



REPORT TO COUNCIL

COUNCIL COVID-19 RECOVERY COMMITTEE

JULY 29, 2020

A meeting of the Council COVID-19 Recovery Committee on was held on Wednesday, July 29, 2020, at 9:30 am 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. M192*.

PRESENT:

- Councillor Wiebe, Chair
- Mayor Kennedy Stewart*
- Councillor Adriane Carr
- Councillor Rebecca Bligh
- Councillor Christine Boyle
- Councillor Melissa De Genova* (Medical Leave 9:30 am – 12:00 pm)
- Councillor Lisa Dominato
- Councillor Pete Fry
- Councillor Colleen Hardwick
- Councillor Sarah Kirby-Yung
- Councillor Jean Swanson

CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE: 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 Carr
SECONDED by Councillor Kirby-Yung

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

1. Presentations

The Committee heard from the following guest speakers who presented and responded to questions on suggestions for a resilient COVID-19 recovery and also proposed suggestions for combatting Climate Emergency:

- a) Karen Tam Wu, B.C. Director of Pembina Institute, and member of B.C. Climate Solutions Council.
- b) Metro Vancouver:
 - Neal Carley, General Manger, Parks and Environment;
 - Roger Quan, Director, Air Quality and Climate Change; and
 - Conor Reynolds, Division Manager, Air Quality and Climate Change Policy.
- c) Dale Littlejohn, member of UBCM Special Committee on Climate Action and CEO of B.C. Community Energy Association, and George Benson, from the Vancouver Economic Commission.

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At 10:43 am, during questions to guest speakers, it was,

MOVED by Councillor Boyle

THAT the Committee enter into a second round of questions to the guest speakers.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

(Councillor De Genova absent for the vote due to Medical Leave)

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2. Potential Recommendations Arising from Presentations

Councillor Carr summarized a list of potential recommendations from guest speakers for the Committee's consideration. Councillors Dominato and Hardwick provided additional suggestions for the Committee's consideration.

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At 11:10 am, during item 2, it was,

MOVED by Councillor Hardwick

THAT the Committee take an early recess to review and consider the recommendations arising from presentations.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

(Councillor De Genova absent for the vote due to Medical Leave)

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The Committee recessed at 11:10 am and reconvened at 1:29 pm.

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3. CCRC Final Report and Recommendations

Councillors Carr, Boyle, Dominato, Fry and Kirby-Yung provided a verbal presentation on the above-noted item. Following the presentation, Council engaged in discussion and the Deputy City Manager, Karen Levitt, elaborated on the processes and recommendations of the Council COVID-19 Recovery Committee (CCRC) Final Report.

MOVED by Councillor Carr
THAT the Committee recommend to Council

WHEREAS

1. The Terms of Reference for the Council COVID-19 Recovery Committee (CCRC) state that the CCRC will develop a report comprised of its findings and recommendations, to be provided to the City Manager in order for recommendations to be evaluated by staff and, as appropriate, integrated into the City's COVID-19 Business and Community Recovery Program.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

- A. THAT Council receives the final report in principle and provide the report to the City Manager in order to:
 - a. evaluate and, as appropriate, integrate the findings and recommendations as contained in the Council COVID-19 Recovery Committee (CCRC) report into the City's COVID-19 Recovery Program and/or other workstreams, and report back on this work to Council no later than January 31, 2021;
 - b. immediately upon receipt of the CCRC Report, incorporate the top-priority recommendations into the City's COVID-19 Recovery Program and other workstreams as appropriate;
 - c. give consideration to the 41 top-priority recommendations in the CCRC report in the City's 2021 Operating Budget;
 - d. pursue answers to the questions that the CCRC was not able to answer during its mandate, i.e.:
 - How can the City's recovery plans increase resiliency City-wide?
 - How can we advance goals of service excellence?
 - What practices has the City adopted as a result of the pandemic, such as enabling phone-in public speaking to Council agenda items, working remotely, and digital transformation of services including on-line permitting, that we should consider continuing?

- report back to Council with an analysis of all the CCRC-evaluated recommendations by no later than Jan 31, 2021; and
- e. explore options to create more opportunities for Council to identify experts and organizations and hear directly from these third party experts as part of presentations brought to Council.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (Vote No. 06271)
(Councillor De Genova and Mayor Stewart absent for the vote)

Note: The adopted CCRC Final Report and Recommendations can be found [here](#).

RISE FROM COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MOVED by Councillor Boyle

THAT the Committee of the Whole rise and report.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Councillor De Genova and Mayor Stewart absent for the vote)

ADOPT REPORT OF COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MOVED by Councillor Carr
SECONDED by Councillor Kirby-Yung

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Councillor De Genova and Mayor Stewart absent for the vote)

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Councillor Hardwick
SECONDED by Councillor Boyle

THAT the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Councillor De Genova and Mayor Stewart absent for the vote)

The Council COVID-19 Recovery Committee adjourned at 2:30 pm.

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