



REPORT TO COUNCIL

STANDING COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL ON PLANNING, TRANSPORTATION AND ENVIRONMENT

NOVEMBER 6, 2013

A Regular Meeting of the Standing Committee of Council on Planning, Transportation and Environment was held on Wednesday, November 6, 2013, at 9:34 am, in the Council Chamber, Third Floor, City Hall.

PRESENT: Councillor Andrea Reimer, Chair
Councillor George Affleck
Councillor Elizabeth Ball
Councillor Adriane Carr
Councillor Heather Deal
Councillor Kerry Jang
Councillor Raymond Louie
Councillor Geoff Meggs, Vice-Chair

ABSENT: Mayor Gregor Robertson (Leave of Absence - Civic Business)
Councillor Tim Stevenson (Leave of Absence)
Councillor Tony Tang (Leave of Absence - Civic Business)

CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE: Penny Ballem, City Manager
Sadhu Johnston, Deputy City Manager
Mukhtar Latif, Chief Housing Officer

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

1. Federal and Provincial Funding Request for Vancouver Seniors Centre

On November 5, 2013, Vancouver City Council referred this matter to the Standing Committee on Planning, Transportation and Environment meeting on November 6, 2013, in order to hear from speakers.

The Committee heard from eight speakers in support of the motion and two speakers who encouraged Council to consider other funding sources for the centre.

The City Manager responded to questions.

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The Committee recessed at 10:50 am and reconvened at 11:03 am.

Subsequently, the Committee recessed at 11:54 am and reconvened at 1:33 pm.

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The following contains changes to the original motion, which were accepted by the Committee.

MOVED by Councillor Louie
THAT the Committee recommend to Council

WHEREAS

1. The non-profit society "Southeast Vancouver Seniors' Art and Cultural Centre Society" has been long advocating for a seniors centre;
2. Over the last two election terms it has been the standing policy of both Vancouver City Council and the Vancouver Park Board to support the seniors community in the construction of a Seniors Centre in Southeast Vancouver;
3. Vancouver City Council directed staff to provide further guidance by undertaking exploratory work relating to potential funding sources, governance models and site/building selection with the goal of developing a new seniors centre in Southeast Vancouver at the earliest opportunity;
4. In 2009, the Park Board approved "THAT staff investigate siting options to add up to approximately 10,000 square feet of program space to the existing Killarney complex in order to accommodate the proposed seniors centre";
5. In 2011, Vancouver City Council approved a \$2.5 million contribution toward the Southeast Vancouver Seniors Centre as part of the 2011 Capital Budget, conditional on receiving external funding;
6. In 2013, Vancouver City Council, Vancouver Park Board and the southeast Vancouver seniors community achieved insufficient funding for a 10,000 square foot centre, when only partial funding of \$1.3 million was committed by the Provincial Government;
7. Despite repeated efforts directed toward the Federal Government to achieve matching funding, including requests for "Stimulus" funding, discussions at a staff and political level, a letter from Mayor Gregor Robertson to the local Member of Parliament Wai Young; and numerous seniors community interventions, no Federal funding has been committed;
8. Cities only receive 8 cents of every tax dollar, with the Provincial and Federal Governments receiving the remaining 92 per cent of taxes.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Vancouver City Council write to the local Federal Member of Parliament, the local Provincial Member of the Legislative Assembly, along with the Federal and Provincial Ministers responsible for Seniors, requesting that the Federal and Provincial Governments each fully match the \$2.5 million capital funding already committed by Vancouver City Council towards the construction of a 10,000 square foot Southeast Vancouver Seniors Centre.

carried

AMENDMENT MOVED by Councillor Ball

THAT the resolved be set out as “A” and the following be added as “B”:

THAT the City of Vancouver consider future opportunities to access Community Amenity Contributions as previously suggested by staff, as an additional source of funding for a Southeast Vancouver Seniors Centre, in order to complete the project.

LOST

(Councillors Carr, Deal, Jang, Louie, Meggs and Reimer opposed)

AMENDMENT MOVED by Councillor Affleck

THAT the resolved be set out as “A” and the following be added as “B”:

THAT if Vancouver City Council does not receive confirmation on funding from the Federal and Provincial Governments by May 2014, Council will pursue other funding options.

LOST

(Councillors Carr, Deal, Jang, Louie, Meggs and Reimer opposed)

The amendments having lost, the motion was put and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

2. Safe Sidewalks

On November 5, 2013, Vancouver City Council referred this matter to the Standing Committee on Planning, Transportation and Environment meeting on November 6, 2013, in order to hear from speakers.

The Chair called for speakers. As no speakers were present, the City Manager responded to questions.

MOVED by Councillor Ball

THAT the Committee recommend to Council

WHEREAS

1. The City of Vancouver respects and acknowledges the valuable contributions senior citizens have made to the city;
2. The City of Vancouver is home to over 82,000 senior citizens as well as many persons with physical challenges requiring wheelchairs, walkers, canes, strollers and other aids to mobility;
3. Throughout Vancouver many sidewalks have impediments to mobility including overgrown shrubs, bushes, trees and other vegetation;

4. Such impediments to mobility can cause serious injuries;
5. The City of Vancouver has enjoyed success serving the community through the 3-1-1 telephone service which was approved by Council in November 2006, and launched in June 2009.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

- A. THAT the City of Vancouver find new ways to encourage citizens to report encroachments to 3-1-1 on city sidewalks. Such encroachments could be hazardous to children, seniors, and persons with physical disabilities during the day or night.
- B. THAT staff work with the Seniors' Advisory Committee, the Persons with Disabilities Advisory Committee and other stakeholder groups as deemed appropriate.
- C. THAT staff take action to remove all such identified hazards to mobility as soon as possible.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. Temporary Protection for the Hollywood Theatre

On November 5, 2013, Vancouver City Council referred this matter to the Standing Committee on Planning, Transportation and Environment meeting on November 6, 2013, in order to hear from speakers.

Staff responded to questions.

The Committee heard from 10 speakers in support of the motion.

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Councillor Reimer left the meeting at 3:49 pm and Councillor Meggs assumed the Chair.

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Following hearing from speakers, staff responded to questions.

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Following questions to staff, Councillor Meggs relinquished the Chair in order to participate in debate and Councillor Louie assumed the Chair. At 4:30 pm Councillor Reimer returned to the meeting and assumed the Chair.

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MOVED by Councillor Carr
THAT the Committee recommend to Council

WHEREAS

1. The Hollywood Theatre, built in 1935 and owned and operated by the same family until March 2011, as one of the last surviving single-screen neighbourhood cinemas in Canada, is listed as a category “B” building on the Vancouver Heritage Register;
2. Over the last year the theatre has been used as an arts, entertainment, cultural and community space;
3. A Development Application to change the use from a 651-seat theatre to a two-storey fitness facility, which would require gutting the heritage interior of the building, was submitted on September 5, 2013, and is currently under review;
4. Citizens passionate about the retention of the Hollywood Theatre as an arts, entertainment, cultural and community space have formed the Vancouver Hollywood Theatre Coalition and launched a Save the Hollywood Theatre petition which as of October 28, 2013, had 890 signatures.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

- A. THAT Council, pursuant to Section 589 of the Vancouver Charter, orders that the whole of the exterior and the interior of the Hollywood Theatre located at 3123 West Broadway, be subject to temporary protection in accordance with the provision of Section 591 of the Vancouver Charter for a period of 90 days from November 6, 2013.
- B. THAT Council agrees the form of this Order shall be satisfactory to the City’s Director of Legal Services and that the Order shall be executed on behalf of Council by the Director of Legal Services.
- C. THAT Council direct staff to discuss with the owner, local community representatives including the Vancouver Hollywood Theatre Coalition and the local business community including the West Broadway BIA, the feasibility of pursuing Heritage Category “A” status and of retaining the heritage features and community and theatre use of the Hollywood Theatre.

amended

AMENDMENT MOVED by Councillor Meggs

- A. THAT the following be added as whereas number 5:

Vancouver City Council by motion on May 15, 2013, directed staff to report back on a wide range of heritage matters, including improvements to the City’s heritage protection programs.

- B. THAT resolved “A” be amended by replacing the phrase “90 days from November 6, 2013” with “75 days from November 6, 2013, until the City Manager can complete a memo to Council setting out the changes proposed by the owner and their possible heritage impact, if any” so that resolved “A” would read:

THAT Council, pursuant to Section 589 of the Vancouver Charter, orders that the whole of the exterior and the interior of the Hollywood Theatre located at 3123 West Broadway, be subject to temporary protection in accordance with the provision of Section 591 of the Vancouver Charter for a period 75 days from November 6, 2013, until the City Manager can complete a memo to council setting out the changes proposed by the owner and their possible heritage impact, if any.

- C. THAT resolved “C” be replaced with:

THAT Council request the City Manager expedite the delivery to Council the report sought in May 2013, so that Council can take steps it deems necessary to ensure appropriate protection of all the city’s heritage assets.

CARRIED
(Councillors Affleck and Carr opposed)

The amendment having carried, the motion as amended was put and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

FINAL MOTION AS ADOPTED

WHEREAS

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- C. THAT Council ask the City Manager expedite the delivery to Council the report sought in May 2013, so that Council can take steps it deems necessary to ensure appropriate protection of all the city's heritage assets.

The Committee adjourned at 5:01 pm

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

NOVEMBER 6, 2013

A Regular Meeting of the Council of the City of Vancouver was held on Wednesday, November 6, 2013, at 5:01 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: Councillor Andrea Reimer, Acting Chair
Councillor George Affleck
Councillor Elizabeth Ball
Councillor Adriane Carr
Councillor Heather Deal
Councillor Kerry Jang
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COMMITTEE REPORTS

Report of Standing Committee on City Finance and Services
November 6, 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. Federal and Provincial Funding Request for Vancouver Seniors Centre
2. Safe Sidewalks
3. Temporary Protection for the Hollywood Theatre

Items 1 to 3

MOVED by Councillor Louie
SECONDED by Councillor Deal

THAT the recommendations and actions taken by the Standing Committee on Planning, Transportation and Environment at its meeting of November 6, 2013, as contained in items 1 to 3, be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Councillor Ball
SECONDED by Councillor Jang

THAT this meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Council adjourned at 5:02 pm

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