



REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

SEPTEMBER 30, 2014

A Regular Meeting of the Council of the City of Vancouver was held on Tuesday, September 30, 2014, at 9:38 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 Raymond Louie
Councillor Geoff Meggs
Councillor Andrea Reimer
Councillor Tim Stevenson
Councillor Tony Tang

ABSENT: Councillor Kerry Jang (Medical Leave)

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 read by Councillor Meggs.

CONDOLENCES - Jim Deva

Mayor Robertson extended condolences on behalf of Council regarding the recent passing of Jim Deva and expressed gratitude for Mr. Deva's significant contribution as a community leader and champion for equal rights and free expression.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT - CONCACAF Girls Under-15 Champions - Canada W15

Mayor Robertson congratulated the Under-15 Canadian Women's soccer team for winning the first ever U-15 Women's CONCACAF Championship, and presented certificates to Emma Regan and Julia Grosso, both members of the Canadian team and residents of metro Vancouver.

Mayor Robertson also acknowledged a delegation from Women Transforming Cities. Delegations invited Council and members of the public to visit the website womentransformingcities.ca for information on political issues affecting women.

As well, the Mayor noted that some Council members were wearing orange to acknowledge the survivors and victims of residential schools and that wearing orange on this day is a growing movement to remember them.

"IN CAMERA" MEETING

MOVED by Councillor Stevenson
SECONDED by Councillor Deal

THAT Council will go into meetings later this week which are 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

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

1. Regular Council - September 16, 2014

MOVED by Councillor Deal
SECONDED by Councillor Stevenson

THAT the Minutes of the Regular Council meeting of September 16, 2014, be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. Public Hearing - September 16, 2014

MOVED by Councillor Carr
SECONDED by Councillor Ball

THAT the Minutes of the Public Hearing of September 16, 2014, be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. Regular Council (City Finance and Services) - September 17, 2014

MOVED by Councillor Carr
SECONDED by Councillor Deal

THAT the Minutes of the Regular Council meeting following the Standing Committee on City Finance and Services meeting of September 17, 2014, be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MOVED by Councillor Tang
SECONDED by Councillor Stevenson

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MATTERS ADOPTED ON CONSENT

MOVED by Councillor Stevenson

THAT Council adopt Administrative Reports 1 and 2, and Other Report 1, on consent.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

REPORT REFERENCE

**1. Regulating E-cigarettes
September 18, 2014**

Brenda Proskan, General Manager of Community Services, introduced the Policy Report dated September 18, 2014, entitled "Regulating E-cigarettes". Ms Proskan then introduced Dr. Meena Dawar, Vancouver Coastal Health, who presented the report and explained there is a lack of regulations and research on e-cigarettes and the e-juice that is vapourized in them. Dr. Dawar, along with Dr. Milan Khara, Jack Boomer and Kathryn Seely, all from Vancouver Coastal Health, responded to questions.

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

MOVED by Councillor Stevenson

THAT the Policy Report dated September 18, 2014, entitled, "Regulating E-cigarettes" be referred to the Standing Committee on Planning, Transportation and Environment meeting on October 1, 2014, in order to hear from speakers.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. Homelessness Action Week 2014

Ethel Whitty, Director, Carnegie Community Centre, presented on this matter, explaining events and goals of Homelessness Action Week and how it helps raise awareness of issues faced by people who are homeless. She also noted that, on October 10, 2014, the Extreme Weather Response Shelters will receive a proclamation for Homelessness Action Week.

**3. Final 2015-2018 Capital Plan and Plebiscite Questions
September 24, 2014**

Patrice Impey, General Manager of Financial Services, along with members and representatives of the Corporate Management Team provided an overview of the Administrative Report dated September 23, 2014, entitled, "Final 2015-2018 Capital Plan and Plebiscite Questions" and responded to questions.

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At approximately noon, it was

MOVED by Councillor Deal

THAT the length of the meeting be extended to complete the business on the agenda.

*CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AND
BY THE REQUIRED MAJORITY*

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

MOVED by Councillor Carr

THAT the Administrative Report dated September 23, 2014, entitled, "Final 2015-2018 Capital Plan and Plebiscite Questions", be referred to the Standing Committee on Planning, Transportation and Environment meeting on October 1, 2014, in order to hear from speakers.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

1. **Update on BIA By-laws and Guidelines
September 15, 2014**

THAT Council receive the Administrative Report dated September 15, 2014, entitled "Update on BIA By-laws and Guidelines" for information.

ADOPTED ON CONSENT

2. **Garbage Container Licence Program - 2015 Licence Agreement Fee and Amendments
August 25, 2014**

- A. THAT Council approve a 2 per cent increase to Garbage Container Licence Agreement fees.
- B. THAT Council approve housekeeping amendments to the Garbage Container Licence Agreement to:
 - i. Address situations when there is a change in container user, and
 - ii. Reflect the City's standard requirement for automobile liability insurance coverage.
- C. THAT the Director of Legal Services be instructed to modify all Garbage Container Licence Agreements between the City and solid waste removal companies using city lanes for storage of solid waste containers, generally in accordance with Appendix A of the Administrative Report dated August 25, 2014, entitled "Garbage Container Licence Program - 2015 Licence Agreement Fee and Amendments", to be effective January 1, 2015.

ADOPTED ON CONSENT

OTHER REPORTS

1. **New Street Name - Rivergrass Drive (East Fraser Lands)
September 10, 2014**

- A. THAT the new public street shown as Road 17 on the graphic attached as Appendix A to the Other Report dated September 10, 2014, entitled "New Street Name - Rivergrass Drive (East Fraser Lands)", be named as "Rivergrass Drive".
- 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 Carr

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 Deal

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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Council recessed at 12:58 pm and reconvened at 2:35 pm

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BY-LAWS

The Mayor noted that By-laws 3, 4, and 8 were related to Report References 1 and 3, which were referred to the Standing Committee on Planning, Transportation and Environment meeting to be held on October 1, 2014. The related by-laws were therefore withdrawn from this agenda and would be brought forward at the Council meeting which follows the Standing Committee meeting.

Councillors Affleck, Carr, Meggs, Reimer, and Tang advised they had reviewed the proceedings with regard to By-law 2, and would therefore be voting on its enactment.

Councillor Meggs also advised he had reviewed the proceedings with regard to By-law 10, and would therefore be voting on its enactment.

MOVED by Councillor Carr
SECONDED by Councillor Deal

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, 2, 5 to 7, and 9 to 11 inclusive, and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign and seal the enacted by-laws.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

1. A By-law to amend Parking By-law No. 6059 with regard to CD-1 Districts Parking requirements (5675 Manson Street, 665-685 West 41st Avenue and 5688 Heather Street) (By-law No. 11068)
2. A By-law to amend Zoning and Development By-law No. 3575 to rezone an area to CD-1 (201 West 2nd Avenue) (By-law No. 11069)
(Mayor Robertson ineligible for the vote)
3. A By-law to amend Health By-law No. 9535 regarding electronic cigarettes -
WITHDRAWN
4. A By-law to amend License By-law No. 4450 regarding conditions on licences and electronic cigarettes - WITHDRAWN
5. A By-law to amend Building By-law No. 10908 regarding changes to definitions related to construction safety plans, construction on flood plains and flood construction levels and regulations related to designated flood plains (By-law No. 11070)
6. A By-law to amend Zoning and Development By-law No. 3575 regarding floor area exclusions for sites in a designated flood plain in an R district (By-law No. 11071)
7. A By-law to amend Street Name By-law No. 4054 regarding Rivergrass Drive (By-law No. 11072)
8. A By-law to authorize questions for the assent of electors regarding the 2015-2018 Capital Plan - WITHDRAWN
9. A By-law to amend Subdivision By-law No. 5208 (5675 Manson Street, 665-685 West 41st Avenue, and 5688 Heather Street) (By-law No. 11073)
10. A By-law to amend Zoning and Development By-law No. 3575 to rezone an area to CD-1 (7249 Cypress Street) (By-law No. 11074)
11. A By-law to amend Building By-law No. 10908 regarding 2015 fees and miscellaneous housekeeping amendments to adopt revisions to the British Columbia Building Code pursuant to Ministerial Orders M060 (deposited March 12, 2013), M084 (deposited April 3, 2013), M090 (deposited April 5, 2013), M110 (deposited April 12, 2013), M111 (deposited April 12, 2013), M226 (deposited July 9, 2014) and to incorporate corrections and omissions identified in the 2012 BC Building Code Errata list published by the Queen's Printer (By-law No. 11075)

MOTIONS

A. Administrative Motions

None.

B. Motions on Notice

1. City Action to Ensure Innovative, Increased Taxi Service

MOVED by Councillor Meggs

SECONDED by Councillor Carr

WHEREAS

1. The City of Vancouver has long had a taxi policy framework with a view to ensuring the best possible service at a reasonable cost, delivered by an industry committed to the highest possible standards for safety, innovation, accessibility and environmental sustainability;
2. Vancouver's taxi industry has become an industry leader in smartphone dispatching systems, driver training, vehicle cleanliness, safety, and low emission vehicles;
3. Recent court decisions have emphasized the city's responsibility, along with the Passenger Transportation Branch (PTB), to regulate the industry;
4. The PTB's decision to approve temporary operating permits in Vancouver to certain suburban taxi companies, along with the declared intention of so-called "ride-sharing" companies to enter the market with or without City and PTB approval, mark a fundamental change in the industry that threatens existing standards and operators without ensuring appropriate standards for timely, safe, economical quality service.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

- A. THAT Council affirm its commitment to ensure Vancouver's taxi service remains an industry leader in the provision of safe, timely, economical, accessible, green and innovative service.
- B. THAT Council direct staff to prepare an amendment to the *Vehicles for Hire Bylaw* to suspend the issuance of any new licences for a period of six months to allow for consultation with the Taxi Roundtable and other stakeholders and to report to Council at the end of that time on:
 - measures necessary to expand service, while ensuring the industry responds to the needs of consumers and stakeholders in the tourism, hospitality and the disability community through innovation and best-in-class standards for safety and service;

- a process to respond to the Passenger Transportation Branch (PTB) decision to allow suburban taxis to work in Vancouver during certain periods;
- the Vancouver Taxi Association's proposal to add 78 full-time accessible taxis to the city fleet, which is now under PTB review, and
- measures to ensure customers achieve the full benefits of new "ride-sharing" technology without undermining the existing industry's standards for safety, driver training and green technology.

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The Mayor noted requests to speak to the motion had been received.

MOVED by Councillor Meggs
SECONDED by Councillor Louie

THAT this motion be referred to the Standing Committee on Planning, Transportation and Environment meeting on Wednesday, October 1, 2014, in order to hear from speakers.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

NEW BUSINESS

1. Change to Business Licence Hearing Panel - September 30, 2014

MOVED by Councillor Ball
SECONDED by Councillor Deal

WHEREAS

1. Vancouver City Council appointed Councillor Jang to the Business Licence Hearing Panel and appointed Councillor Tang as an "Alternate", for a hearing to be held on September 30, 2014;
2. Councillor Jang is currently on medical leave and unable to participate on the panel and will be replaced by Councillor Tang;
3. Councillor Louie has agreed to stand in as the Alternate, in the event that one of the appointed Panel members is unable to attend the hearing.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Councillor Louie be appointed as the Alternate to the Business Licence Hearing Panel for the hearing to be held on September 30, 2014.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

NOTICE OF MOTION

1. Recognizing Jim Deva's Legacy

Mayor Robertson submitted the following Notice of Motion. The motion will be placed on the agenda of the October 14, 2014, Regular Council meeting as a Motion on Notice.

MOVER: Mayor Robertson

SECONDER: Councillor Stevenson

WHEREAS

1. The passing of Jim Deva has prompted a remarkable outpouring of community reflection on his life and legacy as a champion for LGBTTO equality, free expression, and social justice;
2. Vancouver City Council is immensely grateful for Jim Deva's outstanding role in shaping the city that Vancouver is today, and a lifetime of leadership and advocacy for human rights that echoed all the way to Supreme Court of Canada;
3. The City of Vancouver is committed to building on Jim Deva's legacy by continuing and expanding its leading advocacy for LGBTTO equality, rights, and inclusion;
4. The community-driven West End Plan recently approved by Council recognizes the Davie Village as a 'culturally and historically important hub for Vancouver's LGBTQ community,' identifies Davie and Bute as the heart of Davie Village, and extensive consultation has now been completed on the recommendation of an enhanced, permanent plaza at Davie and Bute.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

- A. THAT Council direct staff to report back on options to identify an appropriate place or civic asset to be named in recognition of Jim Deva and his lifetime of advocacy, working with the input of Jim Deva's family, the City of Vancouver's LGBTTO advisory committee, the Park Board, and the Civic Asset Naming Committee.
- B. THAT Council direct staff to report back on the results of recent consultation on the future of an enhanced, permanent plaza at Davie and Bute, with a view to exploring this plaza as one potential option for recognition of Jim Deva's life and legacy and the history and contributions of the LGBTTO community in Vancouver.

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2. Endorsing the Recommendations from the Fresh Voices Report

Councillor Reimer submitted the following Notice of Motion. The motion will be placed on the agenda of the October 14, 2014, Regular Council meeting as a Motion on Notice.

MOVER: Councillor Reimer

SECONDER:

WHEREAS

1. The *Fresh Voices from Long Journeys* project is a joint initiative of Vancouver Foundation and the BC Representative for Children and Youth to provide a voice to immigrant and refugee youth;
2. In 2013 the *Fresh Voices from Long Journeys* initiative culminated in a "Fresh Voices Report" (<http://make-it-count.ca/wp-content/uploads/2013/10/FreshVoices-Web-report-2013.pdf>) which contained 16 policy recommendations on pages 13 to 17, including support for the Make It Count Campaign (recommendation 1);
3. The "Fresh Voices Report" was presented to City Council by youth from the Vancouver Foundation on February 19, 2014 and there was broad agreement from Council that it would welcome advice from the City's Children, Youth and Families Advisory Committee (CYFA) on the recommendations;
4. CYFA is a civic agency appointed by Vancouver City Council to provide advice and recommendations to Council on matters that relate to children, youth and families;
5. At its meeting on May 22, 2014, CYFA approved requesting Mayor and Council to support the recommendations of the Fresh Voices Report and Make It Count Campaign.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

- A. THAT City Council thank the Children, Youth and Families Advisory Committee (CYFA) for their time to review the recommendations in the Fresh Voices Report and provide advice to City Council.
- B. THAT City Council endorse the 16 recommendations from the Fresh Voices Report including support for the Make It Count Campaign (recommendation 1).

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ENQUIRIES AND OTHER MATTERS

1. Union of British Columbia Municipalities Convention

Councillors Reimer and Louie both noted the City of Vancouver had won two of six available awards at the Union of British Columbia Municipalities conference, one in Leadership and Innovation for the Year of Reconciliation, and another in Best Practices in Engaging Residents.

Councillor Deal noted Metro Vancouver had won a UBCM honourable mention Community Energy Association's 2014 Climate and Energy Action Award for the program "Charging Up the Region" which installed electric car chargers around the region.

Mayor Robertson noted that the BC Mayors' Caucus met just before the conference and came out with a unanimous statement calling for Provincial action on mental health and addiction by establishing long-term residential beds for treatment, increasing community mental health and addictions services, and developing a provincial social policy framework to ensure tax dollar efficiency by integrating health care, police, corrections and social service supports for people with mental illness and addiction.

2. Update on Sochi Mission

Councillor Stevenson provided an update on the 2014 Sochi Mission noting that the International Olympic Committee (IOC) will require prospective Olympic host cities to sign an anti-discrimination agreement.

3. Update on South East Vancouver Seniors' Centre

Councillor Louie requested an update on funding, construction dates and public consultation on the proposed South East Vancouver Seniors' Centre. The City Manager responded.

4. Condolences - Drew Burns

Councillor Carr noted Drew Burns, former owner of the Commodore, passed away over the weekend, and acknowledged his contribution to the entertainment industry in Vancouver.

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Councillor Deal
SECONDED by Councillor Louie

THAT the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Council adjourned at 3:08 pm.

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