



## REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

DECEMBER 16, 2014

A Regular Meeting of the Council of the City of Vancouver was held on Tuesday, December 16, 2014, at 9:40 am, in the Council Chamber, Third Floor, City Hall.

**PRESENT:** Mayor Gregor Robertson  
Councillor George Affleck\*  
Councillor Elizabeth Ball  
Councillor Adriane Carr  
Councillor Melissa De Genova  
Councillor Heather Deal  
Councillor Kerry Jang  
Councillor Raymond Louie\*  
Councillor Andrea Reimer  
Councillor Tim Stevenson

**ABSENT:** Councillor Geoff Meggs (Leave of Absence)

**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

\*Denotes absence for a portion of the meeting.

### COAST SALISH BRUSHING OFF CEREMONY

Chiefs, Councils and women of the Musqueam, Squamish and Tsleil-Waututh First Nations performed a Coast Salish Brushing Off Ceremony for Mayor and Council. The Mayor thanked the members for their time and for welcoming people onto their unceded traditional territories.

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*Council recessed at 10:49 am and reconvened at 11:35 am.*

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## **"IN CAMERA" MEETING**

MOVED by Councillor Deal  
SECONDED by Councillor Stevenson

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;

(c) labour relations or other employee relations;

(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.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

### **1. Regular Council - November 25, 2014**

MOVED by Councillor Louie  
SECONDED by Councillor Ball

THAT the Minutes of the Regular Council meeting of November 25, 2014, be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

### **2. Inaugural Council - December 8, 2014**

MOVED by Councillor Deal  
SECONDED by Councillor Louie

THAT the Minutes of the Inaugural Council meeting of December 8, 2014, be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## **COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

MOVED by Councillor Ball  
SECONDED by Councillor Jang

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## **MATTERS ADOPTED ON CONSENT**

Mayor Robertson noted requests to speak had been received with regard to Administrative Report 10.

REFERRAL MOVED by Councillor Carr

THAT Administrative Report 10, "Single Room Accommodation Permit for Canadian North Star (5 West Hastings Street)", be referred to the Standing Committee on City Finance and Services meeting on December 17, 2014, in order to hear from speakers.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOVED by Councillor Louie

THAT Council adopt Administrative Reports 7, 8, and 9, and Other Report 1, on consent.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## **ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**

### **1. Local General Election Results - 2014 December 3, 2014**

MOVED by Councillor Deal

THAT the Administrative Report dated December 3, 2014, entitled "Local General Election Results - 2014" be received for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

### **2. 2015 Engineering Fees November 29, 2014**

MOVED by Councillor Reimer

- A. THAT Council approve increases of 2 per cent in the Engineering Services Department permit fees as set out in Appendix A of the Administrative Report dated November 29, 2014, entitled "2015 Engineering Fees", with the exception of the fees referenced in B below, to take effect on January 1, 2015.
- B. THAT Council increase the Street Utilities By-law Fees: plan review and administration fee (alignment that is less than 20 metres), plan review and administration fee (alignment that is greater than 20 metres), additional per metre fee for the proposed alignment, inspection fee per street block per day, and pavement degradation costs by 1.3 per cent to be consistent with Municipal Access Agreements.

- C. THAT the Director of Legal Services be instructed to prepare by-laws to amend the Street and Traffic By-law No. 2849, Encroachment By-law No. 4243, Crossing By-law No. 4644, Street Distribution of Publications By-law No. 9350, Street Utilities By-law No. 10361 and Street Vending By-law 10868, all generally in accordance with Appendix A of the Administrative Report dated November 29, 2014, entitled "2015 Engineering Fees".

carried

AMENDMENT MOVED by Councillor Affleck

THAT A be amended by striking out "2 per cent" and replacing with "1.5 per cent".

LOST

(Councillors Jang, Stevenson, Louie, Deal, Reimer, Carr and Mayor Robertson opposed)

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

**3. Annual Review of the Solid Waste Utility and 2015 Rates  
December 2, 2014**

MOVED by Councillor Reimer

- A. THAT Council approve the amendments to the Solid Waste By-law, generally as set out in Appendix B of the Administrative Report dated December 2, 2014, entitled "Annual Review of the Solid Waste Utility and 2015 Rates", including the establishment of the 2015 rates and fees.
- B. THAT Council instruct the Director of Legal Services to bring forward for enactment revisions to the Solid Waste By-law to adjust rates and fees as described in A and miscellaneous related amendments substantially as referred to in these recommendations and as substantially set out in Appendix C of the Administrative Report dated December 2, 2014, entitled "Annual Review of the Solid Waste Utility and 2015 Rates".

carried

AMENDMENT MOVED by Councillor Ball

THAT the following be added as C and D to the motion:

THAT Council direct staff to resume weekly pickup of garbage for the year 2015/16.

THAT Council direct staff to increase pickup of food scraps to twice weekly during July and August 2015/16.

lost

AMENDMENT TO THE AMENDMENT MOVED by Councillor Affleck

THAT the amendment be struck and substituted with:

THAT Council direct staff to report back on the possibility of:

- Resuming weekly pickup of garbage for the year 2015/16, and
- Increasing pickup of food scraps to twice weekly during July and August 2015/16.

LOST

(Councillors Carr, Deal, Jang, Louie, Reimer, Stevenson and Mayor Robertson opposed)

The amendment to the amendment having lost, the amendment was put and LOST with Councillors Carr, Deal, Jang, Louie, Reimer, Stevenson and Mayor Robertson opposed.

The amendment having lost, the main motion was put and CARRIED, with Councillor Affleck opposed.

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*Council recessed at 1:37 pm and reconvened at 2:56 pm.*

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4. **Annual Review of Sewer Utility and 2015 Rates**  
December 2, 2014

MOVED by Councillor Reimer

- A. THAT Council approve the amendments to the Sewer and Watercourse By-law, generally as set out in Appendix A of the Administrative Report dated December 2, 2014, entitled "Annual Review of Sewer Utility and 2015 Rates", including the establishment of the 2015 rates and fees, with the following recommended increases:

| Rate   | % Increase | 2014 Rate                          | Recommended 2015 Rate |
|--|------------|------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Single Dwelling Unit   | 6%         | \$297                              | \$314                 |
| Other Sanitary Sewer User Rates  | 6%         | As listed in Appendix A            |                       |
| Metered Rate Per Unit<br>(Unit = 2.8316 Cubic Meters)                        | 6%         | \$1.906                            | \$2.021               |
| Waste Discharge Permit<br>User Rate Per Unit<br>(Unit = 2.8316 Cubic Meters) | 6%         | \$0.6211                           | \$0.6583              |
| Public Sewer Connection Fees   | 3%         | As listed in Appendix A,<br>Part I |                       |

THAT Council instruct the Director of Legal Services to bring the Sewer and Watercourse By-law amendment, generally as set out in Appendix B of the Administrative Report dated December 2, 2014, entitled "Annual Review of Sewer Utility and 2015 Rates", forward for enactment.

CARRIED  
(Councillor Affleck opposed)

**5. Annual Review of the Water Utility and 2015 Rates  
December 2, 2014**

MOVED by Councillor Reimer

- A. THAT Council approve the amendments to the Waterworks By-law, generally as set out in Appendix A of the Administrative Report dated December 2, 2014, entitled "Annual Review of the Water Utility and 2015 Rates", including the establishment of the 2015 rates and fees, with the following recommended increases:

| Rate   | % Increase | 2014 Rate  | Recommended 2015 Rate |
|--|------------|--|-----------------------|
| Single Dwelling Unit   | 4%         | \$546  | \$568                 |
| Metered Rate Per Unit<br>(Unit = 2.8316 Cubic Meters)<br>- Off Season  | 4%         | \$2.385  | \$2.480               |
| Metered Rate Per Unit<br>(Unit = 2.8316 Cubic Meters)<br>- Peak Season | 4%         | \$2.988  | \$3.108               |
| Public Water Connection Fees   | 3%         | As Listed in Appendix A, Schedule A                  |                       |
| All Other Water Utility User Rates                                     | Varies     | As Listed in Appendix A, Schedules B, C, E, F, G & H |                       |

- B. THAT Council instruct the Director of Legal Services to bring the Waterworks By-law amendment, generally as set out in Appendix B of the Administrative Report dated December 2, 2014, entitled "Annual Review of the Water Utility and 2015 Rates", forward for enactment.

CARRIED  
(Councillor Affleck opposed)

**6. Southeast False Creek Neighbourhood Energy Utility (SEFC NEU) -  
2015 Customer Rates  
November 27, 2014**

Council requested to separate the components of the motion for the vote.

MOVED by Councillor Reimer

- A. THAT Council approve the amendments to the Energy Utility System By-law ("the By-law"), generally as set out in Appendix A of the Administrative Report dated November 27, 2014, entitled "Southeast False Creek Neighbourhood Energy Utility (SEFC NEU) - 2015 Customer Rates", including the establishment of 2015 customer rates and fees, with a 3.2 per cent increase over 2014 customer rates. In accordance with Council Policy to improve the energy conservation price signal, this 3.2 per cent increase is to be achieved by increasing the Fixed Capacity Levy by 2.6 per cent and the Variable Energy Charge by 4.0 per cent.

FURTHER THAT Council instruct the Director of Legal Services to bring the By-law amendment, generally as set out in Appendix A of the above-noted Administrative Report, forward for enactment.

- B. THAT Council direct staff to report back by April 30, 2015, with the results of a five-year comprehensive review of Southeast False Creek Neighbourhood Energy Utility (SEFC NEU) rates and finances.

CARRIED

(Councillors Affleck, Ball, and De Genova opposed to A)

**7. Approval of Council Initiative - Proposed Hastings North BIA Mid-term Expansion  
November 26, 2014**

- A. THAT Council approve the Hastings North Business Improvement Association as sponsor for the Hastings North BIA Expansion Area.
- B. THAT Council approve the commencement of a Council Initiative to expand the Hastings North BIA, (3 year term for expansion area commencing April 1, 2015);

FURTHER THAT Council forward the application of the Hastings North Business Improvement Association to a hearing of the Court of Revision.

- C. THAT the City notify property owners and tenants within the expansion area (shaded properties in Appendix A of the Administrative Report dated November 26, 2014, entitled "Approval of Council Initiative - Proposed Hastings North BIA Mid-term Expansion)" of the proposed BIA expansion and levy.
- D. THAT Council approve a 3-year (2015-2018) funding-ceiling of \$456,000 for the Hastings North BIA Expansion Area, subject to Council approval of the expansion.

ADOPTED ON CONSENT

**8. Appointment of External Auditors for 2015  
November 13, 2014**

THAT the accounting firm of KPMG LLP be confirmed as the City's External Auditor for the fiscal year 2015.

ADOPTED ON CONSENT

**9. Annual Financial Authorities - 2015  
November 7, 2014**

- A. THAT, for the period January 1 to December 31, 2015, Council authorize the Director of Finance to draw warrants for payment and to report the same in writing to the City Clerk for the information of Council as soon as possible, and no later than 15 days, following the month-end in which each warrant is drawn, in accordance with Sections 215 and 216 of the Vancouver Charter.
- B. THAT, for the period January 1 to July 15, 2015, Council authorize the Director of Finance to temporarily use such proceeds from the sale of debentures as are available to meet other expenditure requirements of the City, pending collection of general purpose property taxes, in accordance with Section 259 (1)(b) of the Vancouver Charter.
- C. THAT, for the period January 1 to December 31, 2015, Council authorize the Director of Finance to invest City funds not immediately required and to vary the investments from time to time where appropriate, in accordance with Sections 201, 259 and 260 of the Vancouver Charter, in one or more of the following:
- securities of Canada or of a province;
  - securities guaranteed for principal and interest by Canada or by a province;
  - securities of a municipality, including the city, or a regional district;
  - securities of the Greater Vancouver Water District or the Greater Vancouver Sewerage and Drainage District;
  - securities of the Municipal Finance Authority;
  - securities of or investments guaranteed by a chartered bank;
  - deposits in a savings institution, or non-equity or membership shares of a credit union;
  - pooled investment funds under Section 16 of the Municipal Finance Authority Act;
  - any of the investments permitted for the Municipal Finance Authority under Section 16(3) of the Municipal Finance Authority Act, including pooled investment portfolios under the Financial Administration Act.



- D. THAT, for the period January 8, 2015 to January 7, 2016, pursuant to Section 263 of the Vancouver Charter, Council authorize the Director of Finance to establish a short-term borrowing facility to assist in managing the City's cash flow with the maximum outstanding amount not to exceed \$60 million;

FURTHER THAT Council instruct the Director of Legal Services to prepare a Borrowing Pending Collection of Real Property Taxes By-law for enactment by Council.

ADOPTED ON CONSENT

**10. Single Room Accommodation Permit for Canadian North Star (5 West Hastings Street)  
December 1, 2014**

This report was referred to the Standing Committee on City Finance and Services on December 17, 2014, in order to hear from speakers.

**OTHER REPORTS**

**1. New Street Name - Henshaw Lane  
November 4, 2014**

- A. THAT the existing lane located between Nelson and Comox Streets and between Bidwell and Nicola Streets, as shown on the graphic attached as Appendix A to the Other Report dated November 4, 2014, entitled "New Street Name - Henshaw Lane", be named as "Henshaw Lane".
- 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 Louie  
SECONDED by Councillor Deal

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## BY-LAWS

Councillor Stevenson noted he had reviewed the proceedings with regard to By-law 3 and would therefore be voting on its enactment.

Councillor Carr requested to separate by-law 2 for the vote.

MOVED by Councillor Louie  
SECONDED by Councillor Jang

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, and 3 to 24 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 (228-246 East Broadway and 180 Kingsway) (By-law No. 11127)
3. A By-law to amend Sign By-law No. 6510 (228-246 East Broadway and 180 Kingsway) (By-law No. 11128)  
*(Councillor De Genova ineligible for the vote)*
4. A By-law to amend Parking By-law No. 6059 with regard to CD-1 Districts Parking requirements (5129-5169 Cambie Street) (By-law No. 11129)
5. A By-law to amend Subdivision By-law No. 5208 (5129-5169 Cambie Street) (By-law No. 11130)
6. A By-law to amend Noise Control By-law No. 6555 (998 Expo Boulevard - Concord Area 5B West) (By-law No. 11131)
7. A By-law to amend Parking By-law No. 6059 with regard to CD-1 Districts Parking requirements (998 Expo Boulevard - Concord Area 5B West) (By-law No. 11132)
8. A By-law to amend Sign By-law No. 6510 (998 Expo Boulevard - Concord Area 5B West) (By-law No. 11133)  
*(Councillor De Genova ineligible for the vote)*
9. A By-law to authorize the borrowing of certain sums of money from January 8, 2015, to January 7, 2016, pending the collection of real property taxes (By-law No. 11134)

10. A By-law to amend Crossing By-law No. 4644 regarding 2015 fee increases (By-law No. 11135)
11. A By-law to amend Encroachment By-law No. 4243 regarding 2015 fee increases (By-law No. 11136)
12. A By-law to amend Energy Utility System By-law No. 9552 regarding Updates to Levies and Charges (By-law No. 11137)
13. A By-law to amend Street Distribution of Publications By-law No. 9350 regarding 2015 fee increases (By-law No. 11138)
14. A By-law to amend Street Name By-law No. 4054 regarding Henshaw Lane (By-law No. 11139)
15. A By-law to amend Street and Traffic By-law No. 2849 regarding 2015 fee increases (By-law No. 11140)
16. A By-law to amend the Street Utilities By-law (By-law No. 11141)
17. A By-law to amend Street Vending By-law No. 10868 regarding 2015 fees (By-law No. 11142)
18. A By-law to enact a Housing Agreement Amendment Agreement for 2075 Cassiar Street and 3355 East 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue (By-law No. 11143)
19. A By-law to enact a Housing Agreement for 3323-3367 East 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue (By-law No. 11144)
20. A By-law to amend Zoning and Development By-law No. 3575 to rezone an area to CD-1 (587 West King Edward Avenue - James Residence) (By-law No. 11145)  
*(Councillors De Genova, Stevenson and Mayor Robertson ineligible for the vote)*
21. A By-law to amend Zoning and Development By-law No. 3575 to rezone an area to CD-1 (591-599 West King Edward Avenue) (By-law No. 11146)  
*(Councillors De Genova, Stevenson and Mayor Robertson ineligible for the vote)*
22. A By-law to amend Sewer and Watercourse By-law No. 8093 regarding 2015 Fee Increases (By-law No. 11147)
23. A By-law to amend Solid Waste By-law No. 8417 regarding fees and waste disposal (By-law No. 11148)
24. A By-law to amend Water Works By-law No. 4848 regarding 2015 fee increases (By-law No. 11149)

REFERRAL MOVED by Councillor Carr  
SECONDED by Councillor Louie

THAT the by-law listed on the agenda for this meeting as number 2 be referred to the Council meeting following the Standing Committee on City Finance and Services on December 17, 2014, in order to receive information from staff regarding a change to the number of parking spots in the development.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## MOTIONS

### A. Administrative Motions

#### 1. Approval of Form of Development - CD-1 - 4099 Cambie Street

MOVED by Councillor Jang  
SECONDED by Councillor Louie

THAT the form of development for this portion of the site known as 4099 Cambie Street (4083 Cambie Street being the application address) be approved generally as illustrated in the Development Application Number DE417998, prepared by W.T. Leung Architects Inc., and stamped "Received, Community Services Group, Planning and Development Services", on October 23, 2014, provided that the Director of Planning may impose conditions and approve design changes which would not adversely affect either the development character of the site or adjacent properties.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

#### 2. Establishing four City owned Lots (2449 East 34<sup>th</sup> Avenue, 2451 East 34<sup>th</sup> Avenue, 2458 East 33<sup>rd</sup> Avenue and 2448 East 33<sup>rd</sup> Avenue) as road (Clarendon Street) between East 33<sup>rd</sup> Avenue and East 34<sup>th</sup> Avenue to complete the Clarendon Connector Project, as per July 9, 2013 Council authority

MOVED by Councillor Jang  
SECONDED by Councillor Louie

THAT WHEREAS the registered owner, the City of Vancouver, wishes to establish for road purposes, lands in the City of Vancouver, Province of British Columbia, more particularly known and described as follows:

Parcel Identifier: 014-150-743, Lot 23, Block K, District Lot 393, Plan 1955;

Parcel Identifier: 010-312-072, Lot 24, Block K, District Lot 393, Plan 1955;

Parcel Identifier: 007-738-498, Lot 35, Except the North 7 feet, now Road, Block K, District Lot 393, Plan 1955; and

Parcel Identifier: 014-151-545, Lot 36, Except the North 7 feet, now Road,  
Block K, District Lot 393, Plan 1955,

AND WHEREAS it is deemed expedient and in the public interest to allocate the said lands for road purposes.

BE IT RESOLVED that the above described lands are hereby allocated for road purposes and declared to form and to constitute a portion of a road.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**3. Approval of Form of Development  
4050 Ash Street, formerly 591-599 West King Edward Avenue**

MOVED by Councillor Jang  
SECONDED by Councillor Louie

THAT the form of development for this portion of the site known as 4050 Ash Street, formerly 591-599 West King Edward, be approved generally as illustrated in the Development Application Number DE418185, prepared by W. T. Leung Architects Inc., and stamped "Received, Community Services, Development Services", on November 28, 2014, provided that the Director of Planning may impose conditions and approve design changes which would not adversely affect either the development character of the site or adjacent properties.

CARRIED  
(Councillor De Genova ineligible for the vote due to conflict of interest)

**4. Approval of Form of Development  
591 West King Edward Avenue, formerly 587 West King Edward Avenue**

MOVED by Councillor Jang  
SECONDED by Councillor Louie

THAT the form of development for this portion of the site known as 591 West King Edward Avenue, formerly 587 West King Edward, be approved generally as illustrated in the Development Application Number DE418184, prepared by W. T. Leung Architects Inc., and stamped "Received, Community Services, Development Services", on November 28, 2014, provided that the Director of Planning may impose conditions and approve design changes which would not adversely affect either the development character of the site or adjacent properties.

CARRIED  
(Councillor De Genova ineligible for the vote due to conflict of interest)

**B. Motions on Notice**

**1. Recognizing Pat Quinn's Contributions to Vancouver**

MOVED by Mayor Robertson  
SECONDED by Councillor Jang

WHEREAS

1. The recent passing of Pat Quinn has inspired a national conversation regarding his lifetime of significant contributions to hockey and athletics across Canada;
2. There has been outpouring of reflection in Vancouver on Pat Quinn's work and legacy as a former player, coach, general manager and president with the Vancouver Canucks, and his extensive record of support for our local community;
3. Vancouver City Council is tremendously grateful for Pat Quinn's outstanding work to shape, build and enhance our city's dynamic hockey culture, and his support for our emerging young athletes.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

- A. THAT staff be directed to report back on options to identify an appropriate place or civic asset to be named in recognition of Pat Quinn's contributions to Vancouver, working with the input of his family, the Civic Asset Naming Committee, and other appropriate stakeholders.
- B. THAT staff be directed to explore Abbott Street alongside Rogers Arena as one potential option for recognizing Pat Quinn's life and legacy.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**2. City of Vancouver - Independent Office of Ombudsperson**

MOVED by Councillor Affleck  
SECONDED by Councillor Ball

WHEREAS

1. The City of Vancouver believes in an empowered, engaged citizenry and an open, transparent City government;
2. The City of Vancouver has faced an unprecedented number of lawsuits from its citizens;
3. The City of Vancouver elected representatives are often contacted by citizens and groups frustrated by their dealings with the City.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT staff be directed to report back to Council on establishing an independent Office of the Ombudsperson in the City of Vancouver to resolve citizen disputes with the City;

FURTHER THAT the report shall examine global best practices and recommend options for the establishment of an Ombudsperson office, including funding, staffing and other details.

amended

AMENDMENT MOVED by Councillor Reimer

A. THAT the first paragraph of the resolved be amended as follows:

- Insert the phrase "and a lobbyist registry for" following the words "Office of the Ombudsperson"
- Strike the word "citizen" and substitute the word "resident"
- Add the phrase "and continue to increase transparency respectively" to the end

So that the first paragraph of the resolved would read:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT staff be directed to report back to Council on establishing an independent Office of the Ombudsperson and a lobbyist registry for the City of Vancouver, to resolve resident disputes with the City and continue to increase transparency respectively;

B. THAT the second paragraph of the resolved be amended as follows:

- Insert the words "and lobbyist registry" following the words "Ombudsperson office"
- Insert the word "or" between the words "funding" and "staffing"
- Add the words "if needed to the end"

So that the second paragraph of the resolved would read:

FURTHER THAT the report shall examine global best practices and recommend options for the establishment of an Ombudsperson office and lobbyist registry, including funding or staffing, if needed;

C. THAT the following be added as a third paragraph to the resolved:

AND FURTHER THAT staff identify whether opportunities exist to provide a municipal Ombudsperson and lobbyist registry through existing provincial institutions, so as to reduce costs to taxpayers and provide greater independence.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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

FINAL MOTION AS ADOPTED

WHEREAS

1. The City of Vancouver believes in an empowered, engaged citizenry and an open, transparent City government;
2. The City of Vancouver has faced an unprecedented number of lawsuits from its citizens;
3. The City of Vancouver elected representatives are often contacted by citizens and groups frustrated by their dealings with the City.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT staff be directed to report back to Council on establishing an independent Office of the Ombudsperson and a lobbyist registry for the City of Vancouver, to resolve resident disputes with the City and continue to increase transparency respectively;

FURTHER THAT the report shall examine global best practices and recommend options for the establishment of an Ombudsperson office and lobbyist registry, including funding or staffing, if needed;

AND FURTHER THAT staff identify whether opportunities exist to provide a municipal Ombudsperson and lobbyist registry through existing provincial institutions, so as to reduce costs to taxpayers and provide greater independence.

**3. Joint Council on Childcare**

MOVED by Councillor Reimer  
SECONDED by Councillor Louie

WHEREAS

1. Accessible, affordable and quality childcare is essential to the health and well-being of the city of Vancouver's children and families;
2. Child development and childcare play a crucial role in the economic stability of our city;
3. It is critical that all levels of government, including those at the local level, and the private sector take an active partnership in ensuring successful child development opportunities;
4. The 2009 re-establishment of a Joint Council on Childcare between the Council, School Board and Park Board led to the creation of more than 1,000 new childcare spaces between 2009 and 2014, exceeding Council's goals in both terms;



5. The Joint Council on Childcare has played an important role in advocating for early care and learning policy and increased funding from other levels of government.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council direct staff to reinstate the Joint Council on Childcare and renew its goals, and previously adopted Terms of Reference (attached as Appendix A to the motion presented at the Regular Council meeting on December 16, 2014, entitled "Joint Council on Childcare"), along with an objective of an increase of 1,000 childcare spaces, at a minimum, in the next four years.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY  
(Councillors Affleck and Louie absent for the vote)

#### 4. Empowering Resident Voices on Resident Advisory Committees

MOVED by Councillor Reimer  
SECONDED by Councillor Stevenson

##### WHEREAS

1. The City of Vancouver is committed to bringing the community into City Hall by engaging residents, and soliciting their ideas, input and creative energy;
2. In February 2009 Council re-instated the Multicultural, Seniors and Persons with Disabilities Advisory Committees, established the City's first Women's and LGBTQ Advisory Committees, and renewed the mandates of Food Policy Council and Bicycle Advisory Committee and over the past six years these seven committees have provided invaluable policy advice, undertaken important research, and fostered noted city initiatives;
3. On July 26, 2011, Council committed to expanding the mandate of the Bicycle Advisory Committee to include all forms of active transportation, and particularly that pedestrian voices and issues were included in transportation decisions;
4. On October 18, 2011 and October 20, 2011, Council committed to establishing an Arts and Culture Advisory Council and Urban Aboriginal Peoples Advisory Committee respectively;
5. On February 29, 2012, the Civic Asset Naming Committee was established by Council to provide greater public input into the naming of City assets and infrastructure, and to ensure recommended names better reflected the history of all of Vancouver's diverse communities;
6. On April 10, 2013, Council agreed to establish a Children, Youth and Families Advisory Committee to provide advice to Mayor and Council on issues, programs, policies and services related to children, youth and families;
7. Although renters make up more than half the population of the City of Vancouver, they comprise far less than half of the residents who participate in City consultations and engagement processes.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

- A. THAT Council establish the following Type A committees as advisory to Council with mandates and terms of reference as outlined in Appendix A of the motion presented at the Regular Council meeting on December 16, 2014, entitled "Empowering Resident Voices on Resident Advisory Committees":
- Active Transportation Policy Council
  - Arts and Culture Policy Council
  - Children, Youth and Families Advisory Committee
  - Civic Asset Naming Committee
  - Cultural Communities Advisory Committee
  - Food Policy Council
  - LGBTQ2+ Advisory Committee
  - Persons with Disabilities Advisory Committee
  - Renters Advisory Committee
  - Seniors' Advisory Committee
  - Urban Aboriginal Peoples' Advisory Committee
  - Women's Advisory Committee
- B. THAT Council renew the following Type B committees as advisory to staff and that their mandates and terms of reference remain unchanged:
- Chinatown Historic Area Planning Committee
  - First Shaughnessy Design Panel
  - Gastown Historic Planning Committee
- C. THAT Council appoint a non-voting Councillor liaison to each of the committees listed in A and B above, and invite the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation and the Vancouver Board of Education to send a non-voting liaison.
- D. THAT Council direct the City Manager to assign a staff liaison to each committee listed in A and B above for the purpose of providing information and advice on City programs and work that is relevant to the mandate and workplan of the assigned advisory body.
- E. THAT Council direct staff to proceed with advertising for all committees requiring appointment with the goal that all committee members be appointed no later than February 2015.
- F. THAT Council direct staff to organize an annual "Council of Councils". This facilitated meeting shall be: open to all members of Type A advisory committees; include information on roles, responsibilities and rights; allow each advisory committee to briefly present their priorities/workplans for the year; and provide information on effective meeting facilitation and follow up.
- G. THAT Council acknowledge the dedication of all outgoing committee members and thank them for their service to the City of Vancouver.

AMENDMENT MOVED by Mayor Robertson  
SECONDED by Councillor Reimer

- A. THAT C be amended by striking the words “a non-voting Councillor liaison” and substituting the words “up to two non-voting Councillor liaisons”, so that C would read:

THAT Council appoint up to two non-voting Councillor liaisons to each of the committees listed in A and B above, and invite the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation and the Vancouver Board of Education to send a non-voting liaison.

- B. THAT the following be added as H:

THAT Council appoint the following Councillors as non-voting Liaisons to the new Resident Advisory Committees, subject to the approval of A and B:

- Active Transportation Policy Council - Councillors Deal and Meggs
- Arts and Culture Policy Council - Councillors Deal and Ball
- Civic Asset Naming Committee - Councillor Reimer
- Food Policy Council - Councillors Deal and Carr
- LGBTQ2+ Advisory Committee - Councillor Stevenson
- Cultural Communities Advisory Committee - Councillor Meggs
- Persons with Disabilities Advisory Committee - Councillors Affleck and De Genova
- Renters Advisory Committee - Councillors Stevenson and Reimer
- Seniors' Advisory Committee - Councillors Ball and Stevenson
- Urban Aboriginal Peoples' Advisory Council - Councillors Reimer and Carr
- Women's Advisory Committee - Councillors Ball and Reimer
- Chinatown Historic Area Planning Committee - Councillors Louie and Jang
- First Shaughnessy Design Panel - Councillors De Genova and Affleck
- Gastown Historic Area Planning Committee - Councillors Jang and Louie

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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

FINAL MOTION AS ADOPTED

WHEREAS

1. The City of Vancouver is committed to bringing the community into City Hall by engaging residents, and soliciting their ideas, input and creative energy;
2. In February 2009 Council re-instated the Multicultural, Seniors and Persons with Disabilities Advisory Committees, established the City's first Women's and LGBTQ Advisory Committees, and renewed the mandates of Food Policy Council and

Bicycle Advisory Committee and over the past six years these seven committees have provided invaluable policy advice, undertaken important research, and fostered noted city initiatives;

3. On July 26, 2011, Council committed to expanding the mandate of the Bicycle Advisory Committee to include all forms of active transportation, and particularly that pedestrian voices and issues were included in transportation decisions;
4. On October 18, 2011 and October 20, 2011, Council committed to establishing an Arts and Culture Advisory Council and Urban Aboriginal Peoples Advisory Committee respectively;
5. On February 29, 2012, the Civic Asset Naming Committee was established by Council to provide greater public input into the naming of City assets and infrastructure, and to ensure recommended names better reflected the history of all of Vancouver's diverse communities;
6. On April 10, 2013, Council agreed to establish a Children, Youth and Families Advisory Committee to provide advice to Mayor and Council on issues, programs, policies and services related to children, youth and families;
7. Although renters make up more than half the population of the City of Vancouver, they comprise far less than half of the residents who participate in City consultations and engagement processes.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

- A. THAT Council establish the following Type A committees as advisory to Council with mandates and terms of reference as outlined in Appendix A of the motion presented at the Regular Council meeting on December 16, 2014, entitled "Empowering Resident Voices on Resident Advisory Committees":
  - Active Transportation Policy Council
  - Arts and Culture Policy Council
  - Children, Youth and Families Advisory Committee
  - Civic Asset Naming Committee
  - Cultural Communities Advisory Committee
  - Food Policy Council
  - LGBTQ2+ Advisory Committee
  - Persons with Disabilities Advisory Committee
  - Renters Advisory Committee
  - Seniors' Advisory Committee
  - Urban Aboriginal Peoples' Advisory Committee
  - Women's Advisory Committee

- B. THAT Council renew the following Type B committees as advisory to staff and that their mandates and terms of reference remain unchanged:
- Chinatown Historic Area Planning Committee
  - First Shaughnessy Design Panel
  - Gastown Historic Planning Committee
- C. THAT Council appoint up to two non-voting Councillor liaisons to each of the committees listed in A and B above, and invite the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation and the Vancouver Board of Education to send a non-voting liaison.
- D. THAT Council direct the City Manager to assign a staff liaison to each committee listed in A and B above for the purpose of providing information and advice on City programs and work that is relevant to the mandate and workplan of the assigned advisory body.
- E. THAT Council direct staff to proceed with advertising for all committees requiring appointment with the goal that all committee members be appointed no later than February 2015.
- F. THAT Council direct staff to organize an annual "Council of Councils". This facilitated meeting shall be: open to all members of Type A advisory committees; include information on roles, responsibilities and rights; allow each advisory committee to briefly present their priorities/workplans for the year; and provide information on effective meeting facilitation and follow up.
- G. THAT Council acknowledge the dedication of all outgoing committee members and thank them for their service to the City of Vancouver.
- H. THAT Council appoint the following Councillors as non-voting Liaisons to the new Resident Advisory Committees, subject to the approval of A and B:
- Active Transportation Policy Council - Councillors Deal and Meggs
  - Arts and Culture Policy Council - Councillors Deal and Ball
  - Civic Asset Naming Committee - Councillor Reimer
  - Food Policy Council - Councillors Deal and Carr
  - LGBTQ2+ Advisory Committee - Councillor Stevenson
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  - Renters Advisory Committee - Councillors Stevenson and Reimer
  - Seniors' Advisory Committee - Councillors Ball and Stevenson
  - Urban Aboriginal Peoples' Advisory Council - Councillors Reimer and Carr
  - Women's Advisory Committee - Councillors Ball and Reimer
  - Chinatown Historic Area Planning Committee - Councillors Louie and Jang
  - First Shaughnessy Design Panel - Councillors De Genova and Affleck
  - Gastown Historic Area Planning Committee - Councillors Jang and Louie

## 5. Protecting SRO Rooms in the Clifton Hotel

The following motion contains changes to the original Motion on Notice, which were accepted by Council.

MOVED by Councillor Carr  
SECONDED by Councillor De Genova

### WHEREAS

1. There is a crisis in affordable housing in Vancouver for those at the lowest income levels who receive welfare shelter rate allowance of \$375 per month for rent, many of whom live in the Downtown Eastside (DTES);
2. Vancouver had its highest homeless count ever this year and SROs are the last resort before homelessness;
3. The supply of housing at the shelter allowance rent—SROs in the DTES and downtown core—has precipitously declined. According to recent unpublished Carnegie Action Project research 78 percent of privately owned DTES hotel rooms rent for \$425 and more, with 22 of SRO hotels having rents that are \$500 or more and 9 with rents that are \$700 or more, exacerbating the homeless crisis;
4. The Clifton Hotel, an SRO hotel on Granville Street, has been deteriorating for many years due to failure by the landlord to regularly undertake necessary maintenance and cleaning and is currently in major disrepair, despite some work done recently under a Standards of Maintenance order, with tenants living in unsafe, unclean and pest-infested conditions;
5. Major repairs are now required and proposed by the owner of the Clifton Hotel, resulting in most of the hotel's 74 rooms being now vacant and many of the residents of the 25 to 27 rooms that are currently occupied at a rent of \$425 per month, accepting payment in exchange for ending their tenancy without a right of return upon completion of renovations by the landlord;
6. Paragraph 1.2(e) of the *Single Room Accommodation Bylaw*, No. 8733 defines "conversion" as "(e) a repair or alteration to a designated room or any improvement or fixture in it or a replacement of any such improvement or fixture, except for repairs or alterations that are minor in nature and have no material effect on the enjoyment by permanent residents of their living accommodation";
7. The proposed renovations will have a material effect on the enjoyment by permanent residents of the Clifton, specifically by ending their tenancies and will allow the landlord to raise the rent by any amount following renovations, materially changing the occupancy of the building; and will allow the landlord to profit from his failure to properly maintain the Clifton by ending the tenancies of long-term tenants.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

- A. THAT staff identify and report back on all options that would allow the City to require comprehensive tenant relocation plans from owners when work on SRA designated properties would result in tenants being temporarily or permanently displaced, and that such plans focus on relocation or return to housing at the same rental rate.
- B. THAT staff also report back on opportunities to maintain affordability and protect tenant rights in SRA properties through amending the SRA By-law or by other means.
- C. THAT staff report back by the end of March, 2015.

referred

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

REFERRAL MOVED by Councillor Carr  
SECONDED by Councillor De Genova

THAT the motion regarding protecting SRO rooms in the Clifton Hotel be referred to the Standing Committee on City Finance and Services meeting on December 17, 2014, in order to hear from speakers.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**6. Expand Access to Healthy Food in Vancouver Schools**

MOVED by Mayor Robertson  
SECONDED by Councillor Ball

WHEREAS

1. The Vancouver School Board's Breakfast Programs currently serve 650 students every morning across 12 elementary schools;
2. There is currently a \$60,000 annual funding shortfall for the VSB's Breakfast Program;
3. One in five children entering kindergarten in Vancouver live in low-income families;
4. The City's Healthy City Strategy priority actions include expanding access to healthy, affordable food for all;
5. The Healthy City Strategy includes a mid-term target of reducing Early Development Instrument vulnerability of Vancouver school children from 36 per cent to 15 per cent over ten years.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT City staff identify \$400,000 in the 2015 operating budget to offer to the Vancouver School Board for the purpose of stabilizing funding for the Breakfast Programs, as well as doubling its reach to serve 1300 students each day.

FURTHER THAT City staff offer to assist the Vancouver School Board in reaching out to existing donors to ensure continued financial support, and seek the further expansion of healthy food programs for kids in our schools.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**7. Request for Leave of Absence - Councillor Meggs**

MOVED by Councillor Ball  
SECONDED by Councillor Jang

THAT Councillor Meggs be granted Leave of Absence for Personal Reasons from meetings to be held on Tuesday, December 16, 2014.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**NEW BUSINESS**

**1. Request for Leave of Absence - Councillor Stevenson**

MOVED by Councillor Jang  
SECONDED by Councillor Deal

THAT Councillor Stevenson be granted Leave of Absence for Personal Reasons from all meetings to be held June 23 to 25, 2015.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**ENQUIRIES AND OTHER MATTERS**

**1. Affordable Housing Community Amenity Contributions (CACs)**

Councillor Carr noted that, in its decision regarding the Rize Alliance Development at 228-246 East Broadway and 180 Kingsway, Council had requested a staff report within six months on the proposed strategy to utilize the \$1.75M designated for affordable housing for contributing to the availability of affordable housing in the Mount Pleasant Community (*Note: this is in part G of Unfinished Business item 1 in the Regular Council minutes of April 17, 2012*). She asked if this report has been completed. The City Manager agreed to follow up.



## 2. International Olympic Committee Update

Councillor Stevenson noted that the International Olympic Committee (IOC) has voted unanimously to add sexual orientation to the list of traits for which an athlete cannot be discriminated against. He thanked Council for its support in this matter.

## 3. 2014 Local Government Election

Councillor Affleck noted he will be bringing forward a motion regarding the election, in the new year.

## 4. Federation of Canadian Municipalities

Councillor Louie reported back on his first meeting as the First Vice-President of the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), following the Inaugural Council meeting on December 8, 2014. He encouraged everyone to participate in the #HomeTownProud initiative since the goal is to have 600,000 people sign up and share stories about what makes their city special and why local government is important.

*Note: the website for the initiative is <http://hometownproud.fcm.ca/>.*

## ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Councillor Reimer  
SECONDED by Councillor Louie

THAT the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Council adjourned at 5:24 pm

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