



REPORT TO COUNCIL

STANDING COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL ON POLICY AND STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

JANUARY 18, 2023

A meeting of the Standing Committee of Council on Policy and Strategic Priorities was held on Wednesday, January 18, 2023, at 9:32 am, 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 Peter Meiszner, Chair
- Mayor Ken Sim* (Leave of Absence for Civic Business 9:30 am to 11 am)
- Councillor Rebecca Bligh* (Leave of Absence for Civic Business 9:30 am to 1 pm)
- Councillor Christine Boyle
- Councillor Adriane Carr
- Councillor Lisa Dominato
- Councillor Pete Fry
- Councillor Sarah Kirby-Yung (Leave of Absence for Civic Business 12 pm to 7 pm)
- Councillor Mike Klassen, Vice Chair (Leave of Absence for Civic Business 6 pm to 7:30 pm)
- Councillor Brian Montague
- Councillor Lenny Zhou

CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE: Paul Mochrie, City Manager

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE: Lesley Matthews, Acting Deputy City Clerk
David Yim, 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.

MATTERS ADOPTED ON CONSENT

MOVED by Councillor Carr

THAT Council adopt item 6, on consent.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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VARY AGENDA

MOVED by Councillor Kirby-Yung

THAT the Committee vary the agenda to deal with Item 4. Granville Street Planning Program – Terms of Reference and Interim Rezoning Policies first, and then proceed with the remainder of the agenda.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
AND BY THE REQUIRED MAJORITY

Note: For ease of reference, the minutes are recorded in chronological order.

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**4. Granville Street Planning Program – Terms of Reference and Interim Rezoning Policies
December 14, 2022**

Staff from Planning, Urban Design and Sustainability provided a presentation and responded to questions.

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During questions to staff, it was

MOVED by Councillor Kirby-Yung

THAT under section 5.4(d) of the Procedure By-law, Council ask a second round of questions to staff.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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Council heard from three speakers, two speakers who spoke in support of the recommendations and one who spoke to other aspects of the report.

MOVED by Councillor Kirby-Yung
THAT the Committee recommend to Council

- A. THAT Council approve the preparation of a *Granville Street Planning Program* in accordance with the Terms of Reference outlined in Appendix A of the Report dated December 14, 2022, entitled “Granville Street Planning Program – Terms of Reference and Interim Rezoning Policies”.
- B. THAT Council approve the Granville Street Interim Rezoning Policy, as attached in Appendix B of the Report dated December 14, 2022, entitled “Granville Street Planning Program – Terms of Reference and Interim Rezoning Policies”, to establish the conditions under which new rezoning enquiries and applications will be considered while the planning process is underway.
- C. THAT Council approve amendments to the Development Contribution Expectations Policy in Areas Undergoing Community Planning, generally as attached in Appendix C of the Report dated December 14, 2022, entitled “Granville Street Planning Program – Terms of Reference and Interim Rezoning Policies”, to manage potential land value speculation in the area around Granville Street during the planning process.

referred

REFERRAL MOVED by Councillor Kirby-Yung

THAT Council refer debate and decision on the Report entitled “Granville Street Planning Program – Terms of Reference and Interim Rezoning Policies”, to the Council meeting on January 31, 2023, as Unfinished Business.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

1. 2023 Assessment Roll Presentation by BC Assessment Authority

Michael Law and Niko Papoutsakis, Deputy Assessors from BC Assessment Authority, provided a presentation, along with staff from Finance, Risk, and Supply Chain Management, responded to questions.

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The Committee recessed at 11:42 am and reconvened at 2:43 pm.

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2. Presentation - Adding Missing Middle Housing and Simplifying Regulations in Low Density Neighbourhood

Staff from Planning, Urban Design and Sustainability provided a presentation and responded to questions.

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During questions to staff, it was

MOVED by Councillor Boyle

THAT under section 5.4(d) of the Procedure By-law, Council ask a second round of questions to staff.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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3. Presentation - Rupert and Renfrew Station Area Plan Update

Staff from Planning, Urban Design and Sustainability provided a presentation and responded to questions.

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During questions to staff, it was

MOVED by Councillor Boyle

SECONDED by Councillor Dominato

THAT Council extend the meeting past 5 pm in order to complete questions to staff on item 3.

*CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AND
BY THE REQUIRED MAJORITY*

Subsequently, the Committee recessed at 5 pm and reconvened at 6:02 pm.

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5. Contract Award for the Supply and Delivery of Large Fire Apparatus December 19, 2022

Staff from Finance, Risk and Supply Chain Management and Vancouver Fire Rescue Services, responded to questions.

MOVED by Councillor Boyle

THAT the Committee recommend to Council

- A. THAT Council authorize City staff to negotiate to the satisfaction of the General Manager of Engineering Services, Director of Legal Services, and the Chief Procurement Officer and enter into a contract with Safetek Emergency Vehicles Ltd., for the supply and delivery of Large Fire Apparatus, for a term of five (5) years, with the option to extend for four (4) additional one (1) year terms, with an estimated contract value of \$26,619,507.57 plus applicable taxes over the initial five-year term for approximately 14 Large Fire Apparatus in total. An initial purchase of three (3) Large Fire Apparatus valued at approximately \$5,704,180.19 is to be funded through the approved multi-year budget for Fleet Replacement, funded from the Plant Account reserve.
- B. THAT the Director of Legal Services, Chief Procurement Officer and General Manager of Engineering Services be authorized to execute on behalf of the City the contract contemplated by A above.
- C. THAT no legal rights or obligations will be created by Council's adoption of A and B above unless and until such contract is executed by the authorized signatories of the City as set out in A through C.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (Vote No. 08956)

**6. Contract Award for Supply of Used Mattress Recycling Services
December 20, 2022**

THAT the Committee recommend to Council

- A. THAT Council authorize City staff to negotiate to the satisfaction of the City's General Manager of Engineering Services, City's Director of Legal Services, and the City's Chief Procurement Officer and enter into a contract with Pacific Mattress Recycling Inc., for Supply of Recycling Services for Used Mattresses for a term of three (3) years, with the option to extend for two (2) additional three (3) year terms, with an estimated contract value of \$2,023,000, plus applicable taxes over the initial (3)-year term, to be funded through approved 2022 Vancouver Landfill and Vancouver South Transfer Station Operating budgets.
- B. THAT the Director of Legal Services, Chief Procurement Officer and General Manager of Engineering Services be authorized to execute on behalf of the City the contract contemplated by A above.
- C. THAT no legal rights or obligations will be created by Council's adoption of A and B above unless and until such contract is executed by the authorized signatories of the City as set out in A through C.

ADOPTED ON CONSENT (Vote No. 08955)

**7. SRO Upgrade Grant to Atira Women’s Resource Society and Single Room Accommodation (SRA) Conversion Permit to Porte Communities for 208 East Georgia Street (Aa’iin, formerly the London Hotel)
May 11, 2022**

Staff from Arts, Culture and Community Services responded to questions.

MOVED by Councillor Zhou

THAT the Committee recommend to Council

- A. THAT Council approve a grant of \$720,000 from the 2022 Capital Budget for the SRO Upgrading Grants to Atira Women’s Resource Society (“Atira”), a registered Canadian charity, to be spent on building upgrades to the SRA-designated Aa’iin building (formerly the London Hotel) (“Aa’iin”) located at 208 East Georgia Street, subject to the conditions outlined in this Report dated May 11, 2022, entitled “SRO Upgrade Grant to Atira Women’s Resource Society and Single Room Accommodation (SRA) Conversion Permit to Porte Communities for 208 East Georgia Street (Aa yin, formerly the London Hotel)”, including:
 - i. Atira extending the existing lease with the owner of the Aa’iin, Porte Communities (“Porte”), for an additional 10 years (until 2032);
 - ii. all required development and building permits having been issued by the City; and
 - iii. Atira and Porte entering into and registering on title to the property a Housing Agreement with a term of 10 years (until 2032) that will secure 71 rooms at Aa’iin at rents no greater than the shelter component of income assistance (currently \$375 for a single person), and otherwise upon such terms and conditions as the Director of Legal Services in consultation with the General Manager of Arts, Culture and Community Services may require.
- B. THAT Council authorize the General Manager of Arts, Culture and Community Services to negotiate and execute a grant agreement to disburse the grant described in A above on terms and conditions consistent with this Report dated May 11, 2022, entitled “SRO Upgrade Grant to Atira Women’s Resource Society and Single Room Accommodation (SRA) Conversion Permit to Porte Communities for 208 East Georgia Street (Aa yin, formerly the London Hotel)” and otherwise satisfactory to the General Manager of Arts, Culture and Community Services and the Director of Legal Services.
- C. THAT, subject to the approval of A and B above, the Director of Legal Services be instructed to bring forward for enactment the By-law necessary to approve a Housing Agreement in compliance with A above.
- D. THAT, subject to the approval of A and B above, Council approve a Single Room Accommodation (SRA) Conversion Permit in accordance with the Single Room Accommodation By-law for the Aa’iin to convert two SRA-designated rooms into a laundry and kitchen facility.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AND A to B
BY THE REQUIRED MAJORITY (Vote No. 08957)

**8. Renter Office Update and Direction (Report 3)
October 27, 2022**

At the Council meeting on January 17, 2023, Council referred this Report to the Standing Committee on Policy and Strategic Priorities meeting on January 18, 2023, in order to ask questions of staff, hear from speakers, followed by debate and decision.

Staff from Arts, Culture and Community Services responded to questions.

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During questions to staff, it was

MOVED by Councillor Kirby-Yung

THAT under section 5.4(d) of the Procedure By-law, Council ask a second round of questions to staff.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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

MOVED by Councillor Fry

THAT the Committee recommend to Council

- A. THAT Council endorse the continuation of services for renters through the Renter Office, particularly for renters impacted by City plans, policies and regulations such as the Vancouver Plan, Broadway Plan and the Tenant Relocation and Protection Policy.
- B. THAT Council approve the continuation of the Renter Services Grants program for 2023 (\$500,000, source of funding Affordable Housing - EHT Allocation).
- C. THAT Council approve TRAC Tenant Resource & Advisory Centre Society ("TRAC") as the subtenant (the "Subtenant") and non-profit operator of a social facility with services for renters at the City amenity bonus facility at #150 and #200 - 900 Howe Street, being a portion of the building situated on lands legally described as:

Lot 1-6, Block 72, District Lot 541, Plan 210

PID's: 003-774-686; 003-774-741; 003-774-791; 003-774-864; 003-774-937; and
003-774-961

(the "Leased Premises")

FURTHER THAT Council authorize the Director of Real Estate Services to negotiate and execute a sublease agreement (the "Sublease") with TRAC. The Sublease shall be based on the City's Precedent Lease for Non-profit Entities (Cultural/Social), on the following terms and conditions, and as further set out in the signed term sheet attached as Appendix F (the "Term Sheet") of the Report dated October 27, 2022, entitled "Renter Office Update and Direction", and upon other terms and conditions to the satisfaction of the General Manager of Real Estate and Facilities Management ("REFM"), the General Manager of Arts, Culture and Community Services ("ACCS") and the Director of Legal Services:

- i. Term and Renewal Options: initial term of three (3) years commencing on the first day of the month following the end of the Fixturing Period. Two (2) renewal options for five (5) years each;

Each renewal option is conditional upon the City as Sublandlord being satisfied that the Society has the capacity to operate, maintain and program the Leased Premises in accordance with the lease terms and the stated public service requirements for the duration of the renewal term contemplated;

- ii. Total Rent and Operating Costs: Nominal base rent of Ten Dollars (\$10.00) for each of the sublease terms, each payable in advance, plus applicable taxes. TRAC is responsible for all costs and obligations related to the operating expenses for the Leased Premises, referred to in the Head Lease as "Allocable Operating Expenses" (\$73,025 for 2022);

- iii. Sub-subleasing & sub-sublicensing: The Subtenant shall be permitted to sub-sublease or sub-sublicense portions of the Leased Premises to non-profit organizations or renter-serving government agencies for public service use, upon the prior written consent of the Sublandlord's Managing Director of Housing and Homelessness Services. Priority shall be given to non-profit organizations or government agencies that provide services to Vancouver renters. Other non-profit organizations that provide social services to residents of Vancouver shall be given secondary consideration for sub-subleases;

- iv. The Subtenant shall be permitted to collect rent or fees from any nonprofit or government sub-subtenant or sub-sublicensee of the Leased Premises in accordance with the Term Sheet:

The nominal rent in D above represents a grant valued at approximately \$144,000 per annum based on the first year of the term, and approximately \$432,000 over the initial 3 year term.

- D. THAT the City undertake Tenant Improvements at suites #150 and #200 - 900 Howe prior to TRAC taking possession of the premises, in order to bring the space up to code in terms of accessibility and energy, as well as minor refreshes

of finishes. The Tenant Improvements represent a grant to TRAC, with costs estimated at up to \$1.2M (Source of funds: Empty Homes Tax).

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

amended

AMENDMENT MOVED by Councillor Zhou

THAT B be struck and replaced with the following:

THAT Council acknowledges the expertise of non-profit, renter-serving community groups and organizations in supporting renters and tenants in the community;

FURTHER THAT Council approve the continuation of the Renter Services Grants program for 2023 (\$750,000, source of funding Affordable Housing - EHT Allocation), and that staff be further directed to consider and make recommendations as warranted for enhanced and/or expanded grants within the Renter Services Grants program to ensure that renters are fully and appropriately supported in the city of Vancouver.

FURTHER THAT the following be added to the end as F and G:

- F. THAT Council direct the General Manager of Arts, Culture, and Community Services to report back to Council on a plan to transition, as feasible, the work of the City's Renter Office to other service providers.
- G. THAT Council direct staff to engage with provincial counterparts in relevant ministries and provincial agencies, such as the Residential Tenancy Branch, to explore opportunities to align on renter and tenant protection goals, objectives, and policies such as the City's Tenant Relocation and Protection Policy (TRPP) to ensure that services and resources are appropriately directed, coordinated, and fully supported.

Prior to the vote, the Committee agreed to separate the components of the amendment. The amendment was put with B and G having CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (Vote No. 08958), and F having CARRIED (Vote No. 08959) with Councillors Boyle, Carr, and Fry opposed.

Subsequently, the Committee agreed to separate the components of the motion as amended. The motion as amended was put with A having LOST (Vote No. 08960) with Councillors Bligh, Dominato, Klassen, Meiszner, Montague, Zhou, and Mayor Sim opposed, F having CARRIED (Vote No. 08961) with Councillors Boyle, Carr, and Fry opposed, and B, C, D, E and G having CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (Vote No. 08962).

FINAL MOTION AS APPROVED (lettering changed to reflect approved amendment)

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- D. THAT no legal rights or obligations will arise or be created by Council's adoption of C above unless and until all legal documentation has been executed and delivered by the respective parties.
- E. THAT Council direct the General Manager of Arts, Culture, and Community Services to report back to Council on a plan to transition, as feasible, the work of the City's Renter Office to other service providers.
- F. THAT Council direct staff to engage with provincial counterparts in relevant ministries and provincial agencies, such as the Residential Tenancy Branch, to explore opportunities to align on renter and tenant protection goals, objectives, and policies such as the City's Tenant Relocation and Protection Policy (TRPP) to ensure that services and resources are appropriately directed, coordinated, and fully supported.

9. Increasing the Climate-Smart Supply of Renewable Energy in Vancouver

At the Council meeting on January 17, 2023, Council referred this motion to the Standing Committee on Policy and Strategic Priorities meeting on January 18, 2023, in order to hear from speakers, followed by debate and decision.

MOVED by Councillor Carr
THAT the Committee recommend to Council

WHEREAS

- 1. Vancouver, like cities and countries around the world, is facing an Increasing numbers of record-breaking extreme weather events, including heat waves, droughts, floods and storms. Extreme weather is evidence of Earth's rapidly changing climate, which is detailed by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate

Change (IPCC) (see <https://www.ipcc.ch/report/sixth-assessment-report-working-group-3/> and https://www.ipcc.ch/report/ar6/wg2/downloads/report/IPCC_AR6_WGII_SummaryForPolicymakers.pdf);

2. Accelerating climate change is putting people, infrastructure, economies and natural ecosystems at increasing risk as evidenced by the death of 99 Vancouverites in the 2021 "heat dome", storm damage to Vancouver's sea wall and Kitsilano pool, disruptions to supply chains, and loss of trees; (see <https://vancouver.sun.com/news/local-news/stanley-parks-trees-pushed-to-the-brink-by-drought-moths>);
3. Climate change is also increasing the burden of costs for municipal governments. According to the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), local governments own and are responsible for about 60% of public infrastructure. A 2020 report by the FCM and the Insurance Bureau of Canada, noted that climate adaptation is estimated to cost municipalities \$5.3 billion annually. (see <https://fcm.ca/en/news-media/news-release/climate-adaptation-estimated-cost-municipalities-5-billion-annually#:~:text=According%20to%20the%20report's%20findings,to%200.26%25%20of%20Canada's%20GDP>). In a report released November 30, 2022, the total economic costs of the extreme weather events that BC experienced in 2021 are between \$10.6 and \$17.1 billion (see: [A Climate Reckoning | Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives](#));
4. Scientists are imploring every political jurisdiction to ramp up its efforts to reduce its GHGs, rapidly reduce the use of fossil fuels and increase renewable energy (see: UN climate report: It's 'now or never' to limit global warming to 1.5 degrees <https://news.un.org/en/story/2022/04/1115452> and <https://www.un.org/en/climatechange/powering-safer-future> and <https://news.un.org/en/story/2022/05/1118452>);
5. Although the City of Vancouver is committed to reducing by 50% its GHG emissions over 2007 levels by 2030 and achieving net zero emissions by 2050 - commitments that are in line with globally-agreed-to targets negotiated by the UN Climate Change Conference of the Parties -- we have only reduced our emissions by 15 percent to date (see: <https://vancouver.ca/files/cov/2021-ceap-annual-report.pdf>);
6. In Vancouver, 57 percent of our emissions come from burning gas in buildings and 37 percent from transportation. The uptake in Vancouver is high for the purchase of Zero Emission Vehicles (ZEVs): 12% of 2020-2021 vehicles sold. By 2030 all new construction will be net zero emission. The city's Climate Emergency Action Plan also will require all current buildings to be retrofitted to net zero emission by 2050. Vancouver is able to be a leader in climate-smart buildings due to our own building code as well as our investment in the training of contractors and tradespeople through the Vancouver-initiated Zero Emissions Building Exchange (ZEBX) and Metro Vancouver Zero Emissions Innovation Center. In addition, the city accelerated uptake in installation of heat pumps by

offering matching grants to the provincial rebates for heat pumps;

7. Both EVs and building retrofits, including the installation of heat pumps, EV charging and electric hot water heating, are creating increased demand for electricity supply. However, B.C. Hydro's Five-Year Electrification Plan, released by the government in September of 2021, estimates that it has sufficient supply of clean electricity, including from Site C dam, only to 2030;
8. Motions submitted by the City of Vancouver for consideration by the Union of BC Municipalities (UBCM) related to pursuing distributed renewable energy were passed by consensus or near-consensus at UBCM's September 2022 Convention, specifically:
 - a. That the Government of B.C. pursue as quickly as possible adding financial incentives, including increased feed-in-tariffs, for home and building owners to install solar photovoltaic panels and solar-hot-water systems, and modify the B.C. Building Code, and include in a future BC. Existing Buildings Alterations Code specifications including design and placement standards, and load-bearing requirements for solar (photovoltaic) panels and solar hot water systems;
 - b. That the Government of British Columbia support and provide funding for training programs for workers deep energy retrofits and construction of deeply affordable climate-smart housing, including installing solar panels, solar hot water systems and heat pumps;
9. Recognizing the need to quickly shift to renewable energy, other jurisdictions are requiring solar energy production. For example, starting in 2023 Berlin is requiring solar panel (PV) installations for all new buildings and major renovations. Copenhagen, due to its district energy system and green electricity grid which is largely powered by wind energy, is aiming to be net carbon neutral by 2025. Also, 802 cities in Europe have re-purchased private utility companies to green their grids and keep consumer costs low. And in November, 2022, France announced that it will require all parking lots with 80 or more spaces to be covered by solar panels. See: <https://www.cnbc.com/2022/12/03/parking-lots-becoming-as-important-as-cars-in-climate-change-efforts.html#>;
10. If installed properly, rooftop solar applications are synergistic with greens roofs, which are currently required in Vancouver on large commercial and institutional buildings but may in future be required on other buildings types as part of Vancouver's Rain City Strategy and Climate Emergency Action Plan. See [Photo Voltaic on Green Roofs – the Scandinavian Way \(livingarchitecturemonitor.com\)](#);
11. Solar photovoltaic systems would not only help meet the increasing demand for renewable electricity but, together with solar hot water systems, would greatly reduce energy costs for families and businesses.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Vancouver City Council direct staff to:

- A. Consult with appropriate agencies including BC Hydro, renewable energy experts, and relevant contractor and trades worker associations, including

Metro Vancouver Zero Emissions Innovation Centre (ZEIC), regarding how best to expedite increasing the supply of renewable energy in Vancouver;

- B. Consult with the appropriate B.C. government ministries regarding their timelines and processes for implementing the renewable energy-related motions tabled by the City of Vancouver and passed unanimously or near-unanimously at the 2022 UBCM convention, including provincial requirements for installation of renewable energy systems, training of installers, and consumer rebates for solar PVC and solar hot water systems;
- C. Evaluate the potential of different types of renewable energy, including solar photovoltaic systems, solar hot water systems, wind and renewable district energy systems, to reduce Vancouver city's GHGs, increase reliability of energy supply and reduce consumers' energy costs;
- D. Determine changes that would be needed in the Vancouver Building By-law and other by-laws, policies and codes to enable expanding renewable energy production in Vancouver; and
- E. Report back to Council by Q4 2023 with results of the above work and a plan that includes options, costs and benefits, and timelines for the City of Vancouver to aggressively pursue increasing production of renewable energy within city limits.

referred

REFERRAL MOVED by Councillor Kirby-Yung

THAT, due to technical issues with the audio system, Council refer hearing from speakers, debate and decision on the motion entitled "Increasing the Climate-Smart Supply of Renewable Energy in Vancouver", to the next available meeting reserve date.

amended

AMENDMENT MOVED by Councillor Dominato

THAT the words "next available meeting reserve date" be struck and replaced with "Council meeting on January 31, 2023, as the first item of Unfinished Business".

The amendment having carried unanimously, the referral as amended was put and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY with Councillor Bligh and Mayor Sim absent from the vote.

The Committee adjourned at 9:05 pm.

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

JANUARY 18, 2023

A meeting of the Council of the City of Vancouver was held on Wednesday, January 18, 2023, at 9:05 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: Deputy Mayor Sarah Kirby-Yung
Councillor Christine Boyle
Councillor Adriane Carr
Councillor Lisa Dominato
Councillor Pete Fry
Councillor Mike Klassen
Councillor Peter Meiszner
Councillor Brian Montague
Councillor Lenny Zhou

ABSENT: Mayor Ken Sim
Councillor Rebecca Bligh

CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE: Paul Mochrie, City Manager

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE: Lesley Matthews, Deputy City Clerk
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COMMITTEE REPORTS

Report of Standing Committee on Policy and Strategic Priorities
Wednesday, January 18, 2023

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

4. Granville Street Planning Program – Terms of Reference and Interim Rezoning Policies
5. Contract Award for the Supply and Delivery of Large Fire Apparatus
6. Contract Award for Supply of Used Mattress Recycling Services
7. SRO Upgrade Grant to Atira Women's Resource Society and Single Room Accommodation (SRA) Conversion Permit to Porte Communities for 208 East Georgia Street (formerly the London Hotel)
8. Renter Office Update and Direction (Report 3)
9. Increasing the Climate-Smart Supply of Renewable Energy in Vancouver (Motion B.2)

Items 4 to 9

MOVED by Councillor Dominato
SECONDED by Councillor Klassen

THAT the recommendations and actions taken by the Standing Committee on Policy and Strategic Priorities at its meeting of January 18, 2023, as contained in items 4 to 9, be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Councillor Klassen
SECONDED by Councillor Zhou

THAT the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Council adjourned at 9:07 pm

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