



## REPORT TO COUNCIL

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

DECEMBER 10, 2015

A Regular Meeting of the Standing Committee of Council on Planning, Transportation and Environment was held on Thursday, December 10, 2015, at 9:40 am, in the Council Chamber, Third Floor, City Hall.

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

**CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE:** Sadhu Johnston, Acting City Manager

**CITY CLERK'S OFFICE:** Janice MacKenzie, City Clerk  
Tina Hildebrandt, Meeting Coordinator

\* Denotes absence for a portion of the meeting.

#### MATTERS ADOPTED ON CONSENT

MOVED by Councillor Louie

THAT item 1 be adopted on consent.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY  
(Councillor De Genova absent for the vote)

#### VARY AGENDA

The Committee agreed to vary the order of the agenda to deal with Item 3 last.

For clarity, the items are minuted in chronological order.

**1. Contract Award for ITT PS20151095 Landfill Gas System Upgrades  
November 15, 2015**

THAT the Committee recommend to Council

- A. THAT Council authorize City staff to enter into, subject to the satisfaction of the City's General Manager of Engineering Services, City's Director of Legal Services, and the City's Chief Purchasing Official, a contract with King Hoe Excavating Ltd., for construction services for Landfill Gas System Upgrades, for a term of one year, with an estimated contract value of \$3,112,128.00, plus applicable taxes over the contract term, to be funded from the 2016 Capital Budget for Landfill.
- B. THAT the Director of Legal Services, Chief Purchasing Official and General Manager of Engineering Services be authorized to execute on behalf of the City the contract contemplated by A above.
- C. THAT no legal rights or obligations will be created by Council's adoption of A and B above unless and until such contract is executed by the authorized signatories of the City.

ADOPTED ON CONSENT

**2. Sport Hosting Vancouver Action Plan  
November 9, 2015**

The Manager of Vancouver Sport Hosting, along with members of the Partnership team: Ty Speer, President and CEO, Tourism Vancouver, and Russ Cowan, Executive Director, Vancouver Hotel Destination Association, provided an overview on the Sport Hosting Vancouver Action Plan and responded to questions.

The Committee heard from the following external supporters:

David Crawford, Vice President, Vancouver Board of Trade  
Penny Gardner, Executive Director, Badminton BC  
Alvin Lau, Team Captain, Badminton BC

MOVED by Mayor Robertson

THAT the Committee recommend to Council

- A. THAT Council adopt the Sport Hosting Vancouver Action Plan, as outlined in Appendix A of the Administrative Report dated November 9, 2015, entitled "Sport Hosting Vancouver Action Plan", as a framework for the City's work with the community and key sport and tourism partners in the delivery of the City's sport hosting program.
- B. THAT Council authorize the City partnering with key sport tourism stakeholders, including: the Vancouver Hotel Destination Association, Tourism Vancouver, B.C. Pavilion Corporation, and the University of British Columbia to form the Sport Hosting Vancouver Partnership.

- C. THAT, upon approval of A and B above, Council approve the creation of the Sport Tourism Development Fund with funding of \$1.0 million (\$500,000 in 2016 and \$500,000 in 2017) as the City's commitment to this Fund, which will match \$2.15 million from partners in cash (\$1.5 million to the Fund and \$650,000 to marketing and related sport hosting initiatives) which will be used to attract, grow or create Vancouver sport events that advance Sport Hosting Vancouver Action Plan goals; source of funding is the City's Innovation Fund.
- D. THAT, upon approval of A through C above, Council:
  - a. authorize the City to enter into such legal agreements and arrangements as are appropriate to implement the Sport Hosting Vancouver Partnership with such partners as are best able to support the City in this Partnership;
  - b. authorize the Sport Hosting Vancouver Partnership to be on such terms and conditions as are generally outlined in the Administrative Report dated November 9, 2015, entitled "Sport Hosting Vancouver Action Plan", as well as such terms and conditions as are approved by the City Manager, Director of Finance and City Solicitor; and
  - c. that upon such approval, all such legal agreements and arrangements be executed and delivered by the City Solicitor on behalf of the City.
- E. THAT Council approve a change of name from the City's current 'Sport Hosting Grant Program' to the 'Vancouver Community Sport Hosting Grant', and direct staff to review the program and provide recommendations for any changes necessary to enhance the grant program. This grant program has ongoing annual Operating Budget funding of \$200,000.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**4. Increased Protection for Renters - Tenant Relocation and Protection Policy and Associated Guidelines  
December 3, 2015**

Staff from Housing Policy reviewed the report and, along with the Chief Housing Officer, responded to questions.

The Committee heard from 10 speakers who, while in support of increasing protection for renters, expressed concerns with the report, in particular the proposed policy changes which many felt would worsen affordability. Some speakers also felt more support is needed to protect vulnerable tenants such as seniors.

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*At 12:01 pm, during the hearing of speakers, it was*

*MOVED by Councillor Stevenson*

*THAT the meeting be extended to hear one more speaker prior to breaking for lunch.*

*CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY*

*(Councillor Ball absent for the vote)*

*The Committee recessed at 12:05 pm and reconvened at 1:03 pm.*

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MOVED by Councillor Stevenson

THAT the Committee recommend to Council

- A. THAT Council approve the Tenant Relocation and Protection Policy as attached in Appendix A of the Policy Report dated December 3, 2015, entitled “Increased Protection for Renters - Tenant Relocation and Protection Policy and Associated Guidelines”, with additional support for special circumstances to include identifying at least one alternate accommodation option within 10% of the tenant’s current rent, if the tenant has a low income and is paying significantly lower than CMHC average rent for the area.
- B. THAT Council approve the Tenant Relocation and Protection Guidelines for the Tenant Relocation and Protection Policy, which replaces the Rate of Change Guidelines, as attached in Appendix B of the Policy Report dated December 3, 2015, entitled “Increased Protection for Renters - Tenant Relocation and Protection Policy and Associated Guidelines”, with additional support for special circumstances to include identifying at least one alternate option within 10% of the tenant’s current rent, if the tenant has a low income and is paying significantly lower than CMHC average rent for the area, instead of identifying an alternative accommodation with rents at no more than CMHC average rents for the area.
- C. THAT Council receive for information staff comments on the Renters Advisory Committee’s Rental Recommendations, dated November 17, 2015, and recommendations for further advocacy and action, as attached in Appendix C of the Policy Report dated December 3, 2015, entitled “Increased Protection for Renters - Tenant Relocation and Protection Policy and Associated Guidelines”.
- D. THAT the Mayor, on behalf of Council, write to the Premier and Provincial Minister Responsible for Housing, requesting that the Residential Tenancy Act (the “RTA”) be amended as recommended by the Renters Advisory Committee, as follows, and further outlined in Appendix D of the Policy Report dated December 3, 2015, entitled “Increased Protection for Renters - Tenant Relocation and Protection Policy and Associated Guidelines”:
  - i. Alter fixed-term tenancies to prevent significant rent increases;

- ii. Offer tenants the right of first refusal following renovations resulting in displacement, including reasonable returning rents to promote stable tenancies;
  - iii. Maintain affordability in buildings designated under the City's Single Room Accommodation By-law by tying rent increases to specific rooms; and
  - iv. Review RTA rent increase provisions for major building improvements.
- E. THAT Council instruct staff to explore options for rental replacement, including strategies to protect renters in rental replacement, prevent illegal evictions and preserve affordability and housing stability, while identifying opportunities to renew and increase the existing stock, and report back with recommended changes to the Rental Housing Stock
- F. THAT Council instruct staff to explore strategies to support landlords to reinvest in the existing rental stock to improve liveability, affordability and sustainability, and to report back on the feasibility of different options.

amended

REFERRAL MOVED by Councillor De Genova

THAT Council refer the Administrative Report dated December 3, 2015, entitled "Increased Protection for Renters - Tenant Relocation and Protection Policy and Associated Guidelines" to staff for further study.

LOST

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

AMENDMENT MOVED by Councillor Carr

THAT E be amended to strike the words "options for rental replacement" and replace them with the words "options to protect renters in rental replacement" and to add the words "prevent illegal evictions and" after the words "strategies to".

amended

AMENDMENT TO THE AMENDMENT MOVED by Councillor Reimer

THAT the amendment to E be amended to strike the words "options to" after the words "rental replacement" and add the words "protect renters in rental replacement, prevent illegal evictions and" after the words "including strategies to";

FURTHER THAT F be amended to strike the words "maintain affordability" after the words "rental stock to" and add the word "affordability" after the word "liveability".

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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

The main motion as amended was then put. Council agreed to separate the vote on the components of the motion.

## FINAL MOTION AS APPROVED

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CARRIED

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

*Note: Items 5 and 6 were dealt with concurrently. The minutes are consolidated for ease of reference.*

**5. Chinese Society Buildings Matching Grant Program - Progress Update  
December 2, 2015**

**6. The Chinese Society Legacy Program  
December 2, 2015**

*At 3:34 pm Councillor Jang declared Conflict of Interest on Item 6 as he is a member of the Cheng Wing Yeong Tong Society, one of the 12 Society heritage buildings under consideration, and left the Council Chamber.*

Staff from Planning - Downtown Division, reviewed the reports and responded to questions.

The Committee heard from five speakers in support.

*5. Chinese Society Buildings Matching Grant Program - Progress Update*

MOVED by Councillor De Genova

THAT the Committee recommend to Council

THAT Council approve the reallocation of \$400,000 of funds (as detailed in Appendix A of the Administrative Report dated December 2, 2015, entitled "Chinese Society Buildings Matching Grant Program - Progress Update") to implement the 2016 round of Chinese Society Buildings Matching Grants; source of funds is the Chinese Society Buildings Matching Grant Program.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AND  
BY THE REQUIRED MAJORITY

(Councillor Jang and Mayor Robertson absent for the vote)

*6. The Chinese Society Legacy Program*

MOVED by Councillor Louie

THAT the Committee recommend to Council

- A. THAT Council approve in principle the *Chinese Society Legacy Program* ("Legacy Program") to rehabilitate the twelve Society heritage buildings in Chinatown, and direct the City Manager to work with the Chinatown Society Heritage Buildings Association to explore strategic partnerships and funding opportunities with senior levels of government, philanthropic organizations and community partners to secure \$36 million for the Legacy Program.

- B. THAT Council commit \$3.6 million from future development contributions in and around the Chinatown area as the City's contribution to the Legacy Program (\$36 million), and direct the City Manager to report back within three months or sooner on the overall program funding strategy including any strategic partnership and funding opportunities (as outlined in A above).

amended

AMENDMENT MOVED by Councillor Reimer

THAT the motion be amended to add the following as C:

- C. THAT Council appoint Acting Mayor Raymond Louie and Councillor Kerry Jang as Council liaisons for matters related to the implementation of the Chinatown Neighborhood Plan and Economic Revitalization Strategy adopted by Council on July 25, 2012

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

(Councillor Jang ineligible to vote due to Conflict of Interest)

(Mayor Robertson absent for the vote)

The amendment having carried, the motion as amended was put and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. Councillor Jang ineligible to vote due to Conflict of Interest and Mayor Robertson absent for the vote.

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*The Committee recessed at 5:03 pm and reconvened at 5:20 pm.*

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**7. Active Transportation Update and Pilot for Skateboarding in Protected Bike Lanes  
November 5, 2015**

Staff from Active Transportation reviewed the report and, along with staff from the Transportation Division and Traffic & Data Management, responded to questions.

In response to a request, staff agreed to provide a summary of active transportation technologies and where they can legally operate.

The Committee heard from five speakers. Four spoke in support of the report and encouraged further improvements to bike lanes for other modes of transportation and pedestrians. One spoke in opposition and raised concerns regarding the lack of consultation with affected business owners on Commercial Drive.

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



MOVED by Councillor Deal

THAT the Committee recommend to Council

- A. THAT Council receive for information the updated 5-year Cycling Network Additions and Upgrades map.
- B. THAT Council receive for information a detailed 2016 Active Transportation Look Ahead, highlighting active transportation corridor projects to be delivered in 2016-17.
- C. THAT Council approve, in principle, amendments to Street & Traffic By-law No. 2849 as outlined in Appendix “D” of the Administrative Report dated November 5, 2015, entitled “Active Transportation Update and Pilot for Skateboarding in Protected Bike Lanes”, to:
  - i. permit the use of skates, skateboards, and push-scooters in protected bike lanes, for a trial period of no less than one year;
  - ii. introduce a requirement for lighting/reflective gear at night;
  - iii. eliminate the requirement for wrist guards, elbow pads and knee pads; and
  - iv. eliminate the requirement that a skateboard must have a braking mechanism;

and authorize the Director of Legal Services to bring forward for enactment amendments to Street and Traffic By-law No. 2849 generally in accordance with Appendix “D” of the above-noted Administrative Report.

CARRIED

(Councillors Ball and De Genova opposed to C)

**8. Southwest Marine Drive Rehabilitation Project (Granville Street to Camosun Street) - Bikeway Improvements  
December 1, 2015**

Staff from Active Transportation reviewed the report and, along with staff from the Transportation Division, responded to questions.

The Committee heard from seven speakers. Four spoke in support of the report and three spoke in opposition. Concerns raised included inaccurate data in the report, inadequate safety measures for pedestrians and a lack of public consultation.

REFERRAL MOVED by Councillor Reimer

THAT the Committee recommend to Council

THAT decision on the Administrative Report dated December 1, 2015, entitled “Southwest Marine Drive Rehabilitation Project (Granville Street to Camosun Street) - Bikeway Improvements”, be referred to the Regular Council meeting on December 15, 2015, as Unfinished Business.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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*The Committee recessed at 8:26 pm and reconvened at 8:35 pm.*

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**3. Elected Officials' Compensation Review  
November 26, 2015**

MOVED by Mayor Robertson  
THAT the Committee recommend to Council

- A. THAT Council receive the Administrative Report dated November 26, 2015, entitled "Elected Officials' Compensation Review", for information and thank members of the Compensation Review Committee for their service.
- B. THAT Council, as per Recommendation 10 from the Compensation Review Committee Report, direct staff to undertake a review of the resources and personnel available to support Councillors in the fulfillment of their duties and report back to Council within three months, taking into account pending new Council duties such as Neighbourhood Liaison which have been approved in principle, at which time Council will make a final decision on the Compensation Review Committee's report.

amended

AMENDMENT MOVED by Councillor Ball

THAT the motion be amended to add the following to B:

FURTHER THAT, as part of this review, staff include a comparison of how other cities of comparable size referred to in the Compensation Review Committee Report calculate their base compensation.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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

The Committee adjourned at 9 pm.

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

DECEMBER 10, 2015

A Regular Meeting of the Council of the City of Vancouver was held on Thursday, December 10, 2015, at 9 pm, in the Council Chamber, Third Floor, City Hall, following the Standing Committee on Planning, Transportation and Environment meeting, to consider the recommendations and actions of the Committee.

**PRESENT:**

- 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:** Sadhu Johnston, Acting City Manager

**CITY CLERK'S OFFICE:** Janice MacKenzie, City Clerk  
Tina Hildebrandt, Meeting Coordinator

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**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Report of Standing Committee on Planning, Transportation and Environment  
December 10, 2015

Council considered the report containing the recommendations and actions taken by the Standing Committee on Planning, Transportation and Environment. Its items of business included:

1. Contract Award for ITT PS20151095 Landfill Gas System Upgrades
2. Sport Hosting Vancouver Action Plan
3. Elected Officials' Compensation Review
4. Increased Protection for Renters - Tenant Relocation and Protection Policy and Associated Guidelines
5. Chinese Society Buildings Matching Grant Program - Progress Update
6. The Chinese Society Legacy Program
7. Active Transportation Update and Pilot for Skateboarding in Protected Bike Lanes
8. Southwest Marine Drive Rehabilitation Project (Granville Street to Camosun Street) - Bikeway Improvements

Items 1 - 8

MOVED by Councillor Louie  
SECONDED by Councillor Jang

THAT the recommendations and actions taken by the Standing Committee on Planning, Transportation and Environment at its meeting of December 10, 2015, as contained in items 1 - 8, be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AND  
ITEM 5 BY THE REQUIRED MAJORITY

### URGENT BUSINESS

#### 1. Moratorium on new Taxi Licences

MOVED by Councillor Meggs  
SECONDED by Councillor Stevenson

THAT Council modify the moratorium on new taxi licences to allow for increased taxi service on a temporary basis over the festive period until January 8, 2016;

FURTHER THAT Council request the Director of Legal Services to bring forward by-law amendments to the Vehicles for Hire By-law generally in accordance with this direction; and

FURTHER THAT Council urge taxi companies serving the city to maximize the availability of wheelchair accessible taxis and urge the Passenger Transportation Board to expedite the approval of additional wheelchair accessible taxis in Vancouver as requested by the Vancouver Taxi Association.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY  
(Councillor De Genova absent for the vote)

### BY-LAWS

MOVED by Councillor Louie  
SECONDED by Councillor Deal

THAT Council enact the by-law listed on the agenda for this meeting as number 1 and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign and seal the enacted by-law.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY  
(Councillor De Genova absent for the vote)

1. By-law to amend Vehicles for Hire By-law No. 6066 regarding temporary licences for taxicabs and dual taxicabs (By-law No. 11399)

**ADJOURNMENT**

MOVED by Councillor Deal  
SECONDED by Councillor Jang

THAT the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Council adjourned at 9:17 pm.

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