



## REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

MARCH 28, 2017

A Regular Meeting of the Council of the City of Vancouver was held on Tuesday, March 28, 2017, at 9:36 am, in the Council Chamber, Third Floor, City Hall.

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

**ABSENT:** Councillor Heather Deal (Leave of Absence - Medical)

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

**CITY CLERK'S OFFICE:** Janice MacKenzie, City Clerk  
Laura Kazakoff, Meeting Coordinator

\*Denotes absence for a portion of the meeting.

### WELCOME

The Mayor acknowledged we are on the unceded traditional territory of the Musqueam, Squamish and Tsleil-Waututh First Nations.

### IN CAMERA MEETING

MOVED by Councillor Jang  
SECONDED by Councillor Carr

THAT Council will go into meetings later this week which are closed to the public, pursuant to Section 165.2(1) of the Vancouver Charter, to discuss matters related to paragraphs:

(c) labour relations or other employee relations;

(e) the acquisition, disposition or expropriation of land or improvements, if the Council considers that disclosure could reasonably be expected to harm the interests of the city;

(g) litigation or potential litigation affecting the city;

(i) the receipt of advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose;

(j) information that is prohibited, or information that if it were presented in a document would be prohibited, from disclosure under section 21 [disclosure harmful to business interests of a third party] of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act;

(k) negotiations and related discussions respecting the proposed provision of an activity, work or facility that are at their preliminary stages and that, in the view of the Council, could reasonably be expected to harm the interests of the city if they were held in public.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY  
(Councillors Ball, De Genova and Louie absent for the vote)

#### ADOPTION OF MINUTES

##### 1. Regular Council - March 7, 2017

MOVED by Councillor Jang  
SECONDED by Councillor Stevenson

THAT the Minutes of the Regular Council meeting of Tuesday, March 7, 2017, be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY  
(Councillors Ball, De Genova and Louie absent for the vote)

##### 2. Public Hearing - March 7, 2017

MOVED by Councillor Jang  
SECONDED by Councillor Stevenson

THAT the Minutes of the Public Hearing of Tuesday, March 7, 2017, be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY  
(Councillors Ball, De Genova and Louie absent for the vote)

**3. Regular Council (City Finance and Services) - March 8, 2017**

MOVED by Councillor Jang  
SECONDED by Councillor Meggs

THAT the Minutes of the Regular Council meeting following the Standing Committee on City Finance and Services meeting of Wednesday, March 8, 2017, be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY  
(Councillors Ball, De Genova and Louie absent for the vote)

**MATTERS ADOPTED ON CONSENT**

MOVED by Councillor Stevenson  
SECONDED by Councillor Jang

THAT Council adopt Communication 1 and Administrative Reports 1 to 6 on consent.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY  
(Councillors Ball and Louie absent for the vote)

**REPORT REFERENCE**

- 1. Vancouver Housing and Homelessness Strategy Reset - *Housing Vancouver* Emerging Directions  
March 8, 2017**

The Mayor noted that requests to speak to the related staff report for this item had been received.

MOVED by Councillor Jang  
SECONDED by Councillor Carr

THAT the Administrative Report dated March 8, 2017, entitled "Vancouver Housing and Homelessness Strategy Reset - *Housing Vancouver* Emerging Directions" be referred to the Standing Committee on Policy and Strategic Priorities meeting to be held on Wednesday, March 29, 2017, in order to hear from speakers.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (Vote No. 1832)  
(Councillors Ball and Louie absent for the vote)

Kathleen Llewellyn-Thomas, General Manager of Community Services, Gil Kelley, General Manager of Planning, Urban Design and Sustainability, along with Abi Bond, Director, and Dianna Hurford, Planner, Housing Policy and Projects, presented an overview of the Housing and Homelessness Strategy Reset and the *Housing Vancouver* emerging directions.

Ms. Llewellyn-Thomas also introduced three Creative Advisory members, Jake Fry, Marianne Amodio, and David Hutniak, who spoke regarding their participation in the Housing Strategy Reset engagement process.

Mr. Kelley and Ms. Bond, along with Kaye Krishna, General Manager of Development, Buildings and Licensing, and Luke Harrison, Director of the Vancouver Affordable Housing Agency, responded to questions.

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*Council recessed at noon and reconvened at 2:37 pm.*

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**2. Innovation Fund Grant Application - BizMap Renewal Project  
February 28, 2017**

Gil Kelley, General Manager of Planning, Urban Design and Sustainability, provided an overview of the BizMap Renewal Project and the request to provide a matching grant from the City's Innovation Fund to Small Business BC to enable the project.

MOVED by Councillor Reimer  
SECONDED by Councillor Ball

THAT Council approve a grant of \$97,750 under section 206 (1)(j) of the Vancouver Charter to Small Business BC to fund the BizMap Renewal Project in partnership with participating Business Improvement Associations, including web platform development, data purchase and analysis, and content production. For the purposes of this grant, Small Business BC, a not-for-profit organization, is deemed to be an organization contributing to the welfare of the City. The source of funding for this grant is the City's Innovation Fund.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AND  
BY THE REQUIRED MAJORITY (Vote No. 1833)  
(Councillors De Genova and Stevenson absent for the vote)

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**1. Facilitating Growth in Vancouver's Innovation Economy - Railtown - Zoning and Development By-law Amendments for I-4 (Historic Industrial) District**

At the Public Hearing on January 26, 2017, Council concluded hearing from speakers and closed the receipt of public comments on the above-noted matter, and referred discussion and decision to the Regular Council meeting on February 7, 2017, as Unfinished Business. Subsequently, discussion and decision on the matter was postponed to the Regular Council meeting on March 28, 2017, in order to provide staff time to further consider questions and comments received at the Public Hearing and potential changes to the proposed by-law.

Council now had before it a Memorandum dated March 27, 2017, from the General Manager of Planning, Urban Design and Sustainability, in which staff put forward a revised by-law for consideration and therefore recommended that the Public Hearing on this application be continued, and that the speakers list and receipt of public comments be re-opened.

Karen Hoese, Acting Assistant Director, Vancouver - Downtown, Planning, Urban Design and Sustainability, provided an overview of the memorandum and its recommendations.

MOVED by Councillor Reimer  
SECONDED by Councillor Carr

- A. THAT Council continue the Public Hearing concerning the Proposed Revisions to Railtown - Zoning and Development By-law Amendments I-4 (Historic Industrial) District on April 11, 2017, and re-open the speakers list and allow for further written submissions by the public.
- B. THAT, at the continued Public Hearing, Council consider the revised proposed Railtown I-4 Zoning District Schedule as attached as Appendix A to the memorandum dated March 27, 2017, from the General Manager of Planning, Urban Design and Sustainability, in place of the original proposed by-law that was included as Appendix A in the Policy Report dated December 13, 2016, entitled "Facilitating Growth in Vancouver's Innovation Economy - Railtown - Zoning and Development By-law Amendments for I-4 (Historic Industrial) District".

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (Vote No. 1819)  
(Councillor Jang absent for the vote)

## COMMUNICATIONS

### 1. Changes to 2017 Council Meeting Schedule

- A. THAT Council approve using the following Council - Reserve meeting dates/times as set out in the 2017 Council Meetings Schedule to hold Public Hearings:

Date	Time	Meeting
Tuesday, May 23, 2017	6:00 pm	Public Hearing
Thursday, May 25, 2017	6:00 pm	Public Hearing
Tuesday, June 20, 2017	6:00 pm	Public Hearing

- B. THAT Council approve using the Thursday, June 22, 2017, Council - Reserve meeting date to allow for the rescheduling of the Court of Revision (Engineering) meeting from Tuesday, May 30, 2017, at 6:00 pm to Thursday, June 22, 2017, at 6:00 pm.

- C. THAT Council approve a change in the date and time of the Standing Committee on Policy and Strategic Priorities meeting from Wednesday, May 31, 2017, at 9:30 am to Tuesday, May 30, 2017, at 2:00 pm.

ADOPTED ON CONSENT (Vote No. 1825)

#### ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

1. **Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM) and Lower Mainland Local Government Association (LMLGA) Membership Fees for 2017 to 2018 February 17, 2017**

THAT grants to the following organizations for the 2017 to 2018 membership fees be approved; the source of funds from the 2017 Operating Budget:

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| (a) | Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM)         | \$ 88,099.19  |
| (b) | Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM)     | \$ 53,288.66  |
| (c) | Lower Mainland Local Government Association (LMLGA) | \$ 3,700.00 * |
- (\* approximate)

ADOPTED ON CONSENT AND  
BY THE REQUIRED MAJORITY (Vote No. 1826)

2. **Vancouver Community Sport Hosting Grants - Spring 2017 Intake March 16, 2017**

- A. THAT Council approve four (4) new Community Sport Hosting Grants totalling \$19,000 as outlined in the Administrative Report dated March 16, 2017, entitled "Vancouver Community Sport Hosting Grant - Spring 2017 Intake".
- B. THAT the grant be subject to each grant recipient agreeing to the terms and conditions of the community sport hosting grant program as generally outlined in the Administrative Report dated March 16, 2017, entitled "Vancouver Community Sport Hosting Grants - Spring 2017 Intake" and otherwise satisfactory to the Senior Manager, Sport Hosting and the City Solicitor.
- C. THAT the grants be funded from the 2017 Vancouver Community Sport Hosting Grant Program Budget.
- D. THAT no legal rights or obligations are created by the approval of the A through C above unless and until the grant agreement letter is executed and delivered by the grant recipient.

ADOPTED ON CONSENT AND  
A BY THE REQUIRED MAJORITY (Vote No. 1827)

**3. Canadian LGBTQ+ Politicians Summit - Travel Approval Request - June 2017  
February 24, 2017**

THAT Council authorize Councillor Tim Stevenson to attend the Canadian LGBTQ+ Politicians Summit from June 7-9, 2017, to be held in Ottawa, Ontario, with expenses estimated at \$2,015.00 to be funded from the 2017 Councillors Travel Budget.

ADOPTED ON CONSENT (Vote No. 1828)

**4. Canada's Drug Futures Forum - Travel Approval Request - April 2017  
March 9, 2017**

THAT Council authorize Councillor Kerry Jang to attend *Canada's Drug Futures Forum* from April 4-5, 2017, to be held in Ottawa, Ontario, with expenses estimated at \$1,825.00 to be funded from the 2017 Councillors Travel Budget.

ADOPTED ON CONSENT (Vote No. 1829)

**5. Approval of 2017-18 Business Improvement Area (BIA) Budgets  
February 28, 2017**

THAT Council approve the 2017-18 fiscal year BIA Budgets as described in the Administrative Report dated February 28, 2017, entitled "Approval of 2017-18 Business Improvement Area (BIA) Budgets", and approve grants to 22 BIAs totalling \$11,700,546, to be disbursed as outlined in Table 1, column A of the above-noted report; and

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

ADOPTED ON CONSENT (Vote No. 1830)

**6. 2655 Maple Street - Proposed Closure of Portions of Street to Accommodate  
Heritage Building Encroachments  
March 7, 2017**

A. THAT Council authorize the Director of Legal Services to apply and raise title in the name of the City of Vancouver to the portion of Maple Street and the portion of lane north of West 11th Avenue that contain the encroachments of the existing building at 2655 Maple Street (the "Road and Lane"), the said portions being shown on a reduced copy of a Reference Plan attached as Appendix A to the Administrative Report dated March 7, 2017, entitled "2655 Maple Street - Proposed Closure of Portions of Street to Accommodate Heritage Building Encroachments".

- B. THAT all those volumetric portions of Road and Lane included within the heavy outline and illustrated isometrically on a plan of survey, a reduced copy of which is attached as Appendix B to the Administrative Report dated March 7, 2017, entitled "2655 Maple Street - Proposed Closure of Portions of Street to Accommodate Heritage Building Encroachments", be closed, stopped-up and that an easement be granted to the owner of abutting [PID: 014-191-181] Lot 11 Block 365 District Lot 526 Plan 1949 ("Lot 11") to contain the portions of the existing building which encroach onto the Road and Lane, to the satisfaction of the Director of Legal Services.
- C. THAT the fees for the document preparation, registration and use of the easement referred to in B above are to be in accordance with those prescribed under the Encroachment By-law.
- D. THAT Council authorize the General Manager of Engineering Services to approve minor and inconsequential amendments to the dimensions of the Road and Lane and the volumetric easement following provision of legal survey plans and as-built surveys, prepared by a BC Land Surveyor.
- E. THAT the Director of Legal Services be authorized to execute all documents and plans required.

ADOPTED ON CONSENT (Vote No. 1831)

#### BY-LAWS

Councillor Meggs advised he had reviewed the proceedings with relation to By-law 9 and he would therefore be voting on its enactment

MOVED by Councillor Louie  
SECONDED by Councillor Carr

THAT Council, except for those members ineligible to vote as noted below, enact the by-laws listed on the agenda for this meeting as numbers 1 to 11 inclusive, and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign and seal the enacted by-laws.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

1. A By-law to Designate a Business Improvement Area in that Area of the City Known as Chinatown (By-law No. 11755)
2. A By-law to Grant Money for a Business Promotion Scheme in the Chinatown Business Improvement Area (By-law No. 11756)
3. A By-law to Designate a Business Improvement Area in that area of the City known as Strathcona (By-law No. 11757)



4. A By-law to Grant Money for a Business Promotion Scheme in the Strathcona Business Improvement Area (By-law No. 11758)
5. A By-law to Average Land Assessments for 2017 (By-law No. 11759)
6. A By-law to amend Noise Control By-law No. 6555 (2308 East 34<sup>th</sup> Avenue) (By-law No. 11760)
7. A By-law to amend Parking By-law No. 6059 with regard to CD-1 Districts Parking Requirements (2308 East 34<sup>th</sup> Avenue) (By-law No. 11761)
8. A By-law to amend Sign By-law 6510 (2308 East 34<sup>th</sup> Avenue) (By-law No. 11762)
9. A By-law to amend CD-1 By-law No. 10306 (970 Union Street) (By-law No. 11763)  
*Councillor De Genova ineligible for the vote*
10. A By-law to enact a Housing Agreement for 6505, 6507 and 6541 Main Street (By-law No. 11764)
11. A By-law to enact a Housing Agreement for 1755 West 14<sup>th</sup> Avenue (By-law No. 11765)

#### MOTIONS

##### A. Administrative Motions

##### 1. Approval of Form of Development - 288-388 West King Edward Avenue

MOVED by Councillor Jang  
SECONDED by Councillor Reimer

THAT the form of development for this portion of the site known as 288-388 West King Edward Avenue be approved generally as illustrated in the Development Application Number DP-2016-00167, prepared by Shift Architecture Inc., and stamped "Received, City of Vancouver", on November 10, 2016, provided that the Director of Planning may impose conditions and approve design changes which would not adversely affect either the development character of the site or adjacent properties.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**2. Approval of Form of Development - 970 Union Street**

MOVED by Councillor Jang  
SECONDED by Councillor Reimer

THAT the form of development for this portion of the site known as 970 Union Street be approved generally as illustrated in the Development Application Number DP-2016-00375, prepared by Joe Y. Wai Architect Inc., and stamped "Received, Community Services Group, Planning and Development Services", on December 14, 2016, provided that the Director of Planning may impose conditions and approve design changes which would not adversely affect either the development character of the site or adjacent properties.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**B. Motions on Notice**

**1. Requests for Leaves of Absence**

MOVED by Councillor Carr  
SECONDED by Councillor Jang

- A. THAT Councillor Stevenson be granted Leave of Absence for Civic Business for all meetings to be held on Tuesday, May 30, 2017, and on Wednesday, April 12, 2017.
- B. THAT Councillor Jang be granted Leave of Absence for Civic Business for any meetings to be held on Tuesday, April 4, 2017.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (Vote No. 1835)

**2. 150+ Place Naming Project**

The following motion contains an additional "Whereas (9.)" to the original Motion on Notice, which was accepted by the Council.

MOVED by Councillor Reimer  
SECONDED by Councillor Carr

WHEREAS

- 1. 2017 is the 150th anniversary of Confederation and under the banner of "150+" the City of Vancouver has committed to significantly advancing reconciliation this year;

2. The Indigenous place names on the land now occupied by Vancouver were all removed with the advent of colonization, effectively erasing the visible reality of thousands of years of continuous habitation of these lands and waters by the Musqueam, Squamish and Tsleil-Waututh people;
3. Other cities have worked to not only repatriate Indigenous place names but also to create Indigenous design guidelines such as the Te Aranga Principles used in Auckland, New Zealand;
4. There are many examples where cities have worked to repatriate Indigenous place names alongside colonial names, working to recognize shared histories and support deeper historical understanding;
5. Vancouver grew quickly and many streets and civic assets were named in a narrow window of time by early colonial governments resulting in an over-representation of the ruling class at the time, and leading to the erasure of the impact of women and intercultural communities in defining our city and marginalizing these histories from our everyday life;
6. Vital contributions to Vancouver have been made by individuals representing all ethnic heritages, religions and genders;
7. Women are particularly under-represented: despite being over 50% of the population, women are reflected on a fraction of street names and public assets, and many of those as a result of a family relationship to a prominent male relative;
8. There are a number of unnamed civic assets in Vancouver;
9. WHEREAS the Civic Asset Naming Committee was created at the direction of City Council in 2012 to respond to requests from staff for naming of new assets and has done significant work to increase diversity but is limited by both new naming opportunities and in some cases a lack of policy.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Vancouver embark on a special "150+ Place Naming Project" with the following specific goals:

- (a) Name currently unnamed civic assets to better reflect the great diversity of the individuals who have made significant contributions to Vancouver;
- (b) Re-establish Indigenous place names on sites of importance including landscape features and village sites;
- (c) Create Indigenous Design Guidelines to guide future place naming and built form that is sympathetic to the Indigenous context;
- (d) Determine the circumstances when, if ever, a street or public asset name can be replaced;

- (e) Establish a registry of all plaques, monuments and other commemorations on public land and seek a partner to maintain the registry going forward;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT staff work with the three First Nations, consult with stakeholders, and report back to Council with an action plan for the "150+ Place Naming Project" no later than December 20, 2017.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (Vote No. 1820)

### 3. Finding an Appropriate Location for Vancouver's 2017 4/20 Event

The following motion contains amendments to the original Motion on Notice, which were accepted by the Council.

MOVED by Councillor Carr

SECONDED by Councillor De Genova

#### WHEREAS

1. The Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms protects the fundamental rights of Canadians including freedom of speech and freedom of assembly, which requires the City of Vancouver to accommodate non-violent public protests such as the 4/20 event;
2. Timed for April 20 to coincide with similar events around the world, Vancouver's 4/20 event has been held annually since 1995 as a day-long public protest and rally calling for the legalization of cannabis;
3. The 4/20 event is the largest annual public protest event in Vancouver, with over 10,000 people from Vancouver and the surrounding region attending;
4. Vancouver's 4/20 event has historically been held at the Vancouver Art Gallery (VAG) but in 2016, due to the redevelopment of the VAG front lawns, was relocated to Sunset Beach Park;
5. The Vancouver Park Board decided on March 6, 2017, to deny a permit to the 4/20 event for Sunset Beach Park primarily because smoking is banned on all park lands in the city;
6. Vancouver's 4/20 event organizers are currently planning to hold their event at Sunset Beach Park in 2017 despite not being granted a permit, because another location has not been made available by the City of Vancouver;
7. Many residents of the West End have expressed their opposition to the 4/20 event at Sunset Beach due to the smoking and impact on air quality, noise, trash, and negative impacts on sensitive grassy park lands.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Vancouver City Council direct staff to consult with the 4/20 event organizers and the public to identify an appropriate non-residential-neighbourhood City site where Vancouver's 4/20 event could be held in future years.

referred

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

MOVED by Councillor Carr  
SECONDED by Councillor De Genova

THAT the motion be referred to the Standing Committee on Policy and Strategic and Priorities meeting to be held on Wednesday, March 29, 2017, at 9:30 am, in order to hear from speakers.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (Vote No. 1837)

## ENQUIRIES AND OTHER MATTERS

### 1. City's Logo

Councillor Affleck enquired as to the status of the new City Wordmark which was recently approved by Council, noting the Mayor had indicated he was planning to bring a motion to this meeting regarding that issue. The Mayor advised he intended to bring this matter forward again after consultation with members of the design community.

### 2. Use of Council Members' Twitter Accounts

Councillor Affleck enquired about the use of a personal Twitter account which identifies the user as a member of Council, and the use of that account to promote the career of a person to whom they have a close personal relationship, noting he felt it was a violation of the Code of Conduct.

Councillor Reimer rose on a Point of Order to note that the Code of Conduct lays out the procedure for making a complaint about a possible violation of the code. The Mayor advised Councillor Affleck to make his complaint via the appropriate channels.

### 3. Federal Budget

Councillor Louie provided an overview of recent achievements at the local government level in regard to federal funding investments resulting from asks at the FCM.

#### **4. Historical Discrimination Against People of Chinese Descent**

Councillor Louie provided an update on the first two meetings of the recently created external advisory group to investigate the past practices of the City of Vancouver in regard to persons of Chinese Descent, and noted they hope to have recommendations to Council in November of this year.

#### **5. Civic Press Library and Photo Archive**

Councillor Meggs noted the recent layoffs at Pacific Press and the Postmedia chain, including the last two librarians at the Civic Press Library. He requested the City Manager to enquire through the City Archives and Vancouver Public Library as to the possibility of securing those records as an important legacy of the city.

#### **6. Distribution at Lunar New Year Parade**

Councillor De Genova enquired with regard to the distribution of materials by an elected official at the Lunar New Year parade and whether materials distributed contained an item of a political nature, and if so, whether City funds were used to pay for the items. She also requested information regarding what is appropriate when Council members attend events in their capacity as a City representative.

#### **7. Passenger Zones and Drop-Off Times**

Councillor De Genova asked about the status of a previous enquiry regarding passenger drop-off zones, particularly in relation to daycares and medical centres, and the request to extend the three-minute drop-off time limit at certain locations.

The City Manager responded and noted that staff was looking into this matter.

#### **8. Character Home Zoning Review**

Councillor Carr enquired with regard to the recent presentation at Council on the Character Home Consultation Process, and asked staff to provide information as to the source of the data relating to the stated public support for new forms of housing in the single family zones, specifically related to the Character Home Zoning Review Process.

The City Manager noted staff would be reporting back to Council in approximately one month on this matter.

#### **9. Green Cities Conference in Australia**

Councillor Reimer gave an update on her recent attendance and presentations at the Green Cities Conference in Sydney and Melbourne Australia.

**ADJOURNMENT**

MOVED by Councillor Louie  
SECONDED by Councillor Jang

THAT the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Council adjourned at 3:48 pm.

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