



COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

JANUARY 21, 2020

A Meeting of the Council of the City of Vancouver was held on Tuesday, January 21, 2020, at 9:30 am, in the Council Chamber, Third Floor, City Hall.

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: Sadhu Johnston, City Manager

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE: Katrina Leckovic, City Clerk
Terri Burke, Meeting Coordinator

WELCOME

The Mayor 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 Mayor 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.

PROCLAMATION – Lunar New Year

The Mayor proclaimed the week of January 25 to 31, 2020, as Lunar New Year Celebration Week in the city of Vancouver and invited the following people to the podium to accept the Proclamation and say a few words:

- Chinatown Business Association - Jun Ing
- Chinese Cultural Centre - Fred Kwok
- Vancouver Chinatown Merchants Association - Willie Chan
- SUCCESS - Terry Yung
- Chinese Freemasons - Cecil Fung
- Shon Yee - Bunn Lam

IN CAMERA MEETING

MOVED by Councillor De Genova
SECONDED by Councillor Boyle

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

(a) personal information about an identifiable individual who holds or is being considered for a position as an officer, employee or agent of the city or another position appointed by the city;

(c) labour relations or other employee relations;

(e) the acquisition, disposition or expropriation of land or improvements, if the Council considers that disclosure could reasonably be expected to harm the interests of the city;

(g) litigation or potential litigation affecting the city;

(i) the receipt of advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose;

(k) negotiations and related discussions respecting the proposed provision of an activity, work or facility that are at their preliminary stages and that, in the view of the Council, could reasonably be expected to harm the interests of the city if they were held in public.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

1. Special Council (2020 Budget) – December 3, 2019

MOVED by Councillor Dominato
SECONDED by Councillor Bligh

THAT the Minutes of the Special Council (2020 Budget) meeting of December 3, 2019, be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. Council – December 10, 2019

MOVED by Councillor Carr
SECONDED by Councillor Boyle

THAT the Minutes of the Council meeting of December 10, 2019, be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. Public Hearing – December 10, 2019

MOVED by Councillor Boyle
SECONDED by Councillor Hardwick

THAT the Minutes of the Public Hearing of December 10, 2019, be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. Council (City Finance and Services) – December 11 and 17, 2019

MOVED by Councillor De Genova
SECONDED by Councillor Bligh

THAT the Minutes of the Council meeting following the Standing Committee on City Finance and Services meeting of December 11 and 17, 2019, be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5. Public Hearing – December 12, 17 and 18, 2019

MOVED by Councillor De Genova
SECONDED by Councillor Carr

THAT the Minutes of the Public Hearing of December 12, 17, and 18, 2019, be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6. Special Council (Motion to go In Camera) – December 17, 2019

MOVED by Councillor Dominato
SECONDED by Councillor De Genova

THAT the Minutes of the Special Council (Motion to go In Camera) meeting of December 17, 2019, be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MATTERS ADOPTED ON CONSENT

MOVED by Councillor Bligh
SECONDED by Councillor Carr

THAT Council adopt Communication 1, Reports 1 to 3, and Referral Reports 1, 3 and 4, on consent.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

PRESENTATIONS

1. 2020 Assessment Roll

Clayton Olson, Acting Deputy Assessor, BC Assessment, provided a presentation on the 2020 Assessment Roll, including the creation of BC Assessment, assessment cycle and key dates, property classification, the appeal process, and the 2020 review.

Mr. Olson, along with Grant McDonald, Acting Director of Assessment Operations, and Preet Basra, Deputy Assessor, all from BC Assessment, along with City staff from Financial Planning and Analysis, responded to questions.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. City of Vancouver Responsible Divestment from Fossil Fuels

At the Standing Committee on Policy and Strategic Priorities meeting on November 27, 2019, the Committee concluded hearing from speakers to the motion and referred debate and decision to the Council meeting on January 21, 2020, as Unfinished Business.

MOVED by Councillor Carr
SECONDED by Councillor Swanson

WHEREAS

1. The 2016 Union of BC Municipalities (UBCM) report, Primer on Fossil Fuel Divestment and the Municipal Pension Plan (MPP), noted that “the MPP imperative is to provide income security for retired members” and “Divestment may compromise our investment strategy, increase risks and costs, and negatively affect our clients’ investment returns”;
2. The B.C. Municipal Pension Plan is managed by British Columbia Investment Management Corporation (“BCI”), an asset manager that encourages responsible investing principles and is one of the founding members to the United Nations Principles for Responsible Investment in 2006. BCI has noted that their responsible investment approach is that being an investor and influencing change is more effective than to divest. Other investment firms such as Caisse

Quebec are moving more aggressively to manage the impact and risks of fossil fuels by reducing their holdings and encouraging investment in renewable energy;

3. In May 2016, Council adopted a Responsible Investment Screening Process for the City's investment portfolio. The recommended screening process for investing in Canadian banks and credit unions uses a typical structure of environmental, social, and governance ("ESG") factors within a responsible investing perspective;
4. In February 2018, Council directed staff to report back on "what the implications would be of the City of Vancouver moving its Municipal Finance Authority ("MFA") Investments into a fossil-free Socially Responsible Investment ("SRI") fund if such a fund is established by the MFA". Staff reported in March 2018, that the City does not invest in any MFA pooled investment funds, and therefore would not have MFA funds to move into a fossil-free SRI fund. Since then, as the City has been a leader in the responsible investment area, staff have engaged with MFA to support the creation of MFA pooled investment funds that align with a fossil free approach and MFA has introduced two new Pooled High Interest Savings Accounts that meet the short term investment needs of fossil fuel free investors and will also be introducing an MFA Mortgage Fund which has a small, greatly reduced exposure to fossil fuel companies. In addition, MFA has been engaging with asset managers with the view of creating a new short-term bond fund with a fossil fuel exclusion screen that would exclude securities of companies directly involved in the extraction, processing and transportation of coal, oil, or natural gas;
5. In 2017, the Chief Financial Officer of the City signed a letter from the "Accounting for Sustainability (A4S)" initiative of Chief Financial Officers, supporting climate-related financial disclosure. The letter specifically commits the City to "affirm our commitment to support the voluntary recommendations" of the Task Force on Climate-Related Financial Disclosures ("TCFD"). In 2018, the City was the first Canadian municipality to include climate-related financial disclosures in its annual financial report. The City's disclosure aligns or partially aligns with TCFD recommendations, and will continue to improve over time as the City responds to climate change, and as the field of climate-risk disclosure evolves. The City is currently working with the City of Toronto, the City of Montreal, and CPA (Chartered Professional Accountants) Canada to develop and align standards for other municipalities to follow TCFD disclosures in their financial reports;
6. In June 2018, the City developed its Green Bond Framework and engaged Sustainalytics, a global leading provider of Socially Responsible strategies, to provide a second-party opinion on the City's alignment with the four core components of the Green Bond Principles Framework. In October 2018, the City issued its inaugural Green Bond of \$85 million for capital projects that include investments in renewable energy, energy efficiency, green buildings and clean transportation (<https://vancouver.ca/your-government/investor-relations.aspx>);

7. Since then, with scientific validation of accelerating global warming and the need to leave fossil fuel reserves in the ground, there has been increasing awareness of the investment risk related to fossil fuel “stranded assets”. The October 2018 Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) report calling for rapid reduction in greenhouse gas emissions, with a window of little more than a decade to avert catastrophic impacts of climate change, has shifted the rationale for divesting from an ethical or moral consideration to a financial and fiduciary argument:

“Divestment, once strictly a moral call to action, is now also seen as the only prudent financial response to climate risk” 350.org;

8. In January 2019, Council voted unanimously to recognize a global climate emergency and local climate crisis;
9. In June 2019, noting a B.C. government report that projects the City of Vancouver will have to spend \$1 billion this century to mitigate rising sea levels, Council approved a motion to 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;
10. In October 2019, UN Secretary General Ban Ki-moon, told delegates at a climate change summit in Copenhagen that big investors such as insurers and pension funds should cut their investments and focus on renewable energy sources instead;
11. Divestment is now a rapidly growing worldwide movement. The total sum of global funds committed to fossil fuel divestment was \$52 billion in 2014, \$8 trillion in 2018 and \$11 trillion in 2019. In 2019, more than 1,110 funds (including wealth funds, banks, cities, pension funds and insurance firms) have made divestment commitments, including Norway’s \$1 trillion sovereign wealth fund, the world’s largest. Caisse Quebec – Quebec’s equivalent to B.C.’s pension fund manager – has more than \$285-billion in assets under management and says it believes it is the first North American institutional investor to set a carbon target covering all of its asset classes:

“There are going to be stranded assets associated with climate change. We don’t want to get caught in those stranded assets ... We’re looking for opportunities because we think it’s good risk management to, over time, exit those.”

Michael Sabia, President and CEO of Caisse Quebec;

12. The cities-led responsible investment movement is growing. More and more cities around the world, including New York City, Paris, London, Oslo, Sydney, Melbourne, Auckland, San Francisco and Seattle, are manifesting their climate leadership through making a divestment commitment. To support cities in exploring and developing their divestment and sustainable investment strategies, the global Cities Climate Leadership Group C40, in close partnership with

London and New York City, launched the Divest/Invest Forum in September 2018. The Forum is open to any city that seeks to learn more about divestment, sustainable investment, and other climate-responsive financial strategies; no actions or commitments are required as a prerequisite to joining.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT City Council direct staff to review and report back on A to E below, and the Mayor take action on F to H below:

- A. A plan that includes defining divestment, options and timelines for how the City could fully divest from fossil fuels, building on divestment measures taken to date as well as leading practices related to fossil fuel free investment portfolios.
- B. Opportunities to continue to engage the Municipal Finance Authority to create a fossil fuel free fund that would enable other B.C. municipalities to invest in such a fund.
- C. Bringing a motion to Council for the 2020 meetings of the Lower Mainland Local Government Association and the Union of B.C. Municipalities (UBCM) to re-examine the 2016 UBCM Primer on Fossil Fuel Divestment and the Municipal Pension Plan report, in light of globally changing investment and divestment strategies.
- D. Tasking and resourcing the Vancouver Economic Commission to work with local businesses and financial regulators to provide and promote resources and guidelines for local businesses and other private institutions to understand and apply TCFD (Task Force on Climate-related Financial Disclosures) decision-making in their work.
- E. Evaluating the benefit of the City and Vancouver Economic Commission participating on the C40 Invest/Divest forum, including attending its March 2020 workshop.
- F. The Mayor, on behalf of Council and the City of Vancouver write to the B.C. Municipal Pension Plan requesting a risk assessment of the plan's investments based on carbon exposure, asking the Plan to advise the City on what steps are being taken to measure and mitigate these risks, and urging the Plan to consider the long-term impact of global climate emergency and local climate crisis due to investments in fossil fuel assets and to redeploy funds into green and renewable assets that are necessary for a sustainable future.
- G. The Mayor, on behalf of Council and the City of Vancouver, send a letter to the Province of BC to encourage them to follow the examples of Canadian municipalities in developing a model for crown corporations and provincial agencies to include financial statement disclosures aligned with the TCFD (Task Force on Climate-related Financial Disclosures).
- H. The Mayor, on behalf of the City of Vancouver, a C40 City, sign the Global Green New Deal pledge which was signed by the other C40 mayors at their meeting in Copenhagen in October of 2019. That pledge includes an "urgent, fundamental

and irreversible transfer of global resources away from fossil fuels and into action that averts the climate emergency.”

amended

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Prior to debate, Councillor De Genova rose on a Point of Order to inquire if the motion was in order as staff are currently doing the work noted in the motion. The Mayor consulted the City Manager and staff, and then ruled the motion in order as it is calling for a comprehensive plan, which the City does not currently have.

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AMENDMENT MOVED by Councillor Kirby-Yung
SECONDED by Councillor Dominato

THAT the motion be amended by striking D;

FURTHER THAT, in E, the words “and costs” be inserted after the words “Evaluating the benefit”;

AND FURTHER THAT H be struck and inserted with the following:

THAT staff report back with a briefing to Council on the Global Green New Deal, the benefits of, potential challenges, impacts to City operations, any operational and capital projected transition considerations, as well as any participation costs and resources required of Vancouver, if Council were to approve the City of Vancouver signing the Global Green New Deal pledge.

Council agreed to vote on the components of the amendment. The amendment to strike D was put and CARRIED (Vote No. 05403), with Councillors Boyle, Carr, Fry, Swanson and Wiebe opposed, the additional language to E was put and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (Vote No. 05405), and the strike and insert for H was put and LOST (Vote No. 05407), with Councillors Bligh, Boyle, Carr, Fry, Swanson, Wiebe and Mayor Stewart opposed.

AMENDMENT MOVED by Councillor Dominato
SECONDED by Councillor De Genova

THAT A be struck and inserted with the following:

The City’s responsible investing program, including specifically further divestment options and timelines that build on divestment measures taken to date as well as leading practices related to fossil fuel investment portfolios.

lost

AMENDMENT TO THE AMENDMENT MOVED by Councillor Dominato
SECONDED by Councillor De Genova

THAT the amendment be amended by striking the words “specifically further divestment options and timelines”, and inserting the words, “additional options and timelines for fully divesting from fossil fuels”.

LOST (Vote No. 05408)
(Councillors Boyle, Carr, Fry, Swanson, Wiebe and Mayor Stewart opposed)

The amendment to the amendment having lost, the amendment was put and LOST (Vote No. 05409) with Councillors Bligh, Boyle, Carr, Fry, Swanson, Wiebe and Mayor Stewart opposed)

AMENDMENT MOVED by Councillor Carr
SECONDED by Councillor Fry

THAT the words “in 2020” be inserted in the therefore be it resolved, after the words “report back”.

amended

AMENDMENT TO THE AMENDMENT MOVED by Councillor De Genova
SECONDED by Councillor Dominato

THAT the words “if possible” be inserted before the words “in 2020”.

CARRIED (Vote No. 05410)
(Councillors Boyle, Carr, Fry, Kirby-Yung and Swanson opposed)

Following the vote on the amendment to the amendment, the amended amendment was put and CARRIED (Vote No. 05411) with Councillor Kirby-Yung opposed. The motion as amended was then put and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (Vote No. 05412).

FINAL MOTION AS APPROVED

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COMMUNICATIONS

1. 2020 Council Meetings Schedule Revision

THAT Council approve a change to the 2020 meeting schedule as follows:

Scheduled Date/Time	Proposed Date/Time	Meeting Type
Wednesday, October 21, 2020, at 9:30 am	Thursday, October 22, 2020, at 9:30 am	Standing Committee on City Finance and Services
Thursday, October 22, 2020, at 3:00 pm	Wednesday, October 21, 2020, at 3:00 pm	Council Reserve

ADOPTED ON CONSENT (Vote No. 05424)

REPORTS

1. Heritage Revitalization Agreement Amendment – 959 East 35th Avenue December 18, 2019

- A. THAT Council instruct the Director of Legal Services to bring forward for enactment, pursuant to Section 592 of the *Vancouver Charter*, a by-law to amend the Heritage Revitalization Agreement (the “HRA”) entered into pursuant to Heritage Revitalization Agreement By-law No. 12463 in respect of the heritage building known as the Bramble Store and Apartment (the “Heritage Building”) and the proposed infill dwelling (the “New Building”), located at 959 East 35th Avenue (PID 014-525-992, Lot 23 Block 9 District Lots 668 to 670 Plan 1620) (the “Heritage Parcel”), in order to amend the references to floor area allocation and site coverage, and address other housekeeping measures relevant to the preamble of the HRA, while at the same time retaining the benefit of by-law variances as provided for in the HRA, generally in accordance with Appendix B of the Report dated December 18, 2019, entitled “Heritage Revitalization Agreement Amendment – 959 East 35th Avenue”.
- B. THAT the amendment to the Heritage Revitalization Agreement shall be prepared, completed, registered and given priority on title to the lands described above to the satisfaction of the Director of Legal Services and the Director of Planning.
- C. THAT A above be adopted on the following conditions:
 - i. THAT the passage of the above resolution creates no legal rights for the applicant or any other person, or obligation on the part of the City and any

- expenditure of funds or incurring of costs in relation thereto is at the risk of the person making the expenditure or incurring the cost; and
- ii. THAT the City and all its officials shall not in any way be limited or restricted in the exercise of their authority or discretion, regardless of when they are called upon to exercise such authority or discretion.

ADOPTED ON CONSENT (Vote No. 05425)

2. 2020 Cultural Grants (First Quarter Instalments, Advance Grants, Arts Capacity) December 20, 2019

- A. THAT Council approve first quarter advance grant instalments totaling \$987,100 to 5 major institutions outlined in Appendix A of the Report dated December 20, 2019, entitled “2020 Cultural Grants (First Quarter Instalments, Advance Grants, Arts Capacity)”, in the amounts set out beside their names in the “2020 Advance Grant” column of Appendix A (in the same report) First Quarterly Instalments – Major Institutions; source of funds is the 2020 Cultural Grants Operating Budget.
- B. THAT Council approve advance grants totaling \$1,104,020 to 58 cultural operating organizations outlined in Appendix A of the Report dated December 20, 2019, entitled “2020 Cultural Grants (First Quarter Instalments, Advance Grants, Arts Capacity)”, in the amounts set out beside their names in the “2020 Advance Grant” column of Appendix A (in the same report) Advance Grants – Operating Organizations; source of funds is the 2020 Cultural Grants Operating Budget.
- C. THAT Council approve advance grants totaling \$461,000 to 63 annual assistance organizations outlined in Appendix A of the Report dated December 20, 2019, entitled “2020 Cultural Grants (First Quarter Instalments, Advance Grants, Arts Capacity)”, in the amounts set out beside their names in the “2020 Advance Grants” column of Appendix A (of the same report) Advance Grants – Annual Assistance Organizations; source of funds is the 2020 Cultural Grants Operating Budget.
- D. THAT Council approve a Capacity grant of \$10,000 to Vantage Point Strategies Society (Vantage Point) to support the costs and delivery of leadership development workshops for the City’s cultural grantees; in Appendix A of the Report dated December 20, 2019, entitled “2020 Cultural Grants (First Quarter Instalments, Advance Grants, Arts Capacity)”, in the amount set out in the “2020 Advance Grants” column Appendix A (of the same report) Capacity Grant – Vantage Point; source of funds is the 2020 Cultural Grants Operating Budget.
- E. THAT, pursuant to Section 206(1)(j) of the *Vancouver Charter*, Council deems any organization listed in Appendix A of the Report dated December 20, 2019, entitled “2020 Cultural Grants (First Quarter Instalments, Advance Grants, Arts Capacity)”, which is not otherwise a registered charity with Canada Revenue Agency, to be contributing to the culture of the city.

- F. THAT the General Manager of Arts, Culture and Community Services (GM of ACCS) is authorized to negotiate and execute agreements to disburse the grants described in the Report dated December 20, 2019, entitled “2020 Cultural Grants (First Quarter Instalments, Advance Grants, Arts Capacity)”, on the terms and conditions generally set in G below, and on such other terms and conditions as are satisfactory to the GM of ACCS and the City Solicitor.
- G. THAT no legal rights or obligations are created by the approval of A to C above unless and until the applicable grant agreement or letter of agreement is approved by the City in accordance with F above and executed and delivered by both the grant recipient and the General Manager of Arts, Culture and Community Services (or their designate).

ADOPTED ON CONSENT AND A TO D
BY THE REQUIRED MAJORITY (Vote No. 05426)

**3. Application for Payment-in-Lieu at 325 Carrall Street
November 6, 2019**

- A. THAT Council approve, in principle, the offer of payment-in-lieu in the amount of \$24,700 for the waiver of one commercial parking space required by Section 4.1.2 of the Parking By-law for the development application at 325 Carrall Street.
- B. THAT Council direct the payment of \$24,700 into the Pay-in-Lieu Parking Reserve: Off-Street Parking.
- C. THAT the Director of Legal Services be instructed to bring forward for enactment a By-law to amend Schedule A of the Parking By-law pursuant to Section 4.12.5 to effect this waiver.

ADOPTED ON CONSENT (Vote No. 05427)

REFERRAL REPORTS

**1. CD-1 Rezoning: 3235-3261 Clive Avenue
January 7, 2020**

- A. THAT the application by dys architecture, on behalf of Nexst Clive Development Ltd., to rezone 3235-3261 Clive Avenue [Lots 3 to 7, Blocks 149 to 153, District Lot 37, Plan 2196; PIDs: 003-043-223, 006-700-802, 006-700-829, 013-982-958 and 013 982-991 respectively] from CD-1 (Comprehensive Development) District (219) to a new CD-1 (Comprehensive Development) District, to increase the floor space ratio (FSR) from 1.20 to 2.25 and a maximum building height from 11.9 m (39 ft.) to 21.4 m (70.2 ft.), to permit development of a six-storey residential building fronting Vanness Avenue and three-and-a-half storey townhouses fronting Clive Avenue, consisting of a total of 68 residential units (62 strata-titled units and six market rental units), be referred to public hearing together with:

- (i) plans prepared by dys architecture, received December 21, 2018;
- (ii) draft by-law provisions, generally as presented in Appendix A of the Referral Report dated January 7, 2020, entitled "CD-1 Rezoning: 3235-3261 Clive Avenue"; and
- (iii) the recommendation of the General Manager of Planning, Urban Design and Sustainability to approve the application in principle, including approval in principle of the form of development, subject to the Conditions of Approval contained in Appendix B of the above-noted report;

FURTHER THAT the Director of Legal Services be instructed to prepare the necessary CD-1 by-law generally in accordance with Appendix A of the above-noted report for consideration at the public hearing.

- B. THAT, subject to referral of the rezoning application to a public hearing, a consequential amendment to CD-1 District (219) By-law No. 6322 to remove 3235-3261 Clive Avenue from CD-1 (219), generally as set out in Appendix C of the Referral Report dated January 7, 2020, entitled "CD-1 Rezoning: 3235-3261 Clive Avenue", also be referred to the same public hearing;

FURTHER THAT the Director of Legal Services be instructed to prepare the necessary amending by-law, generally as set out in Appendix C of the above-noted report, for consideration at the Public Hearing.

- C. THAT, if after public hearing, Council approves in principle the rezoning and the Housing Agreement described in Part 2 of Appendix B of the Referral Report dated January 7, 2020, entitled "CD-1 Rezoning: 3235-3261 Clive Avenue", the Director of Legal Services be instructed to prepare the necessary Housing Agreement By-law for enactment prior to enactment of the zoning by-law, subject to such terms and conditions as may be required at the discretion of the Director of Legal Services and the General Manager of Planning, Urban Design and Sustainability.

- D. THAT A to C above be adopted on the following conditions:

- (i) THAT the passage of the above resolutions creates no legal rights for the applicant or any other person, or obligation on the part of the City, and any expenditure of funds or incurring of costs is at the risk of the person making the expenditure or incurring the cost;
- (ii) THAT any approval that may be granted following the public hearing shall not obligate the City to enact a by-law rezoning the property, and any costs incurred in fulfilling requirements imposed as a condition of rezoning are at the risk of the property owner; and
- (iii) THAT the City and all its officials, including the Approving Officer, shall not in any way be limited or directed in the exercise of their authority or discretion, regardless of when they are called upon to exercise such authority or discretion.

ADOPTED ON CONSENT (Vote No. 05428)

**2. Simplified and Expanded Zoning and Development Regulations for Passive House Projects
December 9, 2019**

MOVED by Councillor Hardwick
SECONDED by Councillor Kirby-Yung

THAT the Referral Report entitled “Simplified and Expanded Zoning and Development Regulations for Passive House Projects”, be referred back to staff to more broadly gather public input and resubmit the report by the end of Q1.

LOST (Vote No. 05413)
(Councillors Bligh, Boyle, Carr, Fry, Swanson, Wiebe and Mayor Stewart opposed)

MOVED by Councillor Boyle
SECONDED by Councillor Bligh

- A. THAT the General Manager of Planning, Urban Design and Sustainability be instructed to make application to amend the Zoning and Development By-law provisions for Certified Passive House projects (except laneway houses), as generally set out in Appendix A of the Referral Report dated December 9, 2019, entitled “Simplified and Expanded Zoning and Development Regulations for Passive House Projects”, and that the application be referred to Public Hearing;

FURTHER THAT the Director of Legal Services be instructed to prepare the necessary amending by-law, generally in accordance with Appendix A of the above-noted report, for consideration at Public Hearing.

- B. THAT, subject to approval of the amendments to the Zoning and Development By-law, the General Manager of Planning, Urban Design and Sustainability be instructed to bring forward for Council’s adoption, at the time of enactment of the by-law amendments, related amendments to the documents “Passive House Relaxations: Guidelines for Larger Projects” and “Passive House Relaxations: Guidelines for Residences in RS Districts”.

CARRIED (Vote No. 05414)
(Councillors Dominato and Hardwick opposed)

**3. CD-1 Rezoning: 4338-4362 Cambie Street
January 7, 2020**

- A. THAT the application by Arno Matis Architecture, on behalf of Cambie Terra Development Ltd., the registered owners, to rezone 4338-4362 Cambie Street [Lots 2 and 3, Block 721, District Lot 526, Plan 6539; PIDs: 010-869-638 and 010-869-654 respectively] from RS-1 (One-Family Dwelling) District to CD-1 (Comprehensive Development) District, to increase the permitted floor space ratio (FSR) from 0.70 to 2.75 and the building height from 10.7 m (35 ft.) to

20.5 m (67 ft.) to permit the development of a six-storey residential building with 68 strata residential units, including townhouses at the lane, be referred to a Public Hearing together with:

- (i) plans prepared by Arno Matis Architecture, received May 31, 2019;
- (ii) draft CD-1 By-law provisions, generally as presented in Appendix A of the Referral Report dated January 7, 2020, entitled "CD-1 Rezoning: 4338-4362 Cambie Street"; and
- (iii) the recommendation of the General Manager of Planning, Urban Design and Sustainability to approve the application in principle, including approval in principle of the form of development, subject to the Conditions of Approval contained in Appendix B of the above-noted report;

FURTHER THAT the Director of Legal Services be instructed to prepare the necessary CD-1 By-law generally in accordance with Appendix A of the above-noted report for consideration at Public Hearing.

- B. THAT, subject to enactment of the CD-1 By-law, the Subdivision By-law be amended generally as set out in Appendix C of the Referral Report dated January 7, 2020, entitled "CD-1 Rezoning: 4338-4362 Cambie Street";

FURTHER THAT the Director of Legal Services be instructed to bring forward the amendment to the Subdivision By-law at the time of enactment of the CD-1 By-law.

- C. THAT A and B above be adopted on the following conditions:

- (i) THAT the passage of the above resolutions creates no legal rights for the applicant or any other person, or obligation on the part of the City and any expenditure of funds or incurring of costs is at the risk of the person making the expenditure or incurring the cost;
- (ii) THAT any approval that may be granted following the public hearing shall not obligate the City to enact a by-law rezoning the property, and any costs incurred in fulfilling requirements imposed as a condition of rezoning are at the risk of the property owner;
- (iii) THAT the City and all its officials, including the Approving Officer, shall not in any way be limited or directed in the exercise of their authority or discretion, regardless of when they are called upon to exercise such authority or discretion.

ADOPTED ON CONSENT (Vote No. 05430)

**4. CD-1 Text Amendment: 1500 West Georgia Street
January 7, 2020**

- A. THAT the application by Bosa Properties (1500 Holdco) Inc., to amend the text of CD-1 (Comprehensive Development) District (705) By-law No. 12176 for 1500 West Georgia Street [PID 030-498-376 Lot A, Block 43, District Lot 185, Group 1, New Westminster District Plan EPP80099], to increase the permitted floor space ratio (FSR) from 10.82 to 10.93 and increase the maximum floor area of sub-area A by 432.2 sq. m (4,652.2 sq. ft.), to correct an error in the floor area calculation for the existing, retained office building at 1500 West Georgia Street, be referred to public hearing, together with:
- (i) draft CD-1 By-law provisions, generally as presented in Appendix A of the Referral Report dated January 7, 2020, entitled "CD-1 Text Amendment: 1500 West Georgia Street"; and
 - (ii) the recommendation of the General Manager of Planning, Urban Design and Sustainability to approve the application;

FURTHER THAT the Director of Legal Services be instructed to prepare the necessary amending by-law, generally in accordance with Appendix A of the above-noted report, for consideration at public hearing.

- B. THAT A above be adopted on the following conditions:
- (i) THAT the passage of the above resolution creates no legal rights for the applicant or any other person, or obligation on the part of the City; any expenditure of funds or incurring of costs is at the risk of the person making the expenditure or incurring the cost;
 - (ii) THAT any approval that may be granted following the public hearing shall not obligate the City to enact a by-law rezoning the property, and any costs incurred in fulfilling requirements imposed as a condition of rezoning are at the risk of the property owner; and
 - (iii) THAT the City and all its officials, including the Approving Officer, shall not in any way be limited or directed in the exercise of their authority or discretion, regardless of when they are called upon to exercise such authority or discretion.

ADOPTED ON CONSENT (Vote No. 05431)

5. CD-1 Rezoning: 631-635 Commercial Drive - WITHDRAWN

BY-LAWS

Councillors Bligh, Boyle, De Genova, Dominato, Fry, Hardwick, Kirby-Yung, Wiebe, and Mayor Stewart, advised they had reviewed the proceedings of the meeting related to by-law 13 and would be voting on the enactment.

MOVED by Councillor De Genova
SECONDED by Councillor Carr

THAT Council, except for those members ineligible to vote as noted below, enact the by-laws listed on the agenda for this meeting as numbers 3 to 10 inclusive, and 13 and 14, and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign and seal the enacted by-laws.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOVED by Councillor Carr
SECONDED by Councillor Wiebe

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
(Councillors Bligh, Boyle and De Genova opposed)
(Councillor Hardwick abstained from the vote)

MOVED by Councillor Carr
SECONDED by Councillor De Genova

THAT Council enact the by-law listed on the agenda for this meeting as number 2, and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign and seal the enacted by-law.

CARRIED
(Councillors Bligh and De Genova opposed)
(Councillor Hardwick abstained from the vote)

REFERRAL MOVED by Councillor Wiebe
SECONDED by Councillor De Genova

THAT Council refer enactment of the by-law listed on the agenda for this meeting as number 11, entitled "A By-law to amend Street Name By-law No. 4054 regarding the naming of new streets and street extensions within the Pearson Dogwood Development", back to staff, for further consultation and input including consultation with the Civic Asset Naming Committee and Persons with Disabilities Advisory Committee.

CARRIED
(Councillor Kirby-Yung opposed)
(Councillors Carr and Bligh abstained from the vote)

MOVED by Councillor Boyle
SECONDED by Councillor De Genova

THAT Council enact the by-law listed on the agenda for this meeting as number 12, and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign and seal the enacted by-law.

CARRIED
(Councillors Dominato and Kirby-Yung opposed)

1. A By-law to amend License By-law No. 4450 regarding plastic straws (By-law No. 12618)
2. A By-law to amend the Ticket Offences By-law No. 9360 regarding plastic straws (By-law No. 12619)
3. A By-law to amend License By-law No. 4450 regarding single-use utensils (By-law No. 12620)
4. A By-law to amend the Ticket Offences By-law No. 9360 regarding single-use utensils (By-law No. 12621)
5. A By-law to amend License By-law No. 4450 regarding single-use beverage cups (By-law No. 12622)
6. A By-law to amend the Ticket Offences By-law No. 9360 regarding single-use beverage cups (By-law No. 12623)
7. A By-law to amend License By-law No. 4450 regarding shopping bags (By-law No. 12624)
8. A By-law to amend the Ticket Offences By-law No. 9360 regarding shopping bags (By-law No. 12625)
9. A By-law to amend Street and Traffic By-law No. 2849 regarding the minimum fine for street fighting (By-law No. 12626)
10. A By-law to amend Ticket Offences By-law No. 9360 regarding an offence pursuant to the Street and Traffic By-law (By-law No. 12627)
11. A By-law to amend Street Name By-law No. 4054 regarding the naming of new streets and street extensions within the Pearson Dogwood Development
12. A By-law to amend the Vacancy Tax By-law No. 11674 regarding an increased tax rate, a new exemption, and notice period for complaints and reviews (By-law No. 12628)
13. A By-law to amend Zoning and Development By-law No. 3575 to rezone an area to CD-1 (431-455 West King Edward Avenue) (By-law No. 12629)

(Councillor Swanson ineligible for the vote)

14. A By-law to amend Building By-law No. 12511 regarding various housekeeping amendments (By-law No. 12630)

MOTIONS

A. Administrative Motions

None.

B. Council Members' Motions

1. Requests for Leaves of Absence

At the request of Councillor Dominato, Council agreed to withdraw her request for leave that was in the original motion B.1.

MOVED by Councillor Carr
SECONDED by Councillor Boyle

THAT Councillor De Genova be granted Leaves of Absence for civic business from meetings during the hours of 12:30 pm and 4:30 pm, on April 1, April 29, June 10, July 8, October 7, and November 4, 2020.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (Vote No. 05433)

2. Changes to February and March Business Licence Hearing Panels

MOVED by Councillor De Genova
SECONDED by Councillor Hardwick

THAT Councillor Wiebe replace Councillor Hardwick as a panel member at the Business Licence Hearing to be held Wednesday, February 19, 2020;

FURTHER THAT Councillor Hardwick replace Councillor Wiebe as a panel member at the Business Licence Hearing to be held Tuesday, March 3, 2020.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (Vote No. 05434)

3. Designating January 29th as Day of Remembrance and Action on Islamophobia

MOVED by Councillor Swanson
SECONDED by Councillor Boyle

WHEREAS

1. On January 29, 2017, a white gunman entered the Islamic Cultural Centre mosque in Quebec City and opened fire on dozens of Muslim worshippers;
2. By the time the shooting had ended, six people had been tragically killed and 19 more were injured: Ibrahima Barry, Mamadou Tanou Barry, Khaled Belkacemi, Aboubaker Thabti, Abdelkrim Hassane, and Azzedine Soufiane lost their lives that night;
3. Muslim communities across Canada were, and continue to be, affected by this and other acts of hate, racism, white supremacy, and Islamophobia—including the anti-Islam rally planned for August 19, 2017, outside Vancouver City Hall;
4. To commemorate January 29, Muslim communities in Vancouver have held vigils, discussions, and other events, including an annual vigil during evening prayers at the Vancouver Al-jamia Mosque on 8th Avenue, which is the oldest mosque in BC;
5. The cities of Toronto, Mississauga, Brampton, Markham, Hamilton, and Windsor have all designated January 29 as a Day of Remembrance and Action on Islamophobia. Many municipalities across Canada commemorate the events of January 29 with their Muslim community partners, and there is a nation-wide campaign for the federal government to recognize the day nationally (<https://www.january29.ca/about>).

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council declare January 29th as a Day of Remembrance and Action on Islamophobia, adding it to its official observances calendar;

FURTHER THAT the City of Vancouver acknowledge this day with a proclamation.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (Vote No. 05420)

4. Preserving Single Room Occupancy Stock Surrounding New St. Paul's Hospital Site

MOVED by Councillor Swanson

SECONDED by Councillor Boyle

WHEREAS

1. The new St. Paul's Hospital development at 1002 Station Street is a \$1.9 billion hospital and health care facility that will include institutional, office, residential, hotel, and retail uses spanning 1.68 million sq. ft of floor area and that will eventually employ more than 10,000 people serving 174,000 patients each year. The 2017 "New St. Paul's Social Impact Assessment Summary" identified "increase[d] demand for housing" as a potential impact of the new site;
2. This new site is a 18.4-acre lot just south of Chinatown, within walking distance of the DTES and Downtown South and located within the Downtown core, which contains the highest concentration of Single Room Occupancy (SRO) rooms in the city;
3. Nearby SROs include the Ivanhoe, Cobalt, and Arno hotels, which provide a total of approximately 230 units;
4. SROs are an essential part of the City's housing stock. As per the City's 2017 Single Room Occupancy (SRO) Revitalization Action Plan: "In the context of few adequate housing options available to those on limited or fixed incomes, Single Room Occupancy (SRO) hotels play a critical role in Vancouver's low-income housing stock as a last resort before homelessness for many of the city's most vulnerable tenants.";
5. Despite the Single Room Accommodation (SRA) By-law (2003), which was enacted to discourage speculative investment and slow the loss of affordability in the SRO housing stock, the level of affordability in SROs has declined, putting a growing number of SROs out of reach for low-income residents. Furthermore, various city policies—including the Downtown South SRO Replacement Policy (1991), DTES Housing Plan (2005), Housing and Homelessness Strategy (2012–2021), DTES Local Area Plan (2014), and Housing Vancouver (2017)—which require one-to-one replacement of SRO units with self-contained social housing, have been insufficient to maintain housing options for low-income residents;
6. Since the 2014 changes to the definition of social housing, most social housing has not been affordable to people on social assistance and basic pensions; therefore, one-to-one replacement of SRO units with social housing is insufficient to maintain housing options for low-income residents. One-to-one replacement can also be bypassed with a SRA replacement fee of \$125,000 per unit by the owner, subject to Council approval;
7. Because of gentrification in the DTES, SROs that were previously affordable to low-income residents have increased rents and no longer contribute to the low-

income housing stock. According to the “Replacement, Renewal, and Change: 2015 Survey of Single Room Accommodation & Non-Market Housing in the Downtown Core” report, the proportion of private SRO rooms renting at or below the \$375 shelter less has decreased by half [since 2009]. Meanwhile, the proportion of private rooms renting at \$451 or more has nearly tripled.”;

8. The 2017 “New St. Paul’s Social Impact Assessment Summary” suggested that Providence Health Care mitigate potential impact on SROs by “includ[ing] a hotel on-site to meet the demands of patients, families and visitors”; this was maintained in the City’s 2017 Policy Statement and subsequent rezoning approval. However, because this mitigation was linked to the potential impact of “increas[ing] demand for short-term accommodation,” it will be insufficient in protecting SROs from the increased demand on and gentrification of all housing in the area;
9. Real estate agencies are already advertising SROs like the Arno as “lucrative investment” opportunities due to their proximity to the new St. Paul’s Hospital site (<https://listingsprod.blob.core.windows.net/ourlistings-can/9c0b5f49-51a6-4f62-a7af-dca61e949457/48ac1ebb-b99f-49e8-a570-63dd5b47c018>);
10. The 2017 impact assessment summary also recommended that the City “seek to secure private SROs.”;
11. If City policies are not strengthened, the social and economic impacts of a massive development like St. Paul’s could be catastrophic for low-income residents living in nearby neighbourhoods and could contribute to a growing number of homeless people in the city.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council direct staff to report back before construction begins on the new St. Paul’s Hospital on how to prevent gentrification and loss of low-rent Single Room Occupancy (SROs) and other low-income housing within walking distance of the new Hospital site and include consideration of:

- a. A public database of SROs and other low-income housing currently being rented, including rental rates;
- b. Increasing the Single Room Accommodation (SRA) replacement fee as detailed in section 4.8(a) of the SRA By-Law;
- c. Mechanisms for establishing restrictions on the rate of change of low-income housing other than SROs, such as the Fan Tower and East Hotel.

carried

REFERRAL MOVED by Councillor De Genova
SECONDED by Councillor Dominato

THAT the motion entitled “Preserving Single Room Occupancy Stock Surrounding New St. Paul’s Hospital Site”, be referred back to staff for consideration in the context of the City of Vancouver’s Housing Strategy and plans for the False Creek Flats;

FURTHER THAT staff consult with BC Housing on this matter and ask if they support this model and would consider to provide subsidies and/or rent supplements;

AND FURTHER THAT that staff consult with the applicant to determine if this could impact their plans to develop the new St. Paul’s Hospital.

LOST (Vote No. 05421)
(Councillors Bligh, Boyle, Carr, Fry, Hardwick, Kirby-Yung, Swanson, Wiebe and Mayor Stewart opposed)

The referral having lost, the motion was put and CARRIED (Vote No. 05422) with Councillor De Genova opposed.

5. Making it Easier for the Public to Speak at Council Meetings

MOVED by Councillor Swanson
SECONDED by Councillor Fry

WHEREAS

1. It is difficult to predict the timing of when speakers will present to Council at Council and Standing Committee meetings as there are many variables which impact the meeting length;
2. Some speakers scheduled to speak during Council and Standing Committee meetings miss their turn on the speakers list due to this uncertainty;
3. People who have access to vehicles, internet and phone data, childcare, and other privileges are therefore currently more likely to be able to speak to Council;
4. Some speakers who miss their turn may be able to speak to Council at the conclusion of the speakers list for that particular agenda item;
5. The Procedure By-law does not specify that speakers who missed their turn during Council and Standing Committee meetings should be given the opportunity to be called to speak at the end of the speakers list.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council direct staff to report back to Council with proposed amendments to the Procedure By-law to specify that those speakers who are registered on the speakers list for Council or Standing Committee meetings, and have

missed their turn to speak, should be given an opportunity to speak at the conclusion of all other speakers on the registered list.

referred

The Mayor noted requests to speak to this motion had been received.

REFERRAL MOVED by Councillor Carr
SECONDED by Councillor Bligh

THAT the motion entitled “Making it Easier for the Public to Speak at Council Meetings”, be referred to the Standing Committee on City Finance and Services meeting on Wednesday, January 22, 2020, at 9:30 am.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6. Aligning the Healthy City Strategy with the UN Sustainable Development Goals

MOVED by Councillor Fry
SECONDED by Councillor Carr

WHEREAS

1. In 2015, Canada, along with all United Nations Member States, adopted the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, which includes 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The 17 SDGs are based on the recognition by all countries, “that ending poverty and other deprivations must go hand-in-hand with strategies that improve health and education, reduce inequality, and spur economic growth – all while tackling climate change and working to preserve our oceans and forests”;
2. While Canada as a whole has adopted the UN’s 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the 17 SDGs, individual cities have no obligation to adhere to them;
3. The City of Vancouver’s Healthy City Strategy is comprised of 13 long-term goals and ambitious targets to reach by 2025 centred around ensuring basic needs are met, fair health and social supports, Living Wage, sustainable transportation, safety, inclusion and reconciliation, and shared leadership;
4. Vancouver’s Healthy City Strategy shares a number of similarities with the UN 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and its 17 SDGs. This alignment provides an opportunity for Vancouver to contribute to, and benefit from, work already underway by the international initiative;
5. Vancouver would be the first large city in Canada to adopt the 17 Sustainable Development Goals and align its work with the UN’s 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

- A. THAT Council direct staff to review the 17 Sustainable Development Goals adopted by the United Nations as they work with the public and community partners to refresh the Healthy City Strategy for its next phase:
1. End poverty in all its forms everywhere;
 2. End hunger, achieve food security and improved nutrition and promote sustainable agriculture;
 3. Ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all at all ages;
 4. Ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all;
 5. Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls;
 6. Ensure availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation for all;
 7. Ensure access to affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern energy for all;
 8. Promote sustained, inclusive and sustainable economic growth, full and productive employment and decent work for all;
 9. Build resilient infrastructure, promote inclusive and sustainable industrialization and foster innovation;
 10. Reduce inequality within and among countries;
 11. Make cities and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable;
 12. Ensure sustainable consumption and production patterns;
 13. Take urgent action to combat climate change and its impacts;
 14. Conserve and sustainably use the oceans, seas and marine resources for sustainable development;
 15. Protect, restore and promote sustainable use of terrestrial ecosystems, sustainably manage forests, combat desertification, and halt and reverse land degradation and halt biodiversity loss;
 16. Promote peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development, provide access to justice for all and build effective, accountable and inclusive institutions at all levels;
 17. Strengthen the means of implementation and revitalize the global partnership for sustainable development.
- B. THAT Council direct staff to review and report back on the possibility of adopting the 2030 target for the preceding goals so as to be in line with the United Nations 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.
- C. THAT Council direct staff to report back on opportunities for the City of Vancouver to benefit from, and contribute to, the ongoing work by the Division for Sustainable Development Goals (DSDG) in the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UNDESA).

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (Vote No. 05423)

7. Election Finance: Transparent Funding in Local Politics

MOVED by Councillor Fry
SECONDED by Councillor Bligh

WHEREAS

1. Elections, election campaigns, referendums, and political operations should have transparent and compliant contributor funding so elected officials are free from real or perceived potential conflicts of interest, which undermine their duty to represent the people they were elected to serve;
2. The federal and provincial levels of government have laws regarding political financing which apply at all times and require that all political contributions be made by individuals, that individuals have yearly contribution limits, and that political parties must make annual public disclosures reporting received contributions and their contributors;
3. In 2017 the B.C. legislature amended the Local Elections Campaign Financing Act (LECFA), banning special interest and corporate political donations at the local government level during an election year, placing limits on contributions and mandating public disclosures. However, the LECFA only applies to electoral organizations and candidates during an election year for the specific purpose of campaigning, or the last 28 days before the election in the case of a third party sponsor;
4. The LECFA does not regulate local electoral organizations in non-election years or during an election year for their normal activities that are not part of their election campaigns. Local electoral organizations have separate operating bank accounts for these purposes and can accept unlimited donations from corporations and special interests. The LECFA regulations do not require any public disclosures of electoral organization operating bank accounts, nor do they place maximum donation limits, or prevent corporations and special interests from contributing to municipal political organizations;
5. Local Elector Organizations can have a significant impact and influence on local politics, and on who becomes an elected official. This happens both during a campaign and outside of campaign periods. Extending the LECFA contribution restrictions, annual reporting and disclosure requirements, and including the electoral organization operating account would create a level playing field for all electoral organizations, improve transparency and limit contributions to compliant BC residents only;
6. Third party sponsors can also have a significant impact and influence on local politics and on who becomes an elected official or on a ballot question. In the 2018 Vancouver local election there were examples of significant unreported third party spending prior to the election, which ended only 28 days before the election, notwithstanding the intent of the LECFA;

7. The June 2019 City of Vancouver-convened volunteer-led Independent Election Task Force on Campaign Finance Regulations 1 encouraged the City of Vancouver to strongly urge the provincial government to improve upon the existing campaign finance laws, along with specific recommendations:
 - 7.1. *To enhance transparency in campaign financing, require all donations to candidates, elector organizations and third parties to be donated to a centralized portal run by Elections BC with real time disclosure of donations.*
 - 7.2. *THAT the Independent Elections Task Force be reconvened to review the following policy proposals, which have not previously been considered by Council, and provide recommendations regarding: Appropriate regulation of third-party groups wishing to engage on policy during municipal elections; The suggestion that contributions to candidates running with elector organizations to be in line with contributions to candidates running as independents.;*

8. The October 2019 Elections BC Report of the Chief Electoral Officer 2 recommendations on Improving Accessibility, Transparency and Compliance included the following:
 - 8.1. *An elector organization is an organization that endorses or intends to endorse a candidate in an election.*
 - 8.2. *Require elector organizations to register with Elections BC and file annual disclosure statements including reports of all financial transactions, similar to those filed by provincial political parties. Maintain the membership requirement (50 members) for elector organizations as prescribed by s. 93(2)(a) of the Local Government Act.;*

9. Political finance regulations are the cornerstone of responsible government. Contribution limits and transparency requirements are necessary safeguards which prevent corruption and undue influence and ensure accountability of elected officials to the public.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

- A. THAT Council affirms a commitment to full and transparent reporting of financial contributions to elector organizations and candidates both during a campaign and outside of campaign periods, including contributions to operating expenses.
- B. THAT Council reconvene the Independent Election Task Force, to review policy questions laid out under the report's Current Mandate proposal.
- C. THAT Council direct staff to submit the following resolution along with the above preamble (articles 3, 8) for consideration at the Lower Mainland Local Government Association and/or working with other municipalities to present at Union of BC Municipalities:

“Therefore be it resolved THAT the Union of BC Municipalities request that the Province amend the Local Elections Campaign Financing Act to apply contributor and contribution limits to operating accounts of elector organizations and candidates for operational purposes at all times, and to require that they provide annual disclosure reports of contributions received in operating bank accounts, in election years and non-election years;

FURTHER THAT Third Party Sponsors be required to provide disclosure reports for the full election year or the date that a referendum is announced, whichever is later.”

1. <https://vancouver.ca/files/cov/independent-election-task-force-report-on-campaign-financing-june-2019.pdf>

2. <https://elections.bc.ca/docs/rpt/2018-General-Local-Elections-Report.pdf>

referred

The Mayor noted requests to speak to this motion had been received.

REFERRAL MOVED by Councillor De Genova

SECONDED by Councillor Hardwick

THAT the motion entitled “Election Finance: Transparent Funding in Local Politics”, be referred to the Standing Committee on City Finance and Services meeting on Wednesday, January 22, 2020, at 9:30 am.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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Council agreed to extend the meeting past 5 pm to complete the business on the agenda.

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NOTICE OF COUNCIL MEMBERS’ MOTIONS

1. Unintended Consequences: Reconsideration of a Council Direction That May Affect Housing in the City of Vancouver

Councillor De Genova submitted a notice of Council Members’ motion on the above-noted matter. The motion may be placed on the Council meeting agenda of February 25, 2020, as a Council Members’ Motion.

2. Recognizing January 27th as International Holocaust Remembrance Day

Councillor Kirby-Yung submitted a notice of Council Members' motion on the above-noted matter. The motion may be placed on the Council meeting agenda of February 11, 2020, as a Council Members' Motion.

3. Including Pedestrians in Vancouver Snow Protocol and Response

Councillor Kirby-Yung submitted a notice of Council Members' motion on the above-noted matter. The motion may be placed on the Council meeting agenda of February 11, 2020, as a Council Members' Motion.

4. Exploring a Cultural Spaces Rent Bank

Councillor Fry submitted a notice of Council Members' motion on the above-noted matter. The motion may be placed on the Council meeting agenda of February 11, 2020, as a Council Members' Motion.

5. Independent Auditor General Subcommittee

Councillor Hardwick submitted a notice of Council Members' motion on the above-noted matter. The motion may be placed on the Council meeting agenda of February 11, 2020, as a Council Members' Motion.

6. City of Vancouver LGBTQ2+ Advisory Committee – Renaming Consideration

Councillor Dominato submitted a notice of Council Members' motion on the above-noted matter. The motion may be placed on the Council meeting agenda of February 11, 2020, as a Council Members' Motion.

7. Transparency at Little Mountain

Councillor Boyle submitted a notice of Council Members' motion on the above-noted matter. The motion may be placed on the Council meeting agenda of February 11, 2020, as a Council Members' Motion.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Request for Leave of Absence – Councillor Boyle

MOVED by Councillor Wiebe
SECONDED by Councillor Carr

THAT Councillor Boyle be granted a Leave of Absence for civic business from meetings after 5 pm, on Wednesday, January 22, 2020.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (Vote No. 05435)

2. Request for Leave of Absence – Councillor Wiebe

MOVED by Councillor De Genova
SECONDED by Councillor Boyle

THAT Councillor Wiebe be granted a Leave of Absence for personal reasons from meetings between the hours of 6 to 7 pm, on Thursday, January 23, 2020.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (Vote No. 05436)

ENQUIRIES AND OTHER MATTERS

1. Time Limits at Drop-off Zones

Councillor De Genova noted concerns with time limits at drop-off zones for hospitals and daycares, and requested an update on what the City is doing about these time limits. The City Manager agreed to circulate information previously circulated on this matter.

2. Update - Access Without Fear Policy

Councillor Swanson noted six implementation areas in the Access Without Fear Program, and requested detailed updates in each of the six areas. The City Manager agreed to provide the information, or should it require a considerable amount of work, would ask that Councillor Swanson pursue a motion for this request.

3. Dog Scheduled to be Euthanized

Councillor Dominato requested information on the possibility of behaviour modification for a dog that is scheduled to be euthanized for safety reasons in Vancouver next week.

4. New Modes of Transportation - New Provincial Guidelines

Councillor Kirby-Yung noted a couple of municipalities were piloting new Provincial Guidelines relating to new modes of transit, such as e-scooters and e-bikes, and asked if the City had requested to be a pilot for these guidelines. The City Manager noted the City did submit a request but has not received a response at this time.

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Councillor De Genova
SECONDED by Councillor Hardwick

THAT the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Council adjourned at 5:19 pm.

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