



REPORT TO COUNCIL

STANDING COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL ON POLICY AND STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

APRIL 26, 2023

A meeting of the Standing Committee of Council on Policy and Strategic Priorities was held on Wednesday, April 26, 2023, at 9:33 am, in the Council Chamber, Third Floor, City Hall. This Council meeting with in-person attendance available 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 – 4 pm to 10 pm) Councillor Rebecca Bligh* (Leave of Absence for Civic Business – 6 pm to 10 pm) Councillor Christine Boyle Councillor Adriane Carr Councillor Lisa Dominato Councillor Pete Fry* Councillor Sarah Kirby-Yung* (Leave of Absence for Civic Business – 5 pm to 10 pm) Councillor Mike Klassen, Vice Chair Councillor Lenny Zhou
ABSENT:	Councillor Brian Montague (Leave of Absence – Personal Reasons)
CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE:	Paul Mochrie, City Manager Karen Levitt, Deputy City Manager
CITY CLERK'S OFFICE:	Lesley Matthews, Acting Deputy City Clerk Cassia Nasralla, 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 Bligh

THAT Council adopt items 6 and 8 on consent.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

1. Metro Vancouver – Iona Wastewater Treatment Plan

Staff from Metro Vancouver provided a presentation and responded to questions.

2. 2022 Housing Progress Update – Housing Vancouver Strategy Implementation

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

3. Policy Enquiry Process Directions Report – Shawn Oaks and Louis Brier Home and Hospital Unique Sites Precinct March 28, 2023

At 11:37 am, Councillor Fry declared a Conflict of Interest on item 3, as he has a family relationship with an employee at the architectural firm working on the master plan for the project. He left the meeting at 11:37 am and did not return until the completion of item 3 at 3:35 pm.

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Before the hearing of the presentation, it was

MOVED by Councillor Boyle

THAT the meeting be extended until 12:30 pm;

FURTHER THAT the order of item 3 be varied to hear the staff presentation, then the hearing of speakers, and refer the questions to staff followed by debate and decision after the recess at 3 pm.

*CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AND
BY THE REQUIRED MAJORITY
(Councillor Fry absent for the vote due to conflict of interest)*

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

The Committee heard from three speakers in support of the recommendations, and four speakers who spoke to other aspects of the report.

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The Committee recessed at 12:20 pm and reconvened at 3:02 pm.

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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

(Councillor Fry absent for the vote due to conflict of interest)

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MOVED by Councillor Kirby-Yung

THAT the Committee recommend to Council

- A. THAT Council direct staff to consider a future rezoning application for 5505-5585 Oak Street (Shawn Oaks), as outlined in the Report dated, March 28, 2023, entitled "Policy Enquiry Process Directions Report – Shawn Oaks and Louis Brier Home and Hospital Unique Sites Presinct", through fee-recovered enhanced rezoning processes, for increased height and density which are non-compliant with what is specified in the Cambie Corridor Plan; consistent with the provisions of the Community Amenity Contributions Policy for Rezoning.
- B. THAT Council direct staff to consider a future rezoning application for 1055 West 41st Ave and 5650 Osler Street (Louis Brier Home and Hospital), as outlined in the Report dated, March 28, 2023, entitled "Policy Enquiry Process Directions Report – Shawn Oaks and Louis Brier Home and Hospital Unique Sites Presinct", through fee-recovered enhanced rezoning processes, for increased height and density which are non-compliant with what is specified in the Cambie Corridor Plan; consistent with the provisions of the Community Amenity Contributions Policy for Rezoning.
- C. THAT the passage of the above resolutions will not fetter Council's discretion in considering any rezoning applications or referral of any rezoning applications to public hearing, and does not create any legal rights for any person or obligation on the part of the City; any expenditures of funds or incurring of costs is at the risk of the person making the expenditure or incurring the costs.

amended

AMENDMENT MOVED by Councillor Klassen

That the following be added as a new letter:

THAT council direct the Mayor of Vancouver to send a letter to B.C.'s Minister of Health and the CEO of Vancouver Coastal Health that expresses the importance of retaining a minimum of 150 long-term care beds on the Louis Brier site, and request that funding for these beds is included as part of the provincial government's healthcare capital spending.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (Vote No. 09208)
(Councillor Fry absent for the vote due to conflict of interest)

FINAL MOTION AS APPROVED

- A. THAT Council direct staff to consider a future rezoning application for 5505-5585 Oak Street (Shawn Oaks), as outlined in the Report dated, March 28, 2023, entitled "Policy Enquiry Process Directions Report – Shawn Oaks and Louis Brier Home and Hospital Unique Sites Presinct", through fee-recovered enhanced rezoning processes, for increased height and density which are non-compliant with what is specified in the Cambie Corridor Plan; consistent with the provisions of the Community Amenity Contributions Policy for Rezoning.
- B. THAT Council direct staff to consider a future rezoning application for 1055 West 41st Ave and 5650 Osler Street (Louis Brier Home and Hospital), as outlined in the Report dated, March 28, 2023, entitled "Policy Enquiry Process Directions Report – Shawn Oaks and Louis Brier Home and Hospital Unique Sites Presinct", through fee-recovered enhanced rezoning processes, for increased height and density which are non-compliant with what is specified in the Cambie Corridor Plan; consistent with the provisions of the Community Amenity Contributions Policy for Rezoning.
- C. THAT the passage of the above resolutions will not fetter Council's discretion in considering any rezoning applications or referral of any rezoning applications to public hearing, and does not create any legal rights for any person or obligation on the part of the City; any expenditures of funds or incurring of costs is at the risk of the person making the expenditure or incurring the costs.
- D. THAT council direct the Mayor of Vancouver to send a letter to B.C.'s Minister of Health and the CEO of Vancouver Coastal Health that expresses the importance of retaining a minimum of 150 long-term care beds on the Louis Brier site, and request that funding for these beds is included as part of the provincial government's healthcare capital spending.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (Vote No. 09209)
(Councillor Fry absent for the vote due to conflict of interest)

**4. Annual Report of the Office of the Integrity Commissioner and Review of the Code of Conduct By-Law
March 29, 2023**

Staff from Legal Services 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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MOVED by Councillor Kirby-Yung
THAT the Committee recommend to Council

- A. THAT Council, pursuant to section 145.93 of the *Vancouver Charter*, resolve to review the Code of Conduct By-law No. 12886 (the “Code of Conduct”) and for that purpose receive for information the Annual report of the Office of the Integrity Commissioner for the period of January 1, 2022 to October 31, 2022 (the “Annual Report”) attached as Appendix “A” of the Report dated March 29, 2023 entitled, “Annual Report of the Office of the Integrity Commissioner and Review the Code of Conduct By-law”.
- B. THAT Council endorse the recommendations drawn from the Annual Report and attached as Appendix “B” of the Report dated March 29, 2023 entitled, “Annual Report of the Office of the Integrity Commissioner and Review the Code of Conduct By-law” in order to improve the text or operation of the Code of Conduct By-law.
- C. THAT Council instruct staff to bring forward proposed amendments to the Code of Conduct and Mayor and Councillor Expenses By-Law No. 11529 (the “Expenses By-law”) to reflect the recommendations endorsed.

amended

AMENDMENT MOVED by Councillor Kirby-Yung

THAT Council vote on A and refer B and C to the May 9, 2023 Council meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (Vote No. 09210)
(Councillor Fry and Mayor Sim absent for the vote)

The amendment having carried, the motion as amended was then put and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (Vote No. 09211) with Councillor Fry and Mayor Sim absent for the vote.

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Note: the Final Motion as Approved was debated and voted on at the May 10, 2023 Standing Committee on City Finances and Services meeting and can be found in its minutes.

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**5. Parking Meter Fees in Chinatown
March 10, 2023**

Staff from Parking Management and Engineering provided a presentation and responded to questions.

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At the end of questions from staff it was

MOVED BY Councillor Klassen

THAT the dinner break be shortened and take place from 5 pm to 5:30 pm.

*CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AND
BY THE REQUIRED MAJORITY*

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

MOVED by Councillor Zhou
THAT the Committee recommend to Council

- A. THAT Council approve, in principle, amendments to the Parking Meter By-law, generally in accordance with Appendix A of the Report dated March 10, 2023, entitled "Parking Meter Fees in Chinatown" that will result in on-street parking meter fees in Chinatown being set at \$2 per hour from 9 AM to 10 PM, as a pilot until December 31, 2024, with the estimated annual revenue impact of \$355,000 managed within the City's 2023 operating budget and incorporated into 2024 revenue projections;

FURTHER THAT Council instruct the Director of Legal Services to prepare and bring forward for enactment amendments to the Parking Meter By-law as generally outlined in Appendix A of the above-noted Report.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (Vote No. 09212)
(Councillor Fry and Mayor Sim absent for the vote)

**6. 110 Water Street (Basement and Mezzanine Level)
Little Mountain Gallery Community Arts Performance Association
Liquor Primary Liquor Licence Application
Liquor Establishment – Venue (Theatre)
March 29, 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 March 29, 2023, entitled “110 Water Street (Basement and Mezzanine Level) Little Mountain Gallery Community Arts Performance Association, Liquor Primary Liquor Licence Application Liquor Establishment – Venue (Theatre)”, endorse the application submitted by Little Mountain Gallery Community Arts Performance Association, for a new event-driven Liquor Primary liquor licence (Liquor Establishment – Venue (Theatre)), located at 110 Water Street, subject to:

- i. A maximum interior capacity of 135 persons;
- ii. Hours of operation limited to 11 am to 12 am, Sunday to Thursday, and 11 am to 1 am, Friday and Saturday;
- iii. Liquor service is event-driven and only permitted in conjunction with pre-booked events;
- iv. A Time-Limited Development Permit;
- v. An acoustic report to be submitted certifying that the establishment meets Noise Control By-law requirements; and
- vi. Signing a Good Neighbour Agreement with the City prior to business licence issuance, including a commitment to providing use of the venue by non-profit and community groups a minimum of two times per month.

ADOPTED ON CONSENT (Vote No. 09201)

**7. 212 Carrall Street – 1289491 B.C. Ltd (“Smith’s”)
Dual Licence – Liquor Primary Licence Application
Liquor Establishment – Class 1
March 29, 2023**

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

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During the hearing of speakers it was

MOVED BY Councillor Dominato

That the committee extend past 5 pm to finish item 7.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AND
BY THE REQUIRED MAJORITY**

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At 4:58 pm Chair Meiszner relinquished the Chair to Deputy Chair Zhou in order to make comments on the item and resumed the Chair at 4:59 pm.

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**MOVED by Councillor Klassen
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 March 29, 2023, entitled “ 212 Carrall Street – 1289491 B.C. Ltd (“Smith’s”) Dual Licence - Liquor Primary Licence Application Liquor Establishment – Class 1”, endorse the application submitted by Christa Montpetit of Blue Diamond Hospitality Inc., on behalf of the applicant, 1289491 B.C. Ltd., for a new Dual Licence – Liquor Primary licence (Liquor Establishment – Class 1) located at 212 Carrall Street, subject to:

- i. A maximum interior capacity of 59 persons;
- ii. Extended Hours of operation limited to 10 pm to 2 am, Sunday to Thursday, and 10 pm to 3 am, Friday to Saturday;
- iii. A Time-Limited Development Permit;
- iv. An acoustic report 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.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (Vote No. 09213)
(Mayor Sim and Councillor Bligh absent for the vote)**

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The Committee recessed at 5:00 pm and reconvened at 5:38 pm.

**8. 1133 Robson Street – Primary Holdings Ltd (“Fantacity Restaurant”)
Dual Licence – Liquor Primary Licence Application
Liquor Establishment Class 2
March 29, 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 March 29, 2023 entitled “1133 Robson Street – Primary Holdings Ltd)”Fantacity Restaurant”) Dual Licence – Liquor Primary Licence Application Liquor Establishment Class 2”, endorse the application submitted by Susan Mander of Rising Tide Consultants, on behalf of the applicant, Primary Holdings Ltd (doing business as “Fantacity Restaurant”), for a new Dual Licence – Liquor Primary liquor licence (Liquor Establishment Class 2), located at 1133 Robson Street, subject to:

- i. A maximum interior capacity of 137 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. 09204)

9. Piloting a Pedestrian Scramble Crossing Trial in Vancouver (Members’ Motion B.2)

At the Council meeting on April 25, 2023, Council referred the following motion to the Standing Committee on Policy and Strategic Priorities meeting on April 26, 2023, in order to hear from speakers, followed by debate and decision.

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

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At 5:49 pm Chair Meiszner relinquished the chair to Deputy Chair Zhou to make comments on the item. He resumed the Chair at 5:51 pm.

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MOVED by Councillor Zhou
THAT the Committee recommend to Council

WHEREAS

1. Transportation decisions in Vancouver generally reflect a hierarchy of transportation modes, with walking as the top priority;
2. Increasing the walkability and accessibility of Vancouver's streets and sidewalks is a priority of the City and has been supported by successive City Councils, including measures such as sidewalk curb ramps on street corners to create access for people using wheelchairs, walkers, and strollers to enable all residents to participate fully in the community, regardless of ability;ⁱ
3. According to Walk Score, Vancouver is considered to be a "Very Walkable" city with an overall walk score of 80. Most errands can be accomplished on foot, according to Walk Score, and some areas of the city have walk scores greater than 80 such as Downtown (97), the West End (95), Fairview (93), Mount Pleasant (92), and Strathcona (92);
4. Many cities around the world use pedestrian scrambles to provide safe and accessible crossings in high-pedestrian areas. Pedestrian scrambles enhance walkability, which encourages more people to choose travel options that are active, healthy, and environmentally sustainable, while increasing foot traffic that supports local business;
5. A pedestrian scramble is an exclusive pedestrian crossing phase at a signalized intersection where vehicular movements are prohibited at all approaches while pedestrians are permitted to cross diagonally and longitudinally. The separation of vehicular and pedestrian movements is intended to reduce conflicts between the two modes;ⁱⁱ
6. In July 2019, the City of Vancouver implemented a trial "all-walk" crosswalk phase at Hornby and Robson whereby all vehicle traffic was stopped and pedestrians could walk from any corner at the same time within the existing painted crosswalks, around or through the four corners of Robson and Hornby Street;
7. In contrast to the "all-walk" crosswalk trial at Hornby and Robson, a traditional pedestrian scramble differs by allowing diagonal crossing in any direction through an intersection;
8. A pedestrian scramble was considered in the design stage for the Hornby and Robson trial, but the all-walk phase was chosen to provide increased walk time for pedestrians who could also proceed in the south crosswalk with eastbound left turning vehicles given that there would be no vehicle/pedestrian conflict within the south crosswalk during this phase;
9. Public interest in a traditional pedestrian scramble in Vancouver, as opposed to an all-walk crosswalk phase, is longstanding and has frequently been raised as an option during planning and consultation processes. Potential locations for

pedestrian scrambles suggested by the public range from Broadway & Cambie to the crossing at 1st and Commercial;

10. Subsequent to the Hornby and Robson all-walk phase trial, staff were set to analyze the intersection operation to assess whether the longer-term roll-out would also include diagonal crossing and whether it could be a new tool for the City's engineering action plan;ⁱⁱⁱ
11. As of the current date, Vancouver has not piloted or trialed a traditional pedestrian scramble crossing, including diagonal crossing, to assess its effectiveness in the local Vancouver context and determine its value in terms of the City's pedestrian and traffic safety best practices and enhanced mobility.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council direct staff to report back by the end of Q3 2023 with recommendations and potential location options for a traditional pedestrian scramble crossing pilot that includes diagonal crossing, inclusive of a range of appropriate intersection examples in the city with high levels of pedestrian traffic in order to assess the effectiveness of scramble crossings in the local Vancouver context and determine their value in terms of the City's pedestrian and traffic safety best practices and enhanced mobility objectives.

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ⁱ The City of Vancouver has long recognize the importance of sidewalk accessibility and has been installing over 200 curb ramps per year since the 1960s. There are curb ramps on more than 95% of sidewalk curbs in the downtown core.
<https://vancouver.ca/streets-transportation/pedestrian-accessibility.aspx>

ⁱⁱ Pedestrian scramble phasing is most likely to be successful and have fewer violations at intersections with large volumes of both pedestrians and motor vehicles. Pedestrian scramble phase usually creates a longer cycle length and wait between crossings.
<https://vancouver.ca/files/cov/pedestrian-safety-study-2012-final-report.pdf>

ⁱⁱⁱ A joint safety study with UBC showed a 96% reduction in vehicle-pedestrian conflicts during the Hornby and Robson all-walk phase trial. This pilot will become permanent as part of the Robson Plaza project, and a second all-walk phase crossing is to be installed on the other side of the plaza at the Howe-Robson intersection. Staff will continue to look for other suitable locations for this type of intervention. <https://council.vancouver.ca/20200707/documents/r2.pdf>

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CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (Vote No. 09124)
(Councillor Bligh, Councillor Kirby-Yung and Mayor Sim absent for the vote)

10. Protecting People on Cornwall Avenue (Members' Motion B.3)

At the Council meeting on April 25, 2023, Council referred the following motion to the Standing Committee on Policy and Strategic Priorities meeting on April 26, 2023, in order to hear from speakers, followed by debate and decision.

The Committee heard from 10 speakers in support of the recommendations.

MOVED by Councillor Fry
THAT the Committee recommend to Council

WHEREAS

1. Vancouver is committed to Vision Zero: ending all traffic-related serious injuries and fatalities in the City of Vancouver;
2. Any amount of traffic-related serious injuries or fatalities on Vancouver streets is unacceptable and the City of Vancouver should prioritize the safety and well-being of residents;
3. There is strong evidence that vehicle speed increases both the probability and severity of motor vehicle crashes, making speed reduction an important part of a larger Vision Zero strategy. Studies show that if a driver hits a pedestrian at 50 km/h, the pedestrian only has approximately a 20% chance of survival, but that their chance of survival goes up to 90% if the speed is 30 km/h;
4. In March 2023 the Schools on Arterials Slow Zones pilot launched and reduced speeds on streets beside nine Elementary Schools, with a focus on reducing accidents and improving safety for children and families. Henry Hudson Elementary School is part of this pilot, with speed reduced to 40 km/h on Cornwall Avenue between Cypress Street and Maple Street from 8:00 am - 5:00 pm on school days;
5. In light of a tragic car crash at the intersection of Cornwall Avenue and Arbutus Street on July 20, 2022, local residents are asking for Council to expand the Schools on Arterials Slow Zones pilot to protect all road users on Cornwall Avenue, recognizing that Cornwall Avenue is used to access not just Henry Hudson Elementary School, but also Henry Hudson Child Care Society pre-school and daycare, Kitsilano Beach park, Kitsilano Pool, and several other key social and cultural institutions in Vancouver and the homes of thousands of residents; and
6. The Schools on Arterials Slow Zones pilot presents an opportunity to pilot an expanded reduced speed pilot further along Cornwall, from Burrard Street to Trafalgar, improving safety for thousands of residents, as well as thousands of visitors to the area during the summer months, and to collect data to inform longer term safety improvements for drivers, passengers, pedestrians, people on bikes, and micromobility users.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

THAT Vancouver City Council direct staff to extend the Schools on Arterials Slow Zones pilot on Cornwall Avenue, specifically by reducing the speed limit for all of Cornwall Avenue (Trafalgar Street through to Burrard Street), and reducing the speed to 30 km/h at all times (24/7), and to so do by July 2023, to maximize safety benefits for thousands of summer visitors to Kitsilano Beach and Kitsilano Pool; and

FURTHER THAT staff collect data on the expanded Cornwall slow zone and report back, as part of the report back on results of the pilot in Spring 2024, to make other recommendations for improving safety on Cornwall Avenue for pedestrians, people on bikes, micromobility users, drivers and passengers, including for:

- a. Improving visibility for drivers by removing parking in sections that obstruct sightlines;
- b. Consideration of adding bollards or other barriers to protect Henry Hudson Elementary School and Henry Hudson Child Care Society, as well as possible bollards on the NW corner of Cornwall and Arbutus between the sidewalk and the park space;
- c. Prohibiting left turns between 7am and 7pm, unless there is a turning lane and turn signal or an intersection controlled by stop signs, and looking to add dedicated turn phases at intersections where possible;
- d. Adding leading pedestrian intervals at all controlled crosswalks; and
- e. Working with TransLink to incorporate bus priority measures to reflect the high volume of transit riders that use this corridor and to maximize the safety benefits of transit use, including considering bus bulbs and/or bus lanes.

amended

AMENDMENT MOVED by Councillor Klassen

THAT in the first paragraph after THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the words “specifically by reducing the speed limit for all of Cornwall Avenue (Trafalgar Street through to Burrard Street), and reducing the speed to 30 km/h at all times (24/7), and to so do by July 2023,” be struck and replaced with “further westward from Maple Street along Cornwall, as an expansion of the current slow zones pilot adjacent to Henry Hudson Elementary School between Cypress and Maple Streets, with a speed reduction to 40 km/h as per the slow zones pilot as soon as possible but no later than July 2023,”.

FURTHER THAT the second paragraph the words “data on the expanded Cornwall slow zone and report back, as part of the report back on results of the pilot in Spring 2023, to make other recommendations for improving safety on Cornwall Avenue” be struck and replaced with “report back to Council in the spring of 2024 with any further safety measures and considerations that may be required following the pilot”.

FURTHER THAT the words “the improved protection of” be inserted between the words “for” and “pedestrians”;

FURTHER THAT the words “but not limited to such potential measures as” be added after the word “including”;

FURTHER THAT the following be struck “collect data on the expanded Cornwall slow zone and report back, as part of the report back on results of the pilot in Spring 2024, to make other recommendations for improving safety on Cornwall Avenue”;

AND FURTHER THAT the following be added at the end as a new clause:

“AND FURTHER THAT staff also report back by end of Q4 2023 on the feasibility of an active transportation lane or lanes to connect the section of Cornwall Avenue from Cypress Street to Trafalgar Street for cycling and scooters.”

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At 7:05 pm Councillor Fry raised a Point of Order, under section 14.3 of the Procedure By-Law, regarding a Councillor member’s participation in Council meetings by electronic means. The Chair ruled on the point of order and found it not in order.

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At 7:39 pm Councillor Dominato raised a Point of Order, under section 6.1(b) (c) and (d) of the Procedure By-Law, regarding questioning the motives of a Council member. The Chair ruled on the point of order and found it in order.

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Prior to voting on the amendment, the Committee agreed to separate the vote on the components of the amendment. The first paragraph was put and CARRIED (Vote No. 09215) with Councillors Boyle, Carr and Fry opposed. Councillors Bligh, Kirby-Yung, and Mayor Sim absent for the vote. The first paragraph having carried the remainder of the amendment was put and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (Vote no. 09216) with Councillors Bligh, Kirby-Yung and Mayor Sim absent for the vote.

The amendment having carried, the motion as amended was put and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (Vote No. 09217) with Councillors Bligh, Kirby-Yung, and Mayor Sim absent for the vote.

FINAL MOTION AS APPROVED

WHEREAS

1. Vancouver is committed to Vision Zero: ending all traffic-related serious injuries and fatalities in the City of Vancouver;
2. Any amount of traffic-related serious injuries or fatalities on Vancouver streets is unacceptable and the City of Vancouver should prioritize the safety and well-being of residents;
3. There is strong evidence that vehicle speed increases both the probability and severity of motor vehicle crashes, making speed reduction an important part of a larger Vision Zero strategy. Studies show that if a driver hits a pedestrian at 50 km/h, the pedestrian only has approximately a 20% chance of survival, but that their chance of survival goes up to 90% if the speed is 30 km/h;

4. In March 2023 the Schools on Arterials Slow Zones pilot launched and reduced speeds on streets beside nine Elementary Schools, with a focus on reducing accidents and improving safety for children and families. Henry Hudson Elementary School is part of this pilot, with speed reduced to 40 km/h on Cornwall Avenue between Cypress Street and Maple Street from 8:00 am - 5:00 pm on school days;
5. In light of a tragic car crash at the intersection of Cornwall Avenue and Arbutus Street on July 20, 2022, local residents are asking for Council to expand the Schools on Arterials Slow Zones pilot to protect all road users on Cornwall Avenue, recognizing that Cornwall Avenue is used to access not just Henry Hudson Elementary School, but also Henry Hudson Child Care Society pre-school and daycare, Kitsilano Beach park, Kitsilano Pool, and several other key social and cultural institutions in Vancouver and the homes of thousands of residents; and
6. The Schools on Arterials Slow Zones pilot presents an opportunity to pilot an expanded reduced speed pilot further along Cornwall, from Burrard Street to Trafalgar, improving safety for thousands of residents, as well as thousands of visitors to the area during the summer months, and to collect data to inform longer term safety improvements for drivers, passengers, pedestrians, people on bikes, and micromobility users.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

THAT Vancouver City Council direct staff to extend the Schools on Arterials Slow Zones pilot on Cornwall Avenue further westward from Maple Street along Cornwall, as an expansion of the current slow zones pilot adjacent to Henry Hudson Elementary School between Cypress and Maple Streets, with a speed reduction to 40 km/h as per the slow zones pilot as soon as possible but no later than July 2023, to maximize safety benefits for thousands of summer visitors to Kitsilano Beach and Kitsilano Pool;

FURTHER THAT staff report back to Council in the spring of 2024 with any further safety measures and considerations that may be required following the pilot phase for the improved protection of pedestrians, people on bikes, micromobility users, drivers and passengers, including but not limited to such potential measures as:

- a. Improving visibility for drivers by removing parking in sections that obstruct sightlines;
- b. Consideration of adding bollards or other barriers to protect Henry Hudson Elementary School and Henry Hudson Child Care Society, as well as possible bollards on the NW corner of Cornwall and Arbutus between the sidewalk and the park space;
- c. Prohibiting left turns between 7am and 7pm, unless there is a turning lane and turn signal or an intersection controlled by stop signs, and looking to add dedicated turn phases at intersections where possible;
- d. Adding leading pedestrian intervals at all controlled crosswalks; and

- e. Working with TransLink to incorporate bus priority measures to reflect the high volume of transit riders that use this corridor and to maximize the safety benefits of transit use, including considering bus bulbs and/or bus lanes;

AND FURTHER THAT staff also report back by end of Q4 2023 on the feasibility of an active transportation lane or lanes to connect the section of Cornwall Avenue from Cypress Street to Trafalgar Street for cycling and scooters.

The Committee adjourned at 7:44 pm.

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

APRIL 26, 2023

A meeting of the Council of the City of Vancouver was held on Wednesday, April 26, 2023, at 7:44 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 Christine Boyle
Councillor Adriane Carr
Councillor Lisa Dominato
Councillor Pete Fry
Councillor Mike Klassen
Councillor Peter Meiszner
Councillor Lenny Zhou, Acting Mayor

ABSENT: Mayor Ken Sim (Leave of Absence – Civic Business from 4 pm – 10 pm)
Councillor Rebecca Bligh (Leave of Absence – Civic Business from 6 pm – 10 pm)
Councillor Sarah Kirby-Yung (Leave of Absence – Civic Business from 5 pm – 10 pm)
Councillor Brian Montague (Leave of Absence – Personal Reasons)

CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE: Paul Mochrie, City Manager

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COMMITTEE REPORTS

Report of Standing Committee on Policy and Strategic Priorities
Wednesday, April 26, 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:

3. Policy Enquiry Process Directions Report – Shawn Oaks and Louis Brier Home and Hospital Unique Sites Precinct
4. Annual Report of the Office of the Integrity Commissioner and Review of the Code of Conduct By-law

5. Parking Meter Fees in Chinatown
6. 110 Water Street (Basement & Mezzanine Level)
Little Mountain Gallery Community Arts Performance Association
Liquor Primary Liquor Licence Application
Liquor Establishment – Venue (Theatre)
7. 212 Carrall Street – 1289491 B.C. Ltd (“Smith’s”)
Dual Licence – Liquor Primary Licence Application
Liquor Establishment – Class 1
8. 1133 Robson Street – Primary Holdings Ltd (“Fantacity Restaurant”)
Dual Licence – Liquor Primary Licence Application
Liquor Establishment Class 2
9. Piloting a Pedestrian Scramble Crossing Trial in Vancouver (Members’ Motion B.2)
10. Protecting People on Cornwall Avenue (Members’ Motion B.3)

MOVED by Councillor Carr
SECONDED by Councillor Meiszner

THAT the recommendations and actions taken by the Standing Committee on Policy and Strategic Priorities at its meeting of April 26, 2023, as contained in items 3 to 10, be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Councillor Klassen
SECONDED by Councillor Meiszner

THAT the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Council adjourned at 7:45 pm.

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