



## REPORT TO COUNCIL

### STANDING COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL ON PLANNING, TRANSPORTATION AND ENVIRONMENT

FEBRUARY 19, 2014

A Regular Meeting of the Standing Committee of Council on Planning, Transportation and Environment was held on Wednesday, February 19, 2014, at 9:34 am, in the Council Chamber, Third Floor, City Hall.

<b>PRESENT:</b>	Councillor Andrea Reimer, Chair Mayor Gregor Robertson* 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
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Councillor George Affleck (Sick Leave)
<b>CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE:</b>	Penny Ballem, City Manager Sadhu Johnston, Deputy City Manager
<b>CITY CLERK'S OFFICE:</b>	Rosemary Hagiwara, Deputy City Clerk Bonnie Kennett, Meeting Coordinator

\*Denotes absence for a portion of the meeting.

#### MATTERS ADOPTED ON CONSENT

##### 1. Recent Reports by Vancouver Foundation on Youth Issues

Kevin McCort, President and CEO, Vancouver Foundation, along with Syahidah Ismail, Diego Cardona and Mark Gifford, Vancouver Foundation, presented recent reports by the Vancouver Foundation on Youth Issues, and responded to questions.

##### 2. Vancouver Street Vending By-Law and Policy Changes January 17, 2014

Engineering staff provided an overview of the report and responded to questions.

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*At 11:59 am, during the hearing of speakers, it was*

*MOVED by Councillor Louie*

*THAT the meeting be extended past noon to continue hearing from speakers on item 2 and then recess and reconvene at 1:30 pm.*

*CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AND  
BY THE REQUIRED MAJORITY  
(Mayor Robertson absent for the vote)*

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*At 12:01 pm, Councillor Reimer left the Chamber and Councillor Meggs assumed the Chair.*

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The Committee heard from six speakers in support of the recommendations and two speakers who spoke to other issues regarding street vending.

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*The Committee recessed at 12:07 pm and reconvened at 1:36 pm, with Councillor Reimer in the Chair.*

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*MOVED by Councillor Deal  
THAT the Committee recommend to Council*

- A. THAT Council repeal the existing Street Vending By-law No. 4781 and replace it with a new Street Vending By-law.
- B. THAT the Director of Legal Services be directed to bring forward the By-law generally set out in Appendix D of the Administrative Report dated January 17, 2014, entitled, "Vancouver Street Vending By-Law and Policy Changes".
- C. THAT Council instruct staff to continue the trial of extended hours of operation for large patios for the summer period of 2014 (April - October), and report back prior to summer 2015.

*CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY  
(Councillors Jang, Louie, Stevenson and Mayor Robertson absent for the vote)*

**3. Housing Agreement and Endorsement of Development Permit Board's Conditional Approval of Floor Space Ratio for 1099 Richards**

At the Regular Council meeting on Tuesday, February 18, 2014, Vancouver City Council referred this matter to the Standing Committee on Planning, Transportation and Environment meeting on Wednesday, February 19, 2014, to hear from speakers.

The General Manager, Planning and Development Services, along with Planning and Development Services staff presented the report, and responded to questions.

The Committee heard from four speakers opposed to the recommendations.

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*The Committee recessed at 2:33 pm and reconvened at 2:45 pm.*

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MOVED by Councillor Jang  
THAT the Committee recommend to Council

- A. THAT Council approve entering into a Housing Agreement pursuant to section 565.2 of the Vancouver Charter with the owner of 1099 Richards Street to ensure the inclusion of low cost housing within the building to be constructed thereon, to be registered on title prior to the issuance of an occupancy permit for that building, on the terms and conditions more particularly described in this report.
- B. THAT the Director of Legal Services be instructed to bring forward for enactment the by-law required to authorize the City to enter into the Housing Agreement prior to issuance of an occupancy permit for the subject building.
- C. THAT Council endorse the Development Permit Board's conditional approval of an increase in floor space ratio (FSR) to 7.04 FSR for the development at 1099 Richards Street (DE416775) containing low cost housing, which was duly considered under section 3.13 of the Downtown District Official Development Plan.

carried

REFERRAL MOVED by Councillor Carr

THAT this matter be referred to the next Standing Committee on Planning, Transportation and Environment meeting on April 2, 2014, to allow time to review video of the Public Hearing on July, 16, 2013, for 508 Helmcken Street.

LOST

(Councillors Deal, Jang, Meggs, Reimer, Stevenson and Tang opposed)  
(Councillor Louie and Mayor Robertson absent for the vote)

The referral motion having lost, the motion was put and CARRIED, with Councillors Ball and Carr opposed and Councillor Louie and Mayor Robertson absent for the vote.

#### **4. Improving Transparency and Public Access to Council Voting Records**

At the Regular Council meeting on Tuesday, February 18, 2014, Vancouver City Council referred this matter to the Standing Committee on Planning, Transportation and Environment meeting on Wednesday, February 19, 2014, to hear from speakers.

The Chair called for speakers and none were present.

The following contains amendments to the original motion.

MOVED by Councillor Carr  
THAT the Committee recommend to Council

#### **WHEREAS**

1. The City of Vancouver is committed to policies that encourage transparency of City Hall, citizen engagement and greater voter participation, and has undertaken a \$30 million digital strategy that includes expanding the Open Data program in order to promote and increase digital engagement and public access to information;
2. Voting records for City Council are not currently summarized in complete detail or in a form that is easily accessible to the public;
3. The transparency and accountability of elected officials is a pillar of democracy and, in this regard, the voting records of individual elected officials provide valuable information for the public;
4. At present section 12.6 (b) of the Procedure By-law prescribes that the City Clerk only record in meeting minutes the names of Council members who vote in opposition to a motion;
5. The City of Vancouver does not currently compile and publish a cumulative summary of Council voting records in any format, whether on paper or digital.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council direct staff to more fully record votes in the minutes of Regular Council meetings, Standing Committee meetings, Public Hearings, and special meetings of Council specifying which members voted in favour, voted in opposition, or were recused, on leave, or absent/out of Chamber;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Council direct staff to compile this full voting record of Council in a tabulated file (spreadsheet format) for each calendar year, updating it no later than two weeks after each Council meeting, and making the updated file promptly available for access on the Open Data portal ([data.vancouver.ca](http://data.vancouver.ca)) and on the City's web page for Council meetings.

referred

REFERRAL MOVED by Councillor Reimer

THAT this matter be referred to staff to report back with financial, staffing and by-law implications of duplicating or replacing the current system of tracking Council votes with an open standard tracking system.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY  
(Councillor Louie and Mayor Robertson absent for the vote)

The Committee adjourned at 3:29 pm.

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

**FEBRUARY 19, 2014**

A Regular Meeting of the Council of the City of Vancouver was held on Wednesday, February 19, 2014, at 3:30 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 Tim Stevenson, Chair  
Councillor Elizabeth Ball  
Councillor Adriane Carr  
Councillor Heather Deal  
Councillor Kerry Jang  
Councillor Geoff Meggs  
Councillor Andrea Reimer  
Councillor Tony Tang

**ABSENT:** Mayor Gregor Robertson  
Councillor George Affleck (Sick Leave)  
Councillor Raymond Louie

**CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE:** Penny Ballem, City Manager  
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**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Report of Standing Committee on Planning, Transportation and Environment  
February 19, 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. Recent Reports by Vancouver Foundation on Youth Issues
2. Vancouver Street Vending By-Law and Policy Changes
3. Housing Agreement and Endorsement of Development Permit Board's Conditional Approval of Floor Space Ratio for 1099 Richards Street
4. Improving Transparency and Public Access to Council Voting Records

Items 1 to 4

MOVED by Councillor Tang  
SECONDED by Councillor Deal

THAT the recommendations and actions taken by the Standing Committee on Planning, Transportation and Environment at its meeting of February 19, 2014, as contained in items 1 to 4, be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

MOVED by Councillor Ball  
SECONDED by Councillor Tang

THAT the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Council adjourned at 3:30 pm.

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