



## REPORT TO COUNCIL

### STANDING COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL ON POLICY AND STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

**FEBRUARY 28, 2024**

A meeting of the Standing Committee of Council on Policy and Strategic Priorities was held on Wednesday, February 28, 2024, at 9:30 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
- Councillor Rebecca Bligh
- Councillor Christine Boyle
- Councillor Adriane Carr
- Councillor Lisa Dominato
- Councillor Pete Fry
- Councillor Sarah Kirby-Yung\*
- Councillor Peter Meiszner, Vice Chair
- Councillor Brian Montague
- Councillor Lenny Zhou

**CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE:** Paul Mochrie, City Manager

**CITY CLERK'S OFFICE:** Tina Penney, Deputy City Clerk  
Bonnie Kennett, 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 Dominato  
SECONDED by Councillor Carr

THAT Council adopt Reports 2 to 6, on consent.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## **1. Single-Use Item By-laws and Report Back on Cup Policies February 7, 2024**

Staff from Engineering Services provided a presentation and responded to questions.

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

MOVED by Councillor Bligh  
SECONDED by Councillor Fry

THAT the Committee recommend to Council

- A. THAT Council relinquish the regulation of single-use items from the City to the federal and provincial governments by approving, in principle, amendments to the License By-law and the Ticket Offences By-law generally in accordance with Appendix A of the Report dated February 7, 2024, entitled, "Single-Use Item By-laws and Report Back on Cup Policies", to rescind the City of Vancouver's by-law requirements concerning single-use foam cups and foam take out containers, straws, utensils, plastic shopping bags, paper shopping bags and reusable shopping bags;  
  
FURTHER THAT Council instruct the Director of Legal Services to bring forward for enactment the by-law amendments regarding foam containers, plastic straws, single-use utensils and plastic shopping bags to be effective by March 12, 2024, and the by-laws regarding paper and reusable shopping bags to be effective on July 15, 2024.
- B. THAT Council request that the Mayor write to the federal Minister of Environment and Climate Change Canada and respectfully request amendments to the federal Single-Use Plastics Prohibition Regulations (SOR/2022-138) in order to enhance accessibility under the federal plastic straw ban and align with the City of Vancouver by allowing:
  - i. Food vendors to provide an "accessible straw" (flexible plastic straw, individually wrapped in paper) when requested;
  - ii. Retailers to display packages of flexible plastic straws in stores; and
  - iii. Flexible plastic straws attached to beverage containers like drink boxes.
- C. THAT Council:
  - i. Request that the Province work in consultation with local governments and other stakeholders to develop circular cup packaging regulations that are consistent across B.C., achieve the best environmental outcomes based on B.C.'s local context, and develop these regulations as part of the Province's work to identify a policy approach by 2025 to improve the circularity of industrial, commercial and institutional (ICI) packaging; and
  - ii. Share the Report dated February 7, 2024, entitled, "Single-Use Item By-laws and Report Back on Cup Policies", with the Minister of

Environment and Climate Change Strategy as a demonstration of the City of Vancouver's commitment to support the Province in advancing circular cup packaging regulations for B.C.

amended

AMENDMENT MOVED by Councillor Bligh  
SECONDED by Councillor Zhou

THAT in C(i), the words “, industry and respective producer responsibility organizations (PROs),” be added after the words “local governments”;

FURTHER THAT in C(i), the words “including exploring broader end-market acceptance of these materials from recyclers and exploring requirements on producers to innovate the way single-use cups are made to make them more recyclable and/or attractive to end markets, to” be added after “consistent across B.C.”, and read as follows:

- i. Request that the Province work in consultation with local governments, industry and respective producer responsibility organizations (PROs), and other stakeholders to develop circular cup packaging regulations that are consistent across B.C., including exploring broader end-market acceptance of these materials from recyclers and exploring requirements on producers to innovate the way single-use cups are made to make them more recyclable and/or attractive to end markets, to achieve the best environmental outcomes based on B.C.'s local context, and develop these regulations as part of the Province's work to identify a policy approach by 2025 to improve the circularity of industrial, commercial and institutional (ICI) packaging; and

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (Vote No. 09816)

AMENDMENT MOVED by Councillor Kirby-Yung  
SECONDED by Councillor Meiszner

THAT the words “and to advance the ability to accept cups in the commercial waste stream.” be added to the end of C(i).

amended

AMENDMENT TO THE AMENDMENT MOVED by Councillor Fry  
SECONDED by Councillor Bligh

THAT the words “in the commercial waste stream” be struck.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (Vote No. 09817)

The amendment to the amendment having carried, the amendment as amended was put and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (Vote No. 09818)

The amendments having carried, the motion as amended was put and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (Vote No. 09819)

## FINAL MOTION AS APPROVED

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- ii. Share the Report dated February 7, 2024, entitled, “Single-Use Item By-laws and Report Back on Cup Policies”, with the Minister of Environment and Climate Change Strategy as a demonstration of the City of Vancouver’s commitment to support the Province in advancing circular cup packaging regulations for B.C.

**2. Quarterly Capital Budget Adjustments and Closeouts  
February 20, 2024**

THAT the Committee recommend to Council

- A. THAT Council approve Capital Budget and funding adjustments as outlined in the Report dated February 20, 2024, entitled “Quarterly Capital Budget Adjustments and Closeouts”, and Appendix B of the same report, which will result in:
  - a. An increase of \$17.0 million to the 2023-2026 Capital Plan; and
  - b. An increase of \$36.5 million to the Multi-Year Capital Project Budgets.
- B. THAT, as part of the Capital Budget closeout process, Council approves the closeout of 9 capital projects that were completed with surplus/deficit exceeding \$0.2 million, as outlined in the Report dated February 20, 2024, entitled “Quarterly Capital Budget Adjustments and Closeouts”, and Appendix C of the same report.

ADOPTED ON CONSENT (Vote No. 09823)

**3. 2024 Budget for Britannia Community Services Centre Society (BCSCS)  
February 20, 2024**

THAT the Committee recommend to Council

THAT Council approve the Britannia Community Services Centre Society 2024 Operating Budget of \$9,914,138 in expenditures and transfers and \$9,914,138 in revenues, as outlined in Appendix A the Report dated February 20, 2024, entitled “2024 Budget for Britannia Community Services Centre Society (BCSCS)”.

ADOPTED ON CONSENT (Vote No. 09824)

**4. Contract Award for a Food and Beverage Broadline Distributor for the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation  
February 15, 2024**

THAT the Committee recommend to Council

- A. THAT Council authorize City staff to negotiate to the satisfaction of the City’s General Manager of Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation, City’s Director of Legal Services, and the City’s Chief Procurement Officer and enter into a contract with Sysco Canada Inc., for the supply and distribution of food and beverage products, for a term of five (5) years, with the option to extend the term for two (2) additional periods of one (1) year each, with an estimated contract value of six million dollars (\$6,000,000) plus applicable taxes over the seven-year term, to be funded through the operating budget.
- B. THAT the Director of Legal Services, Chief Procurement Officer and General Manager of Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation 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 and B above.

ADOPTED ON CONSENT (Vote No. 09826)

**5. Contract Award for Pre-Qualification of Professional Engineering Services Consultants  
February 15, 2024**

THAT the Committee recommend to Council

- A. THAT Council authorize City staff to negotiate an agreement for Professional Engineering Services Consultants for a list of 57 vendors as attached in Appendix A of the Report dated February 15, 2024, entitled "Contract Award for Pre-Qualification of Professional Engineering Services Consultants", for providing the professional engineering services, for a term of three (3) years, with an estimated contract value of \$20,000,000, plus applicable taxes, to be funded through Annual Capital Expenditure Budget, the Multi-Year Capital Budget and the Operating Budget subject to Council approval.
- B. THAT Council delegate its authority to execute the Agreement to the City's Director of Legal Services, Chief Procurement Officer, and General Manager of Engineering.

ADOPTED ON CONSENT (Vote No. 09827)

**6. Contract Award for Pre-Qualification of Building Management Services Consultants  
February 15, 2024**

THAT the Committee recommend to Council

- A. THAT Council authorize City staff to negotiate an agreement for Pre-Qualification of Building Management Services Consultants for a list of 28 vendors as attached in Appendix A of the Report dated February 15, 2024, entitled "Contract Award for Pre-Qualification of Building Management Services Consultants", for providing the building management services, for a term of three (3) years, with an estimated contract value of \$8M, plus applicable taxes, to be funded through Annual Capital Expenditure Budget, the Multi-Year Capital Budget and the Operating Budget subject to Council approval.
- B. THAT Council delegate its authority to execute the Agreement to the City's Director of Legal Services, Chief Procurement Officer, and General Manager of Real Estate, Environment and Facilities.

ADOPTED ON CONSENT (Vote No. 09829)

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*At this point in the meeting, it was*

*MOVED by Councillor Bligh  
SECONDED by Councillor Montague*

*THAT the meeting extend past noon to complete the agenda.*

*CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY*

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## **COUNCIL MEMBERS' MOTIONS**

### **1. Requests for Leaves of Absence**

MOVED by Councillor Meiszner  
SECONDED by Councillor Bligh

THAT the Committee recommend to Council

THAT Councillor Bligh be granted a Leave of Absence for civic business from meetings on February 29 and March 12, 2024, from 6 pm to 10 pm;

FURTHER THAT Councillor Dominato be granted a Leave of Absence for civic business from meetings on February 29 and March 12, 2024, from 6 pm to 10 pm;

AND FURTHER THAT Councillor Meiszner be granted a Leave of Absence for civic business from meetings on February 29, 2024, from 6 pm to 10 pm.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY  
(Councillor Kirby-Yung absent for the vote)

### **2. Recertifying Vancouver as a Living Wage Employer**

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

The City Manager and staff from Supply Chain Management, responded to questions.

MOVED by Councillor Boyle  
SECONDED by Councillor Carr

THAT the Committee recommend to Council

WHEREAS

1. The Living Wage is a standardised calculation done annually by the Living Wage for Families Campaign and the Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives. It is the hourly amount that each of two parents, both working full time, need to earn in

order to afford basic expenses like food, clothing, rent, and child care once government taxes, credits, deductions and subsidies are taken into account. It is a barebones budget that does not include debt repayment or savings for future plans. The Living Wage for Metro Vancouver is currently \$25.68;

2. In July 2015 Vancouver City Council unanimously passed a public council motion to become certified as a Living Wage Employer by the Living Wage for Families Campaign.<sup>1</sup> The text of the motion read:

*That Vancouver City Council affirm its commitment to have the City of Vancouver be certified as a living wage employer by the Living Wage for Families Campaign and direct staff to report back on the steps necessary to achieve that goal;*

3. The following year, in August 2016, Vancouver City Council unanimously approved a staff report outlining a plan to become certified as a Living Wage employer by implementing measures to ensure that direct employees and individuals employed by contracted service providers, including subcontractors, are compensated at or above the Living Wage rate;<sup>2</sup>
4. In 2016 the Metro Vancouver Living Wage was \$20.64. At the time all City of Vancouver employees were paid at or above the Living Wage, and the move to become a certified Living Wage employer had the most significant impact on contract workers providing security, janitorial and graffiti removal services. The City of Vancouver became the largest Living Wage Employer in Canada;
5. The City of Vancouver reported that becoming a living wage employer was “very rewarding” and created “unintended positive consequences, impacting far more than just the City’s direct or contractual staff”. Staff reported receiving letters from “our graffiti removal services about employees saying just that it changed [their] life.”;<sup>3</sup>
6. In January 2023 Vancouver City Council voted in a closed door meeting to end the City of Vancouver’s certification as a Living Wage Employer;
7. Costs, including rents and food, continue to increase across British Columbia. The average monthly food basket has increased by 6.1% since last year, and shelter costs for the Metro Vancouver living wage family jumped by 16.6% this

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<sup>3</sup> Supporting the Low-Wage Workforce: A Comprehensive Review of the Living Wage in British Columbia.” March 2023. Page 14. <https://engage.gov.bc.ca/app/uploads/sites/237/2023/08/FWC-Report-Living-Wage-2023-Final.pdf>



year. The living wage is impacted by Federal, Provincial and Municipal policies that impact the cost of housing/rent, childcare and more;

8. 13% of children in BC are living in poverty, and the majority of poor children in B.C. live in families with parents who work in the paid labour force. Paying the Living Wage is a key route out of poverty for these families;
9. There are nearly 400 Living Wage Employers in BC who have committed to ensuring their direct and contracted staff earn a Living Wage. This wage can be made up of base pay and any non-mandatory benefits they offer. There are 16 local governments/public bodies (including municipalities, school boards and First Nation councils) who are certified living wage employers in BC;
10. Despite the significant increase to the Living Wage, nearly 300 organisations in BC recertified as a Living Wage Employer in 2023, including the City of Victoria, Vancouver School Board and Vancity Credit Union. There are also over 100 new Living Wage Employers, including Mobi Bikes, Metis Nation BC and Kindred Construction. The City of Vancouver was the only municipality not to recertify as a Living Wage Employer in 2023;
11. 98% of Living Wage Employers reported a benefit from being part of the program. These benefits include:
  - a. Easier to recruit staff;
  - b. Lowering staff turnover;
  - c. Increased productivity;
  - d. It helps an organisation live up to their values;
  - e. Increased publicity; and
  - f. Improved morale;
12. The City of Vancouver being a Living Wage employer aligns with Vancouver's Healthy City Strategy, which sets out a vision of a Healthy City for All; a community where together we are creating and continually improving conditions that enable everyone to enjoy the highest level of health and well-being possible;
13. People who work for the City of Vancouver should be able to afford to live here, raise their kids here, and contribute to the life of their community. Paying the Living Wage to all direct staff and contractors will help create a fairer, healthier, more affordable city for all of us.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Vancouver City Council affirm its commitment to have the City of Vancouver be re-certified as a living wage employer by the Living Wage for Families Campaign and direct staff to report back by Q3 2024 on the steps necessary to become re-certified as a Living Wage employer in 2025.

amended

AMENDMENT MOVED by Councillor Bligh  
SECONDED by Councillor Montague

THAT the motion be struck and replaced with the following:

- A. THAT Council direct staff to explore the opportunities and challenges of using a three-year moving average compared to the current five-year moving average and report back to Council by Q4 of 2024.
- B. THAT a pre-existing FTE staff person be designated to oversee the ongoing management and implementation of fair wage policies in the City.
- C. THAT Vancouver City Council direct the City Manager's Office to write to Living Wage for Families of BC (LWFBC) explaining the City's rationale for switching to the Fair Wage approach currently in use by the City, and express the City's sincere hope that LWFBC (as the certification body) will recognize the significant implementation challenges annual rate increases and decreases represent for large organizations to participate in the Living Wage Employer program as currently constituted;

FURTHER THAT the In-Camera Report dated January 18, 2023, entitled "Living Wage Employer Certification", and released publicly on February 27, 2024, be added as an addendum to this motion.

CARRIED (Vote No. 09821)  
(Councillors Boyle, Carr and Fry opposed)

The amendment having carried, the motion as amended was put and CARRIED  
(Vote No. 09822) with Councillors Boyle, Carr and Fry opposed.

## **FINAL MOTION AS APPROVED**

### WHEREAS

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THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

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The Committee adjourned at 12:20 pm.

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

**FEBRUARY 28, 2024**

A meeting of the Council of the City of Vancouver was held on Wednesday, February 28, 2024, at 12:20 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 Rebecca Bligh  
Councillor Christine Boyle  
Councillor Adriane Carr  
Councillor Lisa Dominato  
Councillor Pete Fry  
Councillor Sarah Kirby-Yung  
Councillor Mike Klassen  
Acting Mayor Peter Meiszner  
Councillor Brian Montague  
Councillor Lenny Zhou

**CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE:** Paul Mochrie, City Manager

**CITY CLERK'S OFFICE:** Tina Penney, Deputy City Clerk  
Bonnie Kennett, Meeting Coordinator

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Report of Standing Committee on Policy and Strategic Priorities  
Wednesday, February 28, 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:

Reports:

1. Single-Use Item By-laws and Report Back on Cup Policies
2. Quarterly Capital Budget Adjustments and Closeouts
3. 2024 Budget for Britannia Community Services Centre Society (BCSCS)
4. Contract Award for a Food and Beverage Broadline Distributor for the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation
5. Contract Award for Pre-Qualification of Professional Engineering Services Consultants
6. Contract Award for Pre-Qualification of Building Management Services Consultants

Council Members' Motions:

1. Requests for Leaves of Absence
2. Recertifying Vancouver as a Living Wage Employer

Reports 1 to 6 and Council Members' Motions 1 and 2

MOVED by Councillor Kirby-Yung  
SECONDED by Councillor Zhou

THAT the recommendations and actions taken by the Standing Committee on Policy and Strategic Priorities at its meeting of February 28, 2024, as contained in Reports 1 to 6 and Council Members' Motions 1 and 2, be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**ADJOURNMENT**

MOVED by Councillor Meiszner  
SECONDED by Councillor Kirby-Yung

THAT the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Council adjourned at 12:21 pm.

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