



## REPORT TO COUNCIL

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

NOVEMBER 1, 2017

A Regular Meeting of the Standing Committee of Council on Policy and Strategic Priorities was held on Wednesday, November 1, 2017, 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 Hector Bremner\*  
Councillor Adriane Carr  
Councillor Melissa De Genova\*  
Councillor Heather Deal\*  
Councillor Kerry Jang  
Councillor Raymond Louie  
Councillor Tim Stevenson\*

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

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

\* Denotes absence for a portion of the meeting.

#### WELCOME

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

#### MATTERS ADOPTED ON CONSENT

MOVED by Councillor Louie

THAT items 3, 8, 9 and 10 be adopted on consent.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY  
(Councillors Ball, Deal and the Mayor absent for the vote)

1. Renewable City Strategy Update  
October 24, 2017

The General Manager and staff from Planning, Urban Design and Sustainability and Planning provided a presentation and, along with General Manager of Engineering Services, responded to questions.

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

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*At 11:37 am, it was*

*MOVED by Councillor Jang*

*THAT the meeting be extended to complete the business on the agenda.*

*CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AND  
BY THE REQUIRED MAJORITY*

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MOVED by Mayor Robertson  
THAT the Committee recommend to Council

- A. THAT Council approve the Renewable City Action Plan, as summarized in Appendix A of the Administrative Report dated October 24, 2017, entitled "Renewable City Strategy Update", and direct staff to begin its implementation.
- B. THAT staff report back in approximately five years (2022) with an overall review of the Renewable City Action Plan and annual progress updates concurrent with Greenest City Action Plan annual reporting.

carried

REFERRAL MOVED by Councillor Bremner

THAT Council refer the Renewable City Action Plan back to staff and ask staff to report back to Council within sixty days with an updated budget on implementation.

LOST (Vote No. 02289)  
(Councillors Carr, Deal, Jang, Louie, Reimer and the Mayor opposed)  
(Councillor Stevenson absent for the vote)

The Committee agreed to separate the vote on the original motion.

The referral motion having lost, the motion was put and CARRIED (Vote Nos. 02290 and 02291), with Councillors Affleck, Ball, Bremner and De Genova opposed to A and Councillor Stevenson absent for the vote.

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*The Committee recessed at 12:29 pm and reconvened at 1:54 pm.*

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**VARY AGENDA**

*MOVED by Councillor Louie*

*THAT the Committee vary the order of the agenda to deal with items 4 and 6 next.*

*CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AND  
BY THE REQUIRED MAJORITY*

*(Councillors Affleck, Stevenson and the Mayor absent for the vote)*

*Note: For clarity, the following agenda items are recorded in chronological order.*

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**4. Report Back on Energy Efficiency Updates to Vancouver's Building By-Law for Low-Rise Multi-family Residential Buildings  
October 23, 2017**

Planning, Urban Design and Sustainability staff responded to questions.

MOVED by Councillor Louie

THAT the Committee recommend to Council

- A. THAT the General Manager of Planning, Urban Design and Sustainability be instructed to make an application to amend the Zoning and Development By-law generally as presented in Appendix A of the Administrative Report dated October 23, 2017, entitled "Report Back on Energy Efficiency Updates to Vancouver's Building By-Law for Low-Rise Multi-family Residential Buildings", to amend Section 10.33 to update floor area exclusions for exterior wall thickness, and that the application be referred to a public hearing.
- B. THAT staff be directed to prepare and publish a bulletin clarifying upgrade options allowed under the Building By-law that provide flexibility for four to six storey multifamily residential.
- C. THAT staff be directed to recommend amendments to the Building By-law to provide greater flexibility in renovations of residential heritage or character buildings of three storeys or less; and to publish a guide for homeowners in consultation with the Vancouver Heritage Foundation.
- D. THAT the Director of Legal Services be instructed to prepare the necessary By-law amendments referred to in A above, generally in accordance with

Appendix A of the Administrative Report dated October 23, 2017, entitled "Report Back on Energy Efficiency Updates to Vancouver's Building By-Law for Low-Rise Multi-family Residential Buildings", for consideration at Public Hearing.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (Vote No. 02292)

**6. Water Conservation Program Update  
October 24, 2017**

MOVED by Councillor Carr

THAT the Committee recommend to Council

- A. THAT Council receive for information the progress update for the City's water conservation program and preliminary projection of Metro Vancouver storage supply limitations.
- B. THAT Council direct staff to continue with planned water conservation programs to increase water efficiency across all sectors through to 2020.
- C. THAT Council direct staff to broaden the water conservation program beyond drinking water efficiency to further emphasize planning for long-term water resilience and integrated water resource strategies that reduce potable water consumption through the expansion of non-potable water resources such as:
  - (1) rainwater harvest and reuse;
  - (2) grey/blackwater harvest and re-use; and
  - (3) groundwater resources, to meet non-potable water appropriate uses.
- D. THAT Council direct staff to review the current water metering policy and develop implementation options including impacts to cost, resources, and affordability following Metro Vancouver's report on a regional assessment of residential water metering.
- E. THAT Council direct staff to report back in 2019 with details on an expanded comprehensive water conservation plan.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (Vote No. 02293)

**11. Historical Discrimination Against Chinese People in Vancouver  
October 20, 2017**

At the Regular Council meeting on October 31, 2017, Vancouver City Council referred this matter to the Standing Committee on Policy and Strategic Priorities meeting on November 1, 2017, to hear from speakers, starting at 2 pm.

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

MOVED by Councillor Louie

THAT the Committee recommend to Council

- A. THAT Council adopt the attached "Preliminary Research on Historical Discrimination Against Chinese People in Vancouver" report which provides context and background for the initiative. (Appendix 1: "Preliminary Research on Historical Discrimination Against Chinese People in Vancouver" of the Administrative Report dated October 20, 2017, entitled "Historical Discrimination Against Chinese People in Vancouver").
- B. THAT Council adopt Recommendation #1 of the Historical Discrimination Against Chinese People (HDC) Advisory Group that requests a public acknowledgement and a formal apology for past legislation, regulations and policies of previous Vancouver City Councils that discriminated against residents of Chinese descent, (Appendix 2: "HDC Project Overview and Recommendations" of the Administrative Report dated October 20, 2017, entitled "Historical Discrimination Against Chinese People in Vancouver");

FURTHER THAT Council adopt the draft apology text (in English and Chinese) prepared by the HDC Advisory group as the basis for Council's public acknowledgement and apology subject to any changes that Council may request or subject to the final text being approved by the General Manager, Community Services (Appendix 3: "Draft Apology" of the above-noted report).

- C. THAT the apology in its Chinese version be delivered in a dialect that was spoken by early Chinese residents, as they were the ones most affected by these legislation, regulations and policies.
- D. THAT, pending Council's approval of B above, Council direct staff to organize an Acknowledgement and Apology event.
- E. THAT Council receive the Historical Discrimination Against Chinese People Advisory Group's Recommendation #2, including the twelve priority actions, and request a staff report back on the feasibility, scope, staffing and resource requirements in implementing the Recommendation and Priority Actions (Appendix 2: "HDC Project Overview and Recommendations" of the Administrative Report dated October 20, 2017, entitled "Historical Discrimination Against Chinese People in Vancouver").
- F. THAT Council offer thanks to members of the Historical Discrimination Against Chinese People Advisory Group for their significant and enduring contribution towards the initiative (Appendix 4: "HDC Advisory Group Members" of the Administrative Report dated October 20, 2017, entitled "Historical Discrimination Against Chinese People in Vancouver").
- G. THAT City Council endorse initiating a UNESCO Heritage Site application for Vancouver Chinatown and;

- write a letter to the Honourable Melanie Joly, Minister of Canadian Heritage, and Premier John Horgan requesting their support; and
  - write a letter to the Honourable Catherine McKenna, Minister of the Environment who is responsible for Parks Canada, requesting her permission to put Vancouver Chinatown into Parks Canada Tentative Heritage Site list as a late application.
- H. THAT City staff organize official apology events in April 2018, using the spoken Chinese dialect of Toishanese but ensuring that all written materials be translated into traditional and simplified Chinese script.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (Vote No. 02294)

**12. Report Back on Seniors Centre in South Vancouver / Sunset Area  
October 3, 2017**

At the Regular Council meeting on October 31, 2017, Vancouver City Council referred this matter to the Standing Committee on Policy and Strategic Priorities meeting on November 1, 2017, to hear from speakers after the conclusion of item 11.

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

Real Estate and Facilities Management staff responded to questions.

MOVED by Councillor Louie

THAT the Committee recommend to Council

- A. THAT Council support the development and construction of a Seniors' Centre of at least 10,000 square feet to be located adjacent to the existing Sunset Community Centre.
- B. THAT Council direct staff to pursue funding opportunities to cost-share the Sunset Seniors Centre project, currently estimated to cost up to \$10 million, with the Federal and Provincial governments, and report back to Council.

amended

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*The Committee recessed at 4:38 pm and reconvened at 4:45 pm.*

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AMENDMENT MOVED by Councillor De Genova

THAT the following be added as C:

- C. THAT Council direct staff to form an advisory group for the Sunset Seniors Centre Project, including representatives from the Vancouver Park Board, the Sunset Community Centre Association and the Seniors Advisory Committee.

amended

AMENDMENT TO THE AMENDMENT MOVED by Councillor Carr

THAT the words "an advisory group" be struck and replaced with "a building committee".

CARRIED (Vote No. 02295)  
(Councillors Jang and Stevenson opposed)

AMENDMENT TO THE AMENDMENT MOVED by Councillor Louie

THAT the following be added at the end:

Persons with Disabilities Advisory Committee and LGBTQ2+ Advisory Committee.

CARRIED (Vote No. 02296)  
(Councillors Carr and Jang opposed)

The amendments to the amendment having carried, the amendment as amended was put and CARRIED with Councillors Jang and Stevenson opposed (Vote No. 02297).

The amendments having carried, the motion as amended was put and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (Vote No. 02298).

FINAL MOTION AS ADOPTED

- A. THAT Council support development and the construction of a Seniors' Centre of at least 10,000 square feet to be located adjacent to the existing Sunset Community Centre.
- B. THAT Council direct staff to pursue funding opportunities to cost-share the Sunset Seniors Centre project, currently estimated to cost up to \$10 million, with the Federal and Provincial governments and report back to Council.
- C. THAT Council direct staff to form a building committee for the Sunset Seniors Centre Project, including representatives from the Vancouver Park Board, the Sunset Community Centre Association, Seniors Advisory Committee, Persons with Disabilities Advisory Committee and LGBTQ2+ Advisory Committee.

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**VARY AGENDA**

*MOVED by Councillor Deal*

*THAT the Committee vary the order of the agenda to deal with item 7 next.*

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AND  
BY THE REQUIRED MAJORITY**  
*(Councillor Bremner absent for the vote)*

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**7. 2017 Q3 Capital Budget Adjustments and Closeouts  
October 18, 2017**

MOVED by Councillor Deal  
THAT the Committee recommend to Council

- A. THAT Council approve an increase of \$5.8 million to the 2015-2018 Capital Plan, as outlined in Appendix A of the Administrative Report dated October 18, 2017, entitled "2017 Q3 Capital Budget Adjustments and Closeouts".
- B. THAT, subject to approval of A above, Council approve budget and funding adjustments totaling a net increase of \$6.4 million to the Multi-Year Capital Projects Budget
- C. THAT, subject to approval of A and B above, Council approve a net decrease of \$37.1 million to the 2017 Capital Expenditure Budget, as outlined in Appendix A of the Administrative Report dated October 18, 2017, entitled "2017 Q3 Capital Budget Adjustments and Closeouts".
- D. THAT, as part of the quarterly Capital Budget closeout process, Council approve the closeout of seven completed capital projects with variances exceeding both \$50,000 and 15% of the approved Multi-Year Capital Projects Budget as outlined in Appendix B of the Administrative Report dated October 18, 2017, entitled "2017 Q3 Capital Budget Adjustments and Closeouts".

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (Vote No. 02299)

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*The Committee recessed at 5:25 pm and reconvened at 5:54 pm.*

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## 2. Zero Carbon Fleets Update

The General Manager and staff from Engineering Services presented on this matter and responded to questions.

## 3. Removing Regulatory Barriers to Passive House Buildings October 2, 2017

THAT the Committee recommend to Council

- A. THAT the General Manager of Planning, Urban Design and Sustainability be instructed to make application to amend the Zoning and Development By-law to allow for relaxations to floor area, height, rear yard, and building depth requirements for buildings that meet the Passive House standard and achieve certification, as set out in Appendix A of the Administrative Report dated October 2, 2017, entitled "Removing Regulatory Barriers to Passive House Buildings", and that the application be referred to Public Hearing;

FURTHER THAT the Director of Legal Services be instructed to prepare the necessary amendments to the by-law, generally in accordance with Appendix A of the above-noted report, for consideration at Public Hearing.

- B. THAT Vancouver's Building By-law be amended to alter requirements for solar shades, to take effect March 1, 2018;

FURTHER THAT the Director of Legal Services be instructed to bring forward, at the time of enactment of the amendments to the Zoning and Development By-law, the amendment to Vancouver's Building By-law, generally in accordance with Appendix B of the Administrative Report dated October 2, 2017, entitled "Removing Regulatory Barriers to Passive House Buildings".

- C. THAT the Encroachment By-law be amended to alter requirements for solar shades, generally in accordance with Appendix C of the Administrative Report dated October 2, 2017, entitled "Removing Regulatory Barriers to Passive House Buildings", to take effect March 1, 2018;

FURTHER THAT the Director of Legal Services be instructed to bring forward, at the time of enactment of the amendments to the Zoning and Development By-law, the amendment to the Encroachment By-law, generally in accordance with Appendix C of the above-noted report.

- D. THAT, subject to approval of the amendments to the Zoning and Development By-law in A above, the General Manager of Planning, Urban Design and Sustainability be instructed to bring forward for Council's adoption, at the time of enactment of the by-law amendments, the "Passive House - Guidelines for Larger Projects" generally as set out in Appendix D of the Administrative Report dated October 2, 2017, entitled "Removing Regulatory Barriers to Passive House Buildings", and the "Passive House - Guidelines for Residences in

RS Districts", generally as set out in Appendix E of the Administrative Report dated October 2, 2017, entitled "Removing Regulatory Barriers to Passive House Buildings".

ADOPTED ON CONSENT (Vote No. 02301)  
(Councillors Ball, Deal and the Mayor absent for the vote)

**5. Rain City Strategy - A Green Infrastructure and Urban Rainwater Management Initiative  
October 13, 2017**

Engineering Services staff provided a presentation and responded to questions.

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

MOVED by Councillor Reimer  
THAT the Committee recommend to Council

THAT Council amend the vision and goals of Vancouver's Integrated Rainwater Management Plan and Green Infrastructure Strategy, as described in the Administrative Report dated October 13, 2017, entitled "Rain City Strategy - A Green Infrastructure and Urban Rainwater Management Initiative".

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (Vote No. 02300)  
(Councillor De Genova absent for the vote)

**8. 2017 Electrical By-law Housekeeping Amendments  
October 24, 2017**

THAT the Committee recommend to Council

THAT Council adopt, in principle, the proposed amendments to the Electrical By-law presented in Appendix A of the Administrative Report dated October 24, 2017, entitled "2017 Electrical By-law Housekeeping Amendments";

FURTHER THAT the Director of Legal Services be instructed to bring forward for enactment a by-law to amend the Electrical By-law in accordance with the above.

ADOPTED ON CONSENT (Vote No. 02302)  
(Councillors Ball, Deal and the Mayor absent for the vote)

**9. Miscellaneous Building By-law Housekeeping and Residential Safety Improvements  
October 24, 2017**

THAT the Committee recommend to Council

- A. THAT Council approve in principle the adoption of Revisions 10 and 11 to the 2012 British Columbia Building Code, being Ministerial Orders M066 and M158 as amendments to the Building By-law, with the necessary modifications to incorporate those revisions with the "Unique to Vancouver" provisions in the Building By-law as attached in Appendix A of the Administrative Report dated October 24, 2017, entitled, "Miscellaneous Building By-law Housekeeping and Residential Safety Improvements".
- B. THAT Council instruct the Director of Legal Services to bring forward the necessary by-law amendments for enactment by Council, generally in accordance with A above.

ADOPTED ON CONSENT (Vote No. 02303)  
(Councillors Ball, Deal and the Mayor absent for the vote)

**10. Contract Award for Supply of Group Benefits Administration Services  
October 23, 2017**

THAT the Committee recommend to Council

- A. THAT Council authorize City staff to negotiate to the satisfaction of the City's Chief Human Resources Officer, City's Director of Legal Services, and the City's Chief Purchasing Official and enter into three separate contracts with Green Shield Canada, Sun Life Financial and SSQ Financial Group for Group Benefits Administration Services, each for a term of five (5) years with an option to extend for five (5) additional one (1) year terms, with a total estimated contract value (based on projected claims for a five year period (Y2018 through Y2022) of \$14,774,557, plus applicable taxes, to be funded through the approved Salary and Benefits Budget.

List of Contracts: (Estimated amounts for the contract terms, based on projected claims, are shown):

Contract No. 1: Green Shield Canada ("Green Shield") - Claims Administration for Extended Health and Dental Benefits - \$7,203,174;

Contract No. 2: Sun Life Financial Inc. ("Sun Life Financial") - Life Insurance - \$6,955,435; and

Contract No. 3: SSQ Life Insurance Company Inc. ("SSQ Financial Group") - Critical Illness Insurance - \$615,948.

- B. THAT the Director of Legal Services, Chief Purchasing Official and Chief Human Resources Officer be authorized to execute on behalf of the City the contracts contemplated by A above.
  
- C. THAT no legal rights or obligations will be created by Council's adoption of A and B above unless and until such contract is executed by the authorized signatories of the City.

ADOPTED ON CONSENT (Vote No. 02304)  
(Councillors Ball, Deal and the Mayor absent for the vote)

The Committee adjourned at 7:05 pm.

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

NOVEMBER 1, 2017

A Regular Meeting of the Council of the City of Vancouver was held on Wednesday, November 1, 2017, at 7:06 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.

**PRESENT:** Mayor Gregor Robertson  
Councillor George Affleck  
Councillor Elizabeth Ball  
Councillor Hector Bremner  
Councillor Adriane Carr  
Councillor Heather Deal  
Councillor Kerry Jang  
Councillor Raymond Louie  
Councillor Andrea Reimer  
Councillor Tim Stevenson

**ABSENT:** Councillor Melissa De Genova

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

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Report of Standing Committee on City Finance and Services  
November 1, 2017

Council considered the report containing the recommendations and actions taken by the Standing Committee on City Finance and Services. Its items of business included:

1. Renewable City Strategy Update
2. Zero Carbon Fleets Update
3. Removing Regulatory Barriers to Passive House Buildings
4. Report Back on Energy Efficiency Updates to Vancouver's Building By-Law for Low-Rise Multi-family Residential Buildings
5. Rain City Strategy - A Green Infrastructure and Urban Rainwater Management Initiative
6. Water Conservation Program Update
7. 2017 Q3 Capital Budget Adjustments and Closeouts
8. 2017 Electrical By-law Housekeeping Amendments
9. Miscellaneous Building By-law Housekeeping and Residential Safety Improvements
10. Contract Award for Supply of Group Benefits Administration Services

11. Historical Discrimination Against Chinese People in Vancouver
12. Report Back on Seniors Centre in South Vancouver/Sunset Area

Items 1 to 12

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 November 1, 2017, as contained in items 1 to 12, be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

#### ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Councillor Deal  
SECONDED by Councillor Jang

THAT the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Council adjourned at 7:06 pm.

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