



REPORT TO COUNCIL

STANDING COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL ON CITY FINANCE AND SERVICES

NOVEMBER 15, 2017

A Regular Meeting of the Standing Committee of Council on City Finance and Services was held on Wednesday, November 15, 2017, at 9:34 am, in the Council Chamber, Third Floor, City Hall.

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

CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE: Sadhu Johnston, City Manager

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE: Katrina Leckovic, Deputy City Clerk
Tina Hildebrandt, Meeting Coordinator

* Denotes absence for a portion of the meeting.

WELCOME

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

1. Update from the Director of Transportation - November 2017 November 7, 2017

The Director of Transportation provided an update on ongoing major transportation projects and, along with the City Manager, General Manager of Engineering Services, and staff from the Transportation Planning Branch, responded to questions.

The Committee received the report for information.

2. 2017 Active Transportation Planning Updates October 31, 2017

Staff from the Transportation Planning Branch provided an update on transportation planning, including development of a Pedestrian Spot Improvement Program and the 5-year Cycling Network Additions and, along with the General Manager of Engineering Services and the Director of Transportation, responded to questions.

The Committee received the report for information.

**3. Update on Vancouver Public Bike Share Program
November 2, 2017**

Staff from the Public Bike Share Branch provided an update on the public bike share program, including background and ridership and, along with the General Manager of Engineering Services, responded to questions.

At 11:52 am it was

MOVED by Councillor Louie

THAT the meeting be extended to complete Item 3.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Committee heard from one speaker in support of extending the public bike share program.

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The Committee recessed at 11:57 am and reconvened at 12:48 pm.

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The Committee agreed to separate the components of the motion for the vote.

MOVED by Mayor Robertson

THAT the Committee recommend to Council

- A. THAT Council receive the Administrative Report dated November 2, 2017, entitled "Update on Vancouver Public Bike Share Program", for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (Vote No. 02350)

- B. THAT Council direct staff to prepare by-law amendments to allow for Public Bike Share City-wide.
- C. THAT Council refer the Administrative Report dated November 2, 2017, entitled "Update on Vancouver Public Bike Share Program", to the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation for information.

CARRIED (Vote No. 02351)

(Councillors Affleck, Ball, Bremner and De Genova opposed)

**4. Minor Amendments to the Street and Traffic By-law 2849 and Skateboards in
Protected Bike Lanes
October 31, 2017**

Staff from the Traffic and Data Management Branch provided an update on the use of skates, skateboards and push-scooters in protected bike lanes and, along with the Director of Transportation, responded to questions.

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

MOVED by Mayor Robertson
THAT the Committee recommend to Council

- A. THAT Council approve the use of skates, skateboards, and push-scooters in protected bike lanes on a permanent basis.
- B. THAT Council approve, in principle, changes to the Street and Traffic By-law No. 2849 as set out in Appendix A of the Administrative Report dated October 31, 2017, entitled “Minor Amendments to the Street and Traffic By-law 2849 and Skateboards in Protected Bike Lanes”.
- C. THAT Council authorize the Director of Legal Services to prepare and bring forward for enactment amendments to the Street and Traffic By-law No. 2849 as generally set out in Appendix A of the Administrative Report dated October 31, 2017, entitled “Minor Amendments to the Street and Traffic By-law 2849 and Skateboards in Protected Bike Lanes”.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (Vote No. 02352)

**5. Low-Carbon Energy Systems Policy and NEU Connectivity Requirements
November 2, 2017**

Staff from the Sustainability Group provided an overview of the report, including background on the Zero Emissions Building Plan and an update on Low-Carbon Energy System policy, and responded to questions.

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

MOVED by Councillor Reimer
THAT the Committee recommend to Council

- A. THAT Council approve the Low-Carbon Energy Systems Policy attached as Appendix A to the Policy Report dated November 2, 2017, entitled “Low-Carbon Energy Systems Policy and NEU Connectivity Requirements”, that defines a low-carbon energy system (“LCES”) and establishes criteria for use in City policies and by-laws, including:
 - i. City-owned LCES, as described in section 5.0 of the proposed Policy;
 - ii. Utility-owned LCES, as described in section 6.0 of the proposed Policy;
 - iii. User-owned LCES, as described in section 7.0 of the proposed Policy;
and
 - iv. Existing utility-owned district energy systems, as described in section 8.0 of the proposed Policy.
- B. THAT Council direct staff to review the outcomes of the Low-Carbon Energy Systems Policy at regular intervals, and report back to Council within two years with any recommendations for changes.
- C. THAT Council approve amendments to City policies attached as Appendix B to the Policy Report dated November 2, 2017, entitled “Low-Carbon Energy Systems Policy and NEU Connectivity Requirements”, effective immediately, to

remove mandatory district energy connectivity requirements from new rezoning and development applications received after the amended policies take effect, except for:

- i. Buildings in, or immediately adjacent to, areas that are served by a City-owned LCES and subject to the City's Energy Utility System By-law No. 9552;
 - ii. Buildings in, or immediately adjacent to, areas under active study by the City for expansion of City-owned LCES's, those areas currently being Northeast False Creek, Mount Pleasant, and False Creek Flats (as indicated in the map in Appendix C of the Policy Report dated November 2, 2017, entitled "Low-Carbon Energy Systems Policy and NEU Connectivity Requirements"); and
 - iii. Buildings within the East Fraser Lands (River District) Official Development Plan, which is currently being updated by the City.
- D. THAT Council direct staff to give rezoning and development applications already received the option to proceed under the amended policies attached in Appendix B of the Policy Report dated November 2, 2017, entitled "Low-Carbon Energy Systems Policy and NEU Connectivity Requirements", if the developer can demonstrate, to the satisfaction of the Director of Planning, that the development will achieve a greenhouse gas outcome equivalent to connecting to a low-carbon energy system.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (Vote No. 02353)

6. Transparency in Financial Disclosure by Members of Council

At the Regular Council meeting on November 14, 2017, Vancouver City Council referred this matter to the Standing Committee on City Finance and Services meeting on November 15, 2017, in order to hear from speakers.

At 2:40 pm, Councillors Affleck, Ball, Bremner and De Genova rose and declared Conflict of Interest on Item 6 due to private business interests. They left the Council Chamber and did not return until conclusion of this item at 3:08 pm.

MOVED by Councillor Reimer
THAT the Committee recommend to Council

WHEREAS

1. The public has an increasing interest in greater transparency in government and the City of Vancouver has been at the forefront of efforts to increase access to information, including establishing the first open data policy for a major city in Canada;
2. The financial interests of members of Council are currently disclosed under the provincial Financial Disclosure Act;
3. The province of British Columbia states on the government website that "The intent of the Financial Disclosure Act is to identify what areas of influence and possible financial benefit an elected official, nominee or designated employee

might have by virtue of their office, and to ensure the public has reasonable access to the information.”;

4. On a number of occasions some Councillors have referenced employment relationships or declared conflicts with corporate entities not listed on their Statement of Financial Disclosure;
5. Recently a Councillor stated they would donate 100% of their publicly funded salary to charity indicating they receive substantial personal financial benefit from private interests but the exact interests are unclear due to the nature of their external employment;
6. These undisclosed conflicts appear to exist as a result of Councillors who work as lobbyists or government and public relation consultants on behalf of other corporate interests.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council request staff to provide a mechanism for members of the public to have access to information on potential conflicts of interest for members of Council who list as sources of income public relations firms, government relations firms, consultancies, holding companies of other entities which obscure pecuniary interest.

referred

REFERRAL MOVED by Councillor Louie

THAT Council, prior to consideration of the motion entitled “Transparency in Financial Disclosure by Members of Council”, refer this matter to staff for legal advice related to appropriate occasions for Council members to declare conflict of interest.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (Vote No. 02354)
(Councillor Jang absent for the vote)
(Councillors Affleck, Ball, Bremner and De Genova absent for the vote due to Conflict of Interest)

The Committee adjourned at 3:08 pm.

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**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
STANDING COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL ON
CITY FINANCE AND SERVICES**

NOVEMBER 15, 2017

A Regular Meeting of the Council of the City of Vancouver was held on Wednesday, November 15, 2017, at 3:08 pm, in the Council Chamber, Third Floor, City Hall, following the Standing Committee on City Finance and Services 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 Melissa De Genova
Councillor Heather Deal
Councillor Raymond Louie
Councillor Andrea Reimer
Councillor Tim Stevenson

ABSENT: Councillor Kerry Jang

CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE: Sadhu Johnston, City Manager

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE: Katrina Leckovic, Deputy City Clerk
Tina Hildebrandt, Meeting Coordinator

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Report of Standing Committee on City Finance and Services
November 15, 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. Update from the Director of Transportation - November 2017
2. 2017 Active Transportation Planning Updates
3. Update on Vancouver Public Bike Share Program
4. Minor Amendments to the Street and Traffic By-law 2849 and Skateboards in Protected Bike Lanes
5. Low-Carbon Energy Systems Policy and NEU Connectivity Requirements
6. Transparency in Financial Disclosure by Members of Council

Items 1 to 6

MOVED by Councillor Deal
SECONDED by Councillor Louie

THAT the recommendations and actions taken by the Standing Committee on City Finance and Services at its meeting of November 15, 2017, as contained in items 1 to 6, be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Councillor Deal
SECONDED by Councillor Carr

THAT the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Council adjourned at 3:10 pm.

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