



## REPORT TO COUNCIL

### STANDING COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL ON CITY FINANCE AND SERVICES

NOVEMBER 13, 2024

A meeting of the Standing Committee of Council on City Finance and Services was held on Wednesday, November 13, 2024, at 9:34 am, in the Council Chamber, Third Floor, City Hall. This Council meeting was convened in person and via electronic means as authorized by Part 14 of the *Procedure By-law*.

**PRESENT:** Councillor Lenny Zhou, Chair  
Mayor Ken Sim  
Councillor Rebecca Bligh  
Councillor Adriane Carr  
Councillor Lisa Dominato  
Councillor Pete Fry  
Councillor Mike Klassen  
Councillor Sarah Kirby-Yung  
Councillor Peter Meiszner  
Councillor Brian Montague

**ABSENT:** Councillor Christine Boyle (Leave of Absence – Personal Reasons)

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

**CITY CLERK'S OFFICE:** Lesley Matthews, Acting Deputy City Clerk  
David Yim, Meeting Coordinator

\* Denotes absence for a portion of the meeting.

### WELCOME

The Chair acknowledged that we are on the unceded homelands of the Musqueam, Squamish, and Tsleil-Waututh People. We thank them for having cared for this land and look forward to working with them in partnership as we continue to build this great city together.

The Chair also recognized the immense contributions of the City of Vancouver's team members who work hard every day to help make our city an incredible place to live, work, and play.

## MATTERS ADOPTED ON CONSENT

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*Prior to considering the matters on consent, Councillor Montague rose to declare a conflict of interest on Report 7 under Section 145.2(2) of the Vancouver Charter due to being a family member of the contractor.*

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MOVED by Councillor Dominato  
SECONDED by Councillor Meiszner

THAT the Committee recommend to Council

THAT Council adopt Reports 1 to 10 on consent.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY  
(Councillor Montague ineligible to vote on Report 7 due to conflict of interest)

## REPORTS

### 1. **2024 Cultural Grants (Equity, Indigenous, Individual Artists, Cultural Spaces, Chinatown) October 15, 2024**

THAT the Committee recommend to Council

- A. THAT Council approve 13 Cultural Equity grants totalling \$340,264 from the 2024 Cultural Grants Operating Budget to the organizations listed in Appendix A of the Report dated October 15, 2024, entitled “2024 Cultural Grants (Equity, Indigenous, Individual Artists, Cultural Spaces, Chinatown)”, and for the amounts recommended for each organization in the “Grant Recommendation” column in Appendix A of the above-noted Report.
- B. THAT Council approve eight Cultural Indigenous grants totalling \$355,000 (\$280,000 from the 2024 Cultural Grants Operating Budget and \$75,000 from the 2024 Arts and Culture operating budget) to the organizations listed in Appendix A of the Report dated October 15, 2024, entitled “2024 Cultural Grants (Equity, Indigenous, Individual Artists, Cultural Spaces, Chinatown)”, and for the amounts recommended for each organization in the “Grant Recommendation” column in Appendix A of the above-noted Report.
- C. THAT Council approve a grant of \$60,000 from the 2024 Cultural Grants Operating Budget to The ArtStarts in Schools Society for renewal and delivery of the Creative Spark Vancouver program, which supports diverse artists working with youth.

- D. THAT Council approve one Affordable Spaces grant of \$24,116 to 110 Arts Co-operative from the 2024 Cultural Grants Operating Budget.
- E. THAT Council approve a Making Space for Arts and Culture capital grant of \$250,000 to the Eastside Arts Society to support multi-year advancement of an Eastside Arts District, from the False Creek Amenity Share and Density Reserve.
- F. THAT, subject to the approval of E above, Council approve an increase to the 2023-2026 Capital Plan and the Multi-Year Capital Project Budget for the Cultural Spaces Grants program by \$250,000, to be funded from the False Creek Amenity Share and Density Reserve.
- G. THAT Council approve a grant of \$30,000 to the Vancouver Chinatown BIA Society (VCBIA) from the Great Beginnings Fund to support a process to develop advice to the City on a draft vision and program for an economic development pilot project for Chinatown Plaza, in support of key goals in the Chinatown Cultural District Framework.
- H. THAT Council delegate its authority to the City's General Manager, Arts, Culture, and Community Services (or their designate) to execute grant agreements that include terms and conditions that are consistent with this report, that satisfy the City's General Manager, Arts, Culture, and Community Services (or their designate) and the City's Director, Legal Services, and disburse the grants as described in the Report dated October 15, 2024, entitled "2024 Cultural Grants (Equity, Indigenous, Individual Artists, Cultural Spaces, Chinatown)".
- I. THAT no legal rights or obligations will arise or be created by Council's adoption of these Recommendations unless and until all legal documentation has been executed and delivered by the respective parties.
- J. THAT, pursuant to Section 206(1)(j) of the *Vancouver Charter*, Council deems any organization listed in Appendix A and Appendix B of the Report dated October 15, 2024, entitled "2024 Cultural Grants (Equity, Indigenous, Individual Artists, Cultural Spaces, Chinatown)", that is not otherwise a registered charity with Canada Revenue Agency, to be contributing to the culture of Vancouver.

ADOPTED ON CONSENT AND  
BY THE REQUIRED MAJORITY (Vote No. 10317)

**2. Vancouver Community Sport Event Grants – Fall 2024 Intake  
October 24, 2024**

THAT the Committee recommend to Council

- A. THAT Council approves 20 Vancouver Community Sport Event Grants totalling \$123,500 from the 2024 Vancouver Community Sport Hosting Program Budget to the organizations listed in Table 1 of this Report dated October 24, 2024, entitled "Vancouver Community Sport Event Grants – Fall 2024 Intake", under

column entitled "Organization" and for the amount set out beside their name in the column entitled "Grant Recommended".

- B. THAT the grants in A above be subject to each grant recipient agreeing to the terms and conditions of the City's Community Sport Hosting Grant Program as outlined in this Report dated October 24, 2024, entitled "Vancouver Community Sport Event Grants – Fall 2024 Intake" and otherwise satisfactory to the Director, Destination Events and Tourism or their designate and the City's Director of Legal Services.
- C. THAT no legal rights or obligations are created by the approval of the A and B above unless and until the grant agreement is executed and delivered by the grant recipient and the City.
- D. THAT pursuant to the Section 206(1)(i) of the *Vancouver Charter*, the organizations listed in Table 1 that are charities registered with the Canada Revenue Agency are deemed by Council to be an organization contributing to the culture, beautification, health, or welfare of the City.

ADOPTED ON CONSENT AND  
BY THE REQUIRED MAJORITY (Vote No. 10318)

### **3. Annual Financial Authorities 2025 October 29, 2024**

THAT the Committee recommend to Council

- A. THAT for the period from January 1 to December 31, 2025, Council authorize the Director of Finance to draw warrants for payment (i.e. issue an authorization to the City Treasurer to disburse funds from a City account), provided that any such warrants for payment be reported in writing to the City Clerk for the information of Council within 15 days after the end of the month in which each warrant is drawn, in accordance with Sections 215 and 216 of the *Vancouver Charter*.
- B. THAT for the period from January 1 to July 15, 2025, Council authorize the Director of Finance to temporarily use such proceeds from the sale of debentures that have not yet been expended to meet other expenditure requirements of the City, pending collection of the 2025 general purpose tax levy, in accordance with Section 259(1)(b) of the *Vancouver Charter*.
- C. THAT for the period from January 1 to December 31, 2025, Council authorize the Director of Finance to invest City funds not immediately required and to vary the investments from time to time where appropriate, in accordance with Sections 201, 259, and 260 of the *Vancouver Charter*.
- D. THAT for the period from January 8, 2025 to January 7, 2026, pursuant to Section 263 of the *Vancouver Charter*, Council authorize the Director of Finance to establish a short-term borrowing facility to assist in managing the City's cash flow with the maximum outstanding amount not to exceed \$60 million; and

instruct the Director of Legal Services to bring forward a by-law for enactment by Council authorizing the borrowing.

ADOPTED ON CONSENT (Vote No. 10319)

**4. Impoundment Towing Rates and Electronic Tow-away Notice  
September 24, 2024**

THAT the Committee recommend to Council

- A. THAT Council approve, in principle, an increase to the rates and fees that tow truck operators are authorized to charge for vehicles and other chattels impounded from public and private property under the *Impounding By-law* and the *Vehicles for Hire By-law* as discussed in the Report dated September 24, 2024, entitled "Impoundment Towing Rates and Electronic Tow-away Notice" and as shown in Appendices A and B in the above-noted Report;

FURTHER THAT the Director of Legal Services be instructed to bring forward for enactment an amendment to the *Vehicles for Hire By-law* and the *Impounding By-law* in accordance with Appendices A and B in the above-noted Report.

- B. THAT Council approve amendments to the *Licence By-law* to add an electronic Tow-away Notice as a method for commercial parking lot operators to request and authorize removal of unlawfully parked vehicles as described in the Report dated September 24, 2024, entitled "Impoundment Towing Rates and Electronic Tow-away Notice";

FURTHER THAT the Director of Legal Services be instructed to bring forward for enactment an amendment to the *Licence By-law* generally in accordance with Appendix C in the above-noted Report.

- C. THAT Council approve amendments to the *Vehicles for Hire By-law* to add an electronic Tow-away Notice as a method for tow truck drivers to receive authorization to remove unlawfully parked vehicles in commercial parking lots as described in the Report dated September 24, 2024, entitled "Impoundment Towing Rates and Electronic Tow-away Notice";

FURTHER THAT the Director of Legal Services be instructed to bring forward for enactment an amendment to the *Vehicles for Hire By-law* generally in accordance with Appendix A in the above-noted Report.

ADOPTED ON CONSENT (Vote No. 10320)

**5. REPORT BACK: Civic Protocol Policy Amendments  
October 8, 2024**

THAT the Committee recommend to Council

THAT Council approve amendments to the City's Civic Protocol Policy, as outlined in Appendix A of the Report dated October 8, 2024, entitled "REPORT BACK: Civic Protocol Policy Amendments", to provide similar consideration for cultural and arts events as is given to sporting teams and major sporting events.

ADOPTED ON CONSENT (Vote No. 10321)

**6. UBCM Conference – Sponsorship of Programming  
October 28, 2024**

THAT the Committee recommend to Council

THAT Council approve funding in the amount of \$17,500 to support programming at the UBCM Annual Convention that was held at the Vancouver Convention Centre from September 16 to 20, 2024.

ADOPTED ON CONSENT (Vote No. 10322)

**7. Contract Award for Pre-qualified Contractors for Construction Services for Sewer and Other Utility Works  
October 15, 2024**

THAT the Committee recommend to Council

- A. THAT Council authorize City staff to establish the Sewer and Other Utilities Program No. 1 (SOUP), in which the City will prequalify certain contractors and have them competitively bid on an estimated \$95,000,000, plus applicable taxes, of sewer and other utility works, over a three-year term, funded through capital project budgets, as and when the work is required, in accordance with the terms generally described in the Report dated October 15, 2024, entitled "Contract Award for Pre-qualified Contractors for Construction Services for Sewer and Other Utility Works".
- B. THAT Council authorize the City's Chief Procurement Officer to execute non-binding memoranda of understanding with each of the following pre-qualified contractors: B&B Heavy Civil Construction Ltd., BD Hall Constructors Corp., Jacob Bros. Construction Inc., Oscar Renda Contracting of Canada Inc., NorLand Limited, Clearway Construction Inc., and Complete Utility Contractors to participate in the SOUP, in accordance with the terms generally described in the Report dated October 15, 2024, entitled "Contract Award for Pre-qualified Contractors for Construction Services for Sewer and Other Utility Works".

- C. THAT Council delegate its authority to the General Manager of Engineering, the Chief Procurement Officer, and the Director of Legal Services to execute construction agreements with the contractor who submits the lowest price bid for each sewer or other utility construction project that City staff tenders to the pre-qualified contractors under the SOUP.
- D. THAT no legal rights or obligations will be created by Council's approval of A through C above unless and until the parties execute and deliver the legal agreements described in A through C above.

ADOPTED ON CONSENT (Vote No. 10323)  
(Councillor Montague ineligible to vote due to conflict of interest)

**8. Approval of Change Order to existing contract No. PS20211229 - Consulting Services for PNE Amphitheatre Phase 1 and Phase 2 with Revery Architecture Inc. October 13, 2024**

THAT the Committee recommend to Council

- A. THAT Council authorize City staff to negotiate a Change Order agreement to add additional scope to existing contract No. PS20211229 - Consulting Services for PNE Amphitheatre with Revery Architecture Inc for an estimated cumulative value of \$4,000,000, plus applicable taxes, to be funded through the approved Multi-year Project Budget for the PNE Amphitheatre.
- B. THAT Council delegate its authority to execute the Agreement to the Chief Procurement Officer, the General Manager of Real Estate, Environment and Facilities Management Department, and the Director of Legal Services.
- C. No legal rights or obligations will be created by Council's approval of A and B above unless and until the City executes and delivers the Agreement.

ADOPTED ON CONSENT (Vote No. 10324)

**9. Contract Award for the Provision of Implementation Services for SAP SuccessFactors Learning and Application Management Support October 10, 2024**

THAT the Committee recommend to Council

- A. THAT Council authorize City staff to negotiate a change order to an existing contract for the provision of implementation services for SAP SuccessFactors Learning, and Application Management Support with IBM Canada Ltd. for an estimated total contract value of \$3,985,334, plus applicable taxes, over the maximum five (5)-year contract term (the "Change Order"), which will be funded from the Technology Services Capital Projects budget.

- B. THAT Council delegate its authority to execute the Change Order to the City's Director of Legal Services, Chief Procurement Officer, and Deputy City Manager.
- C. THAT no legal rights or obligations will be created by Council's approval of A and B above unless and until the City executes and delivers the Change Order.

ADOPTED ON CONSENT (Vote No. 10325)

**10. Contract Award for SAP SuccessFactors Licenses  
September 23, 2024**

THAT the Committee recommend to Council

- A. THAT Council authorize City staff to negotiate an agreement for SAP SuccessFactors Licenses with SAP Canada Inc. for an estimated total contract value of \$4,024,574 over the five (5)-year term (the "Agreement"), which will be funded from the Technology Services operational and capital project budgets.
- B. THAT Council delegate its authority to execute the Agreement to the City's Director of Legal Services, Chief Procurement Officer, and Deputy City Manager.
- C. THAT no legal rights or obligations will be created by Council's approval of A and B above unless and until the City executes and delivers the Agreement.

ADOPTED ON CONSENT (Vote No. 10326)

**COUNCIL MEMBERS' MOTIONS**

**1. Establishing a South Asian Cultural Centre of Excellence in Vancouver**

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*Prior to the start of this item, Councillor Zhou relinquished the Chair to Councillor Meiszner in order to introduce the motion, participate in debate, provide comments, and resumed the role of Chair following the vote on this item.*

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The Committee heard from three speakers who spoke in support of the motion.

MOVED by Councillor Zhou  
SECONDED by Mayor Sim

THAT the Committee recommend to Council



## WHEREAS

1. The South Asian community, which comprises people from India, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka etc., and people from many other South Asian religious and cultural traditions, has long expressed a desire for the establishment of a South Asian Cultural Centre. As envisioned, a cultural centre would be a venue for cultural exchange, education, and community engagement: A place where South Asian cultural arts, heritage, language, and traditions can be safeguarded, promoted, and shared with the broader community;
2. The Province of British Columbia has already embarked on a public engagement process, sponsored by the Ministry of Tourism, Arts, Culture and Sport, to inform the vision for a "new museum or cultural centre" to highlight the histories, cultures, and contributions made by Canadians of diverse South Asian heritages (Timeline: April 2023 to December 2024);
3. To date, the Province's public engagement process has shown a strong convergence around the values and attributes that individuals and communities would find important in a "new museum of cultural centre." For example, there is a general consensus that a physical representation of the contributions and histories of Canadians of South Asian heritages will strengthen cultural connections, provide a sense of belonging, and recognize and preserve an important part of Canada's and B.C.'s history;
4. A central focus of the Province's public engagement process has been where a South Asian cultural centre should be located, along with a strongly expressed desire to cultivate a community-focused, inclusive, and multicultural space where everyone can find connection and belonging;
5. The South Asian community is a significant and vibrant part of the City of Vancouver's cultural mosaic. Throughout history, Vancouver's South Asian community has made numerous contributions to the cultural, social, and economic fabric of our city;
6. A South Asian Cultural Centre of Excellence in Vancouver would provide a much-needed space for cultural preservation, education, and celebration and would enhance the city's cultural infrastructure while promoting inclusivity and a deeper understanding and appreciation of South Asian cultures among all residents;
7. The establishment of a South Asian Cultural Centre of Excellence in the City of Vancouver would not only serve as a beacon for longtime Vancouver residents and newcomers alike, i.e., by providing a space to showcase and promote the rich intangible and tangible heritage of South Asian communities, it would also serve as a landmark destination for cultural tourism and contribute to the city's economy and profile as a city that values and invests in cultural diversity;
8. While the City of Surrey has a significant South Asian population and could be a strong candidate for a South Asian Centre of Cultural Excellence, Vancouver's central location, cultural vibrancy, robust tourism industry, and existing

infrastructure make it a compelling location for a South Asian Centre of Cultural Excellence. The advantages Vancouver offers include:

- Vancouver is a major tourist destination, including cruise ships, and a cultural centre in the city could attract both local and international visitors, boosting tourism and the wider local and regional economy;
  - Proximity to downtown Vancouver would attract more visitors, including tourists and locals who frequent the city centre for various activities (e.g., Granville Island);
  - Vancouver is a major transportation hub with extensive public transit options, including buses, SkyTrain, and ferries, making it easily accessible for people from across the region;
  - Vancouver is known for its cultural diversity and vibrant multicultural communities, which would provide a rich environment for a cultural centre
  - Vancouver already hosts numerous cultural institutions and events, creating opportunities for collaboration and cross-cultural programming (e.g. Chinatown Museum, Science World, etc.);
  - Vancouver has a long history of South Asian immigration and contributions, particularly in neighborhoods like the Punjabi Market on Main Street;
  - Vancouver has well-established South Asian communities that can provide strong support and engagement for the centre;
  - Proximity to universities and colleges can facilitate educational partnerships and new research opportunities;
  - Vancouver offers numerous state-of-the-art facilities and infrastructure that can support the needs of a cultural centre (e.g., the Convention Centre); and
  - Vancouver's higher global profile would attract more funding, sponsorships, and partnerships from both public and private sector, and ensure sustainable operations;
9. Making the longstanding desire for a South Asian Centre of Cultural Excellence a reality, and locating it in the City of Vancouver, will require close collaboration with all levels of government to secure the necessary funding. By committing to a one-third share of the funding for a centre located in the City Vancouver, the City and Council would be demonstrating strong support for this important initiative.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

- A. THAT Council approves in principle, subject to a report back to Council on the financial project costs and a funding source, a commitment to funding one-third of the capital costs of a South Asian Cultural Centre of Excellence if it is located in the City of Vancouver, inclusive of any contribution of land toward such a venture.
- B. THAT Council empower the Mayor to write to the appropriate Provincial government Minister(s) and Ministries to advise them of Council's interest in a South Asian Centre of Cultural Excellence and for this centre to be located in the

City of Vancouver given Vancouver's central location, cultural vibrancy, and existing infrastructure which make Vancouver a compelling choice for the location of a South Asian Centre of Cultural Excellence.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (Vote No. 10315)

## **2. Unlocking Attainable Home Ownership**

MOVED by Councillor Klassen

SECONDED by Councillor Meiszner

THAT the Committee recommend to Council

### WHEREAS

1. Home ownership has long been a core aspiration for many Canadian families. However, in recent years, the dream of owning a home has been undermined by barriers such as the ability to qualify for a mortgage, saving for a downpayment, the unaffordability resulting from the high cost of housing construction, rising mortgage interest rates, and economic inflation, among other factors, including the lack of clear, effective housing attainability policy frameworks at various government levels focused on home ownership;
2. In a poll conducted by Abacus Data in October 2023, 63% of respondents indicated they would like to own a residential property such as a house, townhouse, or condo someday;
3. According to an Ipsos poll conducted in April 2024, 80% of Canadians now feel that owning a home is only for the rich, and 72% say they have given up on ever owning a home. In a poll conducted the same month by Abacus Data, 81% of Canadians believe that the dream of home ownership is dead and unattainable for most. And a poll conducted in September 2024 by Maru shows 86% of non-homeowners in Vancouver think there's little to no prospect of them ever owning their own property in the city;
4. The urgency around the housing affordability crisis has motivated all levels of government to work collaboratively and ensure that a greater supply of housing gets built faster with an emphasis on market- and non-market rental housing in recent years;
5. Currently, the City's land use policies prioritize rental housing in multi-housing areas. However, there are potential areas in the city where rental housing may not be the optimal land use form and where attainable home ownership could prove to be a viable housing option without negatively impacting the prioritization of rental housing;
6. In September 2024, the Provincial Government, in partnership with the Musqueam, Squamish and Tsleil-Waututh Nations, announced a new Attainable Home Ownership program on the Heather Lands. This program is the first of its

kind in B.C., where select homebuyers will have access to a purchasing model where the Province covers a significant portion of the price of the home, until the home can be purchased outright or sold. This model creates an opportunity that may otherwise be out of reach to thousands of families;

7. In the Province of Ontario, the government introduced the *More Homes Built Faster Act* in November 2022 whereby Ontario is creating a new program to support the dream of homeownership for more Ontarians. The new program will leverage a range of tools, including surplus or underutilized provincial lands and commercial innovation and partnerships to help rapidly build attainable homes in mixed-income communities that are more accessible and could help families to build equity. In the City of Toronto, attainable homeownership solutions are assisting new buyers to enter the market with innovation in technology and financial intermediation;
8. To keep the dream of home ownership alive and to make a range of housing options available for people at all income levels, the City must be ready to seize on emerging opportunities similar to projects like the Heather Lands and those in other jurisdictions, and seek new, innovative housing approaches that generate hope and optimism for people feeling left behind in the housing market;
9. Over the past decade, successive Vancouver City Councils have provided direction to staff to explore home ownership models to help first-time buyers enter the housing market, but without the formal legislative power under the Vancouver Charter to accomplish this objective;
10. As part of the City's recent Missing Middle R1-1 policy changes, which included enabling amendments to the Vancouver Charter, the City now has the legislative authority to finally unlock the potential for attainable home ownership in our city; and
11. It is incumbent on Vancouver City Council to ensure that a range of housing options are available for people in our city at all income levels and to ensure the City is ready and prepared to seize upon attainable home ownership opportunities as they emerge, especially when new programs led by senior levels of government in partnership with private sector innovators are becoming available.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

THAT Council direct staff to report back with a proposed attainable home ownership policy framework by Q2 of 2025, to ensure that the City is ready and prepared to seize upon emerging market opportunities and/or new programs to unlock attainable home ownership at scale, including those led by senior levels of government;

FURTHER THAT Council direct staff to review past Council motions related to attainable home ownership to help inform a proposed attainable home ownership policy framework;

FURTHER THAT staff evaluate whether any potential new avenues to enable attainable home ownership exist in light of recent changes to the *Vancouver Charter*, while ensuring that the proposed policy framework does not negatively impact existing land

use policies that prioritize rental housing, or results in burdensome administrative obligations for City staff;

AND FURTHER THAT Council direct staff to explore, as a part of this report, the feasibility of piloting attainable home ownership projects.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (Vote No. 10316)

The Committee adjourned at 10:20 am.

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**COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
STANDING COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL ON  
CITY FINANCE AND SERVICES**

**NOVEMBER 13, 2024**

A meeting of the Council of the City of Vancouver was held on Wednesday, November 13, 2024, at 10:22 am, in the Council Chamber, Third Floor, City Hall, following the Standing Committee on City Finance and Services meeting, to consider the recommendations and actions of the Committee.

**PRESENT:** Mayor Ken Sim, Chair  
Councillor Rebecca Bligh  
Councillor Adriane Carr  
Councillor Lisa Dominato  
Councillor Pete Fry  
Councillor Sarah Kirby-Yung  
Councillor Mike Klassen  
Councillor Peter Meiszner  
Councillor Brian Montague  
Councillor Lenny Zhou

**ABSENT:** Councillor Christine Boyle (Leave of Absence – Personal Reasons)

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

**CITY CLERK’S OFFICE:** Lesley Matthews, Acting Deputy City Clerk  
David Yim, Meeting Coordinator

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Report of Standing Committee on City Finance and Services  
Wednesday, November 13, 2024

Council considered the report containing the recommendations and actions taken by the Standing Committee on City Finance and Services. Its items of business included:

Reports:

1. 2024 Cultural Grants (Equity, Indigenous, Individual Artists, Capacity)
2. Vancouver Community Sport Events Grants - Fall 2024 Intake
3. Annual Financial Authorities 2025
4. Impoundment Towing Rates and Electronic Tow-away Notice
5. REPORT BACK: Civic Protocol Policy Amendments

6. 2024 UBCM Conference – Sponsorship of Programming
7. Contract Award for Pre-qualified Contractors for Construction Services for Sewer and Other Utility Works
8. Approval of Change Order to existing contract No. PS20211229 - Consulting Services for PNE Amphitheatre Phase 1 and Phase 2 with Revery Architecture Inc.
9. Contract Award - Change Order (for IBM) Provision of Implementation Services for SAP SuccessFactors Learning
10. Contract Award: SAP SuccessFactors Licenses

Council Members' Motions:

1. Establishing a South Asian Cultural Centre of Excellence in Vancouver
2. Unlocking Attainable Home Ownership

MOVED by Councillor Zhou

SECONDED by Councillor Meiszner

THAT the recommendations and actions taken by the Standing Committee on City Finance and Services at its meeting of November 13, 2024, as contained in Reports 1 through 10 and Council Members' Motions 1 and 2, be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**URGENT BUSINESS**

MOVED by Councillor Zhou

SECONDED by Councillor Meiszner

THAT Councillor Zhou be granted a Leave of Absence for personal reasons from meetings on November 19, 2024, from 3 pm onwards, and for civic business from meetings on November 20, 2024, from 3 pm to 6:30 pm;

FURTHER THAT Mayor Sim be granted a Leave of Absence for civic business from meetings on November 14, 2024, from 5 pm onwards.

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*Subsequently, Mayor Sim relinquished the Chair to Councillor Montague in order to withdraw the previous motion, and resumed the role of Chair following the vote on the withdrawal motion.*

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MOVED by Mayor Sim

SECONDED by Councillor Klassen

THAT the previous motion be withdrawn.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AND  
BY THE REQUIRED MAJORITY

MOVED by Councillor Zhou  
SECONDED by Councillor Meiszner

THAT Councillor Zhou be granted a Leave of Absence for personal reasons from meetings on November 19, 2024, from 3 pm onwards, and for civic business from meetings on November 20, 2024, from 3 pm to 6:30 pm.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOVED by Councillor Meiszner  
SECONDED by Councillor Zhou

THAT Councillor Dominato be granted a Leave of Absence for personal reasons from meetings on November 19, 2024, from 5 pm onwards, and for civic business on November 20, 2024, from 6 pm onwards;

FURTHER THAT Councillor Bligh be granted a Leave of Absence for personal reasons from meetings on November 19 and 20, 2024;

AND FURTHER THAT Mayor Sim be granted a Leave of Absence for personal reasons from meetings on November 20, 2024, from 3 pm onwards.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

### **BY-LAWS**

MOVED by Councillor Klassen  
SECONDED by Councillor Montague

THAT Council enact by-law 1 as listed on the agenda for this meeting, and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign and seal the enacted by-law.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (Vote No. 10327)

1. A By-law to authorize the borrowing of certain sums of money from January 8, 2025, to January 7, 2026, pending the collection of real property taxes (By-law No. 14176)

### **ADJOURNMENT**

MOVED by Councillor Zhou  
SECONDED by Councillor Montague

THAT the meeting be adjourned.



CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Council adjourned at 10:39 am.

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