



REPORT TO COUNCIL

STANDING COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL ON POLICY AND STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

OCTOBER 23, 2024

A meeting of the Standing Committee of Council on Policy and Strategic Priorities was held on Wednesday, October 23, 2024, at 9:37 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
Councillor Rebecca Bligh
Councillor Adriane Carr
Councillor Lisa Dominato
Councillor Pete Fry
Councillor Sarah Kirby-Yung
Councillor Peter Meiszner, Vice-Chair
Councillor Brian Montague
Councillor Lenny Zhou

ABSENT: Councillor Christine Boyle (Medical Leave)

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

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
SECONDED by Councillor Dominato

THAT the Committee recommend to Council

THAT Council adopt Report 3 on consent.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

REPORTS

1. Urgent Mental Health and Substance Use Service Enhancements Program – 2024 Update September 26, 2024

Staff from Arts, Culture and Community Services along with external guests from Vancouver Coastal Health provided a presentation and responded to questions.

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Following questions to staff, and during debate, Chair Klassen relinquished the Chair to Vice-Chair Meiszner in order to provide closing comments. Chair Klassen 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

THAT the Report dated September 26, 2024, entitled “Urgent Mental Health and Substance Use Service Enhancements Program – 2024 Update”, be received for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (Vote No. 10273)

2. Gastown Water Street Pedestrian Zone Pilot Update September 24, 2024

Staff from Engineering Services provided a presentation and, along with an external consultant from JS&A Economic Development Consultants, responded to questions.

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Following staff's presentation, it was

*MOVED by Councillor Bligh
SECONDED by Councillor Zhou*

THAT, as per section 2.8 (a) of the Procedure By-law, the Committee extend the meeting past noon in order to complete questions to staff and to hear from the first in-person registered speaker.

*CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AND
BY THE REQUIRED MAJORITY*

Subsequently, following questions to staff, it was

*MOVED by Councillor Meiszner
SECONDED by Councillor Zhou*

THAT, as per section 2.8 (a) of the Procedure By-law, the Committee further extend the meeting past noon in order to hear from all three in-person registered speakers.

*CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AND
BY THE REQUIRED MAJORITY*

The Committee recessed at 12:13 pm and reconvened at 2:05 pm

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The Committee heard from six speakers who spoke in support of the report recommendations, 14 speakers who spoke in opposition to the report recommendations, and six speakers who spoke to other aspects of the report recommendations.

*MOVED by Councillor Kirby-Yung
SECONDED by Councillor Meiszner*

THAT Council direct staff to proceed with an interim two-way street design on Cordova Street from Richards Street to Gore Avenue to improve access for visitors, residents and service providers, and test the implications for motor vehicles and transit getting to and from Gastown and on surrounding streets;

FURTHER THAT staff report back to Council to affirm that the above changes to a two-way Cordova can be in place and be operational prior to commencing with a summer 2025 Water Street Pedestrian Zone;

FURTHER THAT the summer Pedestrian Zone be in effect on weekends (Saturdays, Sundays and for special events) including key enhancements as outlined in the Report dated September 24, 2024, entitled "Gastown Water Street Pedestrian Zone Pilot Update";

AND FURTHER THAT Council affirms its commitment to continuing to invest in and support the Gastown neighbourhood, including completion of an expert public-space

design consultant led and guided Gastown Public Spaces Plan that includes a concept design for Water Street and Maple Tree Square that allows for flexibility into the future, as outlined in the above-noted report.

amended

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Following a proposed amendment to Report 2. Gastown Water Street Pedestrian Zone Pilot Update, Chair Klassen relinquished the Chair to Vice-Chair Meiszner in order to participate in discussion and debate. Chair Klassen resumed the role of Chair prior to calling the vote on the amendment.

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AMENDMENT MOVED by Councillor Bligh
SECONDED by Councillor Meiszner

THAT the following paragraph be inserted after the first "FURTHER THAT" clause:

FURTHER THAT Council direct staff to report back on options for a multi-modal Water St which creates better walking and cycling connections between Richards St, Portside Greenway and Carrall St, while retaining local access - but not arterial - motor vehicle traffic.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (Vote No. 10274)

The amendment having carried, the motion as amended was put and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (Vote No. 10275).

FINAL MOTION AS APPROVED

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AND FURTHER THAT Council affirms its commitment to continuing to invest in and support the Gastown neighbourhood, including completion of an expert public-space design consultant led and guided Gastown Public Spaces Plan that includes a concept design for Water Street and Maple Tree Square that allows for flexibility into the future, as outlined in the above-noted report.

**3. Zero Waste 2040 5-Year Implementation Update
September 24, 2024**

THAT the Committee recommend to Council

THAT the Report dated September 24, 2024, entitled “Zero Waste 2040 5-Year Implementation Update”, be received for information.

ADOPTED ON CONSENT (Vote No. 10289)

**4. Appointments of Council Representatives
October 17, 2024**

The City Manager responded to questions.

At 4:14 pm, during debate and discussion, Councillor Montague rose on a point of order per section 6.1 (c) of the *Procedure By-law* noting that Councillor Fry should not be questioning the motives of a Council member.

Following a brief recess, the Chair cautioned Councillor Fry on the use of language that would suggest motives of Council members.

MOVED by Mayor Sim
SECONDED by Councillor Kirby-Yung

- A. THAT Council approve the following appointment of Council Representatives to Boards, Statutory Committees and Non-Profit Societies for the term of November 1, 2024, to November 9, 2025:

Vancouver Public Library Board
Councillor Fry

Public Art Committee
Councillor Meiszner

Vancouver City Planning Commission
Councillor Zhou

Vancouver Civic Theatres Board
Councillor Zhou

Heritage Commission

Councillor Klassen

Vancouver Heritage Foundation Board

Councillor Dominato

Joint Council on Childcare

Councillor Zhou

City of Vancouver Public Housing Corporation

Councillor Meiszner

Councillor Zhou

Councillor Montague

Councillor Bligh

Vancouver Civic Development Corporation

Councillor Meiszner

Councillor Zhou

Councillor Bligh

Pacific National Exhibition (PNE)

Board (Chair) Councillor Klassen

Parking Corporation of Vancouver (EasyPark)

Councillor Meiszner

Vancouver Art Gallery

Councillor Meiszner

Councillor Kirby-Yung

Vancouver School Board Facilities Planning

Councillor Klassen (Co-Chair)

Councillor Carr

Councillor Dominato

- B. THAT Council approve the following Councillors as Standing Committee Chairs and Vice-Chairs for the term November 1, 2024, to November 9, 2025:

Standing Committee on City Finance and Services

Councillor Zhou (Chair)

Councillor Klassen (Vice-Chair)

Standing Committee on Policy and Strategic Priorities

Councillor Meiszner (Chair)

Councillor Dominato (Vice-Chair)

- C. THAT Council approve a Nomination Sub-Committee for the purpose of recommending nominees to Civic Agencies, with the following members, for the term November 1, 2024, to November 9, 2025:

Councillor Klassen (Chair)
Councillor Dominato
Councillor Montague

- D. THAT Council approve the following Councillors be appointed to the Auditor General Committee, as outlined below, for the term November 1, 2024, to November 9, 2025:

Councillor Dominato (Chair)
Councillor Kirby-Yung (Vice-Chair)
Councillor Montague
Councillor Zhou
Councillor Klassen
Councillor Fry (Alternate)

- E. THAT Council appoint Councillor Kirby-Yung to the Board of the Zero Emissions Innovation Centre, as the City of Vancouver Board Member, for the term of November 1, 2024, to November 9, 2025.

- F. THAT Council approve the following Councillors to be appointed to the Intergovernmental Task Force Working Group:

Councillor Kirby-Yung (Co-Chair)
Councillor Klassen
Councillor Carr
Councillor Zhou

- G. THAT Council approve the following Appointment of Council Representative to Regional Bodies for the term November 1, 2024, to November 2, 2026:

Metro Vancouver

Directors	Alternates	# of Votes
Mayor Sim	Councillor Montague	5
Councillor Dominato	Councillor Montague	5
Councillor Bligh	Councillor Montague	5
Councillor Kirby-Yung	Councillor Montague	5
Councillor Klassen	Councillor Montague	5
Councillor Zhou	Councillor Montague	5
Councillor Meiszner	Councillor Montague	5

- H. THAT Council appoint Councillor Dominato to the Union of British Columbia Municipalities Executive for the term November 7, 2024, to September 30, 2025.
- I. THAT the following roster for Acting Mayors in accordance with section 209 of the *Vancouver Charter* for the terms indicated below:

2025	January	Councillor Kirby-Yung
	February	Councillor Meiszner
	March	Councillor Klassen
	April	Councillor Zhou
	May	Councillor Bligh
	June	Councillor Dominato
	July	Councillor Montague
	August	Councillor Kirby-Yung
	September	Councillor Meiszner
	October	Councillor Klassen
	November	Councillor Dominato
	December	Councillor Bligh

- J. THAT the following roster for Deputy Mayors in accordance with Section 207 of the *Vancouver Charter* for the terms indicated below:

2025	January	Councillor Meiszner
	February	Councillor Kirby-Yung
	March	Councillor Montague
	April	Councillor Klassen
	May	Councillor Zhou
	June	Councillor Bligh
	July	Councillor Kirby-Yung
	August	Councillor Montague
	September	Councillor Dominato
	October	Councillor Meiszner
	November	Councillor Klassen
	December	Councillor Zhou

- K. THAT the following roster of Duty Councillors in accordance with the *Mayor and Councillor Remuneration By-law No. 11483* for the terms indicated below to be reasonably available at all times during their respective terms to represent Council in a ceremonial capacity on behalf of the Mayor whenever requested by the Mayor:

2025	January	Councillor Montague
	February	Councillor Zhou
	March	Councillor Bligh
	April	Councillor Meiszner
	May	Councillor Kirby-Yung
	June	Councillor Montague
	July	Councillor Dominato
	August	Councillor Meiszner
	September	Councillor Klassen
	October	Councillor Zhou
	November	Councillor Bligh
	December	Councillor Dominato

CARRIED (Vote No. 10276)
(Councillors Carr and Fry opposed)

COUNCIL MEMBERS' MOTIONS

1. **Requesting the Provincial Government Oversee a City of Vancouver Lobbyist Registry**

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Following questions to the mover of the motion, during debate, Chair Klassen relinquished the Chair to Vice-Chair Meiszner in order to provide closing comments and resumed the Chair once finished.

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MOVED by Councillor Zhou
SECONDED by Councillor Fry

THAT the Committee recommend to Council

WHEREAS

1. Transparency and accountability are fundamental principles of good governance and help to build public trust in government institutions;

2. The Office of the Registrar of Lobbyists is an independent office of the B.C. legislature. It has a mandate to oversee, monitor, and enforce the *Lobbyists Transparency Act* (LTA);
3. The LTA requires individuals and organizations who lobby public office holders provincially, and meet specific criteria, to register their lobbying activities in an online public registry;
4. Lobbying activities are a legitimate part of the democratic process and can provide valuable input into government decision-making. Individuals and organizations employ lobbyists to ensure that their concerns and/or positions are heard by governments and to have those concerns addressed;
5. There is currently no provincial legislation in B.C. that specifically regulates the lobbying of local governments, nor is there any specific legislation that authorizes municipal councils to establish and enforce lobbyist registries. This has led to a small number of communities to consider establishing a registry of their own in patchwork fashion;
6. Provincial and local governments across the country have approached the creation of municipal lobbyist registries in a variety of ways, including: voluntary registries, registries administered at the local level and those administered at the provincial level;
7. Several municipalities and provinces across Canada, including Toronto, Ontario, and British Columbia, have implemented lobbyist registries to increase transparency around lobbying activities and ensure the public has access to information regarding who is attempting to influence public officials;
8. To date, Surrey and Kelowna are the only local governments in B.C. to have established municipal lobbyist registries on their own. Surrey set up their registry in 2008 and Kelowna's registry was established in September 2023. More recently, in May 2024, Port Moody City Council considered a motion to establish a lobbyist registry but ultimately rejected the idea based on a majority vote at Council;
9. Delegates to the Union of BC Municipalities (UBCM) have twice considered -- and subsequently endorsed -- resolutions calling on the Province to establish some form of Municipal Lobbyist Registry (2017 and 2019);
10. In response to the UBCM resolutions in 2017 and 2019, the Provincial government has expressed a willingness to discuss initiatives like a municipal lobbyist registry to increase local government accountability and promote openness and transparency in interactions between public servants, elected officials, and lobbyists;
11. The Province has specifically stated to the UBCM that it will need "a clearer understanding of what local governments hope to achieve through a municipal lobbyist registry to ensure that an approach is taken that meets those intended outcomes and meets the needs of any local government interested in having a lobbyist registry." Likewise, if local governments, through the Union of BC

Municipalities, express an interest in establishing mandatory lobbyist registries, the Province has stated that it is willing to discuss the matter further;

12. A municipal lobbyist registry overseen by the Provincial Government, with uniform application across the Province rather than a patchwork of locally-created registries, would provide the residents of Vancouver, as well as those of other B.C. communities, with a much clearer understanding of who is lobbying their locally elected officials, senior staff, and other decision-makers;
13. The absence of a formal lobbyist registry in the City of Vancouver and across the province is a clear gap in transparency and accountability which could be filled by the creation of a publicly accessible database of lobbyist activities overseen by the Province's Office of the Registrar of Lobbyists under an amended LTA;
14. A municipal lobbyist registry overseen by the Province would help prevent actual or perceived conflicts of interest and ensure that decisions made by the City are in the best interests of the public, rather than the result of undue influence by private interests; and
15. As the Province's Office of the Registrar of Lobbyists aptly notes on its website: "A strong democracy is built on access to a government that conducts its business transparently and is willing to listen to its constituents."

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

- A. THAT Council request the Mayor write to the Provincial government expressing the City's interest in the establishment of a Municipal Lobbyist Registry overseen by the Province for the purpose of tracking, and making publicly available, information on individuals or organizations that engage in lobbying activities of local governments, senior staff and other key decision-makers.
- B. THAT Council endorse the following resolution for submission to the 2025 UBCM convention for the consideration of the membership:

RESOLUTION

MOTION: Requesting the Provincial Government Oversee a City of Vancouver Lobbyist Registry

WHEREAS the Union of BC Municipalities (UBCM) has twice considered -- and subsequently endorsed -- resolutions calling on the Province to establish a Municipal Lobbyist Registry (2017 and 2019), there is currently no provincial legislation in BC that specifically regulates the lobbying of local governments, nor is there any specific legislation that authorizes municipal councils to establish and enforce lobbyist registries. The Province has previously indicated a willingness to explore the matter pending a clearer understanding of what local governments hope to achieve to ensure that any approach taken meets the intended outcomes and needs of local governments;

AND WHEREAS the absence of a formal Municipal Lobbyist Registry represents a clear gap in transparency and accountability which could be filled by the creation of a publicly accessible database of lobbyist activities which would provide residents with a much clearer understanding of who is lobbying their locally elected officials, senior staff, and other decision-makers:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT UBCM renew its call on the Provincial government to establish a Municipal Lobbyist Registry and that UBCM explore the creation of a working group to develop a clear set of goals for a Municipal Lobbyist Registry.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (Vote No. 10277)

2. Enhancing Public Safety through Real-Time Access to the City's Traffic Camera Network

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Following the introduction of the members' motion, it was

MOVED by Councillor Meiszner

SECONDED by Councillor Montague

THAT, as per section 2.8 (a) of the Procedure By-law, the Committee extend the meeting past 5 pm in order to complete members' motion 2. Enhancing Public Safety through Real-Time Access to the City's Traffic Camera Network.

amended

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Prior to the vote on the motion to extend the meeting, the Committee recessed from 4:40 pm and reconvened at 4:51 pm.

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Following the recess, it was

AMENDMENT MOVED by Councillor Bligh

SECONDED by Councillor Meiszner

THAT the following be considered in addition to the motion to extend past 5 pm:

THAT following the completion of the members' motion 2. Enhancing Public Safety through Real-Time Access to the City's Traffic Camera Network, the Committee hear from one in-person registered speaker for members' motion 3. Unlocking Community Potential: Collaborating with Faith-Based Groups for Affordable Housing and Social Impact in Vancouver, prior to recessing and reconvening at 6:30 pm to continue its business.

*CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AND
BY THE REQUIRED MAJORITY*

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

MOVED by Councillor Montague
SECONDED by Councillor Meiszner

WHEREAS

1. The safety and security of Vancouver residents, visitors, and businesses is of paramount importance to Council and to the City of Vancouver;
2. An effective and efficient response to crime, major events, emergencies, and serious incidents is essential to maintaining public order and the safety and security of everyone in our City;
3. The Vancouver Police Department (VPD) is committed to serving and protecting the community with the utmost dedication and professionalism;
4. Utilization of modern technology is a critical component in fulfilling the VPD's 21st-century commitment to serving and protecting the community and maintaining public order and the safety and security of everyone in our city;
5. The City of Vancouver has an extensive network of traffic cameras strategically placed at intersections throughout the city to monitor traffic: Approximately 221 cameras across the city;
6. Canada-wide, police departments' access to municipal camera systems varies widely by jurisdiction. Generally speaking, municipalities operate traffic cameras for public safety, traffic management, and bylaw enforcement, with access to these camera systems ranging from real-time monitoring of cameras to later retrieval of recorded video footage upon request for investigative purposes;
7. Many large urban cities across Canada are already providing varying degrees of access to City cameras to assist police agencies. For example, traffic camera footage from Surrey – [publicly released by IHIT and the RCMP](#) – was instrumental in the arrests of three individuals who are now charged with the first degree murder of Hardeep Singh Nijjar at the Guru Nanak Sikh Gurdwara in June 2023;
8. At present, the City of Vancouver's traffic camera network is not accessible to the Vancouver Police Department. Moreover, the live feed from traffic cameras is not recorded and stored for after-the-fact investigative purposes;

9. The City's traffic camera network could be a valuable tool for the VPD in their efforts to safeguard the community by enhancing situational awareness, improving the speed and coordination of law enforcement responses, in crime prevention and investigation, and protecting the rights and property of the city's inhabitants;
10. Real-time integration and access to the City's traffic camera network by the Vancouver Police Department could significantly enhance the VPD's operational capabilities by providing real-time visual information that allows for a more effective and efficient deployment of police resources to incidents as they occur, not only for quicker response times but also for more informed and effective decision-making in critical situations; and
11. Without question, VPD access to the City's traffic camera network must be balanced with the right to privacy of the citizens, ensuring that any use of the traffic camera network by the Vancouver Police Department is conducted with the utmost respect for these rights with guidelines to prevent misuse and to maintain public trust in law enforcement practices.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

- A. THAT Council confirm its interest in providing Vancouver Police Department with real-time access to video captured by the City of Vancouver's traffic camera network, to aid police officers on a needs basis in responding to incidents such as, but not limited to, in-progress crimes, missing persons cases, priority 9-1-1 calls, natural disasters, and other major events;

FURTHER THAT Council direct staff to analyze the technical, financial, and legal implications of providing such access to the Vancouver Police Department and report back to Council by Q1 2025.

- B. THAT Council direct staff to report back regarding the operational, financial, and legal implications of recording all video captured by the City of Vancouver's traffic camera network and maintaining the recorded data for a period of seven days to allow time for the recordings to be made available to VPD upon request for investigative purposes;

FURTHER THAT the report back consider the establishment of clear guidelines through a formal agreement between the City of Vancouver and the VPD to govern the use, storage, and dissemination of such video footage to ensure public trust.

amended

AMENDMENT MOVED by Councillor Fry
SECONDED by Councillor Carr

THAT in the first paragraph of A:

- The words “confirm its interest in” be replaced with “request staff to report back with considerations for”; and
- The words following the word “network” be struck.

FURTHER THAT in the second paragraph of A, the words “*Charter of Rights and Freedoms*” be inserted after the word “financial”;

FURTHER THAT in the first paragraph of B:

- The words “*Charter of Rights and Freedoms*” be inserted after the word “financial”; and
- The word “request” be replaced with the words “a warrant or emergency authorization (for example Section 184.4 of the *Criminal Code of Canada*)”.

AND FURTHER THAT in the second paragraph of B, the words “legally-binding and *Charter of Rights and Freedoms*-informed guidelines” be inserted after the word “clear”.

Prior to the vote on the amendment, the Committee agreed to separate the vote on the components of the amendment as follows:

- The first paragraph of A was put and LOST (Vote No. 10278) with Councillors Bligh, Dominato, Klassen, Kirby-Yung, Meiszner, Montague, Zhou and Mayor Sim opposed.
- The second paragraph of A was put and CARRIED (Vote No. 10279) with Councillors Klassen, Montague and Mayor Sim opposed.
- The first paragraph of B was put and LOST (Vote No. 10280) with Councillors Bligh, Klassen, Kirby-Yung, Meiszner, Montague, Zhou and Mayor Sim opposed; and Councillor Dominato abstaining from the vote.
- The second paragraph of B was put and CARRIED (Vote No. 10281) with Councillors Klassen, Montague, Zhou and Mayor Sim opposed.

The components of the amendment having carried or lost, the motion as amended was put and CARRIED (Vote No. 10282) with Councillor Fry opposed.

FINAL MOTION AS APPROVED

WHEREAS

1. The safety and security of Vancouver residents, visitors, and businesses is of paramount importance to Council and to the City of Vancouver;
2. An effective and efficient response to crime, major events, emergencies, and serious incidents is essential to maintaining public order and the safety and security of everyone in our City;

3. The Vancouver Police Department (VPD) is committed to serving and protecting the community with the utmost dedication and professionalism;
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7. Many large urban cities across Canada are already providing varying degrees of access to City cameras to assist police agencies. For example, traffic camera footage from Surrey – [publicly released by IHIT and the RCMP](#) – was instrumental in the arrests of three individuals who are now charged with the first degree murder of Hardeep Singh Nijjar at the Guru Nanak Sikh Gurdwara in June 2023;
8. At present, the City of Vancouver's traffic camera network is not accessible to the Vancouver Police Department. Moreover, the live feed from traffic cameras is not recorded and stored for after-the-fact investigative purposes;
9. The City's traffic camera network could be a valuable tool for the VPD in their efforts to safeguard the community by enhancing situational awareness, improving the speed and coordination of law enforcement responses, in crime prevention and investigation, and protecting the rights and property of the city's inhabitants;
10. Real-time integration and access to the City's traffic camera network by the Vancouver Police Department could significantly enhance the VPD's operational capabilities by providing real-time visual information that allows for a more effective and efficient deployment of police resources to incidents as they occur, not only for quicker response times but also for more informed and effective decision-making in critical situations; and
11. Without question, VPD access to the City's traffic camera network must be balanced with the right to privacy of the citizens, ensuring that any use of the traffic camera network by the Vancouver Police Department is conducted with the utmost respect for these rights with guidelines to prevent misuse and to maintain public trust in law enforcement practices.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

- A. THAT Council confirm its interest in providing Vancouver Police Department with real-time access to video captured by the City of Vancouver's traffic camera network, to aid police officers on a needs basis in responding to incidents such as, but not limited to, in-progress crimes, missing persons cases, priority 9-1-1 calls, natural disasters, and other major events;

FURTHER THAT Council direct staff to analyze the technical, financial, *Charter of Rights and Freedoms*, and legal implications of providing such access to the Vancouver Police Department and report back to Council by Q1 2025.

- B. THAT Council direct staff to report back regarding the operational, financial, and legal implications of recording all video captured by the City of Vancouver's traffic camera network and maintaining the recorded data for a period of seven days to allow time for the recordings to be made available to Vancouver Police Department upon request for investigative purposes;

FURTHER THAT the report back consider the establishment of clear, legally-binding and *Charter of Rights and Freedoms*-informed guidelines through a formal agreement between the City of Vancouver and the Vancouver Police Department to govern the use, storage, and dissemination of such video footage to ensure public trust.

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Following the completion of members' motion 2. Enhancing Public Safety through Real-Time Access to the City's Traffic Camera Network, the Chair noted that the in-person registered speaker for members' motion 3. Unlocking Community Potential: Collaborating with Faith-Based Groups for Affordable Housing and Social Impact in Vancouver, was unavailable; therefore, the Committee recessed at 5:44 pm and reconvened at 6:38 pm

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3. Unlocking Community Potential: Collaborating with Faith-Based Groups for Affordable Housing and Social Impact in Vancouver

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

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Following speakers, Chair Klassen relinquished the Chair to Vice-Chair Meiszner in order to provide closing comments and resumed the Chair once finished.

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MOVED by Councillor Bligh
SECONDED by Councillor Meiszner

WHEREAS

1. To meet the needs of Vancouver's growing population and ensure our city remains vibrant and diverse, it is important that we have an affordable and varied supply of housing;
2. Vancouver is a City of Reconciliation grounded in right relations with the xwməθkwəyəm (Musqueam Indian Band), Skwxwú7mesh (Squamish Nation), səliłwətał (Tseil-Waututh Nation), and urban Indigenous communities;
3. On Wednesday, November 15, 2023, at the Standing Committee of Council on City Finance and Services, Council directed staff "to facilitate the creation of new programs, policies, or mechanisms under the City's Housing Development Office that will unlock the delivery of new middle-income housing in the city on City-owned land" including "exploring potential partnerships with First Nations, private sector/industry partners, other government agencies, non-profits and faith-based groups.";
4. Faith-based religious groups have long been an integral part of Vancouver's rich community fabric, and the City recognizes the positive social impact congregations have contributed to the city and its people, including providing shelter, support, housing for vulnerable populations and other amenities;
5. Faith-based groups own substantial land assets in Vancouver. These lands have enormous potential for community-oriented redevelopment in alignment with the City's goals of inclusivity, sustainability, and reconciliation;
6. Many properties owned by faith-based religious groups are rapidly aging and face extensive deferred maintenance issues. These properties represent a significant, yet untapped, potential for addressing Vancouver's significant housing needs and other challenges;
7. There is an increasing interest among faith-based communities to redevelop their properties and to utilize their spaces and lands for broader social purposes beyond traditional worship, reflecting a mission-based commitment to community welfare, reconciliation, and achieving greater social impact;
8. Despite having significant land holdings, many faith-based groups lack the specific knowledge required to initiate redevelopment projects and could benefit from guidance and support from the City, such as advice on the various City programs that could help to facilitate socially impactful redevelopment of properties;

9. There is a clear, mutually advantageous opportunity for the City to collaborate more closely with faith-based groups, specifically to explore innovative solutions for the redevelopment and optimal use of their land resources for greater social impacts, such as enhanced community services, providing affordable housing, and meeting other social impact objectives; and
10. The City of Vancouver has various existing policy pathways that could assist faith-based groups in moving their redevelopment projects forward. For example, (i) the Social Housing or Rental Tenure (SHORT) Program, which aims for faster production of affordable housing by reducing development approval times for high-impact multi-family housing projects, (ii) the Interim Rezoning Policy for Social Housing, Seniors Housing, and Institutional, Cultural and Recreational Uses, and (iii) additional height and density for mass timber construction in rezoning applications.¹

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

- A. THAT Council recognizes the housing, social impact, and community benefits potential of properties owned by faith-based religious groups by formally inviting faith-based groups, BC Housing, the Provincial and Federal governments, and other stakeholders to a City hosted dialogue to advance and expedite the collaborative redevelopment of these unique properties.
- B. THAT Council directs staff to report back regarding resources and staff support available to faith-based groups and organizations considering redevelopment projects in Vancouver, as well as potential policy and/or regulatory changes that would support the deployment of these properties to deliver affordable housing.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (Vote No. 10282)
(Councillor Kirby-Yung abstaining from the vote)

4. A Lobbyist Registry for Vancouver

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

MOVED by Councillor Fry
SECONDED by Councillor Carr

WHEREAS

1. The public has an interest in greater transparency and accountability from our municipal government;

¹ SHORT seeks to complete rezoning approvals in 28 weeks and development permits in 12 weeks, cutting around 40 weeks out of the current process. SHORT criteria to determine if a project qualifies for this special priority process include the level of affordability for renters, locations on government or non-profit owned land with secured funding, and inclusion of an Indigenous partner or residents.

2. Lobbyists are people whose business is trying to influence legislation, regulation, or other government decisions, actions, or policies on behalf of a group or individual who hires them;
3. Lobbyist registries are intended to provide a public record that is accessible to residents of interactions between public servants, elected officials, and lobbyists in order to further transparency and accountability;
4. Provincial and local governments across the country have approached the creation of municipal lobbyist registries in a variety of ways, including voluntary registries, registries administered at the local level, and those administered at the provincial level;
5. In BC, the provincial lobbyist registry (the Office of the Registrar of Lobbyists) is empowered under the *Lobbyist Registration Act* to enforce compliance, conduct investigations and levy administrative penalties. The Office of the Registrar of Lobbyists together with the office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner have a combined budget of about \$8m per annum;
6. The BC Office of the Registrar of Lobbyists has not and does not currently apply to local governments;
7. Since 2008, Vancouver City Council have considered the creation of a lobbyist registry. A lobbyist registry was rejected by the NPA council majority in 2008. In 2017 and 2018, one UBCM² and two consecutive Council^{3,4} resolutions were approved with multi-partisan support asking the province to amend legislation to fund and administer the regulation of lobbying at the city, with support from the provincial lobbyist registry.

Vancouver Council also asked staff to investigate the City of Surrey's voluntary lobbyist registry including costs, impacts and any information on what informed their decision to have a municipal lobbyist registry;

8. Since 2008 the City of Surrey has had a voluntary registry for a limited set of lobbying activities.⁵ The Surrey lobbyist registry is updated around the first of each month and published online;
9. The April 2017 council-directed report back memorandum from Vancouver's Deputy City Manager⁶ summarized some key distinctions of the Surrey lobbyist registry, notably:
 - a. Surrey's lobbyist registry was put into place to provide the citizens of Surrey with access to information about persons who attempt to influence decision-making through the use of paid lobbyists in relation to land use development

² <https://www.ubcm.ca/convention-resolutions/resolutions/resolutions-database/municipal-lobbyist-registry>

³ <https://council.vancouver.ca/20170221/documents/motionb2.pdf>

⁴ <https://council.vancouver.ca/20181204/documents/motionb2.pdf>

⁵ https://www.surrey.ca/sites/default/files/media/documents/DCT_Lobbyist_Registration_Policy.pdf

⁶ <https://vancouver.ca/files/cov/2017-04-21-city-of-surrey-lobbyist-registry.pdf>

- activities, and to promote transparency concerning attempts to influence Municipal decision making;
- b. Lobbyists voluntarily file a form with the City Clerk's Office with information including:
 - Date qualified as a lobbyist,
 - Full name, business phone number and business address,
 - Lobbyist's employer (if applicable) business phone number and address,
 - Nature and purpose of employer's business,
 - Client's name, business phone number and business mailing address,
 - Nature and purpose of client's business,
 - Development application number and description of proposal / project for which lobbyist was retained to represent the client;
 - c. There is minimal cost to the City Clerk's Office for the administration of the registry. As such the City of Surrey does not have a line item in its budget for the lobbyist registry;
 - d. Policy does not apply to federal, provincial, or municipal elected representatives or their staff, Indigenous peoples and bands, or submissions on behalf of a personal matter related to a constituent;
 - e. Surrey's policy requires registration only for lobbyists advocating on behalf of applicants for a rezoning, a development permit or an official community plan amendment;
 - f. Since inception, the number of lobbyists who have voluntarily registered has steadily increased. The list includes architects, engineers, telecommunications companies, builders, and real estate agents;
 - g. Since the Policy is voluntary, it places the onus on the lobbyist to register. Surrey has no method of enforcement. There are no consequences to City staff or members of Council if dealing with unregistered lobbyists;
10. In addition to Surrey, the City of Kelowna has its own voluntary municipal lobbyist registry. Voluntary municipal lobbyist registries also exist in Edmonton and Winnipeg, and dozens of Ontario cities where there is a desire to instil public confidence and support open and transparent decision-making processes.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

- A. THAT Council supports public access to information about lobbyists and their activities to ensure transparency and accountability in government decision-making, and commits to the creation of voluntary lobbyist registry for the City of Vancouver.
- B. THAT Council direct staff to prepare a new voluntary Vancouver lobbyist registration policy, based on the Surrey model, appropriately tailored to Vancouver and the *Vancouver Charter*, including specific requirements:

- a. The definition of “lobby” in relation to a paid lobbyist means to communicate verbally or in writing, or to meet with an elected official or their staff for the purpose of influencing a decision of Council.
- b. The policy does not apply to a verbal or written communication:
 - i. Sent to all of Council through Mayor & Council correspondence;
 - ii. Made as part of a Council meeting, public hearing, committee meeting, or similar proceeding where it is part of the public record;
 - iii. Regarding a matter that is outside of the City’s jurisdiction; or
 - iv. Made in response to a written request from a Council member or the City of Vancouver for comment on a matter that would otherwise fall under the definition of lobby.
- C. THAT Council direct staff to separately report back on how a new Vancouver lobbyist registration policy could be further strengthened under the existing statutory power in the *Vancouver Charter*, by appending the definitions and conditions of the voluntary lobbyist registry to the *Code of Conduct By-law 12886*, and for application of the prescribed complaint and resolution procedures under Part 6, for Council members who meet with un-registered lobbyists.

referred

At 7:23 pm, during discussion and debate, Councillor Zhou rose on a point of order pursuant to section 8.7 (c) and (d) of the *Procedure By-law*. The Chair ruled that the members’ motion is not considered out of order because the motion has a distinctive resolution being sought to proceed separately from a motion that had previously passed.

Subsequently, following the Chair’s ruling, it was

REFERRAL MOVED by Councillor Zhou
SECONDED by Councillor Bligh

THAT Council refer to staff the members’ motion proposed on October 23, 2024, entitled “A Lobbyist Registry for Vancouver”, pending the outcome of the approved members’ motion proposed on October 23, 2024, entitled “Requesting the Provincial Government Oversee a City of Vancouver Lobbyist Registry”.

CARRIED (Vote No. 10284)
(Councillors Carr and Fry opposed)

5. Establishing a Community Policing Centre in Gastown and Area to Enhance Safety and Security

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At 7:50 pm, following the opening remarks for this item, Chair Klassen relinquished the Chair to Vice-Chair Meiszner in order to participate in debate and discussion for the remainder of the Committee's agenda.

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

MOVED by Mayor Sim
SECONDED by Councillor Kirby-Yung

WHEREAS

1. The Gastown and Hastings Crossing areas, have expressed an urgent need to address issues of street disorder and crime. They are seeking immediate actions for a safer, more secure environment for all;
2. The safety, security, and well-being of the areas' residents, businesses, and visitors is of the utmost importance to the City of Vancouver;
3. A sense of safety and security is essential not only for the daily lives of the areas' residents but also for the vitality of their business community, which relies on an environment where individuals feel comfortable living, working, shopping, and visiting;
4. The establishment of a community policing centre for the Gastown and Hastings Crossing areas has been identified as a key step toward increasing law enforcement visibility and enhancing the sense of security and safety for all community members;
5. Community policing centres are community-led and play a vital role in building trust and fostering positive relationships between police and the local community. This collaborative approach to public safety and policing efforts ensures efforts are more effective and achieve the desired objectives;
6. Given Gastown and Hastings Crossing are two of four Downtown Eastside neighbourhoods, it is crucial to approach policing in these areas in a thoughtful, sensitive, and balanced manner that recognizes the complexities of the neighbourhoods and ensures respect and compassion for vulnerable populations are central to the safety strategies implemented;
7. Given that a neighbourhood's overall economic and social health is closely tied to its sense of security and safety, a long-term strategy that leads to lasting, sustainable safety and well-being for all community members is therefore needed. Addressing the root causes of the challenges faced by the area must

nevertheless include, but not be limited to, implementing mandatory care for those suffering from extreme mental health and addiction issues, addressing federal bail reform for repeat offenders, and adopting new measures to prevent the influx of toxic drugs into the community.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

THAT Council support the inclusion of funding in the draft 2025 Operating Budget to support the establishment and ongoing operation of a Community Policing Centre (CPC) to serve the Gastown and Hastings Crossing areas and direct staff to work with the Vancouver Police Department (VPD) to ensure the effective implementation of this initiative;

FURTHER THAT Council direct staff to begin the process to secure an appropriate space for this CPC and work with VPD to ready the space for operations as soon as possible;

AND FURTHER THAT Council commit the City to an ongoing dialogue with the residents, businesses, and community organizations served by the new CPC and to regularly evaluate the effectiveness of this CPC initiative and consider any additional measures that may be required to support the safety, well-being, and dignity of everyone who lives, works, or visits these areas.

carried unanimously

AMENDMENT MOVED by Mayor Sim
SECONDED by Councillor Kirby-Yung

THAT the following be added to the end of the WHEREAS clause as 8:

Understanding the complexity of the neighbourhood, there is a clear need for a new type of model of CPC that is multi-faceted and integrated in systems and partnerships.

laid on the table

Following the introduction of the Mayor's amendment, Councillor Bligh rose on a point of parliamentary procedure and noted that the Mayor's amendment will need to await until the completion of the main motion to prevent the amendment from interfering with the main motion that is on the floor.

Vice-Chair Meiszner conferred with staff and confirmed that the main motion will indeed need to be completed prior to the Committee considering the Mayor's amendment to the Preamble Whereas Clause, as a subsequent motion.

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Following a brief recess, it was

MOVED by Councillor Dominato

SECONDED by Councillor Montague

THAT the Committee lay on the table the subsequent motion dealing with the "WHEREAS" clause until the completion of the "THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED" main motion.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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AMENDMENT MOVED by Councillor Bligh

SECONDED by Councillor Dominato

THAT the following be inserted after the second paragraph:

FURTHER THAT Council direct staff and VPD to establish a community-led advisory body that includes representation from Gastown and Hastings Crossing BIAs, resident groups, and community organizations that work closely with vulnerable populations, including but not limited to women, urban Indigenous individuals, people who use substances, and people experiencing homelessness;

out of order

At 8:29 pm, during debate and discussion, Councillor Carr rose on a point of order per section 8.7 (f) of the *Procedure By-law* and noted that Councillor Bligh's amendment is incorrect since Council does not have the ability to direct the Vancouver Police Department.

Following a brief recess, Vice-Chair Meiszner ruled that Councillor Bligh's amendment is out of order per section 8.7 (b) and (f) of the *Procedure By-law* because it is legally conflicting and Council does not have the ability to direct the Vancouver Police Department.

AMENDMENT MOVED by Councillor Bligh

SECONDED by Councillor Carr

THAT the following be inserted after the second paragraph:

FURTHER THAT Council direct staff to establish a community-led advisory body, and invite the VPD to join, and includes representation from Gastown and Hastings Crossing BIAs, resident groups, and community organizations that work closely with vulnerable populations, including but not limited to women, urban Indigenous individuals, people who use substances, and people experiencing homelessness.

LOST (Vote No. 10285)

(Councillors Klassen, Kirby-Yung, Meiszner, Montague, Zhou and Mayor Sim opposed)

AMENDMENT MOVED by Councillor Bligh

THAT the following be added to the end:

AND FURTHER THAT the official name of the new Community Policing Centre be designated as the "Gastown/Hastings Crossing Community Policing Centre," reflecting the proximity of these neighbourhoods and recognizing that the proposed location is situated within the Hastings Crossing Business Improvement Area (BIA).

not put

Following further information provided by the Mayor on the original motion, the amendment having not received a seconder, Councillor Bligh withdrew the proposed amendment.

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During debate and discussion, Chair Klassen resumed the role of Chair in order for Vice-Chair Meiszner to provide closing comments and relinquished the role of Chair back to Vice-Chair Meiszner once finished.

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The amendments having either been ruled out of order, lost, or not put, the main motion was put and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (Vote No. 10286).

Following the completion of the main motion, it was

MOVED by Councillor Dominato
SECONDED by Councillor Bligh

THAT the subsequent motion dealing with a "WHEREAS" clause that was previously laid on the table be lifted from the table and dealt with.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The subsequent motion was put and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (Vote No. 10287).

FINAL MOTION AS APPROVED

WHEREAS

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8. Understanding the complexity of the neighbourhood, there is a clear need for a new type of model of CPC that is multi-faceted and integrated in systems and partnerships.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

THAT Council support the inclusion of funding in the draft 2025 Operating Budget to support the establishment and ongoing operation of a Community Policing Centre (CPC) to serve the Gastown and Hastings Crossing areas and direct staff to work with the Vancouver Police Department (VPD) to ensure the effective implementation of this initiative;

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6. Reviewing Decision that Reversed Vancouver's Ban on Climate and Health-Harming Gas in New Homes

On October 21, 2024, the motion entitled "Reviewing Decision that Reversed Vancouver's Ban on Climate and Health-Harming Gas in New Homes", was withdrawn by Councillor Carr.

7. Protecting and Enhancing Greenspace for the East End, Chinatown, Hogan's Alley and Strathcona

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

MOVED by Councillor Fry

SECONDED by Councillor Kirby-Yung

WHEREAS

1. Since 1971, the city-owned road right-of-way and ersatz greenspace on the east side of Gore Avenue between Keefer and Union Street consisting of a non-titled non-parcel north of East Georgia Street and a non-titled parcel south of East Georgia Street (722 Gore Avenue) has been maintained for the benefit of local residents with Park Board groundskeeping funded by the city;
2. The greenspace, a vestige of a highway on-ramp right of way, was created after the successful community-led fight to stop the freeway through Chinatown, Hogan's Alley and Strathcona. Designed by Justice and Webb Landscape Architects, the space included an arboreal path and grandstand, but over time has suffered civic neglect and uncertain status. At current, the de facto community park includes a walking path with trees and benches at the northern end, the southern portion has 21 mature trees including a rare giant Sequoia;
3. Posted on June 2024, the Vancouver Tree Canopy Assessment (2022)⁷ identified Strathcona as the only neighbourhood with tree canopy cover of less than 10 per cent. Across Gore Avenue in Chinatown, the tree canopy is less than five per cent and the heat island effect is magnified, creating an unsafe environment for the many vulnerable residents, in particular seniors living in older supportive and SRO housing;
4. The Strathcona, Chinatown and Hogan's Alley areas are collectively the sites of historic displacement and marginalization⁸, and today still home to significant vulnerable populations many of whom lack access to quality greenspace. St Paul's Hospital campus and anticipated redevelopment of Hogan's Alley block (bordered by Union, Prior, Gore and Main) will exacerbate need for more local serving public greenspace;
5. Recent plans for a temporary fire hall at 722 Gore⁹ that would have seen tree loss and impermeable resurfacing have been paused pending a re-evaluation of

⁷ <https://vancouver.ca/files/cov/vancouver-tree-canopy-assessment-2022.pdf>

⁸ <https://spacing.ca/vancouver/2013/08/12/the-end-of-hogans-alley-part-1/>

⁹ <https://rezoning.vancouver.ca/applications/722-gore-ave/application-booklet.pdf>

location options. Community concerns prompted by the proposal articulated the importance and need for more (not less) neighbourhood greenspace;

6. The Vancouver Board of Park and Recreation, on October 7, 2024,¹⁰ declared its interest and intent to preserve the green space at the northeast corner of Gore/Union, initially under care and custody of the Park Board, and eventually as a permanent park with a request to Mayor and Council to arrange ways and means to give effect to this interest and intent;
7. In a memo dated April 19, 2024¹¹ Council were supplied with background information on the tools to designate parks under the *Vancouver Charter*, including:
 - a. Permanent Public Park under Section 488(1);
 - b. Temporary Public Park under Section 488(2); or
 - c. Custody, Care and Management (“CCM”) under Section 488(3).

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

THAT Council direct staff to report back with recommendations for park designation of the city-owned sites inclusive of 722 Gore and adjoining right of way to Keefer Street, and with considerations for the most appropriate and expeditious form of designation under the authority of the *Vancouver Charter*.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (Vote No. 10288)

The Committee adjourned at 9:31 pm.

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¹⁰ <https://parkboardmeetings.vancouver.ca/2024/20241007/index.htm>

¹¹ <https://vancouver.ca/files/cov/2024-04-19-memo-to-mayor-and-council-parks-designation-update.pdf>



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

OCTOBER 23, 2024

A meeting of the Council of the City of Vancouver was held on Wednesday, October 23, 2024, at 9:31 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 Sim
Councillor Rebecca Bligh
Councillor Adriane Carr
Councillor Lisa Dominato
Councillor Pete Fry
Councillor Sarah Kirby-Yung
Councillor Peter Meiszner
Councillor Brian Montague
Councillor Mike Klassen
Councillor Lenny Zhou

ABSENT: Councillor Christine Boyle (Medical Leave)

CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE: Paul Mochrie, 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, October 23, 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. Urgent Mental Health and Substance Use Service Enhancements Program – 2024 Update
2. Gastown Water Street Pedestrian Zone Pilot Update
3. Zero Waste 2040 5-Year Implementation Update
4. Appointments of Council Representatives

Council Members' Motions:

1. Requesting the Provincial Government Oversee a City of Vancouver Lobbyist Registry
2. Enhancing Public Safety through Real-Time Access to the City's Traffic Camera Network

3. Unlocking Community Potential: Collaborating with Faith-Based Groups for Affordable Housing and Social Impact in Vancouver
4. A Lobbyist Registry for Vancouver
5. Establishing a Community Policing Centre in Gastown and Area to Enhance Safety and Security
6. *WITHDRAWN*
7. Protecting and Enhancing Greenspace for the East End, Chinatown, Hogan's Alley and Strathcona

MOVED by Councillor Montague
SECONDED by Councillor Dominato

THAT the recommendations and actions taken by the Standing Committee on Policy and Strategic Priorities at its meeting of October 23, 2024, as contained in Reports 1 through 4 and Council Members' Motion 1 through 7, be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

URGENT BUSINESS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Councillor Kirby-Yung
SECONDED by Councillor Fry

THAT the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Council adjourned at 9:33 pm.

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