



REPORT TO COUNCIL

STANDING COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL ON CITY FINANCE AND SERVICES

FEBRUARY 9, 2022

A meeting of the Standing Committee of Council on City Finance and Services was held on Wednesday, February 9, 2022, at 9:32am, in the Council Chamber, Third Floor, City Hall. This Council meeting was convened by electronic means as authorized under the Part 14 of the *Procedure By-law*.

PRESENT:

- Councillor Rebecca Bligh, Chair
- Mayor Kennedy Stewart*
- Councillor Christine Boyle* (Leave of Absence for Civic Business from 9 am – 12 pm)
- 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: Lesley Matthews, Chief, External Relations and Protocol
Brian Fukushima, Meeting Coordinator
Denise Swanston, 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. 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.

PROCLAMATION – PINK SHIRT DAY

The Mayor read the proclamation and proclaimed February 23, 2022, as Pink Shirt Day in the City of Vancouver.

Subsequent to the proclamation, the Chair acknowledged Joe Fortes day which was Friday, February 4, 2022, the 100th anniversary of his death.

1. **Proposed Amendment to Subdivision By-law 5208 - Reclassification of 1140 West 54th Avenue - WITHDRAWN**

2. **Miscellaneous Amendments - Land Use Guidelines, Policies and Plan November 29, 2021**

Lisa King, Planner, City-Wide & Regional Planning, Planning, Urban Design and Sustainability responded to questions from the Committee.

MOVED by Councillor De Genova
THAT the Committee recommend to Council

- A. THAT Council amend the Victory Square Guidelines, generally as presented in Appendix A of the Report dated November 29, 2021, entitled "Miscellaneous Amendments – Land Use Guidelines, Policies and Plans", to correct a reference to horizontal angle of daylight requirements.

- B. THAT Council amend the Victory Square Policy Plan, generally as presented in Appendix B of the Report dated November 29, 2021, entitled "Miscellaneous Amendments – Land Use Guidelines, Policies and Plans", to update the number of SRA designated buildings in the Victory Square policy area to align with the Single Room Accommodation By-law.

- C. THAT Council amend the Seniors Supportive and Assisted Housing Guidelines, generally as presented in Appendix C of the Report dated November 29, 2021, entitled "Miscellaneous Amendments – Land Use Guidelines, Policies and Plans", to replace the term "seniors supportive and assisted housing" with "seniors supportive or assisted housing" to match the defined term in the Zoning and Development By-law.

- D. THAT Council amend the RS-5 Design Guidelines, generally as presented in Appendix D of the Report dated November 29, 2021, entitled "Miscellaneous Amendments – Land Use Guidelines, Policies and Plans", to correct the document title to "RS-3, RS-3A and RS-5 Design Guidelines".

- E. THAT Council amend the Guidelines for the Administration of Variance in Larger Zero Emission Buildings, generally as presented in Appendix E of the Report dated November 29, 2021, entitled "Miscellaneous Amendments – Land Use Guidelines, Policies and Plans", to update the building permit application checklist.

- F. THAT Council amend the Strata Title and Cooperative Conversion Guidelines, generally as presented in Appendix F of the Report dated November 29, 2021, entitled "Miscellaneous Amendments – Land Use Guidelines, Policies and Plans", to update City address and telephone information for applicants.
- G. THAT Council amend the Guidelines for Additions, Infill and Multiple Conversion Dwelling in association with the retention of a Character House in an RS Zone, generally as presented in Appendix G of the Report dated November 29, 2021, entitled "Miscellaneous Amendments – Land Use Guidelines, Policies and Plans", to correct an inaccurate reference.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (Vote No. 8100)
(Councillor Boyle absent for the vote)

3. Report Back - Creating a Tiny Shelter Pilot Project January 25, 2021

Celine Mauboules, Managing Director, Housing and Homelessness Services, Arts, Culture and Community Services introduced the item and along with Sandra Singh, General Manager, Arts, Culture and Community Services and Bruk Melles, Director Homelessness Services, Arts, Culture and Community Services, responded to questions.

During questions to staff, it was

MOVED by Councillor De Genova

THAT the Committee ask a second round of questions to staff.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Councillor Boyle absent for the vote)

Following questions to staff, the Committee heard from one speaker who provided general comments on the recommendations.

MOVED by Councillor Fry
THAT the Committee recommend to Council

- A. THAT Council approve a two year Tiny Shelter Pilot Project, as described in this report, to provide a new emergency shelter model for people experiencing unsheltered homelessness.
- B. THAT Council approve the allocation of up to \$1,500,000, including the grant to be approved in Recommendation C, to support the construction, operations and evaluation of this pilot that will be operational in fall 2022, and that this funding is allocated to the capital and operating budgets as appropriate. Source of Funds: Empty Homes Tax;

FURTHER THAT Council approves up to \$460,000 of that allocation to be added to the 2019-2022 Capital Plan and the appropriate Multi-Year Capital Project Budget and Capital Expenditure Budget for the purchase and construction of 10 tiny shelter structures to be installed on the westerly parking surface at the Klahowya Tillicum Lalum shelter at 875 Terminal Ave, legally described as PIDs 004-111-508 & 008-433-399, Lot 5 Block E Plan 8122, DL 2037 NWD Exc Part In PL 8304, Lot A Plan 8304 DL 2037 NWD, Amended (Expl PI 5052) of Lot, Plan 8304 DL 2037 NWD & PL 8122 (the "Premises").

- C. THAT Council direct staff to continue to work with senior government to secure operating funding to implement the Tiny Shelter Pilot Project;

FURTHER THAT Council direct staff to expedite the creation of the Tiny Shelter Pilot in the absence of senior government operational funding.

FURTHER THAT Council approve a grant of up to \$1,020,000 to Lu'ma Native Housing Society under section 206(1) (j) of the Vancouver Charter, and hereby deems Lu'ma Native Housing Society to be an organization contributing to the welfare of the City. This grant is to be used to fund the operations of the Tiny Shelter Pilot Project for two years (up to \$510,000 per year);

FURTHER THAT the General Manager of Arts, Culture and Community Services (GM of ACCS) (or their designate) be authorized to negotiate and execute agreements with Lu'uma Native Housing Society to disburse the grant on such terms and conditions as are satisfactory to the GM of ACCS and the City Solicitor;

FURTHER THAT Council direct staff to undertake a robust evaluation of the pilot to understand the health and housing outcomes of this new approach and whether the pilot should be expanded;

AND FURTHER THAT Council approve \$20,000 to secure a consultant to evaluate the Tiny Shelter Pilot.

- D. THAT no legal rights or obligations will arise or be created by Council's adoption of recommendations A through C unless and until all legal documentation has been executed and delivered by the respective parties.

carried

REFERRAL MOVED by Councillor Hardwick

THAT Council refer the report back – Creating a Tiny Shelter Pilot Project – back to Staff for further consideration and further, that staff request funding from BC Housing and the federal government prior to bringing recommendations back to Council.

LOST (Vote No. 8099)

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

Councillor Carr rose on a point of order under Section 8.7(f) of the *Procedure By-law*, questioning whether the referral was in order, as it is already part of the report's recommendations. After consultation with staff, the Chair ruled the referral motion in order.

The referral having lost, the motion was put and CARRIED AND C BY THE REQUIRED MAJORITY (Vote No. 08100) with Councillors De Genova and Hardwick opposed.

4. Local Elected Representation on the TransLink Board (Member's Motion B.2)

At the Council meeting on February 8, 2022, Council referred the following motion to the Standing Committee on City Finance and Services meeting on February 9, 2022, in order to hear from speakers, followed by debate and decision.

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At 11:54 am, it was

MOVED by Councillor Carr

THAT the meeting extend past noon in order to complete asking questions of in-person speakers.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Committee recessed at 12:15 pm and reconvened at 2:31 pm

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The Committee heard from five speakers in support of the motion and one speaker who spoke to other aspects of the motion.

MOVED by Councillor Fry
SECONDED by Councillor Swanson

WHEREAS

1. The City of Vancouver had elected Councillors appointed to the TransLink Board until 2008;
2. There are currently two Metro Vancouver mayors and nine unelected members on the TransLink Board;
3. The City of Vancouver Council represents the municipal population with the highest transit use in the region; with 50% of transit riders;
4. The provision of greatly improved public transit is part of one of the City of Vancouver's major Big Moves to address the climate crisis;

5. Representation from the City of Vancouver and other cities within Metro Vancouver on the TransLink Board would open the door for more local initiatives to increase accessibility and affordability of transit for our communities, which would make it easier to meet our climate goals;
6. The Metro Vancouver Mayors' Council on Regional Transportation has consistently and including during the 2020 British Columbia general election, urged the provincial government to move ahead with a promised review of TransLink's governance structure, where a majority of people around the table are elected by the people; and
7. The City of Vancouver's Transportation Advisory Committee and Seniors Advisory Committee have both supported this motion.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council request the Mayor to write to the BC Government and urge them to reconfigure the Board of TransLink to allow for a majority of the Board to be composed of local elected officials, and that these positions are allocated in relation to the populations, ridership, and transit infrastructure present and potential of member cities with consideration of urban, suburban, and rural representation.

CARRIED (Vote No. 08101)
(Councillors Bligh, Boyle, and Kirby-Yung opposed)
(Mayor Stewart and Councillors Dominato and De Genova absent for the vote)

5. Supporting the Legal Challenge Against Discrimination Implied in Quebec's Bill 21 (Member's Motion B.3)

At the Council meeting on February 8, 2022, Council referred the following motion to the Standing Committee on City Finance and Services meeting on February 9, 2022, in order to hear from speakers, followed by debate and decision.

The Committee heard from one speaker in support of the motion.

MOVED by Councillor Swanson
THAT the Committee recommend to Council

WHEREAS

1. In 2019 Vancouver City Council passed the following motion:

"THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Vancouver City Council continues to support diversity, equity, and access for all citizens and support in principle the legal challenge against the discrimination of freedom of religion as set out in Quebec's Bill 21;

FURTHER THAT Council refer this motion to the Racial and Ethno Cultural Equity Advisory Committee for further consideration;"

2. The Racial and Ethno-Cultural Equity Advisory Committee (RECE) considered the motion and a request for the City to help finance a legal challenge to Quebec's Bill 21 on January 13, 2022;
3. The legal challenge is currently in the appeal process at the Quebec Court of Appeal, and then if there is no resolution, it will be escalated to the Supreme Court of Canada;
4. The legal challenge is being led by the World Sikh Organization of Canada, National Council of Canadian Muslims, and the Canadian Civil Liberties Association (<https://ccla.org/major-cases-and-reports/bill-21/>);
5. The Racial and Ethno-Cultural Equity Advisory Committee (RECE) noted the growing list of incidents of Islamophobia, not just in Quebec, but also in BC;
6. The Racial and Ethno-Cultural Equity Advisory Committee (RECE) noted that Bill 21 is not in line with Canadian values and highlights the continued inequality of racialized people and incites racism;
7. The Racial and Ethno-Cultural Equity Advisory Committee (RECE) is also concerned about the potential negative ripple effects of Bill 21 including a further increase in Islamophobic hate incidents;
8. A number of Canadian cities, including Brampton (\$100,000), Toronto (\$100,000) and Victoria (\$9,500) have made financial contributions to support the upcoming Supreme Court case;
9. The Racial and Ethno-Cultural Equity Advisory Committee (RECE) passed a motion calling on Vancouver Council to contribute a minimum of \$100,000 to support the court case, similar to Brampton which has a smaller population than Vancouver;
10. Vancouver City Council believes we cannot allow the defense of the Charter and the foundational value of religious freedom to be on the backs of racialized communities against the Province of Quebec with unlimited legal resources;
11. If Canadian cities assist to fund the legal challenge we level the playing field since it is not a fair legal fight in the absence of federal government involvement;
12. A Supreme Court decision allowing infringement of religious freedom would have negative consequences for Vancouver residents and all Canadians; and
13. Contributing money to the court case would be a concrete way of showing solidarity with Muslims, Sikhs, and others disproportionately affected by Bill 21 in BC and across Canada, and will show that Vancouver is willing to act as well as talk about opposing discrimination against racialized people.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

- A. THAT Vancouver City Council request the Mayor to make public Council's support for the Supreme Court case against Quebec's Bill 21 launched by the World Sikh Organization of Canada, National Council of Canadian Muslims, and Canadian Civil Liberties Association.
- B. THAT Vancouver City Council contribute a grant of \$10,000 to this cause with the money to come out of the City's reserve fund.

amended

AMENDMENT MOVED by Councillor Carr

THAT the following be added as C:

THAT the Mayor and Vancouver City Councillors in their individual capacities be encouraged to promote and encourage people, businesses and organizations, including themselves, to donate to the legal challenge to Quebec's Bill 21 being led by the World Sikh Organization of Canada, National Council of Canadian Muslims and the Canadian Civil Liberties Association. A specific tax-deductible donation portal for this case will be available on the Canadian Civil Liberties Association website: ccla.org.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (Vote No. 8102)
(Councillors De Genova and Dominato and Mayor Stewart absent for the vote)

Prior to the vote, the Committee agreed to sever the components of the motion for the vote, as follows:

- A. THAT Vancouver City Council request the Mayor to make public Council's support for the Supreme Court case against Quebec's Bill 21 launched by the World Sikh Organization of Canada, National Council of Canadian Muslims, and Canadian Civil Liberties Association.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (Vote No. 8103)
(Councillor De Genova absent for the vote)

- B. THAT Vancouver City Council contribute a grant of \$10,000 to this cause with the money to come out of the City's reserve fund.

LOST (Vote No. 8104)
(Councillors Bligh, Hardwick, Dominato and Kirby-Yung opposed)
(Councillor De Genova absent for the vote)

- C. THAT the Mayor and Vancouver City Councillors in their individual capacities be encouraged to promote and encourage people, businesses and organizations, including themselves, to donate to the legal challenge to Quebec's Bill 21 being led by the World Sikh Organization of Canada, National Council of Canadian Muslims and the Canadian Civil Liberties Association. A specific tax-deductible

donation portal for this case will be available on the Canadian Civil Liberties Association website: ccla.org.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (Vote No. 8105)
(Councillor De Genova absent for the vote)

FINAL MOTION AS APPROVED

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THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

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6. Aligning Vancouver's 2023-2026 Capital Plan with Increased Climate Emergency Action (Member's Motion B.4)

At the Council meeting on February 8, 2022, Council referred the following motion to the Standing Committee on City Finance and Services meeting on February 9, 2022, in order to hear from speakers, followed by debate and decision.

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

MOVED by Councillor Carr
THAT the Committee recommend to Council

WHEREAS

1. The City of Vancouver develops 4-year capital plans aligned with the 4-year election cycle and approval of the capital plan by public vote at the time of a civic

election, the next one to be held October 15, 2022;

2. Developing and implementing the City's capital plan is typically an eight-year process: two years to prepare the plan, four years to implement it and two follow-up years to complete construction and wrap up projects. This means that the 2023-2026 capital plan, with projects wrapped up by 2028, must be sufficiently robust to ensure we achieve our city's Climate Emergency Action Plan (CEAP) goals to reduce Greenhouse Gas (GHG) emissions by 50% by 2030. Because Vancouver has only reduced emissions by 15% to date, the 2023-2026 capital plan should aim to reduce our emissions by close to 35%;
3. Climate scientists are urging governments at all levels to more rapidly reduce GHGs to prevent runaway global warming. If we do not reduce GHGs by at least 50% by 2030 and to net zero carbon by 2050 they predict that climate events such as last summer's "heat dome" that resulted in the deaths of 595 British Columbians, 99 of which were Vancouverites, last fall's "atmospheric river" that caused extensive flooding, landslides and severe damage to transportation infrastructure, the unprecedented tornado in Pacific Spirit Park, and the stronger winds coupled with a higher king tide due to rising sea levels seriously damaged Vancouver's seawall this January, will become more common and more severe in the future.
4. Youth, such as Greta Thunberg on a global level, and the Sustainabiliteens in Vancouver, are calling for political leadership on climate change mitigation stating their future is at stake. Leadership is needed at all levels of government. Leadership both inspires and generates more leadership;
5. On November 3, 2021, staff delivered their first CEAP update to Council stating: "the next capital plan is a significant opportunity to consider CEAP funding";
6. As part of Vancouver 2022 Operating Budget passed on December 7, 2021, Council created an annual \$9 million fund dedicated to new climate emergency action specifically directing that the 2022 funding be spent on measures that will undoubtedly require additional capital spending;
7. Investing more in reducing GHGs now will reduce the greater future costs of adapting to climate-caused changes including more extreme temperatures and rising sea levels, and repairing climate-caused damages to our natural and built environments;
8. Staff's November 3, 2021, Report to Council on CEAP noted surveys showing that 90% of Vancouver residents are concerned about climate but only 10% understand the type and scale of action needed, including that the city must use all tools: regulation, advocacy and investment, and increase accountability by tracking milestones, outcomes and expenditures; and
9. City staff also noted in the November 3, 2021, CEAP Report that there are considerable co-benefits to investments in climate action, including better health, more green space, more equitable and lower cost transportation and an estimation that an overall investment of \$1.3B in CEAP measures will generate

\$2.2B in savings including \$1B in savings for Vancouver's residents and businesses over the next decade alone.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

A. THAT Council direct staff to:

1. Report back for Council's consideration early in the 2023-2027 capital budget planning process a list of potential capital projects, with associated costs, benefits and estimated GHG reductions, to:
 - i. Achieve the necessary reductions in our city's GHG emissions to reach, at minimum, our stated goal of 50% reductions in GHG emissions below 2007 levels by 2030 and that would significantly move us to being a net zero carbon city by 2050;
 - ii. Simultaneously achieve equity and resilience objectives, including energy retrofits of city and non-profit owned social and non-market rental housing and childcare facilities, increasing the tree canopy city-wide, and increasing renewable energy production including solar hot water and solar voltaic as a resilience measure;
2. Ensure the needed capital funding is in place in the 2022-2026 capital plan to complete new climate emergency projects funded through the city's annual \$9 million climate levy including those noted in the city's 2022 Operating Budget:
 - i. Electric vehicle infrastructure including EV chargers, power drops for community events, chargers in rental buildings and charging infrastructure for the city's fleet and equipment;
 - ii. Transportation measures including transit, slow streets, and walking and cycling improvements including to Vancouver schools;
 - iii. Building retrofits for Vancouver civic facilities including community centers and libraries to reduce GHGs and provide safe centers during extreme weather events;
3. Establish a regular reporting schedule to Council and the public on the costs and benefits of the funded projects and their contribution to meeting our city's climate emergency goals including emission reductions, increased resiliency and social and economic benefits; and
4. Continue to seek partnership funding from senior governments and other sources to help finance and more quickly implement climate emergency projects.

B. THAT Council direct the Mayor to write letters on behalf of Council to the BC Urban Mayors Caucus (BCUMC), Union of BC Municipalities (UBCM) and Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) to advocate for predictable funding

to enable achieving the Paris Accord targets of reducing GHGs by 50% by 2030 and net zero carbon by 2050, and cost-sharing arrangements with senior levels of government to help fund and more quickly implement climate emergency projects.

amended

AMENDMENT MOVED by Councillor Kirby-Yung

THAT the following be added as C:

THAT Council direct staff to report back for Council's consideration early in the 2023-2026 capital budget planning process a list of potential capital projects for addressing Vancouver's combined sewer overflows in support of the commitment to accelerate action on overflow reduction using a "One Water" integrated approach, with associated costs and environmental benefits.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (Vote No. 8106)
(Councillor De Genova absent for the vote)

AMENDMENT MOVED by Councillor Carr

THAT in A, the date "2023-2027" be corrected to "2023-2026".

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (Vote No. 8107)
(Councillor De Genova absent for the vote)

The amendments having carried, the motion as amended was put and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (Vote No. 08108) with Councillor De Genova absent for the vote.

FINAL MOTION AS APPROVED

WHEREAS

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THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT

- A. THAT Council direct staff to:
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with associated costs, benefits and estimated GHG reductions, to:

- i. Achieve the necessary reductions in our city's GHG emissions to reach, at minimum, our stated goal of 50% reductions in GHG emissions below 2007 levels by 2030 and that would significantly move us to being a net zero carbon city by 2050;
 - ii. Simultaneously achieve equity and resilience objectives, including energy retrofits of city and non-profit owned social and non-market rental housing and childcare facilities, increasing the tree canopy city-wide, and increasing renewable energy production including solar hot water and solar voltaic as a resilience measure;
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 - i. Electric vehicle infrastructure including EV chargers, power drops for community events, chargers in rental buildings and charging infrastructure for the city's fleet and equipment;
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 - iii. Building retrofits for Vancouver civic facilities including community centers and libraries to reduce GHGs and provide safe centers during extreme weather events;
 3. Establish a regular reporting schedule to Council and the public on the costs and benefits of the funded projects and their contribution to meeting our city's climate emergency goals including emission reductions, increased resiliency and social and economic benefits; and
 4. Continue to seek partnership funding from senior governments and other sources to help finance and more quickly implement climate emergency projects.
- B. THAT Council direct the Mayor to write letters on behalf of Council to the BC Urban Mayors Caucus (BCUMC), Union of BC Municipalities (UBCM) and Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) to advocate for predictable funding to enable achieving the Paris Accord targets of reducing GHGs by 50% by 2030 and net zero carbon by 2050, and cost sharing arrangements with senior levels of government to help fund and more quickly implement climate emergency projects.

- C. THAT Council direct staff to report back for Council's consideration early in the 2023-2026 capital budget planning process a list of potential capital projects for addressing Vancouver's combined sewer overflows in support of the commitment to accelerate action on overflow reduction using a "One Water" integrated approach, with associated costs and environmental benefits.

The Committee adjourned at 4:42pm.

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

FEBRUARY 9, 2022

A meeting of the Council of the City of Vancouver was held on Wednesday, February 9, 2022, at 4:42 pm, in the Council Chamber, Third Floor, City Hall, following the Standing Committee on City Finance and Services meeting, to consider the recommendations and actions of the Committee.

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Councillor Adriane Carr
Councillor Pete Fry
Councillor Colleen Hardwick
Councillor Sarah Kirby-Yung
Councillor Jean Swanson
Councillor Michael Wiebe

ABSENT: Councillor Melissa De Genova
Councillor Lisa Dominato

CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE: Paul Mochrie, City Manager

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE: Lesley Matthews, Deputy City Clerk
Brian Fukushima, Meeting Coordinator
Denise Swanston, Meeting Coordinator

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Report of Standing Committee on City Finance and Services
Wednesday, February 9, 2022

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

2. Miscellaneous Amendments - Land Use Guidelines, Policies and Plan
3. Report Back - Creating a Tiny Shelter Pilot Project
4. Local Elected Representation on the TransLink Board (Member's Motion B.2)
5. Supporting the Legal Challenge Against Discrimination Implied in Quebec's Bill 21 (Member's Motion B.3)
6. Aligning Vancouver's 2023-2026 Capital Plan with Increased Climate Emergency Action (Member's Motion B.4)

Items 2 to 6

MOVED by Councillor Wiebe
SECONDED by Councillor Carr

THAT the recommendations and actions taken by the Standing Committee on City Finance and Services at its meeting of February 9, 2022, as contained in items 2 to 6 be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Councillor Wiebe
SECONDED by Councillor Carr

THAT the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Council adjourned at 4:43 pm.

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