



REPORT TO COUNCIL

COUNCIL COVID-19 RECOVERY COMMITTEE

JUNE 3, 2020

A meeting of the Council COVID-19 Recovery Committee on was held on Wednesday, June 3, 2020 at 1:10 pm in the Council Chamber, Third Floor, City Hall. This Council meeting was convened by electronic means as authorized under the *Order of the Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General of the Province of British Columbia - the Emergency Program Act, Ministerial Order No. M139*.

PRESENT:

Councillor Carr, Chair
Councillor Rebecca Bligh
Councillor Christine Boyle
Councillor Melissa De Genova*
Councillor Pete Fry
Councillor Colleen Hardwick
Councillor Sarah Kirby-Yung
Councillor Jean Swanson
Councillor Michael Wiebe

ABSENT:

Mayor Kennedy Stewart (Leave of Absence – Civic Business)
Councillor Lisa Dominato (Leave of Absence – Personal Reasons)

CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE:

Sadhu Johnston, City Manager
Karen Levitt, Deputy City Manager

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE:

Tina Penney, Deputy City Clerk
Rowena Choi, 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.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MOVED by Councillor Bligh
SECONDED by Councillor De Genova

THAT this Council resolve itself into Committee of the Whole, Councillor Carr in the Chair, to consider the agenda items.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Prior to the start of item 1, Councillor Carr relinquished the Chair to Councillor De Genova, in order to participate in discussion and resumed as Chair when completed.

1. Report Back and Ratify CCRC Core Guiding Questions

Councillor Carr provided an introduction on the above-noted motion.

MOVED BY Councillor Boyle

THAT the work and recommendations of the Council COVID-19 Recovery Committee (CCRC) be guided by the following core questions:

1. What steps can the City of Vancouver take to support businesses re-opening and residents returning to work and play in the city?
2. How can we plan recovery from COVID-19 to create a new, better normal that leaves our city better off, including advancing action on other emergencies such as housing affordability and climate?
3. Specifically, how can the City of Vancouver's COVID-19 Recovery Plan help to:
 - a. Rebuild a more resilient and sustainable local economy with a specific focus on small business and local jobs;
 - b. Foster a healthier and more just and people-friendly city;
 - c. Increase resiliency city-wide to prepare for future waves of the COVID-19 pandemic and other emergencies; and
 - d. Advance goals of service excellence, sustainable and green practices, and housing affordability.
4. What recovery plan actions can the city take within our powers and capacity and what do we need to advocate for with senior governments?
5. What practices have we adopted as a result of the pandemic that we should consider amplifying to improve service delivery and urban planning?

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (Vote No. 06030)

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VARY AGENDA

*Prior to the start of item 2, it was
MOVED by Councillor Bligh*

*THAT the Committee vary the agenda in order to hear from guest speakers on Item 3 –
Presentations: Update on COVID-19 Recovery Planning and COVID-19 Economic
Recovery Forecasts, before item 2.*

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AND
BY THE REQUIRED MAJORITY**

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

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3. Update on COVID-19 Recovery Planning and COVID-19 Economic Recovery Forecasts

The Committee heard from the following guest speakers who presented and responded to questions on the above-noted item:

- Slavi Diamandiev, Partner at Deloitte, Economic Advisor and Western Canada Leader;
- John Merkley, Principal of Pacify Analytics Inc. and Economic Policy Analyst; and
- Dr. Alex Himelfarb, Director of the Glendon School of Public and International Affairs and former Clerk of the Privy Council.

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*At 2:52 pm, it was
MOVED by Councillor De Genova*

*THAT the Committee extend the meeting past 3 pm in order to complete the remainder
of the agenda.*

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AND BY THE
REQUIRED MAJORITY**

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2. Report Back and Ratify CCRC Core Guiding Questions

Councillor Fry introduced the above-noted item. Following the introduction, Councillors engaged in discussion on the Council COVID-19 Recovery Committee (CCRC) core guiding questions.

MOVED by Councillor Fry

THAT the Council COVID-19 Recovery Committee (CCRC) adopt the following five topics, in the following order, as topics for future Committee meetings:

1. Economic Recovery and Complete Communities
2. New Fiscal Tools for the City
3. Housing and Homelessness
4. Municipal Government Role and Responses
5. COVID-19 recovery and the climate emergency

FURTHER THAT the Ad-hoc Ranking Sub-committee, comprised of Councillors Boyle, Fry and Kirby-Yung, be tasked with compiling the above-noted member-submitted topics for consideration;

AND FURTHER THAT the Sub-committee work together with Councilors Carr and Dominato in order to develop a timeline and a process for the above-noted topics to be presented at future Committee meetings.

amended

AMENDMENT MOVED by Councillor Swanson

THAT the word “speakers” be added after the word “timeline”.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (Vote No. 06031)
(Councillor De Genova absent for the vote)

The amendment having carried, the motion as amended was put and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (Vote No. 06032) with Councillor De Genova absent for the vote.

FINAL MOTION AS APPROVED

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4. Urgent Business

The Committee did not have any topics of urgent business to discuss at this meeting.

RISE FROM COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MOVED by Councillor Fry

THAT the Committee of the Whole rise and report.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Councillor De Genova absent for the vote)

ADOPT REPORT OF COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MOVED by Councillor Wiebe
SECONDED by Councillor Bligh

THAT the report of the Committee of the whole be adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Councillor De Genova absent for the vote)

URGENT BUSINESS

1. Request for Leave of Absence

MOVED by Councillor Hardwick
SECONDED by Councillor Bligh

THAT Mayor Stewart be granted a Leave of Absence for Civic Business and that Councillor Dominato be granted a Leave of Absence for personal reasons from meetings to be held on June 3, 2020.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Councillor De Genova absent for the vote)

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Councillor Hardwick
SECONDED by Councillor Kirby-Yung

THAT the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Councillor De Genova absent for the vote)

The Council COVID-19 Recovery Committee adjourned at 3:29 pm.

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