



REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

OCTOBER 8, 2013

A Regular Meeting of the Council of the City of Vancouver was held on Tuesday, October 8, 2013, at 9:30 am, in the Council Chamber, Third Floor, City Hall.

PRESENT: Councillor Heather Deal, Acting Chair
Councillor George Affleck
Councillor Elizabeth Ball*
Councillor Adriane Carr
Councillor Kerry Jang
Councillor Raymond Louie
Councillor Geoff Meggs
Councillor Andrea Reimer
Councillor Tim Stevenson
Councillor Tony Tang

ABSENT: Mayor Gregor Robertson (Leave of Absence - Civic Business)

CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE: Penny Ballem, City Manager

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE: Janice MacKenzie, City Clerk
Laura Kazakoff, Meeting Coordinator

*Denotes absence for a portion of the meeting.

WELCOME

The proceedings in the Council Chamber were opened with welcoming comments read by Councillor Meggs.

"IN CAMERA" MEETING

MOVED by Councillor Jang
SECONDED by Councillor Stevenson

THAT Council will go into a meeting later this day and/or on Wednesday, October 9, 2013, which is closed to the public, pursuant to Section 165.2(1) of the Vancouver Charter, to discuss matters related to paragraph:

(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
(Councillor Ball absent for the vote)

ITEM ARISING FROM THE "IN CAMERA" MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 24, 2013

Council appointed Heather Forbes to the Civic Asset Naming Committee, as the representative of the Vancouver Public Space Network.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

1. Regular Council - September 24, 2013

MOVED by Councillor Louie
SECONDED by Councillor Jang

THAT the Minutes of the Regular Council meeting of September 24, 2013, be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Councillor Ball absent for the vote)

2. Public Hearing - September 24, 2013

MOVED by Councillor Louie
SECONDED by Councillor Jang

THAT the Minutes of the Public Hearing of September 24, 2013, be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Councillor Ball absent for the vote)

3. Regular Council (City Finance and Services) - September 25, 26 and 27, 2013

MOVED by Councillor Louie
SECONDED by Councillor Stevenson

THAT the Minutes of the Regular Council meeting following the City Finance and Services meeting of September 25, 26 and 27, 2013, be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Councillor Ball absent for the vote)

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MOVED by Councillor Stevenson
SECONDED by Councillor Jang

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Councillor Ball absent for the vote)

MATTERS ADOPTED ON CONSENT

MOVED by Councillor Stevenson

THAT Council adopt Administrative Reports A1 to A3 and Other Report 1 on consent.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Councillor Ball absent for the vote)

REPORT REFERENCE

1. 2013 Actions Towards Ending Homelessness

Brenda Prosken, General Manager, Community Services, and Abigail Bond, Assistant Director of Housing Policy, provided a presentation regarding the City of Vancouver's 2013 actions towards ending homelessness, including data from the 2013 Homeless Count and temporary winter shelters, an overview of Homelessness Action Week, public engagement regarding homelessness, progress on the 14 supportive housing sites, and upcoming events highlighting homelessness issues.

Ms. Prosken and Ms. Bond, along with Penny Ballem, City Manager, and Judy Graves, former City of Vancouver Homeless Advocate, responded to questions.

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During questions to staff, Councillor Reimer raised a Point of Order to note that, as there is no motion on the floor, only one round of questions for each Council Member was permitted, as per Section 6.6 of the Procedure By-law. The Chair agreed.

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**2. 2014 Budget Outlook
September 24, 2013**

Patrice Impey, General Manager, Financial Services, provided a presentation regarding the 2014 Budget Outlook, including an overview of City priorities, fiscal responsibility principles, the proposed public engagement process, local and world-wide economic factors, and an update on the redesigned budget process and 2014 budget timeline.

Councillor Deal noted that a request to speak to this report had been received.

MOVED by Councillor Reimer

THAT Council discussion and consideration of the Administrative Report dated September 24, 2013, entitled "2014 Budget Outlook", be referred to the Planning, Transportation and Environment meeting to be held on Wednesday, October 9, 2013, in order to hear from speakers, and that it be dealt with as the first item of business.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

**1. Heritage Revitalization Agreement - 475 Howe Street
September 19, 2013**

- A. THAT Council instruct the Director of Legal Services to bring forward for enactment, pursuant to Section 592 of the Vancouver Charter, a by-law for the City to enter into a Heritage Revitalization Agreement in respect of the heritage building known as the former Stock Exchange Building (the "heritage building") located at 475 Howe Street (PID: 029-156-653, Lot 1, Block 21, District Lot 541, Group 1 New Westminster District, Plan EPP33012) to secure the rehabilitation and preservation of it.
- B. THAT the Heritage Revitalization Agreement shall be prepared, completed and registered, and given priority on title to the site to the satisfaction of the Director of Legal Services and the General Manager of Planning and Development Services.
- C. THAT A and B above be adopted on the following conditions:
 - i. THAT the passage of the above resolutions creates no legal rights for the applicant or any other person, or obligation on the part of the City and any expenditure of funds or incurring of costs in relation thereto is at the risk of the person making the expenditure or incurring the cost; and

- ii. THAT the City and all its officials shall not in any way be limited or restricted in the exercise of their authority or discretion, regardless of when they are called upon to exercise such authority or discretion.

ADOPTED ON CONSENT

**2. 2013 Cultural Infrastructure Grant Allocations
September 30, 2013**

THAT Council approve thirty-three (33) Cultural Infrastructure Grants totalling \$1,000,000 as outlined in the Administrative Report dated September 30, 2013, entitled "2013 Cultural Infrastructure Grant Allocations", and noted in Table 1 and Appendix B of the above-noted report; source of funds to be from the 2013 Capital Budget - Cultural Infrastructure Grants.

ADOPTED ON CONSENT AND
BY THE REQUIRED MAJORITY

**3. Capital Grants for Social Facilities
August 29, 2013**

- A. THAT Council approve six (6) capital grants totaling \$720,000 subject to the conditions outlined in the Administrative Report dated August 29, 2013, entitled "Capital Grants for Social Facilities"; source of funding to be existing Community Services capital program budgets.
- B. THAT \$395,000 of the \$720,000 in A above be approved for disbursement in 2013.

ADOPTED ON CONSENT

OTHER REPORTS

**1. New Street Name - "North Arm Avenue"
September 11, 2013**

- A. THAT the new public street shown within bold outline on Appendix A of the Other Report dated September 11, 2013, entitled "New Street Name - 'North Arm Avenue'", be named as "North Arm Avenue".
- B. THAT the Director of Legal Services be instructed to bring forward the appropriate amendment to the Street Name By-law.

ADOPTED ON CONSENT

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 Stevenson

SECONDED by Councillor Jang

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

BY-LAWS

MOVED by Councillor Louie

SECONDED by Councillor Tang

THAT Council, except for those members ineligible to vote as noted below, enact the by-laws listed on the agenda for this meeting as numbers 1 to 7 inclusive, and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign and seal the enacted by-laws.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

1. A By-law to amend Noise Control By-law No. 6555 (633 Main Street) (By-law No. 10790)
2. A By-law to amend Parking By-law No. 6059 with regard to CD-1 Districts Parking requirements (633 Main Street) (By-law No. 10791)
3. A By-law to amend Sign By-law No. 6510 (633 Main Street) (By-law No. 10792)
4. A By-law to designate certain real property as protected heritage property (475 Howe Street - former Stock Exchange Building) (By-law No. 10793)
(Councillor Jang ineligible for the vote)
5. A By-law to authorize Council entering into a Heritage Revitalization Agreement with the Owner of Heritage Property (475 Howe Street - former Stock Exchange Building) (By-law No. 10794)
6. A By-law to amend Street Name By-law No. 4054 Regarding North Arm Avenue (By-law No. 10795)

7. A By-law to amend CD-1 By-law No. 8893 (3837 Point Grey Road) (By-law No. 10796)
(Councillor Meggs ineligible for the vote)

MOTIONS

A. Administrative Motions

None.

B. Motions on Notice

1. BC Age-Friendly Community Status

MOVED by Councillor Tang

SECONDED by Councillor Meggs

WHEREAS

1. The City's Healthy City Strategy is intended to address inequities and improve the health and well-being of all residents;
2. The City of Vancouver recognizes the diversity of seniors in the city, and the important social and economic contributions that seniors make to our families, neighbourhoods and communities, including significant volunteer contributions;
3. The number of Vancouver residents who are seniors aged 65 and over is expected to double by 2036 to 21.6% of the total population which will increase demand for more age-friendly City facilities, services and supports;
4. Older adults are more affected by physical and cognitive conditions, such as mobility challenges, dementia, visual and auditory impairments;
5. The City of Vancouver is committed to becoming more age-friendly, and to implementing the Age-Friendly Action Plan, presented by City staff to Council on June 26, 2013, which aims to help make Vancouver a more safe, inclusive, and engaging city for all seniors.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

- A. THAT the City seek formal recognition as an Age-Friendly Community by the Province of British Columbia, as one of the first steps towards becoming more age-friendly.
- B. THAT the City work toward seeking World Health Organization designation as an Age-Friendly City.

carried

AMENDMENT MOVED by Councillor Carr
SECONDED by Councillor Ball

THAT the motion be amended in A by inserting the words "work toward" immediately after the words "THAT the City" and by changing the word "seek" to "seeking".

LOST

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

The amendment having lost, the motion was put and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. Improving Citizen Access to Speak to City Council

MOVED by Councillor Carr
SECONDED by Councillor Affleck

WHEREAS

1. Many citizens who come to speak to City Council on an item in a Standing Committee meeting or Public Hearing end up unnecessarily waiting many hours, sometimes for days in a row, which has led to citizens' frustration and criticism of the processes enabling citizens to speak to Council;
2. The management of meeting agendas and schedules for hearing speakers impacts whether some citizens are able to speak to Council, especially as related to work schedules, transportation and childcare costs.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT staff investigate best practices, consult with the Mayor's Engaged City Task Force, the City's advisory committees and others, and report back to Council within two months with suggestions on how to improve citizen access to speak to City Council, including the possibility of allowing citizens to sign up for daytime or evening time periods, and the use of technology to alert speakers as to which number on the speakers list is being heard.

referred

Councillor Deal noted that requests to speak to this motion had been received.

MOVED by Councillor Reimer
SECONDED by Councillor Louie

THAT the motion be referred to the Standing Committee on Planning, Transportation and Environment meeting to be held on Wednesday, October 9, 2013, in order to hear from speakers.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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Just before noon, it was

MOVED by Councillor Stevenson

SECONDED by Councillor Jang

THAT, as per Section 2.3(a) of the Procedure By-law, the meeting be extended by one hour or less in order to finish the remainder of the agenda.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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NOTICE OF MOTION

Councillor Reimer submitted the following Notice of Motion. Accordingly, the motion will be placed on the agenda of the Regular Council meeting to be held October 22, 2013, as a Motion on Notice.

1. Preservation and Enhancement of the Agricultural Land Reserve (ALR)

MOVER: Councillor Andrea Reimer

SECONDER: Councillor Geoff Meggs

WHEREAS

1. The City of Vancouver has a long history of supporting the preservation of BC's farmland, starting with the adoption and reaffirmation of an Agricultural Land Reserve (ALR) Policy (November 20, 1979, March 8, 1988) which supports the preservation of farmland in the region's ALR designated lands;
2. The Vancouver Food Charter, adopted unanimously by City Council in February 2007, encourages personal, business and government food practices that foster local production and protect our natural and human resources;
3. The Greenest City Action Plan adopted by City Council in July 2011 acknowledges that despite an increase in local food assets, Vancouver will continue to have a strong dependence on food grown outside city boundaries and calls for continued advocacy for food-growing capacity in the Lower Mainland's ALR and other areas;
4. The Vancouver Food Strategy unanimously adopted in January 2013 recognizes the importance of local agricultural food producing lands, with an identified action to "advocate for the preservation and enhancement of the Agricultural Land Reserve to protect sustainable food production and to support local economic development";

5. The BC Minister Responsible for Core Review, Honourable Bill Bennett, has announced that a review of the ALR and its governing body, the Agricultural Land Commission (ALC) is a top priority, despite recent government reviews including a 2010 Auditor General review which concluded that the ALC already lacked the resources to fulfill its mandate, especially as it relates to coordinating with local governments;
6. A recent government press release from September 24, 2013, indicated that public input into the Core Review process would be through the Select Standing Committee on Finance and Government Services that was already underway, including a session in Vancouver that was before the date of the press release, and concluding by October 16, 2013.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

- A. THAT Council reaffirms its support for the preservation of farmland in the Province's Agricultural Land Reserve.
- B. THAT Council work with Metro Vancouver and other municipalities to advocate for the Province of British Columbia to identify further opportunities to enhance the viability of farming in the Province.
- C. THAT Council advocate that, if another review of the Agricultural Land Reserve and Agricultural Land Commission is deemed important by the provincial government, a substantially longer period for input be afforded to the public.

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ENQUIRIES AND OTHER MATTERS

1. City's Website

Councillor Carr noted a member of the public had contacted her to express concern regarding the City's website and the process he encountered when filling out a volunteer form. The City Manager noted she would look into the matter.

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Councillor Jang
SECONDED by Councillor Louie

THAT the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Council adjourned at 12:05 pm.

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