



REPORT TO COUNCIL

STANDING COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL ON POLICY AND STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

MARCH 29 AND 30, 2023

A meeting of the Standing Committee of Council on Policy and Strategic Priorities was held on Wednesday, March 29, 2023, at 9:31 am, in the Council Chamber, Third Floor, City Hall. Subsequently, the meeting reconvened on Thursday, March 30, 2023, at 3:01 pm. 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* (March 30, 2023 – Civic Business – 5 pm to 10 pm) Councillor Christine Boyle* Councillor Adriane Carr (March 30, 2023 – Civic Business – 6 pm to 10 pm) Councillor Lisa Dominato* (March 29, 2023 – Civic Business – 4 pm to 10 pm; March 30, 2023 – Civic Business – 6 pm to 10 pm) Councillor Pete Fry Councillor Sarah Kirby-Yung* Councillor Mike Klassen, Vice Chair Councillor Brian Montague Councillor Lenny Zhou
ABSENT:	Councillor Rebecca Bligh
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 items 4 to 6 and 9, on consent.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

1. Broadway Plan Implementation March 16, 2023

At 9:38 am, Mayor Sim declared a conflict of interest on item 1 as he has close relationships with property owners who are affected by the Broadway Plan. He left the meeting at 9:39 am and did not return until the completion of item 1 at 3:00 pm.

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

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VARY AGENDA

After staff presentation, it was

MOVED by Councillor Dominato

THAT the Committee vary the order of the agenda to deal with Item 3. West End Rezoning Policy: Secured Rental Housing Option in the Burrard Corridor, before Item 2. Broadway Active Transportation Lanes – Next Steps.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
AND BY THE REQUIRED MAJORITY
(Mayor Sim absent for the vote due to conflict of interest)

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

Subsequently, prior to questions to staff, it was

MOVED by Councillor Fry

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

*CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Mayor Sim absent for the vote due to conflict of interest)*

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On March 29, 2023, the Committee recessed at 11:58 am and reconvened at 1:01 pm.

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The Committee heard from two speakers in support of the recommendations, 10 speakers in opposition, and two speakers who spoke to other aspects of the report.

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

- A. THAT Council receive for information the update on Broadway Plan implementation actions, as attached in Appendix A of the Report dated March 16, 2023, entitled "Broadway Plan Implementation".
- B. THAT Council approve the Broadway Plan Pace of Change Policy, generally as attached in Appendix B of the Report dated March 16, 2023, entitled "Broadway Plan Implementation" and subject to review or repeal after an initial term of 3 years.
- C. THAT Council approve amendments to the *View Protection Guidelines* to clarify the protected public views to City Hall, generally as attached in Appendix C of the Report dated March 16, 2023, entitled "Broadway Plan Implementation".
- D. THAT Council approve amendments to the False Creek Flats Plan for alignment with the Broadway Plan in areas where the two plans overlap, generally as attached in Appendix D of the Report dated March 16, 2023, entitled "Broadway Plan Implementation".
- E. THAT Council receive for information the Broadway Plan Fixed Development Contribution Framework, as attached in Appendix E of the Report dated March 16, 2023, entitled "Broadway Plan Implementation";

FURTHER THAT Council direct staff to report back in Q4 2023 with a fixed development contributions policy for the Broadway Plan area.

- F. THAT Council receive for information the summary document of proposed by-law amendments to the I-1, IC-1, and IC-2 district schedules to modernize and intensify these areas for employment uses, as attached in Appendix F of the Report dated March 16, 2023, entitled "Broadway Plan Implementation".
- G. THAT Council receive for information the summary document of proposed by-law amendments to the C-2, C-2B, C-2C, and C-2C1 district schedules to enable mixed-use residential rental tenure buildings up to six storeys in the Broadway Plan area, as attached in Appendix G of the Report dated March 16, 2023, entitled "Broadway Plan Implementation".

amended

AMENDMENT MOVED by Councillor Kirby-Yung

THAT the following be added to the motion as H:

THAT Council direct staff to provide Council with an ongoing quarterly memo to outline the number of housing projects that have progressed beyond the letter of enquiry stage to the active application stage, including the number and tenure type of housing units for these active applications, in order for Council to monitor progress and trends, and to stay apprised of opportunities and challenges as the Broadway Plan progresses;

FURTHER THAT staff include in the quarterly update the number of housing projects in the Broadway Plan area that have moved to the construction phase and/or have broken ground, including the number and tenure type of housing units that these projects will deliver, and potentially serve to help meet the City's tenant relocation requirements.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (Vote No. 09131)
(Mayor Sim absent for the vote due to conflict of interest)

AMENDMENT MOVED by Councillor Boyle

THAT B be struck and replaced with the following:

THAT Council direct staff to process rezoning applications in the RM and CD-1 areas of the Broadway Plan as defined by Map A in Appendix B that prioritizes social, supportive and co-operative housing projects, projects with a high ratio of proposed new below-market rental housing units compared to existing rental, and projects with minimal or no displacement of renters.

LOST (Vote No. 09132)
(Councillors Carr, Dominato, Fry, Kirby-Yung, Klassen, Meiszner, Montague and Zhou opposed)
(Mayor Sim absent for the vote due to conflict of interest)

AMENDMENT MOVED by Councillor Boyle

THAT the following be added as new letter:

THAT, if the Broadway Plan Pace of Change Policy in Recommendation B is not approved, Council direct staff to process rezoning applications in the RM and CD-1 areas of the Broadway Plan as defined by Map A in Appendix B that prioritizes projects with a high ratio of proposed new below-market rental housing units compared to existing rental, and projects with minimal or no displacement of renters.

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During discussion on the above amendment, Councillor Kirby-Yung rose on a point of order, under section 8.7(c) and 8.7(f) of the Procedure By-law, noting that Council cannot presuppose a vote and that the motion was redundant. The Chair agreed, and the motion was ruled out of order.

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AMENDMENT MOVED by Councillor Boyle

THAT the following be added as new letter:

THAT Council direct staff to process rezoning applications in the RM and CD-1 areas of the Broadway Plan as defined by Map A in Appendix B that prioritizes projects with a high ratio of proposed new below-market rental housing units compared to existing rental, and projects with minimal or no displacement of renters.

LOST (Vote No. 09133)

(Councillors Dominato, Kirby-Yung, Klassen, Meiszner, Montague and Zhou opposed)
(Mayor Sim absent for the vote due to conflict of interest)

The Committee agreed to separate the vote on the components of the amended motion. The motion as amended was put with A and C to H, having CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (Vote No. 09134) with Mayor Sim absent for the vote due to conflict of interest, and B having LOST (Vote No. 09135) with Councillors Boyle, Dominato, Kirby-Yung, Klassen, Meiszner, Montague and Zhou opposed, and Mayor Sim absent for the vote due to conflict of interest.

FINAL MOTION AS APPROVED

- A. THAT Council receive for information the update on Broadway Plan implementation actions, as attached in Appendix A of the Report dated March 16, 2023, entitled "Broadway Plan Implementation".
- B. THAT Council approve amendments to the *View Protection Guidelines* to clarify the protected public views to City Hall, generally as attached in Appendix C of the Report dated March 16, 2023, entitled "Broadway Plan Implementation".
- C. THAT Council approve amendments to the False Creek Flats Plan for alignment with the Broadway Plan in areas where the two plans overlap, generally as attached in Appendix D of the Report dated March 16, 2023, entitled "Broadway Plan Implementation".
- D. THAT Council receive for information the Broadway Plan Fixed Development Contribution Framework, as attached in Appendix E of the Report dated March 16, 2023, entitled "Broadway Plan Implementation";

FURTHER THAT Council direct staff to report back in Q4 2023 with a fixed development contributions policy for the Broadway Plan area.

- E. THAT Council receive for information the summary document of proposed by-law amendments to the I-1, IC-1, and IC-2 district schedules to modernize and intensify these areas for employment uses, as attached in Appendix F of the Report dated March 16, 2023, entitled "Broadway Plan Implementation".

- F. THAT Council receive for information the summary document of proposed by-law amendments to the C-2, C-2B, C-2C, and C-2C1 district schedules to enable mixed-use residential rental tenure buildings up to six storeys in the Broadway Plan area, as attached in Appendix G of the Report dated March 16, 2023, entitled "Broadway Plan Implementation".
- G. THAT Council direct staff to provide Council with an ongoing quarterly memo to outline the number of housing projects that have progressed beyond the letter of enquiry stage to the active application stage, including the number and tenure type of housing units for these active applications, in order for Council to monitor progress and trends, and to stay apprised of opportunities and challenges as the Broadway Plan progresses;

FURTHER THAT staff include in the quarterly update the number of housing projects in the Broadway Plan area that have moved to the construction phase and/or have broken ground, including the number and tenure type of housing units that these projects will deliver, and potentially serve to help meet the City's tenant relocation requirements.

**3. West End Rezoning Policy: Secured Rental Housing Option in the Burrard Corridor
November 16, 2022**

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

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

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

- A. THAT Council approve the amendments to the Rezoning Policy for the West End generally as presented in Appendix A.
- B. THAT Council approve the amendments to the West End Community Plan, generally as presented in Appendix B.

amended

AMENDMENT MOVED by Councillor Zhou

THAT subsection 3.3 F from page 10 of Appendix A be struck.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (Vote No. 09136)
(Councillor Dominato absent for the vote)

The amendment having carried, the motion as amended was put and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (Vote No. 09137) with Councillor Dominato absent for the vote.

FINAL MOTION AS APPROVED

- A. THAT Council approve the amendments to the Rezoning Policy for the West End generally as presented in Appendix A of the Report dated November 16, 2022, entitled "West End Rezoning Policy: Secured Rental Housing Option in the Burrard Corridor";

FURTHER THAT, subsection 3.3 F from page 10 of Appendix A be struck.

- B. THAT Council approve the amendments to the West End Community Plan, generally as presented in Appendix B of the Report dated November 16, 2022, entitled "West End Rezoning Policy: Secured Rental Housing Option in the Burrard Corridor".

2. Broadway Active Transportation Lanes – Next Steps March 1, 2023

Staff from Engineering Services 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
(Councillor Dominato absent for the vote)*

Subsequently, it was

MOVED by Councillor Carr

THAT the meeting extend past 5 pm in order to complete asking questions of staff on item 2.

*CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AND
BY THE REQUIRED MAJORITY
(Councillor Dominato absent for the vote)*

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The Committee recessed at 5:11 pm and reconvened at 6:01 pm.s

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During the hearing of speakers, it was

MOVED by Councillor Carr

THAT the Committee complete hearing speakers on item 2 and then recess;

FURTHER THAT the Committee complete item 2, along with the remaining items on the agenda, on March 30, 2023, at 3 pm.

*CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Councillor Dominato absent for the vote)*

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The Committee heard from nine speakers in support of the recommendations, eight speakers in opposition, and 16 speakers speaking to other aspects of the report.

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On March 29, 2023, the Committee recessed at 9:07 pm and reconvened on March 30, 2023, at 3:01 pm.

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MOVED by Councillor Boyle
THAT the Committee recommend to Council

THAT staff advance a design for Option 2, as generally described in the Report dated March 1, 2023, entitled “Broadway Active Transportation Lanes – Next Steps”, and:

- conduct public and stakeholder engagement on those designs,
- work with the Province of BC on a strategy to construct active transportation lanes as part of the road restoration for the Broadway Subway,
- advance interim designs for non-station blocks that can be delivered in tandem with subway completion, and
- report back to Council with a final recommendation in Q4 2023.

amended

AMENDMENT MOVED by Councillor Montague

THAT the motion be struck and replaced with the following:

THAT staff advance a design for Option 1, as generally described in this report, while preserving for the addition of active transportation lanes in the future and

report back to Council on the design as part of the Broadway Corridor Streetscape Plan.

CARRIED (Vote No. 09138)
(Councillors Boyle, Carr and Fry opposed)
(Councillor Kirby-Yung absent for the vote)

The amendment having carried, the motion as amended was put and CARRIED (Vote No. 09139) with Councillors Boyle, Carr and Fry opposed, and Councillor Kirby-Yung absent for the vote.

FINAL MOTION AS APPROVED

THAT staff advance a design for Option 1, as generally described in the Report dated March 1, 2023, entitled “Broadway Active Transportation Lanes – Next Steps”, while preserving for the addition of active transportation lanes in the future and report back to Council on the design as part of the Broadway Corridor Streetscape Plan.

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VARY AGENDA

Prior to the start of the next item, it was

MOVED by Councillor Montague

THAT the Committee vary the order of the agenda to receive item 12 for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
AND BY THE REQUIRED MAJORITY

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

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4. 2022 Statement of Financial Information March 10, 2023

THAT the Committee recommend to Council

- A. THAT Council approve the 2022 Statement of Financial Information outlined in the Report dated March 10, 2023, entitled “2022 Statement of Financial Information”, for filing with the Ministry of Municipal Affairs pursuant to the Financial Information Act.
- B. THAT Council receive for information the portion of the 2022 Statement of Financial Information, which represents the report of the City’s auditors on the 2022 financial statements of the City pursuant to Section 231 of the Vancouver Charter.

- C. THAT Council receive for consideration the portion of the 2022 Statement of Financial Information as it pertains to the remuneration and expenses of Council members pursuant to Section 196A of the Vancouver Charter.

ADOPTED ON CONSENT (Vote No. 09127)

**5. Approval of 2023-24 Business Improvement Area (BIA) Budgets
March 14, 2023**

THAT the Committee recommend to Council

THAT Council approve the 2023-24 fiscal year Business Improvement Area (BIA) Budgets as described in the Report dated March 14, 2023, entitled "Approval of 2023-24 Business Improvement Area (BIA) Budget", approve grants to 22 BIAs totalling \$17,419,920 (to be disbursed as outlined in Table 1, column A of the same report);

FURTHER THAT Council instruct the Director of Legal Services to bring forward the appropriate rating by-laws to recover the amounts of these grants.

ADOPTED ON CONSENT (Vote No. 09128)

**6. 1339 Robson Street – 1339 Robson Holdings Ltd ("SWITCH") Dual Licence –
Liquor Primary Licence Application Liquor Establishment – Class 3
February 28, 2023**

THAT the Committee recommend to Council

THAT Council, having considered the opinion of area residents and business operators as determined by neighbourhood notification, site sign, noise impacts and relevant Council policy as outlined in the Report dated February 28, 2023, entitled "1339 Robson Street – 1339 Robson Holdings Ltd ("SWITCH") Dual Licence – Liquor Primary Licence Application Liquor Establishment – Class 3", endorse the application submitted by Susan Mander of Rising Tide Consultants, on behalf of the applicant, 1339 Robson Holdings Ltd (doing business as "SWITCH"), for a new Dual Licence – Liquor Primary liquor licence (Liquor Establishment – Class 3), located at 1339 Robson Street, subject to:

- i. A maximum interior capacity of 190 persons;
- ii. Extended Hours of operation limited to 10 pm to 2 am, Sunday to Thursday, and 10 pm to 3 am, Friday and Saturday;
- iii. A Time-Limited Development Permit;
- iv. An acoustic report to be submitted certifying that the establishment meets Noise Control By-law requirements; and
- v. Signing a Good Neighbour Agreement with the City prior to business licence issuance.

ADOPTED ON CONSENT (Vote No. 09129)

**7. 67 West 6th Avenue – Turntable Hospitality Corporation (“Mount Pleasant Vintage & Provisions”) Dual Licence – Liquor Primary Licence Application Liquor Establishment – Class 2
February 28, 2023**

Staff from Development, Building and Licensing responded to questions.

The Committee heard from 11 speakers in support of the recommendations, and eight speakers in opposition.

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During hearing of speakers, it was

MOVED by Councillor Fry

THAT the meeting extend past 5 pm in order to complete asking questions of speaker 11.

*CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AND
BY THE REQUIRED MAJORITY*

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On March 30, 2023, the Committee recessed at 5:07 pm and reconvened at 5:31 pm.

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MOVED by Councillor Fry

THAT the Committee recommend to Council

THAT Council, having considered the opinion of area residents and business operators as determined by neighbourhood notification, site sign, noise impacts and relevant Council policy as outlined in the Report dated February 28, 2023, entitled “67 West 6th Avenue – Turntable Hospitality Corporation (“Mount Pleasant Vintage & Provisions”) Dual Licence – Liquor Primary Licence Application Liquor Establishment – Class 2”, endorse the application submitted by Rising Tide Consultants on behalf of the applicant, Turntable Hospitality Corporation (doing business as “Mount Pleasant Vintage & Provisions”), for a new Dual Licence – Liquor Primary liquor licence (Liquor Establishment – Class 2), located at 67 West 6th Avenue, subject to:

- i. A maximum interior capacity of 96 persons and outdoor patio capacity of 92 persons;
- ii. Extended Hours of operation limited to 10 pm to 1 am, Sunday to Thursday; and 10 pm to 2 am, Friday and Saturday;
- iii. The outdoor patio ceasing all liquor service and vacated by 11 pm nightly;
- iv. No music or entertainment permitted on the patio;

- v. A Time-Limited Development Permit;
- vi. An acoustic report to be submitted certifying that the establishment meets Noise Control By-law requirements; and
- vii. Signing a Good Neighbour Agreement with the City prior to business licence issuance.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (Vote No. 09140)
(Councillors Boyle, Carr, and Mayor Sim absent for the vote)

8. 1728 Commercial Drive – 1280646 B.C. Ltd (“Osita”) Liquor Primary Licence Application Liquor Establishment – Class 2 February 28, 2023

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

THAT Council, having considered the opinion of area residents and business operators as determined by neighbourhood notification, site sign, noise impacts and relevant Council policy as outlined in the Report dated February 28, 2023, entitled “1728 Commercial Drive – 1280646 B.C. Ltd (“Osita”) Liquor Primary Licence Application Liquor Establishment – Class 2”, endorse the application submitted by Jesse Sugarman, on behalf of 1280646 B.C. Ltd., to operate a new Liquor Primary licence, with an interior capacity of 150 persons and a seasonal outdoor patio with a capacity of 22 persons (transferred from the interior) (Liquor Establishment – Class 2) via the conversion of the existing Food Primary liquor licence (Restaurant – Class 2), located at 1728 Commercial Drive, subject to:

- i. A total maximum interior capacity of 150 persons and outdoor patio capacity of 22 persons, transferred from the interior;
- ii. Extended Hours of operation limited to 9 am to 1 am, Sunday to Thursday, and 9 am to 2 am, Friday to Saturday;
- iii. No music or entertainment permitted on the patio;
- iv. A Time-Limited Development Permit;
- v. An acoustic report certifying that the establishment meets Noise Control By-law requirements;
- vi. Signing a Good Neighbour Agreement with the City prior to business licence issuance; and
- vii. The surrendering of the existing Food Primary liquor licence (#185133) at the time of issuance of the new Liquor Primary licence.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (Vote No. 09141)
(Councillors Boyle, Carr, Dominato, and Mayor Sim absent for the vote)

9. 1149 Granville Street – Yorlenys Zuniga Morelo (“Union Latino’s Restaurant”) Dual Licence – Liquor Primary Licence Application Liquor Establishment – Class 2 February 28, 2023

THAT the Committee recommend to Council

THAT Council, having considered the opinion of area residents and business operators as determined by neighbourhood notification, site sign, noise impacts and relevant Council policy as outlined in the Report dated February 28, 2023, entitled “1149 Granville Street – Yorlenys Zuniga Morelo (“Union Latino’s Restaurant”) Dual Licence – Liquor Primary Licence Application Liquor Establishment – Class 2”, endorse the application submitted by Yorlenys Zuniga Morelo (doing business as “Union Latino’s Restaurant”), for a new Dual Licence – Liquor Primary liquor licence (Liquor Establishment – Class 2), located at 1149 Granville Street, subject to:

- i. A maximum interior capacity of 84 persons;
- ii. Extended Hours of operation limited to 10 pm to 2 am, Sunday to Thursday, and 10 pm to 3 am, Friday and Saturday;
- iii. A Time-Limited Development Permit;
- iv. An acoustic report to be submitted certifying that the establishment meets Noise Control By-law requirements; and
- v. Signing a Good Neighbour Agreement with the City prior to business licence issuance.

ADOPTED ON CONSENT (Vote No. 09130)

10. 251 East Georgia Street – Blind Tiger Hospitality Ltd (“Blind Tiger Dumplings”) Dual Licence – Liquor Primary Licence Application Liquor Establishment – Class 2 February 28, 2023

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At the beginning of the item, it was

MOVED by Councillor Kirby-Yung

THAT the Committee waive hearing from registered speakers on Item 10.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

(Councillors Boyle, Carr, Dominato, and Mayor Sim absent for the vote)

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MOVED by Councillor Kirby-Yung

THAT the Committee recommend to Council

THAT Council, having considered the opinion of area residents and business operators as determined by neighbourhood notification, site sign, noise impacts and relevant Council policy as outlined in the Report dated February 28, 2023, entitled “251 East Georgia Street – Blind Tiger Hospitality Ltd (“Blind Tiger Dumplings”) Dual Licence – Liquor Primary Licence Application Liquor Establishment – Class 2”, endorse the application, submitted by Christina Beehler of Rising Tide Consultants, on behalf of the applicant, Blind Tiger Hospitality Ltd., for a new Dual Licence – Liquor Primary licence (Liquor Establishment – Class 2) located at 251 East Georgia Street, subject to:

- i. A maximum interior capacity of 95 persons and outdoor patio capacity of 5 persons;
- ii. Extended Hours of operation limited to 10 pm to 1 am, Sunday to Thursday, and 10 pm to 2 am, Friday to Saturday;
- iii. The outdoor patio ceasing all liquor service and vacated by 11 pm nightly;
- iv. No music or entertainment permitted on the patio;
- v. A Time-Limited Development Permit;
- vi. An acoustic report certifying that the establishment meets Noise Control By-law requirements; and
- vii. Signing a Good Neighbour Agreement with the City prior to business licence issuance.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (Vote No. 09143)
(Councillors Boyle, Carr, Dominato, and Mayor Sim absent)

**11. 23 West Cordova Street – 1220123 B.C. Ltd. (“Blood Alley Music Hall”) Event-Drive Liquor Primary Licence Application Liquor Establishment (Venue)
February 28, 2023**

Staff from Development, Building and Licensing responded to questions.

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

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

THAT Council, having considered the opinion of area residents and business operators as determined by neighbourhood notification, site sign, noise impacts and relevant Council policy as outlined in the Report dated February 28, 2023, entitled “23 West Cordova Street – 1220123 B.C. Ltd. (“Blood Alley Music Hall”) Event-Drive Liquor Primary Licence Application Liquor Establishment (Venue)”, endorse the application submitted by Rising Tide Consultants, on behalf of the applicant, 1220123 B.C. Ltd., for a new event-driven Liquor Primary licence (Liquor Establishment Venue) located at 23 West Cordova Street – below grade, subject to:

- i. A maximum interior capacity of 598 persons;
- ii. Standard Hours of operation limited to 11 am to 1 am, Sunday to Thursday, and 11 am to 2 am, Friday and Saturday, for a minimum of six months;
- iii. Liquor service is event-driven and only permitted in conjunction with pre-booked events;
- iv. Food service to be available while the establishment is operating;
- v. A Time-Limited Development Permit;
- vi. Signing a Good Neighbour Agreement with the City prior to business licence issuance; and
- vii. An acoustic report to be submitted certifying that the establishment meets Noise Control By-law requirements.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (Vote No. 09143)
(Councillors Boyle, Carr, Dominato, and Mayor Sim absent for the vote)

**12. 2022 Municipal Election Review
January 31, 2023**

The Report was received for information.

**13. Water Works By-law Exemptions and/or Viable Exceptions for Notable Decorative
City Water Features (Motion B.2)**

At the Council meeting on March 28, 2023, Council referred the following motion to the Standing Committee on Policy and Strategic Priorities meeting on March 29, 2023, in order to hear from speakers, followed by debate and decision.

On March 30, 2023, the Committee heard from one speaker in support of the recommendations.

Following questions to the speaker, Chair Meiszner relinquished the Chair to Vice-Chair Klassen to participate in debate and resumed as Chair afterwards.

MOVED by Councillor Meiszner
THAT the Committee recommend to Council

WHEREAS

1. The Greater Vancouver Water District (GVWD) was created and constituted under provincial statute as the *Greater Vancouver Water District Act*. Its purpose is to supply drinking water to the Metro Vancouver region and it operates under the name "Metro Vancouver";

2. Metro Vancouver's *Drinking Water Conservation Plan (DWCP)* is a regional policy developed with member jurisdictions and other stakeholders to manage the use of drinking water during periods of high demand, mostly during late spring to early fall, and during periods of water shortages and emergencies. The DWCP helps to ensure that our collective needs for drinking water are met affordably and sustainably now, and in the future;¹
3. The City of Vancouver has a *Healthy City Strategy*: A long-term vision and integrated plan for the city to become a healthy city for all. At a fundamental level it requires that we work together to build an equitable, sustainable, resilient community where everyone is able to thrive. The ultimate goal of the strategy is healthier people, healthier places, and a healthier planet that enables all of us to enjoy the highest level of health and well-being possible;
4. The City's Healthy City Strategy is comprised of 13 long-term goals for the well-being of the city and its people, including ambitious targets to be reached by 2025. These goals include: being and feeling safe and included, cultivating connections, active living and getting outside, and creating and maintaining environments and spaces where all people can thrive;
5. Health is about much more than just physical health or treatment in the health care system – it is also about the social determinants that shape health and well-being in the broadest sense and in ways that connect our social, environmental, and economic sustainability;
6. Urban parks are among the places that contribute to the health and well-being of people living in cities. Urban parks allow people to easily access nature and to move away from the noise and complexity of the city, even if only for temporary moments of calm and respite;
7. The City of Vancouver is blessed with a wealth of parks and green spaces, many of which include water features as a prominent design element. Water features in parks and green spaces not only serve an aesthetic purpose, they also serve to cool the air, contribute to positive mental health outcomes, buffer sound, as well as figuring in a variety of outdoor recreational activities;
8. In recent years, the City's Water Works By-law 4848 (<https://bylaws.vancouver.ca/4848c.PDF>) has mandated that flow-through water features that do not recirculate water – which includes many decorative water fountains in Vancouver parks – must to be turned off as a water conservation measure;
9. The City's Water Works By-law prohibition on non-recirculating water features has resulted in a number of decorative water fountains in Vancouver parks being

¹ There are four water conservation stages outlined in Metro Vancouver's Drinking Water Conservation Plan. Each stage is designed to reduce demand for drinking water through specific water restrictions which become more restrictive with higher stages. Stage 1 reduces demand in summer months, and is automatically in effect on May 1 until October 15. Stages 2 and 3 are activated and deactivated by the GVWD Commissioner, typically during unusually hot and dry conditions to maximize conservation, and Stage 4 is reserved for an emergency to immediately limit water use to essential needs only.

turned off, notably the fountain on the Bute Street pedestrian walkway which has been the subject of a number of media reports;

10. In recognition of the health, mental health, and social benefits that the Bute Street pedestrian walkway fountain previously supported prior to being shut down, many community members have asked for it to be turned back on due to the many benefits it provides to community members, particularly the seniors home adjacent to the plaza;
11. On the surface, the water conservation objectives of the City's Water Works By-law 4848 and the health and wellness objectives of the City's Healthy City Strategy appear to be in conflict and the situation is leading to negative impacts on liveability and well-being of many people, not the least of which are local seniors whose mobility options may be challenged;
12. In Spring 2022, a Park Board motion entitled "[Iconic Vancouver Park Water Feature Renewals](#)" was brought forward, calling on the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation to provide "an inventory of all potable water fed features across our park system along with the repairs/upgrades needed to ensure they are compliant with City of Vancouver by-laws and remain sustainable in their water use," including a timeline with cost estimates for any repairs and upgrades needed;
13. At the Monday, July 4, 2022, Vancouver Park Board meeting, the "[Iconic Vancouver Park Water Feature Renewals](#)" motion was deferred "until the staff briefing on potable water conservation and the impact on park water features is provided to the Board, likely in the first quarter of 2023.";

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

- A. THAT Council direct staff to explore and recommend potential By-law exemptions and/or viable exceptions (temporary or otherwise) for decorative water fountain features in the city deemed to have noteworthy health and wellness value for city residents, in accordance with the objectives of the City's Healthy City Strategy, including the Bute Street pedestrian walkway fountain, until such time as the Park Board can reasonably repair and/or upgrade these water features to be recirculating water features, notwithstanding Metro Vancouver's lowest level Stage 1 water restrictions;

FURTHER THAT staff be directed to report back with the above noted recommendations for potential By-law exemptions and/or viable exceptions for water fountain features in city parks no later than the end of April 2023, including additional recommendations for balancing the health and wellness benefits of decorative water fountains against regional water conservation objectives during periods of extreme water shortages and emergencies (i.e., Stages 2 to 4).

- B. THAT Council direct staff to request an update from their counterpart staff at the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation on the question of potable water conservation and the impact on decorative water features in Vancouver's parks and green spaces as per the Park Board spring 2022 motion, and then report

back to Council at the earliest possible date, either in a memo or as a report back to Council.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (Vote No. 09144)
(Councillors Boyle, Carr, Dominato, and Mayor Sim absent for the vote)

On March 30, 2023, the Committee adjourned at 6:49 pm.

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

MARCH 30, 2023

A meeting of the Council of the City of Vancouver was held on Thursday, March 30, 2023, at 6:50 pm, in the Council Chamber, Third Floor, City Hall, following the Standing Committee on Policy and Strategic Priorities meeting, to consider the recommendations and actions of the Committee.

PRESENT:

Councillor Lenny Zhou, Acting Mayor
Councillor Pete Fry
Councillor Sarah Kirby-Yung
Councillor Mike Klassen
Councillor Peter Meiszner
Councillor Brian Montague

ABSENT:

Mayor Ken Sim (Leave of Absent for Civic Business 5 pm to 10 pm)
Councillor Rebecca Bligh
Councillor Christine Boyle
Councillor Adriane Carr (Leave of Absent for Civic Business 6 pm to 10 pm)
Councillor Lisa Dominato (Leave of Absent for Civic Business 6 pm to 10 pm)

CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE:

Paul Mochrie, City Manager

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE:

Leslie Matthews, Acting Deputy City Clerk
David Yim, Meeting Coordinator

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Report of Standing Committee on Policy and Strategic Priorities
March 29 and 30, 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:

1. Broadway Plan Implementation
2. Broadway Active Transportation Lanes – Next Steps
3. West End Rezoning Policy: Secured Rental Housing Option in the Burrard Corridor
4. 2022 Statement of Financial Information
5. Approval of 2023-24 Business Improvement Area (BIA) Budgets

6. 1339 Robson Street – 1339 Robson Holdings Ltd (“SWITCH”) Dual Licence – Liquor Primary Licence Application Liquor Establishment – Class 3
7. 67 West 6th Avenue – Turntable Hospitality Corporation (“Mount Pleasant Vintage & Provisions”) Dual Licence – Liquor Primary Licence Application Liquor Establishment – Class 2
8. 1728 Commercial Drive – 1280646 B.C. Ltd (“Osita”) Liquor Primary Licence Application Liquor Establishment – Class 2
9. 1149 Granville Street – Yorlenys Zuniga Morelo (“Union Latino’s Restaurant”) Dual Licence – Liquor Primary Licence Application Liquor Establishment – Class 2
10. 251 East Georgia Street – Blind Tiger Hospitality Ltd (“Blind Tiger Dumplings”) Dual Licence – Liquor Primary Licence Application Liquor Establishment – Class 2
11. 23 West Cordova Street – 1220123 B.C. Ltd. (“Blood Alley Music Hall”) Event-Drive Liquor Primary Licence Application Liquor Establishment (Venue)
12. 2022 Municipal Election Review
13. Water Works By-law Exemptions and/or Viable Exceptions for Notable Decorative City Water Features

Items 1 to 13

MOVED by Councillor Klassen
SECONDED by Councillor Montague

THAT the recommendations and actions taken by the Standing Committee on Policy and Strategic Priorities at its meeting of March 29 and 30, 2023, as contained in items 1 to 13, be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Councillor Montague
SECONDED by Councillor Klassen

THAT the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Council adjourned at 6:51 pm.

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