

MOTION

5. Expediting a City-Wide Plan for Vancouver

At the Regular Council meeting on November 13, 2018, Vancouver City Council referred the following Motion to the Standing Committee on Policy and Strategic Priorities meeting on November 14, 2018, to hear from speakers.

MOVED by Councillor Carr

SECONDED by Councillor Hardwick

WHEREAS

1. The City of Vancouver's only complete city-wide plan was written by Harland Bartholomew in the 1920s, almost 100 years ago;
2. The City launched a neighbourhood-by-neighbourhood *CityPlan* process in 1992, which included a robust public engagement process (*CityPlan Terms of Reference 1999*), but that was stopped before its completion by City Council in 2010;
3. Developing a city-wide plan provides an opportunity to genuinely engage Vancouver residents in a collaborative process to determine what kind of city they want Vancouver to become and how best to tackle key city-wide challenges like housing affordability, densification to accommodate growth and demographic changes in ways that respect and sustain vibrant neighbourhood character, public amenities needed for livability, our city's future economy, more efficient and affordable transportation, and sustainability measures such as energy self-sufficiency and food security measures to tackle accelerating climate change.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, given the urgency of the housing affordability and accelerating climate change crises, Vancouver City Council direct staff to report back to City Council before the end of January 2019, with:

- i. Scoping of an expedited work plan and timeline to co-develop with Vancouver residents and stakeholders a city-wide plan that includes urban design considerations, including on a fine-grained scale, and focuses on determining the future of our city including accommodating growth, changing demographics and diversity, pursuing reconciliation, increasing housing that's locally affordable, growing local jobs in a sustainable economy, providing local food security, improving transportation and public amenities, enhancing places for people and vibrant liveable neighbourhoods including local shopping streets, and ensuring our city does its part in tackling the climate crisis by rapidly reducing greenhouse gas emissions;
- ii. Details on the resources needed to conduct and complete this city-wide plan, including a robust and collaborative public engagement process that could include neighbourhood planning offices.

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