



REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

JUNE 25, 2013

A Regular Meeting of the Council of the City of Vancouver was held on Tuesday, June 25, 2013, at 9:33 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 Geoff Meggs
Councillor Andrea Reimer
Councillor Tony Tang

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

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

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE: Janice MacKenzie, City Clerk
Nicole Ludwig, Meeting Coordinator

WELCOME

The proceedings in the Council Chamber were opened with welcoming comments from Councillor Jang, who invited Mayor Robertson to say a few words about the Year of Reconciliation and the Calgary floods. Mayor Robertson provided a brief background on the Year of Reconciliation and the City's work with Reconciliation Canada. At the Mayor's request, the City Manager provided an update on the Calgary floods and how Vancouver has been assisting.

PRESENTATION - CityStudio: 2013 Canadian Association of Municipal Administrators (CAMA) Willis Award for Innovation

The Mayor invited Doug Smith, Assistant Director, Sustainability Group, to the podium to introduce Mark Brown, BC Representative, Canadian Association of Municipal Administrators. Mr. Brown showed a video, provided background information on the CAMA Willis Award for Innovation and presented the award for Innovation to Mayor Robertson for CityStudio, and the CityStudio team.

"IN CAMERA" MEETING

MOVED by Councillor Deal
SECONDED by Councillor Jang

THAT Council will go into a meeting later this day and on Wednesday, June 26, 2013, 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;

(e) the acquisition, disposition or expropriation of land or improvements, if the Council considers that disclosure could reasonably be expected to harm the interests of the city;

(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 JUNE 11, 2013

Council made the following appointments to civic agencies and committees:

- Donna Chomichuk and Peter Cappel were appointed to the First Shaughnessy Advisory Design Panel;
- Bruce Flexman, Warren Franklin and Moura Quayle were appointed to the Vancouver Economic Commission;
- Scott Graham was appointed to the Seniors Advisory Committee, and
- Jeff Cole and Peggy Harowitz were appointed to the Active Transportation Policy Council.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

1. Regular Council - June 11, 2013

MOVED by Councillor Jang
SECONDED by Councillor Ball

THAT the Minutes of the Regular Council meeting of June 11, 2013, be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. Public Hearing - June 11, 2013

MOVED by Councillor Jang
SECONDED by Councillor Tang

THAT the Minutes of the Public Hearing of June 11, 2013, be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. Regular Council (City Finance and Services) - June 12, 2013

MOVED by Councillor Carr
SECONDED by Councillor Deal

THAT the Minutes of the Regular Council following the Standing Committee on City Finance and Services meeting of June 12, 2013, be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. Chauffeur's Permit Appeal Hearing - June 18, 2013

MOVED by Councillor Reimer
SECONDED by Councillor Affleck

THAT the Minutes of the Chauffeur's Permit Appeal Hearing of June 18, 2013, be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MOVED by Councillor Jang
SECONDED by Councillor Deal

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MATTERS ADOPTED ON CONSENT

MOVED by Councillor Jang

THAT Council adopt Administrative Reports A1 to A7 on consent.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

REPORT REFERENCE

1. **Dunsmuir and Georgia Viaducts and Related Area Planning**
June 18, 2013

Brian Jackson, General Manager, Planning and Development Services, and Jerry Dobrovolny, Director of Transportation, provided a report reference on the Dunsmuir and Georgia Viaducts and related area planning, and along with Kevin McNaney, Assistant Director of Central Area Planning, responded to questions.

REFERRAL MOVED by Councillor Reimer

THAT Council refer this matter to the Standing Committee on Planning, Transportation and Environment meeting on June 26, 2013, in order to hear from speakers starting at 2:00 pm.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. **Metro West Inter-Municipal Business Licence Pilot Program**
May 28, 2013

Joan Elangovan, Acting Chief Executive Officer, Vancouver Economic Commission, and Tom Hammel, Deputy Chief Licence Inspector, provided a report reference on the Metro West Inter-Municipal Business Licence Pilot Program, and responded to questions.

MOVED by Councillor Tang

- A. THAT Council approve the City of Vancouver's participation as a partner in a two-year pilot of an Inter-Municipal Business Licence (IMBL) Pilot Program with the City of Burnaby, the Corporation of Delta, the City of New Westminster, the City of Richmond and the City of Surrey as described in the Administrative Report dated May 28, 2013, entitled "Metro West Inter-Municipal Business Licence Pilot Program".
- B. THAT Council instruct the Director of Legal Services to bring forward the by-laws necessary to implement the Inter-Municipal Business Licence (IMBL) Pilot Program, generally in accordance with the Administrative Report dated May 28, 2013, entitled "Metro West Inter-Municipal Business Licence Pilot Program".

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

1. Grant to Atira Women's Resource Society for Eight Hospice Rooms
(100 East Cordova Street)
May 17, 2013

THAT Council approve a grant of \$40,000 to Atira Women's Resource Society (Atira) for the construction of an eight room hospice addition for women who are homeless or at risk of homelessness, who are at the end of their lives due to serious physical or mental illness, addiction and other poverty related illnesses at 100 East Cordova Street [Block 9 Plan LMP45079 District Lot 196 NWD Parcel B, Group1. PID: 024-756-989]; source of funding to be the 2012-14 Capital Plan for New Non-Market Housing Projects (Capital from Revenue) to be added to the 2013 Capital Budget.

FURTHER THAT the grant be subject to the issuance of a Building Occupancy Permit for the eight room hospice addition at 100 East Cordova Street.

ADOPTED ON CONSENT AND
BY THE REQUIRED MAJORITY

2. Grant to SUCCESS for 22 Affordable Seniors Housing Units (611 Main Street)
May 17, 2013

THAT Council approve a grant of \$220,000 to SUCCESS for the construction of 22 units of social housing for seniors, in the development proposed for 611 Main Street [Lots 1 to 5 Block 18 District Lot 196 Plan 184; PIDs: 007-374-321, 007-374-348, 007-374-381, 007-374-437 and 007-374-470 respectively]; source of funding to be the 2012-14 Capital Plan for New Non-market Housing Projects (Capital from Revenue) to be added to the 2013 Program/Project Budget.

FURTHER THAT the grant be subject to the following conditions:

- funding commitment from SUCCESS being secured;
- registration of a Housing Agreement securing all 22 units as social housing for 60 years or the life of the building, whichever is greater; and
- enactment of the CD-1 District schedule approved in principle for this site.

ADOPTED ON CONSENT AND
BY THE REQUIRED MAJORITY

3. Grant to Kitsilano Neighbourhood House for 15 Affordable Housing Units for Seniors
2305-2325 West 7th Avenue
May 17, 2013

THAT Council approve a grant of \$150,000 to Kitsilano Neighbourhood House (KNH) for the construction of a 15-unit affordable senior's housing project at 2305-2325 West 7th Avenue [Lot A Block 282 Plan BCP 48533 District Lot 526 NWD Group1. PID: 028-617-975]; source of funding to be the 2012-14 Capital Plan for New Non-market Housing Projects (Capital from Revenue) to be added to the 2013 Capital Budget.

ADOPTED ON CONSENT AND
BY THE REQUIRED MAJORITY

4. 2013-14 Theatre Rental Grant Allocations
May 15, 2013

- A. THAT Council approve Theatre Rental Grants to 15 organizations totalling \$222,117 as listed in Table 1 of the Administrative Report dated May 15, 2013, entitled "2013-14 Theatre Rental Grant Allocations", for use of the Civic Theatres for the remaining months of 2013; source of funds to be the 2013 Theatre Rental Grants budget.
- B. THAT Council approve, in advance of the 2014 operating budget, Theatre Rental Grants to 30 organizations totalling \$1,467,105 as listed in Table 2 of the Administrative Report dated May 15, 2013, entitled "2013-14 Theatre Rental Grant Allocations", for use of the Civic Theatres in the first eight months of 2014; source of funds to be the 2014 Theatre Rental Grants operating budget.

ADOPTED ON CONSENT AND
BY THE REQUIRED MAJORITY

5. Closure and Sale of a Portion of Road Adjacent to 3795 Commercial Street
June 4, 2013

- A. THAT Council close, stop-up and convey to the owner of 3795 Commercial Street (legally described as [PID:011-238-640] Lot 59, Except the East 7 Feet, Now Road, District Lot 744 Plan 5111 (hereinafter, "Lot 59")), that approximately 228 square foot portion of abutting road being: [PID: 011-238-097] The East 7 Feet of Lot 59 District Lot 744 Plan 5111 (hereinafter, the "Road Portion"), the same as generally shown hatched on the plan attached as Appendix A to the Administrative Report dated June 4, 2013, entitled, "Closure and Sale of a Portion of Road Adjacent to 3795 Commercial Street", subject to the terms and conditions noted in Appendix B of the above-noted report.
- B. THAT the sale proceeds of \$45,000.00 be credited to the Property Endowment Fund (PEF).

ADOPTED ON CONSENT

6. Expropriation of a Portion of 1201 Franklin Street for the Powell Street Grade Separation Project
June 4, 2013

THAT Council, as the approving authority under the *Expropriation Act*, R.S.B.C. 1996, C. 125 (the “Act”), approve the expropriation of that portion of the lands at 1201 Franklin Street, legally described as:

Parcel Identifier No. 002-457-083
Lot 3, Except Part Included in Plan 14071, Block M, District Lot 182, Plan 13917 (the “Site”), shown heavily outlined on the plan consisting of approximately 521.9 square metres (5,618 square feet) on Plan EPP29002,

a reduced copy of which is attached as Appendix A to the Administrative Report dated June 4, 2013, entitled “Expropriation of a Portion of 1201 Franklin Street for the Powell Street Grade Separation Project”.

ADOPTED ON CONSENT

7. Funding for Expropriation of 1201 Franklin Street for the Powell Street Grade Separation Project
June 4, 2013

THAT given Vancouver City Council, as the approving authority under the Expropriation Act, R.S.B.C.1996, C.125 (“the Act”), has approved the expropriation of a 521.9 square metre (5618 sq. ft.) portion of land located at 1201 Franklin Street for the Powell Street Grade Separation Project, legally described as PID: 002-457-083, Lot 3, Except Part Included in Plan 14071 Block M, District Lot 182, Plan 13917 (the “Subject Property”) as shown on Appendix A of the Administrative Report dated June 4, 2013, entitled “Funding for Expropriation of 1201 Franklin Street for the Powell Street Grade Separation Project”. The Subject Property is also shown in bold outline on Plan EPP29002, prepared by Fred Wong, B.C.L.S., completed on March 7, 2013 and marginally numbered LD 5377, a copy of which is attached as Appendix B of the above-noted report, that Council authorize the Director of Real Estate Services, on behalf of the City, as the expropriating authority to pay the following:

- i) Payment of \$574,000 to T.N.T Franklin Holding Ltd., Inc. No. 0791099 (the “Owner”) of the Subject Property as an advance payment under the Act;
- ii) Payment to the Owner and/or T.N.T Garment Manufacturing Ltd., Inc. No. 0512124 of an amount not to exceed \$500,000 for projected business loss;
- iii) Payment of \$100,000 for legal and consultant fees related to the acquisition; and
- iv) Payment of \$17,000 for the rental of a temporary storage yard.

Funding to be provided from CER-00117-11-AA within the approved 2013 Engineering Capital Budget.

ADOPTED ON CONSENT

POLICY REPORTS

1. The Prohibition of Coal Handling and Storage at Marine Terminals and Berths
June 21, 2013

MOVED by Councillor Reimer

THAT, to prohibit the handling, storage and trans-shipment of coal at Marine Terminals and Berths, the General Manager of Planning and Development Services be instructed to make application to amend Section 10 of the Zoning and Development By-law, generally as presented in Appendix A of the Policy Report dated June 21, 2013, entitled "The Prohibition of Coal Handling and Storage at Marine Terminals and Berths", and that the application be referred to a Public Hearing;

FURTHER THAT the Director of Legal Services be instructed to prepare the necessary amending by-law, generally in accordance with Appendix A of the above-noted report, for consideration at the Public Hearing.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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At noon, it was

MOVED by Councillor Deal

THAT Council extend the length of the meeting in order to deal with the remaining agenda items.

*CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AND
BY THE REQUIRED MAJORITY*

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RISE FROM COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MOVED by Councillor Carr

THAT the Committee of the Whole rise and report.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADOPT REPORT OF COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MOVED by Councillor Carr
SECONDED by Councillor Meggs

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

BY-LAWS

Councillor Ball advised she had reviewed the proceedings with regard to by-law 2, and she would therefore be voting on the by-law.

MOVED by Councillor Carr
SECONDED by Councillor Deal

THAT Council enact the by-laws listed on the agenda for this meeting as numbers 1 to 3 inclusive, and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign and seal the enacted by-laws.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

1. A By-law to contract a debt by the issue and sale of Debentures in the aggregate principal amount of \$49,293.11 for certain local improvement projects, including pavement, curbs, trees and bulges, and speed humps, and for imposing an annual special rate on real property specially benefited by such local improvements (By-law No. 10736)
2. A By-law to amend Zoning and Development By-law No. 3575 to rezone an area to CD-1 (611 Main Street) (By-law No. 10737)
3. A By-law to enact a Housing Agreement for 749 West 33rd Avenue (By-law No. 10738)

MOTIONS

A. Administrative Motions

1. Approval of Form of Development - CD-1 1695 Main Street

MOVED by Councillor Jang
SECONDED by Councillor Reimer

THAT the form of development for this portion of the site known as 1695 Main Street (1699 Main Street being the application address) be approved generally as illustrated in the Development Application Number DE411865, prepared by Onni Group of Companies, and stamped "Received, Community Services Group, Planning and Development Services", on November 9, 2012, provided that the Director of Planning

may impose conditions and approve design changes which would not adversely affect either the development character of the site or adjacent properties.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. Approval of Form of Development - 1015 Denman Street

MOVED by Councillor Jang
SECONDED by Councillor Reimer

THAT the form of development for this portion of the site known as 1001 - 1015 Denman Street (1015 Denman Street being the application address) be approved generally as illustrated in the Development Application Number DE416548, prepared by DYS Architecture, and stamped "Received, Community Services Group, Development Services", on June 5, 2013, provided that the Director of Planning may impose conditions and approve design changes which would not adversely affect either the development character of the site or adjacent properties.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. Closure and Sale of a Portion of Road Adjacent to 3795 Commercial Street

MOVED by Councillor Jang
SECONDED by Councillor Reimer

THAT WHEREAS:

1. The City of Vancouver is the owner of all the streets and lanes lying within the limits of the City of Vancouver;
2. The owner of [PID: 011-238-640] Lot 59, Except the East 7 Feet, Now Road, District Lot 744 Plan 5111 ("Lot 59") has made application to purchase a 7 foot wide portion of Commercial Street abutting Lot 59;
3. The subject 7 foot portion of road to be closed, stopped-up and conveyed to the owner of abutting Lot 59 is legally described as [PID: 011-238-097] The East 7 Feet of Lot 59 District Lot 744 Plan 5111 ("The East 7 Feet of Lot 59");
4. The East 7 Feet of Lot 59 was established as road by document filed 39295, deposited in the Land Title Office in 1944;
5. The subject portion of road is no longer required for municipal purposes.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT [PID: 011-238-097] The East 7 Feet of Lot 59 District Lot 744 Plan 5111, established as road by document filed 39295, be closed, stopped-up and conveyed to the owner of abutting [PID: 011-238-640] Lot 59, Except the East 7 Feet, Now Road, District Lot 744 Plan 5111, subject to the said East 7 Feet of Lot 59 being consolidated with the said Lot 59 to create a single parcel, to the satisfaction of the Director of Legal Services.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. Expropriation of a Portion of Property for the Powell Street Grade Separation Project

MOVED by Councillor Jang
SECONDED by Councillor Reimer

WHEREAS

A. The City of Vancouver requires a portion of:

Parcel Identifier No. 002-457-083
Lot 3, Except Part Included in Plan 14071, Block M, District Lot 182,
Plan 13917;

shown heavily outlined on Plan EPP29002 prepared by Fred Wong,
B.C.L.S. completed on March 7, 2013, a reduced print of which is
attached as a Schedule to this resolution (the "Site")

for the altering of a linear development, namely, the Powell Street Grade Separation Project;

- B. In the exercise of its powers of acquiring real property for this purpose, the City has failed to come to an agreement with the owners of the Site;
- C. The *Vancouver Charter* provides that if, in the exercise of any of its powers of acquiring real property, the City fails to come to an agreement with its owner as to the terms of acquisition, the City may, by by-law or resolution of its Council, expropriate such real property;
- D. The *Expropriation Act*, R.S.B.C. 1996, C. 125, provides that an "expropriating authority" means a person empowered under an enactment to expropriate land;
- E. On April 23, 2013, Vancouver City Council passed a resolution authorizing the City as expropriating authority to commence expropriation proceedings under the *Expropriation Act* to acquire the Site; and
- F. Under the *Expropriation Act*, the "approving authority" for an expropriation under the *Vancouver Charter* is the Vancouver City Council, unless the Lieutenant Governor in Council has designated the Minister of Municipal Affairs as the approving authority for the purpose of expropriations under the *Vancouver Charter* or any particular expropriation under the *Vancouver Charter* which designation has not been made.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Vancouver City Council, as the approving authority under the *Expropriation Act*:

1. approve the expropriation of the Site, and
2. authorize the Director of Legal Services to execute on behalf of Vancouver City Council and deliver to the owners a Certificate of Approval of Expropriation evidencing such approval.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

B. Motions on Notice

1. Permanent Facility for Dragon Boat Festival Society

MOVED by Councillor Affleck
SECONDED by Councillor Ball

WHEREAS

1. The City of Vancouver prides itself on its multicultural communities;
2. The City of Vancouver recognizes the need for recreational opportunities, as well as vibrant cultural festivals, being located within the city;
3. The City of Vancouver is very proud to be home to the largest Dragon Boat Festival in North America, which is now in its 25th year;
4. The Canadian International Dragon Boat Festival Society suffers due to an inability to find a permanent facility on False Creek, which results in instability, loss of materials and equipment, and general lack of security with their long range planning.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT staff report back to Council regarding the process of locating a home for the greater paddling community on or in proximity to False Creek, for options related to both the short and longer term.

referred

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

REFERRAL MOVED by Councillor Jang
SECONDED by Councillor Ball

THAT the motion be referred to the Standing Committee on Planning, Transportation and Environment meeting on Wednesday, June 26, 2013, in order to hear from speakers.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. Cigarette Butt Deposit Refund Program

MOVED by Councillor Carr
SECONDED by Councillor Ball

WHEREAS

1. Cigarette butts are the leading item of litter in Vancouver, in British Columbia, and worldwide, and are especially problematic in dense urban areas and along coastlines;

2. Despite provincial anti-littering legislation and anti-littering awareness campaigns, a large percentage of cigarette butts are littered, with one recent count by the West End Cleanup of approximately 9,000 butts along three commercial blocks downtown;
3. Cigarette butt litter is not only unsightly but also non-biodegradable and unhealthy, leaching toxic organic chemicals and heavy metals into the environment, impacting soils, fresh water and salt water ecosystems, and affecting aquatic and land-based species that directly ingest the butts;
4. British Columbia's beverage container stewardship recovery program, enacted in 1970, is the oldest legislated deposit-return system in North America, and has been highly successful, and widely copied;
5. A pilot project, run by West End Cleanup during Car-Free Day on June 16, 2013 with a \$500 grant from The Vancouver Foundation administered through the Gordon Neighbourhood House and supported by United We Can, was highly successful, with volunteers collecting over 60,000 butts in under four hours and being paid approximately one cent per butt (\$20 per pound), proving that the principle of putting even a small value on cigarette litter will lead to its removal.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Mayor, on behalf of City Council, write to the Provincial Government asking that the Province of British Columbia work with Vancouver and other BC municipalities to address the problem of cigarette butt litter through developing a cigarette butt deposit-return program, similar to its highly successful beverage container recovery program, that would include a refundable deposit fee being charged at purchase on all cigarette packs and refunds offered for returns, including bulk returns by weight, of cigarette butts;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT City Council submit this resolution to the Union of BC Municipalities for consideration at its September 2013 Convention.

referred

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

REFERRAL MOVED by Councillor Meggs
SECONDED by Councillor Jang

THAT the motion be referred to the Standing Committee on Planning, Transportation and Environment meeting on Wednesday, June 26, 2013, in order to hear from speakers.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. Support Local Small Businesses

MOVED by Mayor Robertson
SECONDED by Councillor Tang

WHEREAS

1. Small, locally owned businesses are a crucial component of economic activity and job creation in Vancouver;
2. Businesses comprised of 1-4 employees make up 58% of all businesses in Vancouver, businesses with 5-9 employees make up 18%, and businesses with 10-19 employees make up 11%;
3. The retention and expansion of small, local businesses is a priority for Vancouver within the Vancouver Economic Action Strategy;
4. Small businesses are an integral part of the neighbourhood character in Vancouver's commercial areas;
5. A wide variety of factors can impact small businesses, such as affordability, access to space, taxes and regulation, development pressures, transportation issues, and commercial leases;
6. The City has taken a number of steps to support small business and enable a competitive economic climate, such as moving towards a mobile business license, reducing the property tax burden for businesses as recommended by the Property Tax Policy Review Commission, reducing the number of business license categories from 636 to less than 200, and reducing the City's net debt by \$151.4 million in 2012.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Vancouver Economic Commission be asked to work with City staff, Vancouver BIAs and the Vancouver Board of Trade to recommend immediate and long-term actions the City can take to support the retention and growth of locally owned small businesses, as well as identify opportunities to expedite recommendations within the Economic Action Strategy;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Vancouver Economic Commission report back to Council with a proposed scope of work, including involvement with the local small business community, by September 2013.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. Transit Referendum

MOVED by Councillor Affleck
SECONDED by Councillor Ball

WHEREAS

1. The City of Vancouver believes strongly in an efficient, effective transit system;
2. The Premier of British Columbia recently announced that a referendum on Metro Vancouver transportation funding will be held no later than the Civic Election of 2014.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City of Vancouver Directors to the Metro Vancouver Board ask Metro Vancouver to report back on:

- i. Transportation and funding issues in Metro Vancouver that need to be included in a consensus position, possible funding options and mechanisms, and impediments or issues that need to be identified or resolved beforehand;
- ii. The potential economic, social and environmental ramifications of referendum results on Metro Vancouver;
- iii. Who would be responsible for developing transportation priorities for Metro Vancouver;
- iv. How campaigns for the referendum will be funded and estimated costs;
- v. The possible roles of TransLink, its Board, the Mayor's Council, Metro Vancouver and its Board, and Municipal Councils in a referendum process;
- vi. Clarification of the rules by which the referendum would be held, how the outcome would be determined and whether the results would be binding on all parties involved.

referred

REFERRAL MOVED by Councillor Meggs
SECONDED by Councillor Jang

THAT this motion be referred to the next Regular Council meeting on July 9, 2013, to allow for the TransLink Mayor's Council to issue a statement on this matter.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

During debate, Councillor Reimer requested staff identify the funding in this matter, whether it is TransLink or Metro Vancouver, and Councillor Carr requested staff seek clarity on rules surrounding a potential referendum from the Province prior to consideration of this motion on July 9, 2013.

5. Request to Provincial Government Regarding Campaign Finance Rules

MOVED by Councillor Reimer
SECONDED by Councillor Jang

WHEREAS

1. In 2005, 2009, 2010, and 2012, the City of Vancouver has brought forward formal requests to the Province requesting changes to the Vancouver Charter to allow for local governments to create appropriate rules for disclosure and regulation of election campaign finance, which is currently regulated at a standard far lower than Provincial or Federal elections;
2. The funds used to campaign for elected office in Vancouver have grown exponentially in the seven year interval Vancouver has waited for provincial action on this issue, with the unprecedented case of \$960,000 donated to one electoral organization from a single corporation in the 2011 Vancouver municipal election;
3. The most recent motion, passed unanimously by Vancouver City Council in January 2012, provoked an informal response from the Provincial Government that they would be amenable to modernizing municipal election and campaign rules if support from a majority of municipalities was garnered;
4. A motion from Vancouver to the UBCM in 2009 was pre-empted from debate with the establishment of the provincial government's Local Government Election Task Force.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Union of BC Municipalities support Vancouver's request to the Provincial Government for amendments to the Vancouver Charter to allow Vancouver to make rules for election campaign finance that place greater limits on campaign spending and contributions, and provide for greater disclosure.

referred

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

REFERRAL MOVED by Councillor Jang
SECONDED by Councillor Tang

THAT the motion be referred to the Standing Committee on Planning, Transportation and Environment meeting on Wednesday, June 26, 2013, in order to hear from speakers.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ENQUIRIES AND OTHER MATTERS

1. Joint Emergency Preparedness Funding

Councillor Carr requested that in communications with other levels of government, staff and the Mayor reaffirm the importance of Joint Emergency Preparedness funding which has been cut by the federal government, especially in light of recent information in the media that points to increasingly severe weather events, such as the recent Alberta floods.

Councillor Carr also thanked amateur radio operators who provide backup telecommunications during serious events.

In a related matter, Councillor Jang requested staff report back on the impacts of cuts by the federal government to Joint Emergency Preparedness Funding, in particular, the impacts on the Heavy Urban Search and Rescue (HUSAR) team.

2. Ride to Conquer Cancer

Councillor Meggs thanked David Desrochers, Engineering Services, for organizing the largest team for the Ride to Conquer Cancer.

3. Liaisons for Business Improvement Associations and Other Bodies

Councillor Affleck requested the Mayor provide a list of unofficial liaisons for Business Improvement Associations and other bodies. The Mayor invited Councillor Affleck to follow up with him.

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Councillor Jang
SECONDED by Councillor Tang

THAT the Council meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Council adjourned at 1:32 pm.

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