



## REPORT TO COUNCIL

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

NOVEMBER 2, 2016

A Regular Meeting of the Standing Committee of Council on Policy and Strategic Priorities was held on Wednesday, November 2, 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, City Manager

**CITY CLERK'S OFFICE:** Katrina Leckovic, Deputy City Clerk  
Bonnie Kennett, Meeting Coordinator

\* Denotes absence for a portion of the meeting.

#### WELCOME

Councillor Reimer, Chair, acknowledged that the City of Vancouver is on the unceded traditional territory of the Musqueam, Squamish and Tsleil-Waututh First Nations.

#### 1. Presentation: Preparing for Sea Level Rise: Next Steps

Gil Kelley, General Manager, Planning, Urban Design and Sustainability and staff from the Sustainability Group, provided an update on the Climate Change Adaptation Strategy and next steps to preparing for sea level rise and, along with the City Manager and Chief Building Official, responded to questions.

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At 10:29 am, it was

*MOVED by Councillor Reimer*

*THAT, under Section 6.8 of the Procedure By-law, the Committee suspend section 6.6 (c) of the Procedure By-law in order to allow members of Council to spend more than five minutes in total asking any question or questions.*

*CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AND  
BY THE REQUIRED MAJORITY  
(Councillors Ball and Stevenson absent for the vote)*

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## 2. Increased Accessibility to Public Washrooms

At the Regular Council meeting on November 1, 2016, Vancouver City Council referred this matter to the Standing Committee on Policy and Strategic Priorities meeting on November 2, 2016, to hear from speakers.

The Committee heard from two speakers in support of increasing accessibility to public washrooms.

Danica Djurkovic, Director, Facilities Planning and Development responded to questions.

MOVED by Councillor Ball

THAT the Committee recommend to Council

WHEREAS Vancouver's Seniors' Advisory Committee passed a motion on September 23, 2016, regarding increased access to public washrooms, noting the following:

- access to public toilets is a basic human need and is a critical feature of any age-friendly city;
- older adults and people with medical problems are especially likely to require access to public toilets; and
- such facilities allow older adults to feel comfortable going out to run errands, exercise, and socialize, thus encouraging healthy, active aging.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council request staff to:

1. Establish appropriate design specifications and placements for public toilets, in consultation with the Seniors' Advisory Committee, the Persons with Disabilities Advisory Committee and other relevant Advisory Committees and organizations.

2. Include public toilets in all current and future planning projects as well as include provisions for proper maintenance to ensure well-functioning, safe and accessible public toilets.

amended

AMENDMENT MOVED by Councillor Reimer

THAT the motion be amended as follows:

In part 1, add the word "accessible" before public toilets.

Part 2 be struck and replaced with the following:

Include consideration of accessible public toilets in street design projects and future community planning including the operating costs that would be required for proper maintenance to ensure well-functioning, safe and accessible public toilets.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (Vote No. 01549)

The amendment having carried unanimously, the motion as amended was put and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (Vote No. 01550).

FINAL MOTION AS ADOPTED

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2. Include consideration of accessible public toilets in street design projects and future community planning including the operating costs that would be required for proper maintenance to ensure well-functioning, safe and accessible public toilets.

The Committee adjourned at 11:57 am.

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

NOVEMBER 2, 2016

A Regular Meeting of the Council of the City of Vancouver was held on Wednesday, November 2, 2016, at 11:57 am, 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.

**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  
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Councillor Andrea Reimer  
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**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Report of Standing Committee on Policy and Strategic Priorities  
November 2, 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: Preparing for Sea Level Rise: Next Steps
2. Increased Accessibility to Public Washrooms

Items 1 - 2

MOVED by Councillor Deal  
SECONDED by Councillor Stevenson

THAT the recommendations and actions taken by the Standing Committee on Policy and Strategic Priorities at its meeting of November 2, 2016, as contained in items 1 and 2, be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

#### ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Councillor De Genova  
SECONDED by Councillor Stevenson

THAT the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Council adjourned at 11:58 am.

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