



REPORT TO COUNCIL

STANDING COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL ON CITY FINANCE AND SERVICES

APRIL 28, 2021

A meeting of the Standing Committee of Council on City Finance and Services was held on Wednesday, April 28, 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:

- Councillor Rebecca Bligh, Chair
- Mayor Kennedy Stewart* (Leave of Absence for Civic Business)
- Councillor Christine Boyle
- Councillor Adriane Carr
- Councillor Melissa De Genova
- Councillor Lisa Dominato*
- Councillor Pete Fry, Vice-Chair
- Councillor Colleen Hardwick
- Councillor Sarah Kirby-Yung*
- Councillor Jean Swanson
- Councillor Michael Wiebe

CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE:

- Paul Mochrie, City Manager
- Karen Levitt, Deputy City Manager

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE:

- Tina Penney, Deputy City Clerk
- Tina Hildebrandt, 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.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT – Day of Mourning

The Chair, on behalf of Council, acknowledged that every year on April 28th, Day of Mourning, we pay our respects and remember those who have been killed, injured or suffered illness as a result of work-related incidents and announced that at 10:30 am that morning Council would be joining staff across the city to observe a moment of silence.

MATTERS ADOPTED ON CONSENT

MOVED by Councillor De Genova

THAT Council adopt Item 2, on consent.

CARRIED
(Councillor Hardwick opposed)

1. “Decriminalizing Poverty and Supporting Community Led Safety Initiatives” Process Update and Recommendation April 21, 2021

The Committee had before it a memorandum dated April 27, 2021, from the General Manager of Arts, Culture and Community Services, which provided a correction to Recommendation B in the Report dated April 21, 2021, entitled “Decriminalizing Poverty and Supporting Community Led Safety Initiatives - Process Update and Recommendation”, and recommended it be replaced with the following:

- B. THAT Council direct the Nominations Subcommittee to review staff recommendations for Community Panel appointments and bring forward recommendations to Council for decision.

The General Manager of Arts, Culture and Community Services presented the report.

MOVED by Councillor Boyle

THAT the Committee hear from speakers prior to questions of staff.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Committee heard from one speaker in support of the report and four speakers who expressed concerns with various aspects related to the report.

The General Manager of Arts, Culture and Community Services, along with the City Manager, the Managing Director of Social Policy and Projects Division, and the Deputy Chief Constable – Operations Division, Vancouver Police Department, responded to questions.

During questions to staff, it was

MOVED by Councillor De Genova

THAT the Committee enter into a second round of questions.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOVED by Councillor Swanson
THAT the Committee recommend to Council

- A. THAT Council approve the proposed approach to undertaking work to develop recommendations to Council as directed in Motion RTS 14010 “Decriminalizing Poverty and Supporting Community Led Safety Initiatives”, as described in this report.
- B. THAT Council direct the Nominations Subcommittee to review staff recommendations for Community Panel appointments and bring forward recommendations to Council for decision.

amended

AMENDMENT MOVED by Councillor Swanson

THAT the motion be amended to add the following:

- C. THAT Council repeat its request to the Police Board for itemizing the work they do related to mental health, homelessness, drug use, sex work, and the amount of money spent on it, as the last report did not provide full information on this.
- D. THAT Council ask the Decriminalizing Poverty Panel to submit two or more quick start recommendations by December so that this council can fund and implement them in the 2022 budget.
- E. THAT Council allocate \$10M in the 2022 budget for implementation of the panel’s recommendations in 2022.
- F. THAT VPD appointees can be resources to the panel if the panel desires but not be part of the panel.

out of order

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The Committee recessed at 11:56 am and reconvened at 1:03 pm.

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Following the recess the Chair ruled Councillor Swanson’s amendment out of order under section 8.7 (f) of the *Procedure By-law* as C requested the Police Board to provide a report which was previously provided to Council.

AMENDMENT MOVED by Councillor Swanson

THAT the motion be amended to add the following:

- C. THAT Council ask the Decriminalizing Poverty Panel to submit two or more quick start recommendations by December so that this Council can fund and implement them in the 2022 budget.

- D. THAT Council allocate \$10M in the 2022 budget for implementation of the panel's recommendations in 2022.

amended

- E. THAT VPD appointees can be resources to the panel if the panel desires but not be part of the panel.

lost

AMENDMENT TO THE AMENDMENT MOVED by Councillor Fry

THAT C be amended as follows:

- delete the words "two or more";
- delete the words "fund and implement"; and
- add the word "consider" before the words "them in the 2022 budget";

FURTHER THAT D be amended as follows:

- add the words "consider allocating funds" after the word "Council"; and
- delete the words "allocate \$10M".

CARRIED (Vote No. 07244)
(Councillors Boyle and Swanson opposed)
(Councillor De Genova abstained from the vote)
(Mayor Stewart absent for the vote on Civic Business)

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The Committee recessed at 1:48 pm and reconvened at 1:52 pm.

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The amendment to the amendment having carried, the amendment as amended was put. The Committee agreed to separate the components of the amendment as amended for the vote as follows:

- C. THAT Council ask the Decriminalizing Poverty Panel to submit quick start recommendations by December so that this Council can consider them in the 2022 budget.

LOST – TIE VOTE (Vote No. 07245)
(Councillors Bligh, De Genova, Hardwick, Dominato and Kirby-Yung opposed)
(Mayor Stewart absent for the vote on Civic Business)

- D. THAT Council consider allocating funds in the 2022 budget for implementation of the panel's recommendations in 2022.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (Vote No. 07246)
(Councillor De Genova abstained from the vote)
(Mayor Stewart absent for the vote on Civic Business)

- E. THAT VPD appointees can be resources to the panel if the panel desires but not be part of the panel.

LOST – TIE VOTE (Vote No. 07247)
(Councillors Bligh, De Genova, Hardwick, Dominato and Kirby-Yung opposed)
(Mayor Stewart absent for the vote on Civic Business)

Following the vote on the amendment as amended above, D, having carried, was relettered C.

AMENDMENT MOVED by Councillor Swanson

THAT the motion be amended to add the following as D:

- D. THAT Council ask the VPD for a second report delving deeper into the report they already gave us and providing a full financial picture of how much they spend on dealing with homelessness, drug use, mental health issues and sex work.

CARRIED (Vote No. 07248)
(Councillors Bligh, De Genova, Dominato and Hardwick opposed)
(Councillor Kirby-Yung abstained from the vote)
(Mayor Stewart absent for the vote on Civic Business)

The Committee agreed to separate the components of the following amendment for the vote.

AMENDMENT MOVED by Councillor Dominato

THAT the motion be amended to add the following as E:

- E. THAT Council direct staff to invite one representative from the Canadian Mental Health Association (CMHA) to serve on the Community Panel.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (Vote No. 07249)
(Mayor Stewart absent for the vote on Civic Business)

FURTHER THAT the motion be amended to add the following:

THAT Council direct staff to invite one representative from VPD to serve on the Community Panel.

LOST (Vote No. 07250)
(Councillors Bligh, Boyle, Carr, Fry, Kirby-Yung, Swanson and Wiebe opposed)
(Mayor Stewart absent for the vote on Civic Business)

FURTHER THAT the motion be amended to add the following:

THAT Council direct staff to invite one representative from VCH to serve on the Community Panel.

LOST (Vote No. 07251)
(Councillors Boyle, Carr, Fry, Kirby-Yung, Swanson and Wiebe opposed)
(Mayor Stewart absent for the vote on Civic Business)

FURTHER THAT the motion be amended to add the following as F:

- F. THAT Council direct staff to invite one representative from the youth in care community to serve on the Community Panel.

amended

AMENDMENT MOVED by Councillor Carr

THAT F be amended to add the words "youth in care" following the word "one".

CARRIED (Vote No. 07252)
(Councillor Boyle opposed)
(Councillors De Genova and Fry abstained from the vote)
(Mayor Stewart absent for the vote on Civic Business)

The amendment to F having carried, F as amended was put and CARRIED (Vote No. 07253) with Councillor Fry opposed and Mayor Stewart absent for the vote on Civic Business.

AMENDMENT MOVED by Councillor Hardwick

THAT the motion be amended to add the following:

THAT Council acknowledges that the remuneration provided in this case is not intended to establish a precedent for other advisory bodies.

withdrawn

AMENDMENT TO THE AMENDMENT MOVED by Councillor De Genova

THAT the amendment be amended to add the following:

AND THAT the Auditor General Committee, with input from appropriate staff, review policy and criteria for remuneration of future panels and committees advising Council.

withdrawn

Following discussion, it was

MOVED by Councillor Hardwick

THAT the proposed amendment above be withdrawn.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Councillor Kirby-Yung absent for the vote)
(Mayor Stewart absent for the vote on civic Business)

MOVED by Councillor De Genova

THAT the proposed amendment to the amendment above be withdrawn.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Councillor Kirby-Yung absent for the vote)
(Mayor Stewart absent for the vote on civic Business)

AMENDMENT MOVED by Councillor De Genova

THAT the motion be amended to add the following:

THAT Council direct staff to include one VSB representative on the Community Panel to support the co-design and co-implementation of recommendations.

LOST (Vote No. 07254)

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

(Councillor Kirby-Yung absent for the vote)

(Mayor Stewart absent for the vote on Civic Business)

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The Committee recessed at 3:05 pm and reconvened at 3:44 pm.

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The amendments having either carried or lost, the motion as amended was put. The Committee agreed to separate the components of the motion as amended for the vote as follows.

FINAL MOTION AS APPROVED

THAT the Committee recommend to Council

- A. THAT Council approve the proposed approach to undertaking work to develop recommendations to Council as set out in the Report dated April 21, 2021, entitled "Decriminalizing Poverty and Supporting Community Led Safety Initiatives".

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (Vote No. 07255)

(Councillor Hardwick abstained from the vote)

- B. THAT Council direct the Nominations Subcommittee to review staff recommendations for Community Panel appointments and bring forward recommendations to Council for decision.

CARRIED (Vote No. 07256)

(Councillor De Genova opposed)

- C. THAT Council consider allocating funds in the 2022 budget for implementation of the panel's recommendations in 2022.

CARRIED (Vote No. 07257)

(Councillor De Genova opposed)

- D. THAT Council ask the VPD for a second report delving deeper into the report they already gave Council and providing a full financial picture of how much they spend on dealing with homelessness, drug use, mental health issues and sex work.

CARRIED (Vote No. 07258)

(Councillors Bligh and Dominato opposed)

(Councillor De Genova abstained from the vote)

- E. THAT Council direct staff to invite one representative from the Canadian Mental Health Association (CMHA) to serve on the Community Panel.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (Vote No. 07259)

- F. THAT Council direct staff to invite one youth in care representative from the youth in care community to serve on the Community Panel.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (Vote No. 07260)

**2. Consultant for Granville Bridge Interim Design and North Loops Reconfiguration
March 30, 2021**

THAT the Committee recommend to Council

- A. THAT Council authorize City staff to negotiate to the satisfaction of the General Manager of Engineering Services, the Director of Legal Services and the Chief Procurement Officer and enter into a contract with Associated Engineering (B.C.) Ltd., for design and contract administration services for the Granville Bridge Connector Design and North Loops Reconfiguration, for a term of four years, with the option to extend for two additional one-year terms, with an estimated contract value of \$2,764,119.00, plus applicable taxes over the initial four-year term, with \$1.0M to be funded through the approved Multi-Year Capital Project Budget and \$1.76M to be funded through the approved Property Endowment Fund Capital Project Budget.
- B. THAT the Director of Legal Services, the Chief Procurement Officer and the 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.

ADOPTED ON CONSENT (Vote No. 07242)
(Councillor Hardwick 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 (Member's Motion B.3)**

At the Council meeting on April 27, 2021, Council referred this motion to the Standing Committee on City Finance and Services meeting on April 28, 2021, in order to hear from speakers, followed by debate and decision.

The Committee heard from six speakers in support of the motion and one speaker in opposition to the motion, who expressed concerns related to environmental impacts.

During the hearing of speakers, it was

MOVED by Councillor Carr

THAT the meeting be extended to complete the business.

LOST (Vote No. 07261)

HAVING NOT RECEIVED THE REQUIRED MAJORITY

(Councillors Boyle, De Genova, Fry, Hardwick and Swanson opposed)

(Councillor Dominato abstained from the vote)

(Mayor Stewart absent for the vote on Civic Business)

MOVED by Councillor De Genova

THAT the Committee hear from speakers prior to the dinner break.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (Vote No. 07262)

(Councillor Swanson abstained from the vote)

(Mayor Stewart absent for the vote on Civic Business)

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The Committee recessed at 5:11 pm and reconvened at 6:12 pm.

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MOVED by Councillor Kirby-Yung

THAT the Committee recommend to Council

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.

amended

AMENDMENT MOVED by Councillor De Genova

THAT the motion be amended to add the following as E:

- E. THAT Council direct staff to consider, examine and report back to Council with possibilities for a Community Benefits Agreement with the proponent(s), similar to Agreements with Parq Casino and Resort and agreements during the 2010 Olympics Games, to provide employment and if possible training opportunities to the DTES and adjacent inner-city community to provide opportunities to vulnerable and marginalized people.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (Vote no. 07263)
(Councillor Swanson abstained from the vote)
(Mayor Stewart absent for the vote on Civic Business)

AMENDMENT MOVED by Councillor Boyle

THAT D of the motion be amended to strike the words “for the False Creek area” and replace them with the words “where most needed in the City”.

CARRIED (Vote No. 07264)
(Councillors De Genova and Kirby-Yung opposed)
(Mayor Stewart absent for the vote on Civic Business)

The amendments having carried, the motion as amended was put and CARRIED (Vote No. 07265) with Councillor Swanson opposed and Mayor Stewart absent for the vote on Civic Business.

AMENDMENT MOVED by Councillor De Genova

THAT the following Whereas Clause be added as 13:

13. On July 23, 2014 Vancouver City Council unanimously supported the motion “Vancouver as a Future Host City for the FIA Formula E Championship” that gave direction to staff to pursue bringing a Formula Event to Vancouver.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (Vote No. 07266)
(Mayor Stewart absent for the vote on Civic Business)

FINAL MOTION AS APPROVED

THAT the Committee recommend to Council

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).
13. On July 23, 2014 Vancouver City Council unanimously supported the motion "Vancouver as a Future Host City for the FIA Formula E Championship" that gave direction to staff to pursue bringing a Formula Event to Vancouver.

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 where most needed in the City, and event access/participation for at-risk youth in support of the City's climate and sustainability and social equity goals
- E. THAT Council direct staff to consider, examine and report back to Council with possibilities for a Community Benefits Agreement with the proponent(s), similar to Agreements with Parq Casino and Resort and agreements during the 2010 Olympics Games, to provide employment and if possible training opportunities to the DTES and adjacent inner-city community to provide opportunities to vulnerable and marginalized people.

4. Incorporating a Bike Safety Index into Urban and Active Transportation Planning (Member's Motion B.4)

At the Council meeting on April 27, 2021, Council referred this motion to the Standing Committee on City Finance and Services meeting on April 28, 2021, in order to hear from speakers, followed by debate and decision.

Following the hearing of speaker no. 2, it was

MOVED by Councillor Fry

THAT the Committee suspend the rules in order to hear from speaker no. 1 who is now on the line.

*CARRIED (Vote No. 07267)
AND BY THE REQUIRED MAJORITY
(Councillors Bligh and Kirby-Yung opposed)
(Councillor Dominato absent for the vote)
(Mayor Stewart absent for the vote on Civic Business)*

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

MOVED by Councillor Fry
THAT the Committee recommend to Council

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; Neighborhood walkability and bikeability scores do not indicate safety for pedestrians and cyclists, and could be modified to better incorporate objective risk; and
7. 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 a 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 on 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.

CARRIED (Vote No. 07268)
(Councillor Boyle opposed)
(Councillor Dominato absent for the vote)
(Mayor Stewart absent for the vote on Civic Business)

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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/>

The Committee adjourned at 7:43 pm.

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**COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
STANDING COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL ON
CITY FINANCE AND SERVICES**

APRIL 28, 2021

A meeting of the Council of the City of Vancouver was held on Wednesday, April 28, 2021, at 7:43 pm, in the Council Chamber, Third Floor, City Hall, following the Standing Committee on City Finance and Services meeting, to consider the recommendations and actions of the Committee.

PRESENT:

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

ABSENT:

Councillor Lisa Dominato
Mayor Kennedy Stewart (Leave of Absence for Civic Business)

CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE:

Paul Mochrie, City Manager
Karen Levitt, Deputy City Manager

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE:

Tina Penney, Deputy City Clerk
Tina Hildebrandt, Meeting Coordinator

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Report of Standing Committee on City Finance and Services
Wednesday, April 28, 2021

Council considered the report containing the recommendations and actions taken by the Standing Committee on City Finance and Services. Its items of business included:

1. "Decriminalizing Poverty and Supporting Community Led Safety Initiatives" Process Update and Recommendation
2. Consultant for Granville Bridge Interim Design and North Loops Reconfiguration
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 (Member's Motion B.3)
4. Incorporating a Bike Safety Index into Urban and Active Transportation Planning (Member's Motion B.4)

Items 1 to 4

MOVED by Councillor De Genova
SECONDED by Councillor Carr

THAT the recommendations and actions taken by the Standing Committee on City Finance and Services at its meeting of April 28, 2021, as contained in items 1 to 4, be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Councillor Hardwick
SECONDED by Councillor De Genova

THAT the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Council adjourned at 7:45 pm.

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