



REPORT TO COUNCIL

STANDING COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL ON POLICY AND STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

JANUARY 20, 2016

A Regular Meeting of the Standing Committee of Council on Policy and Strategic Priorities was held on Wednesday, January 20, 2016, at 9:36 am, in the Council Chamber, Third Floor, City Hall.

PRESENT:

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

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

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE: Rosemary Hagiwara, Deputy City Clerk
Leslie Tuerlings, Meeting Coordinator

* Denotes absence for a portion of the meeting.

PROCLAMATION - Alzheimer Awareness Month

Deputy Mayor Deal proclaimed the month of January, 2016 as "Alzheimer Awareness Month" in Vancouver, and invited Barbara Lindsay and Jennifer Stewart, of the Alzheimer Society of BC, to the podium to receive it.

MATTERS ADOPTED ON CONSENT

MOVED by Councillor Jang

THAT items 2 and 3 be adopted on consent.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Mayor Robertson absent for the vote)

**1. Application to UBCM Age-Friendly Community Planning and Projects Grant
December 16, 2015**

The Committee heard from two speakers in support of the recommendations.

MOVED by Councillor Deal

THAT the Committee recommend to Council

THAT Council approve and support an application to the Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM) Age-Friendly Community Planning and Project Grant.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

(Mayor Robertson absent for the vote)

**2. 8188 Lord Street and 401 SW Marine Drive Childcare Centres - Appointment of
Operator, Lease of City-owned Property, and Approval of Grants
January 11, 2016**

THAT the Committee recommend to Council

- A. THAT Council appoints the Young Men's Christian Association of Greater Vancouver (YMCA) as the non-profit operator of the licensed group childcare centres to be located at 8188 Lord Street and 401 SW Marine Drive, subject to the City becoming the owner of the childcare facilities.
- B. THAT Council authorizes the Director of Real Estate to negotiate and, upon the City obtaining ownership of the childcare facilities, to execute leases with the YMCA, as the tenant and childcare operator, of the future City-owned childcare facilities to be built upon properties situated at:
 - a) 8188 Lord Street - legally known as PID: 029-348-919 Lot 1 District Lot 311 Group 1 New Westminster District Plan EPP40711, and
 - b) 401 SW Marine Drive, PID Number 029-606-993, Legal Description: Lot A District Lots 311 and 323 Group 1 New Westminster District Plan EPP51076

for a lease term of five (5) years, with two (2) further options to renew each for a term of five (5) years, and at nominal rent of Ten Dollars (\$10) per term, inclusive of rent in lieu of property taxes, plus applicable sales taxes, and upon the terms and conditions as set out in the basic lease terms attached as Appendix A of the Administrative Report dated January 11, 2016, entitled "8188 Lord Street and 401 SW Marine Drive Childcare Centres - Appointment of Operator, Lease of City-owned Property, and Approval of Grants", and upon such other terms and conditions to the satisfaction of the General Manager of Real Estate and Facilities Management, the Acting General Manager of Community Services and the Director of Legal Services.

- C. THAT Council approves the allocation of \$500,000 from the Marpole Community Amenity Contribution Reserve (445 SW Marine Drive rezoning) to the Facility Capital Maintenance Reserve for major capital maintenance of the childcare centre at 401 SW Marine Drive.
- D. THAT Council approves the allocation of \$500,000 from the Marpole Community Amenity Contribution Reserve (445 SW Marine Drive rezoning) to the Childcare Reserve, for annual infant/toddler grants for the childcare centre at 401 SW Marine Drive.
- E. THAT Council approves the allocation of \$174,000 from the Marpole Community Amenity Contribution Reserve (445 SW Marine Drive rezoning) to the Childcare Reserve, for start-up costs for the childcare centre at 401 SW Marine Drive.
- F. THAT, upon approval of D and E above, Council approves two one-time grants to the YMCA of up to \$92,500 for 8188 Lord Street, and up to \$100,000 for 401 SW Cambie, to fit, furnish, equip and supply the two childcare centres. The source of funds is the Childcare Reserve.
- G. THAT subject to approval of E above, Council approves a one-time grant of up to \$148,000 to the YMCA for start-up operating costs for the childcare centres at 8188 Lord Street and 401 SW Cambie Street (\$74,000 each), subject to entering into the Lease. The source of funds is the Childcare Reserve.
- H. THAT no legal rights or obligations be created or arise by Council's adoption of A through G above, until the Lease has been signed by the City and the YMCA.

ADOPTED ON CONSENT AND
B, F AND G BY THE REQUIRED MAJORITY
(Mayor Robertson absent for the vote)

**3. Vancouver Art Gallery Association By-law Amendments
November 15, 2015**

THAT the Committee recommend to Council

THAT Council approve amendments to the By-laws of the Vancouver Art Gallery Association as outlined in the Administrative Report dated November 15, 2015, entitled "Vancouver Art Gallery Association By-law Amendments".

ADOPTED ON CONSENT
(Mayor Robertson absent for the vote)

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At 9:56 am, prior to starting item 4, the Committee agreed to take a five minute recess.

The Committee reconvened at 10:02 am.

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**4. Providence Lands (St. Paul's Hospital) Policy Planning Program
January 7, 2016**

Planning and Development Services staff provided a presentation and along with David Byres, Executive Vice President, Providence Health Care, responded to questions.

The Committee heard from four speakers generally in support of the recommendations, however, some concerns were raised regarding short term accommodations, the impact on surrounding neighbourhoods and transportation.

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At 11:53, while hearing from speakers, it was

MOVED by Councillor Stevenson

THAT the meeting be extended to complete the business on the agenda;

FURTHER THAT the Committee recess after completing item 4.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AND
BY THE REQUIRED MAJORITY**

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MOVED by Councillor Louie
THAT the Committee recommend to Council

- A. THAT Council endorse a policy planning program for the new St. Paul's Hospital on Station Street owned by the Providence Health Care Society ("Providence") in the False Creek Flats ("Station Street Site"), generally as outlined in Appendix A of the Policy Report dated January 7, 2016, entitled "Providence Lands (St. Paul's Hospital) Policy Planning Program", and bring forward for Council consideration policies to guide site planning and assess future rezoning and/or development proposals.

FURTHER THAT Council confirm that market or non-market residential use is not to be considered on the Station Street site, in accordance with the Metro Vancouver Regional Growth Strategy and the Regional Context Statement Official Development Plan (2013) (e.g. protection of key job lands), with the exception of institutional health-related residential uses as defined in the Zoning and Development By-law (for example, complex care and/or frail elderly residential uses).

AND FURTHER THAT staff address the following concerns as part of the report back on the Providence Lands Policy Planning Program:

- i. Stability of the building site and transportation routes into the site in light of anticipated sea level rise and/or a seismic event;
- ii. Potential pressure on low-income housing in adjacent communities;
- iii. Impacts of short term accommodation; and
- iv. Emergency planning management.

B. THAT Council direct staff to collaborate with Providence and Vancouver Coastal Health on robust public consultation on the relocation and transformation of St. Paul's Hospital, generally as outlined in the *Public Consultation Strategy* in Appendix B of the Policy Report dated January 7, 2016, entitled "Providence Lands (St. Paul's Hospital) Policy Planning Program", with the following objectives:

- i. On the current St Paul's site ("Burrard Street Site"), City staff should participate in the Providence/Vancouver Coastal Health clinical services planning process on health care services required in the West End and across the Downtown area, and report back to Council on consultation outcomes, including which health care services will be retained in the West End and across the Downtown area, and any issues that arise related to the future redevelopment of the site. (Note: Providence is not proceeding with redevelopment of the Burrard Street Site at this time).
- ii. On the Station Street Site, City staff should lead a comprehensive consultation process that is coordinated with related current City of Vancouver planning processes (including the False Creek Flats Area Plan, NEFC/Viaducts Planning, etc.), the clinical planning of Providence/Vancouver Coastal Health, as well as the work of relevant community stakeholders and processes, and results in the policy statement for the site (A above).

C. THAT Council approve the additional temporary staff resources and estimated associated cost-recovered budget of \$810,000, generally as outlined in Appendix C of the Policy Report dated January 7, 2016, entitled "Providence Lands (St. Paul's Hospital) Policy Planning Program", to complete the planning for the Station Street sites on an expedited basis.

FURTHER THAT, Council accept the cost-recovery of \$810,000 from Providence Health Care in a single payment at the commencement of the planning program.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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The Committee recessed at 12:30 pm and reconvened at 2:22 pm.

Subsequently, the Committee agreed to vary the order of the agenda to deal with item 7 as the next item of business. For ease of reference, the minutes are recorded in chronological order.

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**7. Declaration of Nuisance at 7084 Beechwood Street
January 11, 2016**

MOVED by Councillor Deal
THAT the Committee recommend to Council

- A. THAT Council declare that a breached aquifer and resulting water flowing from the aquifer on a property located at 7084 Beechwood Street, Vancouver, B.C., with the legal description of LOT 4 BLOCK 2 OF BLOCK 8 DISTRICT LOT 316 PLAN 7713, PID 010-362-495 (the "Property") are a nuisance pursuant to section 324A of the *Vancouver Charter*, S.B.C. 1953, c.55.
- B. THAT Council approve the resolution attached as Schedule "A" to the Administrative Report dated January 11, 2016, entitled "Declaration of Nuisance at 7084 Beechwood Street", and order the registered owner of the Property to cap or seal the breached aquifer on the Property so as to prevent the flow of water from the aquifer onto the Property within 60 days of a copy of the resolution being served on the owner pursuant to section 324A of the *Vancouver Charter*.
- C. THAT if the owner fails to comply with this order of Council within 60 days of being given notice of the resolution in B above, Council further orders and hereby authorizes the City Building Inspector or the Chief Building Inspector's designates, to take any and all actions necessary, including entering onto the Property and engaging private contractors, to cap or seal the breached aquifer on the Property so as to prevent the flow of water from the aquifer onto the Property pursuant to Section 324A of the *Vancouver Charter*. Necessary steps may include the use of public streets for the construction of a temporary drainage system.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Mayor Robertson and Councillors De Genova, Louie and Stevenson absent for the vote)

**5. Municipal Election - Report Back on Independent Election Task Force
November 16, 2015**

The City Clerk responded to questions.

MOVED by Councillor Affleck
THAT the Committee recommend to Council

- A. THAT Council establish the City of Vancouver Election Task Force ("Task Force") for the purpose of developing a strategy and work plan to assist the City in advancing Council-approved reforms to the governing of the municipal election process in Vancouver.
- B. THAT Council approve the terms of reference as a draft guideline for the Task Force as set out in the Administrative Report dated November 16, 2015, entitled "Municipal Election - Report Back on Independent Election Task Force".

amended

AMENDMENT MOVED by Councillor Louie

THAT the words "as a draft guideline" be removed from B above.

carried

AMENDMENT TO THE AMENDMENT MOVED by Councillor Reimer

THAT the words "as a guideline" be added to B above, after the word "reference" and before the words "for that Task Force", so that B reads:

THAT Council approve the terms of reference as a guideline for the Task Force as set out in the Administrative Report dated November 16, 2015, entitled "Municipal Election - Report Back on Independent Election Task Force".

LOST

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

The amendment to the amendment having lost, the amendment was put and CARRIED with Councillors Affleck, Ball, De Genova and Stevenson opposed.

FINAL MOTION AS APPROVED

- A. THAT Council establish the City of Vancouver Election Task Force ("Task Force") for the purpose of developing a strategy and work plan to assist the City in advancing Council-approved reforms to the governing of the municipal election process in Vancouver.
- B. THAT Council approve the terms of reference for the Task Force as set out in the Administrative Report dated November 16, 2015, entitled "Municipal Election - Report Back on Independent Election Task Force".

**6. Engaged City Task Force - 2015 Report Back and 2016 Work Plan
December 11, 2015**

Corporate Communications staff provided a presentation and responded to questions.

MOVED by Councillor Meggs
THAT the Committee recommend to Council

- A. THAT Council receive the update on the public engagement work that is being conducted by staff, including specific implementation activities of the Engaged City Task Force recommendations.
- B. THAT Council approve the Framework for Public Engagement attached as Appendix A of the Administrative Report dated December 11, 2015, entitled "Engaged City Task Force - 2015 Report Back and 2016 Work Plan", which is based on the Guiding Principles for Public Involvement adopted by Council in 1998 with updates that align the principles with the International Association of Public Participation (IAP2) Core Values for the Practice of Public Participation.

carried

REFERRAL MOVED by Councillor Carr

THAT B above be referred to staff for public consultation which includes the city's local resident associations.

LOST
(Councillors Ball, Deal, Jang, Louie, Meggs, Reimer and Stevenson opposed)
(Mayor Robertson absent for the vote)

The referral having lost, the motion was put and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY with Mayor Robertson absent for the vote.

8. Investigating a Vancouver Carbon Trust to Reduce Carbon Emissions through Energy Retrofits

At the Regular Council meeting on January 19, 2016, Vancouver City Council referred this matter to the Standing Committee on Policy and Strategic Priorities meeting on January 20, 2016, to hear from speakers.

The Committee heard from one speaker in support of the motion.

MOVED by: Councillor Carr
THAT the Committee Recommend to Council

WHEREAS

1. The urgency of taking action on climate change has been highlighted by the United Nations' 21st Conference of the Parties on Climate held in Paris November 30 to December 11, 2015;
2. Senior governments cannot meet carbon reduction goals unless they collaborate with cities, which account for about 70 percent of global Greenhouse Gas (GhG) emissions;
3. The City of Vancouver's climate action plans include goals to achieve overall GhG emission reductions of 33% below 2007 levels by 2020 and 80% below 2007 levels by 2050 and to retrofit existing buildings, which account for 56 percent of Vancouver's GhG emissions, specifically:
 - a. To reduce the energy use and GhGs from existing buildings by 20 percent over 2007 levels by 2020,
 - b. To retrofit all existing buildings to achieve zero emissions by 2050;
4. The biggest challenge in reducing energy use and GhG emissions from existing buildings is the lack of robust funding for energy retrofits;
5. The Province of BC's Climate Leadership Plan notes the need for regulations and incentives for more energy-efficient buildings and greater uptake of clean energy technologies, and to be vigorous participants in carbon offset markets;
6. The federal Liberals have pledged to partner with Provinces and Territories to establish a new Low Carbon Economy Trust that will provide funding to projects that materially reduce carbon emissions and endow it with \$2 billion in their mandate;
7. Prior to embarking on his trip to the United Nations 21st Conference of the Parties on Climate Change in Paris, Mayor Robertson announced the city's new "Climate Change Action Pledge" which over 200 businesses had already signed.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

- A. THAT the City of Vancouver ask both the Provincial and Federal Governments, as part of their post-Paris plans to reduce GhG emissions, to establish robust energy retrofit programs that include sufficient incentives in the form of both grants and loans to motivate building owners to undertake major energy retrofits.

- B. THAT Council direct staff to work with the Province of BC to investigate a Vancouver Carbon Trust as a mechanism to:
- i. receive funds generated by the purchase of carbon offsets by public and private organizations, businesses, non-government organizations and individual citizens, and
 - ii. disburse grants for the purpose of carbon offset projects that measurably reduce greenhouse gas emissions within the City of Vancouver, initially focused on the energy retrofitting of Vancouver buildings.

REFERRAL MOVED by Councillor Reimer

THAT B above be referred to staff to consider as part of the report back on the Zero Emissions New Building Plan.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

(Mayor Robertson and Councillor Louie absent for the vote)

The referral of B having carried unanimously, A was put and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY with Mayor Robertson and Councillor Louie absent for the vote.

9. Appointment of Neighbourhood Councillor Liaisons

At the Regular Council meeting on January 19, 2016, Vancouver City Council referred this matter to the Standing Committee on Policy and Strategic Priorities meeting on January 20, 2016, to hear from speakers.

The Committee heard from one speaker generally in support of the motion.

MOVED by: Councillor Reimer

THAT the Committee recommend to Council

WHEREAS

1. Council established the Engaged City Task Force, a committee of 22 residents, in 2012 to provide recommendations on how to improve engagement;
2. One of the most persistent barriers raised by residents trying to engage with City Hall is not knowing which Councillor to contact;
3. The Engaged City Task Force recommended establishing Neighbourhood Councillor Liaisons, based on the 22 planning areas in Vancouver, and Council supported this recommendation when it accepted the task force's interim report in June 2013;
4. Staff have requested direction from Council on the structure of appointment of Neighbourhood Councillor Liaisons in order that they can implement this outstanding recommendation;

5. School and Park Board have had a system of elected liaisons to schools and community centres respectively in place for many years to ensure residents with concerns have an initial point of contact, while still being able to contact all elected members;
6. The School and Park Board system of appointment consists of elected members providing their preferences to the Chair of the respective boards and the Chair makes a recommendation to the full board for approval;
7. This practice is consistent with the approach currently used by Council to appoint Councillors to internal and external positions.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

- A. THAT Council adopt the Neighbourhood Councillor Liaison appointment process as outlined in Appendix A of the motion approved by Council on January 13, 2016, entitled, "Appointment of Neighbourhood Councillor Liaisons" and reproduced below:

NEIGHBOURHOOD COUNCILLOR LIAISON APPOINTMENT PROCESS

1. The appointment of the Neighbourhood Councillor Liaisons is to be initiated by the Mayor, or their designate.
2. Formal notice of a request for desired neighbourhoods will be issued by the Mayor, or their designate.
3. Upon receipt of this request, Councillors will have a minimum of two weeks to a maximum stipulated in the notice, to provide their request for desired neighbourhoods.
4. Submission of this request must be in written form and provide a ranked list of neighbourhoods with a minimum of ten ranked choices.
5. It is not mandatory but suggested that Councillors provide additional information that helps the Mayor, or their designate, assess the best fit for each neighbourhood. It may make sense for more than one Councillor to be recommended as a liaison to a neighbourhood.
6. The Mayor will make a recommendation to Council for appointment of the Neighbourhood Councillor Liaisons at a subsequent Council meeting.

VANCOUVER NEIGHBOURHOODS

For the purposes of community planning, Vancouver has 22 defined "Areas of the City".

- B. THAT staff be directed to conduct a review of the Neighbourhood Councillor Liaison function no later than the end of 2018, to assess if the function is meeting the expectations generally set out by the Engaged City Task Force and as outlined in Appendix B of the motion approved by Council on January 13, 2016, entitled, "Appointment of Neighbourhood Councillor Liaisons", and reproduced below:

EXPECTATIONS FOR NEIGHBOURHOOD COUNCILLOR LIAISONS

- a. Expectations of Neighbourhood Councillor Liaisons - excerpt from Engaged City Task Force Interim Report:

The city-wide election process prevents residents from formally having an identified go-to councillor for issues in their neighbourhood. The City should reinvigorate the Council liaison positions by requiring each councillor to represent specific neighbourhoods in Vancouver, and working with local organizations to hold one public event in their designated neighbourhoods per year, with a focus on enhancing knowledge of city services and processes, and connecting people to City Hall. There may be an opportunity for these liaisons to work through the rotating mini-City Halls to create regular engagement with a particular neighbourhood.

- b. Other Considerations

In addition to the direction provided by the Engaged City Task Force, and in anticipation of questions from Councillors and residents, the following points are intended to provide some broad guidance on the role of Neighbourhood Councillor Liaisons based on successful practices from many years of the the School and Park Board liaison roles.

- The main goal of the Neighbourhood Councillor Liaison program is to improve access and service to residents, organizations and businesses;
- The role of the Councillor Liaison is more akin to that of a concierge: intended to be a welcoming first point of contact for someone to the City with the intention of linking that individual into the appropriate staff, department, service or Councillor in an issue related context (ie. a Heritage related policy inquiry may be directed to the Council liaisons to Heritage Action Plan);
- While Councillor Liaisons are listed as a contact for a neighbourhood, residents remain free to contact any member of Councillor;

- The Councillor Liaison is NOT intended to be the conduit for information to or from the City. It is expected that organizations at the neighbourhood level such as BIAs or residents organizations continue to connect directly with relevant staff in planning, economic development or other relevant departments.

carried

AMENDMENT MOVED by Councillor Affleck

THAT the motion be struck and replaced with the following:

THAT Council direct staff to enhance the Pop-Up City Hall program by including the participation of all City Councillors and the Mayor.

FURTHER THAT Council direct staff to report back with a plan and a budget to hold regular, interactive Town Hall meetings in all 22 neighbourhoods, to include a question & answer component, and with all City Councillors and the Mayor required to attend the Town Hall meetings, to enhance engagement with Vancouver residents and allow residents to directly engage with Council.

AND FURTHER THAT a clear link button to a Council "Contact Us" page is immediately integrated on the City of Vancouver website's homepage. The Council "Contact Us" page must include the Councillors' and the Mayor's full name, email address and direct telephone numbers.

NOT PUT

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The Chair ruled the above amendment out of order as per Section 4.3 of the Procedure By-law and stated that the content of the amendment did not relate to the motion on the floor.

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REFERRAL MOVED by Councillor De Genova

THAT the motion entitled "Appointment of Neighbourhood Councillor Liaisons" be referred to Legal staff for review and report back regarding any issues pertaining to the Vancouver Charter.

lost

AMENDMENT MOVED by Councillor Carr

THAT the referral be amended to read as follows:

THAT the motion entitled "Appointment of Neighbourhood Councillor Liaisons" be referred to staff to involve Council in a robust public consultation process on the appointment of Neighbourhood Councillor Liaisons.

FURTHER THAT the above mentioned motion be referred to Legal staff for review and report back regarding any issues pertaining to the Vancouver Charter.

LOST

(Mayor Robertson and Councillors Deal, Jang, Meggs, Reimer and Stevenson opposed)
(Councillor Louie absent for the vote)

The amendment to the referral having lost, the referral was put and lost with Mayor Robertson and Councillors Deal, Jang, Meggs, Reimer and Stevenson opposed, and Councillor Louie absent for the vote.

The motion was then put and CARRIED with Councillors Affleck, Ball, Carr and De Genova opposed, and Councillor Louie absent for the vote.

FINAL MOTION AS APPROVED:

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The Committee adjourned at 5:55 pm.

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REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
STANDING COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL ON
POLICY AND STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

JANUARY 20, 2016

A Regular Meeting of the Council of the City of Vancouver was held on Wednesday, Wednesday, January 20, 2016, at 5:55 pm, in the Council Chamber, Third Floor, City Hall, following the Standing Committee on Policy and Strategic Priorities meeting, to consider the recommendations and actions of the Committee.

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Councillor Adriane Carr
Councillor Melissa De Genova
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Councillor Geoff Meggs
Councillor Andrea Reimer
Councillor Tim Stevenson

ABSENT: Councillor Raymond Louie

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE: Rosemary Hagiwara, Deputy City Clerk
Leslie Tuerlings, Meeting Coordinator

COMMITTEE REPORTS

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January 20, 2016

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2. 8188 Lord Street and 401 SW Marine Drive Childcare Centres - Appointment of Operator, Lease of City-owned Property, and Approval of Grants
3. Vancouver Art Gallery Association By-law Amendments
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6. Engaged City Task Force - 2015 Report Back and 2016 Work Plan
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8. Investigating a Vancouver Carbon Trust to Reduce Carbon Emissions through Energy Retrofits
9. Appointment of Neighbourhood Councillor Liaisons

Items 1 - 9

MOVED by Councillor Stevenson
SECONDED by Councillor Jang

THAT the recommendations and actions taken by the Standing Committee on Policy and Strategic Priorities at its meeting of January 20, 2016, as contained in items 1 to 9, be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AND ITEM 2
BY THE REQUIRED MAJORITY

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Councillor Reimer
SECONDED by Councillor Deal

THAT the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Council adjourned at 5:57 pm.

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