



REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

JANUARY 20, 2015

A Regular Meeting of the Council of the City of Vancouver was held on Tuesday, January 20, 2015, at 9:43 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 Geoff Meggs*
- Councillor Andrea Reimer
- Councillor Tim Stevenson

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.

WELCOME

The proceedings in the Council Chamber were opened with welcoming comments from Mayor Robertson.

"IN CAMERA" MEETING

MOVED by Councillor Deal
SECONDED by Councillor Jang

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 - December 16, 2014

MOVED by Councillor Deal
SECONDED by Councillor Jang

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. Regular Council (City Finance and Services) - December 17, 2014

MOVED by Councillor Jang
SECONDED by Councillor Deal

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MOVED by Councillor Louie
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 Louie

THAT Council adopt Administrative Reports 1, 2 and 3, and Policy Report 1, on consent.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

REPORT REFERENCE

1. Ending Street Homelessness: Brief Update on Winter Shelters and Interim Housing

Brenda Proskan, General Manager of Community Services, presented an update on 2014/2015 winter response shelters and interim housing, and along with Mukhtar Latif, Chief Housing Officer, and Penny Ballem, City Manager, responded to questions.

2. Vancouver Bird Strategy Initiatives and Design Guidelines

Sadhu Johnston, Deputy City Manager, Malcolm Bromley, General Manager of Parks and Recreation, and Alan Duncan, Environmental Planner, Parks and Recreation, presented the proposed Vancouver bird strategy initiatives and design guidelines.

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

MOVED by Councillor Deal

THAT consideration of the Administrative Report dated January 7, 2015, entitled "Vancouver Bird Strategy Initiatives and Design Guidelines" be referred to the Standing Committee on Planning, Transportation and Environment meeting to be held on January 21, 2015, as the first item of business, in order to hear from speakers.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

1. Business Licence/Chauffeur's Permit Appeal Hearing Panels - January to May 2015 December 10, 2014

THAT Council delegate the holding of hearings under Section 275 or 278, or appeals under Sections 277 of the Vancouver Charter or under Section 36(7) of the Motor Vehicle Act, for those hearing dates designated by Council to a panel of three Council Members as follows:

January 27, 2015 - 9:30 AM

Councillor Carr - Chair
Councillor Jang
Councillor Stevenson
Councillor Louie - Alternate

February 3, 2015 - 6:00 pm - CANCELLED

March 4, 2015 - 6:00 pm

Councillor Meggs - Chair
Councillor Affleck
Councillor De Genova
Councillor Reimer - Alternate

March 31, 2015 - 9:30 am

Councillor Affleck - Chair
Councillor Ball
Councillor Louie
Councillor Deal - Alternate

April 14, 2015 - 6:00 pm

Councillor De Genova - Chair
Councillor Deal
Councillor Stevenson
Councillor Meggs - Alternate

April 21, 2015 - 9:30 am

Councillor Jang - Chair
Councillor Carr
Councillor Meggs
Councillor Affleck - Alternate

May 12, 2015 - 6:00 pm

Councillor Ball - Chair
Councillor Louie
Councillor Reimer
Councillor Carr - Alternate

May 19, 2015 - 9:30 am

Councillor Jang - Chair
Councillor Deal
Councillor Stevenson
Councillor De Genova - Alternate

Should any of the above members of Council be unable to attend the hearings, the hearings and the power to make a Council decision in relation to those hearings will be delegated to the remaining two Councillors and alternate Councillor.

ADOPTED ON CONSENT

2. **FCM Sustainable Communities Conference - February 10-12, 2015 - London, ON - Councillor Reimer
December 16, 2014**

THAT Council authorize Councillor Andrea Reimer to attend the 2015 FCM Sustainable Communities Conference from February 10-12, 2015, to be held in London, ON with expenses estimated at \$2,521.00 to be funded from the 2015 Councillors Travel Budget.

ADOPTED ON CONSENT

3. **Increase to Wheelchair Accessible Taxi Licences
January 12, 2015**

- A. THAT Council approve amendments to the Vehicles for Hire By-law, as described in the Administrative Report dated January 12, 2015, entitled, "Increase to Wheelchair Accessible Taxi Licences" and generally in accordance with Appendix A of the same report, to enable the issuance of 20 new wheelchair accessible taxi licences.
- B. THAT the Director of Legal Services be instructed to bring forward for enactment the by-law to amend the Vehicles for Hire By-law, generally in accordance with Appendix A of the Administrative Report dated January 12, 2015, entitled "Increase to Wheelchair Accessible Taxi Licences".

ADOPTED ON CONSENT

4. **Approval of Increased Floor Space Ratio for 311 East 6th Avenue
January 12, 2015**

At 11:15 am, Councillor De Genova declared conflict of interest on this matter, because her company has a contract with the Vancouver Resource Society and she has been involved in this project for the last two years. She left the Council Chamber and did not return until the conclusion of the vote on this matter.

MOVED by Councillor Meggs

- A. THAT Council approve an increase in floor space ratio (FSR) from 3.00 FSR to 4.73 FSR for the proposed development at 311 East 6th Avenue (DE417971).
- 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 a Housing Agreement with the owner prior to issuance of a development permit for the subject building as more particularly described in the Administrative Report dated January 12, 2015, entitled "Approval of Increased Floor Space Ratio for 311 East 6th Avenue".

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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

At 11:33 am, Councillor De Genova returned to the meeting.

POLICY REPORTS

1. CD-1 Rezoning: 6070-6090 Oak Street January 6, 2015

- A. THAT the application by Listraor Development Corp. to rezone 6070-6090 Oak Street [Lot 9 and Amended Lot 10 (see 442324L) Block 1 of Block 1008, District Lot 526, Plan 10897; PIDs 009-247-173 and 009-247-688 respectively] both from RS-1 (Single-Family Dwelling) District to CD-1 (Comprehensive Development) District, to increase the floor space ratio from 0.70 to 1.00 to permit the development of two three-storey residential buildings, containing a total of 12 dwelling units, to be referred to a Public Hearing together with:
- (i) plans prepared by Raymond Letkeman Architecture Inc., received April 11, 2014;
 - (ii) draft CD-1 By-law provisions, generally as presented in Appendix A of the Policy Report dated January 6, 2015, entitled "CD-1 Rezoning: 6070-6090 Oak Street"; and
 - (iii) the recommendation of the General Manager of Planning and Development Services to approve, subject to conditions contained in Appendix B of the same report.

- B. THAT, subject to enactment of the CD-1 By-law, the Subdivision By-law be amended generally as set out in Appendix C of the Policy Report dated January 6, 2015, entitled "CD-1 Rezoning: 6070-6090 Oak Street";

FURTHER THAT the Director of Legal Services be instructed to bring forward the amendment to the Subdivision By-law at the time of enactment of the CD-1 By-law.

- C. THAT A and B above be adopted on the following conditions:
- (i) THAT the passage of the above resolutions creates no legal rights for the applicant or any other person, or obligation on the part of the City; and expenditure of funds or incurred costs is at the risk of the person making the expenditure or incurring the cost;
 - (ii) THAT any approval that may be granted following the Public Hearing shall not obligate the City to enact a bylaw rezoning the property, and any costs incurred in fulfilling requirements imposed as a condition of rezoning are at the risk of the property owner; and
 - (iii) THAT the City and all its officials, including the Approving Officer, shall not in any way be limited or directed in the exercise of their authority or discretion, regardless of when they are called upon to exercise such authority or discretion.

ADOPTED ON CONSENT

2. **CD-1 Rezoning: 5430-5450 Oak Street
January 6, 2015**

MOVED by Councillor Carr

- A. THAT the application by Listraor (West 38th) Homes Ltd., to rezone 5430-5450 Oak Street [Lots 2 and 3, Block 865, District Lot 526, Plan 8170; PIDs 006-445-454 and 009-432-566 respectively] from RS-1 (Single-Family Dwelling) District to CD-1 (Comprehensive Development) District, to increase the floor space ratio from 0.70 to 1.20 and the building height from 10.7 m (35.1 ft.) to 12.2 m (40 ft.) to permit the development of two four-storey residential buildings, containing a total of 12 dwelling units, be referred to a Public Hearing together with:
- (i) plans prepared by Raymond Letkeman Architecture Inc., received April 11, 2014;
 - (ii) draft CD-1 By-law provisions, generally as presented in Appendix A of the Policy Report dated January 6, 2015, entitled "CD-1 Rezoning: 5430-5450 Oak Street"; and
 - (iii) the recommendation of the General Manager of Planning and Development Services to approve, subject to conditions contained in Appendix B of the same report;

FURTHER THAT the Director of Legal Services be instructed to prepare the necessary CD-1 By-law generally in accordance with Appendix A of the above-noted report for consideration at Public Hearing.

- B. THAT, subject to enactment of the CD-1 By-law, the Subdivision By-law be amended generally as set out in Appendix C of the Policy Report dated January 6, 2015, entitled "CD-1 Rezoning: 5430-5450 Oak Street";

FURTHER THAT the Director of Legal Services be instructed to bring forward the amendment to the Subdivision By-law at the time of enactment of the CD-1 By-law.

- C. THAT A and B above be adopted on the following conditions:
- (i) THAT the passage of the above resolutions creates no legal rights for the applicant or any other person, or obligation on the part of the City; and expenditure of funds or incurred costs is at the risk of the person making the expenditure or incurring the cost;
 - (ii) THAT any approval that may be granted following the Public Hearing shall not obligate the City to enact a bylaw rezoning the property, and any costs incurred in fulfilling requirements imposed as a condition of rezoning are at the risk of the property owner; and

- (iii) THAT the City and all its officials, including the Approving Officer, shall not in any way be limited or directed in the exercise of their authority or discretion, regardless of when they are called upon to exercise such authority or discretion.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Councillors Jang and Meggs absent for the vote)

**3. CD-1 Rezoning: 5508-5542 Oak Street
January 6, 2015**

MOVED by Councillor Carr

- A. THAT the application by Listraor (West 38th) Homes Ltd., to rezone 5508-5542 Oak Street (Lots 6 to 8, Block 865, District Lot 526, Plan 8170; PIDs 010-258-566, 008-021-180 and 010-258-698 respectively) from RS-1 (Single-Family Dwelling) District to CD-1 (Comprehensive Development) District, to increase the floor space ratio from 0.70 to 1.20 and the building height from 10.7 m (35.1 ft.) to 13.1 m (43.0 ft.) to permit the development of three four-storey residential buildings, containing a total of 19 dwelling units, be referred to a Public Hearing together with:
 - (i) plans prepared by Raymond Letkeman Architecture Inc., received April 11, 2014;
 - (ii) draft CD-1 By-law provisions, generally as presented in Appendix A of the Policy Report dated January 6, 2015, entitled "CD-1 Rezoning: 5508-5542 Oak Street"; and
 - (iii) the recommendation of the General Manager of Planning and Development Services to approve, subject to conditions contained in Appendix B of the same report;

FURTHER THAT the Director of Legal Services be instructed to prepare the necessary CD-1 By-law generally in accordance with Appendix A of the above-noted report for consideration at Public Hearing.

- B. THAT, subject to enactment of the CD-1 By-law, the Subdivision By-law be amended generally as set out in Appendix C of the Policy Report dated January 6, 2015, entitled "CD-1 Rezoning: 5508-5542 Oak Street";

FURTHER THAT the Director of Legal Services be instructed to bring forward the amendment to the Subdivision By-law at the time of enactment of the CD-1 By-law.

- C. THAT A and B above be adopted on the following conditions:
 - (i) THAT the passage of the above resolutions creates no legal rights for the applicant or any other person, or obligation on the part of the City; and expenditure of funds or incurred costs is at the risk of the person making the expenditure or incurring the cost;

- (ii) THAT any approval that may be granted following the Public Hearing shall not obligate the City to enact a bylaw rezoning the property, and any costs incurred in fulfilling requirements imposed as a condition of rezoning are at the risk of the property owner; and
- (iii) THAT the City and all its officials, including the Approving Officer, shall not in any way be limited or directed in the exercise of their authority or discretion, regardless of when they are called upon to exercise such authority or discretion.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. CD-1 Rezoning: 275 Kingsway (333 East 11th Avenue)
January 12, 2015

MOVED by Councillor Louie

- A. THAT the application by Acton Ostry Architects Inc., on behalf of 333 East 11th Holdings Ltd., to rezone 275 Kingsway [Lots 12 to 14, Block 117, District Lot 301, Plan 187; PIDs 015-607-623, 015-607-640 and 015-607-666 respectively] from C-3A (Commercial) District to CD-1 (Comprehensive Development) District, to increase the floor space ratio from 3.00 to 8.66 to permit the development of a 14-storey mixed-use commercial and residential building with 202 secured for-profit affordable rental housing units, be referred to a Public Hearing, together with:
 - (i) plans prepared by Acton Ostry Architects Inc., received on January 15, 2014;
 - (ii) draft CD-1 By-law provisions, generally as presented in Appendix A of the Policy Report dated January 12, 2015, entitled "CD-1 Rezoning: 275 Kingsway (333 East 11th Avenue)"; and
 - (iii) the recommendation of the General Manager of Planning and Development Services to approve the application, subject to conditions contained in Appendix B of the same report;

FURTHER THAT the Director of Legal Services be instructed to prepare the necessary CD-1 By-law generally in accordance with Appendix A of the above-noted report for consideration at the Public Hearing.

- B. THAT, if after Public Hearing, Council approves in principle this rezoning and the Housing Agreement described in section (c) of Appendix B of the Policy Report dated January 12, 2015, entitled "CD-1 Rezoning: 275 Kingsway (333 East 11th Avenue)", the Director of Legal Services be instructed to prepare the necessary Housing Agreement By-law for enactment prior to enactment of the CD-1 By-law contemplated by the above-noted report.

- C. THAT, if the application is referred to a Public Hearing, the application to amend Schedule E of the Sign By-law to establish regulations for this CD-1 in accordance with Schedule "B" to the Sign By-law [assigning Schedule "B" (C-3A)], generally as set out in Appendix C of the Policy Report dated January 12, 2015, entitled "CD-1 Rezoning: 275 Kingsway (333 East 11th Avenue)", be referred to the same Public Hearing.

FURTHER THAT the Director of Legal Services be instructed to prepare the necessary by-law, generally as set out in Appendix C of the above-noted report, for consideration at the Public Hearing.

- D. THAT, subject to the enactment of the of the CD-1 By-law, the Noise Control By-law be amended to include this CD-1 in Schedule B, generally as set out in Appendix C of the Policy Report dated January 12, 2015, entitled "CD-1 Rezoning: 275 Kingsway (333 East 11th Avenue)";

FURTHER THAT the Director of Legal Services be instructed to bring forward the amendment to the Noise Control By-law at the time of enactment of the CD-1 By law.

- E. THAT A through D above be adopted on the following conditions:
- (i) THAT the passage of the above resolutions creates no legal rights for the applicant or any other person, or obligation on the part of the City and any expenditure of funds or incurring of costs is at risk of the person making the expenditure or incurring the cost;
 - (ii) THAT any approval that may be granted following the public hearing shall not obligate the City to enact a by-law rezoning the property, and any costs incurred in fulfilling requirements imposed as a condition of rezoning are at the risk of the property owner; and
 - (iii) THAT the City and all its officials, including the Approving Officer, shall not in any way be limited or directed in the exercise of their authority or discretion, regardless of when they are called upon to exercise such authority or discretion.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

RISE FROM COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MOVED by Councillor Ball

THAT the Committee of the Whole rise and report.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADOPT REPORT OF COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MOVED by Councillor Deal
SECONDED by Councillor Jang

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

BY-LAWS

At 11:50 am, Councillor De Genova declared conflict of interest on By-law 1 because an immediate family member has business dealings with a client of the project. She did not vote on By-law 1.

MOVED by Councillor Ball
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 to 8 inclusive, and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign and seal the enacted by-laws.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

1. A By-law to amend Subdivision By-law No. 5208 (587-591 West King Edward Avenue) (By-law No. 11151)
(Councillor De Genova ineligible for the vote due to conflict of interest)
2. A By-law to enact a Housing Agreement for 3795 Commercial Street (By-law No. 11152)
3. A By-law to enact a Housing Agreement for 671 Cordova Street (By-law No. 11153)
4. A By-law to amend Water Works By-law No. 4848 regarding Housekeeping (By-law No. 11154)
5. A Housekeeping By-law to repeal Water Lot Moorage By-law No. 8336 (By-law No. 11155)
6. A By-law to amend Vehicles for Hire By-law No. 6066 regarding licences for 20 full-time wheelchair accessible taxis approved by the Passenger Transportation Board (By-law No. 11156)
7. A By-law to amend Solid Waste By-law No. 8417 Regarding a miscellaneous amendment (By-law No. 11157)
8. A By-law to amend Street and Traffic By-law No. 2849 regarding political structures and housekeeping (By-law No. 11158)

MOTIONS

A. Administrative Motions

1. Approval of Form of Development - 4790 Manor Street

MOVED by Councillor Jang
SECONDED by Councillor Deal

THAT the form of development for this portion of the site known as 4790 Manor Street (new address to be 3104 Kings Avenue) be approved generally as illustrated in the Development Application Number 418388, prepared by Shikder Design, and stamped "Received, Community Services Group, Development Services", on September 24, 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. Approval of Form of Development - CD-1 - 39 Smithe Street

MOVED by Councillor Jang
SECONDED by Councillor Deal

THAT the form of development for this portion of the site known as 777 Pacific Boulevard - Hotel / Entertainment / Casino Complex (39 Smithe Street being the application address) be approved generally as illustrated in the Development Application Number DE417276, prepared by IBI/HB Architects, and stamped "Received, Community Services Group, Development Services", on November 12, 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

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At approximately noon it was

*MOVED by Councillor Stevenson
SECONDED by Councillor Jang*

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

*CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AND
BY THE REQUIRED MAJORITY*

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B. Motions on Notice

1. Support for the Regional Transportation Funding Initiative

MOVED by Councillor Affleck

SECONDED by Councillor Ball

WHEREAS

1. The City of Vancouver believes in a robust, comprehensive, regional transportation policy;
2. The Province of British Columbia has requested that the Metro Vancouver municipalities hold a referendum (now a plebiscite) on future transportation funding measures;
3. The Metro Vancouver Mayors' Council has put forward a regional transportation investment plan, which includes transit, biking and road upgrades for the region;
4. The Ministry of Transportation has accepted this plan in principle;
5. The provincial government has decided, however, that the new tax, if approved by the public in a plebiscite, will be separate and distinct from the PST, and would be administered by the B.C. Government and not TransLink;
6. Mail-in ballots for the plebiscite are expected to be sent to Metro Vancouver residents between March 16 and May 31;
7. The City of Vancouver and the region face significant challenges should this plebiscite fail.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

- A. THAT the Mayor, on behalf of the City of Vancouver, establish a broad coalition of interests to ensure that the plebiscite will succeed.
- B. THAT staff report back urgently on initiatives that the City could undertake to ensure the success of the plebiscite.
- C. THAT the Mayor act with the unanimous support of all City Councillors to ensure that the plebiscite succeeds.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. Urgent Action on Campaign Finance Reform

MOVED by Councillor Reimer
SECONDED by Councillor Louie

WHEREAS

1. In 2005, 2009, 2010, 2012, and 2013 via a motion endorsed near unanimously by the UBCM, and in 2014, 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;
2. The funds used to campaign for elected office in Vancouver have grown 175% in the ten 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;
3. All indications are that the 2014 election exceeded these markers, and the attempt at voluntary "rules" failed utterly with two major parties admitting to inaccurate pre-election day disclosures;
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 attached as Appendix A and include limits on campaign spending and contributions, bans on donations from corporations and unions, and provide for greater disclosure;
5. The Provincial Government established a special committee in October 2014 to look at the issue of campaign finance reform but, despite submissions from Vancouver residents and organizations calling for greater reforms and efforts by some MLAs, the terms of reference do not allow the committee to consider limits to contributions or bans on donations from corporations and unions.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City of Vancouver urgently request that the Provincial Government expand the terms of reference for the Special Committee on Local Elections Expense Limits to allow for consideration of changes to the Vancouver Charter as outlined in Appendix A to this motion (set out below) and which allow for limits on campaign spending and contributions, bans on donations from corporations and unions, and provide for greater disclosure:

(APPENDIX A - from minutes of March 25, 2010 Planning and Environment Committee Meeting <http://vancouver.ca/ctyclerk/ccclerk/20100325/documents/penv20100325min.pdf>)

1. Set limits on the annual amount of contributions that can be given by an individual to an elector organization, campaign organizer, or an individual seeking elected office.
2. Ban union and corporate donations.

3. Limit the amount of money that may be spent annually by an elector organization, campaign organizer, or an individual seeking elected office during a general local election campaign.
4. These limits on contributions and expenditures would be based upon a per-elector/capita, per-candidate formula (with individual candidate resources allowed to be pooled for use by elector organizations) and would be no higher than provincial and federal spending limits.
5. Disallow contributions to an elector organization, campaign organizer, or an individual seeking elected office, from sources outside of Canada.
6. Require that all donations and expenses for candidates, elected officials and elector organizations be disclosed on a continuous basis at six month intervals.
8. Change the definition of "candidate" to include anyone seeking nomination within an elector organization for candidacy to a local government office.
9. Appoint the Provincial Chief Election Officer to oversee municipal elections in BC, and establish penalties and mechanisms for enforcement of offences under the amended local government elections legislation.
12. Provide local governments with the authority to use any method of elections they wish to use, and repeal the requirement for Lieutenant Governor in Council approval to adopt such a change.
13. Amend the definition of election offenses and related penalties to include individuals acting as an intermediary in third-party campaign contribution schemes.

NOTE: items 7, 10 and 11 were removed as they do not directly relate to increasing municipal authority for campaign or electoral reform and were specific to questions posed by the Local Government Elections Task Force. They are provided below for reference.

7. Implement a system of tax credits for municipal donations, similar to those for provincial and federal elections.
10. Extend municipal terms of office to four years.
11. Oppose allowing corporations the right to vote in local elections.

referred

The Mayor noted a request to speak to this motion had been received.

MOVED by Councillor Reimer
SECONDED by Councillor Jang

THAT consideration of the motion entitled "Urgent Action on Campaign Finance Reform" be referred to the Standing Committee on Planning, Transportation and Environment meeting to be held on January 21, 2015, in order to hear from speakers.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. Review of the 2014 City of Vancouver Civic Election

MOVED by Councillor Affleck
SECONDED by Councillor Ball

WHEREAS

1. Voter turnout increased by 8.8 points in the 2014 Vancouver election;
2. This is the first time that the City of Vancouver has allowed voters to vote at any polling station in the city;
3. There were several media reports of confusion and irregularities at polling stations, including but not limited to: insufficient ballots, inconsistent identification checking and other technical issues;
4. There were media reports of eligible voters, including seniors and persons with disabilities, being discouraged by long waits;
5. There were reports of inconsistent information on the role of Elections BC in the civic election process.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT staff report back to Council to:

- (a) Present any official list of public enquiries submitted to the City of Vancouver regarding the 2014 civic election; and
- (b) Clarify processes and procedures during the 2014 City of Vancouver Civic Election and the role of Elections BC.

referred

The Mayor noted a request to speak to this motion had been received.

MOVED by Councillor Affleck
SECONDED by Councillor Ball

THAT consideration of the motion entitled "Review of the 2014 City of Vancouver Civic Election" be referred to the Standing Committee on Planning, Transportation and Environment meeting to be held on January 21, 2015, in order to hear from speakers.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Councillor Jang absent for the vote)

4. Request for Leaves of Absence - Councillor Louie

MOVED by Councillor Stevenson
SECONDED by Councillor Deal

THAT Councillor Louie be granted Leaves of Absence for Civic Business from all meetings to be held on March 4 and 5, October 21, November 3, 4, 17, 18, 19, December 1 and 2, 2015.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Councillor Jang absent for the vote)

5. Create an Independent Arts and Culture Fund

MOVED by Councillor Deal
SECONDED by Councillor Meggs

WHEREAS

1. The City of Vancouver supports hundreds of arts organizations a year through a robust, innovative and evolving cultural granting program;
2. The City is limited in its ability to support individual artists or small organizations without a record of receiving grants, who wish to launch new projects or events;
3. The City has successfully established the Greenest City Fund and the Downtown Eastside Small Arts Grants Program.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council request staff, in consultation with the Arts and Culture Policy Council, to:

- (a) develop recommendations to create an Independent Arts and Culture Fund in the amount of \$50,000/year intended to provide grants of \$500, \$1000, and \$2000 for local artists based on need, budget and quality of project, and that these grants be used to support new initiatives which may include hosting new events, starting festivals, or securing space for new performances;

- (b) seek partnership(s) to adjudicate and administer this fund including payments to artists;
- (c) explore options for leveraging this fund to create a larger fund in the future; and
- (d) report back to Council with recommendations by September 15, 2015.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ENQUIRIES AND OTHER MATTERS

1. Traffic at the foot of Hornby Street

Councillor Affleck noted he had received concerns from residents about entering and exiting the neighbourhood at the foot of Hornby Street due to the construction of Vancouver House. He requested details on the plan for traffic management. The City Manager agreed to have the fundamentals of the plan circulated.

2. Update on Tax Commission Report

Councillor Affleck noted he had received a question from the Fair Tax Coalition regarding the Tax Commission's report on tax changes and requested an update on the status of the Tax Commission's report.

3. Marijuana Dispensaries

Councillor Jang noted he had received several calls over the holidays from citizens concerned with marijuana dispensaries and their growth. He requested a memo from staff on what steps can be taken to allow access to medicine while ensuring that access is safe for the local community.

4. Rats in the City of Vancouver

Councillor Ball noted rats are an increasing problem in the city and requested clarification from staff on the procedure citizens should use to report rat sightings, specifically whether or not citizens should call 311 to file these reports.

5. South Vancouver Seniors Centre

Councillor De Genova noted she had received a message from the South Vancouver Seniors Arts and Cultural Society, in which they indicated they had not received drawings of the new South Vancouver Seniors Centre. She requested an update on the status of the South Vancouver Seniors Centre. Councillor De Genova requested the drawings be sent to the Society along with an overview of the plans for groundbreaking.

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Councillor Jang
SECONDED by Councillor Deal

THAT the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Council adjourned at 12:42 pm.

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