



REPORT TO COUNCIL

STANDING COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL ON POLICY AND STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

NOVEMBER 27, 2024

A meeting of the Standing Committee of Council on Policy and Strategic Priorities was held on Wednesday, November 27, 2024, at 9:32 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 Peter Meiszner, Chair
Mayor Ken Sim
Councillor Rebecca Bligh*
Councillor Adriane Carr
Councillor Lisa Dominato*, Vice-Chair (Medical Leave –
9:30 am to 12 pm)
Councillor Pete Fry
Councillor Sarah Kirby-Yung
Councillor Mike Klassen
Councillor Brian Montague
Councillor Lenny Zhou

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

CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE: Paul Mochrie, City Manager
Karen Levitt, Deputy 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 Bligh
SECONDED by Councillor Klassen

THAT the Committee recommend to Council

THAT Council adopt Reports 3 through 7 on consent.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AND REPORT 3
BY THE REQUIRED MAJORITY
(Councillor Dominato absent for the vote)

REPORTS

1. Parks and Recreation Governance Transition Planning: Progress Update 2 November 14, 2024

The Deputy City Manager introduced the item and along with the Chief Strategy Officer and the General Manager of Engineering Services, provided a presentation and responded to questions.

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During questions to staff on Report 1, it was

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

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

*CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Councillor Dominato absent for the vote)*

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The Report dated November 14, 2024, entitled "Parks and Recreation Governance Transition Planning: Progress Update 2," was provided for information and no action was taken.

2. 2024 Community Services and Other Social Grants October 29, 2024

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

MOVED by Councillor Klassen
SECONDED by Councillor Bligh

THAT the Committee recommend to Council

Operating and Capital Grants

- A. THAT Council approve seven Social Innovation Project (SIP) Anti-Black Racism Grants, totalling \$101,369, from the 2024 Social Policy Grants Operating Budget to the organizations listed in Appendix A-1 of the Report dated October 29, 2024, entitled "2024 Community Services and Other Grants", for the amounts recommended for each organization in the "2024 Recommend" column.
- B. THAT Council approve, in advance of the 2025 operating budget approval, one Social Innovation Project (SIP) Food Grant to The Britannia Community Services Centre Society, totalling \$40,000, from the 2025 Social Policy Grants Operating Budget to support Vancouver Neighbourhood Food Networks strategic planning work, as described in Appendix B of the Report dated October 29, 2024, entitled "2024 Community Services and Other Grants".
- C. THAT Council approve seven Organizational Capacity Building Grants totalling \$156,512, from the 2024 Social Policy Grants Operating budget to the organizations listed in Appendix C for of the Report dated October 29, 2024, entitled "2024 Community Services and Other Grants", the amounts recommended for each organization in the "2024 Recommend" column.
- D. THAT Council approve seven Childcare Operating Grants through three grant streams totalling \$178,170 from the 2024 Social Policy Grants Operating budget – Childcare, including the recommended conditions on the grant, to the organizations listed in Appendix D-1, Appendix D-2, and Appendix D-3 respectively in the Report dated October 29, 2024, entitled "2024 Community Services and Other Grants", for the amounts recommended for each organization in the "2024 Recommend" column.
- E. THAT Council approve seven Social Policy Small-Medium Capital Grants totalling \$184,843, from the 2024 Social Policy Capital Grant budget to the organizations listed in Appendix E-1 of the Report dated October 29, 2024, entitled "2024 Community Services and Other Grants", and from the 2024 Social Infrastructure Grants - Climate budget to the organizations listed in Appendix E-2 of the above-noted report, for the amounts recommended for each organization in the "2024 Recommend" columns.
- F. THAT Council approve four Childcare Small Capital Grants totalling \$72,059, from the 2024 Small Capital Grants for Non-City Owned Childcare Budget to the organizations listed in F-1 of the Report dated October 29, 2024, entitled "2024 Community Services and Other Grants", and from the 2024 Social Policy Grants Operating budget to the organizations listed in Appendix F-2 of the above-noted report, for the amounts recommended for each organization in the "2024 Recommend" column.

- G. THAT Council approve five School Age Care Expansion Project Grants totalling \$140,735, from the 2024 VSB Community Partnership Program Capital Budget to the organizations listed in Appendix G-1 of the Report dated October 29, 2024, entitled "2024 Community Services and Other Grants", and from the 2024 School Aged Expansion Grants to the organizations listed in Appendix G-2 of the above-noted report, for the amounts recommended for each organization in the "2024 Recommend" column.
- H. THAT Council approve ten Building Safer Communities Program (BSCP) Grants through two grant streams totalling \$135,000, to the organizations listed in Appendix H-1 and Appendix H-3 in the Report dated October 29, 2024, entitled "2024 Community Services and Other Grants", for the amounts recommended to each organization in the "2024 Recommend" column. Source of funds is the federal Building Safer Communities Program Fund from Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness Canada.
- I. THAT Council approve eight Hastings Legacy Fund Grants (includes six multi-year grants and two one-year grants) totalling \$377,000, from the Hastings Social Responsibility Reserve to the organizations listed in Appendix I-1 of the Report dated October 29, 2024, entitled "2024 Community Services and Other Grants", for the amounts recommended for each organization in the "2024-2027 Recommend" column. Disbursement of the grants is conditional on the receipt of the 2024, 2025 and 2026 Community Legacy Fund Fees from Hastings Entertainment Inc.
- J. THAT Council approve two Reframing South Vancouver grants totalling \$301,450, from the 2024 ACCS Operating Budget to the organizations listed in Appendix J of the Report dated October 29, 2024, entitled "2024 Community Services and Other Grants", for the amounts recommended for each organization in the "2024 Recommend" column to support the work described in Appendix J of the above-noted report.
- K. THAT Council approve one grant of \$50,000, to Good Night Out Vancouver Association as described in Appendix K of the Report dated October 29, 2024, entitled "2024 Community Services and Other Grants", from the 2024 ACCS Operating Budget for Phase Two of the Last Call Project Pilot.
- L. THAT Council approve, in advance of the 2025 operating budget, one grant of \$4,150,000, to Vancouver Coastal Health Authority (VCH) as described in Appendix L of the Report dated October 29, 2024, entitled "2024 Community Services and Other Grants", from the 2025 Social Policy Grants Operating Budget, to continue implementation of VCH's *Urgent Mental Health and Substance Use Service Enhancements Program*.

Current & Future Alignment of Social Grants to RTS 15892

- M. THAT Council adopt the social grants categorization structure, inclusive of five categories, based on "*Vibrant Vancouver: City Council's Strategic Priorities 2023-2026*" and direct staff to align future grants to these categories to ensure that current and emerging Council priorities are effectively and efficiently

addressed (as presented in Appendix M of the Report dated October 29, 2024, entitled “2024 Community Services and Other Grants”,).

Appointment of Operators and Nominal Lease/Licence Agreements

- N. THAT Council authorize the Director of Real Estate Services to negotiate and execute an amended licence agreement (the “Sole Food Licence”) with Cultivate Canada Society, dba Sole Food Street Farms (“Sole Food”), for an approximate 122,000 sf portion of City owned lands located at:

215 West 1st Avenue, legally described as: PID: 026-979-772; Lot 327
False Creek Plan BCP28525; and

1850 Spyglass Place, legally described as PID: 026-498-502; Lot 308,
except part on Plan BCP29724, False Creek Plan BCP20723 (collectively,
the “West 1st Property”);

on the terms and conditions outlined in Appendix N of the Report dated October 29, 2024, entitled “2024 Community Services and Other Grants”, and otherwise to the satisfaction of the General Manager of Real Estate and Facilities Management, the General Manager of Arts, Culture and Community Services and the Director of Legal Services, including:

Term and Renewals: the existing Sole Food Licence at the West 1st Property (which expires October 31, 2025) will be amended to allow for the proposed 1-year extension of the term to October 31, 2026 (the “Extension Term”). The extension is conditional upon the City being satisfied that Sole Food has the capacity to operate, maintain and program the facility space in accordance with the licence terms, and Social Policy and Projects staff will regularly review to ensure the quality of programming is maintained; and

Total Rent: Ten dollars (\$10.00) for the Extension Term, subject to an early termination provision in favour of the City upon 6 months’ notice, and reconfiguration clause due to anticipated development of the site as set out in the Southeast False Creek Official Development Plan;

FURTHER THAT as the basic rent under the Sole Food Licence for the West 1st Property will be below the applicable market rate, Recommendation N constitutes a grant estimated at \$854,000 for the 1-year Extension Term (forgone revenue to the Property Endowment Fund).

Related Recommendations

- O. THAT, pursuant to Section 206(1)(j) of the *Vancouver Charter*, Council deems any organization listed in Appendix A to N of the Report dated October 29, 2024, entitled “2024 Community Services and Other Grants”, that is not otherwise a registered charity with Canada Revenue Agency to be contributing to the health and welfare of the City.

- P. THAT Council delegate its authority to the General Manager of Arts, Culture and Community Services to negotiate and execute agreements to disburse the grants described in A to L above on the terms and conditions set out herein or such other terms and conditions as are satisfactory to the General Manager of Arts, Culture and Community Services and the Director of Legal Services.
- Q. 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.

Following discussion, the Committee agreed to separate the vote on the components of the motion.

The motion was put with A, B, D, and F through Q having CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (Vote No. 10348) AND A, B, D, F THROUGH L AND N BY THE REQUIRED MAJORITY with Councillor Dominato absent for the vote; and with C and E CARRIED (Vote No. 10349) AND C AND E BY THE REQUIRED MAJORITY, with Councillor Montague opposed and Councillor Dominato absent for the vote.

3. 2024 SRO Upgrading Grant and Arts and Culture Grant November 12, 2024

THAT the Committee recommend to Council

- A. THAT Council approve an SRO Upgrading Grant of \$185,000 from the 2024 SRO Upgrading Grant Program Capital Budget to the Natives of Toi Shan Benevolent Society of Vancouver ("Toi Shan"), a charity registered with the Canada Revenue Agency, for building upgrades to the Phoenix Hotel, an SRA-designated building located at 237 East Hastings Street, subject to the conditions outlined in the Report dated November 12, 2024, entitled "2024 SRO Upgrading Grant and Arts and Culture Grant", including:
 - i. the City's issuance of all required development and building permits to Toi Shan; and
 - ii. the registration of a housing agreement on title to the property with the terms outlined in Appendix A of the above-noted report.
- B. THAT Council approve a grant of \$30,000 from the 2024 ACT Operating Budget to the Greater Vancouver Professional Theatre Alliance to support REFLECT, a program to develop and enhance leadership in the cultural sector for equity-deserving individuals and communities.
- C. THAT pursuant to Section 206(1)(j) of the *Vancouver Charter*, Council deem the Greater Vancouver Professional Theatre Alliance to be an organization contributing to the health and welfare of Vancouver.
- D. THAT Council delegate its authority to execute grant agreements that include terms and conditions that are consistent with this report, that satisfy the City's

Director of Legal Services, and that disburse the grants described in this report to the City's General Manager of Arts, Culture, and Community Services (or their designate).

- E. 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.

ADOPTED ON CONSENT AND A AND B
BY THE REQUIRED MAJORITY (Vote No. 10359)

**4. 2025 Fee Increases for Rezoning, Development, Building, and other Related Permits
November 14, 2024**

THAT the Committee recommend to Council

- A. THAT Council approve, in principle, the adjustment of fees for rezoning, development, building and other related matters to take effect on January 1, 2025, generally in accordance with Appendix A of the Report dated November 14, 2024, entitled "2025 Fee Increases for Rezoning, Development, Building, and other Related Permits".
- B. THAT the Director of Legal Services be instructed to bring forward for enactment the necessary amendments to the Building By-law, Electrical By-law, Gas Fitting By-law, Miscellaneous Fees By-law, Noise Control By-law, Protection of Trees By-law, Secondary Suite Inspection By-law, Sign Fee By-law, Green Demolition By-law, Subdivision By-law; and Zoning and Development Fee By-law, generally in accordance with Appendix A of the Report dated November 14, 2024, entitled "2025 Fee Increases for Rezoning, Development, Building, and other Related Permits", to be effective January 1, 2025.

ADOPTED ON CONSENT (Vote No. 10369)

**5. Change Order to Deloitte Inc. Consulting Services Agreement for SAP S/4HANA Conversion
November 12, 2024**

THAT the Committee recommend to Council

- A. THAT Council authorize City staff to negotiate a \$205,000 change order to an existing agreement with Deloitte Inc., resulting in an estimated new total contract value of \$3,320,667, such change order to 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. 10360)

**6. Contract Award for Provision of Advanced Water Metering Infrastructure
October 17, 2024**

THAT the Committee recommend to Council

- A. THAT Council authorize City staff to negotiate an agreement for Provision of Advanced Water Metering Infrastructure with KTI Utility Services Inc., for an estimated total contract value of \$6,050,207 over the initial five (5)-year term and the five (5) possible three (3)-year unilateral extension terms (the "Agreement"), which will be funded from the Multiyear Approved Capital Budget from the 2023-2026 Residential Metering Acceleration Program and the New Meter Installation Program.
- B. THAT Council delegate its authority to execute the Agreement to the City's Director of Legal Services, Chief Procurement Officer, and General Manager of Engineering Services.
- 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. 10361)

**7. Contract Award for Service Provider to Assist the City in the Planning and
Delivery of the FIFA Fan Festival™
October 29, 2024**

THAT the Committee recommend to Council

- A. THAT Council authorize City staff to negotiate an agreement ("the Agreement") for event delivery services related to the FIFA Fan Festival™ (Fan Fest) with Brand Live Management Group, with fees to be comprised of: (i) a fixed component at an estimated value of \$1,478,393; and (ii) a variable component to be comprised of 7.5% of the total Fan Fest planning and delivery budget, with the term of the contract to be approximately two years, and with the source of funds for this Agreement to be the FWC26 Incremental Budget Reserve.
- 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. 10362)

8. Allowing Gas Heating and Hot Water in New Construction November 12, 2024

At the Council meeting on Tuesday, November 26, 2024, Council received a presentation, asked questions to staff and heard from the first three registered speakers on the Report dated November 12, 2024, entitled "Allowing Gas Heating and Hot Water in New Construction." Council referred the remaining speakers along with debate and decision to the Standing Committee on Policy and Strategic Priorities meeting on Wednesday, November 27, 2024, as Report 8 on the agenda.

The Committee heard from 15 speakers who spoke in support of the report recommendations, 86 speakers who spoke in opposition to the report recommendations and seven speakers who spoke to other aspects of the report recommendations.

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The Committee recessed at 12:01 pm and reconvened at 1:05 pm.

During the hearing of speakers, the Chair reminded and cautioned speakers to keep comments germane and respectful to the report being considered.

The Committee recessed at 4:58 pm and reconvened at 6:03 pm.

At 6:03 pm, following the recess and prior to the Committee continuing to hear from registered speakers, the City Manager noted an error contained in the table under Appendix F, "Engagement Tactics" of the Report entitled "Allowing Gas Heating and Hot Water in New Construction," and offered an apology to the group that was misrepresented in the said Report.

At 7:58 pm, during debate, Chair Meiszner relinquished the Chair to Vice-Chair Dominato in order to provide closing comments and resumed the role of Chair once done.

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MOVED by Councillor Bligh
SECONDED by Councillor Dominato

- A. THAT Council approve, in principle, amendments to the *Building By-law* to provide an energy and carbon performance compliance path aligned with the top level (EL4) of the BC Zero Carbon Step Code for small residential buildings, and second from the top level (EL3) for large buildings, to come into force and effect on March 1, 2025;

FURTHER THAT Council instruct the Director of Legal Services to prepare and bring forward for enactment these amendments to the *Building By-law*, generally as outlined in Appendix A.

- B. THAT Council approve, in principle, amendments to the *Building By-law* to provide an energy and carbon performance compliance path that allows natural gas for heating and hot water and is aligned with the top step of the BC Energy Step Code, to come into force and effect on March 1, 2025;

FURTHER THAT Council instruct the Director of Legal Services to prepare and bring forward for enactment these amendments to the *Building By-law*, generally as outlined in Appendix B.

- C. THAT Council approve a revised Green Buildings Policy for Rezoning applications to remove energy modelling requirements from rezoning applications effective immediately, as set out in Appendix C.

Following discussion, the Committee agreed to separate the vote on the components of the motion.

The motion was put with A having CARRIED (Vote No. 10350) with Councillors Klassen, Montague, Zhou and Mayor Sim opposed; with B having LOST (Vote No. 10351) with Councillors Bligh, Carr, Dominato, Fry and Meiszner opposed; and with C having CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (Vote No. 10352).

COUNCIL MEMBERS' MOTIONS

1. Advocating for Climate-Resilient Housing Standards in Response to Extreme Heat Events

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Prior to introducing Members' Motion 1. "Advocating for Climate-Resilient Housing Standards in Response to Extreme Heat Events," Chair Meiszner and Vice-Chair Dominato relinquished the Chair to Mayor Sim until the conclusion of the item.

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

MOVED by Councillor Dominato
SECONDED by Councillor Meiszner

THAT the Committee recommend to Council

WHEREAS

1. The City of Vancouver is increasingly affected by extreme heat events which pose significant and serious health risks for residents, especially those living in multi-unit residential buildings where adequate cooling is often limited;
2. The *Strata Property Act* lacks provisions that ensure access to cooling measures which are vital to the health and well-being of residents living in strata housing, particularly in the context of rising temperatures due to climate change;
3. In response to rising temperatures and the increase in extreme heat events, a "right to cool" has emerged as an essential component of housing policy that ensures the right of residents to access indoor cooling solutions to safeguard

their health and comfort. This fundamental right is particularly relevant for individuals living in multi-unit residential buildings where access to adequate active or passive cooling systems may be restricted by strata by-laws or structural limitations;

4. Enabling and incentivizing the installation of heat pumps and/or passive cooling approaches (e.g. external shades, window replacement or coverings, white roofs, etc.) in strata units and other multi-unit residential buildings including rentals would provide thermally safe, energy-efficient, and climate-resilient solutions for cooling homes, reducing the impact of extreme heat on health and quality of life;
5. In 2023, the Province of British Columbia announced updates to the BC Building Code, effective March 8, 2024, which require that all new residential buildings provide at least one living space designed to remain at or below 26°C. This measure aims to protect health and comfort by providing a thermally safe room in each dwelling unit in extreme heat conditions, marking a step toward climate-resilient housing for new builds across the Province;
6. The *Vancouver Charter* (VC) currently authorizes the City to set minimum temperature standards in residential buildings to protect residents. However, the VC does not extend this same authority to regulating maximum indoor temperatures, which limits the City's ability to protect residents from the serious health risks posed by extreme heat events such as the 2021 heat dome;
7. On June 11, 2024, Vancouver City Council approved a staff recommendation to formally request that the Province of British Columbia amend Section 330(k) of the VC to allow for Council to enact by-laws requiring buildings to maintain a maximum indoor air temperature, as outlined in the report "Improving the Effectiveness of the Standards of Maintenance (SOM) By-law."¹
8. The proposed VC amendment aims to enable future by-law amendments for cooling temperature controls, such as permitting and/or requiring the maintenance of mechanical air conditioning units or heat-shielding window coverings. If the VC amendment is enacted by the Province, the City's ongoing Multi-family Cooling Study—conducted in partnership with Metro Vancouver, Vancouver Coastal Health (VCH), and the City of North Vancouver—could inform future policy levers available to address extreme heat solutions; and
9. By adopting this motion in response to extreme heat events and advocating for climate-resilient housing standards and measures, and a collaborative, cross-jurisdictional approach to protect the health and well-being of residents across the region, Council would be demonstrating its commitment to addressing the urgent impacts of climate change and extreme heat on housing safety for residents.

¹ "Improving the Effectiveness of the Standards of Maintenance (SOM) By-law." (Vote No. 10045) carried unanimously.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

THAT Vancouver City Council call upon the Province of British Columbia to adopt the following measures to ensure climate-resilient, thermally safe housing for residents in the City of Vancouver and across British Columbia:

- i. **Vancouver Charter Amendment for Regulating Maximum Indoor Temperatures:** Reaffirm Vancouver's request to amend Section 330(k) of the Vancouver Charter, granting the City the authority to set maximum safe indoor temperatures in residential buildings to protect residents' health and safety during extreme heat events.
- ii. **Strata Property Act Amendment to Enshrine a "Right to Cool":** Urge the Province to amend the *Strata Property Act* to recognize a "right to cool," allowing residents of strata buildings access to cooling solutions, including the installation of air conditioning, heat pumps, or passive cooling measures, without unreasonable restrictions from strata corporations.
- iii. **Incentives for Strata Owners to Install Heat Pumps and/or passive cooling approaches:** Advocate for provincial incentives, grants, or subsidies specifically for individual strata owners to install heat pumps as energy-efficient, climate-resilient cooling solutions, and to expand eligibility for these incentives to include multi-unit residential and strata properties.

FURTHER THAT Council empower the Mayor to write to the Province on behalf of Council to advocate for enactment of the climate resilience measures and standards outlined in this motion;

AND FURTHER THAT Council endorse the following resolution for submission to the 2025 Union of BC Municipalities (UBCM) convention for the consideration of the membership:

RESOLUTION

MOTION: Advocating For Climate-Resilient Housing Standards in Response to Extreme Heat Events

WHEREAS the Province of British Columbia announced updates to the *BC Building Code* in 2023, effective March 8, 2024, which requires that all new residential buildings provide at least one living space in each dwelling unit designed to remain at or below 26°C. This measure aims to protect health and comfort in extreme heat conditions, marking a step toward climate-resilient, thermally safe housing for new builds across the Province;

AND WHEREAS in response to rising temperatures and an increase in extreme heat events, a "right to cool" for residents to access indoor cooling solutions to safeguard their health and comfort has emerged as an essential component of housing policy, particularly for individuals living in multi-unit residential buildings, where access to adequate active or passive cooling systems may be restricted by strata bylaws or structural limitations.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Union of BC Municipalities (UBCM) call on the Provincial government to amend the *Strata Property Act* to recognize and enshrine a "right to cool" as a fundamental right for residents of strata and multi-unit residential buildings to access cooling solutions, including the installation of air conditioning or heat pumps or passive cooling approaches without unreasonable restrictions from strata corporations, and that the Province likewise recognize a "right to cool" as an essential component of provincial housing policy, including – but not limited to – creating provincial incentives for strata owners to install heat pumps and other cooling measures to ensure that climate-resilient, thermally safe housing is available for all residents of British Columbia.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (Vote No. 10353)

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Following the vote on Members' Motion 1. "Advocating for Climate-Resilient Housing Standards in Response to Extreme Heat Events", Mayor Sim relinquished the role of Chair to Vice-Chair Dominato.

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2. Formalizing the 100 Block of Robson Street as a Dedicated Fan Zone

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

MOVED by Councillor Meiszner
SECONDED by Councillor Montague

THAT the Committee recommend to Council

WHEREAS

1. Fan zones create a centralized hub of activity around sporting and other major events that fosters a sense of community and camaraderie among fans. The communal atmosphere of a fan zone is not only enjoyable for attendees it also helps to build a strong, unified fan base for teams that helps to boost team morale and a winning spirit;
2. Successful fan zones have been implemented in various cities around the world, each bringing its unique approach to enhancing the fan experience. Fan zones often feature a variety of entertainment options, including live music and interactive games, as well as food and beverage stalls, all of which contribute to a festive and engaging environment for fans;
3. Dedicated fan zones are a strategic enhancement to events that offer a dynamic and immersive experience for fans, economic benefits for the city and local businesses, marketing opportunities for brands, and improved safety and organization for public gatherings;

4. Examples of successful fan zones include the Liverpool Football Club fan zone that serves as a gathering place for team supporters before the game and offers a range of activities and amenities that build excitement and community spirit. Similarly, Twickenham Stadium in London has the West Fan Village, which provides an ultimate pre-game fan experience with live bands, acts, and interviews;
5. Closer to home, Toronto's Nathan Phillips Square hosts fan zones for various sports and cultural events. And during the NBA playoffs, Maple Leaf Square becomes a popular gathering spot for Toronto Raptors fans as "Jurassic Park";
6. In Vancouver, the 100 block of Robson Street, situated between Beatty Street and Cambie Street, has evolved organically in recent years into a vibrant and popular fan celebration zone for events at BC Place, including, but not limited to, sporting events such as BC Lions games and Vancouver Whitecaps games;
7. The frequent but temporary conversion of the 100 block of Robson Street, from a vehicle thoroughfare to a pedestrian fan zone, has demonstrated the feasibility and desirability of such fan zone transformations, contributing positively to the city's culture and economy and enhancing the celebratory fan experience;
8. Dedicated fan zones such as the 100 block of Robson improve the overall safety and organization of large public gatherings by providing a designated area for fans to congregate – before, during and after an event – thereby reducing the risk of potential disturbances through a better-controlled environment for everyone involved;
9. Fan zones represent a modern approach to event management, one that recognizes the importance of fan engagement and community involvement in the success of events and the vitality of urban spaces;
10. The key to a successful fan zone lies in a design that is focused on the fan experience and considers such factors as the flow of visitors, the range of activities offered, and the overall comfort and convenience of the space. In some cases, more robust temporary structures, such as pop-up shops, kiosks, and bollards are used to provide a professional appearance to the space and improved usability for fans; and
11. Once established, the success of a dedicated fan zone can have long-lasting benefits for a city including increased revenue, not just from direct sales during events but also from the positive reputation it builds and enhancement of the city's profile as a vibrant and engaging destination.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

- A. THAT Council and the City of Vancouver formally recognize the 100 block of Robson Street as a dedicated fan zone and acknowledge its significance and the value it adds to sporting and other events in the city.

- B. THAT Council direct staff to explore potential improvements to the 100 block of Robson Street of a more permanent nature that would facilitate the more rapid and efficient temporary conversion of this section of Robson Street and its surrounds into a fan zone on a regular temporary basis, such as enhanced road surface and sidewalk treatments, as well as street furniture, lighting, and retractable bollards, thereby ensuring minimal disruption to the surrounding neighbourhood and maximum enjoyment for fans and other stakeholders;

FURTHER THAT staff be directed to report back before the end of Q2 2025 with a detailed plan and timeline to formalize and improve the 100 block of Robson Street as a dedicated fan zone, including:

- i. A budget for improvements which could include, but is not limited to:
 - a. Infrastructure such as electrical connections to support modular fan zone components, such as kiosks, stages, etc. that can be quickly assembled and disassembled; as well as infrastructure for overhead and accent lighting, etc.;
 - b. improved waste management options and resources;
 - c. public transportation options and enhancements to and from the zone;
 - d. accessibility measures; and
 - e. options to accommodate community activities and events such as farmers and artisan markets outside of sporting events, thereby maximizing the use of this public space and the investments made.
- ii. Options for delivering the fan zone improvements incrementally in tandem with the approved bike lane upgrades on Beatty Street and the hotel project at 828 Cambie, which is obligated to deliver frontage improvements along Robson Street, in order to achieve project timing efficiencies, including any other construction projects in the 100 block of Robson that may coincide with the fan zone initiative; and
- iii. Exploration of potential funding contributions from PavCo and/or private sponsor(s) as part of the options to fund the fan zone project.

amended

AMENDMENT MOVED by Councillor Meiszner
SECONDED by Councillor Montague

THAT the following be added to the end as C:

THAT staff also consult with the Yaletown BIA and Downtown Vancouver BIA on the design of the future fan zone, as well as the professional sports teams of the Vancouver Whitecaps FC and BC Lions, in addition to consultation with neighbourhood stakeholders.

amended

AMENDMENT TO THE AMENDMENT MOVED by Councillor Kirby-Yung
SECONDED by Councillor Montague

THAT the word “PavCo” be inserted before the words “the Yaletown BIA”.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (Vote No. 10363)
(Councillor Bligh absent for the vote)

The amendment to the amendment having carried, the amended amendment was put and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (Vote No. 10364) with Councillor Bligh absent for the vote. The motion as amended was then put and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (Vote No. 10354) with Councillor Bligh absent for the vote.

FINAL MOTION AS APPROVED

WHEREAS

1. Fan zones create a centralized hub of activity around sporting and other major events that fosters a sense of community and camaraderie among fans. The communal atmosphere of a fan zone is not only enjoyable for attendees it also helps to build a strong, unified fan base for teams that helps to boost team morale and a winning spirit;
2. Successful fan zones have been implemented in various cities around the world, each bringing its unique approach to enhancing the fan experience. Fan zones often feature a variety of entertainment options, including live music and interactive games, as well as food and beverage stalls, all of which contribute to a festive and engaging environment for fans;
3. Dedicated fan zones are a strategic enhancement to events that offer a dynamic and immersive experience for fans, economic benefits for the city and local businesses, marketing opportunities for brands, and improved safety and organization for public gatherings;
4. Examples of successful fan zones include the Liverpool Football Club fan zone that serves as a gathering place for team supporters before the game and offers a range of activities and amenities that build excitement and community spirit. Similarly, Twickenham Stadium in London has the West Fan Village, which

provides an ultimate pre-game fan experience with live bands, acts, and interviews;

5. Closer to home, Toronto's Nathan Phillips Square hosts fan zones for various sports and cultural events. And during the NBA playoffs, Maple Leaf Square becomes a popular gathering spot for Toronto Raptors fans as "Jurassic Park";
6. In Vancouver, the 100 block of Robson Street, situated between Beatty Street and Cambie Street, has evolved organically in recent years into a vibrant and popular fan celebration zone for events at BC Place, including, but not limited to, sporting events such as BC Lions games and Vancouver Whitecaps games;
7. The frequent but temporary conversion of the 100 block of Robson Street, from a vehicle thoroughfare to a pedestrian fan zone, has demonstrated the feasibility and desirability of such fan zone transformations, contributing positively to the city's culture and economy and enhancing the celebratory fan experience;
8. Dedicated fan zones such as the 100 block of Robson improve the overall safety and organization of large public gatherings by providing a designated area for fans to congregate – before, during and after an event – thereby reducing the risk of potential disturbances through a better-controlled environment for everyone involved;
9. Fan zones represent a modern approach to event management, one that recognizes the importance of fan engagement and community involvement in the success of events and the vitality of urban spaces;
10. The key to a successful fan zone lies in a design that is focused on the fan experience and considers such factors as the flow of visitors, the range of activities offered, and the overall comfort and convenience of the space. In some cases, more robust temporary structures, such as pop-up shops, kiosks, and bollards are used to provide a professional appearance to the space and improved usability for fans; and
11. Once established, the success of a dedicated fan zone can have long-lasting benefits for a city including increased revenue, not just from direct sales during events but also from the positive reputation it builds and enhancement of the city's profile as a vibrant and engaging destination.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

- A. THAT Council and the City of Vancouver formally recognize the 100 block of Robson Street as a dedicated fan zone and acknowledge its significance and the value it adds to sporting and other events in the city.
- B. THAT Council direct staff to explore potential improvements to the 100 block of Robson Street of a more permanent nature that would facilitate the more rapid and efficient temporary conversion of this section of Robson Street and its surrounds into a fan zone on a regular temporary basis, such as enhanced road surface and sidewalk treatments, as well as street furniture, lighting, and

retractable bollards, thereby ensuring minimal disruption to the surrounding neighbourhood and maximum enjoyment for fans and other stakeholders;

FURTHER THAT staff be directed to report back before the end of Q2 2025 with a detailed plan and timeline to formalize and improve the 100 block of Robson Street as a dedicated fan zone, including:

- i. A budget for improvements which could include, but is not limited to:
 - a. Infrastructure such as electrical connections to support modular fan zone components, such as kiosks, stages, etc. that can be quickly assembled and disassembled; as well as infrastructure for overhead and accent lighting, etc.;
 - b. improved waste management options and resources;
 - c. public transportation options and enhancements to and from the zone;
 - d. accessibility measures; and
 - e. options to accommodate community activities and events such as farmers and artisan markets outside of sporting events, thereby maximizing the use of this public space and the investments made.
 - ii. Options for delivering the fan zone improvements incrementally in tandem with the approved bike lane upgrades on Beatty Street and the hotel project at 828 Cambie, which is obligated to deliver frontage improvements along Robson Street, in order to achieve project timing efficiencies, including any other construction projects in the 100 block of Robson that may coincide with the fan zone initiative; and
 - iii. Exploration of potential funding contributions from PavCo and/or private sponsor(s) as part of the options to fund the fan zone project.
- C. THAT staff also consult with PavCo, the Yaletown BIA and Downtown Vancouver BIA on the design of the future fan zone, as well as the professional sports teams of the Vancouver Whitecaps FC and BC Lions, in addition to consultation with neighbourhood stakeholders.

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Following the vote on Members' Motion 2. "Formalizing the 100 Block of Robson Street as a Dedicated Fan Zone," Chair Meiszner resumed the role of Chair.

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3. Ensuring Councillors Motions Maintain Public Confidence in the Good Rule of the City

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

MOVED by Councillor Carr
SECONDED by Councillor Fry

WHEREAS

1. The City of Vancouver *Procedure By-law No. 12577* Section 8.7 (see <https://bylaws.vancouver.ca/12577c.pdf>) states that the Chair may refuse to open a motion for debate if the Chair decides the motion is out of order because it:
 - (a) is not compatible with the purposes and objects of the *Vancouver Charter* including the good rule and government of the City, or the health, safety, and welfare of its inhabitants;
 - (b) conflicts with a law or by-law;
 - (c) conflicts with a resolution previously passed and still in force;

However, it can often be difficult for Council members, who normally call a point of order, and the Chair to make that determination.

2. Vancouver's *Code of Conduct By-Law No. 12886* Part 2 states that a member of Council must uphold certain standards and values including: (see https://vancouver.ca/docs/council/12886_Code_of_Conduct_Bylaw.pdf)
 - fairness: a member must consider all issues consistently and fairly, and in light of all relevant facts, opinions and analysis of which a member should be reasonably aware;
 - integrity: a member must avoid improper use of influence and avoid all conflicts of interest, both apparent and real;
 - leadership in the public interest: a member must act in the best interests of the city as a whole, and without regard to the member's personal interests; and
 - responsibility: a member must respect and comply with the Acts of the Parliament of Canada, the Legislature of British Columbia, including the *Vancouver Charter*, city by-laws, and applicable city policies, and avoid conduct that, reasonably, undermines, or has the potential to undermine, public confidence in city governance, except members may participate in peaceful civil disobedience.

3. Vancouver's *Code of Conduct By-Law No. 12886* also states in Section 3.4, "Without limiting the ability of a Council Member to hold a position on an issue and respectfully express their opinions, a Council Member must: (b) ensure that all communications relating to Council business are accurate and not issue any communication that the member knows, or ought to have known, to be false."

In a time that is being called the age of disinformation, it is especially important to disclose sources of information in order to maintain public confidence and trust that government decision-making is both grounded in accurate information and in the best public interest.

See: <https://www.canada.ca/en/democratic-institutions/services/protecting-democratic-institutions/countering-disinformation-guidebook-public-servants.html>

4. The process to submit a Council member's motion for a Standing Committee agenda is covered in the city's *Procedure By-law*. The process includes timelines that enable inclusion of the motion in publicly posted council agendas, giving sufficient time for the public and media to review and for people to provide input to Council and register to speak to the motion.
5. During debate on a staff report or other matters for decision at Council, Council members regularly table motions and amendments without any advance public notice nor notice to staff or other Councillors during debate on a staff report. In most cases it is clear and transparent that the motions and amendments arise from Council discussion and debate of the matter as well as from public input and speakers. If that is not the case, public trust in good and transparent government decision-making can be jeopardized.
6. The City of Vancouver *Procedure By-law 12577* also states in Sections 13.24 and 13.25 the procedure to follow to enable a Council member who is absent for part of a public hearing to vote on the matter:

S. 13.24 - A Council member who is absent for part of a public hearing that is concluded in one day, or for part of the last day of a public hearing that lasts longer than one day, may only vote on a motion regarding amendment or approval in principle of the proposed by-law or by-laws if the Council member first receives or reviews a public hearing summary during a 10 minute recess called for that purpose, except that the Council member may not vote on the motion if the public hearing summary cannot be reasonably presented or reviewed during the 10-minute recess.

S. 13.25 - A Council member who is absent for part of a public hearing that lasts longer than one day, other than for part of the last day of the public hearing, may only vote on a motion regarding amendment or approval in principle of the proposed by-law or by-laws if the Council member first receives or reviews a public hearing summary, which must include the video recording of that part of the public hearing that was conducted in the absence of the Council member.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

THAT Council direct staff to review the City of Vancouver *Procedure By-law* and other documents, procedures and training, including, if appropriate, the City's *Code of Conduct By-Law* after the current Council-directed review of the Integrity Commissioner office is complete, and report back to Council with recommendations to better ensure that Councillors' motions and decisions align with the good rule and good governance of the city including:

- i. Processes and procedures to help a member of Council or the Chair of a Council meeting, including with the obligatory input of staff, determine if a Council motion conflicts with a law or bylaw or resolution previously passed that is still in effect;
- ii. Criteria related to public trust in good and transparent government decision-making that identify the type and scope of motions that public consultation;
- iii. When, how and for what types of motions, Council members should publicly disclose the main or most significant sources of information and collaboration, possibly including meetings with individuals including with the City of Vancouver's and/or Mayor's office staff, in accordance with the *Code of Conduct* Sections 2 c) *a member must avoid improper use of influence and avoid all conflicts of interest both apparent and real*, and 2.(g) transparency – *a member must conduct their duties in an open and transparent manner*;
- iv. Criteria and best practices regarding whether and when a Council member's amendment or new motion to a Council meeting agenda item should be made public in advance of a meeting to provide time for staff and Council members to review the motion and to provide the public with the opportunity to provide input;
- v. Incorporating into the City's *Procedure By-law* a similar procedure to that of a Public Hearing to enable a Council member who is absent for part or all of a regular Council meeting agenda item and who wishes to vote on that agenda item to request a briefing on the proceedings and debate that they missed in the form of a verbal summary from City Clerk staff during a 10-minute recess called for that purpose; and
- vi. Incorporating into onboarding and ongoing training for Council members, including with the city's Integrity Commissioner, best practices to achieve good rule and governance, and leadership in the public interest for the city as a whole.

amended

AMENDMENT MOVED by Councillor Carr
SECONDED by Councillor Fry

THAT in subclause ii, the word “require” be inserted prior to the words “public consultation”.

CARRIED (Vote No. 10355)
(Councillors Klassen and Montague in opposition)
(Councillor Meiszner abstaining from the vote)
(Councillors Bligh and Dominato absent for the vote)

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At 9:07 pm, following closing comments, Councillor Kirby-Yung called the vote on this item. The Chair noted that there were still Councillors on the queue wanting to speak to the item but acknowledged that calling the vote on an item is not debatable.

MOVED by Councillor Kirby-Yung
SECONDED by Councillor Montague

THAT under section 11.5 of the Procedure By-law, the Committee call the vote.

CARRIED (Vote No. 10356) AND
BY THE REQUIRED MAJORITY (reconsidered)
(Councillors Carr and Meiszner opposed)
(Councillors Bligh and Dominato absent for the vote)

RECONSIDERATION MOVED by Councillor Fry
SECONDED by Councillor Carr

THAT under section 8.13 (2) of the Procedure By-law, the Committee reconsider the vote to call the vote on Members’ Motion 3. “Ensuring Councillors Motions Maintain Public Confidence in the Good Rule of the City”.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Subsequently, it was

MOVED by Councillor Kirby-Yung
SECONDED by Councillor Montague

THAT under section 11.5 of the Procedure By-law, the Committee call the vote.

LOST (Vote No. 10357) HAVING NOT RECEIVED
THE REQUIRED MAJORITY
(Councillors Carr, Fry and Meiszner opposed)
(Mayor Sim abstaining from the vote)
(Councillors Bligh and Dominato absent for the vote)

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Following closing comments, the motion as amended was put and LOST (Vote No. 10358) with Councillors Kirby-Yung, Klassen, Meiszner, Montague, Zhou and Mayor Sim opposed; Councillors Bligh and Dominato absent for the vote.

The Committee adjourned at 9:14 pm.

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

NOVEMBER 27, 2024

A meeting of the Council of the City of Vancouver was held on Wednesday, November 27, 2024, at 9:14 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 (Leave of Absence - Personal Reasons)

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, November 27, 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. Parks and Recreation Governance Transition Planning: Progress Update 2
2. 2024 Community Services and Other Social Grants
3. 2024 SRO Upgrading Grant and Arts and Culture Grant
4. 2025 Fee Increases for Rezoning, Development, Building, and other Related Permits
5. Change Order to Deloitte Inc. Consulting Services Agreement for SAP S/4HANA Conversion
6. Contract Award for Provision of Advanced Water Metering Infrastructure
7. Contract Award for Service Provider to Assist the City in the Planning and Delivery of the FIFA Fan Festival™

8. Allowing Gas Heating and Hot Water in New Construction

Council Members' Motions:

1. Advocating for Climate-Resilient Housing Standards in Response to Extreme Heat Events
2. Formalizing the 100 Block of Robson Street as a Dedicated Fan Zone
3. Ensuring Councillors Motions Maintain Public Confidence in the Good Rule of the City

MOVED by Councillor Montague

SECONDED by Councillor Zhou

THAT the recommendations and actions taken by the Standing Committee on Policy and Strategic Priorities at its meeting of November 27, 2024, as contained in Reports 1 through 8 and Council Members' Motion 1 through 3, be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

URGENT BUSINESS

Councillor Bligh inquired if the leave of absence requests submitted by Councillor Dominato on her behalf for Civic Business on December 3rd through December 5th, 2024, were recorded during the Council meeting on Tuesday, November 26, 2024, and the Clerk had confirmed in the affirmative.

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Councillor Klassen

SECONDED by Councillor Montague

THAT the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Council adjourned at 9:17 pm.

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