



REPORT TO COUNCIL

STANDING COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL ON POLICY AND STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

MAY 8, 2024

A meeting of the Standing Committee of Council on Policy and Strategic Priorities was held on Wednesday, May 8, 2024, at 9:33 am, in the Council Chamber, Third Floor, City Hall. This Council meeting was convened in person and via 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 – 12 pm onwards) Councillor Rebecca Bligh* (Leave of Absence – Civic Business – 9:30 am to 12 pm) Councillor Christine Boyle Councillor Adriane Carr Councillor Lisa Dominato Councillor Pete Fry* Councillor Sarah Kirby-Yung* Councillor Peter Meiszner, Vice-Chair Councillor Lenny Zhou
ABSENT:	Councillor Brian Montague (Leave of Absence – Personal Reasons)
CITY MANAGER’S OFFICE:	Paul Mochrie, City Manager Sandra Singh, Deputy City Manager
CITY CLERK’S OFFICE:	Tina Penney, Deputy City Clerk Rowena Choi, 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
SECONDED by Councillor Dominato

THAT the Committee recommend to Council

THAT Council adopt Report 5 on consent.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Councillors Bligh and Fry absent for the vote)

REPORTS

1. Imagine West End Waterfront Parks, Beaches, and Transportation Vision April 9, 2024

Staff from Engineering Services along with staff from Parks and Recreation provided a presentation and responded to questions.

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During questions to staff, it was

*MOVED by Councillor Meiszner
SECONDED by Councillor Boyle*

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Subsequently, it was

*MOVED by Councillor Boyle
SECONDED by Councillor Dominato*

THAT the Committee suspend the rules of the Procedure By-law to permit a third round of questions to staff.

*CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AND
BY THE REQUIRED MAJORITY*

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

MOVED by Councillor Kirby-Yung
SECONDED by Councillor Meiszner

THAT the Committee recommend to Council

- A. THAT Council not approve at this time the Imagine West End Waterfront Vision, as outlined in the Report dated April 9, 2024, entitled “Imagine West End Waterfront Parks, Beaches, and Transportation Vision”, and attached as Appendix A of the above-noted report, as a guide for the renewal and upgrading of the West End waterfront over the next 30+ years as part of the City’s mid to long-term capital planning processes and funding capacity, recognizing the outstanding need to fund existing West End amenity upgrades of existing community infrastructure such as but not limited to the Vancouver Aquatic Centre, West End Community Hub (Community Centre, Ice Arena, Library, Childcare and Fire Hall), Second and Third Beach washrooms and other needs.
- B. THAT Council approve in principle, as an exception to A above, the implementation of Phase 1 of the Imagine West End Waterfront Vision, with prioritization of a permanent All Ages and Abilities (AAA) bike lane on Beach avenue west of Denman Street prior to any removal of the existing temporary bike lane in order to minimize disruption and prior to the reintroduction of two-way vehicular traffic, subject to funding approval through the 2023-2026 Capital Mid-term Update and Park Board approval.
- C. THAT Council Direct staff to report back on a revised strategy to scope efforts around foreshore mitigation and investments in the Seawall that are necessary to address climate impacts and ensure enjoyment of the Seawall for years to come.
- D. THAT Council direct staff to pursue senior government and external funding and partnership opportunities to advance implementation of planned West End community amenities and a rescope West End Waterfront Vision as and when a report back to Council has been made and adopted.

carried

AMENDMENT MOVED by Councillor Boyle
SECONDED by Councillor Fry

THAT in B, the phrase “prior to the reintroduction of two-way”, be replaced with “maintain one-way”.

LOST (Vote No. 09967)
(Councillors Dominato, Kirby-Yung, Klassen, Zhou and Mayor Sim opposed)

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During discussion on Item 1. Imagine West End Waterfront Parks, Beaches, and Transportation Vision, the Committee recessed at 12 pm and reconvened at 1:10 pm.

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AMENDMENT MOVED by Councillor Carr
SECONDED by Councillor Boyle

THAT the following be added to the end of B:

THAT Council defer decision on B above until the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation, which has referred B above to staff for more information, makes its decision on B above.

LOST (Vote No. 09968)
(Councillors Bligh, Dominato, Kirby-Yung, Klassen, Zhou and Mayor Sim opposed)

The amendment having lost, the Committee agreed to separate the vote on the components of the motion.

The motion was put with A and C having CARRIED (Vote No. 09969) with Councillors Boyle, Carr and Fry opposed, B having CARRIED (Vote No. 09977) with Councillors Bligh, Boyle, Carr and Fry opposed, and D having CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (Vote No. 09971).

FINAL MOTION AS APPROVED

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- B. THAT Council approve in principle, as an exception to A above, the implementation of Phase 1 of the Imagine West End Waterfront Vision, with prioritization of a permanent All Ages and Abilities (AAA) bike lane on Beach avenue west of Denman Street prior to any removal of the existing temporary bike lane in order to minimize disruption and prior to the reintroduction of two-way vehicular traffic, subject to funding approval through the 2023-2026 Capital Mid-term Update and Park Board approval.
- C. THAT Council Direct staff to report back on a revised strategy to scope efforts around foreshore mitigation and investments in the Seawall that are necessary to address climate impacts and ensure enjoyment of the Seawall for years to come.
- D. THAT Council direct staff to pursue senior government and external funding and partnership opportunities to advance implementation of planned West End community amenities and a rescoped West End Waterfront Vision as and when a report back to Council has been made and adopted.

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Prior to the start of Item 2, Approach to Renewing the Healthy City Strategy as Vancouver's Social Sustainability Plan, Chair Klassen relinquished the Chair to Vice-Chair Mieszner to step away briefly and resumed the role of Chair after the introduction of the item.

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**2. Approach to Renewing the Healthy City Strategy as Vancouver's Social Sustainability Plan
April 9, 2024**

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

The Committee heard from two speakers who spoke in support of the report recommendations.

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During discussion, Chair Klassen relinquished the Chair to Vice-Chair Mieszner to participate and provide comments and resumed the role of Chair prior to calling the vote on this item.

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MOVED by Councillor Bligh
SECONDED by Councillor Dominato

THAT the Committee recommend to Council

- A. THAT Council approve, in principle, the approach, scope, and timeline for refreshing the Healthy City Strategy as Vancouver's overall strategic framework for social sustainability, as outlined in the Report dated April 9, 2024, entitled "Approach to Renewing the Healthy City Strategy as Vancouver's Social Sustainability Plan".
- B. THAT Council direct staff to report back with recommendations for the updated Healthy City strategic framework later in 2024.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (Vote No. 09972)
(Mayor Sim absent for the vote)

**3. British Columbia Lottery Corporation – Gaming Requests
April 4, 2024**

Staff from Arts, Culture and Community Services provided a presentation and along with staff from Development, Buildings and Licensing and Legal Services responded to questions.

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During questions to staff, it was

MOVED by Councillor Boyle
SECONDED by Councillor Bligh

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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The Committee heard from four speakers who spoke in support of the report recommendations and two speakers who spoke in opposition of the report recommendations.

MOVED by Councillor Dominato
SECONDED by Councillor Zhou

THAT the Committee recommend to Council

- A. THAT Council amend the gambling moratorium adopted by Council at its meeting of April 19, 2011, generally as described in Appendix A of the Report dated April 4, 2024, entitled “British Columbia Lottery Corporation – Gaming Requests”.
- B. THAT Council require that any applications brought forward for Council consideration for gambling expansion in the City include an assessment of the health, social, and economic impacts of the proposals.

amended

AMENDMENT MOVED by Councillor Dominato
SECONDED by Councillor Bligh

THAT the following be added as C:

THAT Council direct staff to explore opportunities to increase the *Social Responsibility Fund* and *Hastings Legacy Fund*, and/or other related funds to address the health, social, economic, and community impacts of any proposals for the expansion of gaming and report back to Council in conjunction with any applications received.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (Vote No. 09973)
(Mayor Sim absent for the vote due to civic business)
(Councillor Kirby-Yung absent for the vote)

The amendment having carried unanimously, the Committee agreed to separate the vote on the components of the motion.

The motion was put with A having CARRIED (Vote No. 09974) with Councillors Boyle, Carr and Fry opposed, Councillor Kirby-Yung and Mayor Sim absent for the vote, B and C having CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (Vote No. 09975) with Councillor Kirby-Yung and Mayor Sim absent for the vote.

FINAL MOTION AS APPROVED

- A. THAT Council amend the gambling moratorium adopted by Council at its meeting of April 19, 2011, generally as described in Appendix A of the Report dated April 4, 2024, entitled “British Columbia Lottery Corporation – Gaming Requests”.
- B. THAT Council require that any applications brought forward for Council consideration for gambling expansion in the City include an assessment of the health, social, and economic impacts of the proposals.
- C. THAT Council direct staff to explore opportunities to increase the *Social Responsibility Fund* and *Hastings Legacy Fund*, and/or other related funds to address the health, social, economic, and community impacts of any proposals for the expansion of gaming and report back to Council in conjunction with any applications received.

4. **Regulating Continuous Flame Butane Lighters April 9, 2024**

Staff from Development, Buildings and Licensing provided a presentation and along with staff from Vancouver Fire Rescue Services, responded to questions.

MOVED by Councillor Bligh
SECONDED by Councillor Zhou

THAT the Committee recommend to Council

- A. THAT Council approve, in principle, amendments to the Licence By-Law to regulate the sale of continuous flame butane lighters in Vancouver as described in the Report dated April 9, 2024, entitled “Regulating Continuous Flame Butane Lighters”, and as generally set out in Appendix A of the above-noted report;

FURTHER THAT the Director of Legal Services be instructed to bring forward for enactment by Council a by-law to amend the Licence By-law, generally as set out in Appendix A of the above-noted report, to come into force and take effect on June 28, 2024.
- B. THAT, subject to Council's approval of A above, Council approve, in principle, amendments to the Ticket Offences By-law regarding the sale of continuous flame butane lighters, as described in Report dated April 9, 2024, entitled “Regulating Continuous Flame Butane Lighters”, and as generally set out in Appendix B of the above-noted report;

FURTHER THAT the Director of Legal Services be instructed to bring forward for enactment by Council a by-law to amend the Ticket Offences By-law, generally as set out in Appendix B of the above-noted report, to come into force and take effect on June 28, 2024.

- C. THAT Council request the Mayor send a letter on behalf of Council to the Province to advocate for provincial regulations on continuous flame butane lighters as outlined in the Report dated April 9, 2024, entitled “Regulating Continuous Flame Butane Lighters”;

FURTHER THAT Council request the Mayor send a letter on behalf of Council to the Federal Government for federal regulations on continuous flame butane lighters as outlined in the above-noted report.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (Vote No. 09976)
(Mayor Sim absent for the vote)

**5. Contract Award for Construction Service - Bute-Robson Plaza
April 4, 2024**

THAT the Committee recommend to Council

- A. THAT Council authorize City staff to enter into a contract with Lafarge Canada Inc, for Construction Services for the Bute-Robson Plaza, for a term of approximately eighteen (18) months, with an estimated contract value of \$ 6,714,353.40, plus applicable taxes over the initial approximate eighteen (18) months term, to be funded from existing approved Multi-year Capital Project budget.
- B. THAT the Director of Legal Services, Chief Procurement Officer and General Manager of Engineering Services be authorized to execute on behalf of the City the contract contemplated by A above.

FURTHER 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 these Recommendations.

ADOPTED ON CONSENT (Vote No. 09981)
(Councillors Bligh and Fry absent for the vote)

COUNCIL MEMBERS' MOTIONS

1. Requests for Leaves of Absence

MOVED by Councillor Zhou
SECONDED by Councillor Bligh

THAT the Committee recommend to Council

THAT Councillor Dominato be granted a Leave of Absence for civic business from meetings on September 24 and 25, 2024, and on September 26, 2024, from 6 pm to 10 pm;

FURTHER THAT Councillor Meiszner be granted a Leave of Absence for civic business from meetings on June 26, 2024, from 6 pm to 10 pm.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (Vote No. 09982)
(Mayor Sim absent for the vote due to civic business)

2. Change to Acting Mayor Roster

MOVED by Councillor Carr
SECONDED by Councillor Zhou

THAT the Committee recommend to Council

WHEREAS

1. Council approved the 2024 Acting Mayor Roster at the Council meeting on December 12, 2023.
2. Councillor Carr was approved as Acting Mayor for the month of June 2024.
3. Councillor Carr will forego the Acting Mayor role and Councillor Kirby-Yung has agreed to act as replacement.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

THAT Councillor Carr's name be struck from the Acting Mayor Roster for June 2024 and be replaced by Councillor Kirby-Yung.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (Vote No. 09983)
(Mayor Sim absent for the vote due to civic business)

The Committee adjourned at 4:21 pm.

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

MAY 8, 2024

A meeting of the Council of the City of Vancouver was held on Wednesday, May 8, 2024, at 4:21 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: Acting Mayor Lenny Zhou
Councillor Rebecca Bligh
Councillor Christine Boyle
Councillor Adriane Carr
Councillor Lisa Dominato
Councillor Pete Fry
Councillor Sarah Kirby-Yung
Councillor Peter Meiszner
Councillor Mike Klassen

ABSENT: Mayor Sim (Leave of Absence – Civic Business)
Councillor Brian Montague (Leave of Absence – Personal Reasons)

CITY MANAGER’S OFFICE: Paul Mochrie, City Manager
Sandra Singh, Deputy City Manager

CITY CLERK’S OFFICE: Tina Penney, Deputy City Clerk
Rowena Choi, Meeting Coordinator

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Report of Standing Committee on Policy and Strategic Priorities
Wednesday, May 8, 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. Imagine West End Waterfront Parks, Beaches, and Transportation Vision
2. Approach to Renewing the Healthy City Strategy as Vancouver’s Social Sustainability Plan
3. British Columbia Lottery Corporation – Gaming Requests
4. Regulating Continuous Flame Butane Lighters
5. Contract Award for Construction Service - Bute-Robson Plaza

Council Members' Motions:

1. Requests for Leaves of Absence
2. Change to Acting Mayor Roster

MOVED by Councillor Klassen

SECONDED by Councillor Dominato

THAT the recommendations and actions taken by the Standing Committee on Policy and Strategic Priorities at its meeting of May 8, 2024, as contained in Reports 1 through 5 and Council Members' Motions 1 and 2, be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Councillor Bligh

SECONDED by Councillor Meiszner

THAT the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Council adjourned at 4:23 pm.

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