on City Finance and Services meeting on June 12, 2013, in order to hear from speakers.

The Committee heard from three speakers in support of the motion.

Note: The motion contains revisions to the original motion, which were accepted by the Committee.

MOVED BY Councillor Stevenson

WHEREAS

1. Over half of Vancouver households are renters, and the city of Vancouver is home to more than a quarter of the rental housing for the entire province;
2. The vacancy rate in Vancouver over the last 30 years has averaged 0.9%, making it difficult for tenants with pets to find suitable rental accommodation;
3. Section 18.1.a. of the BC Residential Tenancy Act states that "A tenancy agreement may include terms or conditions doing either or both of the following: (a) prohibiting pets, or restricting the size, kind or number of pets a tenant may keep on the residential property";
4. The Province of Ontario does not allow landlords to ban pets in rental housing;
5. Part II, Section 14 of the Ontario Residential Tenancies Act states that "A provision in a tenancy agreement prohibiting the presence of animals in or about the residential complex is void";
6. Part V, Section 76 of the Ontario Residential Tenancies Act outlines how a tenant can be evicted based on inappropriate behavior or impact of an animal in a residential complex;
7. Supporting renters is a priority for the City of Vancouver, as part of the 2011-2021 Housing and Homelessness Strategy;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City ask the Seniors Advisory Committee, Vancouver Coastal Health Authority, the British Columbia Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (BCSPCA), the British Columbia Apartment Owners and Managers Association (BCAOMA), and the Renters' Roundtable to provide recommendations to Council on regulations and other measures that better enable tenants to keep pets in rental buildings.

carried

AMENDMENT MOVED by Councillor Ball

THAT the resolved be struck and replaced with the following:

THAT City staff work with either City website staff or an appropriate non-profit society in order to create a registry for pet friendly accommodation in Vancouver.

LOST

(Councillors Carr, Deal, Jang, Reimer, Stevenson and Tang opposed)

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

The Committee adjourned at 5:07 pm

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**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
STANDING COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL ON
CITY FINANCE AND SERVICES**

JUNE 12, 2013

A Regular Meeting of the Council of the City of Vancouver was held on Wednesday, June 12, 2013, at 5:07 pm, in the Council Chamber, Third Floor, City Hall, following the Standing Committee on City Finance and Services meeting, to consider the recommendations and actions of the Committee.

- PRESENT:** Councillor George Affleck, Chair
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:** Mayor Gregor Robertson (Leave of Absence)
Councillor Raymond Louie (Leave of Absence - Civic Business)
- CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE:** Penny Ballem, City Manager
- CITY CLERK'S OFFICE:** Wendy Stewart, Deputy City Clerk
Nicole Ludwig, Meeting Coordinator

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Report of Standing Committee on City Finance and Services
June 12, 2013

Council considered the report containing the recommendations and actions taken by the Standing Committee on City Finance and Services. Its items of business included:

1. Rental Rate and Ticket Surcharge Increase - Civic Theatres 2013-2014
2. Transportation 2040
 - (a) Presentation: Walking and Cycling Safety and Active Transportation Corridors
 - (b) Transportation 2040 - 2013 Active Transportation Corridor Implementation
3. 320 Abbott Street - Façade Grant - DE 416539
4. Mayor's Engaged City Task Force
5. Support Renters with Pets

Items 1 to 5

MOVED by Councillor Deal
SECONDED by Councillor Jang

THAT the recommendations and actions taken by the Standing Committee on City Finance and Services at its meeting of June 12, 2013, as contained in items 1 to 5, be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AND
ITEM 3 BY THE REQUIRED MAJORITY

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Councillor Deal
SECONDED by Councillor Tang

THAT this meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Council adjourned at 5:08 pm.

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