

## COUNCIL MEMBERS' MOTION

### 2. Joint Vancouver City Council-Vancouver School Board Committee to Collaborate on Capital Projects

Submitted by: Councillor Carr

#### WHEREAS

1. Wherever relevant, planning in Vancouver should be collaborative between different levels of government;
2. Vancouver School Board (VSB) schools are integral to the city as the means to deliver public education and as neighbourhood hubs for the broader community. The VSB Long-Range Facilities Plan [vsb.bc.ca] (LRFP) outlines facilities management strategies in support of long-term accommodation of projected students in support of educational programs. The educational vision [vsb.bc.ca] of the LRFP is to support student learning and well-being through neighbourhood schools, safe schools, vibrant learning spaces and community partnerships;
3. The recently approved VSB LRFP included this action:  
*The Vancouver Board of Education would like to foster a closer collaborative relationship with the City of Vancouver Council. As such, the Board will request to the COV the establishment of a joint VSB/COV committee to collaborate on advancing VBE (Vancouver Board of Education) capital projects (including LRFP). The committee will consist of 3 Trustees and 3 councillors. The Committee would meet bi-annually with a termination date at the end of November 2022.*

A letter with this request was sent by VSB Chair Cho to the City of Vancouver Mayor and Council on March 1, 2021;

4. A collaborative relationship between the VSB and COV could enhance:
  - a. Planning for new schools/expansions in areas with increasing student populations and community partnerships in undersubscribed schools;
  - b. Locating before-and-after-school and 0-4 childcare at school sites;
  - c. Community partnerships for out-of-school-hours use of school facilities such as gyms, multi-purpose rooms, auditoriums, and grounds, including school fields;
  - d. City-wide consideration for provision of, and equitable access to, public open spaces;
  - e. Affordable housing projects for education sector workers;

- f. Meeting climate emergency objectives;
5. In a number of cases, such as at Britannia and Coal Harbour school sites, the VBE capital projects include collaboration not only with the City of Vancouver but also with the Vancouver Parks Board.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT City Council direct staff to:

- i. Consult with the Vancouver Board of Education and report back for Council's consideration:
  - a. Draft terms of reference for a joint Vancouver City Council-Vancouver School Board committee to collaborate on capital projects; and
  - b. An implementation plan including a budget and expedited timeline to both meet the VSB's timeline and enable incorporation into the City's 2022 Operating Budget;
- ii. Report back to Council with a final report on the outcomes, pros and cons and overall utility of this pilot joint committee, with recommendations regarding follow-up, and forward this report to the Vancouver School Board; and
- iii. Consider the utility of including representatives from the Vancouver Parks Board in this joint committee either during the term of this committee (to the end of November, 2022) and/or in a possible future iteration of this committee.

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