



## **COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

**JUNE 22, 2021**

A Meeting of the Council of the City of Vancouver was held on Tuesday, June 22, 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, City Manager

**CITY CLERK'S OFFICE:** Katrina Leckovic, City Clerk  
Terri Burke, Meeting Coordinator

### **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:

(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;

(g) litigation or potential litigation affecting the city;

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

(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. Council – June 8, 2021

MOVED by Councillor Carr  
SECONDED by Councillor De Genova

THAT the Minutes of the Council meeting of June 8, 2021, be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. Council (City Finance and Services) – June 9, 2021

MOVED by Councillor Hardwick  
SECONDED by Councillor De Genova

THAT the Minutes of the Council meeting following the Standing Committee on City Finance and Services meeting of June 9, 2021, be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## **MATTERS ADOPTED ON CONSENT**

MOVED by Councillor De Genova  
SECONDED by Councillor Carr

THAT Council adopt Communications 1 and 2, Report 1, and Referral Reports 1 to 3, and 5, on consent.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## **PRESENTATIONS**

### **1. Transportation Update**

Paul Storer, Director of Transportation, provided a Transportation Update, including, travel trends, mobility recovery response, climate emergency action plan, safety, active transportation updates and transit updates.

Engineering Services staff responded to questions.

MOVED by Councillor Dominato  
SECONDED by Councillor De Genova

THAT Council direct staff to review and report back on traffic patterns, sight lines, speed, and collision history along Commercial Drive between East 12th and East 22nd (including the Victoria diversion) in response to neighbourhood concerns regarding excessive speed northbound and need for additional pedestrian crossings;

FURTHER THAT in reviewing this area, Council direct staff to consult with the community and report back on the feasibility of a reduced speed posting (30km/hr) and improved signage near Stratford Hall school, CEFA Early Learning Centre and Clark Park.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (Vote No. 07394)

MOVED by Councillor De Genova  
SECONDED by Councillor Wiebe

THAT Council direct staff to engage residents in neighbourhoods to review and consider increasing time limits associated to vehicle loading zones and drop off zones, especially in areas serving people with disabilities and mobility issues and families with young children, including but not limited to medical buildings and childcare centres.

withdrawn

AMENDMENT MOVED by Councillor De Genova

THAT the amendment be stuck and replaced as follows:

THAT council direct staff consider increasing time limits associated to vehicle loading zones and drop off zones, especially in areas serving people with disabilities and mobility issues and families with young children, including but not limited to medical buildings and childcare centres.

out of order

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Prior to the amendment being seconded, Mayor Stewart ruled the amendment out of order as per section 8.1 of the *Procedure By-law*, as a motion must be clear and concise.

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Following the amendment not being put, it was

MOVED by Councillor De Genova  
SECONDED by Councillor Kirby-Yung

THAT the motion above be withdrawn.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AND  
BY THE REQUIRED MAJORITY

MOVED by Councillor De Genova  
SECONDED by Councillor Wiebe

THAT council direct staff to consider increasing time limits associated to vehicle loading zones and drop off zones, especially in areas serving people with disabilities and mobility issues and families with young children, including but not limited to medical buildings and childcare centres.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (Vote No. 07409)

## FINAL MOTIONS AS APPROVED

Note: Two separate motions were approved for the item.

### First Motion Approved:

THAT Council direct staff to review and report back on traffic patterns, sight lines, speed, and collision history along Commercial Drive between East 12th and East 22nd (including the Victoria diversion) in response to neighbourhood concerns regarding excessive speed northbound and need for additional pedestrian crossings;

FURTHER THAT in reviewing this area, Council direct staff to consult with the community and report back on the feasibility of a reduced speed posting (30km/hr) and improved signage near Stratford Hall school, CEFA Early Learning Centre and Clark Park.

**Second Motion Approved:**

THAT council direct staff to consider increasing time limits associated to vehicle loading zones and drop off zones, especially in areas serving people with disabilities and mobility issues and families with young children, including but not limited to medical buildings and childcare centres.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**1. Towards a Quieter and Emission-Free Landscape Maintenance Equipment Future in Vancouver (Previously Motion B.2)**

At the Council meeting on June 8, 2021, Council began to consider the motion below but due to time constraints, did not complete the item. The motion was placed on the Council agenda of June 22, 2021, as Unfinished Business.

MOVED by Councillor Kirby-Yung

WHEREAS

1. The City of Vancouver is committed to helping citizens enjoy a good quality of life by regulating and enforcing property use, noise, and graffiti issues. The City works to manage noise through land-use planning, bylaws and traffic management;
2. Noise is part of urban life, but too much noise is disruptive and harmful to well-being. The City's Noise Control Bylaw defines how much noise is acceptable, based on:
  - Where you are
  - Where the noise is coming from
  - What is making the noise
  - What time and day the noise is occurring
3. The City's Noise Control Bylaw aims to balance noise from most activities in a way that respects everyone's right to relative comfort, within reason. The bylaw specifically regulates noise from:
  - Carpet-cleaning equipment within vehicles
  - Lawn mowers and weed eaters
  - TVs, radios, stereos, amplifiers, and musical instruments
  - Parties and gatherings
  - People shouting
  - Pressure washers

4. Historically, in 1997, growing concerns about noise and its effects on everyday life in Vancouver led to the creation of the Urban Noise Task Force. This citizens group, with the assistance of City staff and Councillors, made a series of recommendations for improving Vancouver's "soundscape" many of which have been, or are being implemented;
5. The Report of the Urban Noise Task Force from April 1997 noted that "Lawn mowers, leaf blowers, trimmers, edgers, mulchers, and other lawn and garden equipment are a significant source of noise for many people" and that "Twenty-five percent of the letters received by the Task Force commented about the noise produced by these machines." The report also noted that "Noise from motorized lawn/garden equipment was the most frequently mentioned noise problem" and thus the Task Force strongly suggested that the City move toward the use of non-motorized gardening services and methods in its own operations;
6. Recommendation 40.1 from the 1997 Urban Noise Task Force report states that "The City should, based on technological advances within the industry, require that all leaf blowers maintain a maximum decibel level of 70 at 50 feet until January 1998, when 65 decibels will be the maximum allowable; that they be run at the lowest effective throttle setting and that between October 1 and April 30 of each year the City establish hours of use....";
7. The City's website currently states that "Leaf blowers can be operated in Vancouver, but not in the West End" (i.e., an area bounded by Stanley Park, Burrard Street, West Georgia Street, and Beach Avenue. The City of Vancouver defines a leaf blower as a "backpack-mounted or handheld machine used for blowing or sucking up leaves, grass, or debris." Leaf blowers may have vacuum attachments. Vehicle-mounted leaf blowers are not included in the City's definition;
8. The City's website states that "A manufacturer's decal must be attached to the leaf blower" to certify that it meets the "Category 1 – dB (A) ≤ 65" equipment standard set out in ANSI B175.2 – 200, published by the Portable Power Equipment Manufacturer's Association. The decal includes the following text: [The manufacturer's model number] and Maximum sound level 65 dB(A) and Measured at 50 ft (15 m) Per ANSI B175.2 – 200;
9. Vancouver has declared a Climate Emergency and developed a plan that aims to reduce carbon pollution by 50% by 2030;
10. In January 2019, the Vancouver Park Board unanimously carried a motion ("Renewal Strategy for Landscape Equipment – Towards an Emission-Free Reality") which directed Park Board staff to work with unions and WorkSafeBC "to develop a transition plan to replace and retrofit gas-powered landscape maintenance equipment used for park maintenance with emission-free equivalents or quasi-equivalents where possible." The motion also directed that "the transition plan include financial considerations, including purchase, usage, maintenance and end-of-life replacement costs, as well as ways to quantify/qualify non-financial benefits such as: carbon emission reduction; disposal of refuse oil and other parts;

11. A recent December 7, 2020 Memo from the Park Board General Manager served to report back on the work being undertaken by Park Board staff in response to motion approved by the Board in January 2019. It states that staff anticipate transitioning all small landscaping equipment to zero emission alternatives over the next four years. The Memo also notes several key findings from the 2019 pilot, as well as the fact the Park Board has been transitioning its gas-powered equipment to low or no-emission equipment for many years as equipment reaches end of life, and that electric options meeting performance and function specifications are preferred for all equipment procurement in accordance with Vancouver's commitment to reducing its environmental emissions and fossil fuel consumption;
12. Feedback received from the public by members of Council frequently cites the issue of noise and emissions from gasoline-powered landscape maintenance equipment, such as lawn mowers, trimmers, chain saws, and especially leaf blowers. Members of the public often suggest that the use of gasoline-powered equipment be prohibited in favour of non-emitting electric alternatives which are also considered to be far quieter;
13. During the COVID-19 pandemic, the negative noise impacts from gasoline-powered landscape maintenance equipment have been significantly heightened for residents with so many people working from home and spending considerably more time at home. Increasingly, Council and the City are receiving noise complaints that point to the need to revisit noise reduction strategies with respect to gas-powered landscape maintenance equipment and transition towards replacement and/or retrofitting gas-powered landscape maintenance equipment with quieter, emission-free equivalents or quasi-equivalents.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

- A. THAT Vancouver City Council direct staff to report back with recommendations to meet the goal to phase out and transition personal and commercial use of gasoline-powered landscape maintenance equipment in the City of Vancouver by 2025, giving consideration to a timeframe that is workable for residents and landscape maintenance service providers alike, and respecting the Development, Buildings & Licensing (DBL) moratorium on new work, this work not begin before January 2022.
- B. THAT recommendations are informed by consultation with relevant stakeholders such as but not limited to representative strata councils and the BC Landscape and Nursery Association.
- C. THAT phase out recommendations be sensitive to any increased costs that transitioning would create for residents and the landscape maintenance industry, and that a reasonable transition timeframe be considered before any potential by-law changes would be implemented.

D. THAT the report back identify (but not be limited to):

- any issues with respect to implementing a ban on gasoline-powered landscape maintenance equipment;
- all relevant City by-laws and policies that currently impact upon noise and emissions from gasoline-powered landscape maintenance equipment that would require amendment;
- information related to the impact that gasoline-powered landscape maintenance equipment can have on noise and local/regional air pollution as well as implications for mental well-being, quality of life and human health;
- information regarding harmful environmental effects of gasoline-powered landscape maintenance equipment;
- information on availability and trends that would allow non-emitting electric landscaping equipment to equal and/or exceed the performance of gasoline-powered equipment.

not put

At the Council meeting on June 8, 2021, prior to Councillor Kirby-Yung introducing the motion, Councillor Carr rose on a point of order under Section 8.7(d) of the *Procedure By-law* requesting the Mayor's ruling on the motion being out of order. Councillor Carr noted the proposed motion conflicts with a previous motion passed by Council related to a moratorium on providing additional work to the Development, Buildings and Licensing Department via member's motions and amendments.

As the meeting adjourned on June 8, 2021, prior to the Mayor ruling on the point of order, the point of order was considered at the June 22, 2021, meeting. The Mayor ruled the motion out of order as it conflicts with a previous motion that was passed, specifically the moratorium on providing additional work to the Development, Buildings and Licensing Department.

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Following the Mayor's ruling, Councillor Kirby-Yung challenged the ruling of the Chair.

MOVED by Councillor Kirby-Yung  
SECONDED by Councillor Dominato

THAT the Chair's ruling of Councillor Kirby-Yung's motion as out of order be challenged.

LOST

(Councillors Bligh, Boyle, Carr, Fry, Swanson, Wiebe and Mayor Stewart opposed)  
(Councillor De Genova abstained from the vote)

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Following the vote on the Challenge to the Chair, the motion was not put.



## **2. Endorsing the Vote16BC Campaign to Lower the Voting Age to 16 across British Columbia (Previously Motion B.3)**

At the Council meeting on June 8, 2021, due to time constraints, Council did not consider the motion below. This motion was placed on the Council agenda of June 22, 2021, as Unfinished Business.

MOVED by Councillor Boyle  
SECONDED by Councillor Carr

### WHEREAS

1. Youth have a strong interest in the future of local communities, and decisions made at a local level stand to have a significant impact on whether they continue to be able to call that community home, as well as the health and safety of that community over their lifetime. Youth have the most at stake in political decisions being made right now, and deserve a say in what lies ahead;
2. Empowering young people to participate in democratic processes fosters ongoing and active civic participation. Studies show that if first time voters have social and educational support — which are more likely to be available when you live with parents/guardians and attend school — they are more likely to vote again. New research also shows that younger voters create a “trickle up” effect, where parents and other adults in their lives are more likely to vote when youth do;
3. Many youth are on the front lines during the pandemic, and will bear the brunt of economic, social and environmental consequences, from lost jobs to family stress, mental health, unstable education, a housing crisis, and uncertain futures. As fully participating members of society, they deserve to have a say in the decisions made around BC's recovery and forever-changed post-pandemic future;
4. In 2019, the Union of BC Municipalities (UBCM) endorsed a resolution calling on the province to revise the minimum voting age in local government elections to 16 years of age;
5. The campaign to lower the voting age to 16 has been endorsed by 20 non-profits, unions, and labour councils, including BC Teachers Federation, BCGEU, and Sustainabiliteens. It has also been endorsed at conventions of both the BC NDP and the BC Green Party; and
6. Several jurisdictions worldwide, including Austria, Argentina, and Scotland, have lowered the voting age to 16.

### THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

- A. THAT Vancouver City Council formally endorses the Vote16BC campaign to lower the voting age to 16 in British Columbia.

- B. THAT Council requests the Mayor to write a letter to the Premier and the Minister of Municipal Affairs informing them of this endorsement.

referred

REFERRAL MOVED by Councillor Carr  
SECONDED by Councillor Boyle

THAT the motion entitled “Endorsing the Vote16BC Campaign to Lower the Voting Age to 16 across British Columbia” be referred to the Standing Committee on Policy and Strategic Priorities meeting on June 23, 2021, in order to hear from speakers, debate and decision.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**3. Supporting Hotel Workers’ Right to Return to Their Jobs at Living Wages  
(Previously Motion B.4)**

At the Council meeting on June 8, 2021, due to time constraints, Council did not consider the motion below. The motion was placed on the Council agenda of June 22, 2021, as Unfinished Business.

MOVED by Councillor Swanson  
SECONDED by Councillor Boyle

WHEREAS

1. The COVID pandemic has exacerbated existing inequalities and its social, health, and economic impacts are particularly devastating for women and racialized communities;
2. The tourism and hospitality industries have been drastically impacted;
3. Of the 50,000 hotel workers in BC that were laid off in March 2020, the majority are women and/or people of colour;
4. The duration of the pandemic means that recall rights require extension;
5. There are reports of hotels in British Columbia refusing to commit to bringing workers back to their jobs when business returns;
6. UNITE HERE Local 40 launched a campaign called BC Unequal Women to draw public attention to the devastating impact of the pandemic on racialized women in the hospitality industry;
7. The City of Vancouver is committed to a COVID recovery plan that takes better care of people, the environment, and the community than the systems we had before the pandemic;

8. Hotel workers and people who work in the tourism industry as valued and valuable members of our community.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

- A. THAT Council affirms that people should not lose their livelihoods due to the pandemic.
- B. THAT Council requests the Mayor to write to the Ministers of Labour and Tourism expressing Council's support for the right for laid off workers to return to their jobs when the pandemic eases.
- C. THAT Council affirms its support for Local 40's Unequal Women campaign to return all workers, including racialized women, to their jobs as the tourism business recovers.
- D. THAT Council requests the Mayor to write to the Lower Mainland Local Government Association and Union of BC Municipalities encouraging them to host future conferences and events in venues that respect worker rights and pay at least a living wage.

referred

REFERRAL MOVED by Councillor Boyle  
SECONDED by Councillor De Genova

THAT the motion entitled "Supporting Hotel Workers' Right to Return to Their Jobs at Living Wages" be referred to the Standing Committee on Policy and Strategic Priorities meeting on June 23, 2021, in order to hear from speakers, debate and decision.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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Council recessed at 12 pm and reconvened at 3:06 pm.

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**4. Safe Passing Distance for All Road Users (Previously Motion B.5)**

At the Council meeting on June 8, 2021, due to time constraints, Council did not consider the motion below. The motion was placed on the Council agenda of June 22, 2021, as Unfinished Business.

MOVED by Councillor Fry  
SECONDED by Councillor Boyle

WHEREAS

- A. The Province of British Columbia prioritizes safety measures for vulnerable road users including pedestrians and cyclists, and the Motor Vehicle Act of British Columbia mandates that cyclists must ride on the right hand side of the road, and not on sidewalks unless expressly permitted by local by-law. Faster motor vehicles sharing roads with inherently slower cyclists often result in close passes, accounting for almost one third of the threatening encounters experienced by people on bicycle and almost fifty per cent of incidents in rural areas. Because relatively few roads in B.C. have bike lanes or shoulders, and many do not even have sidewalks, directing cyclists and pedestrians to share the road with high speed motor vehicle traffic poses a potentially fatal risk and a resulting disincentive for active transportation.
- B. Jurisdictions across North America, including the provinces of Quebec, Ontario, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, and Newfoundland and Labrador have all enacted “safe passing distance” legislation designed to protect vulnerable road users by educating and requiring motor vehicle operators to maintain a minimum safe distance when passing more vulnerable road users. Establishing a clear and reasonable distance for safe passing has created a better understanding and expectation around safely sharing roads, in particular in areas that do not have dedicated or separated cycling infrastructure.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

THAT the following resolution be submitted as a 2021 UBCM Resolution, and titled: “Safe Passing Distance for All Road Users”:

THAT the UBCM request the Province of British Columbia amends the Motor Vehicle Act to better support safe active transportation and require drivers to pass people cycling and walking by 1-1.5 m based on facility type and posted speed limits, and clarify the obligation of all motorists to establish reasonable distance when passing a cyclist or a pedestrian, as well as definitive guidance on an appropriate minimum distance when doing so.

amended

AMENDMENT MOVED by Councillor Boyle  
SECONDED by Councillor Kirby-Yung

THAT the motion to amended as follows:

- deleting the words “and require drivers to pass people cycling and walking by 1-1.5 m based on facility type and posted speed limits”; and

- inserting the words “by requiring drivers to provide 1 metre of space on roads with posted speeds of 50 km/h or less, and 1.5 metres of space on roads with posted speeds in excess of 50 km/h, when passing people cycling or walking;”, between the words “transportation”, and “and”, to read as follows:

THAT the UBCM request the Province of British Columbia amends the Motor Vehicle Act to better support safe active transportation by requiring drivers to provide 1 metre of space on roads with posted speeds of 50 km/h or less, and 1.5 metres of space on roads with posted speeds in excess of 50 km/h, when passing people cycling or walking; and clarify the obligation of all motorists to establish reasonable distance when passing a cyclist or a pedestrian, as well as definitive guidance on an appropriate minimum distance when doing so.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (Vote No. 07397)

The amendment having carried unanimously, the motion as amended was put and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (Vote No. 07398).

#### **5. Pursuing Emission-Free Landscaping Equipment in the City of Vancouver (Previously Motion B.6)**

At the Council meeting on June 8, 2021, due to time constraints, Council did not consider the motion below. The motion was placed on the Council agenda of June 22, 2021, as Unfinished Business.

MOVED by Councillor Carr  
SECONDED by Councillor Boyle

#### WHEREAS

1. The use of landscaping equipment powered by gasoline two-stroke engines, including leaf-blowers, hedge trimmers, line trimmers, chain saws and pole saws, contributes significantly to air pollution, greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions and noise pollution in the City of Vancouver;
2. Gallon for gallon of gasoline used, the small gasoline engines found in lawn mowers, leaf blowers, and other power equipment pollute at a higher rate than other equipment and vehicles. One hour of operation of a commercial leaf blower can emit as much pollution in the form of ROG (reactive organic gases) and NOx (nitrogen oxides) as driving 1,100 miles (1,770 km) in a new passenger vehicle (Source: 2021 California State Legislature Bill AB-1346 Air Pollution: small off-road engines);
3. ROG and NOx significantly contribute to ozone and particulate pollution which pose a significant risk to both human and environmental health and contribute to the declining populations of insect species, including pollinator insects like butterflies and bees;

4. Metro Vancouver is seeking public input to June 15, 2021 on its 2021 Clean Air Plan including reducing regional greenhouse gas emissions by 45% over 2010 levels by 2030 and reducing health-harming air contaminants - see <http://www.metrovancouver.org/services/air-quality/engagement/clean-air-plan/Pages/default.aspx>. Strategy 3.2 Reduce Non-Road Emissions and Support Early Adoption of Zero Emission Non-Road Equipment does not currently include landscaping equipment;
5. Equipment powered by two-stroke engines produce levels of noise varying from 75 to 110 decibels. Sounds above 85 decibels are deemed harmful by the Government of B.C. Furthermore, two-stroke engines often produce noise in the low-frequency range which travel further and penetrate deeper than noise at higher frequency, hence creating wider-spread neighborhood disturbance and greater health hazards to equipment users.  
<https://www.theatlantic.com/magazine/archive/2019/04/james-fallows-leaf-blower-ban/583210/>  
<https://www.healthlinkbc.ca/health-topics/tf4173>
6. Recent advances in battery technology has resulted in the development of competitive battery-powered landscaping equipment equivalent or quasi-equivalent to most gas-powered landscaping equipment. The battery-powered equipment produces much less noise and vibration, no direct emissions of GHGs or health-harming air contaminants, and is often lighter than its gas-powered counterpart. These technological advances are expected to continue;
7. Many political jurisdictions have banned or are considering banning or phasing out gasoline two-stroke engines including Toronto, Oak Bay, Oakland, Berkley, Los Angeles and the State of California;
8. In 2001 Vancouver City Council voted to ban gas-powered leaf blowers in the city by 2004, however Noise Control Bylaw 6555 only bans the use of leaf blowers in the West End and otherwise restricts the use of leaf blowers to certain times of day and distancing from residences and restricts the allowable equipment to “low noise” leaf blowers - see <https://vancouver.ca/your-government/noise-control-bylaw.aspx>;
9. On January 14, 2019, the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation passed a resolution titled ‘Renewal Strategy for Landscape Equipment – Towards an Emission-Free Reality’ aimed at phasing out two-stroke engines from its operational activities. By December 2020, 33% of all Park Board equipment was ‘zero-emission’. Full transition is expected to be completed by the end of 2024. A U.B.C. study estimated that if the Park Board switched all of its 2-stroke engines to electric, by year two it would save \$300,000 to \$450,000 per year;
10. In 2019 the Vancouver School Board also passed a motion to develop a transition plan to replace gas-powered landscaping equipment with emission-free alternatives;

11. Vancouver has adopted plans to ban other environmentally egregious items, such as plastic straws and plastic bags. <https://vancouver.ca/news-calendar/city-postpones-fee-on-single-use-cups-and-ban-on-plastic-shopping-bags-to-2022.aspx>;
12. On March 31, 2021 Council passed a motion initiating a moratorium on any new member motions that would result in new work for the staff involved in issuing development and building permits and business licenses until the end of 2021. Because the work to research, consult on and develop a plan for emissions-free landscaping equipment in the City of Vancouver heavily involves the Development, Buildings and Licensing department, Council cannot direct staff to develop such a plan until the moratorium has ended.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

- A. THAT City Council, in order to provide a helpful forward-looking signal to the public, landscaping companies and other related businesses, affirm the goal of pursuing emissions-free landscaping equipment in the City of Vancouver by 2025.
- B. THAT City Council direct staff to provide input into Metro Vancouver's draft 2021 Clean Air Plan (deadline for public input is June 15, 2021) urging Metro Vancouver's development of stringent emission regulations and requirements for landscaping equipment

referred

REFERRAL MOVED by Councillor Boyle  
SECONDED by Councillor Carr

THAT the motion entitled "Pursuing Emission-Free Landscaping Equipment in the City of Vancouver" be referred to the Standing Committee on Policy and Strategic Priorities meeting on June 23, 2021, in order to hear from speakers, debate and decision.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6. **Keeping HandyDART Accessible to People Living with Disabilities (Previously Motion B7) – WITHDRAWN**
7. **Issuing an Official Apology from the City of Vancouver to the Italian Canadian Community During Italian Heritage Month in 2022 (Previously Motion B.8)**

At the Council meeting on June 8, 2021, due to time constraints, Council did not consider the motion below. The motion was placed on the Council agenda of June 22, 2021, as Unfinished Business.

MOVED by Councillor De Genova  
SECONDED by Councillor Dominato

#### WHEREAS

1. The Italian Community has been a part of Vancouver since the 1800s and grew through waves of Italian immigration to Canada. A substantial wave of immigration was prompted by the Second World War, with many Italians fleeing Italy to escape the fascist regime. Notably the Italian Canadian community in Vancouver has ties to East Vancouver neighbourhoods including Grandview Woodlands, Hastings Sunrise, and Strathcona;
2. On June 10, 1940, the Government of Canada, upon a unanimous resolution in the House of Commons, declared war against Italy following Benito Mussolini's declaration of war against Great Britain and France;
3. Shortly after declaring war against Italy in 1940, the Canadian Federal Government designated Italian nationals, and Italian Canadians naturalized after 1922, as 'enemy aliens'. Over 600 Italian-Canadians, including 44 from the Vancouver area were taken from their families and sent to internment camps. Although they were never criminally charged, this result caused irreparable harm and hardship to many families;
4. Of the approximately 4,500 Italians in Vancouver, 1,800 were designated as "enemy aliens" and were required to file monthly reports with the RCMP regarding their activities and whereabouts;
5. Under the *War Measures Act*, over 600 Italians across Canada, 44 of whom were from the Vancouver area, were arrested by the RCMP and interned in camps without being charged with any criminal activity;
6. On February 16, 1942, Vancouver City Council passed a motion imploring the Federal Government "to remove all residents of Japanese racial origin and enemy aliens to areas of Canada well-removed from the Pacific Coast and that their removal be under such conditions as will provide them with the essentials of a reasonable livelihood";
7. The reference to "enemy aliens" in the February 16, 1942, Council motion has long been viewed by some as unjustly and unfairly directed at the Italian community and contrary to the principles of fundamental human rights;
8. On April 28, 2010, Parliament passed Bill C-302, *the Italian-Canadian Recognition and Restitution Act*, to recognize the injustice that was done to persons of Italian origin through their "enemy alien" designation and internment during the Second World War, and to provide for restitution and promote education on Italian-Canadian history;
9. On March 21, 2011, Bill C-302, *the Italian-Canadian Recognition and Restitution Act*, received Second Reading in the Senate and was referred to the Standing Senate Committee on Social Affairs, Science and Technology;
10. On March 26, 2011, the Governor General dissolved the 40th Parliament, and



Bill C-302, *the Italian-Canadian Recognition and Restitution Act*, died on the order paper;

11. On February 27, 2013, Vancouver City Council, in support of reconciliation with Aboriginal peoples, voted unanimously to support the recommendation of Reconciliation Canada to proclaim June 21, 2013 to June 20 2014, as the Year of Reconciliation in Vancouver and to name Vancouver a City of Reconciliation;
12. On September 25, 2013, Vancouver City Council unanimously passed a motion to apologize for the City of Vancouver's role in the 1942 Internment of Japanese Canadians, by formally apologizing for its complicity, inaction, and failure to protect the city's residents of Japanese descent, and pledged to do all that the City can to ensure such injustices will not happen again to any of its residents and to uphold the principles of human rights, justice and equality now and in the future;
13. On May 27, 2014, Vancouver City Council voted unanimously to direct staff to conduct research into the laws, regulations and policies of previous Councils that discriminated against the people of Chinese descent in the City of Vancouver and directed staff to report back with recommendations on steps and actions in support of reconciliation, including a public acknowledgement and formal apology;
14. In 2018, Vancouver City Council passed a motion to include Italian Heritage Month in the City of Vancouver's official celebrations and Observances;
15. On April 22, 2018, Vancouver City Council convened a special meeting in Chinatown where a formal apology on behalf of the City of Vancouver was delivered for past discrimination against people of Chinese descent;
16. Council approved funding in the 2020 budget for staff to work with the South Asian community on historical discrimination, including consideration for an apology;
17. For almost 40 years, The National Congress of Italians, The Order of Sons and Daughters of Italy, and the National Federation of Canadian Italian Business Professional Association have been working together and calling on the Government of Canada to make a formal apology for the treatment of Italian Canadians during the Second World War;
18. On May 27, 2021, in Parliament, Prime Minister Justin Trudeau formally apologized to Italian Canadians. He said, "*To the tens of thousands of innocent Italian Canadians who were labelled enemy aliens, to the children and grandchildren who have carried a past generation's shame and hurt and to their community, a community that has given so much to our country, we are sorry.*".

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

- A. THAT Vancouver City Council demonstrate its commitment to upholding the principles of human rights, justice, and reconciliation by acknowledging and issuing an official apology to the Italian-Canadian community for any injustice and harm to persons of Italian origin or ethnicity that occurred as a result of the actions of the City of Vancouver, including the reference to “enemy aliens” in the Vancouver City Council motion of February 16, 1942;

FURTHER THAT Council further demonstrate this commitment by directing staff to conduct research, in consultation with organizations representing the Italian-Canadian community in Vancouver, including ‘Il Centro’ - The Italian Cultural Centre, for a proclamation of Official Apology from the City of Vancouver to be delivered during Italian Heritage Month in 2022, for any historical actions, policies or public support of measures that contributed to discrimination of Italian-Canadians because of their ancestry;

AND FURTHER THAT this official apology be posted on the City of Vancouver website.

- B. THAT Vancouver City Council request the Mayor to write a letter to the Prime Minister on behalf of the City of Vancouver, in support of the federal government’s apology to Italian Canadians;

FURTHER THAT this letter notify the federal government of this motion and the commitment of Vancouver City Council and the City of Vancouver to right the wrongs, harm and discrimination caused to Italian-Canadians because of their ancestry.

- C. THAT Vancouver City Council direct staff to work with The Italian Cultural Centre - ‘Il Centro’ and the Public Art Committee to consider and possibly identify opportunities for an installation of Public Art to commemorate the City of Vancouver’s official apology to the Italian-Canadian community in Vancouver;

FURTHER THAT staff report back to Council with information and any recommendations as soon as possible.

referred

REFERRAL MOVED by Councillor De Genova  
SECONDED by Councillor Dominato

THAT the motion entitled “Issuing an Official Apology from the City of Vancouver to the Italian Canadian Community During Italian Heritage Month in 2022” be referred to the Standing Committee on Policy and Strategic Priorities meeting on June 23, 2021, in order to hear from speakers, debate and decision.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## 8. Vancouver Blueway Cleanup (Previously Motion B.9)

At the Council meeting on June 8, 2021, due to time constraints, Council did not consider the motion below. This motion has been placed on the Council agenda of June 22, 2021, as Unfinished Business.

MOVED by Councillor Wiebe

SECONDED by Councillor Kirby-Yung

### WHEREAS

1. The City of Vancouver is a Clean Shoreline Community supporting a number of volunteer cleanups leading to 13,781 kgs of litter being removed since 2017;
2. The City of Vancouver's Waterfront Initiative for major natural waterways engages First Nations, industry, senior levels of government and adjacent municipalities, and the community to focus on establishing and implementing a series of Quick Starts including those focused on measures to make high use waterways in Trout Lake and False Creek safely accessible by swimmers; <https://council.vancouver.ca/20170530/documents/motionb1.pdf>
3. In 2019, Council approved the formalization of the False Creek to the Fraser River Blueway which included outlining appropriate resourcing and coordination of staff, including exploring the establishment of a Blueways Enhancement Fund; <https://council.vancouver.ca/20190514/documents/motionb3.pdf>
4. In late 2021, the City of Vancouver will embark on an innovative planning and design challenge, called The Sea2City Design Challenge, that will create a vision to guide urban development and ecological revitalization in False Creek and along the Fraser River Foreshore;
5. In 2021, the Vancouver Plastic Cleanup Coalition was formed to use state of the art technology and citizen science to help cleanup Vancouver Blueways. The coalition includes non-profit organizations and hosts with a currently membership of the Peter Wall Charitable Foundation, Dentist on Demand, Great Lakes Plastic Cleanup, Pollution Probe, Skookum Yacht Services, Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation, Sea Village Marina, Maritime Market Marina Ltd., and the U of T Trash Team;
6. Vancouver Plastic Cleanup, Seabin Project (<https://seabinproject.com>) is a three-phase Seabin installation plan, starting with three, and working up to a total of 12 Seabins in the next three years. This initiative uses state of the art technology to quickly remove plastics in Vancouver's Blueways. The first three Seabins are targeted to be installed on Granville Island and is currently operating successfully in Victoria, Sidney and Sooke BC;
7. The Vancouver Plastic Program connects people to the water's edge and leverages that network of data to restore Vancouver's Blueways. It would be supported by the Community Based Water Monitoring Hub out of Granville Island operated by the charity Swim Drink Fish;

8. Indigenous Guardian Programs help Indigenous Nations honour the cultural responsibility to care for lands and waters. Guardians are trained experts who manage protected areas, restore animals and plants, test water quality and monitor programs;
9. The City of Vancouver in partnership with the Park Board is advancing a Seabin pilot through the City's Aquatic Environments Action Plan, which included the False Creek Water Quality Improvement Initiative, the City (via REF-M-Environmental Service) and the Park Board to work collaboratively to install a Seabin in False Creek for the 2021 summer season.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council endorse the Vancouver Plastic Cleanup, Seabin Project and ask staff to report back on the feasibility for the City of Vancouver becoming a host location and coalition partner;

FURTHER THAT Council direct staff to report back on new initiatives to support volunteer clean-ups and Indigenous Guardian Programs to Council in 2022, as part of the annual Aquatic Environmental Action Plan report.

referred

REFERRAL MOVED by Councillor De Genova  
SECONDED by Councillor Boyle

THAT the motion entitled "Vancouver Blueway Cleanup" be referred to the Standing Committee on Policy and Strategic Priorities meeting on June 23, 2021, in order to hear from speakers, debate and decision.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

#### **9. Reconnecting to the Sto:lo (Fraser River) (Previously Motion B.10)**

At the Council meeting on June 8, 2021, due to time constraints, Council did not consider the motion below. The motion was placed on the Council agenda of June 22, 2021, as Unfinished Business.

MOVED by Councillor Wiebe  
SECONDED by Councillor Kirby-Yung

WHEREAS

1. In 1988, Vancouver City Council adopted the Fraser River and Burrard Inlet Waterfront Policy which outlines plans for a continuous waterfront walkway along the North Fraser waterfront, and requires developers, where feasible, to construct shoreline protection and a 25 foot (7.6 m) public access walkway along the river;
2. In 1995, Vancouver City Council adopted a Greenways Plan which includes a continuous trail from Burnaby to Pacific Spirit Park along the north shore of the Fraser River (Sto:lo);

3. In 2003, the Eburne Lands Coordinating Group (ELCG) was formed in part to protect, preserve and rehabilitate the foreshore of the Fraser River;
4. In 2005, the Fraser Basin Council (FBC) connected the four orders of government (federal, provincial, local and First Nations) with private sector and civil society interests to find common ground and develop “made-in-the-community” solutions to regional and basin-wide sustainability challenges;
5. In 2013, City Council approved the Renfrew Ravine Master Plan which outlines ways to improve water quality and access to the Ravine which is the headwaters to a salmon tributary that connects to the Fraser River. The Plan identifies multiple opportunities to improve the corridor.  
<https://vancouver.ca/files/cov/Master-Plan-Renfrew-Ravine-Community-Parks-09012013.pdf>;
6. In 2014, Vancouver City Council endorsed Metro Vancouver’s Experience the Fraser North Arm Addendum Concept Plan which aims to create a continuous trail system along the Fraser River connecting the Salish Sea (Strait of Georgia) from xʷməθkʷəyəm (Musqueam) to SHXW’OWHÁMÉL (Hope).  
<https://council.vancouver.ca/20140625/documents/ptec4.pdf>;
7. In 2017, Province and The Musqueam Indian Band signed an MOU on land and water authorizations and stewardship in the estuary and lower reaches of the Fraser River including a framework that will guide land and water authorizations through improved engagement between the Musqueam Indian Band and the Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations;
8. In 2018 Vancouver City Council approved the Cambie Corridor Public Realm Plan which includes directions to work with the Vancouver Park Board to develop the Fraser River Trail, and provide a waterfront destination within a riverfront park setting, and improve wayfinding to the Fraser River Trail.  
<https://vancouver.ca/files/cov/marpole-community-plan.pdf>;
9. The 2019, Vancouver Park Board VanPlay Strategy outlines a greenway connection from Little Mountain (Queen Elizabeth Park) to Big River (Fraser River). <https://vancouver.ca/files/cov/vanplay-strategic-bold-moves-report.pdf>;
10. In 2019, Council voted to refresh the 1995 Vancouver Greenways Plan which prioritizes strategies for collaborating with key groups and governments and highlights the need to clarify the roles of the City of Vancouver, the Vancouver Park Board, Metro Vancouver and First Nations in the service delivery of greenways and the centralization, resourcing and coordination of staff.  
<https://council.vancouver.ca/20190402/documents/motionb3.pdf>;
11. The City of Vancouver One Water Watershed Characterization Report showcases the need to prioritize work on integrated rainwater management along the Fraser River. This includes the watersheds of Dunbar, Angus, Marpole, Manitoba, South Hill, Fraserview, Vivian, and Champlain which have 8 combined and 26 urban rainwater runoff outfalls that drain directly into the Fraser.  
<https://vancouver.ca/files/cov/one-water-watershed-characterization.pdf>;

12. On November 27, 2020, the Metro Vancouver Board passed a resolution to send letters to federal and provincial agencies, including the Port, and First Nations to assess their interest in participating in a task force. The purpose would be to consider reinstating the Burrard Inlet Environmental Action Program (BIEAP) – Fraser River Estuary Management Program (FREMP) Partnership, or establish an equivalent multi-stakeholder partnership for coordinated environmental management in the region including one for the Fraser River;
13. In February 2021, Council approved the East Fraser Lands Official Development Plan and Public Amenity Financial Plan and Strategy which defined park corridors connecting new and existing communities to each other and to the Fraser River. The plan includes primary pedestrian connections from West Fraserlands to Burnaby as part of the Fraser River Greenway.  
<https://council.vancouver.ca/20210209/documents/rr1.pdf>.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council direct staff to report back on the creation of the Fraser River Inter Governmental Working Group to develop a Fraser River Co-management Plan to put reconciliation in action, coordinate the numerous existing plans, complete the North Arm extension of the Experience the Fraser Trail, improve north-south community connections, and improve the overall stewardship & ecological health of the Fraser River (Sto:lo) for generations to come;

FURTHER THAT invited representatives should include but are not be limited to, The x̣ẉməθḳẉəỵəm Musqueam Indian Band, The Port of Vancouver, The Vancouver Park Board, Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations & Rural Development, CP Rail, Metro Vancouver Regional Parks, TransLink, and community experts.

referred

REFERRAL MOVED by Councillor Carr  
SECONDED by Councillor Dominato

THAT the motion entitled “Reconnecting to the Sto:lo (Fraser River)” be referred to the Standing Committee on Policy and Strategic Priorities meeting on June 23, 2021, in order to hear from speakers, debate and decision.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

#### **10. CD-1 Rezoning: 3609-3687 Arbutus Street**

On June 17, 2021, Council held a Public Hearing on the above-noted matter, and following the close of the speakers list and receipt of public comments, referred questions of staff, debate and decision to the Council meeting to be held on June 22, 2021, as Unfinished Business.

Councillor Dominato was absent for a portion of the Public Hearing and advised she reviewed the proceedings of the meeting she missed and would therefore be voting on the application.

Councillors De Genova and Hardwick were absent for all or a portion of this item at the Public Hearing and advised they had not reviewed the proceedings they missed and would not be voting on the application.

Planning, Urban Design and Sustainability staff responded to questions.

MOVED by Councillor Carr

SECONDED by Councillor Bligh

- A. THAT the application, PCI Developments on behalf of PCI Arbutus Ridge Ventures Holdings Corp. Inc. No. 1241096, the registered owner, to rezone 3609-3687 Arbutus Street [PID 010-172-254; Lot 9 Block 532 District Lot 526 Plan 4998; PID 011-259-361 Lot 10 Block 532 District Lot 526 Plan 4998; PID 011-259-388 Lot 11 Block 532 District Lot 526 Plan 4998; PID 011-259-400 Lot 12 Block 532 District Lot 526 Plan 4998; and PID 011-259-418 Lot 13 Block 532 District Lot 526 Plan 4998]; from RS-1 (One-Family Dwelling) District to CD-1 (Comprehensive Development) District, to increase the floor space ratio (FSR) from 0.70 to 2.53 and the height from 10.7 m (35 ft.) to 24.7 m (80.8 ft.), measured to the top of parapet on the rooftop amenity floor, to permit the development of a six-storey building under the Affordable Housing Choices Interim Rezoning Policy containing a total of 116 secured market rental housing units, of which 20% of the residential floor area is to be assigned to below-market housing units, generally as presented in Appendix A of the Referral Report dated May 4, 2021, entitled "CD-1 Rezoning: 3609-3687 Arbutus Street", be approved in principle;

FURTHER THAT the proposed form of development also be approved in principle, generally as prepared in plans by BHA Architecture received April 30, 2020, provided the Director of Planning may allow minor alterations to this form of development when approving the detailed scheme of development;

AND FURTHER THAT the above approvals be subject to the Conditions of Approval contained in Appendix B of the above-noted report.

- B. THAT, subject to enactment of the CD-1 By-law, the Director of Legal Services be instructed to bring forward for Council approval amendments to the Subdivision By-law, generally as set out in Appendix C of the Referral Report dated May 4, 2021, entitled "CD-1 Rezoning: 3609-3687 Arbutus Street".
- C. THAT, if after Public Hearing Council approves in principle this rezoning and the Housing Agreement described in Appendix B of the Referral Report dated May 4, 2021, entitled "CD-1 Rezoning: 3609-3687 Arbutus Street", the Director of Legal Services be instructed to prepare the necessary Housing Agreement By-law for enactment, after the Housing Agreement has been agreed to and signed by the applicant and its mortgagee(s) and prior to enactment of the CD-1 By-law contemplated by the above-noted report.
- D. THAT A through C above be adopted on the following conditions:
- (i) THAT the passage of the above resolutions creates no legal rights for the applicant or any other person, or obligation on the part of the City; and

any expenditure of funds or incurring of costs is at the risk of the person making the expenditure or incurring the cost;

- (ii) THAT any approval that may be granted following the Public Hearing shall not obligate the City to enact a by-law rezoning the property, and any costs incurred in fulfilling requirements imposed as a condition of rezoning are at the risk of the property owner; and
- (iii) THAT the City and all its officials, including the Approving Officer, shall not in any way be limited or directed in the exercise of their authority or discretion, regardless of when they are called upon to exercise such authority or discretion.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (Vote No. 07399)  
(Councillors De Genova and Hardwick ineligible for the vote)

## COMMUNICATIONS

### 1. Change to Deputy Mayor Roster – August 2021

THAT Councillor Fry be named in place of Councillor Dominato as the Deputy Mayor for August 2021.

ADOPTED ON CONSENT (Vote No. 07410)

### 2. Changes to 2021 Committee Meetings Schedule

THAT the following additional Auditor General Recruitment Committee meetings be added:

- Monday, June 28, 2021, at 3:30 pm; and
- Monday, July 26, 2021, at 1 pm.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (Vote No. 07418)

## REPORTS

### 1. Closure and Sale of a Portion of Road Adjacent to 2929 West 29th Avenue May 7, 2021

THAT Council close, stop-up and convey to the abutting owner of 2929 West 29th Avenue that approximately 231 square foot portion of road legally described as [PID: 013-193-139] The South 7 Feet of Lot 67 Block 70 District Lot 2027 Plan 3066 (hereinafter, the "Road Portion"), the same as generally shown hatched on the plan attached as Appendix "A" of the Report dated May 7, 2021, entitled "Closure and Sale of a Portion of Road Adjacent to 2929 West 29th Avenue", subject to the terms and conditions as noted in Appendix "B" of the same report;



FURTHER THAT the sale proceeds of \$85,000 be credited to the Property Endowment Fund.

ADOPTED ON CONSENT (Vote No. 07412)

**2. Contract Award for the Provision of Parking Meter Equipment  
April 6, 2021**

MOVED by Councillor Kirby-Yung  
SECONDED by Councillor Bligh

- A. THAT Council authorize City staff to negotiate a contract for the provision of parking meter equipment with Precise ParkLink Inc. for a term of five (5) years, with the option to extend for four (4) additional one (1) year terms, for an estimated contract value of approximately \$10,000,000 plus applicable taxes over the initial five-year term, which will be funded through the City's capital and operating budgets.
- B. THAT the Director of Legal Services, Chief Procurement Officer and the General Manager of Engineering Services be authorized to execute on behalf of the City the contract contemplated in A above.
- C. THAT no legal rights or obligations will be created by Council's adoption of A and B above unless and until the contract is executed by the authorized signatories of the City as set out in A and B.

referred

REFERRAL MOVED by Councillor Kirby-Yung  
SECONDED by Councillor Bligh

THAT the Report dated April 6, 2021, entitled "Contract Award for the Provision of Parking Meter Equipment" be referred to staff to enable inclusion on a future In Camera agenda in order to provide the opportunity for Council to consider questions and matters appropriately dealt with in that forum.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (Vote No. 07400)

**3. Downtown Eastside (DTES) Plan Implementation Grant Allocation – 2021  
June 9, 2021**

Planning, Urban Design and Sustainability staff, along with the City Manager, responded to questions.

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*During questions to staff, it was*

*MOVED by Councillor Kirby-Yung  
SECONDED by Councillor Hardwick*

*THAT Council allow for a second round of questions of staff.*

*CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY*

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MOVED by Councillor Carr  
SECONDED by Councillor Boyle

- A. THAT Council approve the matching grant allocation of \$341,000 to Downtown Eastside (DTES) non-profit organizations (as detailed in Appendix A of the Report dated June 9, 2021, entitled “Downtown Eastside (DTES) Plan Implementation Grant Allocation – 2021”) to strategically advance the social, economic and environmental objectives of the approved DTES Plan, with funds from the Multi-Year Capital Project Budget of the 2021 DTES Capital Grant Program and managed within the approved Annual Capital Expenditure Budget.
- B. THAT Council approve \$145,000 in strategic grant allocations to support cultural equity and women’s safety initiatives in the following amounts, with funds from the Multi-Year Capital Project Budget of the 2021 DTES Capital Grant Program and managed within the approved Annual Capital Expenditure Budget:
  - i. \$100,000 for the Parks and Recreation Project Team planning, consultation, ideation, design and cultural translation services to achieve the cultural equity objectives for Chinatown in the implementation of the North East False Creek (NEFC) Plan;
  - ii. \$20,000 to the Overdose Prevention Society (OPS) for community outreach and de-escalation supports.
  - iii. \$25,000 to the Community Impact Real Estate Society (CIRES) for initiatives for women’s safety that could include community stewardship, partnerships and outreach, with funds to be administered by CIRES and directed towards a priority initiative based on the direction of the Managing Director, Social Policy & Projects and in collaboration with community serving partners.
- C. THAT Council approve the reallocation of a \$50,000 grant from the Vancouver Economic Commission (VEC) to the Community Impact Real Estate Society (CIRES) to continue with the implementation of vacant space activation in the Downtown Eastside as a component of the Special Enterprise Pilot Program that was originally allocated to VEC in partnership with CIRES October 21, 2020 (RTS 13784).

- D. THAT Council approve a \$40,000 grant to RainCity Housing and Support Society to implement a pilot project for self-care for peer witness workers, and a \$21,000 to Vancouver Aboriginal Policing Centre to deliver three Indigenous Tools for Living training sessions on trauma tools for frontline workers, with the source of funding being funds that the City of Vancouver received from the Province of British Columbia to fund Community Action Team projects.
- E. THAT, pursuant to Section 206(1)(j) of the Vancouver Charter, Council deems any organization listed in Appendix A of the Report dated June 9, 2021, entitled "Downtown Eastside (DTES) Plan Implementation Grant Allocation – 2021", that is not otherwise a registered charity with Canada Revenue Agency to be contributing to the culture, beautification, health, or welfare of Vancouver.
- F. THAT the General Manager of Planning, Urban Design, and Sustainability (GM of PDS) (or their designate) be authorized to negotiate and execute agreements to disburse the grants described in this report on the terms and conditions generally set out below and on such other terms and conditions as are satisfactory to the GM of PDS and the Director of Legal Services.
- G. THAT no legal rights or obligations will be created by the approval of A to D above unless and until the applicable grant agreement or letter of agreement is approved by the City in accordance with F above and executed and delivered by both the grant recipient and General Manager of Planning, Urban Design, and Sustainability (GM of PDS) (or their designate).

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (Vote No. 07401)

## REFERRAL REPORTS

### 1. **CD-1 Rezoning: 546 West 13th Avenue June 11, 2021**

- A. THAT the application by GBL Architects Inc., on behalf of Soroptimist International of Vancouver, BC, the registered owner, to rezone 546 West 13th Avenue [PID: 011-143-142 , Lot A of Lot 5 Block 440 District Lot 526 Plan 5484; PID: 011-143-151, Lot A of Lot 6 Block 440 District Lot 526 Plan 5484; PID: 011-143-185, Lot A of Lot 7 Block 440 District Lot 526 Plan 5484 ] from RM-3 (Multiple-Dwelling Residential) to CD-1 (Comprehensive Development) District, to increase the floor space ratio (FSR) from 1.11 to 6.05 and building height from 36.6 m (120.0 ft.) to 40.0 m (131.2 ft.) to allow construction of a 13-storey social housing building with 135 units, be referred to Public Hearing, together with:
  - (i) plans prepared by GBL Architects, received December 1st, 2020;
  - (ii) draft CD-1 By-law provisions, generally as presented in Appendix A of the Referral Report dated June 11, 2021, entitled "CD-1 Rezoning: 546 West 13th Avenue"; and

- (iii) the recommendation of the General Manager of Planning, Urban Design and Sustainability to approve the application in principle, including approval in principle of the form of development, subject to the Conditions of Approval contained in Appendix B of the above-noted report;

FURTHER THAT the Director of Legal Services be instructed to prepare the necessary CD-1 By-law generally in accordance with Appendix A of the above-noted report for consideration at the Public Hearing.

- B. THAT, if after Public Hearing, Council approves in principle the rezoning and the Housing Agreement described in Part 2 of Appendix B of the Referral Report dated June 11, 2021, entitled "CD-1 Rezoning: 546 West 13th Avenue", the Director of Legal Services be instructed to prepare the necessary Housing Agreement By-law for enactment prior to enactment of the CD-1 By-law, subject to such terms and conditions as may be required at the discretion of the Director of Legal Services and the General Manager of Planning, Urban Design and Sustainability.

- C. THAT A and B above be adopted on the following conditions:

- (i) THAT the passage of the above resolutions creates no legal rights for the applicant or any other person, or obligation on the part of the City; and any expenditure of funds or incurring of costs is at the risk of the person making the expenditure or incurring the cost;
- (ii) THAT any approval that may be granted following the Public Hearing shall not obligate the City to enact a by-law rezoning the property, and any costs incurred in fulfilling requirements imposed as a condition of rezoning are at the risk of the property owner; and
- (iii) THAT the City and all its officials, including the Approving Officer, shall not in any way be limited or directed in the exercise of their authority or discretion, regardless of when they are called upon to exercise such authority or discretion.

ADOPTED ON CONSENT (Vote No. 07415)

**2. CD-1 Rezoning: 2929 Commercial Drive  
June 8, 2021**

- A. THAT the application by DYS Architecture, on behalf of the Vancouver Elementary School Teachers' Association and the Vancouver Secondary Teachers' Association, the registered owners of the lands located at 2929 Commercial Drive [*PID 005-402-069; Lot 2 Block 170 District Lot 264A Plan 14017*] to rezone the lands from C-2C1 (Commercial) District to CD-1 (Comprehensive Development) District, to limit the floor space ratio (FSR) from 3.00 down to 2.67, and increase the building height from 13.8 m (45.2 ft.) to 19.25 m (63.2 ft.) to permit the development of a five-storey mixed-use building with a rooftop amenity floor, containing 27 social housing units, be referred to Public Hearing, together with:

- (i) plans prepared by DYS Architecture, received November 23, 2020;
- (ii) draft CD-1 By-law provisions, generally as set out in Appendix A of the Referral Report dated June 8, 2021, entitled "CD-1 Rezoning: 2929 Commercial Drive"; and
- (iii) the recommendation of the General Manager of Planning, Urban Design and Sustainability to approve the application in principle, including approval in principle of the form of development, subject to the Conditions of Approval contained in Appendix B of the above-noted report;

FURTHER THAT the Director of Legal Services be instructed to prepare the draft CD-1 By-law, generally as set out in Appendix A of the above-noted report, for consideration at Public Hearing.

- B. THAT subject to approval in principle of the rezoning and the Housing Agreement described in Part 2 of Appendix B of the Referral Report dated June 8, 2021, entitled "CD-1 Rezoning: 2929 Commercial Drive", the Director of Legal Services be instructed to prepare the necessary Housing Agreement By-law for enactment prior to enactment of the zoning by-law, subject to such terms and conditions as may be required at the discretion of the Director of Legal Services and the General Manager of Planning, Urban Design and Sustainability.
- C. THAT the application to amend the Sign By-law to establish regulations for this CD-1, generally as set out in Appendix C of the Referral Report dated June 8, 2021, entitled "CD-1 Rezoning: 2929 Commercial Drive", be referred to the same public hearing;

FURTHER THAT the Director of Legal Services be instructed to prepare the necessary by-law, generally as set out in Appendix C of the above-noted report, for consideration at the Public Hearing.

- D. THAT subject to approval of the CD-1 By-law, the Noise Control By-law be amended to include this CD-1 in Schedule B, generally as set out in Appendix C of the Referral Report dated June 8, 2021, entitled "CD-1 Rezoning: 2929 Commercial Drive";

FURTHER THAT the Director of Legal Services be instructed to bring forward the amendment to the Noise Control By-law at the time of enactment of the CD-1 By-law.

- E. THAT A to D above be adopted on the following conditions:
  - (i) THAT the passage of the above resolutions creates no legal rights for the applicant or any other person or obligation on the part of the City and any expenditure of funds or incurring of costs is at the risk of the person making the expenditure or incurring the cost;
  - (ii) THAT any approval that may be granted following the public hearing shall not obligate the City to enact a by-law rezoning the property and any

costs incurred in fulfilling requirements imposed as a condition of rezoning are at the risk of the property owner; and

- (iii) THAT the City and all its officials, including the Approving Officer, shall not in any way be limited or directed in the exercise of their authority or discretion, regardless of when they are called upon to exercise such authority or discretion.

ADOPTED ON CONSENT (Vote No. 07416)

**3. Miscellaneous Amendments Concerning Various CD-1 By-laws  
June 8, 2021**

THAT the General Manager of Planning, Urban Design and Sustainability be instructed to make an application to:

- (i) amend CD-1 (312) By-law No. 7200 for 510 Nicola Street and 1506-1590 Coal Harbour Quay to correct an inconsistency in the commercial land use provisions for the Coal Harbour waterfront, generally as presented in Appendix A of the Referral Report dated June 8, 2021, entitled "Miscellaneous Amendments Concerning Various CD-1 By-laws";
- (ii) amend CD-1 (590) By-law No. 11110 for 4055 Cambie Street (formerly 4099 Cambie Street) to permit a wider range of commercial uses, creating consistency with more recently approved and comparable CD-1 by-laws, generally as presented in Appendix B of the above-noted report; and
- (iii) amend CD-1 (745) By-law No. 12726 for 686-688 East 22nd Avenue, 3811-3891 Fraser Street and 679 East 23rd Avenue to correct map labelling, generally as presented in Appendix C of the above noted report;

FURTHER THAT the application be referred to a Public Hearing;

AND FURTHER THAT the Director of Legal Services be instructed to prepare the necessary amending by-laws, generally in accordance with the respective appendices, for consideration at Public Hearing.

ADOPTED ON CONSENT (Vote No. 07417)

**4. CD-1 Rezoning: 1850 Main Street  
May 25, 2021**

Theresa O'Donnell, General Manager of Planning, Urban Design & Sustainability, provided a presentation and responded to questions.

At this point in the proceedings, the Mayor advised that section 13.3 of the *Procedure By-law* notes that a request by a member of the public to speak to a referral report is generally not in order, except that if a referral report recommends that a matter not be referred to public hearing, the applicant may speak to that recommendation.

Council heard from the applicant, Hani Lammam, Executive Vice President, Cressey Development Group, who was opposed to the recommendation, and also responded to questions.

MOVED by Councillor De Genova  
SECONDED by Councillor Boyle

THAT the application by Francl Architecture, on behalf of Cressey Main Holdings Ltd., to rezone the property located at 1850 Main Street [*PID: 030-608-031, Lot 1 Block 15 District Lot 200A Group 1 New Westminster District Plan EPP85971*] from IC-2 (Industrial) District to CD-1 (Comprehensive Development) District, to increase the floor space ratio (FSR) from 3.00 to 5.02 and building height from 18.3 m (60 ft.) to 32.6 m (107 ft.) to permit the development of an 11-storey mixed-use building consisting of commercial retail and 130 secured for-profit affordable rental housing units, not be referred to Public Hearing because the applicant has made no offer of a Community Amenity Contribution (CAC) or of any material public benefits in respect to the rezoning application, notwithstanding the increased development rights associated with the proposed application.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (Vote No. 07402)

**5. 2021 Annual Inflationary Rate Adjustments to Density Bonus Contributions  
June 7, 2021**

THAT the General Manager of Planning, Urban Design and Sustainability be instructed to make application to implement 2021 inflationary rate adjustments for density bonus contributions by amending Schedule F of the Zoning and Development By-law to be effective September 30, 2021, as shown in Appendix A of the Referral Report date June 7, 2021, entitled "2021 Annual Inflationary Rate Adjustments to Density Bonus Contributions";

FURTHER THAT the application be referred to a public hearing;

AND FURTHER THAT the Director of Legal Services be instructed to prepare the amending by-law, generally in accordance with Appendix A of the above-noted report, for consideration at the public hearing.

ADOPTED ON CONSENT (Vote No. 07420)

**BY-LAWS**

At the beginning of the item, Councillor Wiebe rose to declare a conflict of interest on By-laws 8 and 16 due to his interest in the improvement areas.

MOVED by Councillor De Genova  
SECONDED by Councillor Carr

THAT Council enact the by-law listed on the agenda for this meeting as number 43, and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign and seal the enacted by-law.

CARRIED  
(Councillor Hardwick opposed)

MOVED by Councillor De Genova  
SECONDED by Councillor Carr

THAT Council enact the by law listed on the agenda for this meeting as number 48, and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign and seal the enacted by-law.

CARRIED  
(Councillor Hardwick opposed)

MOVED by Councillor Dominato  
SECONDED by Councillor De Genova

THAT Council enact the by law listed on the agenda for this meeting as number 39, and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign and seal the enacted by-law.

CARRIED  
(Councillors Fry, Hardwick and Wiebe opposed)

MOVED by Councillor De Genova  
SECONDED by Councillor Carr

THAT Council enact the by law listed on the agenda for this meeting as number 47, and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign and seal the enacted by-law.

CARRIED  
(Councillors Hardwick and Swanson opposed)

MOVED by Councillor De Genova  
SECONDED by Councillor Carr

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 1 to 38 inclusive, 40 to 42 inclusive, and 44 to 46 inclusive, and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign and seal the enacted by-laws.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY



1. A By-law to levy rates on qualifying real property in the Cambie Village Business Improvement Area (By-law No. 13010)
2. A By-law to levy rates on qualifying real property in the Chinatown Business Improvement Area (By-law No. 13011)
3. A By-law to levy rates on qualifying real property in the Collingwood Business Improvement Area (By-law No. 13012)
4. A By-law to levy rates on qualifying real property in the Commercial Drive Business Improvement Area (By-law No. 13013)
5. A By-law to levy rates on qualifying real property in the Downtown Vancouver Business Improvement Area (By-law No. 13014)
6. A By-law to levy rates on qualifying real property in the Dunbar Village Business Improvement Area (By-law No. 13015)
7. A By-law to levy rates on qualifying real property in the Fraser Street Business Improvement Area (By-law No. 13016)
8. A By-law to levy rates on qualifying real property in the Gastown Business Improvement Area (By-law No. 13017)  
*(Councillor Wiebe ineligible for the vote due to conflict of interest)*
9. A By-law to levy rates on qualifying real property in the Hastings Crossing Business Improvement Area (By-law No. 13018)
10. A By-law to levy rates on qualifying real property in the Hastings North Business Improvement Area (By-law No. 13019)
11. A By-law to levy rates on qualifying real property in the Hastings North Expansion Business Improvement Area (By-law No. 13020)
12. A By-law to levy rates on qualifying real property in the Hastings North Expansion #2 Business Improvement Area (By-law No. 13021)
13. A By-law to levy rates on qualifying real property in the Kerrisdale Business Improvement Area (By-law No. 13022)
14. A By-law to levy rates on qualifying real property in the Kitsilano 4th Avenue Business Improvement Area (By-law No. 13023)
15. A By-law to levy rates on qualifying real property in the Marpole Business Improvement Area (By-law No. 13024)
16. A By-law to levy rates on qualifying real property in the Mount Pleasant Business Improvement Area (By-law No. 13025)  
*(Councillor Wiebe ineligible for the vote due to conflict of interest)*

17. A By-law to levy rates on qualifying real property in the Point Grey Village Business Improvement Area (By-law No. 13026)
18. A By-law to levy rates on qualifying real property in the Robson Street Business Improvement Area (By-law No. 13027)
19. A By-law to levy rates on qualifying real property in the South Granville Business Improvement Area (By-law No. 13028)
20. A By-law to levy rates on qualifying real property in the Strathcona Business Improvement Area (By-law No. 13029)
21. A By-law to levy rates on qualifying real property in the Victoria Drive Business Improvement Area (By-law No. 13030)
22. A By-law to levy rates on qualifying real property in the West Broadway Business Improvement Area (By-law No. 13031)
23. A By-law to levy rates on qualifying real property in the West End Business Improvement Area (By-law No. 13032)
24. A By-law to levy rates on qualifying real property in the Yaletown Business Improvement Area (By-law No. 13033)
25. A By-law to contract a debt by the issue and sale of Debentures in the aggregate principal amount of \$1,410.86, for certain local improvement lane lighting projects, and for imposing an annual special rate on real property specially benefited by such local improvements (By-law No. 13034)
26. A By-law to contract a debt by the issue and sale of Debentures in the aggregate principal amount of \$33,425.53, for a certain local improvement street work project, and for imposing an annual special rate on real property specially benefited by such local improvements (By-law No. 13035)
27. A By-law to amend Zoning and Development By-law No. 3575 to rezone an area from RS-1 to RM-8AN (1008 West 47th Avenue and 6335-6363 Oak Street) (By-law No. 13036)  
*(Councillor Fry ineligible for the vote)*
28. A By-law to authorize the amendment of a Housing Agreement Authorized by By-law No. 12399 (3070 Kingsway) (By-law No. 13037)
29. A By-law to amend Subdivision By-law No. 5208 (reclassification of 375 North Kootenay Street) (By-law No. 13038)
30. A By-law to amend Noise Control By-law No. 6555 (420 Hawks Avenue) (By-law No. 13039)
31. A By-law to amend the Parking By-law No. 6059 (420 Hawks Avenue) (By-law No. 13040)

32. A By-law to amend Sign By-law No.11879 (1506 West 68th Avenue and 8405-8465 Granville Street) (By-law No. 13041)  
*(Councillors Dominato, Kirby-Yung and Swanson ineligible for the vote)*
33. A By-law to amend Subdivision By-law No. 5208 (1008 West 52nd Avenue) (By-law No. 13042)
34. A By-law to amend Subdivision By-law No. 5208 (1920 Southwest Marine Drive) (By-law No. 13043)
35. A By-law to amend Subdivision By-law No. 5208 (5190-5226 Cambie Street) (By-law No. 13044)
36. A By-law to amend Subdivision By-law No. 5208 (976 West 52nd Avenue and 6822-6868 Oak Street) (By-law No. 13045)
37. A By-law to amend Subdivision By-law No. 5208 (643-683 West 31st Avenue) (By-law No. 13046)
38. A By-law to amend Subdivision By-law No. 5208 (6250-6410 Oak Street) (By-law No. 13047)
39. A By-law to amend the Protection of Trees By-law regarding the size of trees not requiring a permit for removal (By-law No. 13048)
40. A By-law to enact a Housing Agreement for 2543-2583 Renfrew Street and 2895 East 10th Street (By-law No. 13049)
41. A By-law to enact a Housing Agreement for 2603-2655 Renfrew Street (By-law No. 13050)
42. A By-law to enact a Housing Agreement for 835-837 East Hastings Street (By-law No. 13051)
43. A By-law to enact a Housing Agreement for 1111-1123 Kingsway (By-law No. 13052)
44. A By-law to amend Subdivision By-law No. 5208 (404-434 West 23rd Avenue) (By-law No. 13053)
45. A By-law to amend Subdivision By-law No. 5208 (930 West 49th Avenue and 6525 Fremlin Street) (By-law No. 13054)
46. A By-law to amend Subdivision By-law No. 5208 (168 West 44th Avenue) (By-law No. 13055)
47. A By-law to amend Subdivision By-law No. 5208 (582-588 West King Edward Avenue) (By-law No. 13056)
48. A By-law to amend Subdivision By-law No. 5208 (1956-1990 Stainsbury Avenue) (By-law No. 13057)

## MOTIONS

### A. Administrative Motions

#### 1. Resolution: Closure and Sale of a Portion of Road Adjacent to 2929 West 29th Avenue

MOVED by Councillor Kirby-Yung  
SECONDED by Councillor De Genova

#### WHEREAS

1. The City of Vancouver is the owner of all the streets and lanes lying within the limits of the City of Vancouver;
2. The owner of [PID: 013-190-776] Lot 67, Except the South 7 Feet, Block 70 District Lot 2027 Plan 3066 Group 1 New Westminster District ("Lot 67") have made application to purchase a 7 foot wide portion of West 29<sup>th</sup> Avenue abutting Lot 67;
3. The subject 7 foot portion of road to be closed, stopped-up and conveyed to the owners of abutting Lot 67 is legally described as [PID: 013-193-139] The South 7 Feet of Lot 67 Block 70 District Lot 2027 Plan 3066 Group 1 New Westminster District ("The South 7 Feet of Lot 67");
4. The South 7 Feet of Lot 67 was established as road by document filed BJ318736, deposited in the Land Title Office on October 20, 1995;
5. The said portion of road to be closed is no longer required for municipal purposes;
6. The South 7 Feet of Lot 67 to be closed will be conveyed to the owner of Lot 67 and consolidated with Lot 67 to form one new parcel.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT [PID: 013-193-139] The South 7 Feet of Lot 67 Block 70 District Lot 2027 Plan 3066 Group 1 New Westminster District established as road by document filed BJ318736 be closed, stopped-up and conveyed to the owner of abutting [PID: 013-190-776] Lot 67, Except the South 7 Feet, Now road, Block 70 District Lot 2027 Plan 3066 Group 1 New Westminster District subject to the said portion of closed road being consolidated with the said Lot 67 to create a single parcel, to the satisfaction of the Director of Legal Services.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

### B. Council Members' Motions

None.

## NOTICE OF COUNCIL MEMBER'S MOTIONS

### 1. **Towards a Quieter and Emission-Free Landscape Maintenance Equipment Future in Vancouver**

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 the first Council meeting in 2022, as a Council Members' Motion.

### 2. **Response Strategy for Vulnerable Populations in Extreme Weather Conditions**

Councillor Bligh submitted a notice of Council Members' Motion on the above-noted matter. The motion may be placed on the Council meeting agenda of July 6, 2021, as a Council Members' Motion.

### 3. **Keeping the Public in the Information Loop**

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 July 6, 2021, as a Council Members' Motion.

### 4. **Prioritizing the Night Economy Strategy as Part of the City's Restart Plans**

Councillor Dominato submitted a notice of Council Members' Motion on the above-noted matter. The motion may be placed on the Council meeting agenda of July 6, 2021, as a Council Members' Motion.

### 5. **Keys to Housing Affordability**

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 July 6, 2021, as a Council Members' Motion.

### 6. **Toward Reconciliation: Renaming Trutch Street**

Mayor Stewart submitted a notice of Council Members' Motion on the above-noted matter. The motion may be placed on the Council meeting agenda of July 6, 2021, as a Council Members' Motion.

## NEW BUSINESS

### 1. **Request for Leaves of Absence**

MOVED by Councillor De Genova  
SECONDED by Councillor Bligh

THAT Mayor Stewart be granted a Leave of Absence for Civic Business from meetings on June 23, 2021, from 3 pm to 10 pm;

FURTHER THAT Councillor Carr be granted a Leave of Absence for Civic Business from meetings on June 24, 2021, from 3 pm to 10 pm.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## **2. Administering Vancouver's COVID-19 State of Emergency By-law**

MOVED by Mayor Stewart  
SECONDED by Councillor Carr

WHEREAS

1. On March 18, 2020, the Province of British Columbia declared a Provincial State of Emergency in response to the COVID-19 pandemic;
2. On March 19, 2020, Vancouver City Council voted to declare a state of emergency in the City of Vancouver in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, and passed by-law No. 12661 "A By-law to declare a State of Emergency in Vancouver" to put declaration this into effect;
3. Vancouver City Council wishes to avoid any confusion as to which State of Emergency is in effect in the City of Vancouver as we address the COVID-19 pandemic.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council instruct the Director of Legal Services to bring forward for enactment a by-law to repeal By-law No. 12661, "A By-law to declare a State of Emergency in Vancouver", at the first regular Council meeting that comes after the Provincial State of Emergency has been lifted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (Vote No. 07408)

## **3. British Columbia Utilities Commission Regulatory Regime and Inquiry into the Regulation of Municipal Energy Utilities**

MOVED by Councillor Fry  
SECONDED by Councillor De Genova

WHEREAS the British Columbia Utilities Commission (BCUC) - grounded in 20th-Century needs and priorities, with its core function as a traditional "economic regulator" enforcing the "regulatory compact" (balancing services, rates and investor returns) -established an inquiry, by Order G-177-19, dated August 1, 2019, to examine the regulation of energy utilities affiliated with municipalities and regional districts (including exploring the regulatory status of different ownership structures and operational arrangements and the current municipal exclusion under the Utilities Commission Act);

AND WHEREAS in the event an outcome of the inquiry is BCUC oversight of municipal and regional energy utilities, this may have adverse impacts that do not serve the public interest including (1) duplication of current responsibilities that elected officials already

have over municipal or regional district energy utilities; (2) adding unnecessary financial and regulatory burden, and regulatory risk; and (3) limiting the ability of municipal or regional district energy utilities to be flexible in how they respond to local needs or support the achievement of public policy goals – such as municipal strategies to mitigate the climate crisis, or a just transition of our carbon-based economy into one that is sustainable.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the following resolution be submitted as a 2021 UBCM resolution and titled “British Columbia Utilities Commission Regulatory Regime and Inquiry into the Regulation of Municipal Energy Utilities”:

THAT UBCM ask the provincial government to:

(a) re-design the regulatory regime for British Columbia’s energy sector, to provide a comprehensive, 21st-Century framework that is grounded in today’s urgent priorities and harmonizes fully with the priorities of our communities and their municipal representatives, and

(b) maintain or expand the current municipal utility exemption and autonomy to pursue local solutions to local and societal needs, and to enhance the benefits they bring to our communities.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (Vote No. 07413)

## ENQUIRIES AND OTHER MATTERS

### 1. Extreme Heat in the City

Councillor Kirby-Yung enquired about activating cooling centres when the city experiences extreme heat conditions, and also asked about pop-up spray parks with Fire and Rescue Services. The City Manager provided information on the City’s Extreme Heat Plan.

### 2. Additional Garbage and Recycling Pick-up

Councillor Kirby-Yung enquired about additional garbage and recycling pick-up in popular outdoor locations in the city. The City Manager noted an update would be coming to Council and agreed to follow-up with the timing of the update.

### 3. Past Motion: “Decriminalizing Poverty and Supporting Community Led Safety Initiatives”

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During the enquiry, Councillor De Genova declared conflict of interest on this matter as she had previously declared conflict of interest when the motion was originally being considered. She left the meeting at 6:33 pm and returned at the completion of the enquiry.

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Councillor Swanson enquired about the City's response to a recent email Council received regarding twenty-six groups and two individuals who will not be involved in the City's approach in next steps regarding the past motion entitled "Decriminalizing Poverty and Supporting Community Led Safety Initiatives". The City Manager noted the City's approach previously agreed upon is not feasible, and staff are looking at alternatives.

**4. Previous Motion – Supporting Gender Equity and Diversity in Vancouver City Council**

Councillor De Genova inquired about the status of the past motion entitled "Supporting Gender Equity and Diversity in Vancouver City Council". The City Manager agreed to follow-up.

**5. Navigation Centre Site**

Councillor Dominato enquired if a site for the Navigation Centre, a centre to help people who are experiencing long-term homelessness and require supports, had been identified. The City Manager noted progress had been made but was unable to confirm specifics at this time.

**ADJOURNMENT**

MOVED by Councillor Hardwick  
SECONDED by Councillor De Genova

THAT the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Council adjourned at 6:41 pm.

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