



COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

APRIL 27, 2021

A Meeting of the Council of the City of Vancouver was held on Tuesday, April 27, 2021, 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 – Emergency Program Act, updated Ministerial Order No. M192.

PRESENT:

- Mayor Kennedy Stewart
- Councillor Rebecca Bligh
- Councillor Christine Boyle
- Councillor Adriane Carr
- Councillor Melissa De Genova
- Councillor Lisa Dominato*
- Councillor Pete Fry
- Councillor Colleen Hardwick
- Councillor Sarah Kirby-Yung
- Councillor Jean Swanson
- Councillor Michael Wiebe

CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE: Paul Mochrie, Acting City Manager
Karen Levitt, Deputy City Manager

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE: Katrina Leckovic, City Clerk
Irina Dragnea, Meeting Coordinator

*Denotes absence for a portion of the meeting.

WELCOME

The Mayor acknowledged we are on the unceded territories of the Musqueam, Squamish, and Tsleil-Waututh Nations and we thank them for having cared for this land and look forward to working with them in partnership as we continue to build this great city together.

The Mayor also recognized the immense contributions of the City of Vancouver's staff who work hard every day to help make our city an incredible place to live, work, and play.

IN CAMERA MEETING

MOVED by Councillor De Genova
SECONDED by Councillor Carr

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

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

(c) labour relations or other employee relations;

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

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

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

1. Auditor General Recruitment Committee – April 9, 2021

MOVED by Councillor Hardwick

SECONDED by Councillor De Genova

THAT the Minutes of the Auditor General Recruitment Committee meeting of April 9, 2021, be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. Council – April 13, 2021

MOVED by Councillor Wiebe

SECONDED by Councillor De Genova

THAT the Minutes of the Council meeting of April 13, 2021, be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. Public Hearing – April 13, 2021

MOVED by Councillor Kirby-Yung

SECONDED by Councillor Carr

THAT the Minutes of the Public Hearing of April 13, 2021, be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. Council (Policy and Strategic Priorities) – April 14, 2021

MOVED by Councillor Carr
SECONDED by Councillor Swanson

THAT the Minutes of the Council meeting following the Standing Committee on Policy and Strategic Priorities meeting of April 14, 2021, be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5. Public Hearing – April 15 and 20, 2021

MOVED by Councillor De Genova
SECONDED by Councillor Swanson

THAT the Minutes of the Public Hearing of April 15 and 20, 2021, be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MATTERS ADOPTED ON CONSENT

MOVED by Councillor Hardwick
SECONDED by Councillor De Genova

THAT Council adopt Communications 2, and Reports 2, 3 and 5, on consent.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

COMMUNICATIONS

1. Appointment of Council Representatives to the Task Force on Implementing UNDRIP in the City of Vancouver

MOVED by Councillor Fry
SECONDED by Councillor Carr

THAT Council approve the following appointments to the Task Force on Implementing the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous People (UNDRIP) in the City of Vancouver, for the term April 27, 2021, to November 7, 2022:

Councillor Carr
Councillor De Genova
Councillor Swanson

carried

AMENDMENT MOVED by Councillor Fry
SECONDED by Councillor De Genova

THAT Councillor Wiebe be added as an additional appointment to the Task Force on Implementing the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous People (UNDRIP) in the City of Vancouver, for the term April 27, 2021, to November 7, 2022.

not put

After reviewing the Terms of Reference for the Task Force on Implementing UNDRIP in the City of Vancouver, as outlined in Appendix A of the Member's Motion entitled "Implementing the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples in the City of Vancouver", approved by Council on March 10, 2021, the Mayor ruled the amendment out of order as the composition of the committee outlines that, "the committee will consist of up to two representatives from each of the Musqueam, Squamish, and Tsleil-Waututh Nations, along with Councillor Boyle and up to 3 other representatives from Mayor and Council."

The amendment having been ruled out of order, the motion was put and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (Vote No. 07211).

2. Changes to 2021 Council Meetings Schedule

THAT Council cancel the Public Hearing on Thursday, May 20, 2021, at 6 pm, and replace it with a Council / Public Hearing Reserve.

ADOPTED ON CONSENT (Vote No. 07227)

REPORTS

1. One Year In: City of Vancouver Contributions to Covid-19 Recovery and Council Covid-19 Recovery Committee (CCRC) Report Back to Council April 19, 2021

Karen Levitt, Deputy City Manager, provided a presentation, and along with Paul Mochrie, City Manager, and staff from the following departments: Social Policy and Projects Division; Business, Planning and Project Support; Sustainability Group; Engineering Services; City Manager; Intergovernmental Relations and Strategic Partnerships; Housing Policy and Regulation; Cultural Services; Long Range and Strategic Planning; and Development, Buildings and Licensing, responded to questions.

MOVED by Councillor Carr
SECONDED by Councillor Kirby-Yung

THAT Vancouver City Council receive the Report dated April 19, 2021, entitled "One Year In: City of Vancouver Contributions to Covid-19 Recovery and Council Covid-19 Recovery Committee (CCRC) Report Back to Council", for information.

amended

AMENDMENT MOVED by Mayor Stewart
SECONDED by Councillor Kirby-Yung

THAT the following be added:

FURTHER THAT Council approve and direct staff to identify a funding source for an additional \$200,000 to the Business Improvement Association Graffiti Removal Program for 2021, and to have this additional funding be restored if, and when, Vancouver receives additional safe re-start funding from senior governments.

CARRIED (Vote No. 07212)
(Councillor Swanson opposed)

The amendment having carried, the motion as amended was put and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (Vote No. 07213).

FINAL MOTION AS APPROVED

THAT Vancouver City Council receive the Report dated April 19, 2021, entitled “One Year In: City of Vancouver Contributions to Covid-19 Recovery and Council Covid-19 Recovery Committee (CCRC) Report Back to Council” for information;

FURTHER THAT Council approve and direct staff to identify a funding source for an additional \$200,000 to the Business Improvement Association Graffiti Removal Program for 2021, and to have this additional funding be restored if, and when, Vancouver receives additional safe re-start funding from senior governments.

2. 2021 Main Property Tax Payment Due Date March 30, 2021

- A. THAT Council approve, in principle, an amendment to the Tax Penalty By-law No. 9284, outlined in Appendix “A” of the Report dated March 30, 2021, entitled “2021 Main Property Tax Payment Due Date”, to revert the tax due date from September 30 to the second business day in July.
- B. THAT the Director of Legal Services bring forward for enactment a by-law generally in accordance with Appendix “A” of the Report dated March 30, 2021, entitled “2021 Main Property Tax Payment Due Date”.

ADOPTED ON CONSENT (Vote No. 07230)

3. 2020 Property Tax Exemptions April 16, 2021

THAT Vancouver City Council receive the Report dated April 16, 2021, entitled “2020 Property Tax Exemptions”, for information.

ADOPTED ON CONSENT (Vote No. 07231)

**4. 2021 Property Taxation: Distribution of Property Tax Levy
April 16, 2021**

Staff from Finance, Risk and Supply Chain Management, responded to questions.

MOVED by Councillor Kirby-Yung

SECONDED by Councillor Wiebe

THAT Council instruct the Director of Finance to calculate the 2021 general purpose tax rates for all property classes to achieve a tax share of approximately 57.1% residential and approximately 42.9% non-residential, reflecting a \$3.6 million tax shift from non-residential property classes (2, 4, 5 and 6) to residential property classes (1, 8 and 9) to complete the 3-year, 2% (\$15.8 million) tax shift program that was directed by Council in April 2019.

amended

AMENDMENT MOVED by Councillor Swanson

SECONDED by Councillor Hardwick

THAT the following be added:

FURTHER THAT Council instruct staff to bring forward information about how much of the tax shift noted-above benefits large corporations and businesses as opposed to smaller ones before Council is required to make this decision again.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (Vote No. 07214)

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At 11:46 am, during discussion on the amendment above, Councillor Kirby-Yung raised a point of order, under Section 8.7 of the *Procedure By-law*, noting the due date for the request is unclear. The Mayor ruled the amendment in order as this is a yearly report.

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Council recessed at 12 pm and reconvened at 3 pm.

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Council agreed to separate the vote on the components of the motion. The amendment having carried, the motion was put and severed with the first clause having CARRIED (Vote No. 07216) with Councillors De Genova, Hardwick, Swanson and Mayor Stewart opposed, and Councillor Dominato absent for the vote, and the second clause having CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (Vote No. 07217) with Councillor Dominato absent for the vote.

FINAL MOTION AS APPROVED

THAT Council instruct the Director of Finance to calculate the 2021 general purpose tax rates for all property classes to achieve a tax share of approximately 57.1% residential and approximately 42.9% non-residential, reflecting a \$3.6 million tax shift from non-residential property classes (2, 4, 5 and 6) to residential property classes (1, 8 and 9) to complete the 3-year, 2% (\$15.8 million) tax shift program that was directed by Council in April 2019;

FURTHER THAT Council instruct staff to bring forward information about how much of the tax shift noted-above benefits large corporations and businesses as opposed to smaller ones before Council is required to make this decision again.

5. Proposed Amendment to Subdivision By-law 5208 – Reclassification of 375 North Kootenay Street March 10, 2021

- A. THAT Council approve the application to reclassify the property at 375 North Kootenay Street, from Category C to Category A of Schedule A, Table 1, of Subdivision By-law No. 5208.
- B. THAT the Director of Legal Services be instructed to prepare the necessary by-law to amend the Subdivision By-law implementing the required change.

ADOPTED ON CONSENT (Vote No. 07233)

BY-LAWS

Mayor Stewart advised to have reviewed the proceedings related to By-law 9 and would be voting on the enactment.

Councillor Bligh advised to have reviewed the proceedings related to By-laws 11 to 14 and would be voting on the enactments.

Councillor Kirby-Yung advised to have reviewed the proceedings related to By-law 16 and would be voting on the enactment.

Councillor Wiebe declared conflict of interest on By-law 10, due to having a business interest that is potentially affected by this by-law.

MOVED by Councillor Carr
SECONDED by Councillor De Genova

THAT Council, enact the by-law listed on the agenda for this meeting as number 1, and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign and seal the enacted by-law.

CARRIED (Vote No. 07218)
(Councillor Hardwick opposed)
(Councillor Dominato absent for the vote)

MOVED by Councillor De Genova
SECONDED by Councillor Bligh

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

CARRIED (Vote No. 07219)
(Councillor Hardwick opposed)

MOVED by Councillor Carr
SECONDED by Councillor De Genova

THAT Council, enact the by-law listed on the agenda for this meeting as number 3, and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign and seal the enacted by-law.

CARRIED (Vote No. 07220)
(Councillor Hardwick opposed)
(Councillor Dominato absent for the vote)

MOVED by Councillor Carr
SECONDED by Councillor De Genova

THAT Council, except for those members ineligible to vote as noted below, enact the by-laws listed on the agenda for this meeting as numbers 4 to 18 inclusive, and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign and seal the enacted by-laws.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Councillor Dominato absent for the vote)

1. A By-law to amend Rental Housing Stock Official Development Plan By-law No. 9488 regarding C-2 Districts (By-law No. 12955)
2. A By-law to amend Zoning and Development By-law No. 3575 regarding amendments related to the C-2 Districts in the Rental Housing Stock Official Development Plan (By-law No. 12956)
3. A By-law to enact a Housing Agreement for 4506 Rupert Street and 3309 Price Street (By-law No. 12957)
4. A By-law to authorize the amendment of a Housing Agreement authorized by By-law No. 12838 for 1956-1990 Stainsbury Avenue (By-law No. 12958)
5. A By-law to amend the Drinking Water Conservation By-law regarding miscellaneous amendments (By-law No. 12959)
6. A By-law to amend the By-law Notice Enforcement By-law No. 10201 regarding screening officers for Drinking Water Conservation By-law enforcement (By-law No. 12960)
7. A By-law to amend Water Works By-law No. 4848 regarding meter requirements (By-law No. 12961)

8. A By-law to amend Zoning and Development By-law No. 3575 to rezone an area to CD-1 regarding 1102 - 1138 East Georgia Street (By-law No. 12962)
9. A By-law to amend Sign By-law No.11879 regarding four electronic static image signs at 688 Hamilton Street (By-law No. 12963)
10. A By-law to amend License By-law No. 4450 regarding discretion to increase seating capacity (By-law No. 12964)
(Councillor Wiebe ineligible for the vote due to conflict of interest)
11. A By-law to amend Sign By-law regarding 7299 Granville Street (formerly 7101 – 7201 Granville Street) (By-law No. 12965)
12. A By-law to amend CD-1 (620) By-law No. 11374 regarding 1412 – 1424 East 41st Avenue (By-law No. 12966)
13. A By-law to amend CD-1 (743) By-law No. 12675 regarding 3281 – 3295 East 22nd Avenue (By-law No. 12967)
14. A By-law to amend CD-1 (758) By-law No. 12869 regarding 1956 – 1990 Stainsbury Avenue (By-law No. 12968)
15. A By-law to amend East Fraser Lands Official Development Plan By-law No. 9393 regarding 2020 updates (By-law No. 12969)
16. A By-law to amend CD-1 (567) By-Law No. 10943 East Fraser Lands Waterfront Precinct regarding housekeeping amendments (By-law No. 12970)
17. A By-law to amend the Tax Penalty By-law No. 9284 (By-law No. 12971)
18. A By-law to amend Subdivision By-law No. 5208 regarding 6750 – 6770 Oak Street and 975 West 52nd Avenue (By-law No. 12972)

MOTIONS

A. Administrative Motions

1. Approval of Form of Development – 5035 Boundary Road

MOVED by Councillor Bligh
SECONDED by Councillor De Genova

THAT the form of development for this portion of the site known as 5035 Boundary Road (formerly known as 5003 -5399 Boundary Road) be approved generally as illustrated in the Development Application Number DB-2019-05250 prepared by MBD Maple Building Design Inc., and stamped “Received, Community Services Group, Development Services”, on December 4, 2019, provided that the Director of Planning may impose conditions and approve design changes which would not adversely affect either the

development character of the site or adjacent properties.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Councillor Dominato absent for the vote)

B. Council Members' Motions

1. Request for Leave of Absence

MOVED by Councillor De Genova
SECONDED by Councillor Wiebe

THAT Councillor Hardwick be granted a Leave of Absence for civic business from meetings on June 23, 2021, from 1 pm to 5 pm, and July 21, 2021, from 1 pm to 5 pm.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Councillor Dominato absent for the vote)

2. Limiting 2022 Property Tax Rate Increase to No More Than 5%

MOVED by Mayor Stewart
SECONDED by Councillor Bligh

THAT Vancouver City Council sets a target limit on the property tax rate increase to no more than 5% in the 2022 Budget, with direction to staff to first find efficiencies and cost savings across the organization that will inform multiple scenarios of property tax increases for Council's consideration as part of the 2022 Budget development process.

carried

AMENDMENT MOVED by Councillor Hardwick
SECONDED by Councillor De Genova

THAT the motion be struck and replaced with the following:

THAT Council set a planning target for the 2022 Operating Budget property tax increase at 3% and instruct staff to proceed with the development of the budget on the following basis:

1. The 2022 Operating Budget base be the 2021 Operating Budget adjusted as appropriate for inflationary adjustments in revenues and expenditures arising before consideration of new program expenditures and associated revenues;
2. New expenditures, including added operating costs arising from the capital program and expanded program expenditures approved in advance, be separately itemized;

3. New program expenditure requests from staff be itemized separately and specifically identify additional staff resources and office costs; and
4. New expenditures arising from Council priorities should be identified separately and include identification of additional ongoing costs anticipated beyond 2022;

FURTHER THAT staff report this preliminary budget to Council no later than October 31, 2021;

AND FURTHER THAT staff organize a series of workshops with Council during November and December 2021, to facilitate decision making on the final make-up of the 2022 Operating Budget, at which time the 2022 tax increase will be confirmed.

LOST (Vote No. 07221)

(Councillors Bligh, Boyle, Carr, Fry, Swanson, Wiebe, and Mayor Stewart opposed)

The amendment having lost, the motion was put and CARRIED (Vote No. 07222) with Councillors De Genova, Dominato, Hardwick, Kirby-Yung, and Swanson opposed.

3. Affirming Support for a Formula E World Championship Event including a Conference focusing on Climate Change and Sustainability, Musical and Cultural Event and the Canadian Round of an Electric Vehicle Race

MOVED by Councillor Kirby-Yung

SECONDED by Councillor Wiebe

WHEREAS

1. The City of Vancouver has prioritized COVID-19 post pandemic economic recovery;
2. The City of Vancouver has prioritized the need for positive action in the fight against climate change, declaring a Climate Emergency that includes a focus on sustainable transportation and the electrification of transportation modes;
3. Vancouver has adopted a number of initiatives as part of its overarching Culture I Shift Strategy including a Vancouver Music Strategy;
4. The mandate of the Sport Hosting Vancouver (SHV) Partnership is *to proactively identify a balanced portfolio of sport events that deliver significant economic and social benefits to Vancouver*;
5. The tourism sector has been decimated by the pandemic with jobs lost and businesses shuttered;
6. The City of Vancouver has been approached by OSS Group, a private Canadian promoter of the Formula E World Championship, to host a two-day Creative Business Conference focused on climate and sustainability, two music concerts, and a one-day electric vehicle race in False Creek in July 2022, that would

- generate significant economic benefit to the city and support recovery of the gutted tourism sector;
7. OSS Group would need to engage in robust dialogue with False Creek area residents throughout the race planning process to address neighbourhood considerations and impacts;
 8. OSS Group has committed to limited road closures for 48-hours during the event. Some parking entrances on Quebec street would be affected with access being provided to City Gate Tower 1 at scheduled times, and provision of other parking options as needed;
 9. OSS Group has affirmed there is no required investment by the City to conceptualize, facilitate and fulfill the three-day event. OSS Group will also be responsible for the cost of City services including public safety and traffic management;
 10. OSS Group have committed to a legacy project that would support the City's climate and sustainability and social equity goals;
 11. Organizations including BC Place (PavCo), Rogers Arena, Science World, Westpark, Tourism Vancouver, the BC Restaurant Foodservices Association, BC Hotel Association, Greater Vancouver Board of Trade, Downtown Vancouver Business Improvement Association have all lent their support and endorsement to the proposed event; and
 12. Organizers project the three-day event is anticipated to generate approximately \$80 million in economic impact and 3000 jobs through 195 suppliers (of which 90% will be local).

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

- A. THAT Council direct staff to work with One Stop Strategy (OSS Group) to enable the Canadian Round Formula E event that is anticipated to include a two-day conference, music and cultural events and one day electric vehicle race in July 2022, with consideration given to a three-year term, costs to be borne by the organizer, and all City service costs to be recoverable from the organizer.
- B. THAT execution of the event should minimize impact on community, road and park usage, include dialogue with False Creek residents to address neighbourhood considerations, and ensure public access to the seawall is maintained throughout the event.
- C. THAT staff report back with a post-event summary including community and economic benefits and impacts, to help inform hosting of the event in future years.
- D. THAT the Host City agreement include a community legacy commitment of public electric vehicle charging stations for the False Creek area and event

access/participation for at-risk youth in support of the City's climate and sustainability and social equity goals.

referred

REFERRAL MOVED by Councillor De Genova
SECONDED by Councillor Wiebe

THAT the motion entitled "Affirming Support for a Formula E World Championship Event including a Conference focusing on Climate Change and Sustainability, Musical and Cultural Event and the Canadian Round of an Electric Vehicle Race" be referred to the Standing Committee on City Finance and Services meeting on April 28, 2021, in order to hear from speakers, debate and decision.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. Incorporating a Bike Safety Index into Urban and Active Transportation Planning

MOVED by Councillor Fry
SECONDED by Councillor Carr

WHEREAS

1. Through Transportation 2040, the Climate Emergency Action Plan, and Healthy City strategies, the City of Vancouver has the committed goal: to encourage and support walking, cycling, and rolling so that 2/3 of all trips are made by walk, bike, and transit by 2030;
2. Two common and popular metrics used to map attractiveness of urban locations are Walk Score ¹ and Bike Score ². These rating systems are used by planners, researchers, real-estate agents and prospective residents to indicate how conducive an area is to walking or biking, on a scale of 0-100;
3. While Walk Score is determined by number and proximity of destinations or amenities within one mile, Bike Score methodology additionally contemplates bike lanes and road connectivity, bike commuting mode share, hills and grade;
4. In a newly published study, Determining If Walkability and Bikeability Indices Reflect Pedestrian and Cyclist Safety ³, principal investigator Tarek Sayed, UBC civil engineering professor and Canada Research Chair in transportation safety and advanced mobility, writes: "Among the public, there is an implicit assumption that 'walkable' and 'bikeable' means safe for walking and biking, but these indices do not actually include objective measures of safety";⁴
5. The study, comparing walk score and bike score with pedestrian-motor-vehicle and cyclist-motor-vehicle crashes in Vancouver, compiled 134 traffic analysis zones using 5 years of ICBC crash data with walking, cycling, and motor-vehicle traffic volume controls for exposure to indicate that areas of the city with higher walkability and bikeability can be potentially associated with greater pedestrian

and cyclist crash risk, respectively, even after controlling for exposure;

6. Areas of the city found to pose the highest collision risk to pedestrians included the downtown core, Fairview, Mount Pleasant, Strathcona and Grandview-Woodland, which all have high Walk Scores. Areas of the city found to pose the highest collision risk to cyclists included zones in the downtown core and in Strathcona and Mount Pleasant, which are all rated highly on the Bike Score index;
7. Neighborhood walkability and bikeability scores do not indicate safety for pedestrians and cyclists, and could be modified to better incorporate objective risk; and
8. New, improved methods of transportation safety, risk, and attractiveness analysis and evaluation like those being developed at UBC's Transportation Engineering department are helping to reshape road safety priorities here and across North America.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

- A. THAT Council direct staff to report back on the development of a Bike Safety index to represent both biking attractiveness and cyclist crash risk; and that:
 1. The Bike Safety Index consists of bike network coverage, continuity, complexity, signal density, and recreational density;
 2. The Bike Safety Index be used as a tool to prioritize network improvements, interventions and connection of network gaps;
 3. The Bike Safety Index be used to inform signage, road markings and information for active transportation users and motor vehicle drivers;
 4. The Bike Safety Index be developed as zone-based approach, prioritizing high crash areas first, as part of a comprehensive city-wide approach; and
 5. The UBC Transportation Engineering research group be consulted as to whether opportunities for their work in this field might inform or collaborate on a safety index.
- B. THAT Council direct staff to consider and report back how a similar "walkability" safety index might be developed to identify attractiveness and risks in order to prioritize improvements and interventions in the public realm for all pedestrians, including wheelchair users and other rollers.

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1. <https://www.walkscore.com/about.shtml>
 2. <https://www.walkscore.com/bike-score-methodology.shtml>
 3. <https://journals.sagepub.com/doi/10.1177/0361198120931844>

4. <https://news.ubc.ca/2020/08/27/high-walk-and-bike-scores-associated-with-greater-crash-risk/>

referred

REFERRAL MOVED by Councillor Dominato
SECONDED by Councillor De Genova

THAT the motion entitled “Incorporating a Bike Safety Index into Urban and Active Transportation Planning” be referred to the Standing Committee on City Finance and Services meeting on April 28, 2021, in order to hear from speakers, debate and decision.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5. Accessible Voting Options for Municipal Elections

MOVED by Councillor Wiebe
SECONDED by Councillor De Genova

WHEREAS

1. The City of Vancouver positions itself as one of the most accessible and inclusive cities in Canada and will be holding its Municipal election on October 15, 2022;
2. Voting is an inherent right and duty of all citizens, regardless of race, religion, gender, sexual preference, age or ability, and must therefore be accessible and inclusive to all, including for advance polling;
3. Elections BC has committed to improved accessibility of the electoral process for all eligible B.C. voters (<https://elections.bc.ca/voting/what-you-need-to-vote/voting-accessibility/>). [Elections B.C. conducted a successful trial of telephone voting in May 2017 and subsequently implemented this initiative in the Provincial election of October 2020;](#)
4. Section 71 of the *Vancouver Charter* authorizes City Council to make bylaws to create special voting opportunities to assist those who cannot vote;
5. The minutes for Persons with Disabilities Advisory Committee (PDAC) meeting held on February 1, 2018, state that, City of Vancouver elections staff “... Commented that due to time constraints, resources available, and current by-laws, telephone voting will not be in place for the 2018 election, but is on the list for the 2022 election” (<https://vancouver.ca/docs/council/pdad20180201min.pdf>);
6. Telephone voting will increase accessibility for people who are blind/visually impaired, homebound, and people who cannot mark the ballot independently;

7. On February 1, 2018, PDAC passed a motion on elections with several recommendations including telephone voting; and
8. Provincial legislation states that people may not cast a ballot in a local election via the internet or over the telephone.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

- A. THAT Council directs staff to request that the Province amend the *Vancouver Charter* to provide the required authority for the City to authorize telephone, mail-in and/or online voting in preparation for the 2022 municipal election understanding that telephone voting is a critical need.
- B. THAT Council request that the elections staff team present to the Persons with Disabilities Advisory Committee and the Seniors Advisory Committee on the status of accessible voting options for the citizens of Vancouver.
- C. THAT Council direct staff to request that the Province provide the City with the ability to validate voters' personal information, such as a personal health number, Vancouver Public Library card or other forms of authentication.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (Vote No. 07223)

NOTICE OF COUNCIL MEMBER'S MOTIONS

1. **Issuing a Formal Apology from the City of Vancouver during Italian Heritage Month 2021 for the Treatment of Italian-Canadians during the Second World War**

Councillor De Genova submitted a notice of Council Members' Motion on the above-noted matter. The motion may be placed on the Council meeting agenda of May 18, 2021, as a Council Members' Motion.

2. **Granville Street Promenade - A People First, Pedestrian Friendly, Summer 2021 Pilot**

Councillor Kirby-Yung submitted a notice of Council Members' Motion on the above-noted matter. The motion may be placed on the Council meeting agenda of May 18, 2021, as a Council Members' Motion.

3. **Saving Lives with a World Trade Organization (WTO) Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights (TRIPS) Waiver**

Councillor Swanson submitted a notice of Council Members' Motion on the above-noted matter. The motion may be placed on the Council meeting agenda of May 18, 2021, as a Council Members' Motion.

4. Accessible Washrooms and Elevators on Broadway Line Extension

Councillor Wiebe submitted a notice of Council Members' Motion on the above-noted matter. The motion may be placed on the Council meeting agenda of May 18, 2021, as a Council Members' Motion.

5. Prioritizing Commercial Drive as a Pedestrian-First High Street

Councillor Fry submitted a notice of Council Members' Motion on the above-noted matter. The motion may be placed on the Council meeting agenda of May 18, 2021, as a Council Members' Motion.

6. Mitigating and Managing Graffiti in Vancouver

Councillor Fry submitted a notice of Council Members' Motion on the above-noted matter. The motion may be placed on the Council meeting agenda of May 18, 2021, as a Council Members' Motion.

7. Reducing Barriers and Deepening Affordability for Non-Profit, Co-op and Social Housing in Every Neighbourhood

Councillor Boyle submitted a notice of Council Members' Motion on the above-noted matter. The motion may be placed on the Council meeting agenda of May 18, 2021, as a Council Members' Motion.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Changes to the 2021 Auditor General Recruitment Committee Meetings Schedule

MOVED by Councillor Hardwick
SECONDED by Councillor De Genova

THAT the Auditor General Recruitment Committee meeting on Friday, April 30, 2021, at 1 pm, be cancelled;

FURTHER THAT a meeting of the Auditor Recruitment Committee be added on Tuesday, May 25, 2021, at 3 pm.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. Request for Leave of Absence

MOVED by Councillor De Genova
SECONDED by Councillor Carr

THAT Mayor Stewart be granted a Leave of Absence for civic business from meetings on April 28, 2021, from 11 am to 1 pm.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. Vancouver Supports Help Cities Lead Campaign

MOVED by Councillor Carr
SECONDED by Councillor Wiebe

WHEREAS

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property. If or when the property is sold, the financing would carry to the new owner;

3. Direction to implement three of these measures (enabling local governments to regulate GHG emissions for new buildings, home energy labelling, and PACE financing) were included in the province's ministerial mandate letters issued in November 2020, but have not to date been implemented by the province. However, building energy benchmarking and GHG requirements for existing buildings were not mentioned in the mandate letters;
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- Minister of Finance; and
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amended

AMENDMENT MOVED by Councillor Swanson
SECONDED by Councillor Carr

THAT the following be added:

AND FURTHER THAT Council seek confirmation that the Property Assessment Clean Energy (PACE) financing for rental buildings or homes with rental suites

will not result in rent increases, as the PACE loan repayments are matched to the building's pre-energy-retrofit energy bills minus the ongoing greatly reduced energy bill.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (Vote No. 07224)

The amendment having carried, the motion as amended was put and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (Vote No. 07225).

FINAL MOTION AS APPROVED

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4. Provincial Support for the Pacific National Exhibition (PNE) and Playland

MOVED by Councillor Dominato

SECONDED by Councillor De Genova

WHEREAS

1. The Pacific National Exhibition (PNE) is an iconic recreational and cultural BC organization;
2. The PNE, like many recreational organizations, has been hard hit by the global pandemic;
3. The PNE has successfully pivoted and delivered a number of COVID-19 safe family events;
4. Playland was set to open on May 1, 2021, with a strong safety plan supported by Vancouver Coastal Health (VCH);
5. The PNE has engaged in further discussions with the Provincial Health Office today regarding Playland drawing travel outside the regional health authorities; and
6. PNE will delay opening Playland until after the May long weekend as per discussions with Provincial officials in support of the current public health circuit breaker.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council direct the Mayor on behalf of Council to write Premier, Honourable John Horgan, and Minister of Advanced Education, Skills and Training, Honourable Melanie Mark, regarding the delayed opening of Playland and to request Provincial financial support for the organization and its 600 employees that would typically work the Playland season.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (Vote No. 07226)

ENQUIRIES AND OTHER MATTERS

1. Update on the City's Curb-Ramp Program

Councillor De Genova requested an update on the projected completion of the City's Curb-Ramp Program, as well as an update on the number of streets in Vancouver that currently require a proper side walk. The City Manager agreed to follow-up with staff.

2. West End Public Benefits Plan Funds Allocation Process

Councillor Carr enquired about the Community Amenity Contributions (CACs) process around funds allocation, and requested a memo, that could be publicly shared, on the process and an update on the West End Public Benefits Plan. The City Manager agreed to follow-up with staff.

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Councillor Hardwick
SECONDED by Councillor De Genova

THAT the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Council adjourned at 4:46 pm.

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