



REPORT TO COUNCIL
STANDING COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL
ON POLICY AND STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

MARCH 11, 2020

A meeting of the Standing Committee of Council on Policy and Strategic Priorities was held on Wednesday, March 11, 2020, at 9:37 am, in the Council Chamber, Third Floor, City Hall.

PRESENT: Councillor Adriane Carr, Chair
Mayor Kennedy Stewart*
Councillor Rebecca Bligh
Councillor Christine Boyle (Leave of Absence – Personal Reasons, 2 pm to 6 pm)*
Councillor Melissa De Genova*
Councillor Lisa Dominato
Councillor Pete Fry
Councillor Colleen Hardwick
Councillor Jean Swanson*
Councillor Michael Wiebe

ABSENT: Councillor Sarah Kirby-Yung, Vice-Chair (Leave of Absence - Medical Leave)

CITY MANAGER’S OFFICE: Sadhu Johnston, City Manager
Karen Levitt, Deputy City Manager

CITY CLERK’S OFFICE: Tina Penney, Deputy City Clerk
Rosemary Hagiwara, Deputy City Clerk
Tamarra Wong, 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.

MATTERS ADOPTED ON CONSENT

MOVED by Councillor Hardwick

THAT Council adopt items 3 and 4 on consent.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Councillor De Genova absent for the vote)

1. Presentation: Update on Phase 1 of the Vancouver Plan

Gil Kelley, General Manager, Planning, Urban Design and Sustainability, Susan Haid, Deputy Director of Long Range and Strategic Planning, and the following community partners, provided a presentation:

- Ryan Huckabone, Member, Children, Youth and Families Advisory Committee
- Christina de Castell, Chief Librarian, Vancouver Public Library
- Omar Dominguez, Commissioner, Vancouver City Planning Commission
- Rania Hatz, Executive Director, Cambie Village Business Improvement Association

Staff from Planning, Urban Design and Sustainability responded to questions.

During questions to staff, Councillor Carr relinquished the Chair to Councillor Bligh, Acting Chair, in order to ask questions of staff. Councillor Carr resumed the Chair following her questions to staff.

Following questions to staff, it was

MOVED by Councillor De Genova
THAT the Committee recommend to Council

THAT Item 1, "Presentation: Update on Phase 1 of the Vancouver Plan, be received for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (Vote No. 05667)
(Councillor Hardwick abstained from the vote)

2. Monitoring Report on Implementation of Cambie Corridor Plan February 25, 2020

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Prior to the start of the item, it was

MOVED by Mayor Stewart

THAT the meeting be extended past noon to complete the staff presentation on Item 2, "Monitoring Report on Implementation of Cambie Corridor Plan".

*CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AND
BY THE REQUIRED MAJORITY*

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Mateja Seaton, Planner, Community Planning, provided a presentation.

Following staff's presentation, it was

MOVED by Councillor De Genova

THAT the meeting be extended until 12:30 pm to ask questions of staff.

LOST HAVING NOT
RECEIVED THE REQUIRED MAJORITY
(Councillors Fry, Hardwick, Swanson and Wiebe opposed)

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The Committee recessed at 12:02 pm and reconvened at 1:05 pm.

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Following the recess, staff from Planning, Urban Design and Sustainability and Engineering Services responded to questions.

MOVED by Councillor De Genova

THAT the Committee enter into a second round of questions to staff on Item 2, "Monitoring Report on Implementation of Cambie Corridor Plan".

LOST
(Councillors Carr, De Genova, Fry, Wiebe and Mayor Stewart opposed)
(Councillor Boyle absent for the vote due to personal reasons)

MOVED by Councillor De Genova
THAT the Committee recommend to Council

THAT the Report dated February 25, 2020, entitled "Monitoring Report on Implementation of Cambie Corridor Plan", be received for information.

carried

AMENDMENT MOVED by Councillor Swanson

THAT the following be added to the end "and ask staff to report back as soon as possible on how to amend the Cambie Corridor plan for affordable housing to ensure that half of the new housing is affordable to the half of city renter households, including seniors, whose incomes are under \$50,000".

lost

The Mayor rose on a point of order and enquired if the amendment was legal per Section 8.7(b) of the *Procedure By-law*. The Chair ruled that the amendment was not out of order as Legal Services said the amendment is requesting a report back.

Following the Chair's ruling, Councillor De Genova rose on a point of order per Section 8.7 of the *Procedure By-law* and enquired if the amendment was out of order as the City could face legal action from applicants who are in the approval process. The Chair ruled that the amendment was in order as Legal Services stated that a report back does not change anything.

At 2 pm, Councillor De Genova rose on a point of order per Section 8.7 of the *Procedure By-law* and asked the Chair to rule if the amendment was out of order on the basis of it being redundant and frivolous. The Chair ruled that the amendment was not out of order as this particular piece of work is not specifically being pursued by staff.

At 2:05 pm, Councillor De Genova rose on a point of order per Section 6.1 of the *Procedure By-law* regarding a Councillor's comments about the motives of other Council members. The Chair ruled that the Councillor's comments were not out of order as they did not impugn other Council members.

Subsequently, the amendment was put and LOST (Vote No. 05670), with Councillors Bligh, Carr, De Genova, Dominato, Wiebe and Mayor Stewart opposed, Councillors Fry and Hardwick abstaining from the vote and Councillor Boyle absent for the vote due to personal reasons.

The amendment having lost, the motion was put and CARRIED (Vote No. 05671), with Councillor Swanson opposed, Councillor Hardwick abstaining from the vote and Councillor Boyle absent for the vote due to personal reasons.

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Due to technical difficulties, the Committee recessed at 2:14 pm and reconvened at 2:23 pm.

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**3. Contract Award for Construction Services for the Phase 4 Closure and Gas System Upgrades – Vancouver Landfill
February 11, 2020**

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, City's Director of Legal Services, and the City's Chief Procurement Officer, and enter into a contract with King Hoe Excavating Ltd. for Construction Services for the Phase 4 Closure and Gas System Upgrades – Vancouver Landfill, for a term of approximately (2) years, with an estimated contract value of \$20,979,393.26 plus applicable taxes over the term, to be funded through the 2019-2022 approved Multi-Year Landfill Phase 4 Construction Capital Project.
- B. THAT the Director of Legal Services, Chief Procurement Officer and General Manager of the 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. 05668)
(Councillor De Genova absent for the vote)

4. Contract Award for Consultant for Landfill Design and Contract Administration February 11, 2020

THAT the Committee recommend to Council

- A. THAT Council authorize City staff to negotiate to the satisfaction of the City's General Manager of the Engineering Services, City's Director of Legal Services, and the City's Chief Procurement Officer and enter into a contract with Sperling Hansen Associates Inc., for the supply of design and contract administration services for the Vancouver Landfill, for a term of five (5) years, with the option to extend for two (2) additional one (1) year terms, with an estimated contract value of \$2,181,284.30, plus applicable taxes over the initial five (5) year term, to be funded through from 2019-2022 approved Multi-Year Landfill Routine Gas Works Capital Program for 2020 spends. Spend beyond 2021 will be subject to the approval of the annual capital budget.
- B. THAT the Director of Legal Services, Chief Procurement Officer and General Manager of the 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. 05669)
(Councillor De Genova absent for the vote)

5. Limiting 2021 Property Tax Rate Increase to No More Than 5%

At the Council meeting on February 25, 2020, Council referred the following motion to the Standing Committee on Policy and Strategic Priorities meeting on March 11, 2020, in order to hear from speakers.

As the registered speaker withdrew their request to speak, it was

MOVED by Mayor Stewart
THAT the Committee recommend to Council

THAT Council now sets a target limit on the property tax rate increase to no more than 5% in the 2021 budget.

referred

AMENDMENT MOVED by Councillor Hardwick

THAT the words “5% in” be struck and replaced with the words “the annual rate of inflation for”.

lost

At 2:35 pm, Councillor De Genova rose on a point of order per Section 8.7 of the *Procedure By-law* regarding a Council member’s question around collective bargaining. The Chair requested a response from the City Manager who advised that this matter should be discussed in In Camera.

AMENDMENT TO THE AMENDMENT MOVED by Councillor Dominato

THAT the phrase “the annual rate of inflation for the 2021 budget” be struck and replaced with the phrase “the lesser of a) the annual rate of inflation or b) the City’s internal rate of inflation based on collective agreements in the 2021 budget”.

lost

Councillor De Genova rose on a point of order per Section 6.1 of the *Procedure By-law* regarding a Council member impugning themselves by saying they knew how other Councillors would vote. The Chair ruled against the point of order as Council members stated their position prior to voting.

Following the Chair’s ruling, the amendment to the amendment was put and LOST (Vote No. 05672), with Councillors Carr, Fry, Swanson, Wiebe and Mayor Stewart opposed, Councillor De Genova abstaining from the vote and Councillor Boyle absent for the vote due to personal reasons.

The amendment was put and LOST (Vote No. 05673), with Councillors Carr, Fry, Swanson, Wiebe and Mayor Stewart opposed, Councillor Bligh abstaining from the vote and Councillor Boyle absent for the vote due to personal reasons.

AMENDMENT MOVED by Councillor De Genova

THAT the following be added to the end of the motion:

THAT Council request Mayor Stewart to write letters to the Premier, the Minister of Finance and the Minister of Mental Health and Addictions, and ask for the provincial budget to provide funding annually, beginning in 2021 in the amount that represents City Council’s 2017 decision to increase property tax by 0.5% to provide funding for the overdose crisis, funding that in all other British Columbia municipalities is funded by the Province of B.C., in the interest of making Vancouver more affordable;

FURTHER THAT that if the province agrees to provide this funding, that Council would then determine how this funding could otherwise be reallocated to meet Council’s priorities.

not put

At 3:19 pm, Mayor Stewart rose on a point of order per Section 8.7(f) of the *Procedure By-law* stating that a letter was previously sent on this topic to the Provincial Government on November 13, 2018. The Chair ruled the amendment out of order as the request is a duplicate and is therefore redundant.

AMENDMENT MOVED by Councillor Fry

THAT the following be added to the end of the first clause of the motion, “while not compromising the City’s ability to achieve Council priorities”;

FURTHER THAT the following be added as a second clause to the motion:

FURTHER THAT Council direct staff to aggressively pursue new sources of revenues and to include as early as possible in the Budget 2021 process, including in the workshops staff have been directed to plan for early 2020, opportunities for senior management and Council to identify cost-saving measures and Council and City priorities for 2021.

LOST (Vote No. 05674)

(Councillors Bligh, De Genova, Dominato, Hardwick and Swanson opposed)

(Councillor Boyle absent for the vote due to personal reasons)

REFERRAL MOVED by Councillor Dominato

THAT Council refer the motion entitled, “Limiting 2021 Property Tax Rate Increase to No More Than 5%”, to the City’s 2021 budget development process with consideration for first finding efficiencies and cost savings across the organization that will inform a proposed property tax increase.

amended

AMENDMENT TO THE REFERRAL MOVED by Councillor Wiebe

THAT the referral be amended as follows:

- Insert the phrase “ask staff to report on” between the words “Council” and “Limiting”;
- Insert the phrase “to a Budget workshop before the July Budget Outlook report as part of” between the words “Than 5%” and “the City’s”; and
- Insert the phrase “multiple scenario” between the words “proposed” and “of property”.

carried

MOVED BY Councillor Bligh

THAT the question be called on the amendment to the referral.

LOST HAVING NOT

RECEIVED THE REQUIRED MAJORITY

(Councillors Carr, Swanson and Mayor Stewart opposed)

(Councillor Fry absent for the vote and Councillor Boyle absent for the vote due to personal reasons)

The motion on the question having lost, following further discussion, the amendment to the referral was put and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (Vote No. 05675), with Councillor Boyle absent for the vote due to personal reasons.

MOVED by Councillor De Genova

THAT the question be called on the referral as amended.

CARRIED HAVING RECEIVED

THE REQUIRED MAJORITY

(Mayor Stewart opposed)

(Councillor Boyle absent for the vote due to personal reasons)

The motion on the question having carried, the referral as amended was put and CARRIED (Vote No. 05676), with Councillors Carr, Swanson and Mayor Stewart opposed and Councillor Boyle absent for the vote due to personal reasons.

FINAL REFERRAL MOTION AS APPROVED

THAT Council ask staff to report on the motion entitled, "Limiting 2021 Property Tax Rate Increase to No More Than 5%", to a Budget workshop before the July Budget Outlook report as part of the City's 2021 budget development process with consideration for first finding efficiencies and cost savings across the organization that will inform multiple scenarios of property tax increases.

6. Taking Steps Toward a National Cost-Shared Universal Healthy School Food Program

At the Council meeting on March 10, 2020, Council referred the following motion to the Standing Committee on Policy and Strategic Priorities meeting on March 11, 2020, in order to hear from speakers.

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

MOVED by Councillor Bligh
THAT the Committee recommend to Council

WHEREAS

1. The City of Vancouver recognizes that access to sufficient, safe, nutritious, and affordable food is fundamental to health and equality;
2. The *Vancouver Food Charter*, dating from January 2007, states that food is “a basic human right” and that all residents need accessible, affordable, healthy, and culturally appropriate food, with children in particular requiring adequate amounts of nutritious food for normal growth and learning;
3. In January 2013, Vancouver City Council adopted the Vancouver Food Strategy, an official plan and road map that integrates a full spectrum of urban food system issues within a single policy framework that includes food production, food processing, distribution, food access and food waste management, and builds on years of food systems initiatives and grassroots community development that considers all aspects of the food system. Vancouver's food strategy goals express how the City wants the food system to take shape in the future;
4. In October 2014, Council adopted the Healthy City Strategy, which includes a goal to ensure that Vancouver’s children and youth, up to age 24, have the best chance of enjoying a healthy childhood;
5. In December 2014, Council unanimously adopted a motion asking City staff to identify \$400,000 in the City’s operating budget to expand access to healthy foods for school-aged children. These funds enabled meal programs through Vancouver School Board and the Strathcona Community Centre Association between 2015 and 2018;
6. The Vancouver School District’s Food4School program, which was established in 2015/2016, received \$222,895 from the City during that school year and received \$320,000 from the City in the 2016/2017 and 2017/2018 school years;
7. In June 2017, Council unanimously adopted a motion for submission to the Union of BC Municipalities and the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (UBCM) calling on UBCM to advocate for a Universal Healthy School Food Program to the provincial and federal governments, in light of the ongoing fact that Canada is one of the only industrialized countries without a national school meal program;
8. In September 2017, the City of Vancouver made a submission to the Federal Government’s National Food Policy consultation process, noting the City’s concern regarding increasing levels of food and income insecurity among Vancouver residents and stating that “Individuals living with food insecurity report poorer health, higher rates of obesity, poorer mental health and more mood and anxiety disorders” as well as observing that health care costs are 76% higher for individuals who are food insecure;
9. Among the City of Vancouver’s recommendations to the Federal Government’s National Food Policy consultation in September 2017, there was a

- recommendation for the Federal Government to work with the Provinces and Territories to create a cost-shared universal healthy school food program to ensure that all school children learn basic food skills and have access to healthy, nutritious meals every day, in accordance with the view that school meal programs not only benefit classroom learning, but also model healthy eating, teach food skills, and serve to eliminate stigma through universality;
10. At the April 2018 Annual General Meeting of the BC School Trustees Association (BCSTA), the membership passed a resolution calling on the BCSTA to, among other things, “endorse the Coalition for Healthy School Food’s national Universal Healthy School Food Program campaign” and for the “Ministry of Health and the provincial Ministry of Health [to] provide new money to invest in a cost-shared Universal Healthy School Food Program,” in recognition of the fact that ensuring the life-long health and success of children and youth is proper nutrition and that the establishment of healthy eating habits, along with the provision of appropriate foods during a student’s developmental years, is critical to building not only a base for success in school but a foundation for life-long health;
 11. In addition to the BC School Trustees Association’s official endorsement of the Coalition for Healthy School Food and its call for the development of a universal, cost-shared School Food Program for Canada, numerous other organizations have officially endorsed the Coalition and its call including the Vancouver District Parent Advisory Council (DPAC), Family Services of Greater Vancouver, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities, IUOE Local 963, and the City of Victoria among others;
 12. In 2018, the City of Vancouver proclaimed March 1, 2018, as “Great Big Crunch for Healthy School Food Day” in Vancouver, and did so again in 2019. The Great Big Crunch is a national movement and annual moment of anti-silence in which students, teachers, parents and others passionate about food join the food movement and crunch into apples (or other crunchy fruit or vegetable) to make noise for healthy school food;
 13. A September 18, 2018, staff report to Vancouver City Council entitled “City Support for Healthy School Meal Programs” cites research showing that “every student would benefit from access to a meal program, as these programs show positive benefits not only on reducing school day hunger, but on improving academic achievement, physical and mental well-being, and fruit and vegetable consumption (Coalition for Healthy School Food, 2016). School meal programs are also well placed to model systemic changes on environmental sustainability and local agriculture through procurement practices”;
 14. On March 19, 2019, Finance Minister Bill Morneau tabled Budget 2019 in which the federal government committed to developing a “Food Policy for Canada” with the intention to “set out a coordinated and collaborative approach to addressing food-related issues” in Canada;
 15. The federal government’s Food Policy for Canada initiative states that it is a “roadmap for a healthier and more sustainable food system for Canada” that, among other objectives, is taking the first consultative steps alongside provinces, territories, and not-for-profit organizations towards the creation of a National

School Food Program, in order to help improve the health of Canada's children as they learn, leading to better futures for them, and ultimately for our country;

16. In September 2019, the Vancouver School Board (VSB) passed a motion requesting that school district staff "create a holistic 10 Year Vision and Food Framework for the District" with the work to include:
 - a 10-year vision for the District that would include a Food Framework incorporating relevant key components including but not limited to: food growing, production, distribution, nutrition, waste, security, donations, education, funding and lobbying that is in alignment with the District's Strategic Plan and budget;
 - formation of a Food Working Group made up of external representatives;
 - Identifying the capital and operating costs associated with developing a Food Framework and its implementation.
17. In November 2019, a consultant's report commissioned by VSB staff noted that the Vancouver School District delivers 15 different nutrition programs at 119 sites, with operational oversight of seven teaching cafeterias, and management of FoodSafe and regulatory compliance in 30 commercial kitchens;
18. The City of Vancouver 2020 Budget and Five-Year Financial Plan, under the Department Service Plan for Arts, Culture and Community Services, recommended "an increase of \$160,000 to reinstate grants for the Vancouver School Board school food program that were reduced in 2019" and further, under the heading "Looking ahead, 2021-2024", noted an objective to "Update the Vancouver Food Strategy by developing priority food actions for 2021-2030 and targets for 2050 for integration within the City's next environmental plan.";
19. "Thousands of hungry kids are fed every day in VSB schools, sometimes breakfast, sometimes a hot lunch and sometimes a delivered meal. Those meals are provided in 32 Vancouver schools in neighbourhoods identified as vulnerable." (Tracy Sherlock / Vancouver Courier – November 25, 2019);
20. On February 13, 2020, Victoria City Council unanimously supported a motion calling for the City of Victoria to "endorse the efforts of the Coalition for Healthy School Food to advocate for a universal, cost-shared healthy school food program.... based on a shared belief that all children and youth in British Columbia should have daily access to healthy food at school.";
21. The City of Vancouver has proclaimed March 12, 2020, as "The Great Big Crunch for Healthy School Food Day" in the City of Vancouver (as in 2018 and 2019); and
22. The path to civic progress and a stable society – in Vancouver, throughout the province of B.C., and across Canada – requires that we accept our social responsibilities and act upon them, and although school meal programs cannot address the root causes and totality of food insecurity, they do provide a stable meal on school days to support student learning and are consistent with the

objectives of the City's broader Food Strategy and the City's Healthy City Strategy.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

- A. THAT Vancouver City Council direct the Mayor, on behalf of Council, to write to the Prime Minister of Canada to encourage the Government of Canada to make the creation of a Cost-Shared Universal Healthy School Food Program a top priority for the national agenda of the 43rd Parliament in 2020, consistent with the leadership already shown by the Government of Canada in working to create a national food policy;

FURTHER THAT Council's letter to the Prime Minister should reference the City and Council's strong support for the Federal Government to work with the Provinces, Territories, Indigenous communities, and non-profit groups to create a Cost-Shared Universal Healthy School Food Program that ensures all school children learn basic food skills and have access to healthy, nutritious meals every day to support classroom learning while also modelling healthy eating and teaching food skills.

- B. THAT Vancouver City Council call on the Provincial Government to commit to an universal, cost-shared, healthy school food program for all K-12 students in BC, including an invitation to all parties represented in the Provincial Legislature to support a universal, cost-shared, healthy school food program, and to work with local non-profits and school communities to pilot and implement a flexible program that respects local conditions and food cultures, while promoting positive health and education outcomes;

FURTHER THAT Council direct the Mayor, on behalf of Council, to write to the Premier and the Provincial Ministers responsible for school food, namely the Ministers of Education, Health, and Agriculture, to advise them of Council's endorsement and strong, ongoing support for an universal, cost-shared, healthy school food program for all K-12 students in BC, including a reference to the positive physical and mental health outcomes of universal meal programs as well as the agricultural market opportunities through institutional local food procurement which is a stated priority of Ministry of Agriculture.

- C. THAT Vancouver City Council direct staff to report back to Council, prior to the 2021 City of Vancouver Budget deliberations, regarding the status of, and funding requirements of, the Vancouver School District's existing food program(s) for the 2021/22 school year and that staff include recommendations in their report for any transitional funding that may be required from the City in support of these food program(s) should an Universal Healthy School Food Program not yet be in place, and for these transitional funding recommendations to be included in the City's proposed 2021 Operating Budget;

FURTHER THAT Council direct staff to convey Council's support and encouragement to the School District for the creation of its "holistic 10 Year Vision and Food Framework" and to note the opportunity for the City and the School District to explore potential partnerships and alignments on shared

objectives relating to food, food security, and the fostering of healthy communities within the city in the larger context of an anticipated Universal Healthy School Food Program.

- D. THAT Vancouver City Council and the City of Vancouver endorse the ongoing efforts of the Coalition for Healthy School Food to advocate for a universal, cost-shared healthy school food program based on the shared belief that all children and youth in British Columbia should have daily access to healthy food at school.
- E. THAT Vancouver City Council direct staff to work with their counterparts in other B.C. municipalities in order to share data that may be relevant to food matters and to support each other in advocacy efforts toward a universal, cost-shared, healthy school food program.

amended

AMENDMENT MOVED by Councillor Bligh

THAT the following be added to the end of the first clause in A:

With copies of the letter sent to the Premier of British Columbia and the Provincial Ministers responsible for school food, namely the Ministers of Education, Health, and Agriculture;

FURTHER THAT the following be added to the end of D:

Logistically, the mechanism to accomplish Council's endorsement would require Council to read and agree with the contents of the Coalition's 2016 position paper which seeks an investment by the federal government in a cost-shared Universal Healthy School Food Program.

FURTHER THAT E be amended as follows:

- Insert the phrase "report back with the next update of the Healthy City Strategy with recommendations of ways in which the City and City staff could" between the words "to" and "work";
- Insert the word "respective" between the words "their" and "counterparts";

AND FURTHER THAT the first clause of C be amended by striking the phrase "and that staff include recommendations in their report for any transitional funding that may be required from the City in support of these food program(s) should an Universal Healthy School Food Program not yet be in place, and for these transitional funding recommendations to be included in the City's proposed 2021 Operating Budget".

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (Vote No. 05678)
(Mayor Stewart absent for the vote)

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At 4:58 pm, it was

MOVED by Councillor Fry

THAT the meeting be extended past 5 pm to complete Item 6 “Taking Steps Toward a National Cost-Shared Universal Healthy School Food Program”.

amended

AMENDMENT MOVED by Councillor De Genova

THAT the meeting be extended past 5 pm to complete Item 6 “Taking Steps Toward a National Cost-Shared Universal Healthy School Food Program”, followed by a one hour recess.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AND
BY THE REQUIRED MAJORITY
(Mayor Stewart absent for the vote)

Subsequently, the above motion was reconsidered during debate.

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AMENDMENT MOVED by Councillor Fry

THAT the following be added as F:

THAT Council direct staff to write to Union of BC Municipalities' Health and Social Development Committee to share outcomes of this motion, and request follow-up on advocacy efforts and strategies arising from the UBCM approval of Vancouver's 2017 Resolution B127: National School Food Program, which directed "... that UBCM and the Federation of Canadian Municipalities advocate for a Universal Healthy School Food Program to provincial and federal governments."

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (Vote No. 05679)
(Councillor Swanson and Mayor Stewart absent for the vote)

AMENDMENT MOVED by Councillor De Genova

THAT the following be added as G:

THAT Council request staff to consider funding opportunities that may be available to further the City of Vancouver's commitment to participating in a National Cost-Shared Universal Healthy School Food Program;

FURTHER THAT staff consider funding opportunities including but not limited, to the City of Vancouver Sponsorship Policy, partnerships with non-profit organizations and charitable foundations, restaurants and individual donors.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (Vote No. 05680)
(Councillor Boyle abstained from the vote)
(Mayor Stewart absent for the vote)

AMENDMENT MOVED by Councillor De Genova

THAT the following be added as H:

THAT Council direct staff to prepare a motion in support of a “National Cost-Shared Universal Healthy School Food Program”, to be submitted by the City of Vancouver to the Federation of Canadian Municipalities.

withdrawn

Subsequently, having received further information, Councillor De Genova withdrew the amendment.

WITHDRAWAL MOVED by Councillor De Genova

THAT the amendment to add H be withdrawn.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Mayor Stewart absent for the vote)

RECONSIDERATION MOVED by Councillor Fry

THAT the Committee reconsider its decision to extend the meeting past 5 pm to complete Item 6 “Taking Steps Toward a National Cost-Shared Universal Healthy School Food Program”, followed by a one hour recess.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Mayor Stewart absent for the vote)

MOVED by Councillor Fry

THAT the meeting be extended past 5 pm to complete Item 6 “Taking Steps Toward a National Cost-Shared Universal Healthy School Food Program”;

FURTHER THAT the meeting be extended past 5 pm in order to hear from speakers on Item 7, “Water and Washrooms as a Human Right”, followed by a one hour recess.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AND
BY THE REQUIRED MAJORITY
(Mayor Stewart absent for the vote)

Subsequently, the amendments having carried, the motion as amended was put and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (Vote No. 05681), with Mayor Stewart absent for the vote.

FINAL MOTION AS APPROVED

- A. THAT Vancouver City Council direct the Mayor, on behalf of Council, to write to the Prime Minister of Canada to encourage the Government of Canada to make the creation of a Cost-Shared Universal Healthy School Food Program a top priority for the national agenda of the 43rd Parliament in 2020, consistent with the leadership already shown by the Government of Canada in working to create a national food policy, with copies of the letter sent to the Premier of British Columbia and the Provincial Ministers responsible for school food, namely the Ministers of Education, Health, and Agriculture;

FURTHER THAT Council's letter to the Prime Minister should reference the City and Council's strong support for the Federal Government to work with the Provinces, Territories, Indigenous communities, and non-profit groups to create a Cost-Shared Universal Healthy School Food Program that ensures all school children learn basic food skills and have access to healthy, nutritious meals every day to support classroom learning while also modelling healthy eating and teaching food skills.

- B. THAT Vancouver City Council call on the Provincial Government to commit to an universal, cost-shared, healthy school food program for all K-12 students in BC, including an invitation to all parties represented in the Provincial Legislature to support a universal, cost-shared, healthy school food program, and to work with local non-profits and school communities to pilot and implement a flexible program that respects local conditions and food cultures, while promoting positive health and education outcomes;

FURTHER THAT Council direct the Mayor, on behalf of Council, to write to the Premier and the Provincial Ministers responsible for school food, namely the Ministers of Education, Health, and Agriculture, to advise them of Council's endorsement and strong, ongoing support for an universal, cost-shared, healthy school food program for all K-12 students in BC, including a reference to the positive physical and mental health outcomes of universal meal programs as well as the agricultural market opportunities through institutional local food procurement which is a stated priority of Ministry of Agriculture.

- C. THAT Vancouver City Council direct staff to report back to Council, prior to the 2021 City of Vancouver Budget deliberations, regarding the status of, and funding requirements of, the Vancouver School District's existing food program(s) for the 2021/22 school year;

FURTHER THAT Council direct staff to convey Council's support and encouragement to the School District for the creation of its "holistic 10 Year Vision and Food Framework" and to note the opportunity for the City and the School District to explore potential partnerships and alignments on shared objectives relating to food, food security, and the fostering of healthy communities within the city in the larger context of an anticipated Universal Healthy School Food Program.

- D. THAT Vancouver City Council and the City of Vancouver endorse the ongoing efforts of the Coalition for Healthy School Food to advocate for a universal, cost-shared healthy school food program based on the shared belief that all children and youth in British Columbia should have daily access to healthy food at school. Logistically, the mechanism to accomplish Council's endorsement would require Council to read and agree with the contents of the Coalition's 2016 position paper which seeks an investment by the federal government in a cost-shared Universal Healthy School Food Program.
- E. THAT Vancouver City Council direct staff to report back with the next update of the Healthy City Strategy with recommendations of ways in which the City and City staff could work with their respective counterparts in other B.C. municipalities in order to share data that may be relevant to food matters and to support each other in advocacy efforts toward a universal, cost-shared, healthy school food program.
- F. THAT Council direct staff to write to Union of BC Municipalities' Health and Social Development Committee to share outcomes of this motion, and request follow-up on advocacy efforts and strategies arising from the UBCM approval of Vancouver's 2017 Resolution B127: National School Food Program, which directed "... that UBCM and the Federation of Canadian Municipalities advocate for a Universal Healthy School Food Program to provincial and federal governments."
- G. THAT Council request staff to consider funding opportunities that may be available to further the City of Vancouver's commitment to participating in a National Cost-Shared Universal Healthy School Food Program;

FURTHER THAT staff consider funding opportunities including but not limited, to the City of Vancouver Sponsorship Policy, partnerships with non-profit organizations and charitable foundations, restaurants and individual donors.

7. Water and Washrooms as a Human Right

At the Council meeting on March 10, 2020, Council referred the following motion to the Standing Committee on Policy and Strategic Priorities meeting on March 11, 2020, in order to hear from speakers.

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

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The Committee recessed at 5:54 pm and reconvened at 6:58 pm

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Following the recess, it was

MOVED by Councillor Boyle

THAT the Committee hear from speakers on items 8 to 11 and refer debate and decision on these items to the Council meeting immediately following the Standing Committee on Policy and Strategic Priorities meeting, as Unfinished Business, on March 11, 2020.

CARRIED

(Councillors De Genova, Fry, Hardwick and Wiebe opposed)

Subsequently, during the hearing of speakers on Item 8, the Committee referred debate and decision on Item 7 to the Council meeting immediately following the Standing Committee on Policy and Strategic Priorities meeting, as Unfinished Business, on March 11, 2020.

8. Safety for Residents with Precarious Status: Delivering Access without Fear

At the Council meeting on March 10, 2020, Council referred the following motion to the Standing Committee on Policy and Strategic Priorities meeting on March 11, 2020, in order to hear from speakers.

The Committee heard from eight speakers in support of the motion and one speaker who spoke to other aspects related to the motion.

During the hearing of speakers on Item 8, it was

MOVED by Councillor Boyle

THAT the Committee refer debate and decision on Item 7 to the Council meeting immediately following the Standing Committee on Policy and Strategic Priorities meeting, as Unfinished Business, on March 11, 2020.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Note: Debate and decision on Item 8 was referred to the Council meeting immediately following the Standing Committee on Policy and Strategic Priorities meeting, as Unfinished Business, on March 11, 2020.

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The Committee recessed at 8:23 pm and reconvened at 8:26 pm.

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9. Rewilding Vancouver: Ecosystem Restoration Action Plan 2030

At the Council meeting on March 10, 2020, Council referred the following motion to the Standing Committee on Policy and Strategic Priorities meeting on March 11, 2020, in order to hear from speakers.

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

Note: Debate and decision on Item 9 was referred to the Council meeting immediately following the Standing Committee on Policy and Strategic Priorities meeting, as Unfinished Business, on March 11, 2020.

10. Strengthening Representative Democratic Practices in the City of Vancouver

At the Council meeting on March 10, 2020, Council referred the following motion to the Standing Committee on Policy and Strategic Priorities meeting on March 11, 2020, in order to hear from speakers.

As the registered speakers were not present, it was

MOVED by Councillor Hardwick

THAT the motion entitled, "Strengthening Representative Democratic Practices in the City of Vancouver", be withdrawn.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11. Providing Free Menstrual Products in City of Vancouver Civic Facilities Washrooms

At the Council meeting on March 10, 2020, Council referred the following motion to the Standing Committee on Policy and Strategic Priorities meeting on March 11, 2020, in order to hear from speakers.

The Committee heard from three speakers who spoke in support of the motion.

Note: Debate and decision on Item 11 was referred to the Council meeting immediately following the Standing Committee on Policy and Strategic Priorities meeting, as Unfinished Business, on March 11, 2020.

The Committee adjourned at 9:09 pm.

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**COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
STANDING COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL ON
POLICY AND STRATEGIC PRIORITIES**

MARCH 11 AND 12, 2020

A meeting of the Council of the City of Vancouver was held on Wednesday, March 11, 2020, at 9:10 pm, in the Council Chamber, Third Floor, City Hall, following the Standing Committee on Policy and Strategic Priorities meeting, to consider the recommendations and actions of the Committee. Subsequently, the meeting reconvened on Thursday, March 12, 2020, at 3:05 pm.

PRESENT:

Mayor Kennedy Stewart (Leave of Absence – Medical Leave from 3 pm onwards, March 12, 2020)
Councillor Rebecca Bligh
Councillor Christine Boyle
Councillor Adriane Carr
Councillor Melissa De Genova
Councillor Lisa Dominato (Leave of Absence – Civic Business 3 to 3:30pm; Personal Reasons 3:30 pm to 6 pm, March 12, 2020)*
Councillor Pete Fry
Councillor Colleen Hardwick
Councillor Sarah Kirby-Yung, Deputy Mayor (Leave of Absence - Medical Leave, March 11, 2020)
Councillor Jean Swanson
Councillor Michael Wiebe

CITY MANAGER’S OFFICE:

Sadhu Johnston, City Manager
Karen Levitt, Deputy City Manager (March 11, 2020)

CITY CLERK’S OFFICE:

Katrina Leckovic, City Clerk (March 12, 2020)
Rosemary Hagiwara, Deputy City Clerk (March 11, 2020)
Tamarra Wong, Meeting Coordinator

On March 11, 2020,

ANNOUNCEMENT – Municipal Finance Authority of British Columbia (“MFA”) 50th Anniversary

On behalf of the City of Vancouver, the Mayor and Council congratulated the Municipal Finance Authority of British Columbia (“MFA”) for its fiftieth anniversary at its March 25, 2020 annual general meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Report of Standing Committee on Policy and Strategic Priorities
Wednesday, March 11, 2020

Council considered the report containing the recommendations and actions taken by the Standing Committee on Policy and Strategic Priorities. Its items of business included:

1. Presentation: Update on Phase 1 of the Vancouver Plan
2. Monitoring Report on Implementation of Cambie Corridor Plan
3. Contract Award for Construction Services for the Phase 4 Closure and Gas System Upgrades – Vancouver Landfill
4. Contract Award for Consultant for Landfill Design and Contract Administration
5. Limiting 2021 Property Tax Rate Increase to No More Than 5%
6. Taking Steps Toward a National Cost-Shared Universal Healthy School Food Program
7. Water and Washrooms as a Human Right
8. Safety for Residents with Precarious Status: Delivering Access without Fear
9. Rewilding Vancouver: Ecosystem Restoration Action Plan 2030
10. Strengthening Representative Democratic Practices in the City of Vancouver
11. Providing Free Menstrual Products in City of Vancouver Civic Facilities Washrooms

Items 1 to 11

MOVED by Councillor De Genova
SECONDED by Councillor Carr

THAT the recommendations and actions taken by the Standing Committee on Policy and Strategic Priorities at its meeting of March 11, 2020, as contained in items 1 to 11, be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

REFERRAL MOVED by Councillor De Genova
SECONDED by Councillor Hardwick

THAT the Committee refer Unfinished Business Items 1 to 4 to the reconvening Council portion of the Standing Committee on Policy and Strategic Priorities meeting on Thursday, March 12, 2020, at 3 pm.

LOST (Vote No. 05682)
(Councillors Bligh, Boyle, Carr, Fry and Wiebe opposed)

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. **Water and Washrooms as a Human Right**

At the Council meeting on March 10, 2020, Council referred the following motion to the Standing Committee on Policy and Strategic Priorities meeting on March 11, 2020, in order to hear from speakers.

Subsequently, at the Standing Committee on Policy and Strategic Priorities meeting on March 11, 2020, the Committee heard from speakers and referred debate and decision on the motion to the Council meeting immediately following the Standing Committee on Policy and Strategic Priorities meeting, as Unfinished Business.

MOVED by Councillor Boyle
THAT the Committee recommend to Council

WHEREAS

1. Almost 2 billion people around the world do not have access to clean drinking water, 4 billion people face severe water scarcity and 2.5 billion people do not have adequate sanitation;
2. The United Nations' *World Water Development Report* stated that, "3.6 billion people live in areas that are water scarce for at least a month per year," and if we do not take action, it will "increase to as many as 5.7 billion people by 2050.";
3. On July 28, 2010, the United Nations General Assembly passed Resolution 64/292 recognizing the human right to water and sanitation and acknowledged that clean drinking water and sanitation are essential to the realization of all human rights;
4. On September 23, 2010, the United Nations Human Rights Council passed Resolution 16/2 which affirmed that the rights to water and sanitation are part of existing international law and confirms that these rights are legally binding upon States. It also calls upon States to develop appropriate tools and mechanisms to achieve progressively the full realization of human rights obligations related to access to safe drinking water and sanitation;
5. The climate crisis further threatens our water supplies through more frequent droughts and increased water demands;
6. The effects of climate change are already being felt on Vancouver's water supply, including the severe drought of 2015 and the increasing variability of Vancouver's snowpack;
7. The manufacturing, transportation, and disposal of single-use bottled water has serious environmental ramifications, particularly impacting air quality and the climate, consumes unnecessary resources such as oil in the manufacturing of plastic bottles and fuels used in the transportation of bottled water to the consumer, and creates significant recycling and waste disposal costs;
8. The privatization of drinking water often results in the commodification of fresh water, restricting communities' rights to access drinking water while prioritizing the profits of multinational corporations;
9. The problems associated with the privatization of multinational corporation's access to drinking water was exemplified in 2015 when in the midst of a drought the interest of local communities were pitted against the interests of Nestlé's access to an aquifer outside Hope;
10. Additionally, the cost of single-use bottled water makes it less accessible to low-income residents than public water fountains;

11. Public ownership and operation of drinking water and wastewater treatment systems have been fundamental to access and quality over the past century;
12. On June 29, 2001, the Greater Vancouver Regional District decided against the privatization of the operation of a water filtration plant on the grounds of potential free-trade lawsuits;
13. Tap water in the City of Vancouver is safe, healthy and accessible to residents and visitors, is readily available at most indoor public facilities, and is substantially more sustainable than bottled water;
14. Vancouver has temporary fountains and water trucks which it rents or provides during particularly hot stretches or outdoor events;
15. Vancouver Civic Theatres do not currently have bottle fill services in place, relying on the sale of bottled water, or concession staff filling water bottles which slows down service;
16. On April 7, 2015, in recognition of the 2015 UN World Water Day, the Vancouver School Board passed a motion to phase out the sale of bottled water at VSB schools and facilities, including the introduction of water refilling stations and the sale of reusable water containers.
17. In 2009, the “Blue Communities” Project was developed to respond to the various threats posed by the commodification and privatization of the world’s drinking water;
18. In BC, a number of communities have protected their water supplies from privatization and increased water rates, including Nanaimo, Victoria, North Vancouver, Burnaby, Abbotsford, and White Rock;
19. In 2011, the Union of BC Municipalities passed a resolution supporting Blue Communities;
20. To become a Blue Community, a municipality must recognize water as a human right; ban the sales of bottled water in public facilities and at municipal events and commit to promoting publicly financed, owned and operated water and wastewater services;
21. A critical aspect of a human rights approach to water is ensuring safe and accessible access to public washrooms, a particularly important requirement in making a city welcoming for seniors, children, people with disabilities, and people with unstable housing; and
22. The UN World Water Day will be observed on March 22, 2020, the day highlights the importance of freshwater, and advocates for the sustainable management of freshwater resources.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

- A. THAT the City of Vancouver endorses and supports the “Blue Communities” project, and recognizes and affirms that access to water and sanitation services are fundamental human rights.
- B. THAT Council direct staff to prepare a report on the necessary policy and by-law amendments required to align city services with a human rights centric approach to water and sanitation services. Such a report should pay particular attention to:
 - a. Applying a human rights framework to its application of applicable by-laws;
 - b. Providing an update on Council’s 2009 ban on the sale of bottled water in municipal facilities and events, and a plan to phase out the sale of bottled water, while increasing the availability of public water fountains and water bottle filling stations;
 - c. Improving public access to washroom facilities, including advocating for universally accessible washroom facilities in transit hubs and high-foot traffic areas, and improved wayfinding signage and digital mapping; and
 - d. Considering relevant safety and accessibility concerns for Vancouver residents most vulnerable to the opioid crisis.
- C. THAT Council direct the Mayor to write to the Federal Government advocating that they enshrine the human right to water and sanitation in federal law, and advocating that they fulfill their responsibility to support municipal infrastructure by investing in a national water and wastewater infrastructure fund that would address the growing need to renew existing water and wastewater infrastructure and build new systems, and further advocating that public infrastructure funding only fund public projects.
- D. THAT Council direct the Mayor to write to the Provincial Government advocating that they enshrine the human right to water and sanitation in provincial law, and advocate that the province stop issuing licenses to extract groundwater for commercial water bottling and/or for bulk water exports.
- E. THAT the City of Vancouver commit to promoting publicly owned, financed and operated water and wastewater services, including opposing privatization in any form of water and wastewater treatment services, including through public-private partnerships or short-term service contracts, and resolve to keep these services publicly financed, owned, operated and managed.

amended

AMENDMENT MOVED by Councillor Wiebe
SECONDED by Councillor Boyle

THAT E be amended as follows:

- Insert the word “regional” between the words “wastewater” and “services”;
- Strike the phrase “ including opposing privatization in any form of water and wastewater treatment services, including through public-private partnerships or short-term service contracts, and resolve to keep these services publicly financed, owned, operated and managed” and replace with the phrase “while supporting the innovation of localized water harvest and non-potable reuse solutions”.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (Vote No. 05683)
(Councillor Hardwick abstained from the vote)

AMENDMENT MOVED by Councillor Fry
SECONDED by Councillor Wiebe

THAT the following be added as e to the end of B:

- e. How this work can be incorporated into staff direction resulting out of the January 21, 2020 Council resolution, “Aligning the Healthy City Strategy with the UN Sustainable Development Goals”, specifically Sustainable Development Goal #6. Ensuring availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation for all.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (Vote No. 05684)

AMENDMENT MOVED by Councillor Dominato
SECONDED by Councillor Bligh

THAT the following be added as f to the end of B:

- f. Actively pursuing private and philanthropic funding sources and partnerships to accelerate the availability of public water fountains and water bottle filling stations.

AMENDMENT TO THE AMENDMENT MOVED by Councillor Fry
SECONDED by Councillor Boyle

THAT B f be amended by adding the phrase “free to access and use” between the words “availability of” and “public”.

CARRIED (Vote No. 05685)
(Councillor Swanson opposed)

The amendment to the amendment having carried, the amendment as amended was put and CARRIED (Vote No. 05686), with Councillor Swanson opposed and Councillor Boyle abstaining from the vote.

Council agreed to sever the vote on the amended motion as follows:

- A. THAT the City of Vancouver endorses and supports the “Blue Communities” project, and recognizes and affirms that access to water and sanitation services are fundamental human rights.
- B. THAT Council direct staff to prepare a report on the necessary policy and by-law amendments required to align city services with a human rights centric approach to water and sanitation services. Such a report should pay particular attention to:
 - a. Applying a human rights framework to its application of applicable by-laws;
 - b. Providing an update on Council’s 2009 ban on the sale of bottled water in municipal facilities and events, and a plan to phase out the sale of bottled water, while increasing the availability of public water fountains and water bottle filling stations;
 - c. Improving public access to washroom facilities, including advocating for universally accessible washroom facilities in transit hubs and high-foot traffic areas, and improved wayfinding signage and digital mapping; and
 - d. Considering relevant safety and accessibility concerns for Vancouver residents most vulnerable to the opioid crisis.
 - e. How this work can be incorporated into staff direction resulting out of the January 21, 2020 Council resolution, “Aligning the Healthy City Strategy with the UN Sustainable Development Goals”, specifically Sustainable Development Goal # 6. Ensuring availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation for all.
- C. THAT Council direct the Mayor to write to the Federal Government advocating that they enshrine the human right to water and sanitation in federal law, and advocating that they fulfill their responsibility to support municipal infrastructure by investing in a national water and wastewater infrastructure fund that would address the growing need to renew existing water and wastewater infrastructure and build new systems, and further advocating that public infrastructure funding only fund public projects.
- E. THAT the City of Vancouver commit to promoting publicly owned, financed and operated water and wastewater regional services, while supporting the innovation of localized water harvest and non-potable reuse solutions.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (Vote No. 05687)
(Councillors De Genova, Dominato and Hardwick abstained from the vote)

- D. THAT Council direct the Mayor to write to the Provincial Government advocating that they enshrine the human right to water and sanitation in provincial law, and advocate that the province stop issuing licenses to extract groundwater for commercial water bottling and/or for bulk water exports.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (Vote No. 05688)
(Councillors De Genova, Dominato and Hardwick abstained from the vote)

- f. Actively pursuing private and philanthropic funding sources and partnerships to accelerate the availability of free to access and use public water fountains and water bottle filling stations.

CARRIED (Vote No. 05690)
(Councillor Swanson opposed)
(Councillors Boyle and De Genova abstained from the vote)

FINAL MOTION AS APPROVED

- A. THAT the City of Vancouver endorses and supports the “Blue Communities” project, and recognizes and affirms that access to water and sanitation services are fundamental human rights.
- B. THAT Council direct staff to prepare a report on the necessary policy and by-law amendments required to align city services with a human rights centric approach to water and sanitation services. Such a report should pay particular attention to:
- a. Applying a human rights framework to its application of applicable by-laws;
 - b. Providing an update on Council’s 2009 ban on the sale of bottled water in municipal facilities and events, and a plan to phase out the sale of bottled water, while increasing the availability of public water fountains and water bottle filling stations;
 - c. Improving public access to washroom facilities, including advocating for universally accessible washroom facilities in transit hubs and high-foot traffic areas, and improved wayfinding signage and digital mapping;
 - d. Considering relevant safety and accessibility concerns for Vancouver residents most vulnerable to the opioid crisis;
 - e. How this work can be incorporated into staff direction resulting out of the January 21, 2020 Council resolution, “Aligning the Healthy City Strategy with the UN Sustainable Development Goals”, specifically Sustainable Development Goal # 6. Ensuring availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation for all; and
 - f. Actively pursuing private and philanthropic funding sources and partnerships to accelerate the availability of free to access and use public water fountains and water bottle filling stations.

- C. THAT Council direct the Mayor to write to the Federal Government advocating that they enshrine the human right to water and sanitation in federal law, and advocating that they fulfill their responsibility to support municipal infrastructure by investing in a national water and wastewater infrastructure fund that would address the growing need to renew existing water and wastewater infrastructure and build new systems, and further advocating that public infrastructure funding only fund public projects.
- D. THAT Council direct the Mayor to write to the Provincial Government advocating that they enshrine the human right to water and sanitation in provincial law, and advocate that the province stop issuing licenses to extract groundwater for commercial water bottling and/or for bulk water exports.
- E. THAT the City of Vancouver commit to promoting publicly owned, financed and operated water and wastewater regional services, while supporting the innovation of localized water harvest and non-potable reuse solutions.

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VARY AGENDA

Following the conclusion of Unfinished Business 1, it was

MOVED by Councillor Carr

SECONDED by Councillor De Genova

THAT Council vary the agenda to deal with Urgent Business prior to Unfinished Business 2, "Safety for Residents with Precarious Status: Delivering Access without Fear".

*CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AND
BY THE REQUIRED MAJORITY*

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

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URGENT BUSINESS

1. Request for Leave of Absence – Mayor Stewart

MOVED by Councillor De Genova

SECONDED by Councillor Carr

THAT Mayor Stewart be granted a Leave of Absence for medical reasons from meetings to be held on Thursday, March 12, 2020, from 3 pm onwards.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. Request for Leave of Absence – Councillor Dominato

MOVED by Councillor De Genova

SECONDED by Councillor Carr

THAT Councillor Dominato be granted a Leave of Absence for Civic Business from meetings during the hours of 3 to 3:30 pm, on Thursday, March 12, 2020;

FURTHER THAT Councillor Dominato be granted a Leave of Absence for personal reasons from meetings during the hours of 3:30 to 6 pm, on Thursday, March 12, 2020.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

UNFINISHED BUSINESS (continued)

2. Safety for Residents with Precarious Status: Delivering Access without Fear

At the Council meeting on March 10, 2020, Council referred the following motion to the Standing Committee on Policy and Strategic Priorities meeting on March 11, 2020, in order to hear from speakers.

At the Standing Committee on Policy and Strategic Priorities meeting on March 11, 2020, the Committee heard from speakers and referred debate and decision on the motion to the Council meeting immediately following the Standing Committee on Policy and Strategic Priorities meeting, as Unfinished Business.

MOVED by Councillor Boyle

THAT the Committee recommend to Council

WHEREAS

1. Vancouver has the second highest concentration of immigrants in Canada, and migration to Vancouver is likely to increase due to global displacement caused by climate change;
2. Many new residents arrive with temporary work permits that are tied to a single employer; and are at risk of losing their status as a result of paperwork or employer misconduct;
3. Vancouver residents deserve to feel confident in their safety using City services;
4. As San Francisco's Sanctuary City Ordinance states, cities are safer for everyone when:

all residents, regardless of immigration status, feel comfortable calling the Police and Fire Departments . . . [and] accessing City public health services and benefit programs;
5. In recognition of these conditions, Council adopted the Access to City Services Without Fear (ACSWF) for Residents with Uncertain or No Immigration Status

- policy in 2016, to enable “residents to use municipal services . . . without fear that the City of Vancouver will ask for and provide information about their immigration status to other institutions or orders of government unless required by law”;
6. Today, more than three years after the ACSWF policy was adopted, the policy has not been fully implemented;
 7. The ACSWF policy recognizes that:
 - a. “Immigration status is a social determinant of health”;
 - b. “Fear of harm, detention and deportation prevents people from seeking the support they need from service groups and government agencies of all types”;
 - c. “Women and children are especially affected when they cannot safely access these supports, as partners, employers, and individuals are more able to hold and abuse power over them”; and
 - d. “The voluntary disclosure of immigration status and enforcement of immigration law is outside the scope of the City’s jurisdiction, and City staff are not responsible for the enforcement of immigration law”;
 8. Lack of safe and secure access to resources has and continues to result in an atmosphere of fear, distrust, confusion, and even death for racialized, undocumented, migrant, and refugee residents and communities in Vancouver:
 - a. Lucia Vega Jimenez, a 42-year Mexican hotel worker, died while in Canadian Border Service Agency (CBSA)’s custody in December 2013 after being turned over to immigration authorities by Transit Police. In 2014, the community demanded an end to immigration detention, and a Coroner’s Inquest identified various needed improvements within CBSA correctional facilities. As part of their response, Transit Police ceased their agreement with the CBSA; and
 - b. On August 19, 2019, CBSA raided the Hastings Racecourse because of information provided by the BC Gaming Policy and Enforcement Branch. Witnesses reported that CBSA staff harassed racialized employees during the raid. CBSA arrested up to 26 employees, and at least seven residents have since been ordered to leave Canada. It has been alleged that a Gaming Policy and Enforcement employee falsified documents and misled these residents; this employee was suspended with pay;
 9. While there have been no reports made through the City’s processes, communities have shared experiences of not being able to access City services without fear in reports like Sanctuary Health’s 2018 “Still Waiting, Still Afraid: Auditing Access Without Fear Policies in the City of Vancouver”;
 10. Residents also report not being able to access City and civic services without fear because different organizations funded by the City have inconsistent access without fear policies;

11. These inconsistent policies and practices leave residents vulnerable to harm, increase distrust, and prevent access to critical living, safety, emergency housing, and community services. Staff awareness, training, and support is essential to closing this gap and to ensuring that the ACSWF policy protects residents when they access any front-line service;
12. Racialized residents are disproportionately criminalized and represented in the justice system;
13. Dylan Mazur, lawyer with the BC Civil Liberties Association, was quoted in the *StarMetro Vancouver* explaining that VPD's guidelines were too unspecific to offer guaranteed protection to undocumented people who wanted to come forward as witnesses or victims of a crime:

“As a lawyer I cannot look at these guidelines and provide sound legal advice whether someone should come forward as a victim . . . I am not aware as a lawyer in what circumstances the Crown would require someone's immigration status for court process, or what specific offence would require the disclosure of someone's immigration status”;
14. In its 2019 “Update Regarding [VPD] Guidelines on Police Requests Related to Immigration Status,” VPD reported having initiated an average of at least 23 queries per month to federal immigration authorities over an eight-month period ending May 23, 2019;
15. As detailed in the 2016 ACSWF policy report, police departments in other cities working to provide access without fear, including San Francisco and Los Angeles, do not request or disclose information about the citizenship or migration status of individuals unless required by law;
16. Residents deserve to be able to access emergency services for themselves and their families without fear that they will be subjected to contact with correctional or immigration enforcement systems;
17. Residents deserve regular, public updates about how the ACSWF policy is proceeding so that they can make informed choices about accessing City services; and
18. Council has an opportunity to demonstrate its leadership in supporting migrants' safety by fully resourcing and implementing the policy it adopted, responding to community calls for improvement, and urging other jurisdictions to follow suit - especially around the core policy directive of “Relationship with CBSA”.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

- A. THAT Council recognize that a city where immigration status checks are only performed when required by law would help create a city where residents, no matter their immigration status, can truly access city and civic services, including public safety services, without fear of deportation.

- B. THAT Council direct staff to explore and report back in a public memo by the end of Q2 2020, on work underway to finish implementing the 2016 policy (as identified in the “Update: Access Without Fear Implementation” email and table sent from the City Manager to Mayor and Council on January 29, 2020).
- C. THAT Council direct staff to incorporate the following into the work to finish implementing the 2016 policy:
 - i. For implementation of initiative #3, staff and community training: Maintaining annual policy training for department leaders and training for relevant front-line staff, including VPD statistics on immigration status checks and collaboration with the CBSA;
 - ii. For implementation of initiative #4, communication strategy: Supporting community groups that serve undocumented residents to develop resources and/or workshops for migrants on the policy and how it affects their access to services; and
 - iii. For implementation of initiative #6, “Reporting and Evaluation”: Providing an annual, public progress update at a Council meeting.
- D. THAT Council direct staff to explore and report back by the end of 2020 with a budget and timeline for options to strengthen the Access to City Services Without Fear (ACSWF) policy and guidelines in 2021, including Identifying and recommending any necessary or additional resources, such as staffing or additional funding for new initiatives, in order to fully implement or strengthen the ACSWF policy and to adopt best practices from sanctuary cities (e.g. providing City ID cards, legal advice, etc.).
 - i. Amending City of Vancouver grant eligibility requirements to read: “Be accommodating, welcoming and open to people of all . . . migration status, and socio-economic conditions, in their policies, practices and programs”;
 - ii. Mandating migrant rights training for staff as part of the business licence approval process; and
 - iii. Inviting input from relevant advisory committees.
- E. THAT Council direct the Mayor to write to BC Housing to urge them to require that access to shelters and housing is not dependent on immigration status and that they maintain privacy of information related to access without fear policies.
- F. THAT Council direct the Mayor to write to the Vancouver Police Board, VPD’s Chief Constable, and VPD’s senior management to share this motion.
- G. THAT Council direct the Mayor to write to BC’s Premier, Attorney General, and Ministers of Education, Health, and Labour to share this motion, to outline the impacts of the August CBSA raid for Vancouver’s communities, and to ask that the province join the City of Vancouver and other municipalities by developing

access without fear policies with an emphasis on healthcare, education, and employment standards.

- H. THAT Council direct the Mayor to write to the federal Minister of Public Safety by April 15th to share this motion, to outline the impacts of the August CBSA raid for Vancouver's communities, and to ask that the CBSA revisit its investigation practices, particularly when there is no public safety risk and when working with racialized, marginalized, or vulnerable communities.

amended

AMENDMENT MOVED by Councillor Swanson
SECONDED by Councillor Bligh

THAT the following be added to end of D:

- iv. Requiring City-funded programs to ensure that access is not dependent on immigration status and that they maintain privacy of information, particularly pertaining to access without fear policies;

FURTHER THAT G be amended by inserting the phrase "reviewing their role in enabling the August CBSA raid and taking steps to prevent similar situations in the future" between the words "communities" and "to ask";

AND FURTHER THAT the phrase "and to prioritize regularization of immigration status over deportation" be added to the end of H.

carried

During the discussion on the amendment, it was

MOVED by Councillor Hardwick
SECONDED by Councillor Carr

THAT debate and decision for Unfinished Business Items 2 to 4 be continued at the reconvening Council portion of the Standing Committee on Policy and Strategic Priorities meeting on Thursday, March 12, 2020, at 3 pm.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

At 9:57 pm, it was

RECONSIDERATION MOVED by Councillor Dominato
SECONDED by Councillor De Genova

THAT Council reconsider the vote on all clauses except D and B f (Vote No. 05687) for Unfinished Business 1, "Water and Washrooms as a Human Right".

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOVED by Councillor Dominato
SECONDED by Councillor De Genova

THAT the meeting be extended past 10 pm to complete the vote on all clauses except D and B f.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AND
BY THE REQUIRED MAJORITY

Following the reconsideration on the vote, the vote for all clauses except D and B f was put and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (Vote No. 05691), with Councillors De Genova and Hardwick abstaining from the vote.

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Council recessed at 9:59 pm on March 11, 2020, and reconvened at 3:05 pm on March 12, 2020, with Deputy Mayor Kirby-Yung in the Chair.

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On March 12, 2020, the Committee continued discussion on the amendment.

REFERRAL MOVED by Councillor Hardwick
SECONDED by Councillor De Genova

THAT Council refer the motion entitled "Safety for Residents with Precarious Status: Delivering Access without Fear", to the Vancouver Police Board for review and feedback, prior to Council completing debate and decision on the above-noted motion.

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During debate, Deputy Mayor Kirby-Yung relinquished the Chair to Councillor Bligh, Acting Chair, in order to participate in debate. Deputy Mayor Kirby-Yung resumed the Chair after her comments.

Following debate on the referral, the referral was put and LOST (Vote No.05694), with Councillors Bligh, Boyle, Carr, Fry, Swanson and Wiebe opposed and Councillor Dominato absent due to personal reasons.

The amendment was put and CARRIED (Vote No. 05695), with Councillors De Genova and Kirby-Yung opposed, Councillor Hardwick abstaining from the vote and Councillor Dominato absent for the vote due to personal reasons.

REFERRAL MOVED by Councillor De Genova
SECONDED by Councillor Hardwick

THAT Council refer debate and decision on Unfinished Business 2, to the Council meeting on March 31, 2020, as Unfinished Business.

LOST (Vote No. 05696)
(Councillors Bligh, Boyle, Carr, Fry, Swanson and Wiebe opposed)
(Councillor Kirby-Yung abstained from the vote)
(Councillor Dominato absent for the vote due to personal reasons)

AMENDMENT MOVED by Councillor Fry
SECONDED by Councillor Wiebe

THAT the phrase "for their review and feedback" be added to the end of F.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (Vote No. 05697)
(Councillor Boyle abstained from the vote)
(Councillor Dominato absent for the vote due to personal reasons)

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On March 12 2020, Council recessed at 3:53 pm and reconvened at 3:59 pm.

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Council agreed to sever the vote on the amended motion as follows:

- B. THAT Council direct staff to explore and report back in a public memo by the end of Q2 2020, on work underway to finish implementing the 2016 policy (as identified in the "Update: Access Without Fear Implementation" email and table sent from the City Manager to Mayor and Council on January 29, 2020).

CARRIED (Vote No. 05698)
(Councillor De Genova opposed)
(Councillor Hardwick abstained from the vote)
(Councillor Dominato absent for the vote due to personal reasons)

- C. THAT Council direct staff to incorporate the following into the work to finish implementing the 2016 policy:
- ii. For implementation of initiative #4, communication strategy: Supporting community groups that serve undocumented residents to develop resources and/or workshops for migrants on the policy and how it affects their access to services; and

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (Vote No. 05699)
(Councillor Hardwick abstained from the vote)
(Councillor Dominato absent for the vote due to personal reasons)

- C. THAT Council direct staff to incorporate the following into the work to finish implementing the 2016 policy:
 - i. For implementation of initiative #3, staff and community training: Maintaining annual policy training for department leaders and training for relevant front-line staff, including VPD statistics on immigration status checks and collaboration with the CBSA;

CARRIED (Vote No. 05700)

(Councillors De Genova and Hardwick opposed)

(Councillor Dominato absent for the vote due to personal reasons)

- E. THAT Council direct the Mayor to write to BC Housing to urge them to require that access to shelters and housing is not dependent on immigration status and that they maintain privacy of information related to access without fear policies.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (Vote No. 05701)

(Councillors De Genova and Hardwick abstained from the vote)

(Councillor Dominato absent for the vote due to personal reasons)

- A. THAT Council recognize that a city where immigration status checks are only performed when required by law would help create a city where residents, no matter their immigration status, can truly access city and civic services, including public safety services, without fear of deportation.
- C. THAT Council direct staff to incorporate the following into the work to finish implementing the 2016 policy:
 - iii. For implementation of initiative #6, "Reporting and Evaluation": Providing an annual, public progress update at a Council meeting.
- D. THAT Council direct staff to explore and report back by the end of 2020 with a budget and timeline for options to strengthen the Access to City Services Without Fear (ACSWF) policy and guidelines in 2021, including Identifying and recommending any necessary or additional resources, such as staffing or additional funding for new initiatives, in order to fully implement or strengthen the ACSWF policy and to adopt best practices from sanctuary cities (e.g. providing City ID cards, legal advice, etc.).
 - i. Amending City of Vancouver grant eligibility requirements to read: "Be accommodating, welcoming and open to people of all . . . migration status, and socio-economic conditions, in their policies, practices and programs";
 - ii. Mandating migrant rights training for staff as part of the business licence approval process;
 - iii. Inviting input from relevant advisory committees; and
 - iv. Requiring City-funded programs to ensure that access is not dependent on immigration status and that they maintain privacy of information, particularly pertaining to access without fear policies.

- F. THAT Council direct the Mayor to write to the Vancouver Police Board, VPD's Chief Constable, and VPD's senior management to share the motion entitled, "Safety for Residents with Precarious Status: Delivering Access without Fear", for their review and feedback.
- G. THAT Council direct the Mayor to write to BC's Premier, Attorney General, and Ministers of Education, Health, and Labour to share the motion entitled, "Safety for Residents with Precarious Status: Delivering Access without Fear", to outline the impacts of the August CBSA raid for Vancouver's communities, reviewing their role in enabling the August CBSA raid and taking steps to prevent similar situations in the future, to ask that the province join the City of Vancouver and other municipalities by developing access without fear policies with an emphasis on healthcare, education, and employment standards.
- H. THAT Council direct the Mayor to write to the federal Minister of Public Safety by April 15th to share the motion entitled, "Safety for Residents with Precarious Status: Delivering Access without Fear", to outline the impacts of the August CBSA raid for Vancouver's communities, and to ask that the CBSA revisit its investigation practices, particularly when there is no public safety risk and when working with racialized, marginalized, or vulnerable communities and to prioritize regularization of immigration status over deportation.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (Vote No. 05702)
(Councillor Dominato absent for the vote due to personal reasons)

FINAL MOTION AS APPROVED

- A. THAT Council recognize that a city where immigration status checks are only performed when required by law would help create a city where residents, no matter their immigration status, can truly access city and civic services, including public safety services, without fear of deportation.
- B. THAT Council direct staff to explore and report back in a public memo by the end of Q2 2020, on work underway to finish implementing the 2016 policy (as identified in the "Update: Access Without Fear Implementation" email and table sent from the City Manager to Mayor and Council on January 29, 2020).
- C. THAT Council direct staff to incorporate the following into the work to finish implementing the 2016 policy:
 - i. For implementation of initiative #3, staff and community training: Maintaining annual policy training for department leaders and training for relevant front-line staff, including VPD statistics on immigration status checks and collaboration with the CBSA;
 - ii. For implementation of initiative #4, communication strategy: Supporting community groups that serve undocumented residents to develop resources and/or workshops for migrants on the policy and how it affects their access to services; and

- iii. For implementation of initiative #6, “Reporting and Evaluation”: Providing an annual, public progress update at a Council meeting.
- D. THAT Council direct staff to explore and report back by the end of 2020 with a budget and timeline for options to strengthen the Access to City Services Without Fear (ACSWF) policy and guidelines in 2021, including Identifying and recommending any necessary or additional resources, such as staffing or additional funding for new initiatives, in order to fully implement or strengthen the ACSWF policy and to adopt best practices from sanctuary cities (e.g. providing City ID cards, legal advice, etc.).
- i. Amending City of Vancouver grant eligibility requirements to read: “Be accommodating, welcoming and open to people of all . . . migration status, and socio-economic conditions, in their policies, practices and programs”;
 - ii. Mandating migrant rights training for staff as part of the business licence approval process;
 - iii. Inviting input from relevant advisory committees; and
 - iv. Requiring City-funded programs to ensure that access is not dependent on immigration status and that they maintain privacy of information, particularly pertaining to access without fear policies.
- E. THAT Council direct the Mayor to write to BC Housing to urge them to require that access to shelters and housing is not dependent on immigration status and that they maintain privacy of information related to access without fear policies.
- F. THAT Council direct the Mayor to write to the Vancouver Police Board, VPD’s Chief Constable, and VPD’s senior management to share the motion entitled, “Safety for Residents with Precarious Status: Delivering Access without Fear”, for their review and feedback.
- G. THAT Council direct the Mayor to write to BC’s Premier, Attorney General, and Ministers of Education, Health, and Labour to share the motion entitled, “Safety for Residents with Precarious Status: Delivering Access without Fear”, to outline the impacts of the August CBSA raid for Vancouver’s communities, reviewing their role in enabling the August CBSA raid and taking steps to prevent similar situations in the future, to ask that the province join the City of Vancouver and other municipalities by developing access without fear policies with an emphasis on healthcare, education, and employment standards.
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3. Rewilding Vancouver: Ecosystem Restoration Action Plan 2030

At the Council meeting on March 10, 2020, Council referred the following motion to the Standing Committee on Policy and Strategic Priorities meeting on March 11, 2020, in order to hear from speakers.

At the Standing Committee on Policy and Strategic Priorities meeting on March 11, 2020, the Committee heard from speakers and referred debate and decision on the motion to the Council meeting immediately following the Standing Committee on Policy and Strategic Priorities meeting, as Unfinished Business.

MOVED by Councillor Wiebe
THAT the Committee recommend to Council

WHEREAS

1. Faced with the climate and biodiversity emergencies, the United Nations has declared 2021-2030 as the [UN Decade on Ecosystem Restoration](#). The goal is to ramp up efforts to reverse centuries of damage to forests, wetlands and other ecosystems;
2. Council has supported the ideas of new blue-green networks to connect our communities, schools, parks, green space, waterways and natural areas with vibrant natural creek corridor. These connections provide many benefits, including increasing the urban forest, reducing urban heat, increasing biodiversity, climate adaptation, flood mitigation, providing pollinator and bird corridors, and connecting us to each other and to active and safe ways of moving around the city;
3. Council has passed a number of strategies aimed at increasing and protecting our ecosystems including, the Urban Forest Strategy, the Greenest City 2020 Action Plan, the Urban Forest Strategy, the Raincity Strategy, the Vancouver Bird Strategy, the Watershed Revival Plan, the Healthy City Strategy and the Climate Emergency Action Plan;
4. The City of Portland became the first Salmon-Safe city in North America on October 26, 2016, when Portland City Council accepted the findings of the Salmon-Safe science team's third-party assessment of city operations, along with specific commitments to improve operations and prioritize capital investments across bureaus. The Mayor of Portland sent a challenge for Vancouver to work towards certification as well;
5. The City of Vancouver's Greenest City 2020 Action Plan has a priority action to develop and implement enhanced water education, incentive and conservation programs while increasing our natural spaces to provide homes for millions of organisms that help filter pollutants from our air and water;

6. Council has adopted the target that restoration work will be completed on enough forest and coastal ecosystems in Vancouver and the surrounding region to remove one million tonnes of carbon pollution annually by 2030;
7. The Vancouver Park Board's Biodiversity Strategy has a target to restore or enhance 25ha of natural areas by 2020 with an emphasis on connecting habitats for biodiverse plants and animals; and
8. The Vancouver School Board approved the first ever Environmental Sustainability Plan in 2019 to promote outdoor learning, access to nature and active transportation.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council direct staff to report back by fall 2020, in conjunction with the report back from staff on Big Move 6: Restored forests and coasts, with a scope of work for the development of a 10-year Ecosystems Restoration Action Plan that:

- i. Incorporates all relevant ongoing City of Vancouver strategies into one Action Plan including, the Greenest City 2020 Action Plan 2.0, the Urban Forest Strategy, the Raincity Strategy, the Vancouver Bird Strategy, the Watershed Revival Plan, the Healthy City Strategy, and Big Move 6 (Restored forests and coasts) from the Climate Emergency Action Plan;
- ii. Includes a commitment for Vancouver to work towards being certified as a "Salmon-Safe" city;
- iii. Includes a commitment for Vancouver to work towards being certified as a Bird City;
- iv. Includes the creation of a natural asset management plan;
- v. Will be incorporated as part of the Vancouver Plan; and
- vi. Supports a regional ecosystem advisory council that could include the City of Vancouver, the Vancouver Park Board, Metro Vancouver and the Musqueam, Squamish and Tsleil-Waututh First Nations, industry and more.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (Vote No. 05703)
(Councillor Dominato absent for the vote due to personal reasons)

4. Providing Free Menstrual Products in City of Vancouver Civic Facilities Washrooms

At the Council meeting on March 10, 2020, Council referred the following motion to the Standing Committee on Policy and Strategic Priorities meeting on March 11, 2020, in order to hear from speakers.

At the Standing Committee on Policy and Strategic Priorities meeting on March 11, 2020, the Committee heard from speakers and referred debate and decision on the motion to the Council

meeting immediately following the Standing Committee on Policy and Strategic Priorities meeting, as Unfinished Business.

MOVED by Councillor De Genova
THAT the Committee recommend to Council

WHEREAS

1. January 17, 2018, Vancouver City Council unanimously adopted "Vancouver: A City of All Women, Women's Equity Strategy 2018-2028";
2. July 12, 2018, the government of British Columbia United Way of the Lower Mainland has launched the Period Promise Campaign with the objective to reduce isolation and vulnerably caused by poverty;
3. The United Way Period Promise Research Project was funded by the Ministry of Social Development and Poverty Reduction, along with support from Pacific BlueCross, Vancity, Always and Tampax. Twelve partner agencies will be supplied with menstrual products to distribute, at no-cost to clients. These agencies will also provide information to United Way of the Lower Mainland and the data and findings will be included in a report to the government of British Columbia in July 2020;
4. October 23, 2018, the City's Women's Advisory Committee received a verbal presentation and carried the following resolution:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Women's Advisory Committee recommends to Council that the City of Vancouver work to get free-vending tampon and pad dispensers in schools, colleges, government service centres and homeless shelters;
5. A ministerial order was issued April 5, 2019, requiring public schools to provide free menstrual products for students in school washrooms by the end of 2019. \$300,000 of provincial start-up funding has been allocated to this initiative;
6. February 10, 2020, the Vancouver Park Board passed the motion titled "Free Menstrual Products at Park Board Facilities";
7. The Chair of the Women's Advisory Committee has sent a letter to both of the Committee's Council Liaisons stating support for the resolutions; and
8. A motion was put forward at the February 18, 2020, Women's Advisory Committee Working Group, to support the motion "PROVIDING FREE MENSTRUAL PRODUCTS IN CITY OF VANCOUVER CIVIC FACILITIES WASHROOMS". The Committee intends to retroactively move a motion to include this this action at the next regular meeting.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT

- A. THAT Council direct staff to explore a plan for providing free menstrual products in civic facilities.
- B. THAT Council direct staff to consider funding initiatives including, but not limited to, partnerships with manufacturers of menstrual products, non-profit organizations and funding available from senior governments.
- C. THAT staff report back to Council on A and B above with any recommendations on or before Q4 2020.

amended

AMENDMENT MOVED by Councillor Bligh
SECONDED by Councillor De Genova

THAT the phrase “, ensuring no one person will feel stigmatized in accessing the products as needed” be added to the end of A.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (Vote No. 05704)
(Councillor Dominato absent for the vote due to personal reasons)

AMENDMENT MOVED by Councillor De Genova
SECONDED by Councillor Bligh

THAT the following be added as D:

THAT Council direct the City Clerk to share the motion entitled, “Providing Free Menstrual Products in City of Vancouver Civic Facilities Washrooms”, on behalf of Vancouver City Council with:

- The Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation
- The Vancouver School Board
- Vancouver Art Gallery Board
- Vancouver Civic Theatres Board
- The Pacific National Exhibition Board
- The Vancouver Police Board
- The Vancouver Public Library Board

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (Vote No. 05705)
(Councillor Dominato absent for the vote due to personal reasons)

The amendments having carried unanimously, the motion as amended was put and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (Vote No. 05706), with Councillor Dominato absent for the vote due to personal reasons.

Following the vote on the amended motion, Councillor De Genova submitted an amendment to amend the whereas clause.

AMENDMENT MOVED by Councillor De Genova
SECONDED by Councillor Bligh

THAT the whereas clause be amended as follows:

- Strike whereas clause 8 and replace with the following:

On January 30, 2020, the Chair of the Women's Advisory Committee sent an email to committee liaison Councillor De Genova, explaining the limitations of the procedures to record votes observed by advisory committees between scheduled clerked advisory committee meetings. A letter of support was attached to this email and has been circulated to Council members. The letter is from all current members of the Women's Advisory Committee, conveying their support as private citizens for free menstrual products and noting the Women's Advisory committee passed a motion at a clerked meeting on October 23, 2018 in support of accessible and free menstrual products in civic facilities;

- Add the following clauses to the end of the whereas clause to read as follows:

December 4, 2019 at the Vancouver School Board Policy and Governance Committee Meeting the policy "Menstrual Products in Schools" carried unanimously.

February 10, 2020 at the Regular Park Board Meeting, The Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation unanimously carried the motion "Free Menstrual Products at Park Board Facilities".

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (Vote No. 05707)
(Councillor Dominato absent for the vote due to personal reasons)

FINAL MOTION AS APPROVED

WHEREAS

1. January 17, 2018, Vancouver City Council unanimously adopted "Vancouver: A City of All Women, Women's Equity Strategy 2018-2028";
2. July 12, 2018, the government of British Columbia United Way of the Lower Mainland has launched the Period Promise Campaign with the objective to reduce isolation and vulnerably caused poverty;
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7. The Chair of the Women's Advisory Committee has sent a letter to both Committee's Council Liaisons stating support for the resolutions;
8. On January 30, 2020, the Chair of the Women's Advisory Committee sent an email to committee liaison Councillor De Genova, explaining the limitations of the procedures to record votes observed by advisory committees between scheduled clerked advisory committee meetings. A letter of support was attached to this email and has been circulated to Council members. The letter is from all current members of the Women's Advisory Committee, conveying their support as private citizens for free menstrual products and noting the Women's Advisory committee passed a motion at a clerked meeting on October 23, 2018 in support of accessible and free menstrual products in civic facilities;
9. December 4, 2019 at the Vancouver School Board Policy and Governance Committee Meeting the policy "Menstrual Products in Schools" carried unanimously; and
10. February 10, 2020 at the Regular Park Board Meeting, The Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation unanimously carried the motion "Free Menstrual Products at Park Board Facilities".

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED

- A. THAT Council direct staff to explore a plan for providing free menstrual products in civic facilities ensuring no one person will feel stigmatized in accessing the products as needed.
- B. THAT Council direct staff to consider funding initiatives including, but not limited to, partnerships with manufacturers of menstrual products, non-profit organizations and funding available from senior governments.
- C. THAT staff report back to Council on A and B above with any recommendations on or before Q4 2020.
- D. THAT Council direct the City Clerk to share the motion entitled, "Providing Free Menstrual Products in City of Vancouver Civic Facilities Washrooms", on behalf of Vancouver City Council with:

- The Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation
- The Vancouver School Board
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- Vancouver Civic Theatres Board
- The Pacific National Exhibition Board
- The Vancouver Police Board
- The Vancouver Public Library Board

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Councillor Bligh
SECONDED by Councillor De Genova

THAT the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Council adjourned at 4:24 pm, on March 12, 2020.

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