



REPORT TO COUNCIL

**STANDING COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL
ON POLICY AND STRATEGIC PRIORITIES**

FEBRUARY 24, 2016

A Regular Meeting of the Standing Committee of Council on Policy and Strategic Priorities was held on Wednesday, February 24, 2016, at 9:34 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
Katrina Leckovic, Deputy City Clerk
Maria Castro, Meeting Coordinator
Nicole Ludwig, Meeting Coordinator

* Denotes absence for a portion of the meeting.

MATTERS ADOPTED ON CONSENT

MOVED by Councillor Deal

THAT item 2 be adopted on consent.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

VARY AGENDA

MOVED by Councillor Deal

THAT the order of the agenda be varied to hear the presentation on item 3 first, followed by items 4 and 5, then return to item 3 for discussion and decision.

FURTHER THAT item 1 be dealt with as the last item of business.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AND
BY THE REQUIRED MAJORITY

Note: For clarity, the agenda items are minuted in chronological order.

**2. 2015 Council Remuneration and Expenses
February 8, 2016**

THAT the Committee recommend to Council

THAT Council receive this report for information.

ADOPTED ON CONSENT

**3. Contract Award for the Burrard Bridge Rehabilitation
January 24, 2016**

Jerry Dobrovolny, General Manager of Engineering Services, provided a presentation on the Burrard Bridge Rehabilitation Project.

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The following took place after the conclusion of item 5.

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Mr. Dobrovolny, along with Paul Storer, Transportation Division, responded to questions.

MOVED by Councillor Deal

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 the Engineering Services Department, City's Director of Legal Services, and the City's Chief Purchasing Official, a contract with Graham Infrastructure LP, for the Burrard Bridge Rehabilitation, for a term of two years, with an estimated contract value of \$15,925,484.00, plus applicable taxes over the two year term, to be funded through \$35M approved capital project budget for Burrard Bridge Upgrades.
- B. THAT the Director of Legal Services, Chief Purchasing Official and General Manager of the Engineering Services Department be authorized to execute on behalf of the City the contract contemplated by A above.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**4. Contract Award for the Design-Build of the Killarney Seniors Centre
January 15, 2016**

Danica Djurkovic, Director of Facilities Planning and Development, provided a presentation on the Killarney Seniors Centre Design-Build Contract Award, and along with the Acting City Manager and General Manager of Real Estate and Facilities Management, responded to questions.

MOVED by Councillor Louie

THAT the Committee recommend to Council

- A. THAT Council authorize City staff to negotiate to the satisfaction of the City's General Manager of Real Estate and Facilities Management, City's General Manager of Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation, City's Director of Legal Services and the City's Chief Purchasing Official and enter into a contract with Ventana Construction Company as the Design-Builder for the Killarney Seniors Centre design-build project for a term that will last the duration of the project (approximately two (2) years, not including warranty and post construction services) with an estimated contract value of \$5,895,000.00, plus GST, to be funded through approved capital budget of \$7.5 million for Killarney Senior Centre (CCS- 00064).
- B. THAT the Director of Legal Services, Chief Purchasing Official, General Manager of Real Estate and Facilities Management and General Manager of Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation 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.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

(Mayor Robertson absent for the vote)

**5. Approval of BIA Renewals and Expansion
February 1, 2016**

Peter Vaisbord, Business Improvement Area (BIA) Coordinator, reviewed the report and responded to questions.

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

MOVED by Councillor Carr

THAT the Committee recommend to Council

- A. THAT Council approve the application of the Hastings Crossing Business Improvement Association (HXBIA) as described in the Administrative Report dated February 1, 2016, entitled "Approval of BIA Renewals and Expansion", and instruct the Director of Legal Services, in consultation with the Director of Planning, to bring forward by-laws to re-establish the Hastings Crossing BIA, to establish a new funding ceiling, and to remit monies for the business promotion scheme.
- B. THAT Council approve the application of the Kerrisdale Business Association (KBA) as described in the Administrative Report dated February 1, 2016, entitled "Approval of BIA Renewals and Expansion", and instruct the Director of Legal Services, in consultation with the Director of Planning, to bring forward by-laws to re-establish the Kerrisdale BIA, to establish a new funding ceiling, and to remit monies for the business promotion scheme.

- C. THAT Council approve the application of the Kitsilano 4th Avenue Business Association (K4BA) as described in the Administrative Report dated February 1, 2016, entitled "Approval of BIA Renewals and Expansion", and instruct the Director of Legal Services, in consultation with the Director of Planning, to bring forward by-laws to re-establish the Kitsilano 4th Avenue BIA, to establish a new funding ceiling, and to remit monies for the business promotion scheme.
- D. THAT Council approve the application of the West Broadway Business Improvement Association (WBBIA) as described in the Administrative Report dated February 1, 2016, entitled "Approval of BIA Renewals and Expansion", and instruct the Director of Legal Services, in consultation with the Director of Planning, to bring forward by-laws to re-establish the West Broadway BIA, to establish a new funding ceiling, and to remit monies for the business promotion scheme.
- E. THAT Council approve the application of the Davie Village Business Improvement Association (DViBIA) as described in the Administrative Report dated February 1, 2016, entitled "Approval of BIA Renewals and Expansion", and instruct the Director of Legal Services, in consultation with the Director of Planning, to bring forward by-laws to re-establish the West End BIA, to establish a new funding ceiling, and to remit monies for the business promotion scheme.
- F. THAT Council approve the application of the Mount Pleasant Commercial Improvement Society (MPCIS) as described in the Administrative Report dated February 1, 2016, entitled "Approval of BIA Renewals and Expansion", and instruct the Director of Legal Services, in consultation with the Director of Planning, to bring forward by-laws to expand the Mount Pleasant BIA, establish a funding ceiling, and to remit monies for the business promotion scheme.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AND
BY THE REQUIRED MAJORITY
(Mayor Robertson absent for the vote)

**6. Single Room Accommodation for Star Beach Haven (658 Alexander Street)
January 26, 2016**

At the Regular Council meeting on February 23, 2016, Vancouver City Council referred this matter to the Standing Committee on Policy and Strategic Priorities on February 24, 2016, to hear from speakers.

Abi Bond, Director of Housing Policy and Projects, reviewed the report, and along with Mukhtar Latif, Chief Housing Officer, responded to questions.

The Committee heard from one speaker who expressed concerns about SRO affordability and decreasing SRO units, and noted that these issues could be addressed by engaging in purchasing and proactive strategies.

MOVED by Councillor Jang
THAT the Committee recommend to Council

- A. THAT Council approve a Single Room Accommodation (SRA) Conversion Permit in accordance with the Single Room Accommodation By-law for Star Beach Haven, located at 658 Alexander Street [*Parcel Identifier: 015-598-501 Lot 12 Block 43 District Lot 196 Plan 196*], to combine two SRA-designated rooms and add a washroom and kitchen to the combined room, increase the size of another SRA-designated room and combine it with a reconfigured ground floor shared washroom, and repair and replace existing fixtures throughout the building, including rooms and common areas, subject to:
- i. the development permit (DB449673), consistent with the plans provided for this SRA permit application, being issuable and,
 - ii. the owner of the property entering into and registering on title to the property a Housing Agreement that, for not less than 30 years, requires:
 - (a) four rooms (rooms 2, 3, 11 and 12) be rented at a monthly rent no greater than the average SRO rent for the Downtown Core as determined by the City of Vancouver's biannual Survey of Housing in the Downtown Core (currently \$448/month) and;
 - (b) four rooms be made available to tenants who are on income assistance and eligible for rent supplements subject to funding for the provincial rent subsidy program. Potential eligible tenants will be referred for consideration by the City or a delegate of the City and the applicant, as landlord, will make the final selection after having considered prospective tenants in good faith (where good faith consideration of a prospective tenant includes the application of objective and defensible criteria that meets the legal requirements of the *Canadian Human Rights Act*, the *BC Human Rights Code* and the *Residential Tenancy Act*).
 - (c) such other terms and conditions as the Director of Legal Services in consultation with the Chief Housing Officer may require.
- B. THAT, subject to the approval of A above and execution by the owner and its mortgagees of the Housing Agreement contemplated by A above, the Director of Legal Services be instructed to prepare a Housing Agreement in consultation with the Chief Housing Officer and to bring forward for enactment the By-law necessary to approve the Housing Agreement.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Mayor Robertson absent for the vote)

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The Committee recessed at 11:55 am and reconvened at 1:08 pm.

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7. Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy By-law Amendments February 4, 2016

At the Regular Council meeting on February 23, 2016, Vancouver City Council referred this matter to the Standing Committee on Policy and Strategic Priorities on February 24, 2016, to hear from speakers.

Barb Van Fraassen, Director, Access to Information, provided a presentation and responded to questions.

The Committee heard from two speakers, one of whom had concerns regarding processes for Freedom of Information requests and releases. Another speaker expressed the need for public consultation on the matter.

MOVED by Councillor Meggs
THAT the Committee recommend to Council

- A. THAT Council approve changes to the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy By-law to appoint a single Head reflecting the current City process and the practice of other municipalities, update the fee schedule to remove outdated items and remove unnecessary sections included in the provincial legislation, generally as set out in Appendix A of the Administrative Report dated February 4, 2016, entitled "Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy By-law Amendments".
- B. THAT the Director of Legal Services be instructed to bring forward a by-law for consideration by Council generally in accordance with Appendix A of the Administrative Report dated February 4, 2016, entitled "Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy By-law Amendments".

carried

REFERRAL MOVED by Councillor Affleck

THAT the report be referred back to staff until the Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner (OIPC) completes its audit of the City of Vancouver's Freedom of Information procedures, after which recommendations from the audit could be incorporated into City of Vancouver by-laws.

lost

AMENDMENT TO THE REFERRAL MOVED by Councillor Carr

THAT the referral be amended to insert the words "as drafts", after "incorporated", and to insert the words "and taken to public consultation" at the end.

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

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

The motion to refer having lost, the motion was then put and CARRIED, with Councillors Affleck, Ball and DeGenova opposed.

8. Action to Protect Taxpayers from Soaring Assessments

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Councillor Reimer left the meeting at 2:32 pm and Councillor Louie assumed the Chair.

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At the Regular Council meeting on February 23, 2016, Vancouver City Council referred this matter to the Standing Committee on Policy and Strategic Priorities on February 24, 2016, to hear from speakers.

The Committee heard from one speaker who expressed concerns regarding split assessments and its impact on local businesses.

Grace Cheng, Finance, Risk and Business Planning, responded to questions.

MOVED by Councillor Meggs
THAT the Committee recommend to Council

WHEREAS

1. Very large increases in property assessments, in some cases up to 65 percent, on commercial properties in certain areas of the city could pose the risk of business failures by self-employed business owners on fixed term triple-net leases who have limited ability to pass on increases to customers or to renegotiate the lease prior to expiry or renewal;
2. Increases in residential assessments by the BC Assessment Authority (BCAA) have also been very high, causing real concern and hardship to homeowners where those increases are above average and sometimes must be managed on fixed incomes;
3. Increases for some non-profit and co-op housing societies are high enough to threaten affordability for residents in certain locations;
4. The City of Vancouver has implemented land assessment averaging solutions to assist property owners and businesses that may only partially mitigate the impact of these very high assessment increases;
5. The BC Supreme Court ruling in the Amacon case, on the application of split assessments, released February 1, 2016, should clarify the assessment and classification of properties that could be the subject of mixed use development;
6. Staff, in response to Council's motion of July 2014, have requested that BC Assessment Authority undertake a review of split class assessment and value in use.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Vancouver City Council call on the BC Assessment Authority (BCAA) to:

- a. Justify the very large increases established in many areas of the city and urge a careful review of the assessment methodology;
- b. Make their methodology available in open data format so the public can better understand what factors most affect increases;
- c. Take steps to complete its review of split assessments once the court verdict is received and "value in use as going concern" based on the court ruling;
- d. Provide clarification on applications for split assessments and "value in use as going concern"; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT that Council direct staff to report back on the outcomes of the BCAA work, the implications of the BC Supreme Court ruling and any other steps that could be taken by the Province to mitigate these increases, especially the impact of triple net leases on property tax payments for tenants.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

(Mayor Robertson and Councillor Reimer absent for the vote)

9. Explore Options for Increasing City Support for Music and Musicians

At the Regular Council meeting on February 23, 2016, Vancouver City Council referred this matter to the Standing Committee on Policy and Strategic Priorities on February 24, 2016, to hear from speakers.

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Councillor Reimer resumed the Chair at 3:09 pm.

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

The following motion contains changes from the original motion, which were accepted by the Committee.

MOVED by Councillor Deal

THAT the Committee recommend to Council

WHEREAS

1. Vancouver is home to a vibrant, multicultural music ecology, including the number of musicians, live music performances, independent music producers and recordings;

2. The City of Vancouver has been focusing efforts on supporting the arts, including music, through policy changes such as arts events licensing and creating new arts spaces;
3. The City of Vancouver gave out over \$2.5 million in grants to music organizations in 2015 and more to multi-disciplinary organizations that include music;
4. The City of Vancouver owns multiple performance venues including the Civic Theatres, and recently purchased St. James Community Square for \$6.8 million;
5. Music Canada has recently published reports on the health of BC's music sector and the elements of a music city, both of which contain recommendations for municipalities;
6. The recent Mandate Letter of the Ministry of Canadian Heritage contains the following:
 - Double investment in the Canada Council for the Arts
 - Work with the Minister of Infrastructure and Communities to make significant new investments in cultural infrastructure as part of our investment in social infrastructure;
7. The Province of BC recently announced \$15 million of funding for the BC music sector.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

- A. THAT Council direct staff to explore and report back on options for leveraging support for local musicians and the local music sector, which may include:
 - creating a working group focused on music,
 - advocating for and supporting music education,
 - exploring a multi-city music alliance with other cities with a strong music community,
 - working with Tourism Vancouver and Business Improvement Areas to identify and support tourism opportunities,
 - seeking further opportunities to leverage city-owned properties for use by artists, including musicians,
 - continuing to reduce unnecessary processes and regulations which affect music production and performance.
- B. THAT the work outlined in A above be done in consultation with the City of Vancouver's Arts and Culture Policy Council, the Vancouver Economic Commission, and other music stakeholders; and

FURTHER THAT staff report back with options by May 30, 2016.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10. Preparing Vancouver for Autonomous and Driverless Vehicles

At the Regular Council meeting on February 23, 2016, Vancouver City Council referred this matter to the Standing Committee on Policy and Strategic Priorities on February 24, 2016, to hear from speakers.

The Committee heard from one speaker who expressed concerns regarding driverless vehicles and its impact on economies.

MOVED by Councillor Meggs
THAT the Committee recommend to Council

WHEREAS

1. The City of Vancouver's Transportation 2040 plan, adopted in 2012 and now only four years old, is already showing important progress in supporting the City's planning and transportation goals, particularly in shifting the share of trips made by automobile to transit and active transportation, especially walking and cycling;
2. Technology for autonomous or driverless vehicles was then virtually unknown and in its early development stages, with only a single jurisdiction in the world with legislation to permit the use of such technology;
3. Driverless or autonomous vehicle technology is now progressing so rapidly that Ontario has permitted testing of such vehicles in 2016 and may allow regular use in the near future;
4. This new technology poses new challenges to protection of privacy in its collection of data, and offers new margins of safety, dramatic improvements in efficiency and the potential to free large areas of urban land for better use;
5. The widespread implementation of this technology, which several manufacturers have indicated that they expect to have fully automated vehicles available by 2020-2025, is forecast to reach as much as 75 percent of sales by 2040.

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

- the implications, both positive and negative, of this technology on the City's transportation, land use, economic and sustainability plans, as well as the steps necessary to update those plans; and
- the views of the City's planning, transportation and technology experts on the best ways to maximize the benefits of this technology for the city and its economy while mitigating potential negative impacts.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11. Urgent Actions to Combat the Growing Homelessness Crisis

At the Regular Council meeting on February 23, 2016, Vancouver City Council referred this matter to the Standing Committee on Policy and Strategic Priorities on February 24, 2016, to hear from speakers.

The Committee heard from six speakers in support of combating homelessness, who also expressed concerns about gentrification and displacement, and the challenges of housing accessibility and affordability, specifically for seniors and persons with disabilities.

Abi Bond, Director of Housing Policy and Projects, responded to questions.

MOVED by Councillor Carr

THAT the Committee recommend to Council

WHEREAS

1. Vancouver's homelessness crisis persists, with the highest ever homeless count last year in the Downtown Eastside (836 individuals living on the street or in shelters) and the city's overall homeless count only slightly decreasing by 57 in 2015 despite 615 new housing units being opened up that year with 458 specifically targeted for the homeless;
2. Vancouver's homeless count is likely to go up by hundreds in 2016 based on the rise in rents of Single-Residence Occupancy (SRO) units, fewer private SRO units being available at the welfare/disability/basic pension shelter rate of \$375 per month, and the loss of temporary housing, specifically the expiration in November of 2016 of the City's lease for the 157-room Quality Inn where many homeless people who had set up camp in Oppenheimer Park have been living;
3. Homelessness is also likely to increase even more with the potential conversion of SRO hotels and other affordable housing in Chinatown, Strathcona and the Downtown Eastside in anticipation of the demand for short-term stay accommodation associated with the move of St. Paul's Hospital from the West End to the False Creek Flats;
4. Solutions to the homelessness crisis depend on provincial and federal support which has been slow in coming, thus just 152 units of new social housing are opening in 2016 and 819 units are scheduled to open by next year, of which 176 units are currently targeted for the most vulnerable population--those who are homeless or at risk of homelessness and only able to afford the welfare/disability/basic pension shelter rate of \$375 per month, with that number increasing depending on additional senior government support;
5. The ability of the City to formulate solutions to homelessness also depends on timely information, for example, regarding the numbers of people at risk of homelessness;
6. The City of Vancouver has offered the federal government 20 sites of city land worth \$250 million with a request for \$500 million over five years to build 3,500 units of social housing, and the Province has pledged \$355 million over five years to construct and renovate 2,000 units of affordable housing, however it

takes years to complete such housing projects and, because the level of affordability depends on contributions from senior levels of government, it is uncertain how many units will be targeted for Vancouver's homeless.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

- A. THAT the Mayor, on behalf of Council, write to Prime Minister Justin Trudeau and Premier Christy Clark, thank them for their commitment to tackle the issue of housing affordability and request that their efforts focus on the needs of the homeless and providing the funding needed to amplify the City's efforts to acquire, upgrade and build sufficient social and supportive housing to end the city's growing homelessness crisis.
- B. THAT the Mayor, on behalf of Council, write to the Province requesting that:
 - a. the Province provides the City with data for the Vancouver area that can help the City better mitigate homelessness, including the numbers of people receiving rent supplements, children leaving care, people being released from prisons and hospital discharges of people with no fixed address.
 - b. the Province increase the number of rent supplements in order to meet the need of tenants at risk of homelessness to pay rents at income assistance rates and the need of landlords to receive rents that cover operating and maintenance costs.
- C. THAT Council direct staff to assess the short term need for housing to mitigate the growing homelessness crisis in 2016, and report back to Council within two months on specific mitigative actions, with options including those that will require senior government support to supply sufficient housing, estimated at a minimum of 500 units, at the welfare/disability/basic pension shelter rate of \$375 per month.
- D. THAT Council direct staff to provide ongoing data in the reports on housing and homelessness that identify how many units of social housing in the city are available at the welfare/disability/basic pension shelter rate (currently \$375 per month) and how many at HILs (Housing Income Limits) rates.

amended and referred

AMENDMENT MOVED by Councillor DeGenova

THAT C be amended to insert the words "including specifically the needs of seniors and persons with disabilities", after the first instance of the word "housing", as shown below.

- C. THAT Council direct staff to assess the short term need for housing, including specifically the needs of seniors and persons with disabilities, to mitigate the growing homelessness crisis in 2016, and report back to Council within two months on specific mitigative actions, with options including those that will require senior government support to supply sufficient housing, estimated at a

minimum of 500 units, at the welfare/disability/basic pension shelter rate of \$375 per month.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

REFERRAL MOVED by Councillor Jang

THAT the motion as amended be referred to staff for inclusion in the 2016 housing report card and refresh of the housing and homeless strategy as appropriate.

carried

AMENDMENT TO THE REFERRAL MOVED by Councillor Affleck

THAT the referral be amended to strike the words "as appropriate".

LOST

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

The amendment to the referral having lost, the referral was put and CARRIED, with Councillors Affleck, Ball and DeGenova opposed.

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The Committee recessed at 5:42 pm and reconvened at 8:03 pm.

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1. Elected Officials - Remuneration and Council Support

Paul Mochrie, Acting Deputy City Manager, responded to questions.

The Committee requested the components of the following motion be separated for the vote.

MOVED by Councillor Carr

THAT the Committee recommend to Council

- A. THAT Council approve the following changes to the current remuneration for Mayor and Council:
 1. Commencing May 1, 2016, the Acting Mayor will receive a monthly supplement equivalent to 8.0% of the Mayor's monthly salary.
 2. The Acting Mayor will receive a one-time payment equivalent to 8.0% of the Mayor's salary payable between January 1, 2015 and April 30, 2016.
 3. Commencing May 1, 2016, the Councillor assigned to serve in the Duty Councillor role will receive a monthly supplement, in recognition of the additional duties required of Councillors in the Duty Councillor role and, further, Council will establish a monthly Duty Councillor roster that provides for equitable assignments for all Councillors, other than the

Deputy Mayor and Acting Mayor. The monthly supplement will be equivalent to the monthly value of the Deputy Mayor supplement.

4. Each Councillor who served as Duty Councillor for one or more months during the period from January 1, 2015 to April 30, 2016 will receive a one-time payment equivalent to the monthly value of the Deputy Mayor supplement payable for the same months that Councillor served as Duty Councillor.
5. The Mayor and each Councillor, including the Deputy Mayor and Acting Mayor, will receive an annual supplement of \$3,048, commencing in 2016.
6. The Mayor and each Councillor, including the Deputy Mayor and Acting Mayor, will receive a one-time payment of \$3,048.
7. The Mayor and Councillors who serve their full term and who do not run for re-election or are not elected to a subsequent term of office will be entitled to a transition allowance. The transition allowance will be paid to the member of Council as part of her/his last bi-weekly payment and will be equivalent to one week's salary for every year of service on Council, including years of service that were non-contiguous. Where a Councillor receives a transition allowance on leaving office and is subsequently re-elected in a future election, any service considered for purposes of payment of the initial transition allowance will not be included in calculation of a subsequent transition allowance.
8. The base remuneration for Councillors, including the Deputy Mayor and Acting Mayor, for 2016 will be increased by \$8,968, in order that the combined annual amount of the base remuneration and the average Duty Councillor supplement aligns with the median base remuneration paid to Councillors in Canadian cities of relatively equivalent population size and complexity, as represented in the staff presentation received by Council on February 24, 2016.
9. Each Councillor, including the Deputy Mayor and Acting Mayor, will receive a one-time payment equivalent to \$8,968.
10. The formula used to determine the base remuneration for the Mayor will be adjusted to 2.02 times the base remuneration for Councillors in order that the Mayor's base remuneration for 2016 will remain consistent, notwithstanding the increase to the base remuneration for Councillors.
11. On an annual basis commencing January 1, 2017, the base remuneration for Councillors will be adjusted by a percentage consistent with the percentage change in the Consumer Price Index for Vancouver over the twelve months ending October 31 of the prior year.

- B. THAT Council approve the following changes to the current remuneration for the Park Board Chair and Park Board Commissioners:
1. The base remuneration of each Park Board Commissioner for 2016 will be increased by \$8,326 in order to re-establish the percentage relationship of 20.4% relative to the base remuneration for Councillors, such as existed in 1995.
 2. Each Park Board Commissioner, excluding the Commissioner who served as Chair in 2015, will receive a one-time payment of \$8,326.
 3. The base remuneration of the Park Board Chair for 2016 will be increased by \$10,407 in order to re-establish the percentage relationship of 125% relative to the base remuneration of a Park Board Commissioner.
 4. The Park Board Commissioner who served as Park Board Chair in 2015 will receive a one-time payment of \$10,407.
 5. The remuneration of the Park Board Chair and Park Board Commissioners be adjusted annually using the same methodology used to adjust Councillor's remuneration.
- C. THAT the remuneration paid to the Mayor and Councillors be reviewed every four years with the next review occurring in 2019.
- D. THAT the remuneration paid to the Park Board Chair and Park Board Commissioners be reviewed every four years with the next review occurring in 2019.
- E. THAT Council instruct the Director of Legal Services to bring forward the necessary by-laws amendments to support the above-noted changes to remuneration of Council and the Park Board generally in accordance with the direction provided by Council.
- F. THAT Council instruct the Director of Legal Services to pursue the necessary legislative changes to the Vancouver Charter that would authorize Council to enact by-laws in relation to:
1. Extended health, dental and group life insurance benefits consistent with the coverage provided to exempt staff.
 2. Income continuity of up to one year should the Mayor or a Councillor become disabled during their term of office.
- G. THAT Council approve funding for an additional full-time position to supplement the existing complement of assistants assigned to provide administrative support for Councillors in the execution of their duties.
- H. THAT Council approve funding for a full-time position within the City Clerk's Office to support improved management of correspondence addressed to Mayor and Council, including tracking of incoming contacts and responses,

assignments to departments for background information or response as appropriate and communication of staff responses to Mayor and Council.

- I. THAT Council approve the creation of a discretionary fund in the amount of \$6000 per Councillor per year for Councillors to utilize for purposes of obtaining research support and constituency management functions that are outside the scope of the duties performed by administrative assistants and, further, that staff be directed to report back to Council with a recommended framework of terms and conditions for use and reporting of discretionary funds.

CARRIED

(Councillors Affleck and De Genova opposed to A1, A2, and H)

(Councillor Affleck opposed to A5 and A6)

(Councillors Affleck, De Genova, and Reimer opposed to A8 and A9)

The Committee adjourned at 8:35 pm.

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

FEBRUARY 24, 2016

A Regular Meeting of the Council of the City of Vancouver was held on Wednesday, February 24, 2016, at 8:35 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 and enact a By-law.

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: Katrina Leckovic, Deputy City Clerk
Nicole Ludwig, Meeting Coordinator

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Report of Standing Committee on Policy and Strategic Priorities
February 24, 2016

Council considered the report containing the recommendations and actions taken by the Standing Committee on Policy and Strategic Priorities. Its items of business included:

1. Presentation: Elected Officials - Remuneration and Council Support
2. 2015 Council Remuneration and Expenses
3. Contract Award for the Burrard Bridge Rehabilitation
4. Contract Award for the Design-Build of the Killarney Seniors Centre
5. Approval of BIA Renewals and Expansion
6. Single Room Accommodation for Star Beach Haven (658 Alexander Street)
7. Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy By-law Amendments
8. Action to Protect Taxpayers from Soaring Assessments
9. Explore Options for Increasing Support for Music and Musicians
10. Preparing Vancouver for Autonomous and Driverless Vehicles
11. Urgent Actions to Combat the Growing Homelessness Crisis

Items 1 to 11

MOVED by Councillor Deal
SECONDED by Councillor Ball

THAT the recommendations and actions taken by the Standing Committee on Policy and Strategic Priorities at its meeting of February 24, 2016, as contained in items 1 to 11, be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AND
ITEM 5 BY THE REQUIRED MAJORITY

BY-LAWS

MOVED by Councillor Deal
SECONDED by Councillor Stevenson

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

1. A By-law to provide for the Administration of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act for the City of Vancouver (By-law No. 11452)

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Councillor De Genova
SECONDED by Councillor Stevenson

THAT the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Council adjourned at 8:36 pm.

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