



COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

NOVEMBER 15, 2022

A Meeting of the Council of the City of Vancouver was held on Tuesday, November 15, 2022, at 9:30 am, in the Council Chamber, Third Floor, City Hall. This Council meeting was convened by electronic means as authorized in Part 14 of the *Procedure By-law*.

PRESENT:

Mayor Ken Sim
Councillor Christine Boyle
Councillor Adriane Carr
Councillor Lisa Dominato
Councillor Pete Fry
Councillor Sarah Kirby-Yung
Councillor Mike Klassen
Councillor Peter Meiszner
Councillor Brian Montague
Councillor Lenny Zhou

ABSENT:

Councillor Rebecca Bligh (Leave of Absence – Civic Business)

CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE:

Paul Mochrie, City Manager
Armin Amrolia, Deputy City Manager

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE:

Rosemary Hagiwara, Acting City Clerk
Terri Burke, Meeting Coordinator

WELCOME

The Mayor 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 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 Dominato
SECONDED by Councillor Carr

THAT Council will go into meetings later this week which are closed to the public, pursuant to Sections 165.2(1) and 165.2(2) of the *Vancouver Charter*, to discuss matters related to paragraphs:

Section 165.2(1)

- (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;
- (j) information that is prohibited, or information that if it were presented in a document would be prohibited, from disclosure under section 21 [disclosure harmful to business interests of a third party] of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act;
- (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;

Section 165.2(2)

- (b) the consideration of information received and held in confidence relating to negotiations between the city and a provincial government or the federal government or both, or between a provincial government or the federal government or both and a third party.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

1. Council – October 25, 2022

MOVED by Councillor Kirby-Yung
SECONDED by Councillor Carr

THAT the Minutes of the Council meeting of October 25, 2022, be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MATTERS ADOPTED ON CONSENT

At the beginning of Matters Adopted on Consent, Mayor Sim declared a conflict of interest on Item R1 "Appointment of External Auditor for 2023", as he had hired the accounting firm of KPMG in the past.

MOVED by Councillor Dominato
SECONDED by Councillor Carr

THAT Council adopt Communication 1, Reports 1, 3, 4, 5, and Referral Report 1, on consent.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Mayor Sim ineligible to vote for Item Report 1 due to conflict of interest)

COMMUNICATIONS

1. Changes to 2022 Council Meetings Schedule

THAT Council cancel the Public Hearing on December 6, 2022.

ADOPTED ON CONSENT (Vote No. 08852)

REPORTS

1. Appointment of External Auditor for 2023 November 1, 2022

- A. THAT the accounting firm of KPMG LLP (KPMG) be appointed as the City's External Auditor for the fiscal year 2023.
- B. THAT the audit fee be set at \$114,500 (exclusive of applicable taxes). Funding is included in the 2023 operating budget.

ADOPTED ON CONSENT (Vote No. 08853)
(Mayor Sim ineligible to vote due to conflict of interest)

2. Business License Hearing Panels – November and December 2022 November 1, 2022

MOVED by Councillor Kirby-Yung
SECONDED by Councillor Dominato

THAT Council delegate the holding of hearings under Section 275 or 278, or appeals under Sections 277 of the *Vancouver Charter*, for those hearing dates designated by Council to a panel of three Council Members as follows:

November 22 – 9:30 am

Councillor Montague – Chair
Councillor Carr
Councillor Boyle
Councillor Dominato – Alternate

November 23 – 6:00 pm

Councillor Carr – Chair
Councillor Zhou
Councillor Bligh
Councillor Fry – Alternate

December 13 – 9:30 am

Councillor Dominato – Chair
Councillor Kirby-Yung
Councillor Boyle
Councillor Klassen – Alternate

December 14 – 6:00 pm

Councillor Fry – Chair
Councillor Meiszner
Councillor Kirby-Yung
Councillor Carr – Alternate

Should any of the above members of Council be unable to attend the hearings, the hearings and the power to make a Council decision in relation to those hearings will be delegated to the remaining two Councillors and alternate Councillor.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (Vote No. 08848)

**3. Quarterly Capital Budget Adjustments and Closeouts
November 3, 2022**

- A. THAT Council approve capital budget and funding adjustments as outlined in the Report dated November 3, 2022, entitled “Quarterly Capital Budget Adjustments and Closeouts”, and Appendix 3 of the same report, which will result in:
 - a. No change to the 2019-2022 Capital Plan;
 - b. An increase of \$18.0 million to the Multi-Year Capital Project Budgets;
and
 - c. No change to the current City-wide overall 2022 Capital Expenditure Budget.

- B. THAT, as part of the Capital Budget closeout process, Council approve the closeout of 3 capital projects that were completed with surplus exceeding \$0.2 million, as outlined in the Report dated November 3, 2022, entitled “Quarterly Capital Budget Adjustments and Closeouts” and Appendix 4 of the same report.
- C. THAT Council receive for information the budget surpluses or deficits for capital projects included in this closeout that were funded by voter-approved capital funding, as noted in Appendix 5 of the Report dated November 3, 2022, entitled “Quarterly Capital Budget Adjustments and Closeouts”.

ADOPTED ON CONSENT (Vote No. 08856)

**4. Vancouver Heritage Register 2022 Update
September 9, 2022**

THAT Council direct staff to amend the Vancouver Heritage Register as per the additions, deletions, and address adjustments listed in Appendix B of the Report dated September 9, 2022, entitled “Vancouver Heritage Register 2022 Update”.

ADOPTED ON CONSENT (Vote No. 08857)

**5. Approval of Council Initiatives – Business Improvement Area (BIA) Renewals 2023
November 1, 2022**

Dunbar Village BIA Renewal:

- A1. THAT Council confirm the Dunbar Village Business Association as sponsor for the Dunbar Village BIA.
- A2. THAT Council approve the commencement of a Council Initiative to re-establish (renew) the Dunbar Village BIA, for a further term (3 years) commencing April 1, 2023;

FURTHER THAT Council forward the application of the Dunbar Village Business Association to a hearing of the Court of Revision.
- A3. THAT the City notify property owners and tenants within the area (outlined in Appendix A1 of the Report dated November 1, 2022, entitled “Approval of Council Initiatives – Business Improvement Area (BIA) Renewals 2023”) of the proposed BIA renewal and levy.
- A4. THAT Council approve a 3-year (2023-2026) funding-ceiling of \$500,000 for the Dunbar Village BIA, subject to Council approval of the renewal.

Robson Street BIA Renewal:

- B1. THAT Council confirm the Robson Street Business Association as sponsor for the Robson Street BIA.
- B2. THAT Council approve the commencement of a Council Initiative to re-establish (renew) the Robson Street BIA, for a further term (5 years) commencing April 1, 2023;

FURTHER THAT Council forward the application of the Robson Street Business Association to a hearing of the Court of Revision.
- B3. THAT the City notify property owners and tenants within the area (outlined in Appendix B1 of the Report dated November 1, 2022, entitled "Approval of Council Initiatives – Business Improvement Area (BIA) Renewals 2023") of the proposed BIA renewal and levy.
- B4. THAT Council approve a 5-year (2023-2028) funding-ceiling of \$3,916,894 for the Robson Street BIA, subject to Council approval of the renewal.

ADOPTED ON CONSENT (Vote No. 08858)

**6. Applications to Government of British Columbia Funding Programs
November 2, 2022**

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

MOVED by Councillor Dominato
SECONDED by Councillor Boyle

THAT Council approve the following funding applications:

- 1. Government of British Columbia's Adaptation, Resilience and Disaster Mitigation (ARDM) Program for \$10,000,000 to begin the first phase of nature-based flood mitigation work around Still Creek.
- 2. Government of British Columbia's Active Transportation Infrastructure Grants Program for \$500,000 for Phase 1 of the Granville Interim Connector project.
- 3. Government of British Columbia's Active Transportation Infrastructure Grants Program for \$500,000 for Micromobility (e.g. electric bikes) Power Connections.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (Vote No. 08849)

**7. Extended Hours for Liquor Establishments and Restaurants During the 2022 FIFA World Cup
November 4, 2022**

Staff from Development, Buildings and Licensing responded to questions.

MOVED by Councillor Fry
SECONDED by Councillor Kirby-Yung

THAT Council approve, in principle amendments to the Business Premises Regulation of Hours By-law to align Liquor Establishment hours of operation with the Liquor Primary extended hours of LCRB Policy Directive 22-15 for the duration of the 2022 FIFA World Cup, and to allow Restaurants in the Downtown Eastside to remain open between 2 am and 6 am for the duration of the 2022 FIFA World Cup, generally as shown in Appendix A of the Report dated November 4, 2022, entitled "Extended Hours for Liquor Establishments and Restaurants During the 2022 FIFA World Cup";

FURTHER THAT the Director of Legal Services be instructed to bring forward for enactment a by-law generally in accordance with Appendix A of the above-noted report.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (Vote No. 08850)

REFERRAL REPORTS

**1. Miscellaneous Amendments Concerning Various CD-1 By-laws
November 1, 2022**

THAT the General Manager of Planning, Urban Design and Sustainability be instructed to make application to bring forward the zoning by-law amendments as described below and that the application be referred to Public Hearing together with the recommendations set out below;

FURTHER THAT the Director of Legal Services be instructed to prepare the necessary by-laws, in accordance with the recommendations set out below, for consideration at the Public Hearing.

RECOMMENDATION FOR PUBLIC HEARING

THAT Council approves the application to:

- (i) amend CD-1 (835) By-law No. 13487 for 443 Seymour Street to correct a floor area exclusion reference, generally as presented in Appendix A of the Referral Report dated November 1, 2022, entitled "Miscellaneous Amendments Concerning Various CD-1 By-laws";
- (ii) amend CD-1 (823) By-law No. 13475 for 8460 Ash Street and 8495 Cambie Street to clarify the height descriptions for the proposed

development, generally as presented in Appendix B of the above-noted report;

- (iii) amend CD-1 (828) By-law No. 13480 for 1837-1863 East 11th Avenue and 2631-2685 Victoria Drive to correct permitted dwelling uses, generally as presented in Appendix C of the above-noted report;
- (iv) amend CD-1 (643) By-law No. 11661 for 1335 Howe Street to permit a wider range of commercial uses, generally as presented in Appendix D of the above-noted report; and
- (v) amend CD-1 (809) By-law No. 13302 for 810 Kingsway to correct the site area, generally as presented in Appendix E of the above-noted report.

ADOPTED ON CONSENT (Vote No. 08859)

BY-LAWS

Councillors Klassen, Meiszner, Montague and Zhou advised they had reviewed the proceedings related to by-laws 15 and 16 and would therefore be voting on the enactments.

MOVED by Councillor Dominato

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 32 inclusive, and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign and seal the enacted by-laws.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

1. A By-law to amend the Building By-law No. 12511 regarding energy reporting (By-law No. 13543)
2. By-law to amend the Business Premises Regulation of Hours By-law during the 2022 FIFA World Cup (By-law No. 13544)
3. A By-law to amend Building By-law No. 12511 regarding fees for 2023 (By-law No. 13545)
4. A By-law to amend Electrical By-law No. 5563 regarding fees for 2023 (By-law No. 13546)
5. A By-law to amend Gas Fitting By-law No. 3507 regarding fees for 2023 (By-law No. 13547)
6. A By-law to amend Miscellaneous Fees By-law No. 5664 regarding fees for 2023 (By-law No. 13548)

7. A By-law to amend Noise Control By-law No. 6555 regarding fees for 2023 (By-law No. 13549)
8. A By-law to amend Protection of Trees By-law No. 9958 regarding fees for 2023 (By-law No. 13550)
9. A By-law to amend Secondary Suite Inspection Fee By-law No. 6553 regarding fees for 2023 (By-law No. 13551)
10. A By-law to amend Sign Fee By-law No. 11880 regarding fees for 2023 (By-law No. 13552)
11. A By-law to amend the Green Demolition By-law regarding fees for 2023 (By-law No. 13553)
12. A By-law to amend Subdivision By-law No. 5208 regarding fees for 2023 (By-law No. 13554)
13. A By-law to amend Zoning and Development Fee By-law No. 5585 regarding fees for 2023 (By-law No. 13555)
14. A By-law to amend Noise Control By-law No. 6555 regarding a housekeeping amendment for 720 Beatty Street and 701 Expo Boulevard (By-law No. 13556)
15. A By-law to amend Zoning and Development By-law No. 3575 to rezone an area to CD-1 (6031 Dunbar Street) (By-law No. 13557)
(Mayor Sim ineligible to vote)
16. A By-law to amend Zoning and Development By-law No. 3575 to rezone an area to CD-1 (1477 West Broadway) (By-law No. 13558)
(Mayor Sim ineligible to vote)
17. A By-law to amend the Vancouver Development Cost Levy By-law No. 9755 regarding Low Operational Cost Housing (By-law No. 13559)
18. A By-law to amend the Vancouver Utilities Development Cost Levy By-law No. 12183 regarding the Low Operational Cost Housing (By-law No. 13560)
19. A By-law to enact a Housing Agreement for 1130 Pendrell Street (formerly 1116 Pendrell Street) (By-law No. 13561)
20. A By-law to amend Subdivision By-law No. 5208 (7239-7255 Oak Street) (By-law No. 13562)
21. A By-law to amend Subdivision By-law No. 5208 (319-359 West 49th Avenue) (By-law No. 13563)
22. A By-law to amend Subdivision By-law No. 5208 (515 West 60th Avenue) (By-law No. 13564)

23. A By-law to amend Subdivision By-law No. 5208 (277-291 West 42nd Avenue) (By-law No. 13565)
24. A By-law to amend Subdivision By-law No. 5208 (724 East 56th Avenue) (By-law No. 13566)
25. A By-law to amend Subdivision By-law No. 5208 (146-186 West 41st Avenue and 5726 Columbia Street) (By-law No. 13567)
26. A By-law to amend Subdivision By-law No. 5208 (564-570 West 49th Avenue) (By-law No. 13568)
27. A By-law to amend Subdivision By-law No. 5208 (3449 – 3479 West 41st Avenue and 5664 Collingwood Street) (By-law No. 13569)
28. A By-law to amend Subdivision By-law No. 5208 (6869-6909 Ash Street) (By-law No. 13570)
29. A By-law to enact a Housing Agreement for 1332 Thurlow Street and 1065 Harwood Street (By-law No. 13571)
30. A By-law to enact a Housing Agreement for 1066-1078 Harwood Street (By-law No. 13572)
31. A By-law to enact a Housing Agreement for 8420 Ash Street (By-law No. 13573)
32. A By-law to enact a Housing Agreement for 8491 Cambie Street (By-law No. 13574)

MOTIONS

A. Administrative Motions

1. Approval of Form of Development: 1405 East 15th Avenue and 3077 Maddams Street

MOVED by Councillor Klassen
SECONDED by Councillor Meiszner

THAT the form of development for this portion of the site known as 1405 East 15th Avenue and 3077 Maddams Street be approved generally as illustrated in the Development Application Number DP-2021-00845, prepared by Fabric Living Developments, and stamped "Received, Community Services Group, Development Services", on August 26, 2022, provided that the Director of Planning may impose conditions and approve design changes which would not adversely affect either the development character of the site or adjacent properties.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. Approval of Form of Development: 477 West 42nd Avenue (Formerly 441-475 West 42nd Avenue)

MOVED by Councillor Zhou
SECONDED by Councillor Kirby-Yung

THAT the form of development for the site known as 477 West 42nd Avenue (formerly 441-475 West 42nd Avenue) be approved generally as illustrated in Development Application Number DP-2021-00991, prepared by Urban Solutions Architects (submitted July 28, 2022), provided the Director of Planning may impose conditions or approve design changes that will not adversely affect the character of the site or adjacent properties.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. Approval of Form of Development: 1881 East 11th Avenue (Formerly 1837-1863 East 11th Avenue and 2631-2685 Victoria Drive)

MOVED by Councillor Montague
SECONDED by Councillor Meiszner

THAT the form of development for this portion of the site known as 1881 East 11th Avenue be approved generally as illustrated in the Development Application Number DP-2022-00073, prepared by RWA Group Architecture Ltd., and submitted electronically on July 18, 2022, provided that the Director of Planning may impose conditions and approve design changes which would not adversely affect either the development character of the site or adjacent properties.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. Approval of Form of Development: 2488 Granville Street (Formerly 1477 West Broadway)

MOVED by Councillor Zhou
SECONDED by Councillor Boyle

THAT the form of development for this portion of the site known as 2488 Granville Street be approved generally as illustrated in the Development Application Number DP-2022-00383, prepared by Musson Cattell Mackey Partnership, digitally received by Community Services Group, Development Services, on October 17, 2022, provided that the Director of Planning may impose conditions and approve design changes which would not adversely affect either the development character of the site or adjacent properties.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

B. Council Members' Motions

1. Requests for Leaves of Absence

MOVED by Councillor Klassen
SECONDED by Councillor Zhou

THAT Councillor Bligh be granted a Leave of Absence for personal reasons from meetings on November 15 and 16, 2022, from 9:30 am to 10 pm;

FURTHER THAT Councillor Bligh be granted Leaves of Absence for civic business from meetings on December 7, 2022, from 9:30 am to 10 pm and on December 8, 2022, from 6 pm to 10 pm;

FURTHER THAT Councillor Fry be granted Leaves of Absence for civic business from meetings on November 16, 2022, from 11 am to 1 pm, November 30, 2022, from 5 pm onwards, December 6, 2022, from 9:30 am to 11 am, and December 16, 2022, from 6 pm onwards;

FURTHER THAT Councillor Boyle be granted a Leave of Absence for civic business from meetings on December 6, 2022, from 9:30 am to 11 am;

AND FURTHER THAT Councillor Carr be granted a Leave of Absence for civic business from meetings on December 6, 2022, from 9:30 am to 10 am.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. Adopting the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance (IHRA) Working Definition of Antisemitism

MOVED by Councillor Kirby-Yung
SECONDED by Councillor Klassen

WHEREAS

1. The City of Vancouver is committed to advancing reconciliation, equity, and anti-racism for all people in Vancouver and committed to combatting all forms of hatred, including antisemitism. The City continually strives for improvement and to work toward a fairer, safer, more inclusive city;
2. January 27 is designated by the United Nations General Assembly as International Holocaust Remembrance Day; ⁱ
3. On May 26, 2016, the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance Plenary, of which the Government of Canada is a permanent member, adopted the working definition of antisemitism and its list of illustrative examples;

4. On June 25, 2019, the Government of Canada adopted the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance working definition of Antisemitism (IHRA Definition of Antisemitism);
5. At the July 23, 2019, regular Vancouver City Council meeting, a motion was introduced calling for the City to adopt the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance (IHRA) non-legally binding working definition of antisemitism and list of illustrative examples ("*Combating Antisemitism in Vancouver*");
6. The motion ("*Combating Antisemitism in Vancouver*") was referred to the City's Racial and Ethno-Cultural Equity Advisory Committee to provide recommendations to Council on how the City of Vancouver can increase action to combat all forms of racism and hatred, including Antisemitism, with further direction to staff to work with the Racial and Ethno-Cultural Equity Advisory Committee and report back with recommendations "as soon as possible, or by early 2020.";ⁱⁱ
7. Every person in the City of Vancouver has the right to realize their potential without fear of discrimination, and to live in conditions of dignity, respect; and peace;
8. Antisemitism is on the rise around the world, and antisemitic and anti-Jewish hate has flourished in the digital age;
9. Statistics Canada reports that members of the Jewish community are the most frequently targeted religious minority group when it comes to police-reported hate crimes in 2021. Anti-Jewish hate crimes include beatings, vandalism of synagogues, racist slurs, harassment, intimidation and the plastering of swastikas at schools;
10. In response to the rise of antisemitism and anti-Jewish hate crimes, on July 21, 2021, the Government of Canada and the Honourable Irwin Cotler, Canada's Special Envoy on Preserving Holocaust Remembrance and Combating Antisemitism, convened the National Antisemitism Summit to identify ways in which organizations, communities, individuals, and the federal government can work together to increase public awareness, enhance community security, combat misinformation and online hate and identify new measures necessary to combat antisemitism;
11. In June 2022, the Province of BC started working with the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance (IHRA) non-legally binding working definition of antisemitism. In a letter sent to the Pacific region office at the Centre for Israel and Jewish Affairs (CIJA) in Vancouver, BC Premier John Horgan wrote:

"Our government understands that systemic racism looks different for different communities and that it can change over time.... We also understand that to effectively combat one of the world's oldest forms of hatred, we must first clearly identify it. In this light, we see the IHRA definition as an important non-legally

binding educational tool to help us determine what is and what is not antisemitic, which allows us to work toward a society that is better for all British Columbians.”

12. More recently, on October 14, 2022, the Government of Canada reiterated its strong condemnation of the alarming rise of antisemitism at home and abroad and committed to countering online antisemitism by introducing new legislation, along with strengthening the Canada Human Rights Act and the Criminal Code;
13. The City of Vancouver website states: “As we continue to develop our anti-racism and equity strategies to ensure that Vancouver is a more inclusive and fair place, it is more important than ever that the lessons learned and the horrors of the Holocaust remain present in the public consciousness so they are never repeated.”; ⁱⁱⁱ
14. To date, and in the face of the alarming global increase in antisemitism and anti-Jewish hate and the significant and meaningful actions taken by the federal and provincial governments, the City’s actions are not as emphatic or supportive as the situation demands. In the face of ongoing and increasing antisemitism, Council should take a strong stance to combat antisemitism in our city and provide the practical tools, such as the IHRA non-legally binding working definition of antisemitism, to identify antisemitism when and wherever it manifests in our community.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

- A. THAT the City of Vancouver adopt the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance (IHRA) non-legally binding working definition of antisemitism and list of illustrative examples, as adopted by the IHRA plenary on May 26, 2016, and the Government of Canada in June 2019, which reads:

“Antisemitism is a certain perception of Jews, which may be expressed as hatred toward Jews. Rhetorical and physical manifestations of antisemitism are directed toward Jewish or non-Jewish individuals and/or their property, toward Jewish community institutions and religious facilities.”

- B. THAT Council direct staff to share this motion and the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance non-legally binding working definition of antisemitism with the Vancouver Police Board, Vancouver Public Library, Vancouver Park Board and Vancouver School Board for their review and consideration as an additional practical and educational tool, in addition to any existing working definitions, in identifying antisemitism.

Source: <https://www.holocaustremembrance.com/working-definition-antisemitism>

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ⁱ. Since 2005, the United Nations and its member states have held commemoration ceremonies to mark the anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz-Birkenau and to honour the victims and the survivors of the

Holocaust. The purpose of this Day is to commemorate the victims of the Nazi regime, and to promote Holocaust education throughout the world.

ii. The stated purpose of an August 2022 staff memo to Mayor and Council, which followed up on a March 2021 Anti-Racism and Cultural Redress update to Mayor and Council, was to provide an update on the development of an anti-racism action plan as directed through Council motion 13927: Standing Up to the Rise in Anti-Asian Racism, All Racism & Hate Crimes 13927 (Nov 2020). The work to address the Council motion 13367: Combatting Anti-Semitism in Vancouver 13367 (Jul 2019) was included as part of this effort. <https://vancouver.ca/files/cov/2022-08-05-cm-update-on-anti-racism-strategy.pdf>

iii. In 2020, Mayor and Council passed a motion that the International Holocaust Remembrance Day would become one of Vancouver's official observances.

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REFERRAL MOVED by Councillor Carr
SECONDED by Councillor Boyle

THAT the motion entitled "Adopting the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance (IHRA) Working Definition of Antisemitism" be referred to the Standing Committee on Policy and Strategic Priorities meeting on Wednesday, November 16, 2022, to hear from speakers, followed by debate and decision.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. Urgent Measures to Uplift Vancouver's Chinatown

MOVED by Councillor Kirby-Yung
SECONDED by Councillor Zhou

WHEREAS

1. Vancouver's Chinatown is a cultural gem and holds an irreplaceable place in the fabric of our city and in the hearts and minds of Vancouver residents;
2. Historically, Vancouver's Chinatown community was established before the city was even incorporated and is considered to be the largest Chinatown in Canada. It has been a designated National Historic Site since June 2010;
3. Symbolic of the resilience and strength of Chinatown and Chinese Canadians in the face of adversity, are the 20th century's two world wars where Chinese Canadians fought for a country where they could not vote, where they had been the target of race riots spurred by anti-Asian sentiment, and been subjected to discriminatory policies from all three levels of government including: the Chinese head tax, a freeway plan that would have paved over Chinatown, and even a federal order to ban the sale of delectable Chinese barbecued meats;

4. In April 2018, Vancouver City Council officially apologized to the Chinese Canadian community, recognizing the historical discrimination against Chinese People in Vancouver, and committed to conserving, commemorating, and enhancing the living heritage and cultural assets of the community;
5. In recent years, Vancouver's Chinatown has been hit by – and struggled with – challenges ranging from the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic to ongoing anti-Asian hate in the city. Anti-Asian hate crime incidents saw a 400 percent increase from 2018 to 2022 YTD, with violent assaults and random attacks on local seniors, ongoing safety concerns, and increasing graffiti and vandalism impacting small businesses, cultural organizations, and institutions;
6. According to a preliminary report to Council by City staff, vacancy rates have increased in Chinatown by 23.7 percent compared to pre-pandemic levels, hitting 17 percent relative to the Vancouver citywide average of 10 percent. Broken windows are common, and nuisance and damaging graffiti are now a constant that shopkeepers and building owners cannot keep up with (yet many were further challenged by punitive City by-laws that levy fines if graffiti is not removed quickly enough);
7. The economic survival and vibrancy of the Chinatown community is being hindered by these issues that are not being suitably addressed, and the impacts are being felt by area residents, small businesses, cultural organizations, locals, and visitors alike;
8. Without immediate action, more than 700 small businesses and arts and culture organizations that operate in Chinatown are very much at risk. Many are culturally relevant or legacy businesses, such as the community hub Goldstone Bakery and Restaurant which recently closed after 30+ years of operation. The character and the customs of these businesses that could soon be lost forever are what make Chinatown what it is. Collectively they comprise the unique, intangible qualities and living cultural heritage upon which the contemplated UNESCO World Heritage Site designation hinges;
9. Recently, the Vancouver Police Foundation supported a visit of representatives and community leaders to San Francisco's Chinatown in order to learn firsthand how this historic neighbourhood had overcome similar challenges to those faced by Vancouver's Chinatown. City of Vancouver staff were invited to be part of that initiative. The findings the delegation identified highlighted the fact that the success in addressing the problems of San Francisco's Chinatown was built on strong partnerships between local community groups, the San Francisco police department, and the City of San Francisco Public Works department, as well as through the establishment of clearly defined programs, communications protocols, and resource allocation;
10. Specifically, San Francisco set about tackling issues in their Chinatown through a multi-pronged approach including:
 - Alley beautification

- Graffiti response & mural programs
 - Clean-up efforts
 - Volunteerism and community initiatives
11. Success in San Francisco was achieved by explicitly directing that City sanitation and cleaning resources be stepped up and dedicated to the initiative, including activities such as weekly power washing of sidewalks and alleys, enhanced cleaning and needle pick-up, place-making through beautification of alleys and art projects with local artists, removal of punitive by-laws that fine businesses for not removing nuisance graffiti quickly enough, shifting to a help-centered approach with a dedicated number to call the City's Public Works for assistance, and volunteer groups that would do patrols and also help with cleanup and other efforts;
12. Vancouver's Chinatown is a cultural gem under siege. Rectifying the situation requires immediate leadership from Vancouver City Hall in partnership with the local community to invest in and support uplifting Chinatown to help return vibrancy to this important neighbourhood.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

- A. THAT Council direct staff to report back by the first regular Council meeting in January 2023 with a draft action plan to support urgent measures to uplift Chinatown, including engaging with the VPD and community leaders regarding the San Francisco experience to inform the action plan;
- FURTHER THAT the plan to uplift Chinatown shall include, but not be limited to, recommendations for enhanced support from Streets & Engineering including robust street, alley, and sidewalk cleaning, litter and needle pick-up, new graffiti removal strategies, place-making, new murals or local artwork, as well as outreach opportunities that include local community groups in graffiti clean-ups, safe walks, and seniors support.
- B. THAT the above direction to staff in A above, identify the required resources from the 2023 Operating Budget, and that consideration be given to extending the impact of these resources through use of the Community Stewards Program and engagement with the Chinese Policing Centre.
- C. THAT staff report back as soon as possible on potential by-law changes to remove or waive fines to property owners and businesses that are repeat victims of nuisance and damaging graffiti.
- D. THAT Council direct staff to establish a satellite City office in Chinatown, such as within the City-owned Chinatown Plaza, or within another City-owned property or reasonable alternative, to provide Mayor and Council with the ability to work from the space and meet with community members as desired.

referred

REFERRAL MOVED by Councillor Dominato
SECONDED by Councillor Carr

THAT the motion entitled “Urgent Measures to Uplift Vancouver’s Chinatown” be referred to the Standing Committee on Policy and Strategic Priorities meeting on Wednesday, November 16, 2022, to hear from speakers, followed by debate and decision.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. Accessibility Audit of all City-Owned Assets

MOVED by Councillor Dominato
SECONDED by Councillor Boyle

WHEREAS

1. The City values all members of its diverse communities and strives to meet the needs of everyone, regardless of ability;
2. On July 19, 2022, City Council adopted the City’s first Accessibility Strategy with a goal to have phase 1 in place by fall 2022. The City’s Accessibility Strategy sets out key definitions, principles, and areas of focus, and identifies what needs to be done and how it will get done;
3. The City of Vancouver’s Accessibility Strategy is centred on the inclusion of persons with disabilities in our city by having inclusive and accessible services, accessible programs, buildings, and public spaces, and ways to get rid of barriers that stop people from taking part in city life;
4. The City uses the term “persons with disabilities” to include people who experience physical, mental health, cognitive, communication, intellectual, sensory, or age-related impairments, as well as people with lived experience of mental health challenges or substance-use related disabilities;
5. According to the World Health Organization (WHO) definition of a “disability” embedded in the City’s Accessibility Strategy, “disability” is an umbrella term that describes impairments, activity limitations and participation restrictions, and the negative aspects of the interaction between an individual (with health condition) and that individual’s contextual factors (environmental and personal factors);
6. Likewise, the City’s Accessibility Strategy aligns with the *Accessible Canada Act*, which defines a “disability” as “any physical, mental health, cognitive, intellectual, sensory or age-related impairments which, in interaction with various barriers, may hinder full and effective participation in society on an equal basis with others. These disabilities may be visible or invisible and may be permanent, temporary or episodic.”;

7. In support of the City's Accessibility Strategy, Council created an Accessibility Task Force to guide the work of the Strategy, with members drawn from the Persons with Disabilities Advisory Committee and the Seniors' Advisory Committee. The Task Force – which has been meeting regularly since the beginning of 2020 – works with City staff to make City infrastructure, facilities, programs, and services more accessible and inclusive for all;
8. As a young and rapidly growing city, Vancouver has the opportunity to not only be an accessible city, but to also set a goal to become the most accessible city in the world.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Vancouver City Council direct staff to report back with an update on the City's Accessibility Strategy by the end of Q1 of 2023, including information on accessibility audits completed to date and an action plan with associated costs to complete accessibility audits of all remaining City facilities and assets;

FURTHER THAT staff be directed and otherwise empowered to include in their report back to Council any and all information that would be relevant to achieving the goal to make Vancouver the most accessible city in the world.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (Vote No. 08851)

5. Enabling the Requisitioning and Hiring of 100 New Police Officers and 100 Mental Health Nurses

MOVED by Councillor Dominato
SECONDED by Councillor Montague

WHEREAS

1. Mental illness and addictions are experienced by residents from all corners of the city;
2. The Vancouver Police Department (VPD) has a number of successful Mental Health Initiatives to serve people living with mental illness. For more than 40 years the VPD has partnered with Vancouver Coastal Health (VCH) to help improve the quality of life for mutual clients living with mental illness, substance use, and addiction;
3. The VPD collaboration with VCH and other community partner aims to reduce harm to both clients and the community, and to reduce a client's involvement with the criminal justice system, law enforcement, and emergency health services, by providing a coordinated response;
4. The VPD's mental health initiatives and partnerships include (but are not limited to):

- **Car 87/88 – Mental Health Cars** – VPD officers partner with mental health professionals to provide assessments and intervention for people living with mental illness. Specially-trained officers in plainclothes team up with psychiatric nurses seven days a week and respond to requests from patrol officers and Assertive Outreach Team members for mental health assistance. They determine the most appropriate action in each case, which can include immediate referrals for community-based mental health services or emergency intervention.
 - **Assertive Community Treatment (ACT) Teams** – A small group of clients have repeated and frequent use of the emergency medical system and extensive contact with police. They also encounter barriers to housing and employment. It makes living in the community challenging. ACT teams provide full-service mental health programs and “wrap-around” care for clients with a history of complex mental health issues. The teams help clients transition to traditional community-based care. Teams are 10 to 12 people, and include police officers, nurses, social workers, psychiatrists, and vocational counsellors.
 - **Assertive Outreach Team (AOT)** – While ACT addresses the most high-risk, high-needs clients through long-term, wrap-around services, the Assertive Outreach Team (AOT) provides short-term bridging services to clients to help them transition from hospital or jail to longer-term community-based services, such as ACT. VPD officers collaborate with Vancouver Coastal Health psychiatrists, nurses, and clinical supervisors to reduce incidents of violence and self-harm, prevent further deterioration in quality of life, and reduce involvement with the criminal justice system.
 - **VPD Mental Health Unit** – The VPD Mental Health Unit works to reduce the number of people cycling through the criminal justice system as a result of untreated mental health disorders. The Unit works with Vancouver Coastal Health Mental Health clinical staff. Together, they ensure a coordinated response.
5. On December 8, 2020, Council approved a net VPD budget of \$316,079,342 plus \$300,000 in separate funding for CPCs, resulting in a VPD budget shortfall of \$5,689,974 for 2021. The VPD quantified this funding shortfall as being equivalent to 61 police recruits, or 4.5% of the VPD’s authorized sworn strength;
 6. On March 8, 2021, the Police Board appealed to the Province’s Director of Police Services for a review of Council’s decision under section 27(3) of the Police Act;
 7. In March 2022, B.C.’s Director of Police Services, Wayne Rideout, ruled that the Vancouver Police Department should not have been denied the additional \$5.7 million it requested in December 2020 to fully fund its 2021 operating budget;
 8. The nature, scope, and magnitude of the mental health and addiction crisis facing Vancouver requires a significant and substantial increase in supports and

actions to improve the quality of life for those living with mental illness, substance use, and addiction in our city.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

- A. THAT Council empower the Mayor to write to the Vancouver Police Board (VPB) and the Board of Vancouver Coastal Health (VCH) on behalf of Council to formally advise of Council's intention to make funding available to the Vancouver Police Board and VCH to enable the requisitioning and hiring of 100 new police officers and 100 mental health nurses to support various mental health initiatives and partnerships between the two agencies;

FURTHER THAT copies of the Mayor's letters be sent to the senior management of the Vancouver Police Department (VPD) and VCH, the Vancouver Police Union, local Indigenous Governments, and other relevant partners and stakeholders.

- B. THAT Council direct staff to allocate an initial block of funding in the City's 2023 operating budget in the amount of \$4.5 million to enable the Vancouver Police Department (VPD) to requisition and hire new police officers. Such funding will be made available to the VPD on or after January 1, 2023 subject to Council's acceptance of plan from the VPD for hiring and deploying the additional police officers to enhance and expand mental health initiatives and partnerships between VPD and Vancouver Coastal Health (VCH), such as the Car 87/88 program, Assertive Community Treatment (ACT) Teams and Assertive Outreach Team (AOT). The interim funding source for the \$4.5M allocation will be the general revenue stabilization reserve, with the final funding source to be identified by Council in the 2023 operating budget.
- C. THAT Council direct staff to allocate an initial block of funding in the City's 2023 operating budget in the amount of \$1.5 million to enable Vancouver Coastal Health (VCH) to requisition and hire new nurses. The funding will be made available to VCH on or after January 1, 2023 subject to agreement between the City and VCH on a plan for use of the funds to hire additional nurses to enhance and expand mental health initiatives and partnerships between VCH and the Vancouver Police Department (VPD), such as the Car 87/88 program, Assertive Community Treatment (ACT) Teams and Assertive Outreach Team (AOT). The interim funding source for the \$1.5M allocation will be the general revenue stabilization reserve, with the final funding source to be identified by Council in the 2023 operating budget.

referred

REFERRAL MOVED by Councillor Carr
SECONDED by Councillor Klassen

THAT the motion entitled “Enabling the Requisitioning and Hiring of 100 New Police Officers and 100 Mental Health Nurses” be referred to the Standing Committee on Policy and Strategic Priorities meeting on Wednesday, November 16, 2022, to hear from speakers, followed by debate and decision.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6. Transport Pricing – “Stopping the Road Tax”

MOVED by Councillor Klassen
SECONDED by Councillor Kirby-Yung

WHEREAS

1. In October 2012, Vancouver City Council approved the Transportation 2040 plan. The plan serves as the City’s long-term strategic vision to help guide transportation and land use decisions, and public investments for the years ahead;
2. The plan sets long-term targets and includes both high-level policies and specific actions to achieve this vision;
3. In November 2020, City council approved the Climate Emergency Action Plan, which included actions to significantly cut carbon emissions from the biggest local sources such as burning gas and diesel in vehicles and using natural gas in buildings;
4. As part of the Climate Emergency Action Plan, transportation actions were developed to create more options for transit, cycling and walking, and to create more walkable communities. To further encourage the shift to active transportation and transit, Council directed staff to assess the feasibility of transport pricing, otherwise known by terms such as road pricing, congestion pricing, and a road tax;
5. Transport pricing (i.e., a road tax) would be a fee for vehicles to drive into, and through Vancouver’s city centre;
6. Encouraging active transportation and greater transit use, while reducing the number of private vehicle trips in the city, are desirable objectives. However, the public have clearly indicated that they do not support a road tax in order to achieve the city’s transportation and climate objectives.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Vancouver City Council direct staff to ensure that all work and processes specific to the planning and implementation of Transport Pricing, by and within the City of Vancouver, planned or otherwise or by any other

technical definition or name, including any planning for the implementation of Transport Pricing for Downtown Vancouver and the Central Broadway Corridor as per the CEAP, is suspended;

FURTHER THAT any and all City staff who may be engaged in work related to the implementation of Transport Pricing by and within the City of Vancouver, exclusive of staff participation in regional transportation discussions and conversations, shall be – and shall be confirmed to be – reassigned to work on other transportation priorities in the city.

referred

REFERRAL MOVED by Councillor Klassen
SECONDED by Councillor Carr

THAT the motion entitled “Transport Pricing – “Stopping the Road Tax” be referred to the Standing Committee on Policy and Strategic Priorities meeting on Wednesday, November 16, 2022, to hear from speakers, followed by debate and decision.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

NOTICE OF COUNCIL MEMBERS’ MOTIONS

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

Councillor Boyle submitted a notice of Council Members’ motion on the above-noted matter. The motion may be placed on the Council meeting agenda of December 6, 2022, as a Council Members’ Motion.

2. Establishing Fixed-Rate Community Amenity Contributions (CACs) for Low-Rise and Medium-Rise Projects City-Wide

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 December 6, 2022, as a Council Members’ Motion.

3. Implementing Body-Worn Cameras (BWC) for the Vancouver Police Department (VPD)

Councillor Zhou submitted a notice of Council Members’ motion on the above-noted matter. The motion may be placed on the Council meeting agenda of December 6, 2022, as a Council Members’ Motion.

4. Harmonizing City of Vancouver and Provincial Childcare Policies and Licensing Requirements

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 December 6, 2022, as a Council Members' Motion.

5. Reviewing Vancouver's Age-Friendly Action Plan and Aligning with WHO's Age-Friendly Cities Framework

Councillor Klassen submitted a notice of Council Members' motion on the above-noted matter. The motion may be placed on the Council meeting agenda of December 6, 2022, as a Council Members' Motion.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Requests for Leaves of Absence

MOVED by Councillor Kirby-Yung
SECONDED by Councillor Carr

THAT Mayor Sim be granted a Leave of Absence for civic business from meetings on November 22, 2022, from 9:30 am to 10 pm.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. Changes to the Acting Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Roster of Duty Councillors to Represent Council

MOVED by Councillor Dominato
SECONDED by Councillor Boyle

THAT Council approves the following changes to the Acting Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Roster of Duty Councillors to Represent Council:

Acting Mayor

- Councillor Dominato replaces Councillor Bligh as Acting Mayor for December 2022
- Councillor Bligh replaces Councillor Dominato as Acting Mayor for January 2022

Deputy Mayor:

- Councillor Dominato replaces Councillor Bligh as Deputy Mayor for November 2022
- Councillor Bligh replaces Councillor Dominato as Deputy Mayor for December 2022

Duty Councillor:

- Councillor Bligh replaces Councillor Dominato as Duty Councillor for November 2022
- Councillor Dominato replaces Councillor Bligh as Duty Councillor for January 2023

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (Vote No. 08854)

3. City of Vancouver Representative Endorsement to the Federation of Canadian Municipalities

MOVED by Councillor Dominato

SECONDED by Councillor Carr

WHEREAS

1. The Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) represents the interests of member municipalities on policy and program matters that fall within federal jurisdiction;
2. FCM's Board of Directors is comprised of elected municipal officials from all regions and sizes of communities to form a broad base of support and provide FCM with the united voice required to carry the municipal message to the federal government;
3. Eight (8) Directors representing British Columbia, consisting of: one (1) nominee selected by its Affiliate Member (Union of British Columbia Municipalities); and seven (7) nominees selected by the Accredited Representatives of its Municipal Members, provided that at least two (2) nominees shall hold municipal office in two (2) of its three (3) largest (by population) Municipal Members;
4. Councillor Bligh was endorsed for a Table Officer role for which she was elected at the 2022 FCM AGM; and
5. Councillor Peter Meiszner was endorsed by Council for a Board Director position in the upcoming by-election.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the City of Vancouver confirm its endorsement of Councillor Rebecca Bligh to serve as 3rd Vice-President, and nominate her to stand for election as 2nd Vice-President, and subsequently as 1st Vice-President, President, and finally as Past-President on FCM's Board of Directors for the period starting in November 2022 and ending in June 2026;

FURTHER THAT the costs for Councillors Rebecca Bligh and Peter Meiszner related to attending FCM's Board of Directors meetings be paid through the Councillors' Travel Budget.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (Vote No. 08855)

4. Requests for Leaves of Absence

MOVED by Councillor Dominato
SECONDED by Councillor Carr

THAT Councillor Dominato be granted a Leave of Absence for civic business from meetings on November 22, 2022, from 3 pm to 10 pm.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ENQUIRIES AND OTHER MATTERS

1. Outdoor Seating for Businesses

Councillor Kirby-Yung noted Council was receiving correspondence from the public who have concerns, specifically concerning Faubourg in Kerrisdale, that the outdoor seating for businesses, put in place due to Covid-19, was being dismantled. She also noted the outdoor seating was still needed during flu season and a new wave of Covid-19. She asked for an update on outdoor seating, and inquired if the City was being too restrictive on the regulations of extended patios. The City Manager agreed to follow-up.

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Councillor Carr
SECONDED by Councillor Dominato

THAT the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Council adjourned at 10:36 am.

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