



REPORT TO COUNCIL

STANDING COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL ON POLICY AND STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

NOVEMBER 17, 2021

A meeting of the Standing Committee of Council on Policy and Strategic Priorities was held on Wednesday, November 17, 2021, at 9:41 am, in the Council Chamber, Third Floor, City Hall. This Committee meeting was convened by electronic means as authorized under Part 14 of the *Procedure By-law*.

PRESENT: Councillor Adriane Carr, Chair
Mayor Kennedy Stewart*
Councillor Rebecca Bligh
Councillor Christine Boyle
Councillor Melissa De Genova
Councillor Lisa Dominato
Councillor Pete Fry* (Leave of Absence – Civic Business from
9:30 am – 10:30 am)
Councillor Colleen Hardwick
Councillor Sarah Kirby-Yung, Vice-Chair
Councillor Jean Swanson
Councillor Michael Wiebe

CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE: Paul Mochrie, City Manager

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE: Tina Penney, Deputy City Clerk
Rowena Choi, Meeting Coordinator

* Denotes absence for a portion of the meeting

WELCOME

The Chair acknowledged we are on the unceded homelands of the Musqueam, Squamish, and Tsleil-Waututh People 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.

MATTERS ADOPTED ON CONSENT

MOVED by Councillor Kirby-Yung

THAT the Committee adopt Items 2 and 4, on consent.

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

**1. Annual Financial Authorities – 2022
November 2, 2021**

Patrice Impey, Finance, Risk and Supply Chain Management, provided an introduction and responded to questions.

The Committee heard from one speaker who spoke to other aspects of the report recommendations.

MOVED by Councillor De Genova

THAT the Committee recommend to Council

- A. THAT for the period from January 1 to December 31, 2022, Council authorize the Director of Finance to draw warrants for payment (i.e. issue an authorization to the City Treasurer to disburse funds from a City account), provided that any such warrants for payment be reported in writing to the City Clerk for the information of Council within 15 days after the end of the month in which each warrant is drawn, in accordance with Sections 215 and 216 of the *Vancouver Charter*.
- B. THAT for the period from January 1 to July 15, 2022, Council authorizes the Director of Finance to temporarily use such proceeds from the sale of debentures that have not yet been expended to meet other expenditure requirements of the City, pending collection of the 2022 general purpose tax levy, in accordance with Section 259(1)(b) of the *Vancouver Charter*.
- C. THAT for the period from January 1 to December 31, 2022, Council authorize the Director of Finance to invest City funds not immediately required and to vary the investments from time to time where appropriate, in accordance with Sections 201, 259, and 260 of the *Vancouver Charter*.
- D. THAT for the period from January 8, 2022 to January 7, 2023, pursuant to Section 263 of the *Vancouver Charter*, Council authorize the Director of Finance to establish a short-term borrowing facility to assist in managing the City's cash flow with the maximum outstanding amount not to exceed \$60 million.
- E. THAT subject to the approval of D above, Council instruct the Director of Legal Services to bring forward a by-law for enactment by Council authorizing the borrowing referred to in D above.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (Vote No. 07813)
(Councillor Fry and Mayor Stewart absent for the vote)

**2. 2022 Land Assessment Averaging Program: Notice to BC Assessment Authority
November 8, 2021**

- A. THAT pursuant to Section 374.4 (4b) of the *Vancouver Charter*, the City Clerk be instructed to notify the BC Assessment Authority ("BC Assessment"), before January 1, 2022, of Council's intent to consider the adoption of targeted land assessment averaging for the purpose of property tax calculations for 2022; and

FURTHER THAT it should be noted that this notice of intent is revocable should Council, at a later date, decide not to proceed with this mechanism.

- B. THAT the Director of Finance be instructed to provide the required two weeks' notice to the public in advance of Council's consideration of the use of targeted land assessment averaging and, before March 31, 2022, report on the projected taxation impacts of the program based on the assessed values provided by BC Assessment in the 2022 Completed Roll.
- C. THAT the Area Assessor for Vancouver be invited to address Council on the 2022 assessment trends.

ADOPTED ON CONSENT (Vote No. 07825)
(Councillor Fry and Mayor Stewart absent for the vote)

3. 1464 West 7th Avenue (2nd Level) – Vancouver Masonic Centre Association Liquor Primary Club Licence (Private Club) – Liquor Establishment Class 7 (Private Club) October 20, 2021

Sarah Hicks, Chief Licence Inspector, Development, Buildings and Licensing introduced the item and along with the applicants, John (Jack) Barr, President, Vancouver Masonic Centre Association, Bert Hicks, President and Founder, Rising Tide Licensing Consultants, and Edna Lizotte, Manager of Licensing, Rising Tide Licensing Consultants, responded to questions.

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During questions to staff, it was

MOVED by Councillor De Genova

THAT the Committee be permitted a second round of questions for item 3.

*CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Councillor Fry and Mayor Stewart absent for the vote)*

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Following questions to staff and applicants, it was

MOVED by Councillor De Genova
THAT the Committee recommend to Council

THAT Council, having considered the opinion of area residents and business operators as determined by neighbourhood notification, site sign, noise impacts and relevant Council policy as outlined in the Report dated October 20, 2021, entitled "1464 West 7th Avenue (2nd Level) – Vancouver Masonic Centre Association, Liquor Primary Club Licence Application, Liquor Establishment Class 7 (Private Club)", endorse the application submitted by Rising Tide Consultants on behalf of the applicant and registered property owner, Vancouver Masonic Centre Association, for a new Liquor

Primary Club liquor licence (Liquor Establishment Class 7 – Private Club) with an interior capacity of 351 persons located at 1464 West 7th Avenue – Second Level, subject to:

- i. A maximum total interior capacity of 351 persons;
- ii. Standard Hours of operation limited to 11 am to 12 am, Sunday to Thursday, and 11 am to 1 am, Friday and Saturday, for a minimum of three months;
- iii. Food service to be available while the establishment is operating;
- iv. A Time-Limited Development Permit;
- v. An acoustic report to be submitted certifying that the establishment meets Noise Control By-law requirements; and
- vi. Signing a Good Neighbour Agreement with the City prior to business licence issuance.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (Vote No. 07814)
(Councillor Fry and Mayor Stewart absent for the vote)

4. Single Room Accommodation (SRA) Demolition Permit for 52 East Hastings Street October 31, 2021

THAT Council approve a Single Room Accommodation (SRA) Demolition Permit in accordance with the Single Room Accommodation By-law for the Shaldon Hotel, located at 52 East Hastings Street, to demolish 53 SRA-designated rooms and replace them with 53 self-contained social housing units renting at the shelter component of income assistance.

ADOPTED ON CONSENT (Vote No. 07826)
(Councillor Fry and Mayor Stewart absent for the vote)

5. Vacancy Control Regulations in Single Room Accommodation (SRA) Designated Properties November 4, 2021

Sandra Singh, General Manager, Arts, Culture and Community Services, and Celine Mauboules, Managing Director, Homelessness Services and Affordable Housing Programs, introduced the item and along with Allison Dunnet, Senior Planner, Single Room Occupancy (SRO) and Supportive Housing, and Hajer Awatta, Social Planner, Single Room Occupancy (SRO) and Supportive Housing, provided a presentation; following the presentation, together along with staff from Development, Building and Licensing, responded to questions.

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At 10:40 am, during questions to staff, it was

MOVED by Councillor Kirby-Yung

THAT the Committee be permitted a second round of questions for item 5.

*CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Mayor Stewart absent for the vote)*

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The Committee recessed at 11:55 am and reconvened at 1:01 pm. Subsequently, during the hearing of speakers, the Committee recessed at 2:49 pm and reconvened at 3 pm to permit speakers that have missed their turn an opportunity to speak per section 7.4A of the amended Procedure By-law.

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The Committee heard from 31 speakers, 27 spoke in support, three spoke in opposition and one spoke to other aspects of the report recommendations.

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The Committee recessed at 4:56 pm and reconvened at 6:16 pm.

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Following the recess, it was

*MOVED by Councillor Swanson
THAT the Committee recommend to Council*

- A. THAT subject to operating funding approval in the 2022 budget, Council direct staff to implement a vacancy control policy for Single Room Accommodation (SRA) designated properties to protect SRA rooms from rapid rent escalation between tenancies, discourage further displacement of low-income residents, and encourage tenancy stability.
- B. THAT Council receive for information a funding request of \$500,000 to implement vacancy control in Single Room Accommodations (SRAs) which has been identified as a potential investment for consideration as part of the 2022 Operating Budget process.
- C. THAT subject to approval of A above and approval of operating funding in the 2022 Operating Budget as per B above, Council:
 - i. Approve the “Vacancy Control in Single Room Accommodation (SRA) Designated Properties Policy”, as generally set out in Appendix A of the Report dated November 4, 2021, entitled “Vacancy Control Regulations in Single Room Accommodation (SRA) Designated Properties”, to permit a rent increase following a change in tenancy as follows:

- a. Single Room Accommodation (SRA)-designated rooms renting at or above \$500/month are generally permitted a rent increase following a change in tenancy by an amount equal to the inflation rate; and
 - b. Single Room Accommodation (SRA)-designated rooms renting below \$500/month are generally permitted a rent increase following a change in tenancy by an amount equal to 5% plus the inflation rate, but once the increased rent for the designated room reaches \$500 per month, rent may only increase by the inflation rate.
 - ii. Approve, in principle, amendments to the License By-law and the Ticket Offences By-law, to implement vacancy control as generally set out in Appendices B and C respectively of the above-noted report; and
 - iii. Instruct the Director of Legal Services to bring forward for enactment, upon approval of the funding request for this policy in the 2022 Operating Budget, the proposed amendments to the License By-law and Ticket Offences By-law as generally set out in Appendices B and C respectively of the above-noted report.
- D. THAT subject to approval of A and C above, in consideration of the impact of vacancy control on private owners, Council instruct staff to:
- i. Proactively engage private owners of Single Room Accommodation (SRA)-designated properties, who are interested in providing housing to low-income residents, to explore opportunities via the SRA By-law and SRA Grants programs to support critical building upgrades while securing affordability;
 - ii. Increase the frequency of the Low-Income Housing Survey from biennial to annual, and include reporting on the impact and effectiveness of the Vacancy Control in Single Room Accommodation (SRA) Properties Policy within the Report dated November 4, 2021, entitled “Vacancy Control Regulations in Single Room Accommodation (SRA) Designated Properties”;
 - iii. Accelerate current engagement with senior levels of government on the development of a Tri-Partite Single Room Occupancy Strategy to fund the renewal and/or replacement of existing Single Room Accommodation buildings with dignified, self-contained housing, at shelter rates for very low-income residents, and report to Council on additional funding requirements; and
 - iv. Undertake a review of the vacancy control Single Room Accommodation (SRA) policy in 2025 (Year 4), including impact on private owners, tenants, and changes in the availability and affordability of the existing stock, and report back to Council in 2026 (Year 5) on the impacts of on-going implementation of the policy.

amended

AMENDMENT MOVED by Councillor Kirby-Yung

THAT the following clause be added as C(i)(c):

Single Room Accommodation (SRA)-designated rooms renting below \$375/month, the current shelter component of income assistance, can increase the base rent after a period of vacancy up to \$375.

FURTHER THAT the phrase “subject to revisions in order to implement increases as referenced in C(i)(c) above” be added to C(ii) following the word “respectively”;

AND FURTHER THAT the phrase “as revised by Council” be added to the end of C(iii).

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (Vote No. 07815)

AMENDMENT MOVED by Councillor Bligh

THAT the following be added as E:

THAT Council request the Mayor to write a letter to the Federation of Canadian Municipalities to advocate to the federal government for the return of the expanded Residential Rehabilitation Assistance Program with the desired outcome of stabilizing rents and improving living conditions in Single Room Accommodation;

FURTHER THAT Council direct staff to work with the Federation of Canadian Municipalities to advance policy advocating to the federal government for the return of the expanded Residential Rehabilitation Assistance Program with the desired outcome of stabilizing rents and improving living conditions in Single Room Accommodation.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (Vote No. 07816)

The amendments having carried, the Committee agreed separate the components of the amended motion for the vote. E was put and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (Vote No. 07817) and A through D was put and CARRIED (Vote No. 07818) with Councillor De Genova opposed.

FINAL MOTION AS APPROVED

- A. THAT subject to operating funding approval in the 2022 budget, Council direct staff to implement a vacancy control policy for Single Room Accommodation (SRA) designated properties to protect SRA rooms from rapid rent escalation between tenancies, discourage further displacement of low-income residents, and encourage tenancy stability.
- B. THAT Council receive for information a funding request of \$500,000 to implement vacancy control in Single Room Accommodations (SRAs) which has been identified as a potential investment for consideration as part of the 2022 Operating Budget process.

- C. THAT subject to approval of A above and approval of operating funding in the 2022 Operating Budget as per B above, Council:
- i. Approve the “Vacancy Control in Single Room Accommodation (SRA) Designated Properties Policy” as generally set out in Appendix A of the Report dated November 4, 2021, entitled “Vacancy Control Regulations in Single Room Accommodation (SRA) Designated Properties”, to permit a rent increase following a change in tenancy as follows:
 - a. Single Room Accommodation (SRA)-designated rooms renting at or above \$500/month are generally permitted a rent increase following a change in tenancy by an amount equal to the inflation rate;
 - b. Single Room Accommodation (SRA)-designated rooms renting below \$500/month are generally permitted a rent increase following a change in tenancy by an amount equal to 5% plus the inflation rate, but once the increased rent for the designated room reaches \$500 per month, rent may only increase by the inflation rate; and
 - c. Single Room Accommodation (SRA)-designated rooms renting below \$375/month, the current shelter component of income assistance, can increase the base rent after a period of vacancy up to \$375.
 - ii. Approve, in principle, amendments to the License By-law and the Ticket Offences By-law, to implement vacancy control as generally set out in Appendices B and C respectively of the above-noted report, subject to revisions in order to implement increases as referenced in C(i)(c) above; and; and
 - iii. Instruct the Director of Legal Services to bring forward for enactment, upon approval of the funding request for this policy in the 2022 Operating Budget, the proposed amendments to the License By-law and Ticket Offences By-law as generally set out in Appendices B and C respectively of the above-noted report, as revised by Council.
- D. THAT subject to approval of A and C above, in consideration of the impact of vacancy control on private owners, Council instruct staff to:
- i. Proactively engage private owners of Single Room Accommodation (SRA)-designated properties, who are interested in providing housing to low-income residents, to explore opportunities via the SRA By-law and SRA Grants programs to support critical building upgrades while securing affordability;
 - ii. Increase the frequency of the Low-Income Housing Survey from biennial to annual, and include reporting on the impact and effectiveness of the Vacancy Control in Single Room Accommodation (SRA) Properties Policy within the Report dated November 4, 2021, entitled “Vacancy Control Regulations in Single Room Accommodation (SRA) Designated Properties”;

- iii. Accelerate current engagement with senior levels of government on the development of a Tri-Partite Single Room Occupancy Strategy to fund the renewal and/or replacement of existing Single Room Accommodation buildings with dignified, self-contained housing, at shelter rates for very low-income residents, and report to Council on additional funding requirements; and
 - iv. Undertake a review of the vacancy control Single Room Accommodation (SRA) policy in 2025 (Year 4), including impact on private owners, tenants, and changes in the availability and affordability of the existing stock, and report back to Council in 2026 (Year 5) on the impacts of on-going implementation of the policy.
- E. THAT Council request the Mayor to write a letter to the Federation of Canadian Municipalities to advocate to the federal government for the return of the expanded Residential Rehabilitation Assistance Program with the desired outcome of stabilizing rents and improving living conditions in Single Room Accommodation;

FURTHER THAT Council direct staff to work with the Federation of Canadian Municipalities to advance policy advocating to the federal government for the return of the expanded Residential Rehabilitation Assistance Program with the desired outcome of stabilizing rents and improving living conditions in Single Room Accommodation.

6. Saving Lives with Community Defibrillators and First Aid (Member's Motion B.3)

At the Council meeting on November 16, 2021, Council referred the following motion to the Standing Committee on Policy and Strategic Priorities meeting on November 17, 2021, in order to hear from speakers, followed by debate and decision.

Council heard from one speaker in support of the motion.

MOVED by Councillor Fry
THAT the Committee recommend to Council

WHEREAS

1. Sudden cardiac arrest takes the lives of up to 40,000 Canadians a year, nearly 6,000 of those deaths are in BC;
2. Since BC's overdose crisis was declared in 2016 more than 7,700 British Columbians have perished as a result of apparent opioid toxicity (overdose);
3. In the event of sudden cardiac arrest, bystander use of an automated external defibrillator (AED), along with CPR, is crucial and increases the chance of survival to 75% or higher;
4. In the event of an overdose, Naloxone can quickly reverse the effects of opioid drugs and can reverse slowed breathing within 3 to 5 minutes allowing for life-

saving intervention;

5. St. John Ambulance is Canada's leading first aid charity with a mission to empower all Canadians to save lives by providing first aid training and supplies; and
6. Through their "Start Me Up BC" campaign¹, St. John Ambulance (BC/Yukon) hopes to address a serious gap in our public emergency preparedness platform, through a campaign to place 1000 low cost one-of-a-kind freestanding community defibrillator stands across British Columbia. These Publicly Accessible Defibrillators (PADs) are equipped with an AED, first aid and naloxone kits, as well as a connected alarm system to dispatch emergency first responders.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council direct staff to report back on opportunities to install automated Publicly Accessible Defibrillators (PADs) equipped with naloxone and first aid kits, in locations throughout Vancouver, including:

- a. In consultation with St. John's Ambulance in consideration of their "Start Me Up" campaign;
- b. As part of a public benefit amenities on new developments;
- c. At city facilities and/or appropriate public spaces; and/or
- d. In partnerships at key locations for entertainment, transit, and public gathering.

REFERENCES:

- a. St. John Ambulance "Start Me Up"
<https://www.startmeupbc.ca/>

amended

AMENDMENT MOVED by Councillor De Genova

THAT the following be added as an additional clause to the end:

FURTHER THAT Council also direct staff to consider other opportunities for donations with other organizations, including non profit societies like the GianFranco Giammaria Memorial Society that funded the first AEDs on City properties in Vancouver.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (Vote No. 07819)
(Mayor Stewart absent for the vote)

AMENDMENT MOVED by Councillor Kirby-Yung

THAT the following be inserted as (d):

In consultation with the Vancouver Park Board recognizing their jurisdiction over well-frequented public places including community centres, pools, beaches rinks, marinas, and public golf courses; and/or

FURTHER THAT the original (d) be inserted as (e).

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (Vote No. 07820)
(Mayor Stewart absent for the vote)

The amendments having carried, the motion as amended was put and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (Vote No. 07821) with Mayor Stewart absent for the vote.

FINAL MOTION AS APPROVED

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council direct staff to report back on opportunities to install automated Publicly Accessible Defibrillators (PADs) equipped with naloxone and first aid kits, in locations throughout Vancouver, including:

- a. In consultation with St. John's Ambulance in consideration of their "Start Me Up" campaign;
- b. As part of a public benefit amenities on new developments;
- c. At city facilities and/or appropriate public spaces; and/or
- d. In consultation with the Vancouver Park Board recognizing their jurisdiction over well-frequented public places including community centres, pools, beaches rinks, marinas, and public golf courses; and/or
- e. In partnerships at key locations for entertainment, transit, and public gathering.

FURTHER THAT Council also direct staff to consider other opportunities for donations with other organizations, including non-profit societies like the GianFranco Giammaria Memorial Society that funded the first AEDs on City properties in Vancouver.

The Committee adjourned at 7:52 pm.

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**COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
STANDING COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL ON
POLICY AND STRATEGIC PRIORITIES**

NOVEMBER 17, 2021

A meeting of the Council of the City of Vancouver was held on Wednesday, November 17, 2021, at 7:52 pm, in the Council Chamber, Third Floor, City Hall, following the Standing Committee on Policy and Strategic Priorities meeting, to consider the recommendations and actions of the Committee.

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

ABSENT: Mayor Kennedy Stewart

CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE: Paul Mochrie, City Manager

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE: Tina Penney, Deputy City Clerk
Rowena Choi, Meeting Coordinator

* Denotes absence for a portion of the meeting

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Report of Standing Committee on Policy and Strategic Priorities
November 17, 2021

Council considered the report containing the recommendations and actions taken by the Standing Committee on Policy and Strategic Priorities. Its item of business included:

1. Annual Financial Authorities – 2022
2. 2022 Land Assessment Averaging Program: Notice to BC Assessment Authority
3. 1464 West 7th Avenue (2nd Level) – Vancouver Masonic Centre Association Primary Club Licence (Private Club) – Liquor Establishment Class 7 (Private Club)
4. Single Room Accommodation (SRA) Demolition Permit for 52 East Hastings Street
5. Vacancy Control Regulations in Single Room Accommodation (SRA) Designated Properties
6. Saving Lives with Community Defibrillators and First Aid (Member's Motion B.3)

Items 1 to 6

MOVED by Councillor De Genova
SECONDED by Councillor Hardwick

THAT the recommendations and actions taken by the Standing Committee on Policy and Strategic Priorities at its meetings of November 17, 2021, as contained in items 1 to 6, be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

BY-LAWS

MOVED by Councillor De Genova
SECONDED by Councillor Wiebe

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (Vote No. 07823)

1. A By-law to authorize the borrowing of certain sums of money from January 8, 2022 to January 7, 2023, pending the collection of real property taxes (By-law No. 13180)

URGENT BUSINESS

1. Changes to the 2021 Business Licence Hearing Panel

MOVED by Councillor De Genova
SECONDED by Councillor Dominato

THAT Councillor Carr replace Councillor Dominato at the Business Licence Hearing on November 24, 2021, from 6 pm to 10 pm; and

FURTHER THAT Councillor Dominato replace Councillor Carr at the Business Licence Hearing on December 14, 2021, from 9:30 am to 12 pm.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. Requests for Leave of Absence

MOVED by Councillor Kirby-Yung
SECONDED by Councillor Carr

THAT Councillor Bligh be granted a Leave of Absence for civic business from meetings on Tuesday, November 23, 2021, from 3 pm to 10 pm; and

FURTHER THAT Councillor Bligh be granted a Leave of Absence for personal reasons from meetings on Thursday, December 2, 2021, from 9:30 am to noon, and from meetings on Thursday, December 16, 2012, from 3 pm to 4 pm.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOVED by Councillor De Genova
SECONDED by Councillor Bligh

THAT Councillor Fry be granted a Leave of Absence for civic business from meetings on Wednesday, November 17, 2021, from 9 am to 1 pm.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOVED by Councillor Dominato
SECONDED by Councillor De Genova

THAT Councillor Wiebe be granted a Leave of Absence for civic business from meetings on Thursday, November 18, 2021, from 6 pm to 6:30 pm.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOVED by Councillor De Genova
SECONDED by Councillor Boyle

THAT Mayor Stewart be granted a Leave of Absence for civic business from meetings on Tuesday, November 23, 2021, from 6 pm to 10 pm, and from meetings on Thursday, November 25, 2021, from 3 pm to 10 pm.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOVED by Councillor De Genova
SECONDED by Councillor Dominato

THAT Councillor Carr be granted a Leave of Absence for personal reasons from meetings on Thursday, December 2, 2021, from 11:30 am to 2:30 pm.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. Raising the Transgender Flag on November 20th to mark Transgender Day of Remembrance

MOVED by Councillor Bligh
SECONDED by Councillor De Genova

WHEREAS

1. The City of Vancouver is a longstanding leader in equity, diversity, and inclusion. Successive City Councils have demonstrated an ongoing commitment to equity, diversity, and inclusion, including a commitment to tackle all forms of exclusion and discrimination for trans*, gender variant, and two-spirit people;
2. In July 2015, Vancouver City Council passed a motion entitled, “*Ensuring Trans* Equality and an Inclusive Vancouver*”;
3. Each year between November 13 – 19, people and organizations around the country participate in Transgender Awareness Week to help raise the visibility about transgender people and address issues members of the community face;
4. Transgender Awareness Week leads up to Transgender Day of Remembrance on November 20th – a day to memorialize victims of transphobic violence and honour the memory of transgender people whose lives were lost in acts of anti-transgender violence that year; and
5. Vancouver is home to the largest Two-Spirit, lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans, gender diverse, and queer (2SLGBTQ+) community in Western Canada.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council direct staff to raise the Transgender Flag at Vancouver City Hall and light up Burrard Bridge and City Hall in white, blue and pink on Saturday, November 20, 2021, to honour the victims of transphobic violence, and the memory of transgender people whose lives have been lost in acts of anti-transgender violence, in accordance with Council’s ongoing commitment to equity, diversity, inclusion, and tackling all forms of exclusion and discrimination for trans*, gender variant, and two-spirit people;

FURTHER THAT Council direct staff to raise the Transgender Flag at Vancouver City Hall as well light up Burrard Bridge and City Hall in white, blue and pink on each subsequent Transgender Day of Remembrance ongoing.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (Vote No. 07822)

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Councillor Hardwick
SECONDED by Councillor Kirby-Yung

THAT the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Council meeting adjourned at 8:04 pm.

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