

## **REPORT TO COUNCIL**

#### STANDING COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL ON CITY FINANCE AND SERVICES

#### **SEPTEMBER 19, 2018**

A Regular Meeting of the Standing Committee of Council on City Finance and Services was held on Wednesday, September 19, 2018, at 9:36 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 Raymond Louie* Councillor Andrea Reimer Councillor Tim Stevenson*, Vice-Chair
ABSENT:	Councillor Kerry Jang (Medical Leave)
CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE:	Sadhu Johnston, City Manager Paul Mochrie, Deputy City Manager
CITY CLERK'S OFFICE:	Katrina Leckovic, City Clerk Tina Hildebrandt, Meeting Coordinator

\* Denotes absence for a portion of the meeting.

#### WELCOME

The Chair acknowledged we are on the unceded homelands of the Musqueam, Squamish, and Tsleil-Waututh Nations and we give thanks for their generosity and hospitality on these lands.

#### 1. Amendments to Vacancy Tax By-law No. 11674 August 31, 2018

The General Manager of Finance, Risk and Supply Chain Management, along with staff from Financial Services and Housing Policy, responded to questions.

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

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MOVED by Councillor Louie

THAT the Committee recommend to Council

THAT Council approve the amendments to the Vacancy Tax By-law as described in the Administrative Report dated August 31, 2018, entitled "Amendments to Vacancy Tax By-law No. 11674", and instruct the Director of Legal Services to bring forward for enactment a by-law to amend the Vacancy Tax By-law generally as set out in Appendix A of the above-noted Administrative Report.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (Vote No. 03333) (Councillor Louie absent for the vote)

## 2. Contract Award for the Supply and Delivery of Pipe and Fittings August 20, 2018

The Committee heard from one speaker who provided general comments related to the report.

MOVED by Councillor Reimer THAT the Committee recommend to Council

A. THAT Council authorize City staff to negotiate to the satisfaction of the General Manager of Engineering Services, the Director of Legal Services and the Chief Procurement Officer, and enter into a contract with Flocor Inc., for the supply and delivery of pipe and fittings, for a term of up to a total of seven years, with an initial five year term and options to extend for two additional one year terms, for an estimated contract value of \$7,063,714, plus applicable taxes over the initial three years of the contract, subject to approved available funding;

FURTHER THAT the Director of Legal Services, Chief Procurement Officer and General Manager of Engineering Services be authorized to execute on behalf of the City the contract contemplated by A above.

B. THAT no legal rights or obligations will be created by Council's adoption of A above unless and until such contract is executed by the authorized signatories of the City as set out in A above.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (Vote No. 03334) (Councillor De Genova and Mayor Robertson absent for the vote)

### 3. Contract Award for Roddan Lodge Construction August 21, 2018

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

MOVED by Councillor Stevenson

THAT the Committee recommend to Council

A. THAT Council authorize City staff to enter into a contract with Smith Bros. & Wilson (B.C.) Ltd. for the construction of the new Roddan Lodge social housing facility

located at 124 Dunlevy Avenue for an estimated term of approximately 2.5 years with an estimated contract value of \$44,836,761.00, plus GST over the term.

- B. THAT, subject to approval of A above, Council approve additional project funding of \$6.7 million; source of funding to be \$5.4 million debenture from 2015-2018 Capital Plan, \$0.4 million Community Facilities debenture from Citywide unallocated closeout surplus and \$0.9 million from Capital Facilities Reserve; and that Council approve \$1.3 million (\$0.4 million from Citywide unallocated closeout surplus and \$0.9 million from Capital Facilities reserve) increase to the 2015-2018 Capital Plan and to the Multi-Year Capital Project Budget. 2018 expenditures will be managed within the overall approved 2018 Annual Capital Expenditure Budget.
- C. THAT the Director of Legal Services, Chief Procurement Officer and General Manager of Real Estate and Facilities Management be authorized to execute on behalf of the City the contract contemplated by A above.
- D. THAT no legal rights or obligations will be created by Council's adoption of A above unless and until such contract is executed by the authorized signatories of the City as set out in A, B and C above.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (Vote No. 03335) (Mayor Robertson absent for the vote)

### 4. Contract Award for Fire Hall 17 Construction August 21, 2018

The General Manager of Finance, Risk and Supply Chain Management responded to questions.

The registered speaker waived his request to speak.

MOVED by Councillor De Genova THAT the Committee recommend to Council

- A. THAT Council authorize City staff to enter into a contract with D.G.S. Construction Company Ltd., for the construction of Fire Hall 17, for an estimated term of approximately two years with an estimated contract value of \$17,780,952.38 plus GST over the term of the contract.
- B. THAT, subject to approval of A above, Council approve additional project funding of \$4.8 million; source of funding is the Capital Facility Reserve; and that Council approve a \$4.8 million increase to the 2015-2018 Capital Plan and to the Multi-Year Capital Budget. Expenditures will be managed within the overall approved 2018 Annual Capital Expenditure Budget;

FURTHER THAT the Director of Legal Services, Chief Procurement Officer and General Manager of Real Estate and Facilities Management 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 as set out in A and B above.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (Vote No. 03336) (Mayor Robertson absent for the vote)

## 5. Proposed Amendment to Subdivision By-law 5208 – Reclassification of 728 to 888 West 48th Avenue and 6426 Fremlin Street August 16, 2018

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

MOVED by Councillor Reimer THAT the Committee recommend to Council

THAT Council approve the application to reclassify the properties at 728 to 888 West 48th Avenue and 6426 Fremlin Street, from Category D to Category A of Schedule A, Table 1, of Subdivision By-law No. 5208;

FURTHER THAT the Director of Legal Services be instructed to prepare the necessary by-law to amend the Subdivision By-law implementing the required change.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (Vote No. 03337) (Councillor Louie and Mayor Robertson absent for the vote)

## 6. Vancouver Heritage Foundation – Approval of Revised Constitution and Bylaws August 24, 2018

The registered speaker waived his request to speak.

MOVED by Councillor Bremner

THAT the Committee recommend to Council

THAT the Mayor and the City Councillors, in their capacity as the Honorary Members of The City of Vancouver Heritage Conservation Foundation, now known as the Vancouver Heritage Foundation ("VHF"), pass the written resolution attached as Appendix 1 to the Administrative Report dated August 24, 2018, entitled "Vancouver Heritage Foundation – Approval of Revised Constitution and Bylaws".

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (Vote No. 03338) (Councillors Carr, Louie and Mayor Robertson absent for vote)

## 7. Enactment Report: 650 West 41st Avenue (Oakridge Centre) August 27, 2018

Staff from the Park Board responded to questions.

The registered speaker waived his request to speak.

MOVED by Councillor Bremner THAT the Committee recommend to Council

THAT the conditions of by-law enactment as set out in the Public Hearing Minutes dated March 10, 11 and 14, 2014, be amended as set out in Appendix B of the Administrative Report dated August 27, 2018, entitled "Enactment Report: 650 West 41st Avenue (Oakridge Centre)".

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (Vote No. 03339) (Councillor Stevenson and Mayor Robertson absent for the vote)

#### 8. Theatre Rental Grants Supplemental Assistance for Fall 2018 and Spring 2019 and One-time Grant to Vancouver Symphony Orchestra to Support 100th Anniversary Programming August 21, 2018

The registered speaker for this item was not present.

MOVED by Councillor Louie

THAT the Committee recommend to Council

- A. THAT Council approve Theatre Rental Grants one-time supplemental assistance to seven organizations totalling \$22,458 as listed in Appendix A of the Administrative Report dated August 21, 2018, entitled "Theatre Rental Grants Supplemental Assistance for Fall 2018 and Spring 2019 and One-time Grant to Vancouver Symphony Orchestra to Support 100th Anniversary Programming", for use of the Civic Theatres from September 1 to December 31, 2018, and hereby deems the organizations to be contributing to the culture of the City; source of funds is the Theatre Rental Grants portion of the 2018 Cultural Grants budget.
- B. THAT Council approve, in advance of the 2019 Operating Budget, 2019 Theatre Rental Grants one-time supplemental assistance to six organizations totalling \$31,249 as listed in Appendix B of the Administrative Report dated August 21, 2018, entitled "Theatre Rental Grants Supplemental Assistance for Fall 2018 and Spring 2019 and One-time Grant to Vancouver Symphony Orchestra to Support 100th Anniversary Programming", for use of the Civic Theatres from January 1 to August 31, 2019, and hereby deems the organizations to be contributing to the culture of the City; source of funds is the Theatre Rental Grants portion of the 2019 Cultural Grants budget.

C. THAT Council approve a one-time grant to the Vancouver Symphony Society totalling \$150,000 for use of the Civic Theatres to support the 100th Anniversary celebration programming; source of funding is the City's 2018 Council contingency budget.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AND BY THE REQUIRED MAJORITY (Vote No. 03340) (Mayor Robertson absent for the vote)

## 9. Making Room for Families: Innovative Solutions to Help Provide the Most Affordable Family Housing in the city of Vancouver

The registered speaker for this item was not present.

MOVED by Councillor De Genova THAT the Committee recommend to Council

### WHEREAS:

- The Vancouver Housing Strategy proposes a 10-year housing strategy on the City of Vancouver website and sets priorities of the policy to include: building more affordable housing, addressing and limiting the over-inflated cost of land that is driving up housing prices, ensuring the right types of homes are built – homes our residents need and can afford, protecting and renewing existing affordable rental housing across Vancouver, providing housing and support for our most vulnerable residents, streamlining City processes for faster housing development;
- 2. The City of Vancouver website states that Vancouver should be a place where "Neighbourhoods are full of families, young people can afford to buy a home and People of all incomes and backgrounds can participate in their communities";
- 3. There are several models utilized internationally for Affordable Home Ownership that may not require a change to the *Vancouver Charter*,
- 4. Council unanimously supported a motion put forward in 2015 by Councillor De Genova for Affordable Home Ownership. From this motion, the Chief Housing Officer proposed policy also unanimously supported by Council, titled "Affordable Homeownership Pilot Program", that is said to require an amendment to the *Vancouver Charter* to proceed';
- 5. Inboard and borrowed light bedrooms may allow architects and developers to provide creative and innovative solutions to technical design requirements and build more bedrooms and family housing. The City of Vancouver currently does not recognize inboard or borrowed light bedrooms in approved design guidelines.

# THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

- A. THAT Council direct staff to explore possible ways within the *Vancouver Charter* to move forward with a program similar to the Affordable Home Ownership Pilot Program proposed by the City of Vancouver.
- B. THAT Council direct staff to implement a pilot program to implement inboard and borrowed light bedrooms to create more affordable housing, with more bedrooms that is suitable for families.
- C. THAT Council direct staff to expedite permits for housing that provides the most affordable family housing options.

referred

REFERRAL MOVED by Councillor Louie THAT the Committee recommend to Council

THAT Council refer the Motion entitled "Making Room for Families: Innovative Solutions to Help Provide the Most Affordable Family Housing in the city of Vancouver", to staff for incorporation in the report back on housing initiatives in January 2019.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (Vote No. 03341) (Councillor Stevenson abstained from the vote) (Section 145.1 of the Vancouver Charter states "Where a member present at a meeting abstains from voting, they are deemed to have voted in the affirmative".)

The Committee adjourned at 11:18 am.

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

#### **SEPTEMBER 19, 2018**

A Regular Meeting of the Council of the City of Vancouver was held on Wednesday, September 19, 2018, at 11:19 am, 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. Subsequently, the Council meeting reconvened at 5:08 pm.

PRESENT:	Mayor Gregor Robertson Councillor George Affleck Councillor Elizabeth Ball Councillor Hector Bremner Councillor Adriane Carr Councillor Melissa De Genova Councillor Heather Deal Councillor Kerry Jang* (Medical Leave) Councillor Raymond Louie Councillor Andrea Reimer Councillor Tim Stevenson
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## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Report of Standing Committee on City Finance and Services Wednesday, September 19, 2018

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. Amendments to Vacancy Tax By-law No. 11674
- 2. Contract Award for the Supply and Delivery of Pipe and Fittings
- 3. Contract Award for Roddan Lodge Construction
- 4. Contract Award for Fire Hall 17 Construction
- 5. Proposed Amendment to Subdivision By-law 5208 Reclassification of 728 to 888 West 48th Avenue and 6426 Fremlin Street
- 6. Vancouver Heritage Foundation Approval of Revised Constitution and Bylaws
- 7. Enactment Report: 650 West 41st Avenue (Oakridge Centre)
- 8. Theatre Rental Grants Supplemental Assistance for Fall 2018 and Spring 2019 and One-time Grant to Vancouver Symphony Orchestra to support 100th Anniversary Programming
- 9. Making Room for Families: Innovative Solutions to Help Provide the Most Affordable Family Housing in the City of Vancouver

Items 1 to 9

MOVED by Councillor Deal SECONDED by Councillor Stevenson

THAT the recommendations and actions taken by the Standing Committee on City Finance and Services at its meeting of September 19, 2018, as contained in items 1 to 9, be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AND ITEM 8 BY THE REQUIRED MAJORITY (Councillor Jang absent for the vote on Medical Leave)

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS

On September 18, 2018, Vancouver City Council referred the following items to the Regular Council meeting immediately following the Standing Committee on City Finance and Services on September 19, 2018, as Unfinished Business.

#### 1. Commemorative Naming of Various Civic Assets September 5, 2018

The City Manager and Deputy City Manager responded to questions.

MOVED by Councillor Reimer SECONDED by Councillor Louie

- A. THAT Council approve the engineering lands, south side of the Cambie Bridge, east off-ramp, as shown on the graphic attached as Appendix A to the Administrative Report dated September 5, 2018, entitled "Commemorative Naming of Various Civic Assets", be named as "Barbara Howard Plaza".
- B. THAT Council approve the triangular plaza where Main Street and Kingsway meet, as shown on the graphic attached as Appendix B to the Administrative Report dated September 5, 2018, entitled "Commemorative Naming of Various Civic Assets", be named as "Gertrude Guerin Plaza".
- C. THAT Council approve the portion of Ross Street, south of East 63rd Avenue to SE Marine Drive at the Khalsa Diwan Society Ross Sikh Temple, be given the commemorative supplementary name of "Khalsa Diwan Road".
- D. THAT Council approve the plaza at Trutch Street and Broadway, as shown on the graphic attached as Appendix D to the Administrative Report dated September 5, 2018, entitled "Commemorative Naming of Various Civic Assets", be named as "Harnam Kaur Plaza".
- E. THAT Council approve the bridge over the Grandview Cut at Commercial Drive, as shown on the graphic attached as Appendix E to the Administrative Report dated September 5, 2018, entitled "Commemorative Naming of Various Civic Assets", be named as "Hide Hyodo Shimizu Bridge".

- F. THAT Council approve the plaza at the north end of Spyglass Place, as shown on the graphic attached as Appendix F to the Administrative Report dated September 5, 2018, entitled "Commemorative Naming of Various Civic Assets", be named as "Husain Rahim Plaza".
- G. THAT Council approve the Town Hall Meeting Room in City Hall be named the "Joe Wai Meeting Room".
- H. THAT Council approve the Japanese garden at City Hall, as shown on the graphic attached as Appendix G to the Administrative Report dated September 5, 2018, entitled "Commemorative Naming of Various Civic Assets", be named as "Manzo Nagano Garden".
- I. THAT Council approve the public space at Commercial Drive and Napier Street, as shown on the graphic attached as Appendix H to the Administrative Report dated September 5, 2018, entitled "Commemorative Naming of Various Civic Assets", be named as "Margaret Mitchell Plaza".
- J. THAT Council approve the West 16th Avenue tree boulevard, as shown on the graphic attached as Appendices I, J, K, L, M, N, and O to the Administrative Report dated September 5, 2018, entitled "Commemorative Naming of Various Civic Assets", be named as "Master Toa Wong Commemorative Boulevard".
- K. THAT Council approve the North Arm Trail Greenway, as shown on the graphic attached as Appendix P to the Administrative Report dated September 5, 2018, entitled "Commemorative Naming of Various Civic Assets", be re-named as "Masumi Mitsui Greenway".
- L. THAT Council approve the plaza with clock at Kingsway and Joyce Street, as shown on the graphic attached as Appendix Q to the Administrative Report dated September 5, 2018, entitled "Commemorative Naming of Various Civic Assets", be named as "Mel Tobias Plaza".
- M. THAT Council approve the overpass crossing the railway tracks at Raymur Avenue and connecting with Keefer Street, as shown on the graphic attached as Appendix R to the Administrative Report dated September 5, 2018, entitled "Commemorative Naming of Various Civic Assets", be named as "Militant Mothers of Raymur Overpass".
- N. THAT Council approve the area known as the Olympic Village Plaza, as shown on the graphic attached as Appendix S to the Administrative Report dated September 5, 2018, entitled "Commemorative Naming of Various Civic Assets", be named as "Milton Wong Plaza".
- O. THAT Council approve the plaza at the Southwest corner of Pender Street and Beatty Street, as shown on the graphic attached as Appendix T to the Administrative Report dated September 5, 2018, entitled "Commemorative Naming of Various Civic Assets", be named as "Sara Anne McLagan Plaza".
- P. THAT Council approve the use of \$193,000 from the 2018 Council Contingency budget to fund the naming of the civic asset sites outlined in A to O above.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (Vote No. 03342) (Councillor Jang absent for the vote on Medical Leave)

## 2. Ensuring Drinking Water in Vancouver Public Facilities is Lead-Free

MOVED by Councillor Carr SECONDED by Councillor Reimer

#### WHEREAS

- 1. We must ensure safe drinking water for everyone using City and Park Board facilities;
- 2. The National Plumbing Code of Canada allowed lead as an acceptable material in pipes until 1975 and in solder until 1986;
- 3. Lead can be harmful to human health, even in very small amounts. Lead is most serious for pregnant women and young children because infants and children absorb lead more easily than adults and are more susceptible to its harmful effects, such as effects on behaviour and intelligence.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Vancouver City Council direct staff to:

- 1. Review any testing results for drinking water lead levels in City and Park Board facilities performed to date. If there are elevated lead levels undertake mitigation strategies and create testing/monitoring plans to ensure the effectiveness of the strategies.
- 2. Develop a comprehensive plan to regularly monitor drinking water lead levels in City and Park Board facilities. If any elevated lead levels are found undertake mitigation strategies and create testing/monitoring plans to ensure the effectiveness of the strategies.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (Vote No. 03343) (Councillor Jang absent for the vote on Medical Leave)

### 3. An Imminent Risk to Local Government Democracy in British Columbia: Anticipated Record Low Turnout for the 2018 Local Government Elections

MOVED by Councillor Affleck SECONDED by Councillor De Genova

#### WHEREAS

- 1. The Province of British Columbia has moved local government elections in 2018 up one month to October 20 from the traditional November election date, significantly reducing the crucially-important post-Labour Day local government election campaigning period;
- 2. New local government election campaign finance restrictions in place for the 2018 local government elections will likely result in a significant reduction in campaign advertising than has traditionally been the case;
- 3. The Province of British Columbia has not provided any tax credits, subsidies or transitional funding to assist candidates or elector organizations for the 2018 local government elections;

- 4. A province-wide referendum on proportional representation is taking place during the same time period as the 2018 local government elections which may lead to considerable voter confusion;
- 5. To date, neither Elections BC, the various the regional districts, nor the Union of British Columbia Municipalities have undertaken any special public awareness campaigns surrounding the 2018 local government elections in British Columbia;
- 6. A very real threat exists that the 2018 local government elections in British Columbia may see record low levels of voter turnout due to the collective impact of the above-noted factors;
- 7. The democratic effectiveness of local government, and local government elections, in British Columbia requires that more – not fewer – eligible voters are actively encouraged to engage and participate in the local government electoral process.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT given the unique set of circumstances evident in advance of the upcoming 2018 local government elections in British Columbia – circumstances which may collectively lead to record low voter turnout and a resulting diminishment of the democratic effectiveness of local government – that Vancouver City Council, through the Mayor, make an urgent request to the Province of British Columbia to immediately consider enhancing the existing communications budgets for Elections BC, the various regional districts, and the Union of British Columbia Municipalities to help raise public awareness of the imminent 2018 local government elections in British Columbia on an emergency basis.

amended

AMENDMENT MOVED by Councillor Reimer SECONDED by Mayor Robertson

THAT the motion be amended to read as follows:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT given the unique set of circumstances evident in advance of the upcoming 2018 local government elections in British Columbia – circumstances which may collectively lead to record low voter turnout and a resulting diminished effectiveness of local government – that Vancouver City Council, through the Mayor, make an urgent request to the Province of British Columbia to immediately enhance the existing communications budgets for Elections BC and the Union of British Columbia Municipalities to help raise public awareness of the imminent 2018 local government elections in British Columbia.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (Vote No. 03344) (Councillor Jang absent for the vote on Medical Leave)

The amendment having carried unanimously, the motion as amended was put and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (Vote No. 03346) (Councillor Jang absent for the vote on Medical Leave).

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At 12:00 pm it was

MOVED by Councillor Affleck SECONDED by Councillor Stevenson

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (Councillor Jang absent for the vote on Medical Leave)

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#### 4. Taking Steps to Ensure the Integrity of Voting in the 2018 Vancouver Municipal Election

Council agreed to separate the components of the following motion for the vote.

MOVED by Councillor Affleck SECONDED by Councillor Deal

#### WHEREAS

- At the January 21, 2015, Planning, Transportation, and Environment Standing Committee, Vancouver City Council passed a motion regarding the planning and delivery of the 2014 municipal election and directed staff to report back on the 2014 municipal election – including the role of Elections BC in municipal elections, the processes in place for the 2014 municipal election, and the public inquiries submitted to the City;
- Media reporting during the 2014 municipal election included reports of confusion and irregularities at polling stations, including but not limited to, insufficient ballots, eligible voters – including seniors and persons with disabilities – being discouraged by long waits, inconsistent identification checking, inconsistent information regarding the role of Elections BC in the civic election process, and other technical issues;
- 3. The 2014 municipal election was the first time the City of Vancouver allowed voters to vote at any polling station in the city and saw the introduction of electronic Voters List technology into the Vancouver election process, with real-time strike off intended to ensure voting integrity under the "Vote Anywhere" model;
- 4. In the 2014 Vancouver municipal election there were 5,930 "over-votes" in the councillor race, which translates into 593 over-voted ballots, while in 2011 there were 159 over-voted ballots for the council race and in 2008 the comparable figure was 134 over-voted ballots;
- 5. Subsequent to the 2014 municipal election, Vancouver City Council established an Independent Election Task Force to recommend changes, based on Council directives, concerning the delivery of municipal elections in the City of Vancouver, including an intention to improve public

confidence in the electoral processes at the municipal level and increase voter engagement;

- 6. The Task Force's Final Report cites six measures of public confidence and voter engagement:
  - political equality where participation is not limited by ethnicity, geographic location, political affiliation, gender, sexual orientation, etc.
  - the representation of diverse viewpoints
  - accountability of representatives to voters on an ongoing basis between elections
  - voter satisfaction in candidates
  - voter political knowledge
  - voter turnout;
- 7. New ballot tabulating machines, which count ballot selections by optically scanning ballots as they are placed through the machine, were leased by the City in 2014 to replace machines purchased by the City in 1996, and new ballot tabulating machines were introduced for the 2017 Vancouver By-election;
- 8. The introduction of "Vote Anywhere" in 2014, which required the use of new voting technology (i.e., electronic Voters List software, laptops, and card scanners), also necessitated significant changes to the hiring process for the local election to ensure that election officials possessed the necessary skills to operate the equipment;
- 9. An 11-year-old boy was recently able to hack into a replica of Florida's election system in 10 minutes during a test ahead of upcoming US midterm elections the fastest of 35 children who were able to hack into replicas of the websites of six swing states during the three-day Def Con security convention raising concern about the security of America's election systems and the security of election systems globally;
- 10. Section 122 (6) of the Vancouver Charter (Retention and destruction of election materials) states that ballots and other election materials must be "destroyed as soon as practicable following 8 weeks after the declaration of the official election results under section 108" which could preclude any subsequent need to confirm and/or affirm the legitimate outcome of the 2018 Vancouver election.

## THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT

A. In the interest of fostering and maintaining public confidence in the municipal voting process, Vancouver City Council direct staff to request approval and consent from the Province to retain the physical election ballots that will be cast in the upcoming October 20, 2018, Vancouver municipal election for an extended period of time before they are destroyed, compared to the 8 week period in previous elections under the *Vancouver Charter*, to ensure that these physical ballots are available for any subsequent manual recount that may be required to confirm and/or affirm or legitimate the outcome of the 2018 Vancouver election.

AMENDMENT MOVED by Councillor Reimer SECONDED by Mayor Robertson

THAT A be struck and replaced with the following:

Council direct staff to request consent from the Province to retain the physical election ballots for an extended period of time than currently provided for in the *Vancouver Charter* to ensure that these physical ballots are available for any subsequent manual recount that may arise from unforeseen challenges to the legitimacy of the 2018 municipal election.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (Vote No. 03347) (Councillor Jang absent for the vote on Medical Leave)

B. Staff be directed to employ the services of an accredited third party to test and harden the City's elections security protocols and electronic voting systems to ensure that they are not, and cannot be, compromised by illegal hacking activities that could invalidate the integrity of the voting process.

LOST (Vote No. 03349)

(Councillors Deal, Louie, Reimer, Stevenson and Mayor Robertson opposed) (Councillor Jang absent for the vote on Medical Leave)

# 5. Family Friendly Vancouver: Citywide Policy to Fast Track and Expedite Projects that Include new Child Care Centres in the City of Vancouver

MOVED by Councillor De Genova SECONDED by Councillor Ball

## WHEREAS:

- 1. Vancouver is facing an affordability crisis. A lack of affordable housing and affordable childcare are causing families to move away and out of the City of Vancouver;
- 2. In 2018 the Provincial Government released "Childcare B.C., Caring For Kids, Lifting Up Families: The Path To Universal Childcare". The document states "Vancouver is one of the most expensive cities for Childcare with a median fee of \$1,250 per month for infant and toddler care." The document also commits to providing grants to local governments in British Columbia to support building new child care spaces and create plans to inform local needs;
- 3. June 26, 2018, The City of Vancouver issued a press release celebrating 1064 new child care spaces. On the City of Vancouver website, Mayor Gregor Robertson is stated as saying "Making sure that families have access to affordable childcare is a key part of building a healthy, inclusive city and helps set our kids up for success now and down the road";
- 4. The City of Vancouver Document "Technical Guidelines" published by Real Estate and Facilities Management in May of 2018 states that "Development Permits may be required for new childcare facilities. Building and Occupancy Permits are required for all new childcare facilities;

- 5. Child Care facilities Childcare License will need to be obtained by the Childcare Operator from Community Care Facilities Licensing, a department of Vancouver Coastal Health, before an Occupancy Permit can be obtained. Nowhere in the document does it state that there is an policy or initiate for a streamlined or expedited process for new childcare facilities;
- 6. The City of Vancouver Document "Steps for Establishing a Child Care Centre in an Existing Building" published by the Social Development Department was last updated in 2008;
- 7. The City of Vancouver website page "Developing a childcare centre" states "Staff work with developers, architects, landscape architects, and early childhood educators to make sure that every new center includes urban design best practices, and contributes to a child's mental and physical development." There is no mention of incentives or expediting or streamlining permits or processes for new child care facilities in the City of Vancouver;
- 8. The City of Vancouver lists in item 5. b) in the City of Vancouver Fee for a Class V (Air Space) Parcel "for developments having a Floor Space Ratio (FSR) of 3.0 or less, or where the application is solely for the purpose of creating air space parcels to secure separate tenure for public benefits such as libraries, theatres and other cultural amenities, for-profit affordable rental housing, social housing or day care" to cost \$42,600.00 This fee does only covers the City of Vancouver fee and is subsequent to any fees the applicant may incur in creating the air space parcel;
- 9. The City of Vancouver Webpage "Creating and Protecting Rental Housing" lists Rental 100 Policy, stating "Eligible incentives including: Development cost levy (DCL) waiver, Parking requirement reductions, Relaxation of unit size to 320 square feet (provided the design and location meet the City's liveability criteria), Additional density beyond what is available under existing zoning (for projects requiring a rezoning), Concurrent processing (for projects requiring a rezoning)".

## THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

- A. THAT Council direct staff to implement a policy to specifically encourage applicants to consider the development of projects that include childcare facilities and offer incentives to applicants, similar to incentives offered in the City of Vancouver Rental 100: Secured Market Rental Policy.
- B. THAT Council direct staff to consider a policy where any residential rental housing projects built on Vancouver Affordable Housing Agency and City of Vancouver owned land, include child care facilities as an amenity when appropriate.
- C. THAT Council direct staff to review the City of Vancouver fees, including but not limited to air space parcels and consider waiving or reducing fees charged for the development of child care facilities;

FURTHER THAT, staff also consider fast tracking and expediting the process for development applications that have been approved by Council and include child care facilities.

D. THAT Council direct staff to work with Vancouver Coastal Health and the British Columbia Provincial government to streamline and expedite permit and licensing processes for child care facilities in the City of Vancouver.

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The Committee recessed at 12:20 and reconvened at 5:08 pm.

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REFERRAL MOVED by Councillor Reimer SECONDED by Councillor Jang

THAT the Motion entitled "Family Friendly Vancouver: Citywide Policy to Fast Track and Expedite Projects that Include new Child Care Centres in the City of Vancouver", be referred to staff as part of the ongoing work they have already been directed to do as part of the Making Room initiative and which is expected to report back in June 2019.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (Vote No. 03350)

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VARY AGENDA

MOVED by Councillor Reimer SECONDED by Councillor Jang

THAT Council vary the order of the agenda to enact the By-laws prior to considering the Urgent Business items.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AND BY THE REQUIRED MAJORITY

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

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#### **BY-LAWS**

Councillor Stevenson advised he had reviewed the proceedings with regard to By-laws 3, 4 and 5 and would be voting on the enactments.

MOVED by Councillor Deal SECONDED by Councillor Louie

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 5 inclusive, and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign and seal the enacted by-laws.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- 1. A By-law to exempt from taxation certain lands and improvements pursuant to section 396 of the *Vancouver Charter* (By-law No. 12269)
- 2. A By-law to provide for the imposition of interest on delinquent property taxes for 2019 (By-Law No. 12270)
- 3. A By-law to amend Zoning and Development By-law No. 3575 to rezone an area to CD-1 (650 West 41st Avenue) (By-law No. 12271)

(Councillor Bremner ineligible to vote)

- A By-law to amend the Zoning and Development By-law Re: 5733 Cambie Street (By-law No. 12272)
  (Councillor Bremner ineligible to vote)
- 5. A By-law to amend the Zoning and Development By-law Re: 625-659 West 45th Avenue, 688 Fairchild Road and 5926 - 6076 Tisdall Street (By-law No. 12273) (Councillor Bremner ineligible to vote)

# **URGENT BUSINESS**

## IN CAMERA MEETING

MOVED by Councillor Reimer SECONDED by Councillor Carr

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

- Personal information about an identifiable individual who holds or is being considered for a position as an officer, employee or agent of the city or another position appointed by the city;
- (b) Personal information about an identifiable individual who is being considered for an award or honour, or who has offered to provide a gift to the city on condition of anonymity.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## 1. Approval of Form of Development: 650 West 41st Avenue (Oakridge Centre)

MOVED by Councillor Louie SECONDED by Councillor Reimer

> THAT the form of development for this portion of the CD-1 zoned site known as Oakridge Centre (650 West 41st Avenue being the application address) be approved generally as illustrated in the Development Permit number DP-2018-00166 prepared by Henriquez Partners Architects, and stamped "Received, Community Service Group, Development Services, April 30, 2018", provided that the General Manager of Planning, Urban Design and Sustainability may approve design changes which would not adversely affect either the development character of this site or adjacent properties.

## CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## 2. Oakridge Design Guidelines

MOVED by Councillor Louie SECONDED by Councillor Reimer

THAT the document entitled "Oakridge Design Guidelines" as considered by Council at Public Hearing on March 10, 11 and 14, 2014, be approved by Council for use by applicants and staff for development applications in the relevant district.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

### ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Councillor Louie SECONDED by Councillor Jang

THAT the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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