



REPORT TO COUNCIL

STANDING COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL ON CITY FINANCE AND SERVICES

JUNE 26 AND 27, 2019

A Regular Meeting of the Standing Committee of Council on City Finance and Services was held on Wednesday, June 26, 2019, at 9:39 am, in the Council Chamber, Third Floor, City Hall. Subsequently, the meeting reconvened on Thursday, June 27, 2019, at 6:06 pm.

PRESENT: Councillor Melissa De Genova, Chair
Mayor Kennedy Stewart*
Councillor Rebecca Bligh
Councillor Christine Boyle
Councillor Adriane Carr
Councillor Lisa Dominato*
Councillor Pete Fry, Vice-Chair
Councillor Colleen Hardwick*
Councillor Sarah Kirby-Yung*
Councillor Jean Swanson
Councillor Michael Wiebe

CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE: Paul Mochrie, Deputy City Manager

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE: Rosemary Hagiwara, Deputy City Clerk
Tina Penney, Deputy City Clerk
Tina Hildebrandt, Meeting Coordinator
Denise Swanson, Meeting Coordinator

* Denotes absence for a portion of the meeting.

WELCOME

The Chair acknowledged we are on the unceded territories of the Musqueam, Squamish, and Tsleil-Waututh Nations and we thank them for having cared for this land and look forward to working with them in partnership as we continue to build this great city together.

The Chair also recognized the immense contributions of the City of Vancouver's staff who work hard every day to help make our city an incredible place to live, work, and play.

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Prior to considering the agenda items, the Chair reminded the Committee of the meeting procedures pilot project recently approved.

MOVED by Mayor Stewart

THAT under Section 6.8 of the Procedure By-law, the Committee suspend rule 13.8 of the Procedure By-law to permit members of the public up to three minutes to address Committee;

FURTHER THAT under Section 6.8 of the Procedure By-law, the Committee suspend rule 13.9 of the Procedure By-law to permit Committee members up to three minutes to ask questions of speakers; and

FURTHER THAT under Section 6.8 of the Procedure By-law, the Committee suspend rule 10.6 of the Procedure By-law, to provide Council members with two minutes to introduce their motion and one minute each to ask clarifying questions of the mover of a Members Motion.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AND
BY THE REQUIRED MAJORITY
(Councillors Dominato and Kirby-Yung absent for the vote)**

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**1. City of Reconciliation Update
June 11, 2019**

Katelyn Crabtree, Manager, Indigenous Relations, presented an overview of the 2019 Reconciliation Report and, along with the Deputy General Manager of Engineering Services, and Social Policy and Projects staff, responded to questions.

MOVED by Councillor Carr
THAT the Committee recommend to Council

- A. THAT Council accept the Administrative Report dated June 11, 2019, entitled "City of Reconciliation Update", for information.
- B. THAT Council direct staff to include in the 2020 Reconciliation Report an analysis of the status of the City's reconciliation framework commitments, including recommendations for building on these commitments and the steps taken to date.

amended

AMENDMENT MOVED by Councillor Bligh

THAT B be amended to add the words "with, where possible, measured and specific outcomes", after the second word "commitments".

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (Vote No. 04647)

AMENDMENT MOVED by Councillor Kirby-Yung

THAT B be amended to add the following at the end:

"as well as associated budget implications to enable consideration with respect to annual budget planning and approvals".

CARRIED (Vote No. 04648)
(Mayor Stewart opposed)

AMENDMENT MOVED by Councillor Wiebe

THAT the motion be amended to add C as follows:

THAT Council direct staff to undertake a “Colonial Audit” in order to identify both short term and long term opportunities and specific ways to improve the City of Vancouver policies and practices with regard to Reconciliation and report back with their findings and recommendations to acknowledge any injustices uncovered as part of the “truth-telling” phase.

amended

AMENDMENT TO THE AMENDMENT MOVED by Councillor Boyle

THAT C, proposed above, be amended to strike the words “to undertake” and to add the words “to report back on initial scoping of” after the word “staff”.

CARRIED (Vote No. 04650)
(Councillor Hardwick opposed)

The amendments having carried, the motion, as amended, was put and CARRIED
(Vote No. 04651) with Councillor Hardwick opposed.

FINAL MOTION AS APPROVED

THAT the Committee recommend to Council

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- C. THAT Council direct staff to report back on initial scoping of a “Colonial Audit” in order to identify both short term and long term opportunities and specific ways to improve the City of Vancouver policies and practices with regard to Reconciliation and report back with their findings and recommendations to acknowledge any injustices uncovered as part of the “truth-telling” phase.

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On June 26, 2019, the Committee recessed at 11:10 am and reconvened at 1:26 pm

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VARY AGENDA

MOVED by Councillor Wiebe

THAT the agenda be varied to consider Item 11 as the next order of business.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Note: for ease of reference the minutes are recorded in chronological order.

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11. Celebrating Italian Culture: Welcome Signage in Little Italy and a Pilot Program for an Italian Piazza in Vancouver

At the Regular Council meeting on June 25, 2019, due to time constraints, Council referred this motion to the Standing Committee on City Finance and Services meeting on June 26, 2019.

MOVED by Councillor De Genova
THAT the Committee recommend to Council

WHEREAS

1. In Canada, provinces including Quebec, allow for the public to purchase beer and wine at local grocery stores and enjoy alcohol when picnicking in public spaces;
2. The Province of B.C. website, Liquor & Cannabis Law and Policy Section, lists a Frequently Asked Question Section, including the questions “Can I drink in public?” The answer states “You cannot drink liquor in a public place unless that public place is licensed or designated by a municipality or regional district as a place where liquor can be consumed;”
3. Canadian provinces including Alberta and Quebec permit alcohol consumption when accompanied by picnicking in public places;
4. In the United States of America, cities that permit liquor to be consumed in public, by individuals of legal drinking age include: Georgia, Louisiana, Oregon and Texas, Memphis in Tennessee, Butte in Montana and Las Vegas in Nevada;
5. Cities in countries including New Zealand, Germany, Czech Republic, Hungary, Italy, Japan and Belgium allow public drinking and in squares, on main streets and in designated areas;
6. In 2016, Council approved a motion to officially recognize eight blocks of Commercial Drive as Little Italy (the four blocks north and the four blocks south of East 1st Avenue, on Commercial Drive);
7. Italian immigrants and Italian-Canadians have made great contributions to Vancouver, and this was formally acknowledged by the City of Vancouver in 2018, when Italian Heritage Month became officially included in the list of City of Vancouver official celebrations and observances;

8. The City of Vancouver has supported, and continues to explore pilot patios, unique public spaces that encourage community gatherings and increasing accessibility to city space.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

- A. THAT Council direct staff to work with the Italian community to explore the creation of an age-friendly “Piazza” pilot space in Vancouver, that includes local artisans, restaurateurs, proprietors and vendors and would allow for community-led events in a designated outdoor space that also would include the responsible enjoyment beer, wine and “appertivos” along with food, and if possible, to be implemented before the end of June 2020.
- B. THAT Council direct staff to engage and invite stakeholders to participate in the process including, but not limited to: the Italian Cultural Centre - Community Relations Committee, Italian Day Festival Committee, Commercial Drive Business Society, Italian Chamber of Commerce in Canada WEST, Vancouver Public Space Network, Viva Vancouver and the Vancouver Police Department.
- C. THAT Council affirm support for artistic signage that is in character with Italian heritage, and if possible similar to an arch, marking the north, south and possibly centre (East 1st Avenue) boundaries of Little Italy in Vancouver;

FURTHER THAT Council direct staff to work with the Italian Cultural Centre “il Centro”, The Commercial Drive Business Society and the Italian Day Festival Committee to explore funding options.

amended

AMENDMENT MOVED by Councillor De Genova

THAT B be amended to move the words “il Centro” before the words “the Italian Cultural Centre”, to strike the words “Community Relations Committee”, and to strike the second word “Committee” and replace it with “Society”.

amended

AMENDMENT TO THE AMENDMENT MOVED by Councillor Carr

THAT C be amended to move the words “il Centro” before the words “the Italian Cultural Centre”, and to strike the word “Committee” and replace it with “Society”.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (Vote No. 04658)

AMENDMENT TO THE AMENDMENT MOVED by Councillor Swanson

THAT B be amended to add the words “Britannia Centre” after the word “Network”.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (Vote No. 04660)

The amendment to the amendments having carried, the amendment as amended was put and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (Vote No. 04661)

AMENDMENT MOVED by Councillor Boyle

THAT the motion be amended to add D as follows:

THAT Council direct staff to work with Urban Indigenous communities, the Musqueam, Squamish and Tsleil-Waututh Nations, and the Italian community to explore complementary ways to recognize, honour and make visible Indigenous presence in the neighbourhood designated as Little Italy, including in any considerations for a pilot Piazza.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (Vote No. 04662)
(Councillor Hardwick absent for the vote)

The amendments having carried, the motion as amended was put and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (Vote No. 04663) with Councillor Hardwick absent for the vote.

FINAL MOTION AS APPROVED

THAT the Committee recommend to Council

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THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

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- B. THAT Council direct staff to engage and invite stakeholders to participate in the process including, but not limited to: il Centro (the Italian Cultural Centre), Italian Day Festival Society, Commercial Drive Business Society, Italian Chamber of Commerce in Canada WEST, Vancouver Public Space Network, Britannia Centre, Viva Vancouver and the Vancouver Police Department.
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FURTHER THAT Council direct staff to work with il Centro (the Italian Cultural Centre), the Commercial Drive Business Society and Italian Day Festival Society to explore funding options.

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On June 26, 2019, the Committee recessed at 2:05 pm and reconvened at 3:09 pm.

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2. A Comprehensive Strategy for Realizing the Full Potential of the Nighttime Economy in the City of Vancouver

The Committee heard from five speakers in support of the motion.

MOVED by Councillor Dominato
THAT the Committee recommend to Council

WHEREAS

1. The City of Vancouver’s mission is to create a great city of communities that cares about its people, its environment, and the opportunities to live, work, and prosper;

2. Vancouver City Council recognizes that a resilient, diverse economy fosters dynamic businesses and sustainable employment, and helps to attract and retain professionals, families, and individuals who can live and work in our city;
3. The City of Vancouver has an Economic Action Strategy (2011), supported by Council, as well various initiatives that have been undertaken to promote and strengthen local business, to provide tools for Vancouver businesses to flourish (while incorporating sustainable practices), and to make Vancouver an attractive business locale and tourism destination for people from around the world;
4. The Vancouver Economic Commission (VEC), as the economic development agency for the City of Vancouver, works to strengthen Vancouver's economy by supporting local companies, attracting high-impact investment, and promoting international trade, with a particular focus on developing Vancouver's creative economy, knowledge economy, and green economy;
5. The City of Vancouver has embarked on a wide range of strategic initiatives, for example, the Music Strategy and Creative City Strategy which each seek to develop a comprehensive plan and vision for culture and creativity in Vancouver;
6. The City of Vancouver has a Healthy City Strategy that, among other goals and objectives, recognizes that a thriving, diverse economy, with opportunity for everyone, is the foundation of a liveable city, as well as recognizing that families with children are key to a diverse and vibrant society;
7. In recent years, cities around the world have begun to pay greater attention to the value and potential of the Nighttime Economy of their cities, whether it be the whole of a city's nightlife industry of dining and entertainment, various major nightlife components such as music and craft beverages, or secondary economic activity from transportation and related nightlife spending by patrons;
8. A recent study undertaken by the City of Toronto concluded that the Nighttime economy is the "*new competitive edge for post-industrial cities*" and that Toronto should undertake a vision and action plan to advance the night-time economy;
9. To underscore the value of the Nighttime Economy to the city of Vancouver and the Metro Vancouver region, the Hospitality Vancouver Association (HVA), an association that advocates for clubs, pubs, and other businesses along Granville Street and the Davie Village, notes that the Granville Entertainment District (GED) – as the social hub of Vancouver – employs thousands of people and generates tens of millions of dollars in annual economic activity, including more than 900 jobs and \$43.5 million in annual revenue alone generated by the GED's 14 liquor-primary businesses;
10. A June 2018 study of Vancouver's "Music Ecosystem" commissioned by the Music BC Industry Association, outlines several specific impediments to a thriving Nighttime Economy, as faced by the city's music sector, such as "obstacles with permits and curfews in high-activity areas" which has led to a paucity of music events, as well as "limited late transport options" available for music audiences in the city.";

11. There is a general shortage of family-friendly, substance-free Nighttime Economy options and events in the city that are suitable for children, youth, and families, and despite the City's support for many aspects of the Nighttime Economy, Vancouver has gained a reputation for being a "no fun" city in the minds of many;
12. Attracting greater numbers of people to a downtown social district can yield greater nightlife vibrancy and economic growth, as noted by the International City/County Management Association (ICMA), but it can also place demands on public safety and other municipal resources and therefore requires a strong foundation and a dedicated, comprehensive focus on the part of local governments and other government levels to capitalize on the economic opportunities;
13. At the May 2, 2018, meeting of the Standing Committee of Council on City Finance and Services, Vancouver City Council supported a series of nightlife actions and recommendations stemming from a staff report entitled "Update on Liquor Policy Implementation and Upgrading the Granville Entertainment District". These included an amendment directing staff, as part of the City's Creative City Strategy, to establish a "Nightlife Council" that combines safety, security, transportation, economic development, and vibrant street life, as well as integrating lessons learned from the Granville Entertainment District Safety and Security Working Group;
14. Vancouver City Staff, in collaboration with students from Simon Fraser University and input from the VEC, recently commissioned a literature review and jurisdictional scan of Vancouver's nightlife economy, identifying the key themes of transportation, safety, access, and nightlife development, while acknowledging that the scope of the project was limited to nightlife, and not to the broader Nighttime economy, with recommendations for further investigation of the city's night economy;
15. The Nighttime Economy is more than just entertainment, leisure, and social events, it encompasses cultural, retail, tourism, and various corporate sectors, as well as nighttime workers who do not work in nightlife venues (e.g., health care workers, first responders, and police);
16. At the September 21, 2018, Public Meeting of the Mayors' Council on Regional Transportation, TransLink staff reported on the NightBus service, including discussion of TransLink's engagement with the Province on ride-hailing, and TransLink's interest in partnering with ride-hailing services – particularly for first mile/last mile and late night services;
17. TransLink – at the recommendation of its Late Night Stakeholder Committee – recently piloted the NightBus service from a central hub located on West Georgia Street at Granville, where patrons can wait comfortably in a central, well-lit environment to help improve safety along the busy GED nightlife corridor, amid frequent calls for extended SkyTrain service hours and ride-hailing options;
18. In June of this year, TransLink will be releasing a report on late night transportation that will look at a range of seamless transit options for Metro Vancouver residents to return safely to their communities;

19. Ride-hailing has yet to become legal in British Columbia, and despite legislation introduced by the provincial government on November 19, 2018, that will ostensibly allow ride-hailing companies to enter the B.C. market in the fall of 2019, it remains to be seen how, when, where, and if ride-hailing will arrive and whether it can thrive and succeed in B.C.;
20. Cities such as Sydney and London have adopted night-time strategic plans, while other cities have created dedicated commissions and staff and global cities around the world are generally adopting strategic measures to grow their Nighttime economies to create local jobs and support a wide range of economic activity;
21. Despite the City of Vancouver's ongoing interest (past and present) in developing the potential of the city's Nighttime Economy, obstacles and impediments continue to exist, not the least of which relate to transportation, public safety, access, and regulatory restrictions, and the City lacks a comprehensive overarching strategic policy framework that could bring the fullness of the city's Nighttime Economy into focus.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

- A. THAT the current Vancouver City Council – sworn in on November 5, 2018 – affirm its unequivocal support for realizing the full economic potential of a Nighttime Economy and the role it can and does play in a strong, diverse local economy, one that supports small businesses and jobs, the local arts and culture sectors, and the goal for Vancouver to be a sustainable, liveable city with opportunities for everyone.
- B. THAT Vancouver City Council direct staff to work with the Vancouver Economic Commission to develop recommendations for a comprehensive citywide Nighttime Economy Strategy, one that encompasses all aspects of the Nighttime Economy and serves to focus the range of necessary actions required by Council and the City to remove obstacles and impediments to realizing the economic and other potentials of Vancouver's Nighttime Economy, in consultation with all appropriate stakeholders, with work to begin in 2020, and for a draft strategy to be presented to Council for its consideration on or before June 2021;

FURTHER THAT Vancouver City Council direct staff to apply a child, youth, and families' lens in formulating recommendations for a comprehensive Nighttime Economy Strategy to ensure that family-friendly, substance-free events and street activations that foster social connectedness are included and well-represented in the strategy; and

FURTHER THAT Vancouver City Council direct staff to apply a gender diversity and inclusion lens in formulating recommendations for a comprehensive Nighttime Economy Strategy to consider issues of safety generally, but also specifically for women and the LGBTQ2S+ community, as well as accessibility for people with disabilities.

- C. THAT Vancouver City Council affirm its support for a regional Night Transit Strategy that seamlessly connects Metro Vancouver communities, in support of the Vancouver and regional Nighttime Economies, including affirming Council's support for TransLink to explore transit options for Metro Vancouver residents to

return safely to their communities whether that be within the City of Vancouver or for residents of Surrey, Burnaby, Coquitlam, Richmond and other Metro Vancouver municipalities or for underserved residents of the UBC Endowment Lands.

amended

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The Committee recessed at 4:06 pm and reconvened at 4:10 pm.

Subsequently, the Committee recessed at 4:13 pm, due to an emergency evacuation, and reconvened at 4:40 pm.

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AMENDMENT MOVED by Councillor Swanson

THAT the third paragraph in B be amended to add the words “people who are homeless and low income people” after the words “LGBTQ2S+ community”; and

FURTHER THAT the motion be amended to add D as follows:

THAT staff be directed to consider any potential impacts of recommendations on existing businesses serving low-income residents and on the potential displacement of low income residents and include this analysis in the final report to Council to inform deliberations on the proposed strategy.

CARRIED (Vote No. 04664)
(Councillor Kirby-Yung opposed)
(Mayor Stewart absent for the vote)

The amendment having carried, the motion, as amended, was put and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (Vote No. 04665) with Mayor Stewart absent for the vote.

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21. Despite the City of Vancouver's ongoing interest (past and present) in developing the potential of the city's Nighttime Economy, obstacles and impediments continue to exist, not the least of which relate to transportation, public safety,

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FURTHER THAT Vancouver City Council direct staff to apply a child, youth, and families' lens in formulating recommendations for a comprehensive citywide Nighttime Economy Strategy to ensure that family-friendly, substance-free events and street activations that foster social connectedness are included and well-represented in the strategy; and

FURTHER THAT Vancouver City Council direct staff to apply a gender diversity and inclusion lens in formulating recommendations for a comprehensive citywide Nighttime Economy Strategy to consider issues of safety generally, but also specifically for women and the LGBTQ2S+ community, people who are homeless and low income people, as well as accessibility for people with disabilities.

- C. THAT Vancouver City Council affirm its support for a regional Night Transit Strategy that seamlessly connects Metro Vancouver communities, in support of the Vancouver and regional Nighttime Economies, including affirming Council's support for TransLink to explore transit options for Metro Vancouver residents to return safely to their communities whether that be within the City of Vancouver or for residents of Surrey, Burnaby, Coquitlam, Richmond and other Metro Vancouver municipalities or for underserved residents of the UBC Endowment Lands.
- D. THAT staff be directed to consider any potential impacts of a comprehensive citywide Nighttime Economy Strategy on existing businesses serving low-income residents and on the potential displacement of low income residents and include this analysis in the final report to Council to inform deliberations on the proposed strategy.

**Note: Subsequently, the Committee amended Whereas Clause No. 16 above to strike "September 21, 2018" and replace it with "July 26, 2018" (see page 27).*

3. Cannabis as an Alternative to Opiates and More Dangerous Drugs on the Downtown Eastside

At the Regular Council meeting, immediately following the Standing Committee on Policy and Strategic Priorities meeting of June 12 and 19, 2019, Council referred the following motion to the Standing Committee on City Finance and Services meeting on June 26, 2019, to hear from speakers, with a start time of 3 pm.

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On June 26, 2019, at approximately 5:50 pm, it was

MOVED by Councillor Wiebe

THAT the meeting be extended to receive the Vancouver Coastal Health presentations prior to the break.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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The following representatives from Vancouver Coastal Health provided opening comments in opposition to the motion:

- Dr. Patricia Daly, Vice-President, Public Health & Chief Medical Officer;
- Dr. Reka Gustafson, Deputy Chief Medical Officer; and
- Dr. Emily Newhouse, Medical Health Officer.

The Committee also heard six speakers in support of the motion.

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The Committee recessed at 5:57 pm and reconvened at 6:34 pm.

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MOVED by Councillor Bligh
THAT the Committee recommend to Council

WHEREAS

1. In 2015, following several days of Public Hearings, Vancouver City Council approved licensing rules for medical-cannabis dispensaries, including the creation of an exclusion zone in the Downtown Eastside where marijuana sales are prohibited except for sites with a property line on Hastings Street or Main Street;
2. The City's intention in creating an exclusion zone in the Downtown Eastside in 2015 was to limit the proximity of dispensaries to youth and vulnerable populations;
3. On October 17, 2018, the federal *Cannabis Act* came into effect, making recreational cannabis legal in Canada;

4. Prior to the October 17, 2018 legalization of cannabis in Canada, i.e., in June 2018, the federal government passed the bill to legalize recreational cannabis in Canada, leading the provincial governments – including B.C. – to implement new regulations for cannabis businesses to operate, and leading the City of Vancouver to update its Zoning and Development and License by-laws to ensure that Vancouver cannabis retailers operate in adherence to all regulations;
5. On December 20, 2018, a Special Meeting of Vancouver City Council was held for the purpose of receiving a report from the Mayor’s Overdose Emergency Task Force and to consider recommendations for immediate action on the overdose crisis – recommendations Council unanimously supported;
6. On April 14, 2019, the City of Vancouver marked “the 1090th day since B.C. declared the increase in overdose deaths as a public health emergency” by declaring that the City would “fly the city’s flag at half-mast on this day each year until B.C.’s provincial health officer rescinds the current state of public health emergency.”;
7. Since April 14, 2016, more than 3,600 people have lost their lives to overdose in B.C., with more than 1,000 of these deaths occurring in Vancouver, driven by an increasingly toxic, unregulated drug supply that is contaminated by fentanyl, carfentanil, and other contaminants;
8. Recent scientific findings have raised the possibility that cannabis might have a beneficial role to play in the overdose crisis, with preliminary evidence linking cannabis to reductions in the risk of experiencing drug-related harms, notably through research conducted by UBC Professor M-J Milloy which showed that among 2,500 hard drug users in the Downtown Eastside, cannabis helped 20 per cent to stay with treatment after a six-month period;
9. Vancouver City Council and the City of Vancouver generally support the exploration of studies related to the opioid overdose crisis facing the city and the role of cannabis in potentially addressing the situation, including two related actions in the Mayor’s Emergency Overdose Task Force currently underway;
10. The CBC quotes Dr. Keith Ahamad, Medical Director for the Regional Addiction Program at Vancouver Coastal Health, an addiction medicine clinician at St. Paul’s Hospital, and a clinical researcher with the B.C. Centres on Substance Use, as stating that the Downtown Eastside exclusion zone makes no sense from a public health point of view and that the City’s “... current drug policy... is obviously not working and actually worsening harm. It’s literally bad drug policy.”;
11. Health workers, addiction experts, and others working on the frontlines of the Downtown Eastside have reported that the situation on the Downtown Eastside has become much more dire since 2015, and have suggested that the exclusion zone created by the City of Vancouver in 2015 has only served to further stigmatize the Downtown Eastside instead of protecting its vulnerable population, leaving people at the epicentre of the opioid crisis with no low-cost, legal options if they want to use cannabis as an alternative to more dangerous drugs;
12. High Hopes Social Enterprise (HHSE), an organization that seeks to increase the general well-being of the DTES community and support the sustainability and resilience of its community and residents, has identified a need to enable low-

cost, legal cannabis options on the Downtown Eastside for the most vulnerable people situated at the epicentre of the opioid crisis, people who may want to use cannabis as an alternative to more dangerous drugs but cannot afford market retail prices as stipulated by the province;

13. The Vancouver Overdose Prevention Society and High Hopes Social Enterprise (HHSE) make note of support for low-cost, legal cannabis options on the Downtown Eastside (potentially on the model of a community cannabis store with a social enterprise and research focus), from, among others:
 - **Professor Evan Wood**, MD, PhD, FRCPC, ABAM Dip, FASAM; Professor of Medicine, UBC; Canada Research Chair in Inner City Medicine; Director, British Columbia Centre on Substance Use; and Executive Director of the British Columbia Centre on Substance Use (BCCSU).
 - **Professor M-J Milloy**, PhD, Canopy Growth professor of cannabis science, Assistant professor, Department of Medicine, University of British Columbia; Research scientist, British Columbia Centre on Substance Use; New Investigator, Canadian Institutes of Health Research; Scholar, Michael Smith Foundation for Health Research.
 - **Dr. Mark Tyndall**, Executive Medical Director BC Centre for Disease Control
14. All cannabis retail stores require a Provincial licence to operate and are regulated and enforced by the BC Liquor and Cannabis Regulation Branch under the *Cannabis Control and Licensing Act*;
15. There are currently four cannabis retail locations in the Downtown Eastside with approved Development Permits, all of which will be eligible and expected to apply for a provincial cannabis retail licence to operate as legal cannabis stores:
 - 529 E Hastings Street (Hastings and Jackson St)
 - 151 E Hastings Street (Hastings between Main and Columbia)
 - 369 Columbia Street (Hastings and Columbia)
 - 231 Abbott Street (Abbott and Cordova);
16. In order for the four cannabis retail locations noted above, all of which have received Development Permits from the City, to proceed to the license application phase with the provincial government, they will be required to close with no guarantee that they will be granted a license or any clear indication as to the timeframe for any license that may ultimately be issued, leaving the Downtown Eastside without any retail cannabis locations for those who may wish to use cannabis as an alternative to more dangerous drugs;
17. Despite the legalization of recreational marijuana in Canada, and regulatory structures in place provincially and at the City of Vancouver, there does not appear to be a regulatory option available that would enable low-cost, legal cannabis (potentially on the model of a community cannabis store with a social enterprise and research focus) for the Downtown Eastside and its most vulnerable residents who may want to use cannabis as an alternative to opiates and more dangerous drugs;

18. The City of Vancouver's recent April 14, 2019 News Release ("*Vancouver mourns the lives lost to overdose on third-year anniversary of B.C.'s public health emergency*") states: "The City is committed to addressing the issues that further exacerbate the struggles around substance use. A comprehensive approach to illicit substance use including prevention, harm reduction and treatment, will save so many lives. We call upon health professionals, all levels of government, and the public to join us in advocating for a safe drug supply, in Vancouver and elsewhere in Canada, to protect residents and prevent any more unnecessary deaths."

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

- A. THAT Vancouver City Council direct staff to make recommendations to Council with respect to Section 11 of the City of Vancouver Zoning and Development By-law with proposals on how this zoning by-law could be amended to allow well-considered exceptions to the City's current prohibition on Cannabis Stores in the Downtown Eastside exclusion zone, consistent with the City's commitment to a comprehensive approach to illicit substance use, including prevention, harm reduction, treatment, and addressing the issues that exacerbate the struggles around substance use, and consistent with the dire, well-recognized nature of the opioid crisis and the immense, devastating impact it is having on the people of the City's Downtown Eastside in particular;

FURTHER THAT Vancouver City Council direct staff to engage with the Liquor and Cannabis Regulation Branch (LCRB) to indicate Vancouver City Council's desire to address unintended aspects of the City's current Zoning and Development By-law as it pertains to facilitating well-considered exceptions to the City's Zoning and Development By-law in relation to cannabis Stores in the city, as well as engagement around the province's regulatory processes for licensing cannabis retail stores.

- B. THAT Vancouver City Council direct staff to make urgent recommendations to Council with respect to regulatory options and potential pathways that could enable low-cost, legal cannabis options for the Downtown Eastside (potentially on the model of a community cannabis store with a social enterprise and research focus) for those people who may want to use cannabis as an alternative to opiates and more dangerous drugs but cannot afford the market retail prices stipulated by provincial regulations for a cannabis retail store.

amended

AMENDMENT MOVED by Councillor Fry

THAT the first paragraph of A be amended to delete all the words following "harm reduction", and in the second paragraph to strike the word "desire" and replace it with the word "interest";

FURTHER THAT B be amended as follows:

- strike the word "urgent";
- insert the word "medicinal" after the word "legal";
- insert the words "or compassion club" after the words "cannabis store";
- insert the word "medicinal" after the word "enterprise"; and

- insert the words “focus; consistent with Health Canada’s Access to Cannabis for Medical Purposes Regulations” after the words “and research”; and

FURTHER THAT the motion be amended to add C as follows:

THAT the Mayor on behalf of Council write to The Honourable Ginette Petitpas Taylor, Minister of Health expressing an interest in supporting a clinical research program to supply and study medicinal cannabis as an alternative to opiates and more dangerous drugs on the Downtown Eastside, pursuant to Mayor’s Overdose Emergency Task Force and Recommendations for Immediate Action on the Overdose Crisis, item F. Secure Space for a Clean Supply project

amended

AMENDMENT TO THE AMENDMENT MOVED by Councillor Swanson

THAT A be amended in the second paragraph to insert the words “with VANDU and people who use drugs and”, and strike the word “desire” and replace it with the word “interest”.

withdrawn

The Deputy City Manager responded to questions related the above-noted amendments.

Subsequently, Councillor Swanson withdrew her amendment to the amendment with the unanimous consent of the Committee.

AMENDMENT TO THE AMENDMENT MOVED by Councillor Swanson

THAT A be amended to add the following paragraph at the end:

FURTHER THAT Vancouver City Council direct staff to engage with VANDU and people who use drugs to consider what kinds of laws are best for implementing their needs around cannabis.

CARRIED (Vote No. 04666)
(Councillor Hardwick opposed)
(Councillor Kirby-Yung absent for the vote)

AMENDMENT TO THE AMENDMENT MOVED by Councillor Dominato

THAT B be amended to add the following words after the word “store”:

as well as enabling and supporting ongoing research and data collection into the potential relationship and benefits of cannabis on the reduction of opioid use, associated harms and overdoses.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (Vote No. 04669)
(Councillors Boyle, Hardwick and Kirby-Yung absent for the vote)

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*On June 26, 2019, during debate, the Committee recessed at 8:30 pm
and reconvened at 8:35 pm.*

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The amendments having carried, the motion as amended was put and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (Vote No. 04670) with Councillors Hardwick and Kirby-Yung absent for the vote.

FINAL MOTION AS APPROVED

WHEREAS

1. In 2015, following several days of Public Hearings, Vancouver City Council approved licensing rules for medical-cannabis dispensaries, including the creation of an exclusion zone in the Downtown Eastside where marijuana sales are prohibited except for sites with a property line on Hastings Street or Main Street;
2. The City's intention in creating an exclusion zone in the Downtown Eastside in 2015 was to limit the proximity of dispensaries to youth and vulnerable populations;
3. On October 17, 2018, the federal *Cannabis Act* came into effect, making recreational cannabis legal in Canada;
4. Prior to the October 17, 2018, legalization of cannabis in Canada, i.e., in June 2018, the federal government passed the bill to legalize recreational cannabis in Canada, leading the provincial governments – including B.C. – to implement new regulations for cannabis businesses to operate, and leading the City of Vancouver to update its Zoning and Development and License by-laws to ensure that Vancouver cannabis retailers operate in adherence to all regulations;
5. On December 20, 2018, a Special Meeting of Vancouver City Council was held for the purpose of receiving a report from the Mayor's Overdose Emergency Task Force and to consider recommendations for immediate action on the overdose crisis – recommendations Council unanimously supported;
6. On April 14, 2019, the City of Vancouver marked “the 1090th day since B.C. declared the increase in overdose deaths as a public health emergency” by declaring that the City would “fly the city's flag at half-mast on this day each year until B.C.'s provincial health officer rescinds the current state of public health emergency.”;
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8. Recent scientific findings have raised the possibility that cannabis might have a beneficial role to play in the overdose crisis, with preliminary evidence linking cannabis to reductions in the risk of experiencing drug-related harms, notably

through research conducted by UBC Professor M-J Milloy which showed that among 2,500 hard drug users in the Downtown Eastside, cannabis helped 20 per cent to stay with treatment after a six-month period;

9. Vancouver City Council and the City of Vancouver generally support the exploration of studies related to the opioid overdose crisis facing the city and the role of cannabis in potentially addressing the situation, including two related actions in the Mayor's Emergency Overdose Task Force currently underway;
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16. In order for the four cannabis retail locations noted above, all of which have received Development Permits from the City, to proceed to the license application phase with the provincial government, they will be required to close with no guarantee that they will be granted a license or any clear indication as to the timeframe for any license that may ultimately be issued, leaving the Downtown Eastside without any retail cannabis locations for those who may wish to use cannabis as an alternative to more dangerous drugs;
17. Despite the legalization of recreational marijuana in Canada, and regulatory structures in place provincially and at the City of Vancouver, there does not appear to be a regulatory option available that would enable low-cost, legal cannabis (potentially on the model of a community cannabis store with a social enterprise and research focus) for the Downtown Eastside and its most vulnerable residents who may want to use cannabis as an alternative to opiates and more dangerous drugs; and
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THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

- A. THAT Vancouver City Council direct staff to make recommendations to Council with respect to Section 11 of the City of Vancouver Zoning and Development By-law with proposals on how this zoning by-law could be amended to allow well-considered exceptions to the City's current prohibition on Cannabis Stores in the Downtown Eastside exclusion zone, consistent with the City's commitment to a comprehensive approach to illicit substance use, including prevention, harm reduction;

FURTHER THAT Vancouver City Council direct staff to engage with the Liquor and Cannabis Regulation Branch (LCRB) to indicate Vancouver City Council's interest to address unintended aspects of the City's current Zoning and Development By-law as it pertains to facilitating well-considered exceptions to

the City's Zoning and Development By-law in relation to cannabis Stores in the city, as well as engagement around the province's regulatory processes for licensing cannabis retail stores; and

FURTHER THAT Vancouver city council direct staff to engage with VANDU and people who use drugs to consider what kinds of laws are best for implementing their needs around cannabis.

- B. THAT Vancouver City Council direct staff to make recommendations to Council with respect to regulatory options and potential pathways that could enable low-cost, legal, medicinal cannabis options for the Downtown Eastside (potentially on the model of a community cannabis store or compassion club with a social enterprise, medicinal, and research focus; consistent with Health Canada's Access to Cannabis for Medical Purposes Regulations) for those people who may want to use cannabis as an alternative to opiates and more dangerous drugs but cannot afford the market retail prices stipulated by provincial regulations for a cannabis retail store, as well as enabling and supporting ongoing research and data collection into the potential relationship and benefits of cannabis on the reduction of opioid use, associated harms and overdoses.
- C. THAT the Mayor on behalf of Council write to The Honourable Ginette Petitpas Taylor, Minister of Health expressing an interest in supporting a clinical research program to supply and study medicinal cannabis as an alternative to opiates and more dangerous drugs on the Downtown Eastside, pursuant to Mayor's Overdose Emergency Task Force and Recommendations for Immediate Action on the Overdose Crisis, item F. Secure Space for a Clean Supply project.

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On June 26, 2019, prior to beginning Item 4, the Committee agreed to vary the agenda to consider a motion to withdraw Item 8 - Changing the Campaign Period and Candidate Requirements for Civic Elections.

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8. Changing the Campaign Period and Candidate Requirements for Civic Elections

MOVED by Councillor Carr

THAT the Committee recommend to Council

THAT Item 8 - Changing the Campaign Period and Candidate Requirements for Civic Elections, be withdrawn from the agenda.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AND
BY THE REQUIRED MAJORITY
(Councillors Hardwick and Kirby-Yung absent for the vote)

4. Restoring Provincial Library Funding

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

MOVED by Councillor Boyle
THAT the Committee recommend to Council

WHEREAS

1. Public libraries require continuous and increasing investment to provide opportunities for life-long learning, increase equity and social inclusion, and create cities that are healthier and more affordable;
2. Provincial funding for public libraries has declined in the past decade as a portion of total revenue allocated to individual BC library systems, from 7% to 4.6%, while the municipal portion has risen from 72% to 80%;
3. This decline in provincial funding reflects a regressive approach of shifting cost to municipal property tax payers.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

- A. THAT the Mayor, on behalf of Vancouver City Council, write a letter to Minister Fleming asking that the BC Government restore library funding to a minimum of \$20 million annually to reflect inflationary and population increases and recommit to a progressive funding approach, reflecting the role of public libraries in achieving the goals of the Province and our communities.
- B. THAT this motion be forwarded to Union of BC Municipalities (UBCM), asking that UBCM strongly advocate that the BC Government restore library funding to a minimum of \$20 million annually to reflect inflationary and population increases and recommit to a progressive funding approach, reflecting the role of public libraries in achieving the goals of the Province and our communities.

amended

AMENDMENT MOVED by Councillor Dominato

THAT A and B be amended to strike the word “restore” and replace it with the word “increase”.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (Vote No. 04674)
(Councillor Kirby-Yung absent for the vote)

The amendment having carried, the motion as amended, was put and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (Vote No. 04675), with Councillor Kirby-Yung absent for the vote.

FINAL MOTION AS APPROVED

THAT the Committee recommend to Council

WHEREAS

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2. Provincial funding for public libraries has declined in the past decade as a portion of total revenue allocated to individual BC library systems, from 7% to 4.6%, while the municipal portion has risen from 72% to 80%;
3. This decline in provincial funding reflects a regressive approach of shifting cost to municipal property tax payers.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

- A. THAT the Mayor, on behalf of Vancouver City Council, write a letter to Minister Fleming asking that the BC Government increase library funding to a minimum of \$20 million annually to reflect inflationary and population increases and recommit to a progressive funding approach, reflecting the role of public libraries in achieving the goals of the Province and our communities.
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5. Transparent Process and Taxation for Land Banks Repurposed as Temporary Recreational Properties

The Committee heard from one speaker in support and one speaker in opposition to the motion.

MOVED by Councillor Fry

THAT the Committee recommend to Council

WHEREAS

1. Over the past decade, vacant land development holdings throughout the City of Vancouver have been converted to use as public recreation space, variously as temporary parks and gardens;
2. As a result of installing temporary public parks or gardens, the respective lots are reclassified by the BC Assessment Authority from Class 6 (Business, other) to Class 8 (Recreation);
3. The City of Vancouver has the authority to determine land use, but has no authority under the BC Assessment Act to determine property classification. Property classification is done by BC Assessment in accordance with the BC Assessment Act;
4. Property classifications by BC Assessment do not necessarily align with the City's land use policies. Unless the Assessment Act is amended, class conversions are really a land use enforcement issue;
5. Reclassification from Class 6 to 8 nets significant property tax savings of nearly two-thirds. In 2019 for example, the mill rate on Class 6 is \$9.32931 per \$1,000 assessed value; for Class 8, the mill rate is \$3.86290 per \$1,000 assessed value;

6. While these new temporary recreation spaces might impart some public community benefit, they also impart significant financial benefit to the owners of development holdings and may unfairly shift the tax burden to other property owners;
7. In a February 17, 2009 motion Council directed staff to report back on context and number of temporary recreation spaces on the whole, as well as options for Council to consider in order to ensure a fair taxation model;
8. Typically the physical conversion of a property from Class 6 to Class 8 would require property owners to apply for a development permit and a change of use however this has not necessarily been the practice with land bank to public recreation space conversions as described;
9. In a May 25, 2009 memo replying to council direction, City staff presented options that considered maintaining the status quo; appealing BC Assessments classifications; or requiring either strict or conditional approvals on development applications to convert land from a business (Class 6) to recreational (Class 8) property use;
10. The de facto decision at the time of that memo and since then has been to maintain the status quo.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

- A. THAT Council direct staff to review analysis in the memo from May 25, 2009 and report back to Council on the feasibility of a hybrid system of strict enforcement and conditional conversions of the use from business (Class 6) to recreational (Class 8) uses that considers highest and best use of land, public benefits, and potential tax revenue.
- B. THAT Council direct staff in its report back to present criteria to define basic standards of conditional conversion including but not limited to commercialization, advertising, public access, and community benefits.
- C. THAT Council direct staff to engage the Province and BC Assessment through the inter-governmental working group to clarify and, where necessary, amend the criteria for conversion with the goal of reducing/eliminating potential abuse of the system.
- D. THAT Council direct staff to report back on the above recommendations and any necessary by-law amendments and considerations before end of Q4 2019.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (Vote No. 04676)
(Councillor Kirby-Yung absent for the vote)

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On June 26, 2019, prior to beginning Item 6, the Committee agreed to vary the agenda to consider a procedural matter regarding Item 2 - A Comprehensive Strategy for Realizing the Full Potential of the Nighttime Economy in the City of Vancouver.

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2. A Comprehensive Strategy for Realizing the Full Potential of the Nighttime Economy in the City of Vancouver

MOVED by Councillor Dominato
THAT the Committee recommend to Council

THAT Whereas Clause No. 16 of the motion “A Comprehensive Strategy for Realizing the Full Potential of the Nighttime Economy in the City of Vancouver”, be amended to strike “September 21, 2018” and replace it with “July 26, 2018”.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (Vote No. 04677)
(Councillors Hardwick and Kirby-Yung absent for the vote)

6. Accountability for Climate Change

The Committee heard from 15 speakers in support of the motion.

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On June 26, 2019, during the hearing of speakers, the Committee recessed at 9:55 pm and reconvened on June 27, 2019, at 6:06 pm.

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On June 27, 2019, during the hearing of speakers, the Committee agreed to vary the agenda to consider a referral motion for Item 10 - Accelerating Action on Industrial Affordability.

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10. Accelerating Action on Industrial Affordability

REFERRAL MOVED by Councillor Kirby-Yung
THAT the Committee recommend to Council

THAT Item 10 - Accelerating Action on Industrial Affordability, be referred to the Standing Committee on July 10, 2019, to hear from speakers, with a start time of 3 pm.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6. Accountability for Climate Change (continued)

REFERRAL MOVED by Councillor Hardwick

THAT the Committee refer debate and decision on Items 6, 7 and 9 to the Regular Council meeting, immediately following the Standing Committee, on July 10, 2019.

LOST (Vote No. 04679)
(Councillors Bligh, Boyle, Carr, De Genova, Fry, Kirby-Yung, Swanson and Wiebe opposed)
(Councillor Dominato and Mayor Stewart absent for the vote)

MOVED by Councillor Hardwick
THAT the Committee recommend to Council

WHEREAS

1. Through their own emissions and emissions from their products, 90 entities (primarily fossil fuel companies) are collectively responsible for almost two thirds of human-caused greenhouse gases (<https://link.springer.com/article/10.1007/s10584-013-0986-y>);
2. To deal with sea-level rise alone, the City of Vancouver expects to pay \$1 billion, and Metro Vancouver municipalities as a whole \$9.5 billion, between now and 2100 ([Vancouver Courier](#), [Vancouver Sun](#));
3. To mitigate the effects of climate change and to help limit global warming to 1.5°C, Vancouver has adopted a Climate Emergency Response, which includes funding its own target of being carbon neutral before 2050 as well as “helping developing jurisdictions transition to renewable energy” ([Climate Emergency Response](#), p. 8);
4. Fossil fuel companies have not had to pay or be accountable for their share of the damage that communities and municipalities, including Vancouver, must now pay to prepare for and recover from;
5. BC has enacted legislation that holds opioid and tobacco producers liable for health care costs and could do the same for fossil fuel producers ([Tobacco Damages and Health Care Costs Recovery Act](#) and [Opioid Damages and Health Care Costs Recovery Act](#));
6. Over [20 municipalities and regional districts](#) in BC have sent letters:
 - a. to Provincial and Federal governments to push for legislation to hold fossil fuel producers strictly liable for climate-related harms if the producer is responsible for greenhouse gas emissions at a globally detectable level; and/or
 - b. to 20 of the world’s largest fossil fuel companies asking that these companies pay a fair share of local costs, referencing climate impacts including, but not limited to, sea level rise, infrastructure changes, and increased wildfire, and the percent responsible according to their percent of emissions calculated in the 2013 paper “[Tracing Anthropogenic Carbon Dioxide and Methane Emissions to Fossil Fuel and Cement Producers, 1854-2010](#)” (updated by the author to 2013).

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

- A. THAT the Mayor, on behalf of Council, write to Canada’s Minister of Environment and Climate Change and BC’s Minister of Environment and Climate Change Strategy to request that they enact legislation holding fossil fuel companies liable for climate-related harms caused by their contributions to climate change, providing Ontario’s “[Liability for Climate Related Harms](#)” Bill as sample framework.

- B. THAT the Mayor, on behalf of Council, write to the 20 fossil fuel companies with the highest percentage of greenhouse gas emissions to ask that they be accountable for their share of climate emergency costs-templates and letters sent by other municipalities are available [online](#).
- C. THAT the Mayor, on behalf of Council, reach out to local governments in BC and across Canada (including Victoria and Toronto) to investigate cooperation and partnership, including potential shared legal strategies, to recover local climate-related costs associated with the products of global fossil fuel companies.
- D. THAT Council support calls in the Union of BC Municipality motions for:
 - a. sending climate accountability letters to the 20 largest fossil fuel companies; and/or
 - b. asking the federal and provincial governments to enact laws to clarify the right of local governments to recover a fair share of their climate costs from fossil fuel companies.

amended

During debate, the Deputy City Manager responded to questions.

AMENDMENT MOVED by Councillor Fry

THAT B be amended to add the words “and working with Legal staff” after the word “Council”;

FURTHER THAT C be amended to add the words “and working with Legal staff” after the word “Council” and that the following paragraph be added at the end:

FURTHER THAT staff report back with a budget or reprioritization of existing budget for exploring any proposed legal strategies; and

FURTHER THAT the first paragraph in D be amended to add the words “motions at the” after the word “support”;

FURTHER THAT D a. be amended to strike the words “sending climate accountability letters to the 20 largest fossil fuel companies; and/or”, and replace with the following:

“Port Moody: “HOLDING FOSSIL FUEL PRODUCERS RESPONSIBLE FOR THEIR CONTRIBUTION TO CLIMATE CHANGE” to (a) send climate accountability letters to the 20 largest fossil fuel companies on behalf of their members; and (b) ask the Minister of Environment and Climate Change Canada and Minister of Environment and Climate Change Strategy to enact laws to clarify the right of local governments to recover a fair share of their climate costs from fossil fuel companies”; and

FURTHER THAT D b. be amended to insert the words “Richmond: “Recovering Costs for Local Climate Change Impacts””, at the beginning and strike the words “federal and”.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (Vote No. 04681)
(Councillor Dominato and Mayor Stewart absent for the vote)

AMENDMENT TO THE AMENDMENT MOVED by Councillor Hardwick

THAT C be amended to add the following at the end:

FURTHER THAT Council direct staff to report back with full costing and budget, including implications to the 2020 budget.

CARRIED (Vote No. 04682)
(Councillor Swanson opposed)

The amendments having carried, the motion, as amended, was put and CARRIED (Vote No. 04683), with Councillors Bligh, De Genova, Dominato and Kirby-Yung opposed.

FINAL MOTION AS APPROVED

THAT the Committee recommend to Council

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

- A. THAT the Mayor, on behalf of Council, write to Canada's Minister of Environment and Climate Change and BC's Minister of Environment and Climate Change Strategy to request that they enact legislation holding fossil fuel companies liable for climate-related harms caused by their contributions to climate change, providing Ontario's "Liability for Climate Related Harms" Bill as sample framework.
- B. THAT the Mayor, on behalf of Council and working with legal staff, write to the 20 fossil fuel companies with the highest percentage of greenhouse gas emissions to ask that they be accountable for their share of climate emergency costs. Templates and letters sent by other municipalities are available online.
- C. THAT the Mayor, on behalf of Council and working with legal staff, reach out to local governments in BC and across Canada (including Victoria and Toronto) to investigate cooperation and partnership, including potential shared legal strategies, to recover local climate-related costs associated with the products of global fossil fuel companies;

FURTHER THAT staff report back with a budget or reprioritization of existing budget for exploring any proposed legal strategies; and

FURTHER THAT Council direct staff to report back with full costing and budget, including implications to the 2020 budget.

- D. THAT Council support motions at the Union of BC Municipalities for:
 - a. Port Moody: "HOLDING FOSSIL FUEL PRODUCERS RESPONSIBLE FOR THEIR CONTRIBUTION TO CLIMATE CHANGE" to:
 - (i) send climate accountability letters to the 20 largest fossil fuel companies on behalf of their members; and
 - (ii) ask the Minister of Environment and Climate Change Canada and the Minister of Environment and Climate Change Strategy to enact

laws to clarify the right of local governments to recover a fair share of their climate costs from fossil fuel companies.; and

- b. Richmond: "Recovering Costs for Local Climate Change Impacts" asking the provincial government to explore the initiation of a class action suit on behalf of local governments to recover costs of climate change from major fossil fuel corporations; and to enact laws to clarify the right of local governments to recover a fair share of their climate costs from fossil fuel companies.

7. Expanding Downtown Eastside Greenspace and Waterfront Access

The Committee heard from 10 speakers in support of the motion.

On June 27, 2019, at 9:47 pm, during the hearing of speakers, the Chair suggested the Committee consider referring the remaining speakers, debate and decision to the Standing Committee on July 10, 2019.

MOVED by Councillor Swanson

THAT the Committee hear from the remaining speakers on Item 7 and complete debate and decision tonight.

not put

The above motion was not put having lost quorum at 10 pm.

Note: Subsequently, due to time constraints, Items 7 and 9 were referred to the Standing Committee on Policy and Strategic Priorities meeting on July 10, 2019, to hear from speakers.

9. Exploring Amendments to Short- Term Rental Policy and an Affordable Rental Housing Fund at the City of Vancouver

Due to time constraints, this item was referred to the Standing Committee on Policy and Strategic Priorities meeting on July 10, 2019, to hear from speakers.

The Committee adjourned at 10 pm.

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

JUNE 26, 2019

A Regular Meeting of the Council of the City of Vancouver was held on Wednesday, June 26, 2019, at 11:18 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 meeting reconvened at 9:55 pm.

PRESENT: Mayor Kennedy Stewart
Councillor Rebecca Bligh
Councillor Christine Boyle
Councillor Adriane Carr
Councillor Melissa De Genova*
Councillor Lisa Dominato*
Councillor Pete Fry*
Councillor Colleen Hardwick
Councillor Sarah Kirby-Yung
Councillor Jean Swanson
Councillor Michael Wiebe

CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE: Paul Mochrie, Deputy City Manager

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE: Tina Penney, Director, Legislative Operations
Tina Hildebrandt, Meeting Coordinator

* Denotes absence for a portion of the meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Report of Standing Committee on City Finance and Services
Wednesday, June 26, 2019

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. City of Reconciliation Update

Item 1

MOVED by Councillor Carr
SECONDED by Councillor Kirby-Yung

THAT the recommendations and actions taken by the Standing Committee on City Finance and Services at its meeting of June 26, 2019, as contained in item 1, be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Councillors De Genova, Dominato and Fry absent for the vote)

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Prior to considering the Unfinished Business items, the Mayor reminded Council of the meeting procedures pilot project recently approved.

*MOVED by Councillor Hardwick
SECONDED by Councillor Carr*

THAT under Section 6.8 of the Procedure By-law, Council suspend rule 10.6 of the Procedure By-law, to provide Council members with two minutes to introduce their motion and one minute each to ask clarifying questions of the mover of a Members Motion.

*CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AND
BY THE REQUIRED MAJORITY
(Councillors De Genova, Dominato and Fry absent for the vote)*

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UNFINISHED BUSINESS

At the Regular Council meeting on June 25, 2019, Council referred the following motions to the Regular Council meeting, immediately following the Standing Committee on City Finance and Services meeting, on June 26, 2019, as Unfinished Business.

1. UBCM Resolution – Putting a Lid on Donation Bins

MOVED by Councillor Kirby-Yung
SECONDED by Councillor Carr

WHEREAS donation bins are an important part of zero-waste programs in many municipalities contributing to textile diversion, and deliver an important revenue stream for non-profit organizations. However, in recent years, they have been the site of a number of deaths of people who have been trapped inside them;

AND WHEREAS on January 15, 2019 and on May 28, 2019, Vancouver City Council took steps to regulate the placement and design of donation bins in the city, including the requirement for verified safe bin designs, and resolved to bring the issue to the annual UBCM conference with the goal of mitigating public safety issues and avoiding tragic deaths.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Vancouver City Council advocates to the Union of BC Municipalities to support a ban on clothing donation bins until and unless safe alternatives are available that does not pose danger or life safety issues for the public.

amended

AMENDMENT MOVED by Councillor Carr
SECONDED by Councillor Fry

THAT the motion be amended to strike the words “until and”; add the word “certifiably” after the word “unless”; strike the words “are available” after the word “alternatives”; strike the word “does” after the word “that”; add the word “do” before the words “not pose danger”; and add the words “are used” at the end.

withdrawn

AMENDMENT TO THE AMENDMENT MOVED by Councillor Kirby-Yung
SECONDED by Councillor Dominato

THAT the amendment be amended to “does” to “do”??

withdrawn

Subsequently, following discussion, Councillors Carr and Kirby-Yung withdrew their amendments with the unanimous consent of Council.

AMENDMENT MOVED by Councillor Carr
SECONDED by Councillor Dominato

THAT the motion be amended to insert the words “certifiably by a professional engineer” after the word “alternatives”, and strike the words “are available”.

amended

AMENDMENT TO THE AMENDMENT MOVED by Kirby-Yung
SECONDED by Councillor De Genova

THAT the amendment be amended to strike the words “made” and “by” and add the word “in” before the word “member”.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (Vote No. 04652)

The amendment to the amendment having carried, the amendment as amended was put and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (Vote No. 04653).

The amendments having carried, the motion as amended was put and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (Vote No. 04654).

FINAL MOTION AS APPROVED

WHEREAS donation bins are an important part of zero-waste programs in many municipalities contributing to textile diversion, and deliver an important revenue stream for non-profit organizations. However, in recent years, they have been the site of a number of deaths of people who have been trapped inside them;

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annual UBCM conference with the goal of mitigating public safety issues and avoiding tragic deaths.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Vancouver City Council advocates to the Union of BC Municipalities to support a ban on clothing donation bins until safe alternatives certified by a professional engineer that do not pose danger or life safety issues for the public are available in member municipalities.

2. UBCM Motion – Conflict of Interest Rules

At this point in the proceedings, the Mayor stepped down as Chair to introduce the motion. Councillor Bligh as Deputy Mayor assumed the Chair.

MOVED by Mayor Stewart
SECONDED by Councillor Carr

WHEREAS when an elected official or senior staff leaves their municipal role and takes a new role with a private firm that does business with the municipality it undermines the public's trust in the elected official or senior staff member. Elected officials and senior civil servants have valuable knowledge and relationships that can potentially create unfair and profitable advantage for new employers simply because of the position they currently occupy with the City;

AND WHEREAS Conflict of interest rules improve public confidence in municipal governance. Many municipal codes of conduct prohibit individuals from relaying confidential information for the purpose of securing a private benefit for themselves or for any other person, and requires avoidance of voting on issues when they personally think they are in conflict, but does not address conflict of interest post-employment or for family members and On December 12, 2018 Vancouver City Council resolved to ask its staff to report back on how Vancouver can improve its current Conflict of Interest Policy concerning elected officials and senior staff, and resolved to bring this issue to UBCM.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Union of BC Municipalities encourage other municipalities to consider adopting Conflict of Interest rules.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (Vote No. 04655)

Following completion of Item 2, the Mayor resumed the Chair.

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At approximately 11:55 pm, it was

*MOVED by Councillor Fry
SECONDED by Councillor Carr*

THAT the meeting be extended to complete the business.

*CARRIED
(Councillor Wiebe opposed)*

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3. UBCM Resolution – Expanded Authority to Notify Renters Impacted by Renovations

The Deputy City Manager responded to questions regarding procedures in relation to submission of this motion.

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Council recessed at 12:06 pm and reconvened at 1:15 pm.

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Following the recess, the Deputy City Manager clarified procedures regarding submission of motions for the UBCM.

MOVED by Councillor Swanson
SECONDED by Councillor Wiebe

WHEREAS renters are facing the risk of displacement and housing insecurity as a result of renovations to existing rental buildings;

AND WHEREAS the Residential Tenancy Act does not currently require landlords to provide proof of permits or a description of the scope of work for renovations where tenancies are likely to be terminated, and municipalities have limited authority to require notification related to tenancy issues as a condition of issuance of certain permits;

AND WHEREAS existing renters facing evictions due to renovations could benefit from information on the type and extent of renovations being undertaken to their buildings in order to support potential cases with the Residential Tenancy Branch;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Union of BC Municipalities request the Province to amend the Local Government Act, in alignment with the *Vancouver Charter*, to clarify and broaden the conditions that can be imposed on building or development permit applications submitted for renovations or redevelopment of an existing building that contains rental housing units including, but not limited to, requiring applicants to provide information on existing tenancies and communicating the proposed work related to the requested permit.

amended

AMENDMENT MOVED By Councillor Swanson
SECONDED by Councillor Carr

THAT the motion be amended to add the words “in alignment with changes that Vancouver”, after the words “Local Government Act”.

CARRIED (Vote No. 04656)
(Councillor Kirby-Yung opposed)
(Councillor Hardwick 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 amendment having carried, the motion as amended was put and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (Vote No. 04657).

FINAL MOTION AS APPROVED

WHEREAS renters are facing the risk of displacement and housing insecurity as a result of renovations to existing rental buildings;

AND WHEREAS the Residential Tenancy Act does not currently require landlords to provide proof of permits or a description of the scope of work for renovations where tenancies are likely to be terminated, and municipalities have limited authority to require notification related to tenancy issues as a condition of issuance of certain permits;

AND WHEREAS existing renters facing evictions due to renovations could benefit from information on the type and extent of renovations being undertaken to their buildings in order to support potential cases with the Residential Tenancy Branch.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Union of BC Municipalities request the Province to amend the Local Government Act, in alignment with changes that Vancouver wants to the *Vancouver Charter*, to clarify and broaden the conditions that can be imposed on building or development permit applications submitted for renovations or redevelopment of an existing building that contains rental housing units including, but not limited to, requiring applicants to provide information on existing tenancies and communicating the proposed work related to the requested permit.

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Council recessed 1:22 pm and reconvened 9:55 pm.

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COMMITTEE REPORTS

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Wednesday, June 26, 2019

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2. A Comprehensive Strategy for Realizing the Full Potential of the Nighttime Economy in the City of Vancouver
3. Cannabis as an Alternative to Opiates and More Dangerous Drugs on the Downtown Eastside
4. Restoring Provincial Library Funding
5. Transparent Process and Taxation for Land Banks Repurposed as Temporary Recreational Properties
8. Changing the Campaign Period and Candidate Requirements for Civic Elections
10. Accelerating Action on Industrial Affordability
11. Celebrating Italian Culture: Welcome Signage in Little Italy and a Pilot Program for an Italian Piazza in Vancouver

Items 2 to 5, 8, 10 and 11

MOVED by Councillor Carr
SECONDED by Councillor De Genova

THAT the recommendations and actions taken by the Standing Committee on City Finance and Services at its meeting of June 26, 2019, as contained in Items 2 to 5, 8, 10 and 11, be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

URGENT BUSINESS

1. Leave of Absence – Councillor Dominato

MOVED by Councillor De Genova
SECONDED by Councillor Boyle

THAT Council approve a Leave of Absence for Councillor Dominato on June 27, 2019, from 6 to 8 pm.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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On June 26, 2019, Council recessed at 9:57 pm.

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Note: Subsequently, on June 27, 2019, due to lack of quorum, Council did not reconvene the Council meeting to Adopt the outstanding actions and recommendations from the Standing Committee, contained in the following items:

6. *Accountability for Climate Change*
7. *Expanding Downtown Eastside Greenspace and Waterfront Access*
9. *Exploring Amendments to Short- Term Rental Policy and an Affordable Rental Housing Fund at the City of Vancouver*

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