



REPORT TO COUNCIL

STANDING COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL ON PLANNING, TRANSPORTATION AND ENVIRONMENT

JANUARY 22, 2014

A Regular Meeting of the Standing Committee of Council on Planning, Transportation and Environment was held on Wednesday, January 22, 2014, at 9:36 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 Councillor Tim Stevenson Councillor Tony Tang
ABSENT:	Mayor Gregor Robertson (Leave of Absence - Civic Business)
CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE:	Penny Ballem, City Manager Mukhtar Latif, Chief Housing Officer
CITY CLERK'S OFFICE:	Rosemary Hagiwara, Deputy City Clerk Wendy Stewart, Deputy City Clerk Tina Hildebrandt, Meeting Coordinator Nicole Ludwig, Meeting Coordinator

1. 2014 Assessment Roll Report

Jason Grant, Area Assessor, and Dharmesh Sisodraker, Deputy Assessor, BC Assessment, presented the 2014 Assessment Roll Report and responded to questions.

2. Appointment of Lessee and Operator: Yale Hotel, 1300 Granville Street January 13, 2014

MOVED by Councillor Jang
THAT the Committee recommend to Council

- A. THAT, subject to approval of E below, Council approve Community Builders Benevolence Group ("CBG") as lessee and operator of 43 Single Room Occupancy (SRO) rooms owned by the City on the top two floors of the former Yale Hotel, the principal civic address of which is 1300 Granville Street and which is legally known and described as Air Space Parcel 1 Block 113 District Lot 541 Group 1 New Westminster District Plan EPP32587 (the "Yale ASP").

- B. THAT, subject to approval of E below, Council authorize the Director of Real Estate Services on behalf of the City to negotiate the terms of, and to enter into, a 20 year lease (the "Lease") of the Yale ASP to CBG, with two 20-year extension options, for nominal pre-paid rent of \$10.00 and on other terms and conditions as generally outlined in the Administrative Report dated January 13, 2014, entitled "Appointment of Lessee and Operator: Yale Hotel, 1300 Granville Street".
- C. THAT, subject to approval of E below, Council authorize the General Manger of Community Services on behalf of the City to concurrently negotiate the terms of, and to enter into, a 20 year operator agreement (the "Operator Agreement") with CBG, with two 20-year extension options, to govern the operation of the Yale ASP on the terms and conditions acceptable to the General Manager of Financial Services and the General Manager of Real Estate and Facilities Management and as generally outlined in the Administrative Report dated January 13, 2014, entitled "Appointment of Lessee and Operator: Yale Hotel, 1300 Granville Street".
- D. THAT, subject to approval of E below, Council authorize the Director of Legal Services to negotiate and execute any other legal documents that she may deem appropriate in connection with the Lease and Operator Agreement.
- E. THAT no legal rights or obligations shall arise or be created by A, B, C or D above until the Lease, Operator Agreement and related legal documentation have been entered into by the duly authorized signatories of all parties, on terms and conditions satisfactory to the Director of Legal Services.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AND B
BY THE REQUIRED MAJORITY

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The Committee recessed at 10:05 am and reconvened at 10:13 am.

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3. Pearson Dogwood Policy Statement January 15, 2014

The Assistant Director, Community Planning, presented the Pearson Dogwood Policy Statement and responded to questions.

The following representatives for Vancouver Coastal Health presented an overview of the Pearson Dogwood redevelopment proposal and responded to questions:

- Stef Schiedon, Director, Land, Capital and Real Estate, Lower Mainland Facilities Management
- Bonnie Wilson, Director, Home Support & Complex Rehab
- Bob Chapman, Director, Residential Care

The Committee heard from 23 speakers; one who spoke in support of the policy statement and 22 who spoke in opposition, many of whom expressed significant concerns with the institutional care component and requested Council reject the policy statement as presented.

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At 11:58 am, during the hearing of speakers, it was

MOVED by Councillor Carr

THAT the meeting be extended until 12:30 pm.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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Subsequently the Committee recessed at 12:36 pm and reconvened at 2:00 pm, to continue hearing speakers.

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REFERRAL MOVED by Councillor Meggs
THAT the Committee recommend to Council

THAT Council refer the Pearson Dogwood Policy Statement, attached as Appendix A to the Policy Report dated January 15, 2014, entitled "Pearson Dogwood Policy Statement", back to staff to give time for consultations referenced by the City Manager in discussion on this item at the Standing Committee on Planning, Transportation and Environment meeting on January 22, 2014, including the Provincial Government and Vancouver Coastal Health.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. Response to Provincial Government on Municipal Campaign Finance Reform

On Tuesday, January 21, 2014, Vancouver City Council referred this matter to the Standing Committee on Planning, Transportation and Environment meeting on Wednesday, January 22, 2014, in order to hear from speakers.

The Committee heard from one speaker in general support of the motion who also offered suggestions.

MOVED by Councillor Reimer
SECONDED by Councillor Jang

WHEREAS

1. On December 24, 2013, members of Vancouver City Council received a request from the Provincial Government requesting feedback on campaign finance rules by January 31, 2014;
2. In 2005, 2009, 2010, 2012, and in 2013 via a motion endorsed near unanimously by the UBCM, the City of Vancouver has brought forward formal requests to the Province requesting changes to the Vancouver Charter to allow Vancouver to create appropriate rules for municipal election campaign finance;

3. The funds used to campaign for elected office in Vancouver have grown 175 percent in the eight years Vancouver has waited for Provincial action on this issue, with the unprecedented case in the 2011 Vancouver municipal election of \$960,000 donated to one electoral organization from a single corporation and more than \$5.2 million spent by all parties;
4. City Council has previously unanimously agreed (on March 25, 2010 and again on January 31, 2012) to a set of minimum rules for campaign finance in Vancouver elections. These rules are outlined in Appendix A, attached to the Standing Committee on Planning, Transportation and Environment agenda of January 22, 2014.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City of Vancouver respond to the Provincial Government's request for feedback by reiterating the request for changes to the Vancouver Charter as outlined in Appendix A, attached to the Standing Committee on Planning, Transportation and Environment agenda of January 22, 2014, and which allow for limits on campaign spending and contributions, bans on donations from corporations and unions, and provide for greater disclosure.

carried unanimously

AMENDMENT MOVED by Councillor Affleck

THAT the resolved be struck and replaced with the following:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

- A. THAT the City of Vancouver submits that the cost of campaigning in civic elections is significant and thus prohibits qualified candidates and/or political organizations from competing against other well-funded candidates and/or political organizations.
- B. THAT the City of Vancouver, as a large community in the province, submits that candidates and parties do have access to more resources, such as funds, volunteers and major media outlets, which results in more publicized campaigns compared to campaigns in smaller communities, which can therefore unfairly place more attention on candidates and/or political organizations with access to more funds.
- C. THAT the City of Vancouver reiterates the relevant points from its previously submitted request to the Local Government Elections Task Force in 2010 for changes to the Vancouver Charter as outlined in Appendix A, attached to the Standing Committee on Planning, Transportation and Environment agenda of January 22, 2014.

LOST

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

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

The Committee adjourned at 5:40 pm.

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

JANUARY 22, 2014

A Regular Meeting of the Council of the City of Vancouver was held on Wednesday, January 22, 2014, at 5:40 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 Geoff Meggs, Acting Chair Councillor George Affleck Councillor Elizabeth Ball Councillor Adriane Carr Councillor Heather Deal Councillor Kerry Jang Councillor Raymond Louie Councillor Andrea Reimer Councillor Tim Stevenson Councillor Tony Tang
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COMMITTEE REPORTS

Report of Standing Committee on Planning, Transportation and Environment
January 22, 2014

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. 2014 Assessment Roll Report
2. Appointment of Lessee and Operator: Yale Hotel, 1300 Granville Street
3. Pearson Dogwood Policy Statement
4. Response to Provincial Government on Municipal Campaign Finance Reform

Items 1 - 4

MOVED by Councillor Deal
SECONDED by Councillor Tang

THAT the recommendations and actions taken by the Standing Committee on Planning, Transportation and Environment at its meeting of Wednesday, January 22, 2014, as contained in items 1 to 4, be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AND
ITEM 2 (B) BY THE REQUIRED MAJORITY

BY-LAWS

MOVED by Councillor Ball
SECONDED by Councillor Jang

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

1. A By-law to amend Sign By-law No. 6510 (639 Commercial Drive - York Theatre)
(Councillors Louie and Reimer ineligible for the vote)

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Councillor Stevenson
SECONDED by Councillor Jang

THAT this meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Council adjourned at 5:42 pm.

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