



## REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

MARCH 24, 2015

A Regular Meeting of the Council of the City of Vancouver was held on Tuesday, March 24, 2015, at 9:36 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.

### PROCLAMATION - International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination

Mayor Robertson proclaimed Saturday, March 21, 2015, as International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination in the city of Vancouver, and invited the following *Raise Your Hands Against Racism* organizers to receive the Proclamation and say a few words:

- Shushma Datt, CEO of IT Productions,
- Vineeta Minhas, Project Manager, Raise Your Hands Against Racism.

### 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;

(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. Public Hearing - February 24 and 26, 2015

MOVED by Councillor Deal  
SECONDED by Councillor Louie

THAT the Minutes of the Public Hearing of February 24 and 26, 2015, be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

##### 2. Regular Council - March 3, 2015

MOVED by Councillor Louie  
SECONDED by Councillor Carr

THAT the Minutes of the Regular Council meeting of March 3, 2015, be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

##### 3. Regular Council (City Finance and Services) - March 4, 2015

MOVED by Councillor Meggs  
SECONDED by Councillor Deal

THAT the Minutes of the Regular Council meeting following the Standing Committee on City Finance and Services meeting of March 4, 2015, be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**4. Chauffeur's Permit Appeal Hearing - March 4, 2015**

MOVED by Councillor Meggs  
SECONDED by Councillor Carr

THAT the Minutes of the Chauffeur's Permit Appeal hearing of March 4, 2015, be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

MOVED by Councillor Deal  
SECONDED by Councillor Carr

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**MATTERS ADOPTED ON CONSENT**

The Mayor noted that a request to speak to Administrative Report 4 had been received.

MOVED by Councillor Carr

THAT the Administrative Report dated March 11, 2015, entitled "Response to Council Motion on City Action to Ensure Innovative, Increased Taxi Service" be referred to the Standing Committee on Planning, Transportation and Environment meeting on March 25, 2015, in order to hear from speakers.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Mayor also noted that By-law 17 is related to the referred Administrative Report and would therefore be placed on the agenda for the Regular Council meeting following the Standing Committee on Planning, Transportation and Environment meeting on March 25, 2015.

MOVED by Councillor Louie

THAT Council adopt Administrative Reports 5 and 6, and Policy Report 3, on consent.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## REPORT REFERENCE

### 1. City's Emergency Response to the Port Metro Vancouver Chemical Fire

Sadhu Johnston, Deputy City Manager, provided a presentation on the City's response to the Port Metro Vancouver chemical fire that occurred March 4, 2015, and along with Chief John McKearney, General Manager of Fire and Rescue Services, and Charles Gauthier, Executive Director, Downtown Vancouver BIA, responded to questions.

## ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

### 1. Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM) and Lower Mainland Local Government Association (LMLGA) Membership Fees for 2015 to 2016 February 23, 2015

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

MOVED by Councillor Affleck

THAT grants to the following organizations for the 2015 to 2016 membership fees be approved; the source of funds to be the 2015 Operating Budget:

(a)	Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM)	\$84,639.23
(b)	Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM)	\$50,839.77
(c)	Lower Mainland Local Government Association (LMLGA)	\$ 3,300.00 *
	(* approximate)	

CARRIED

AND BY THE REQUIRED MAJORITY

(Councillor Affleck opposed to (a) and (b))

### 2. Amended 2015 Tipping Fees and Solid Waste By-law February 26, 2015

MOVED by Councillor Reimer

- A. THAT Council approve amendments to the Solid Waste By-law, generally as set out in Appendix A of the Administrative Report dated February 26, 2015, entitled, "Amended 2015 Tipping Fees and Solid Waste By-law", including new regional tipping fees to align with Greater Vancouver Sewerage and Drainage District (GVS&DD) By-law 288 approved by the GVS&DD Board on February 13, 2015.
- B. THAT Council instruct the Director of Legal Services to bring forward for enactment revisions to the Solid Waste By-law to adjust rates as described in A above, and miscellaneous related amendments substantially as set out in Appendix A of the Administrative Report dated February 26, 2015, entitled, "Amended 2015 Tipping Fees and Solid Waste By-law".

CARRIED

(Councillor Affleck opposed)

**3. Approval of 2015-2016 Business Improvement Area (BIA) Budgets  
March 3, 2015**

MOVED by Councillor Deal

- A. THAT Council approve the 2015-2016 fiscal year Business Improvement Area (BIA) budgets as described in the Administrative Report dated March 3, 2015, entitled "Approval of 2015-2016 Business Improvement Area (BIA) Budgets".
- B. THAT Council approve grants to 22 Business Improvement Areas (BIAs) totalling \$10,522,712 (to be disbursed as outlined in Table 1, column A of the Administrative Report dated March 3, 2015, entitled "Approval of 2015-2016 Business Improvement Area (BIA) Budgets").

FURTHER THAT Council instruct the Director of Legal Services to bring forward the appropriate rating by-laws to recover the amounts of these grants.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**4. Response to Council Motion on City Action to Ensure Innovative, Increased Taxi Service  
March 11, 2015**

This report was referred to the Standing Committee on Planning, Transportation and Environment meeting on March 25, 2015, in order to hear from speakers.

**5. 2014 Council Remuneration and Expenses  
February 20, 2015**

THAT Council receive the Administrative Report dated February 20, 2015, entitled "2014 Council Remuneration and Expenses" for information.

ADOPTED ON CONSENT

**6. 2014 Property Tax Exemptions  
February 20, 2015**

THAT Council receive the Administrative Report dated February 20, 2015, entitled "2014 Property Tax Exemptions" for information.

ADOPTED ON CONSENT

**POLICY REPORTS**

**1. Issues Report - Rezoning Policy for 725 Southeast Marine Drive  
March 13, 2015**

MOVED by Councillor Louie

- A. THAT the authority passed by Council at the Regular Council meeting on March 24, 2015, related to 725 Southeast Marine Drive be referred to as "Planning and Development Principles for 725 Southeast Marine Drive".
- B. THAT Council indicate that it is willing to consider an application to rezone 725 Southeast Marine Drive from CD-1 to a new CD-1 subject to the results of the process set out in the authority approved by Council at the Regular Council meeting on March 24, 2015, referred to as "Planning and Development Principles for 725 Southeast Marine Drive."
- C. THAT Council direct staff to conduct additional planning regarding redevelopment of the subject site as contemplated in the Sunset Community Vision including an enhanced public consultation process to seek input to inform the application.
- D. THAT Council confirm that staff review of the application is to be guided by specific planning and development principles that reflect local community planning objectives (draft planning and development principles are set out in Appendix A of the Policy Report dated March 13, 2015, entitled "Issues Report - Rezoning Policy for 725 Southeast Marine Drive", now referred to as "Planning and Development Principles for 725 Southeast Marine Drive").
- E. THAT passage of B through D, above, will in no way fetter Council's discretion in considering any rezoning application for the subject site and does not create any legal rights for the applicant or any other person, or obligation on the part of the City; and expenditure of funds or incurred costs are at the risk of the person making the expenditure or incurring the cost.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**2. Miscellaneous Amendments to the Zoning and Development By-law, Downtown Official Development Plan (DODP), Downtown Eastside Oppenheimer District Official Development Plan (DEOD ODP), the Southeast Granville Slopes Official Development Plan (SEGS ODP) and Housekeeping  
March 2, 2015**

MOVED by Councillor Ball

- A. THAT the General Manager of Planning and Development Services be instructed to make application to amend the Zoning and Development By-law generally as presented in Appendix A of the Policy Report dated March 2, 2015, entitled "Miscellaneous Amendments to the Zoning and Development By-law, Downtown Official Development Plan (DODP), Downtown Eastside Oppenheimer District Official Development Plan (DEOD ODP), the Southeast Granville Slopes Official Development Plan (SEGS ODP) and Housekeeping", to:

- (i) amend Sections 2, 3, 6 and 7 to clarify and modernize the administrative provisions of the By-law;
- (ii) amend Section 10.33 to update floor area exclusions for exterior wall thickness;
- (iii) add a new Section 10.40 to provide a floor area exclusion for interior commercial kitchen exhaust shafts from commercial units to the roof of mixed use multi-storey buildings;
- (iv) amend Section 11.24.9(d) and 11.24.14(c) to clarify relaxations to side and rear yard setbacks for laneway houses;
- (v) delete the wording in Section 13.3 to reflect a 2013 amendment to the Vancouver Charter;
- (vi) amend Section 4.17.3 in RS-1 to clarify regulations for side entrances;
- (vii) amend the RT-4, RT-4A, RT-4N and RT-4AN, RT-5, RT-5A, RT-5N and RT-5AN, and RT-6 District Schedules to make sundecks on garages or carports a conditional use;
- (viii) amend Section 4.7.5 of RM-1 and RM-1N, RM-4 and RM-4N, RM-7 and RM-7N and Section 4.7.8 of RM-8 and RM-8N Districts Schedules to provide a floor area exclusion for residential storage space up to a maximum of 3.7 m<sup>2</sup>;
- (ix) amend various RS, RT, RM, C and M District Schedules to modernize the wording of the Horizontal Angle of Daylight (HAD) regulations; and
- (x) amend the BC Place/Expo District (BCPED) Schedule to permit cultural and recreational uses.

and that the application be referred to a public hearing.

- B. THAT the General Manager of Planning and Development Services be instructed to make application to amend the Downtown Official Development Plan (DODP), Downtown Eastside Oppenheimer District Official Development Plan (DEOD ODP) and the Southeast Granville Slopes Official Development Plan (SEGS ODP) to update floor area exclusions for exterior wall thickness, provide floor area exclusions for interior commercial kitchen exhaust shafts and modernize wording for the Horizontal Angle of Daylight (HAD) regulations as set out in Appendices F, G and H of the Policy Report dated March 2, 2015, entitled "Miscellaneous Amendments to the Zoning and Development By-law, Downtown Official Development Plan (DODP), Downtown Eastside Oppenheimer District Official Development Plan (DEOD ODP), the Southeast Granville Slopes Official Development Plan (SEGS ODP) and Housekeeping", and that the application be referred to a public hearing.

- C. THAT the Director of Legal Services be instructed to prepare the necessary amending By-laws referred to in A and B above, generally in accordance with Appendices A, F, G, and H of the Policy Report dated March 2, 2015, entitled "Miscellaneous Amendments to the Zoning and Development By-law, Downtown Official Development Plan (DODP), Downtown Eastside Oppenheimer District Official Development Plan (DEOD ODP), the Southeast Granville Slopes Official Development Plan (SEGS ODP) and Housekeeping" for consideration at Public Hearing.
- D. THAT the Zoning and Development Fee By-law be amended to correct a minor omission in a fee category title (Appendix I of the Policy Report dated March 2, 2015, entitled "Miscellaneous Amendments to the Zoning and Development By-law, Downtown Official Development Plan (DODP), Downtown Eastside Oppenheimer District Official Development Plan (DEOD ODP), the Southeast Granville Slopes Official Development Plan (SEGS ODP) and Housekeeping");

FURTHER THAT the Director of Legal Services be instructed to prepare the necessary amending By-law, generally in accordance with Appendix I of the Policy Report dated March 2, 2015, entitled "Miscellaneous Amendments to the Zoning and Development By-law, Downtown Official Development Plan (DODP), Downtown Eastside Oppenheimer District Official Development Plan (DEOD ODP), the Southeast Granville Slopes Official Development Plan (SEGS ODP) and Housekeeping" for consideration by Council.

- E. THAT Council amend various Land Use and Development Guidelines and Policies to correct minor spelling and mapping errors, generally in accordance with Appendix K of the Policy Report dated March 2, 2015, entitled "Miscellaneous Amendments to the Zoning and Development By-law, Downtown Official Development Plan (DODP), Downtown Eastside Oppenheimer District Official Development Plan (DEOD ODP), the Southeast Granville Slopes Official Development Plan (SEGS ODP) and Housekeeping".

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY  
(Councillor De Genova absent for the vote)

**3. CD-1 Text Amendment: 2610 Victoria Drive (Immigrant Services Society of British Columbia)  
March 16, 2015**

- A. THAT the General Manager of Planning and Development Services be instructed to make application to amend CD-1 (568) By-law No. 10933 for 2610 Victoria Drive [PID: 009-403-531; Lot A Block A of Block 163 District Lot 264A Plan 10421] to add as a permitted use "Financial Institution, limited to Automated Banking Machine" and to limit this use to a maximum floor area of 10 m<sup>2</sup> (107 sq. ft.), generally as presented in Appendix A of the Policy Report dated March 16, 2015, entitled "CD-1 Text Amendment: 2610 Victoria Drive (Immigrant Services Society of British Columbia)" and that the application be referred to a public hearing;



FURTHER THAT the Director of Legal Services be instructed to prepare the necessary amending by-law, generally in accordance with Appendix A of the above-noted report for consideration at the public hearing.

- B. THAT, if the application is referred to a public hearing, the General Manager of Planning and Development Services make application to amend Schedule E of the Sign By-law to establish regulations for CD-1 (568) in accordance with Schedule "B" to the Sign By-law [assigning Schedule "B" (C-2)], generally as set out in Appendix B of the Policy Report dated March 16, 2015, entitled "CD-1 Text Amendment: 2610 Victoria Drive (Immigrant Services Society of British Columbia)", and that the Sign By-law amendment application 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 B of the above-noted report, for consideration at the public hearing.

- C. THAT the amendment to Schedule C of the Parking By-law, for CD-1 (568), to add a provision that parking requirements for Social Service Centre use be as per the Broadway Station Precinct standard, as set out in Appendix C the Policy Report dated March 16, 2015, entitled "CD-1 Text Amendment: 2610 Victoria Drive (Immigrant Services Society of British Columbia)", be approved.

ADOPTED ON CONSENT

4. **CD-1 Rezoning: 508 Helmcken Street  
March 10, 2015**

MOVED by Councillor Louie

- A. THAT the application by GBL Architects Inc., on behalf of Brenhill Developments Ltd. (with consent in writing of the registered owner, City of Vancouver), to rezone 508 Helmcken Street (*PID: 029-261-317, Lot C, Block 94, District Lot 541, Group 1, New Westminster District, Plan EPP35544*) from DD (Downtown) District to CD-1 (Comprehensive Development) District, to increase the floor area from 3.0 FSR to 17.19 FSR and the height from 21.3 m (70 ft.) to 97.5 m (320 ft.) to allow for a 36-storey building with 448 residential units, of which 110 are secured market rental housing, with retail and a private pre-school/kindergarten space at grade, be referred to a Public Hearing, together with:
- (i) plans prepared by GBL Architects, received April 26, 2013;
  - (ii) draft CD-1 By-law provisions, generally as presented in Appendix A of the Policy Report dated March 10, 2015 entitled, "CD-1 Rezoning: 508 Helmcken 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, 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 [assigned Schedule "B" (DD)], generally as set out in Appendix C of the Policy Report dated March 10, 2015 entitled, "CD-1 Rezoning: 508 Helmcken Street", 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.

- 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; any expenditure of funds or incurring of 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 by-law rezoning the property, and any costs incurred in fulfilling requirements imposed as a condition of rezoning are at the risk of Brenhill Developments Ltd.;
  - (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  
(Councillors Affleck and Ball opposed)

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*At approximately 12:30 pm, it was*

*MOVED by Councillor Louie*

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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## **RISE FROM COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

MOVED by Councillor Deal

THAT the Committee of the Whole rise and report.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY  
(Councillor Meggs absent for the vote)

## **ADOPT REPORT OF COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

MOVED by Councillor Reimer  
SECONDED by Councillor Louie

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY  
(Councillor Meggs absent for the vote)

## **BY-LAWS**

Mayor Robertson noted that By-law 17 would be considered at the Regular Council meeting following the Standing Committee on Planning, Transportation and Environment meeting on March 25, 2015.

Councillor Louie noted he had reviewed the proceedings of the Public Hearing related to By-laws 14 and 15, and he would therefore be voting on the enactments.

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 16 and 18 inclusive, and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign and seal the enacted by-laws.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY  
(Councillor Meggs absent for the vote)

1. A By-law to Grant Money for a Business Promotion Scheme in the Commercial Drive Business Improvement Area (By-law No. 11169)
2. A By-law to Designate a Business Improvement Area in that area of the City known as Commercial Drive for the term April 1, 2015 to March 31, 2022 (By-law No. 11170)
3. A By-law to Grant Money for a Business Promotion Scheme in the Hastings North Expansion Business Improvement Area (By-law No. 11171)
4. A By-law to Designate a Business Improvement Area in that area of the City known as Hastings North Expansion (By-law No. 11172)

5. Heritage Taxation Exemption By-law (9 West Cordova Street) (By-law No. 11173)
6. A By-law to authorize the amendment of a Heritage Revitalization Agreement Authorized by By-law No. 9743 (9 West Cordova Street) (By-law No. 11174)
7. A By-law to amend Parking By-law No. 6059 with regard to CD-1 Districts Parking requirements (3323-3367 East 4th Avenue) (By-law No. 11175)
8. A By-law to assess real property to defray 2014 costs for the South Fraser Street Collective Parking Project (By-law No. 11176)
9. A By-law to assess real property to defray 2014 costs for the East Hastings Street Collective Parking Project (By-law No. 11177)
10. A By-law to assess real property to defray 2014 maintenance costs for the Trounce Alley and Blood Alley Square Local Improvement Project (By-law No. 11178)
11. A By-law to amend Ticket Offences By-law No. 9360 regarding housekeeping amendments related to the Water Shortage Response By-law and the Water Works By-law (By-law No. 11179)
12. A By-law to amend Building By-law No. 10908 regarding miscellaneous housekeeping amendments and clarification regarding accessory and existing buildings (By-law No. 11180)
13. A By-law to amend Solid Waste By-law No. 8417 regarding fees and definitions (By-law No. 11181)
14. A By-law to designate certain real property as protected heritage property (454 West 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue - The Wilcox House) (By-law No. 11182)  
*Councillors De Genova and Meggs ineligible for the vote.*
15. A By-law to authorize Council entering into a Heritage Revitalization Agreement with the Owner of Heritage Property (454 West 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue - The Wilcox House) (By-law No. 11183)  
*Councillors De Genova and Meggs ineligible for the vote.*
16. A By-law to enact a Housing Agreement for 2806 Cambie Street, 2850 Cambie Street, 454 West 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 465 West 13<sup>th</sup> Avenue (By-law No. 11184)
17. A By-law to amend Vehicles for Hire By-law No. 6066 regarding licences for taxicabs and dual taxicabs - WITHDRAWN
18. A By-law to enact a Housing Agreement for 2239 West 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue (By-law No. 11185)

## MOTIONS

### A. Administrative Motions

*Councillor De Genova declared conflict of interest on Administrative Motion 1, because a close family member is employed by the developer. Councillor De Genova left the meeting at 12:37 pm and did not return until the conclusion of the vote on this matter.*

#### 1. Approval of Form of Development - 1480 Howe Street

MOVED by Councillor Louie  
SECONDED by Councillor Reimer

THAT the form of development for this portion of the site known as 1412 - 1480 Howe Street (1480 Howe Street being the application address) be approved generally as illustrated in the Development Application Number DE417538, prepared by DIALOG, and stamped "Received, Community Services Group, Development Services", on September 17, 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  
(Councillor De Genova absent for the vote due to conflict of interest)

#### 2. Approval of Form of Development - 3323-3367 East 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue

MOVED by Councillor Louie  
SECONDED by Councillor Reimer

THAT the form of development for this portion of the site known as 3323-3367 East 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue (3365 East 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue being the application address) be approved generally as illustrated in the Development Application Number DE417246, prepared by Integra Architecture Inc, and stamped "Received, Community Services Group, Planning and Development Services", on November 6, 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  
(Councillor De Genova absent for the vote)

*Councillor De Genova returned to the meeting at 12:38 pm.*

**B. Motions on Notice**

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

MOVED by Councillor Louie  
SECONDED by Councillor Ball

THAT Councillor Deal be granted Leave of Absence for Civic Business from meetings to be held on June 9 and 10, 2015.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**2. Request for Leave of Absence - Councillor Jang**

MOVED by Councillor Louie  
SECONDED by Councillor Ball

THAT Councillor Jang be granted Leave of Absence for Civic Business from meetings to be held on April 15 and 16, 2015

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**3. Resourcing Local Governments for Oil and Hazardous and Noxious Substances (HNS) Emergency Planning and Response**

MOVED by Councillor Reimer  
SECONDED by Councillor Louie

WHEREAS

1. Oil and hazardous and noxious substances (HNS) are being transported through or near communities in British Columbia, and proposals to increase the volume of these substances are currently being considered without adequate consideration for the risks to local communities;
2. The increased transport of these products translates to an increased risk to local communities from incidents such as fires, explosions and spills, with the potential to cause significant impacts to health and safety of citizens, first responders and the environment, and require the involvement of local governments to minimize the consequences to their communities;
3. Despite their vital role in safeguarding their communities and identifying the local risks and consequences of potential incidents, local governments have not been adequately involved in risk assessment and response planning carried out by industry, project proponents and other tiers of government, and are not sufficiently resourced to participate in the risk assessment and planning process, let alone respond to the impacts of oil and HNS incidents on their communities.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM) call on the provincial and federal governments to expand the scope of oil and hazardous and noxious substances (HNS) risk assessment and response planning to include all impacts and consequences on local communities and governments, and introduce additional funding for the resources and locally-specific capacity building required to ensure that municipalities are in the best possible position to plan for and protect communities and the environment in the event of fires, explosions, spills and related incidents as a result of increasing transportation of oil and HNS.

referred

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

REFERRAL MOVED by Councillor Reimer  
SECONDED by Councillor Jang

THAT the motion, "Resourcing Local Governments for Oil and Hazardous and Noxious Substances (HNS) Emergency Planning and Response" be referred to the Standing Committee on Planning, Transportation and Environment meeting on March 25, 2015, in order to hear from speakers.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

#### 4. Increase Protections for Vancouver Renters

MOVED by Mayor Robertson  
SECONDED by Councillor Stevenson

WHEREAS

1. Renters make up more than half of all Vancouver households;
2. Vancouver has an unhealthy vacancy rate, which is as low as 0.7% in English Bay in the West End;
3. The average monthly rent in Vancouver is \$1176, while the median renter household income is \$41,433;
4. A lack of new rental housing built in the 1990s and 2000s has left aging rental stock as a prime source of low-income and affordable housing in Vancouver;
5. Aging rental housing is leading to an increase in renovations, which can dislocate long-term tenants in affordable housing who have limited options to move to other rental homes;
6. The City of Vancouver has, under the Vancouver Charter, limited legal powers to protect renters, as residential tenancies are governed by the Province's Residential Tenancy Act (RTA);

7. There have been examples of landlords who knowingly disobey city bylaws and the Rental Tenancy Act, such as evicting tenants for short-term stays, who face no penalty for their actions;
8. The City has advocated for changes to the RTA over the last six years, including better protections for renters, a full-time Residential Tenancy Office in Vancouver, and specific protections for tenants in SROs;
9. City Council recently appointed the City's first Renters' Advisory Committee.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council ask the Renters Advisory Committee to review the Residential Tenancy Act and identify potential changes to increase resources and strengthen protections for renters and affordable rental housing, which City Council could advocate to the Provincial Government for; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Renters Advisory Committee complete their recommendations for Council by the end of June 2015.

referred

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

REFERRAL MOVED by Councillor Louie  
SECONDED by Councillor Jang

THAT the motion, "Increase Protections for Vancouver Renters" be referred to the Standing Committee on Planning, Transportation and Environment meeting on March 25, 2015, in order to hear from speakers.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## 5. Support 100% Renewable Energy in Vancouver

MOVED by Mayor Robertson  
SECONDED by Councillor Reimer

WHEREAS

1. As a result of the combustion of fossil fuels, which release greenhouse gases (GHGs) into the atmosphere, each of the last three decades has been successively warmer at the Earth's surface than any preceding decade since records began being kept in the 1850s, with the warmest year on record being 2014;
2. The impacts of climate change and resulting extreme weather are increasingly being felt as rising economic impacts, social conflicts, damaged infrastructure and loss of human life with adaptation costs in Metro Vancouver being pegged at \$9.5 billion at a minimum;



3. In December 2015, national leaders will meet in Paris to negotiate a global agreement that endeavours to decrease GHG emissions to a level where it is possible to cap average global temperatures at two degrees above normal or lower;
4. In 2010 Vancouver City Council formally adopted a set of long term environmental goals recommended by the Greenest City Action Team that included a goal on Climate Action to eliminate dependence on fossil fuels and as a result of comprehensive actions has been able to reduce GHGs in the city by 6% from 1990 levels;
5. In the intervening years at least 10 other world-class leading cities including San Francisco, Sydney, Stockholm, and Copenhagen have adopted Council approved targets to shift to 100% Renewable Power and/or go fossil fuel free by or before 2050;
6. 32% of Vancouver's current energy need is met by renewable energy (including electric power, heating and cooling);
7. As part of the Greenest City Action Plan, City of Vancouver staff are currently developing a long range Climate Action Plan to meet the 100% renewables mandate.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT

- Vancouver City Council re-commit to the long term goal of deriving 100% of its energy from renewable sources;
- Staff bring back the long-range Climate Action Plan to Council by fall 2015 with a clear articulation of the date by which a shift to 100% renewable energy sources is feasible;
- Vancouver advocate to regional, provincial and national governments to support an international agreement that commits to 100% renewable energy sources.

referred

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

REFERRAL MOVED by Councillor Reimer  
SECONDED by Councillor Louie

THAT the motion, "Support 100% Renewable Energy in Vancouver" be referred to the Standing Committee on Planning, Transportation and Environment meeting on March 25, 2015, in order to hear from speakers

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## ENQUIRIES AND OTHER MATTERS

### 1. Homeless Count

Council members thanked all the volunteers who participated in and organized the 2015 Homeless Count.

### ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Councillor Reimer  
SECONDED by Councillor Jang

THAT the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Council adjourned at 12:52 pm.

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