



## REPORT TO COUNCIL

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

NOVEMBER 6, 2019

A Regular Meeting of the Standing Committee of Council on City Finance and Services was held on Wednesday, November 6, 2019, at 9:35 am in the Council Chamber, Third Floor, City Hall.

**PRESENT:**

- Mayor Kennedy Stewart\* (Leave of Absence – after 4 pm)
- Councillor Rebecca Bligh\*
- Councillor Christine Boyle
- Councillor Adriane Carr
- Councillor Melissa De Genova\*
- Councillor Lisa Dominato
- Councillor Pete Fry\* (Leave of Absence – after 6 pm)
- Councillor Colleen Hardwick
- Councillor Sarah Kirby-Yung\* (Leave of Absence – after 5 pm)
- Councillor Jean Swanson
- Councillor Michael Wiebe

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

**CITY CLERK'S OFFICE:** Rosemary Hagiwara, Deputy City Clerk  
Tina Penney, Deputy City Clerk  
Irina Dragnea, 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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*MOVED by Councillor Dominato*

*THAT the Committee vary the order of the agenda to consider Item 2 – Approval of Expropriation and Advance Payment for 159 East Hastings Street and 160 East Hastings Street, as the first item of business.*

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

*Note: For clarity, the Minutes are recorded in chronological order.*

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### **MATTERS ADOPTED ON CONSENT**

*MOVED by Councillor Kirby-Yung*

*THAT Council adopt Item 3 to 7, on consent.*

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

### **3. The Metson Rooms Grant Report October 24, 2019**

THAT the Committee recommend to Council

- A. THAT, pursuant to Section 206(1)(a) of the *Vancouver Charter*, Council approve a money grant of up to \$1,000,000 (the “Grant”) from the 2019 Housing Capital Budget – Grants for “SRO Grants (Privately Owned SRO Stock),” to be dispersed no later than January 31, 2020, to Community Builders Benevolence Group (“CBG”), which is a charity registered with the Canada Revenue Agency, to enable the continued operations of 100 interim affordable housing rooms, with onsite services, at 1060 Howe Street, for a period of five (5) years.
- B. THAT the Grant made to CBG be subject to CBG executing and delivering to the City of Vancouver (the “City”) a grant agreement.
- C. THAT the grant agreement executed by CBG be on the terms generally outlined in the Report dated October 24, 2019, entitled “The Metson Rooms Grant Report”, and otherwise satisfactory to the City’s General Manager of Arts, Culture and Community Services and the City’s Director of Legal Services.

- D. THAT, on behalf of the City, the City's General Manager of Arts, Culture and Community Services be authorized to execute any grant agreement governing the terms of the Grant;
- E. THAT no legal rights or obligations are created by the approval of A above unless and until an actual grant agreement is executed and delivered by the City and CBG.
- F. THAT City staff be directed to continue to work with CBG to pursue other funding opportunities with the Provincial and Federal Governments to enhance affordability, service-delivery, and on-going viability of CBG's work.

ADOPTED ON CONSENT AND A  
BY THE REQUIRED MAJORITY (Vote No. 05156)

**4. Annual Financial Authorities – 2020  
October 20, 2019**

THAT the Committee recommend to Council

- A. THAT, for the period from January 1 to December 31, 2020, Council authorize the Director of Finance to draw warrants for payment (i.e. issue an authorization to the City Treasurer to disburse funds from a City account), provided that any such warrants for payment be reported in writing to the City Clerk for the information of Council within 15 days after the end of the month in which each warrant is drawn, in accordance with Sections 215 and 216 of the *Vancouver Charter*.
- B. THAT, for the period from January 1 to July 15, 2020, Council authorize the Director of Finance to temporarily use such proceeds from the sale of debentures that have not yet been expended to meet other expenditure requirements of the City, pending collection of the 2020 general purpose tax levy, in accordance with Section 259(1)(b) of the *Vancouver Charter*.
- C. THAT, for the period from January 1 to December 31, 2020, Council authorize the Director of Finance to invest City funds not immediately required and to vary the investments from time to time where appropriate, in accordance with Sections 201, 259, and 260 of the *Vancouver Charter*.
- D. THAT, for the period from January 8, 2020, to January 7, 2021, pursuant to Section 263 of the *Vancouver Charter*, Council authorize the Director of Finance to establish a short-term borrowing facility to assist in managing the City's cash flow with the maximum outstanding amount not to exceed \$60 million.
- E. THAT, subject to approval of D above, Council instruct the Director of Legal Services to bring forward a by-law for enactment by Council authorizing the borrowing referred to in D above.

ADOPTED ON CONSENT (Vote No. 05157)

**5. Contract Award for Supply and Delivery of Concrete Pipe  
November 6, 2019**

THAT the Committee recommend to Council

- A. THAT Council authorize City staff to negotiate to the satisfaction of the City's General Manager of Engineering Services, the City's Director of Legal Services, and the City's Chief Procurement Officer and to enter into a contract with Ocean Pipe, a Division of Lehigh Hanson Materials, Limited for the supply and delivery of concrete pipe, for an initial term of three (3) years, with the City's option to extend for three (3) additional two (2) year terms, with an estimated contract value of \$4,808,007 plus applicable taxes over the initial three (3)-year term, to be funded through the 2019 Engineering Capital Approved Budgets and future Capital Budgets.
- B. THAT the Director of Legal Services, the Chief Procurement Officer and the General Manager of Engineering Services 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 these motions.

ADOPTED ON CONSENT (Vote No. 05158)

**6. Contract Award for Pre-Qualification of Professional Engineering Services  
October 9, 2019**

THAT the Committee recommend to Council

- A. THAT Council authorize City staff to negotiate to the satisfaction of the City's General Manager of Engineering Services, the City's Director of Legal Services, and the City's Chief Procurement Officer and to enter into contracts with a list of 63 vendors as attached in Appendix A of the Report dated October 9, 2019, entitled "Contract Award for Pre-Qualification of Professional Engineering Services", for providing the professional engineering services, for a term of three (3) years, with an estimated contract value of \$19.5M, plus applicable taxes, to be funded through the Annual Capital Expenditure Budget, the Multi-Year Capital Budgets and the Operating Budget subject to Council approval.
- B. THAT the Director of Legal Services, the Chief Procurement Officer and the General Manager of Engineering Services 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 these motions.

ADOPTED ON CONSENT (Vote No. 05159)

**7. Contract Award for City-wide Construction Contract  
October 10, 2019**

THAT the Committee recommend to Council

- A. THAT Council authorize City staff to negotiate to the satisfaction of the City's General Manager of Real Estate and Facilities Management, the City's Director of Legal Services and the City's Chief Procurement Officer, and enter into a contract with Scott Special Projects Ltd., as Construction Manager, for various construction services for an initial term of three (3) years, with the option to extend for two (2) additional one (1) year terms, with an estimated contract value of \$60,000,000, plus applicable taxes over the initial three (3)-year term, to be funded through annual approved Capital Maintenance and Capital project budgets where costs will be charged to specific programs and projects as work is completed.
- B. THAT the Director of Legal Services, the Chief Procurement Officer and the 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 these motions.

ADOPTED ON CONSENT (Vote No. 05160)

At 9:42 am, Councillor De Genova declared conflict of interest on Item 2 due to personal reasons. Councillor De Genova left the meeting before the start of Item 2 and did not return until the conclusion of the item.

Prior to leaving the Chamber, Councillor De Genova relinquished the Chair to Councillor Fry.

**2. Approval of Expropriation and Advance Payment for 159 East Hastings Street and  
160 East Hastings Street  
October 22, 2019**

Sandra Singh, General Manager of Arts, Culture and Community Services, introduced the item and staff from Arts, Culture and Community Services, and Real Estate and Facilities Management, presented on the above-noted matter.

Following the presentation, the Committee heard from 23 speakers in support and three speakers in opposition of the recommendations.

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*During the hearing of speakers, the Committee recessed at 12 pm and reconvened at 2:13 pm.*

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After hearing from speakers, staff from Arts, Culture and Community Services, and Real Estate and Facilities Management, responded to questions.

MOVED by Councillor Swanson  
THAT the Committee recommend to Council

- A. THAT Council, as the approving authority under the *Expropriation Act*, R.S.B.C. 1996, c. 125 (the "Act"), approve the expropriation of the lands located at 159 East Hastings Street, as shown in Appendix A of the Report dated October 22, 2019, entitled "Approval of Expropriation and Advance Payment for 159 East Hastings Street and 160 East Hastings Street", legally described as:

Parcel Identifier Numbers 015-686-531, 015-685-926 & 015-685-951  
The West 0.5 Feet Of Lot 13, Lot 14 & Lot 15, Block 9, District Lot 196, Plan 184 (the "Balmoral")

by passing the resolution set out in Appendix B of the above-noted Report.

- B. THAT, subject to the passing of the resolution set out in Appendix B of the Report dated October 22, 2019, entitled "Approval of Expropriation and Advance Payment for 159 East Hastings Street and 160 East Hastings Street", Council authorize the Director of Real Estate Services, on behalf of the City as the expropriating authority, to pay One Dollar (\$1.00) to the registered owner of the Balmoral as the advance payment made under the Act.

- C. THAT, subject to the passing of the resolution set out in Appendix B of the Report dated October 22, 2019, entitled "Approval of Expropriation and Advance Payment for 159 East Hastings Street and 160 East Hastings Street", Council approve funding of \$350,000 to secure the Balmoral through additional building hardware, security systems, on-site and mobile patrols.

- D. THAT Council, as the approving authority under the Act, approve the expropriation of the lands located at 160 East Hastings Street, as shown in Appendix A of the Report dated October 22, 2019, entitled "Approval of Expropriation and Advance Payment for 159 East Hastings Street and 160 East Hastings Street", legally described as:

Parcel Identifier Numbers 013-263-072 & 013-263-111  
Lots 39 & 40, Block 12 District Lot 196 Plan 184 (the "Regent", which together with the Balmoral are herein defined as the "Hotel Properties")

by passing the resolution set out in Appendix C of the above-noted Report.

- E. THAT, subject to the passing of the resolution set out in Appendix C of the Report dated October 22, 2019, entitled "Approval of Expropriation and Advance Payment for 159 East Hastings Street and 160 East Hastings Street", Council authorize the Director of Real Estate Services, on behalf of the City as the expropriating authority, to pay One Dollar (\$1.00) to the registered owner of the Regent and to pay One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000) to the holder of an unregistered lease interest with respect to the Regent Pub (the "Regent Pub Lease"), as the advance payments made under the Act.
- F. THAT, subject to the passing of the resolution set out in Appendix C of the Report dated October 22, 2019, entitled "Approval of Expropriation and Advance Payment for 159 East Hastings Street and 160 East Hastings Street", Council approve funding of \$350,000 to secure the Regent through additional building hardware, security systems, on-site and mobile patrols.
- G. THAT the source of funds for the advance payments described in B and E above and the securing of the Hotel Properties as described in C and F above, be the 2018 Capital Budget for Non-Market Rental (Social Housing & other).

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (Vote No. 05152)  
(Councillors Bligh absent for the vote)  
(Councillor De Genova absent for the vote due to conflict of interest)

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*The Committee recessed at 3:42 pm and reconvened at 3:58 pm.*

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Prior to the start of Item 1, Councillor De Genova returned as Chair.

**1. One-year Review of the Short-term Rental (STR) Program  
October 8, 2019**

Kathryn Holm, Chief Licence Inspector and Director of Licensing and Community Standards, introduced the item and staff from Development, Buildings and Licensing, presented on the above-noted matter.

Following the presentation, the Committee heard from four speakers in support and seven speakers in opposition of the recommendations.

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*During the hearing of speakers, the Committee recessed at 4:56 pm to convene in Council.  
The Committee reconvened at 6:06 pm.*

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After hearing from speakers, staff from Development, Buildings and Licensing, responded to questions.

MOVED by Councillor Boyle

THAT the Committee recommend to Council

- A. THAT Council approve in principle amendments to the Licence By-law No. 4450 to expand the responsibilities of a Short-term Rental (STR) business licence holder, and regulate STR property managers;

FURTHER THAT the Director of Legal Services bring forward for enactment the necessary amendments to the Licence By-law No. 4450, generally in accordance with the by-law attached as Appendix A to the Report dated October 8, 2019, entitled "One-year Review of the Short-term Rental (STR) Program", to be effective January 1, 2020.

- B. THAT Council approve an increase to the Short-term Rental Accommodation Operator Business Licence fee for the year 2020 to \$99/year, to better recover the costs of licensing and enforcement;

FURTHER THAT the Director of Legal Services bring forward for enactment the necessary amendments to Schedule A of the Licence By-law No. 4450, in accordance with Appendix B of the Report dated October 8, 2019, entitled "One-year Review of the Short-term Rental (STR) Program", to be effective January 1, 2020.

- C. THAT Council request the Mayor to write a letter to the Province of British Columbia to advocate for an equitable framework to share the Provincial Sales Tax (PST) revenue generated from short-term rentals in Vancouver with the City of Vancouver for the purpose of funding affordable housing;

FURTHER THAT the letter requests the Province of British Columbia to identify approaches to hold all short-term rental platforms accountable for ensuring their listings and operators comply with applicable local and provincial regulations.

- D. THAT Council request the Mayor to write a letter on behalf of Council to the Expedia Group, Booking Holdings and TripAdvisor Inc. requesting these short-term rental platform companies to take additional measures to ensure their listings and operators in Vancouver comply with the City of Vancouver's short-term rental regulations.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (Vote No. 05153)

(Councillors Fry, Kirby-Yung and Mayor Stewart absent for the vote)

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*The Committee recessed at 7:30 pm and reconvened at 7:37 pm.*

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**8. Exploring a More Robust Policy Framework Relating to the Sale and Promotion of Vaping Products**

At the Council meeting on November 5, 2019, Council referred the following motion to the Standing Committee on City Finance and Services meeting on November 6, 2019, in order to hear from speakers.

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

MOVED by Councillor Bligh  
THAT the Committee recommend to Council

WHEREAS

1. There has been a noticeable increase in the number of Vancouver retailers selling vape equipment and supplies over the past few years amid calls to limit, or even ban, vaping products and their promotion given serious concerns regarding the health risks associated with vaping, particularly the advertising of vaping products which often targets minors and youth;
2. The City of Vancouver does not currently impose any specific restrictions on the sale of vape equipment and supplies, for example, there is no minimum distance requirement between retailers of vaping equipment and supplies as is the case for liquor stores and cannabis retailers, nor does the City have a license category specific to retailers who sell vape products;
3. The BC Lung Association notes that although the long-term health effects of using vaping products are currently unknown and under scientific examination, the “[s]hort-term health effects include coughing, sneezing, exacerbation in asthma symptoms and increased heart rate” are known;
4. On September 4, 2019, in the wake of reported cases of severe pulmonary illness and a number of deaths associated with the use of vaping products in the United States, Health Canada advised Canadians who use vaping products to monitor themselves for symptoms of pulmonary illness (e.g., cough, shortness of breath, chest pain) and to seek medical attention promptly if they have concerns about their health;
5. On September 19, 2019, Dr. Bonnie Henry, B.C.’s provincial health officer, issued a notice under the Reporting Information Affecting Public Health Regulation that requires physicians to report incidences of patients exhibiting symptoms that meet the national case definition for vaping-related illness;
6. On Wednesday, October 16, 2019, Dr. Bonnie Henry, B.C.’s provincial health officer, confirmed the first probable case of a vaping-related illness in B.C., noting “several other investigations [are] underway that may also meet the case definition of probable or confirmed vaping-related illness in the near future;”

7. Dr. Bonnie Henry, B.C.'s provincial health officer, has also stated that vaping "is quickly emerging as a significant public health issue, [and]... turning back the clock on decades of effective anti-smoking efforts and creating a new generation of young people addicted to nicotine;"
8. Vancouver Coastal Health has reported seeing "the classic signs of nicotine addiction in young people who vape" (i.e., they can't concentrate in school, they're irritable, and they don't recognize they are experiencing nicotine withdrawal) and further stated that there is "a limited window of opportunity to reach young people who use e-cigarettes" given that studies show 99 percent of people who become addicted to nicotine do so before the age of 26 while the brain is still developing;
9. Vancouver Coastal Health (VCH) is responsible for the enforcement of provincial regulations governing sales of tobacco and vape products in Vancouver;
10. For its part, Vancouver Coastal Health has expressed grave concern that the "young e-cigarette users of today don't know the risks of vaping, and could become the tobacco smokers of tomorrow," while also noting that although the long term health effects of vaping are not known, it is known that the chemicals in some products are not safe when inhaled and that anyone near someone vaping can also be affected by the vapour;
11. The BC Lung Association makes note of several studies that suggest the health effects of vaping can be similar to those of cigarette smoking and also notes that there have been cases of children and adults poisoned by swallowing the e-juice or absorbing it through their skin;
12. Vancouver Coastal Health notes on its website that "[v]aping products, like vape pens and e-cigarettes, may contain:
  - Nicotine
  - Volatile Organic Compounds (also found in gasoline)
  - Carbonyls (also found in embalming liquid)
  - Tiny particles (also found in wildfire smoke)
  - Toxic heavy metals such as chromium, nickel and lead
  - Flavours (e-juice)"
13. Vancouver Coastal Health advises that there are currently 479 retailers in Vancouver that fall under the purview of VCH's Tobacco Enforcement Program:
  - 232 – sell tobacco and vape products
  - 149 – sell tobacco exclusively
  - 33 – sell vape products exclusively
  - 65 – Liquor premises that sell tobacco and/or vape products

14. The federal *Tobacco and Vaping Products Act* distinguishes between “tobacco” and “vape” products and specifically allows – at present – for advertising vape products as long as the advertisements meet the criteria stipulated in the legislation and regulations. This has resulted in TransLink being unable to prohibit vape advertisements that meet the legal and regulatory requirements;
15. An increasing number of B.C. municipalities and school districts are calling for a policy framework that is more robust than at present to address the many issues related to vaping and vape products and they are taking steps – where they can – to address these issues within their jurisdictional purview while also calling on the provincial and federal governments to take actions appropriate to their jurisdictional powers and responsibilities, for example:
  - Richmond city councillors recently voted unanimously to ban advertisements for vaping products on sites and property the City owns and/or has sufficient control over, including transit shelters, transit benches, and other street furniture, to bring attention to the serious health risks associated with vaping, particularly for youth and minors who are often the target audience of vape advertising.
  - Trustees in the Fraser Cascade School District (SD78) recently voted unanimously to send a letter to the Minister of Health asking the province to ban flavoured vaping products, bring in tighter retail controls, develop educational tools to stop students from vaping in the first place, and the creation of tougher penalties for non-compliance.
  - In April, Coquitlam City council asked their staff to find ways the city can help to prevent children from obtaining vape products, while noting that local governments have limited powers and jurisdiction to protect youth from accessing vaping products or the appeal of vape products, including an absence of resources for enforcement. More recently, Coquitlam City council voted unanimously to support a motion asking the Federation of Canadian Municipalities and UBCM to call upon Health Canada and the provincial and territorial governments “to move quickly to coordinate additional public policy and regulations to address access, sale and appeal of vape products to youth, and offer additional enforcement resources, to halt the growing usage of vape products among our youth as a matter of concern to local government and their communities.”

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

- A. THAT Council direct staff to explore various regulatory measures and actions within the City’s jurisdictional powers, either through the *Vancouver Charter* or other relevant legislation, as a step toward the establishment of a more robust policy framework relating to the sale and promotion of vaping products in Vancouver, and for staff to report back to Council before the end of Q1 in 2020 with recommendations and options for Council’s consideration including (but not limited to):

- Measures to limit the proximity of vape retailers to schools, youth-oriented facilities, and other recreation facilities, parks, and libraries etc. frequented by youth
  - Measures to ban advertisements for vaping products on sites and properties the City owns and/or has sufficient control over, including transit shelters, transit benches, and other street furniture etc.
  - Changes to the City's sponsorship policy as it pertains to tobacco products to include vape products etc.
- B. THAT Council empower and otherwise direct the Mayor, on behalf of City Council, to write to the provincial Minister of Health in support of a ban on flavoured vaping products, as well as calling on the province to bring in tighter retail controls on vaping products, to set tougher penalties for non-compliance, and to develop educational tools to stop students from vaping in the first place, including any other measures that would serve to avert the serious health impacts and public policy implications that vaping and vape products represent to B.C. and B.C.'s communities.
- C. THAT Council empower and otherwise direct the Mayor, on behalf of City Council, to write to the Prime Minister of Canada and the federal Minister responsible for the *Tobacco and Vaping Products Act* urging them to amend the *Act* and all relevant regulations to restrict the advertisement of vape products as is the case with limits to advertising tobacco products.
- D. THAT Council direct staff to communicate with their staff counterparts at the Vancouver School Board, the Vancouver Park Board, and Vancouver Coastal Health to offer support for any initiatives they may undertake or be undertaking in relation to vaping and vape products;
- FURTHER THAT staff report back to Council on any initiatives that the Vancouver School Board, the Vancouver Park Board, and/or Vancouver Coastal Health may be contemplating in relation to vaping and vape products with an eye to potential partnerships.
- E. THAT Council direct staff to reach out to their staff counterparts in other B.C. communities where there is concern about the impacts of vaping and vaping products in order to signal and offer the City of Vancouver's support for a coordinated Federation of Canadian Municipalities effort and a coordinated UBCM effort to call on Health Canada and the provincial and territorial governments to move quickly on additional public policy and related regulations to address the sale, access, and appeal of vape products to youth, and for the federal, provincial, and territorial governments to consider providing additional enforcement resources to local governments to halt the growing use of vape products among youth as per the grave health concerns this issue has for local governments and their respective communities.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (Vote No.05154)  
(Councillors Fry, Kirby-Yung and Mayor Stewart absent for the vote)

## **9. Increasing Access for Emergency Services: Examining How the City of Vancouver Can Increase Access to Strata and Rental Multi-Residential Buildings for All Emergency Services**

At the Council meeting on November 5, 2019, Council referred the following motion to the Standing Committee on City Finance and Services meeting on November 6, 2019, in order to hear from speakers.

At 8:10 pm, Councillor De Genova relinquished the Chair to Deputy Mayor Hardwick as Vice-Chair Fry was not present, in order to engage in debate on the following motion. Councillor De Genova did not resume the Chair for the remainder of the meeting.

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

MOVED by Councillor De Genova  
THAT the Committee recommend to Council

### WHEREAS

1. In June 2014, the Vancouver Police Department announced the launch of Project Access “to assist Vancouverites in getting the police resources they need in the event of an emergency.” The project included a voluntary partnership between building management and the VPD to secure a method of entry to allow police access to residential condominium and rental buildings in the event of an emergency;
2. Vancouver Fire and Rescue Services are able to access multi-residential buildings via a lockbox that allows fire-fighters and rescue workers to enter buildings without causing extra damage during an emergency;
3. Richmond RCMP can gain access to multi-family residential buildings that opt into the City of Richmond Voluntary Building Access Program, using an electronic signal for building access. A media release from RCMP dated March 23, 2017, confirms the planned solution includes “*a Bluetooth-enabled lockbox that uses a smartphone to open the box where keys or key fobs can be stored. And should the smartphone get lost, in addition to requiring a passcode to open the app, the app itself can be removed from the device remotely, adding increased security. Further, every time the box is opened with the smartphone, a transaction gets sent to a database that's managed by the fire department. While typical lockboxes are surface-mounted to the wall, this one is flush-mounted, making it virtually impenetrable;*”
4. Currently, police officers and paramedics do not have the same level of access as Vancouver Fire and Rescue Services;
5. There have been emergency situations in the City of Vancouver where paramedics and police have required access to buildings;
6. British Columbia Ambulance Service (BCAS) and the Vancouver Police Department both respond to a variety of situations, examples include: emergency

mental health issues, suicide attempts, domestic violence, serious medical emergencies requiring medical attention and transport to hospital. Response time and the ability of emergency services to access multi-residential buildings can greatly affect and be a determining factor in the outcome of emergency calls.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

- A. THAT Council direct staff to explore options available to the City of Vancouver to increase access and/or require new multi-family residential buildings to grant access to all Emergency Services in emergency circumstances.
- B. THAT Council direct staff to consider ways to encourage existing strata and rental buildings to opt into programs allowing access to all emergency services in Vancouver.
- C. THAT staff report back to Council with possible recommendations as soon as possible, and no later than Q4 2021.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (Vote No. 05155)  
(Councillors Fry, Kirby-Yung and Mayor Stewart absent for the vote)

The Committee adjourned at 8:39 pm.

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

**NOVEMBER 6, 2019**

A Meeting of the Council of the City of Vancouver was held on Wednesday, November 6, 2019, at 4:57 pm, in the Council Chamber, Third Floor, City Hall, following the Standing Committee on City Finance and Services meeting, to consider the recommendations and actions of the Committee.

**PRESENT:** Councillor Rebecca Bligh  
Councillor Christine Boyle  
Councillor Adriane Carr  
Councillor Melissa De Genova  
Councillor Lisa Dominato  
Councillor Pete Fry\* (Leave of Absence – after 6 pm)  
Councillor Colleen Hardwick  
Councillor Sarah Kirby-Yung\* (Leave of Absence – after 5 pm)  
Councillor Jean Swanson  
Councillor Michael Wiebe

**ABSENT:** Mayor Stewart (Leave of Absence – Civic Business)

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

**CITY CLERK'S OFFICE:** Tina Penney, Director, Legislative Operations  
Irina Dragnea, Meeting Coordinator

\*Denotes absence for a portion of the meeting.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Report of Standing Committee on City Finance and Services  
Wednesday, November 6, 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:

2. Approval of Expropriation and Advance Payment for 159 East Hastings Street and 160 East Hastings Street
3. The Metson Rooms Grant Report
4. Annual Financial Authorities - 2020
5. Contract Award for Supply and Delivery of Concrete Pipe
6. Contract Award for Pre-Qualification of Professional Engineering Services
7. Contract Award for City-wide Construction Contract

Items 2 to 7

MOVED by Councillor De Genova  
SECONDED by Councillor Carr

THAT the recommendations and actions taken by the Standing Committee on City Finance and Services at its meeting of November 6, 2019, as contained in items 2 to 7, be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AND  
BY THE REQUIRED MAJORITY

### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

**1. Safe and Inclusive Streets: Support for Community Crisis Management Through Understanding and De-escalation**

At the Council meeting on November 5, 2019, Council referred the above-noted motion to the Council meeting, immediately following the Standing Committee on City Finance and Services on November 6, 2019, as Unfinished Business.

REFERRAL MOVED by Councillor Fry  
SECONDED by Councillor Carr

THAT Council refer Unfinished Business 1 – Safe and Inclusive Streets: Support for Community Crisis Management Through Understanding and De-escalation, to the next Council meeting on November 26, 2019, as Unfinished Business.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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*MOVED by Councillor Carr*  
*SECONDED by Councillor De Genova*

*THAT the Council meeting recess.*

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

*Council recessed at 5:00 pm and reconvened at 8:40 pm.*

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## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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1. One-year Review of the Short-term Rental (STR) Program
8. Exploring a More Robust Policy Framework Relating to the Sale and Promotion of Vaping Products
9. Increasing Access for Emergency Services: How the City of Vancouver Can Increase Access to Strata and Rental Multi-Residential Buildings for All Emergency Services

MOVED by Councillor Carr  
SECONDED by Councillor Wiebe

THAT the recommendations and actions taken by the Standing Committee on City Finance and Services at its meeting of November 6, 2019, as contained in items 1, 8 and 9, be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY  
(Councillors Fry and Kirby-Yung absent for the vote)

## **BY-LAWS**

MOVED by Councillor De Genova  
SECONDED by Councillor Dominato

THAT Council enact the by-law listed on the agenda for this meeting as number 1 and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign and seal the enacted by-law.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

1. A By-law to authorize the borrowing of certain sums of money from January 8, 2020, to January 7, 2021, pending the collection of real property taxes (By-law No. 12579)

## **ADJOURNMENT**

MOVED by Councillor De Genova  
SECONDED by Councillor Dominato

THAT the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY  
(Councillors Fry and Kirby-Yung absent for the vote)

The Council adjourned at 8:40 pm.

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