



REPORT TO COUNCIL

STANDING COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL ON POLICY AND STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

JANUARY 24, 2024

A meeting of the Standing Committee of Council on Policy and Strategic Priorities was held on Wednesday, January 24, 2024, at 9:38 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 Mike Klassen, Chair
Mayor Ken Sim* (Leave of Absence – Civic Business – 2 pm - 5 pm)
Councillor Rebecca Bligh*
Councillor Christine Boyle*
Councillor Adriane Carr
Councillor Lisa Dominato* (Leave of Absence – Civic Business – 2 pm - 4pm)
Councillor Pete Fry
Councillor Sarah Kirby-Yung* (Leave of Absence – Civic Business – 10:30 am - 2 pm)
Councillor Peter Meiszner, Vice Chair
Councillor Brian Montague*
Councillor Lenny Zhou

CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE:

Paul Mochrie, City Manager
Armin Amrolia, Deputy City Manager

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE:

Lesley Matthews, 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 team members who work hard every day to help make our city an incredible place to live, work, and play.

PROCLAMATION - DAY OF REMEMBRANCE AND ACTION ON ISLAMOPHOBIA

Mayor Sim proclaimed January 29, 2024, as 'Day of Remembrance and Action on Islamophobia' in the City of Vancouver. Mayor Sim invited members of Council to share in the reading of the proclamation honoring a day of remembrance, acknowledging the importance of injustices, and working towards tangible change. The Mayor also reflected on shared values of the Muslim Community: a society founded on respect, understanding, and the principles of reconciliation.

MATTERS ADOPTED ON CONSENT

There were no items adopted on consent.

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At 10:03 am, it was

*MOVED by Councillor Boyle
SECONDED by Councillor Zhou*

THAT the Committee begin Report 1. Jericho Lands Policy Statement at 11 am.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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PRESENTATIONS

1. Climate Emergency – Meeting Vancouver's Electricity Needs by BC Hydro

Staff from Planning, Urban Design and Sustainability along with members from BC Hydro provided a presentation and responded to questions.

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During questions to staff, it was

*MOVED by Councillor Dominato
SECONDED by Councillor Zhou*

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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At this point in the proceedings, it was

*MOVED by Councillor Bligh
SECONDED by Councillor Dominato*

*THAT the Committee vary the order of the agenda to hear Presentation 2 - Climate
Emergency Action Plan – Annual Update, after the completion of Report 1.*

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AND
BY THE REQUIRED MAJORITY**

Note: For clarity, the minutes are recorded in chronological order.

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At 11:16 am the Committee completed questions for presentation 1 and began report 1.

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REPORTS

1. Jericho Lands Policy Statement January 9, 2024

At the start of the item, Musqueam Chief Wayne Sparrow, Tsleil-Waututh Chief Jen Thomas, and Squamish Chairperson Khelsilem provided a welcome to the Committee on behalf of the Musqueam Indian Band, Squamish Nation, and Tsleil-Waututh Nation and introduced the item.

Following the introduction, Musqueam, Squamish, and Tsleil-Waututh Cultural Liaisons, Charleen Grant, Adrienne Charlie, Calvin Charlie-Dawson, and William George Thomas provided a presentation to the Committee.

Subsequently, Staff from Engineering Services, Parks and Recreation and Planning, Urban Design and Sustainability provided a presentation and, along with the applicant, responded to questions.

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At this point in the proceedings, it was

*MOVED by Councillor Dominato
SECONDED by Councillor Carr*

*THAT the Committee extend the meeting past noon in order to complete the staff
presentation for Report 1.*

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AND
BY THE REQUIRED MAJORITY**

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The Committee recessed at 12:15 pm and reconvened at 1:05 pm.

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During questions to staff, it was

*MOVED by Councillor Carr
SECONDED by Councillor Zhou*

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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The Committee heard from 11 speakers who spoke in support, 33 speakers who spoke in opposition and one speaker who made general comments of the recommendations.

MOVED by Councillor Boyle
SECONDED by Councillor Carr

THAT the Committee recommend to Council

- A. THAT Council approve the Jericho Lands Policy Statement, generally as attached in Appendix A of the report dated January 9, 2024, entitled "Jericho Lands Policy Statement", to guide the preparation of an Official Development Plan, future rezonings, and development of the Jericho Lands.
- B. THAT Council direct staff to prepare an Official Development Plan for the Jericho Lands for Council's consideration following a public hearing in relation to the proposed Official Development Plan.
- C. THAT Council direct staff to ensure all necessary technical studies, including substantive groundwater studies for the entire site, are provided to the City prior to processing the Phase 1 rezoning application.

amended

AMENDMENT MOVED by Councillor Kirby-Yung
SECONDED by Councillor Bligh

THAT the following be added as D:

THAT further to Council's support of the ʔəy' alməxw/Iy' álməxw/Jericho Lands Policy Statement, that Council affirm its interest in opportunities for the inclusion of attainable leasehold home ownership in the housing mix for this community towards the goal of providing a diversity of housing options in the City, and

achieving critically needed middle-income workforce housing;

FURTHER THAT Council request that the Landowners consider the potential for including attainable leasehold home ownership within the Jericho Lands;

AND FURTHER THAT Council affirm its commitment to support the Landowners in their ongoing advocacy to secure the necessary funding from senior governments that would allow them to achieve and/or exceed the full policy target for social housing within the Jericho Lands.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (Vote No. 09771)

AMENDMENT MOVED by Councillor Dominato
SECONDED by Councillor Kirby-Yung

THAT the following be added as E, F, and G:

- E. THAT Council direct staff to work with the landowners to explore opportunities to increase the percentage of below market rental housing through provincial and federal support.
- F. THAT Council direct staff to work with the landowners to increase the use of mass timber in the Jericho Lands development wherever possible to enhance the project's sustainability and low carbon footprint;

FURTHER THAT staff be directed to report back on the above at each Rezoning phase.
- G. THAT Council direct staff to work with the landowners to explore and encourage the relocation of existing barracks housing on the site, at the appropriate development phase or phases, as part of a wider sustainability strategy for reusing/recycling these structures, as well as for consideration during the Development and Building Permit application phases;

FURTHER THAT staff be directed to report back on the above at each Rezoning phase.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (Vote No. 09772)

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At this point in the proceedings, it was

*MOVED by Councillor Meiszner
SECONDED by Councillor Dominato*

THAT the Committee extend the meeting until 5:30 pm.

*CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AND
BY THE REQUIRED MAJORITY*

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At 5:02 pm, Chair Klassen relinquished the Chair to Vice-Chair Meiszner in order to make comments on the amended motion and resumed the Chair at 5:06 pm.

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The amendments having carried, the motion as amended was put and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (Vote No. 09773) with Councillor Montague absent for the vote.

FINAL MOTION AS APPROVED

THAT the Committee recommend to Council

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- B. THAT Council direct staff to prepare an Official Development Plan for the Jericho Lands for Council’s consideration following a public hearing in relation to the proposed Official Development Plan.
- C. THAT Council direct staff to ensure all necessary technical studies, including substantive groundwater studies for the entire site, are provided to the City prior to processing the Phase 1 rezoning application.
- D. THAT further to Council’s support of the ʔəy’ alməxw/Iy’ álməxw/Jericho Lands Policy Statement, that Council affirm its interest in opportunities for the inclusion of attainable leasehold home ownership in the housing mix for this community towards the goal of providing a diversity of housing options in the City, and achieving critically needed middle-income workforce housing;

FURTHER THAT Council request that the Landowners consider the potential for including attainable leasehold home ownership within the Jericho Lands;

AND FURTHER THAT Council affirm its commitment to support the Landowners in their ongoing advocacy to secure the necessary funding from senior governments that would allow them to achieve and/or exceed the full policy target for social housing within the Jericho Lands.

- E. THAT Council direct staff to work with the landowners to explore opportunities to increase the percentage of below market rental housing through provincial and federal support.
- F. THAT Council direct staff to work with the landowners to increase the use of mass timber in the Jericho Lands development wherever possible to enhance the project’s sustainability and low carbon footprint;

FURTHER THAT staff be directed to report back on the above at each Rezoning phase.

- G. THAT Council direct staff to work with the landowners to explore and encourage the relocation of existing barracks housing on the site, at the appropriate development phase or phases, as part of a wider sustainability strategy for reusing/recycling these structures, as well as for consideration during the Development and Building Permit application phases;

FURTHER THAT staff be directed to report back on the above at each Rezoning phase.

2. Climate Emergency Action Plan – Annual Update

Due to time constraints,

POSTPONEMENT MOVED by Councillor Dominato
SECONDED by Councillor Carr

THAT the Committee postpone Presentation 2 - Climate Emergency Action Plan – Annual Update, to the Standing Committee on City Finance and Services meeting on February 7, 2024.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Councillors Boyle and Montague, absent for the vote)

2. 2024 Budget Adjustment related to risk mitigation of the Hemlock Looper Moth in Stanley Park November 28, 2023

The City Manager responded to questions on behalf of staff from Finance, Risk, and Supply Chain Management.

MOVED by Councillor Dominato
SECONDED by Councillor Kirby-Yung

THAT the Committee recommend to Council

THAT Council approve a one-time 2024 operating budget increase of \$4.9 million for the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation to fund immediate work required to mitigate immediate safety risk of trees damaged by the Hemlock Looper Moth within Stanley Park, to be temporarily funded from the general revenue stabilization reserve to allow procurement to proceed, while a multi-year funding strategy is developed.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (Vote No. 09775)
(Councillors Bligh, Boyle, and Montague absent for the vote)

COUNCIL MEMBERS' MOTIONS

1. Requests for Leaves of Absence

MOVED by Councillor Zhou

SECONDED by Councillor Meiszner

THAT the Committee recommend to Council

THAT Councillor Boyle be granted a Leave of Absence for civic business from meetings on February 1, 2024, from 5 pm onwards, on February 7, 2024, from 3:30 pm to 6:30 pm, and on March 13, 2024, from 9 am to 12 pm, and a Leave of Absence for personal reasons on February 8, 2024, from 6 pm onwards, and from July 1, 2024 to July 12, 2024;

FURTHER THAT Councillor Klassen be granted a Leave of Absence for civic business from meetings on January 24, 2024, from 10:30 am to 2 pm, and on February 6, 2024, from 8:30 am to 4 pm, and a Leave of Absence for personal reasons on February 29th, 2024, from 5 pm onwards;

FURTHER THAT Councillor Meiszner be granted a Leave of Absence for civic business from meetings on January 25, 2024, from 4 pm to 7 pm, and January 31, 2024, from 6 pm onwards, and a Leave of Absence for personal reasons from April 10 until April 23, 2024;

FURTHER THAT Councillor Dominato be granted a Leave of Absence for personal reasons from meetings on February 6, 2024, from 9:30 am to 5 pm, and on February 7, 2024, from 4:30 pm onwards.

AND FURTHER THAT Councillor Montague be granted a Leave of Absence for personal reasons from meetings from April 15, 2024 to May 15, 2024.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

(Councillors Bligh, Boyle, and Montague absent for the vote)

The Committee adjourned at 5:17 pm.

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

JANUARY 24, 2024

A meeting of the Council of the City of Vancouver was held on Wednesday, January 24, 2024, at 5:18 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: Mayor Ken Sim
Councillor Adriane Carr
Councillor Lisa Dominato
Councillor Pete Fry
Councillor Sarah Kirby-Yung
Councillor Mike Klassen
Councillor Peter Meiszner
Councillor Lenny Zhou

ABSENT: Councillor Rebecca Bligh
Councillor Christine Boyle
Councillor Brian Montague

CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE: Paul Mochrie, City Manager
Karen Levitt, Deputy City Manager

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE: Lesley Matthews, Deputy City Clerk
Cassia Nasralla, Meeting Coordinator

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Report of Standing Committee on Policy and Strategic Priorities
Wednesday, January 24, 2024

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

Presentations:

1. Climate Emergency – Meeting Vancouver's Electricity Needs by BC Hydro

Reports:

1. Jericho Lands Policy Statement
2. 2024 Budget Adjustment related to risk mitigation of the Hemlock Looper Moth in Stanley Park

Council Members' Motions:

1. Requests for Leaves of Absence

MOVED by Councillor Klassen
SECONDED by Councillor Zhou

THAT the recommendations and actions taken by the Standing Committee on Policy and Strategic Priorities at its meeting of January 24, 2024, as contained in Presentation 1, Reports 1 and 2 and Council Members' Motion 1, be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Councillor Meiszner
SECONDED by Councillor Klassen

THAT the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Council adjourned at 5:20 pm.

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