

REPORT TO COUNCIL

STANDING COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL ON POLICY AND STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

MAY 7, 2025

A meeting of the Standing Committee of Council on Policy and Strategic Priorities was held on Wednesday, May 7, 2025, at 9:53 am, in the Council Chamber, Third Floor, City Hall. This Council meeting was convened in person and via electronic means as authorized by the Part 14 of the *Procedure By-law*.

PRESENT: Councillor Peter Meiszner,* Chair

Mayor Ken Sim

Councillor Rebecca Bligh

Councillor Lisa Dominato, Vice Chair

Councillor Pete Fry

Councillor Sarah Kirby-Yung Councillor Mike Klassen Councillor Lucy Maloney Councillor Sean Orr Councillor Lenny Zhou

ABSENT: Councillor Brian Montague (Leave of Absence – Personal

Reasons)

CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE: Paul Mochrie, City Manager

Sandra Singh, Deputy City Manager

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE: Lesley Matthews, Deputy City Clerk

Bonnie Kennett, 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 team members who work hard every day to help make our city an incredible place to live, work, and play.

^{*} Denotes absence for a portion of the meeting.

MATTERS ADOPTED ON CONSENT

MOVED by Councillor Dominato SECONDED by Councillor Klassen

THAT Council adopt Reports 2 through 4 on consent.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

REPORTS

 Update on the Youth Safety and Violence Prevention Strategy 2023-2026 and Building Safer Communities Program Sustainability Plan April 15, 2025

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

Council heard from 21 speakers in support of the staff recommendations.

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During the discussion, it was

MOVED by Councillor Dominato SECONDED by Councillor Bligh

THAT per section 2.8 (a) of the Procedure By-law, Council extend the meeting past noon in order to complete Report 1.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AND BY THE REQUIRED MAJORITY

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During debate on Report 1, Chair Meiszner relinquished the Chair to Vice-Chair Dominato in order to provide closing comments and resumed the role of Chair once finished.

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The Committee recessed at 12:02 pm and reconvened, at 1:12 pm, with Vice-Chair Dominato in the Chair.

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MOVED by Councillor Zhou SECONDED by Councillor Zhou

THAT the Committee recommend to Council

- A. THAT Council receive the Report dated April 15, 2025, entitled "Update on the Youth Safety and Violence Prevention Strategy 2023-2026 and Building Safer Communities Programs Sustainability Plan", that provides an update on the Youth Safety and Violence Prevention Strategy and Building Safer Communities Program (BSCP) implementation plan 2023-2026 for information.
- B. THAT Council direct the Mayor to write a letter to the Minister of Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness Canada requesting the extension of the Building Safer Community Fund contribution agreement to support the continuation of the Youth Safety and Violence Prevention Strategy and implementation plan for 2026-2030.
- C. THAT Council approve the proposed approach to creating the required Building Safer Communities Program sustainability plan. This plan would prioritize using existing resources and incorporate an overarching approach for the City's work to engage and support children and youth in Vancouver.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (Vote No. 10674)

2. Approval of Contract Amendment to Professional Services Agreement No. PS20181561 - Consultant for Cambie Bridge Rehabilitation April 7, 2025

THAT the Committee recommend to Council

- A. THAT Council authorize City staff to negotiate to the satisfaction of the City's General Manager of Engineering Services, City's Director of Legal Services, and the Chief Procurement Officer, contract amendments to Professional Services Agreement No. PS20181561 Consultant for Cambie Bridge Rehabilitation with Associated Engineering (BC) Ltd. for the Cambie Bridge Seismic Upgrade and Restoration Program to add additional scope of services. The additional scope of the recommended amendments would increase the term of the agreement by approximately six (6) years and add an incremental, estimated value of \$11,000,000.00 (including contingency and contract administration services), for an estimated total contract value of \$16,500,000.00 and total term of eleven (11) years. Funding for the contract amendments are included in the Approved Multiyear Capital Budget for the Cambie Bridge Seismic Upgrade (CEB-00042 and CEB-00043).
- B. THAT Council delegate its authority to execute the contract amendment 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 amendments.

ADOPTED ON CONSENT (Vote No. 10675)

3. Contract Award for Supply and Delivery of Traffic Marking Materials March 27, 2025

THAT the Committee recommend to Council

- A. THAT Council authorize City staff to negotiate to the satisfaction of the City's General Manager of Engineering Services, City's Director of Legal Services, and the City's Chief Procurement Officer and enter into a contract with Vantac ITS Group Inc. ("Vantac"), for the supply and delivery of traffic marking materials for a term of three (3) years, with the option to extend for the three successive two-year possible unilateral extension terms, with an estimated contract value of \$3,567,600 plus applicable taxes over the entire possible term, to be funded from the operating budget for the road marking program within Engineering Services.
- B. THAT the Director of Legal Services, Chief Procurement Officer and General Manager of Engineering Services be authorized to execute on behalf of the City the contract contemplated by A above.
- C. THAT no legal rights or obligations will be created by Council's adoption of A and B above unless and until such contract is executed by the authorized signatories of the City as set out in these Recommendations.

ADOPTED ON CONSENT (Vote No. 10677)

Contract Award for Construction Services – Memorial West Park Trenchless Sewer Upgrade April 2, 2025

THAT the Committee recommend to Council

- A. THAT Council authorize City staff to negotiate a construction agreement for the Memorial West Park Trenchless Sewer Upgrade project with Ward & Burke Microtunnelling Ltd. for an estimated total contract value of \$4,950,290.00 over the initial eight-month term of the agreement (the "Agreement"), which will be funded from the Sewer Renewal Program (Capital Plan 2023-2026).
- 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. 10680)

COUNCIL MEMBERS' MOTIONS

1. Adding Sikh Heritage Month to City of Vancouver's Official Observances

The Committee heard from six speakers in support of the motion.

MOVED by Councillor Kirby-Yung SECONDED by Councillor Zhou

THAT the Committee recommend to Council

- Sikh Heritage Month is a month-long celebration in April highlighting the many contributions that Sikh communities have made to Canada. Sikh Heritage Month in Canada originated with the Legislative Assembly of Ontario proclaiming the month in 2013 and later formalized with the Sikh Heritage Month Act in 2019, recognizing the significant contributions of Sikh Canadians who first arrived in Canada in 1906 and have been making incredible contributions to our country, province and city ever since;
- 2. Sikh Heritage Month is the perfect opportunity to celebrate the history, culture and traditions of Sikh communities in Canada, which are grounded in the values of service and compassion. It is also the time to highlight the countless achievements of Sikh people, whether in politics, business, the arts, medicine or education:
- The founder of Sikhism, Guru Nanak Dev Ji, is renowned for sharing values of equality, humanity and unity throughout his life. In April, Sikh communities celebrate Vaisakhi, which commemorates the founding of Sikhism and honours the teachings and spiritual legacy of the ten Gurus which continue to inspire millions of people around the world;
- 4. The City of Vancouver takes great pride in the rich heritage of our diverse cultural, ethnic, racial and faith-based communities, and continues to work towards a more inclusive city for everyone;
- 5. Throughout the City's history the Sikh community has played and continues to play a significant role in shaping the social, economic, and cultural landscapes of Vancouver:
- 6. Sikh Heritage Month provides the opportunity for the City of Vancouver to officially celebrate the rich traditions and heritage of the Sikh community and to honour their lasting contributions to Vancouver.

THAT Council direct staff to add Sikh Heritage Month in April to the City of Vancouver's official observances calendar; and

FURTHER THAT the City of Vancouver will acknowledge this day with a proclamation as is customary for the City's official observances.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (Vote No. 10684) (Councillor Meiszner absent for the vote)

2. Prohibiting the Sale of Gun-Shaped-Lighters (GSL) and Calling on the Province to Explore Legislation to Ban GSLs

MOVED by Councillor Klassen SECONDED by Councillor Fry

THAT the Committee recommend to Council

- Gun-Shaped Lighters (GSL) have proliferated in the City of Vancouver over the past year, with an estimated 50-75 stores selling multiple GSLs, particularly in the Downtown Eastside (DTES) and downtown core;
- 2. GSLs closely resemble real firearms, leading to public distress and a significant increase in 9-1-1 emergency calls, with 162 police responses recorded in 2024;
- Over 50% of these 9-1-1 calls were classified as priority weapons calls, necessitating an elevated police response, including the deployment of multiple officers, use of force options such as Conducted Energy Weapons (Tasers), less-lethal beanbag shotguns, and ARWEN launchers;
- 4. The presence of GSLs in public spaces has resulted in multiple dangerous encounters where police officers have had to draw their firearms, creating a risk of fatal outcomes should a suspect fail to comply or appear to threaten officers or the public;
- 5. There have been documented instances where GSLs were used in violent crimes, including 6 cases involving violent offenses and 10 cases leading to criminal charges such as robbery, assault, and weapons possession;
- 6. The concentration of GSL-related calls has been predominantly in high-density urban areas, with 46% of the calls occurring in the DTES and 39% in downtown Vancouver;
- 7. A significant allocation of police resources has been required to respond to these incidents, with 32 calls necessitating the dispatch of 10 or more police units, and an average of 2.5 hours needed to resolve each call;

- 8. The Criminal Code of Canada does not prohibit the possession or sale of GSLs unless they are used in the commission of a crime, leaving law enforcement with limited avenues to seize these items proactively;
- 9. There are currently no Federal, Provincial, or Municipal laws prohibiting the sale or possession of GSLs, despite their clear risk to public safety and law enforcement personnel; and
- 10. The frequency of GSL-related incidents has been increasing month-over-month and occurring on a near-daily basis, further exacerbating safety concerns. A proactive ban on the sale and distribution GSLs in the City of Vancouver through a by-law or by-law amendment would serve to enhance public safety and reduce the burden on law enforcement while other legislative measures are being explored.

- A. THAT Council direct staff to provide recommendations regarding by-law amendments to prohibit the sale of gun-shaped lighters in the City of Vancouver;
 - FURTHER THAT any proposed by-law amendments include enforcement measures and penalties to ensure compliance (i.e., amendments to the provisions and schedules of the Ticket Offences By-law No. 9360).
- B. THAT Council request the Mayor to write a letter to the Province requesting legislative measures to prohibit the sale, distribution, and possession of Gun-Shaped Lighters (GSLs) in British Columbia, including consideration to amending relevant legislation to empower law enforcement to seize GSLs proactively and prevent their proliferation in communities across British Columbia.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (Vote No. 10685) (Councillor Meiszner absent for the vote)

3. Opportunity for a Cultural Precinct in the Heart of Downtown

The Committee heard from five speakers in support of the motion.

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During debate on Motion 3, Vice-Chair Dominato relinquished the Chair to Acting Mayor Bligh in order to provide closing comments and resumed the role of Chair once finished.

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MOVED by Councillor Kirby-Yung SECONDED by Councillor Zhou

THAT the Committee recommend to Council

- 1. The Vancouver Concert Hall and Theatre Society (VCHTS), through its Executive Committee, has formed the Cultural Precinct Planning Committee currently composed of 26 Performing Arts Organizations, with others anticipated to join:
 - a. Ballet BC
 - b. Chor Leoni
 - c. City Opera Vancouver
 - d. Coastal Jazz and Blues Society
 - e. DanceHouse
 - f. Dancers of Damelahamid
 - g. Early Music Vancouver
 - h. Elektra
 - i. Friends of Chamber Music
 - i. Music on Main
 - k. Phoenix Chamber Choir
 - I. Turning Point Ensemble
 - m. Vancouver Academy of Music
 - n. Vancouver Bach Family of Choirs
 - o. Vancouver Cantata Singers
 - p. Vancouver Chamber Choir
 - q. Vancouver Chopin Society
 - r. Vancouver Inter-Cultural Orchestra
 - s. Vancouver Men's Chorus
 - t. Vancouver Metropolitan Orchestra
 - u. Vancouver Opera
 - v. Vancouver Recital Society
 - w. Vancouver Symphony Orchestra
 - x. Vancouver Youth Choir
 - y. Vancouver Youth Symphony Orchestra
 - z. Vetta Chamber Music Society;
- 2. Individual music and performing arts organization space needs in Vancouver are currently unmet and are difficult to achieve. But the power of the collective vision transcends individual needs, and has the opportunity to create a lasting cultural and economic legacy that will:
 - a. Revitalise the City and Downtown supporting a vibrant Vancouver with the proposed Cultural Precinct;
 - b. Boost the economy by attracting talent, business and tourism;
 - c. Make Vancouver a performing arts destination;

- d. Provide incredible experiences for residents supporting a fun and liveable City;
- 3. The VCHTS has recently completed Phase I of its Cultural Precinct Feasibility Study, which studied the needs of the Cultural Precinct Planning Committee member organizations and determined that:
 - a. Vancouver has about half the number of performing arts seats of comparable cities;
 - b. New and renovated facilities are needed, including a new 1800-2000 seat hall and a new 450 seat flexible space hall;
- 4. Phase I considered three locations where the new hall might be built: Robson Square, the Queen Elizabeth Theatre Plaza/ šxw\(\text{\chi}\)exam Xwtl'a7shn, and in cooperation with the Vancouver Art Gallery, at the proposed Larwill Park site;
- 5. Phase II (about 12 months) will analyse these locations; consider renovation possibilities for existing halls; and identify the optimal site for the project to be built and a projected timeline;
- 6. In 2013, Council approved the City entering into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Vancouver Art Gallery Association (VAGA), committing in principle to a 99-year nominal lease for approximately two-thirds of the City-owned Larwill Park site to support the development of a new Vancouver Art Gallery, subject to specific conditions. This MOU was reaffirmed by Council multiple times including as recently as 2024;
- 7. The City-owned Larwill Park site slated to be the home of the new Vancouver Art Gallery has unique potential to co-locate music and performing arts organizations, assure a long-term future for the VCHTS member organizations, and collectively provide a City building opportunity to create a Cultural Precinct destination in the heart of Downtown Vancouver;
- 8. Music and arts organizations contribute to the quality and vibrancy of life in Vancouver, are a platform to celebrate our shared and diverse cultures, and to support our local economy;
- 9. Mixed use developments also contribute to a vibrant and healthy Downtown. Consideration of housing on the Larwill Park site, in addition to commercial uses currently enabled and required under area "C1" of the DDODP, could be a positive component of a vibrant new mixed-use Cultural Precinct. Any cultural spaces floor area stemming from a new Concert Hall and related cultural uses would contribute to fulfilling the non-residential FSR requirement outlined in current policy as would the inclusion of new hotels, while also supporting addressing the hotel supply gap and complement cultural uses.

A. THAT Council acknowledge the engagement of City staff to date in assisting the Vancouver Concert Hall and Theatre Society (VCHTS), direct staff to review

VCHTS' Phase I Feasibility Report on receipt, and to continue working with the Society on scoping and development of the Phase II of the Cultural Precinct Feasibility Study, noting considerations such as but not necessarily limited to alignment with City priorities, broad cultural infrastructure needs, high-level costing and funding feasibility, and a functional programming plan.

- B. THAT Council direct staff to work with Vancouver Concert Hall and Theatre Society to explore the potential to locate a Cultural Precinct and two new concert halls (as identified in Phase I of the Cultural Precinct Feasibility) on the City-owned site at Larwill Park that would complement the envisioned new Vancouver Art Gallery.
- C. THAT Council encourages Vancouver Concert Hall and Theatre Society to share the vision and work and engage with key stakeholders including the Musqueam, Squamish and Tsleil-Waututh Nations and the Vancouver Art Gallery Association to enable contribution to shaping the broader Cultural Precinct vision for the Larwill Park site.

amended

AMENDMENT MOVED by Councillor Orr SECONDED by Councillor Fry

THAT the following be added as D:

D. THAT Council direct staff to include a provision to consider equity deserving communities in this much needed cultural precinct, making it a truly accessible destination for all Vancouverites.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (Vote No. 10686) (Councillor Meiszner absent for the vote)

The amendment having carried unanimously, the motion as amended was put and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (Vote No. 18687) with Councillor Meiszner absent for the vote.

FINAL MOTION AS APPROVED

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- A. THAT Council acknowledge the engagement of City staff to date in assisting the Vancouver Concert Hall and Theatre Society (VCHTS), direct staff to review VCHTS' Phase I Feasibility Report on receipt, and to continue working with the Society on scoping and development of the Phase II of the Cultural Precinct Feasibility Study, noting considerations such as but not necessarily limited to alignment with City priorities, broad cultural infrastructure needs, high-level costing and funding feasibility, and a functional programming plan.
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to enable contribution to shaping the broader Cultural Precinct vision for the Larwill Park site.

D. THAT Council direct staff to include a provision to consider equity deserving communities in this much needed cultural precinct, making it a truly accessible destination for all Vancouverites.

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The Committee recessed at 2:51 pm and reconvened at 2:56 pm with Chair Meiszner in the Chair.

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4. Sustainable School Food Funding

The Committee heard from six speakers in support of the motion.

MOVED by Councillor Bligh SECONDED by Councillor Fry

THAT the Committee recommend to Council

- 1. Vancouver's Healthy City Strategy emphasizes the importance of a healthy, just, and sustainable food system, and aims to increase access to healthy, affordable food for all residents;
- 2. Access to nutritious food is critical to the health, learning, and overall well-being of school-aged children, with extensive research demonstrating links between healthy school meals and improved academic outcomes, attendance, and equity;
- 3. Since 2015, due to the absence of a senior government funded school food program, the City of Vancouver has provided funding to the (VSB) Vancouver School Board's school meal program, mainly its daily lunch program, "Food4Schools" for students experiencing food insecurities;
- 4. Since 2020 in addition to advocating for the senior government to establish a universal healthy food program, the City has provided \$325,000 from the Operating Budget in annual funding through to June 2025;
- In July of 2024 anticipating substantial new Provincial investment through the "Feeding Futures" Fund and federal funding through a National School Food Program for VSB food programs, VSB were informed that the City's 2025 budget would sunset the City's contribution to Food4Schools, concluding at the end of the 2024/2025 school year;

- 6. In March 2025, the B.C. Government entered into an agreement with the Government of Canada through the National School Food Program (NSFP), providing approximately \$39 million over three years in additional school food program funding to complement Feeding Futures;
- 7. In April 2025, VSB learned the expected funding allocations would be substantially reduced based on a provincial formula socioeconomic status index. Needs assessments can inadvertently exclude some individuals who may not meet strict eligibility criteria but still experience food insecurity. This can lead to gaps in coverage and prevent the program from fully addressing the needs of the community. In the case of Vancouver this represents a shortfall for the existing needs of the Food4Schools program and VSB students experiencing food insecurities.

- A. THAT Council direct staff to allocate resources from contingency to restore City funding to VSB school food programs at a level consistent with prior support (\$325,000 annually) for the 2025/26 school year and work with VSB staff to determine steps to secure alternative funding to meet the needs of VSB students experiencing food insecurities.
- B. THAT Council restate support for a VSB led Universal Healthy School Food Program to meet the needs of VSB students experiencing food insecurities;

FURTHER THAT the Mayor writes and advocates to senior government, including the Minister of Education and Child Care, the Premier of British Columbia, and Vancouver-area MLAs to communicate the City's aligned position, emphasize the urgent need for equitable, appropriate, and sustainable funding to support VSB students facing food insecurity, and express concern regarding the ongoing downloading of social services onto local governments.

amended

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During debate on the amendment to Motion 4, Chair Meiszner relinquished the Chair to Vice-Chair Dominato in order to provide comments and resumed the role of Chair once finished.

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AMENDMENT MOVED by Mayor Sim SECONDED by Councillor Kirby-Yung

THAT the following be added to A as follows:

FURTHER THAT, to better understand and address the funding shortfall impacting VSB's school food program, and to support long-term, equitable solutions for all Vancouver students experiencing food insecurity, Council:

- a. Reaffirm the City's strong support for a Universal Healthy School Food Program.
- Call on the Province to examine, address, and fully fund the VSB's school food funding gap, especially given the significant federal and provincial dollars now available for school food programs;
- c. Request a clear explanation from the Province and the Ministry of Education and Child Care about how funding is distributed across BC's 60 school districts under the new national school food program, including how the "socioeconomic status index" is calculated and applied and ensure that Vancouver is receiving its fair share of federal funding.

FURTHER THAT the FURTHER THAT in B be struck and added to A and read as follows:

AND FURTHER THAT Council request the Mayor writes and advocates to senior government, including the Minister of Education and Child Care, the Premier of British Columbia, and Vancouver-area MLAs to communicate the City's aligned position, emphasize the urgent need for equitable, appropriate, and sustainable funding to support VSB students facing food insecurity, and express concern regarding the ongoing downloading of social services onto local governments;

AND FURTHER THAT the THAT clause in B be struck and the following be inserted as B:

B. THAT Council direct staff to engage with the Vancouver School Board to clarify how school food program funding is being allocated and spent, given that funding is now being received from all three levels of government.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (Vote No. 10688)

The amendment having carried unanimously, the motion as amended was put and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (Vote No. 10689).

FINAL MOTION AS APPROVED

THAT the Committee recommend to Council

- 1. Vancouver's Healthy City Strategy emphasizes the importance of a healthy, just, and sustainable food system, and aims to increase access to healthy, affordable food for all residents:
- 2. Access to nutritious food is critical to the health, learning, and overall well-being of school-aged children, with extensive research demonstrating links between healthy school meals and improved academic outcomes, attendance, and equity;

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- a. Reaffirm the City's strong support for a Universal Healthy School Food Program.
- b. Call on the Province to examine, address, and fully fund the VSB's school food funding gap, especially given the significant federal and provincial dollars now available for school food programs;
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B. THAT Council direct staff to engage with the Vancouver School Board to clarify how school food program funding is being allocated and spent, given that funding is now being received from all three levels of government.

The Committee adjourned at 4:04 pm.

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

MAY 7, 2025

A meeting of the Council of the City of Vancouver was held on Wednesday, May 7, 2025, at 4:04 pm, in the Council Chamber, Third Floor, City Hall, following the Standing Committee on Policy and Strategic Priorities meeting, to consider the recommendations and actions of the Committee.

PRESENT: Mayor Ken Sim

Councillor Rebecca Bligh* Councillor Lisa Dominato Councillor Pete Fry*

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CITY CLERK'S OFFICE: Lesley Matthews, Acting Deputy City Clerk

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COMMITTEE REPORTS

Report of Standing Committee on Policy and Strategic Priorities Wednesday, May 7, 2025

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:

- Update on the Youth Safety and Violence Prevention Strategy 2023-2026 and Building Safter Communities Program Sustainability Plan
- 2. Approval of Contract Amendment to Professional Services Agreement No. PS20181561
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- 3. Opportunity for a Cultural Precinct in the Heart of Downtown
- 4. Sustainable School Food Funding

MOVED by Councillor Bligh SECONDED by Councillor Dominato

THAT the recommendations and actions taken by the Standing Committee on Policy and Strategic Priorities at its meeting of May 7, 2025, as contained in Reports 1 to 4 and Council Members' Motions 1 to 4, be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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Council recessed at 4:06 and reconvened at 4:14 pm.

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UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. CD-1 Rezoning: 1551-1581 West 7th Avenue

At the Public Hearing on April 22, 2025, Council heard the staff presentation, asked questions of staff and the applicant, heard from the public and closed the speakers list and receipt of public comments for this item. Council subsequently referred debate and decision to the Council meeting following the Standing Committee on Policy and Strategic Priorities meeting on May 7, 2025, as Unfinished Business.

At the Public Hearing on April 22, 2025, Councillor Fry declared a conflict of interest on this item as he had personal relations with the architectural firm. Subsequently, Councillor Fry left the meeting and returned at the conclusion of this item.

Council also had before it a memorandum from the General Manager of Planning, Urban Design and Sustainability dated April 7, 2025, entitled "CD-1 Rezoning: 1551-1581 West 7th Avenue", which noted corrections to section 7 of the proposed By-law amendments in Appendix A of the Referral Report dated February 25, 2025, entitled "CD-1 Rezoning: 1551-1581 West 7th Avenue", to align with simplified Horizontal Angle of Daylight regulations as enacted by Council on April 1, 2025.

Council also had before it a memorandum from the General Manager of Planning, Urban Design and Sustainability dated April 22, 2025, entitled "CD-1 Rezoning: 1551-1581 West 7th Avenue – Conditions of Approval in Appendix B", which noted amendments to Condition 2.6(I) of the Conditions of By-law Enactment as contained in Appendix B, Part 2 of the Referral Report dated February 25, 2025, entitled "CD-1 Rezoning: 1551-1581 West 7th Avenue", to align with site limitations.

Council Decision

MOVED by Councillor Kirby-Yung SECONDED by Councillor Klassen

A. THAT the application by Canderel West 7th Property Ltd., the registered owner of 1581 West 7th Avenue [PID: 008-766-827; Lot B Block 290 District Lot 526 Plan 9153], and on behalf of Société Maison de la francophonie de Vancouver, the registered owner of 1551 West 7th Avenue [PID: 002-512-785; Lot G Block 290 District Lot 526 Plan 20635], to rezone the lands from C-3A (Commercial) District to CD-1 (Comprehensive Development) District, to increase the floor space ratio (FSR) from 3.3 to 8.0 and the building height from 9.2 m (30 ft.) to 69.5 m (228 ft.) to permit a 21-storey mixed-use building, containing 125 strata-titled residential units, and a replacement and expansion of La Maison de la Francophonie cultural centre, generally as presented in the Report, be approved in principle;

FURTHER THAT the draft CD-1 By-law, prepared for the Public Hearing in accordance with Appendix A of the Report, be approved in principle;

FURTHER THAT section 7 of Appendix A of the above-noted report be amended and read as follows:

Access to Natural Light

- 7.1 Each habitable room must have at least 1 window on an exterior wall of a building.
- 7.2 For the purposes of section 6.1 above, habitable room means any room except a bathroom or a kitchen.

FURTHER THAT the proposed form of development also be approved in principle, generally as prepared by Acton Ostry Architects Inc., received November 20, 2023;

FURTHER THAT the above approvals be subject to the Conditions of Approval contained in Appendix B of the above-noted report;

AND FURTHER THAT condition 2.6(I) of the Conditions of By-law Enactment in Appendix B, Part 2 of the above-noted report be amended and read as follows:

(I) Provision green infrastructure improvements to the satisfaction of the General Manager of Engineering Services, including:

Installation of a rainwater tree trench (RTT) on West 7th Avenue at the western extent of the site, to treat and retain 90% of average annual rainfall from the right-of-way (RoW) to the greatest extent practical.

Note to Applicant: These improvements generally include placement of street trees, structural soil or soil cell and perforated pipe sub drain connected to the sewer system under proposed boulevard and sidewalk to provide the minimum soil volume storage for street trees as per the Engineering Design Manual. Selected tree species to be coordinated with Urban Forestry, Streets and Transportation.

For further information, contact Green Infrastructure Implementation Branch, ESRGGIIDL@vancouver.ca.

- B. THAT subject to approval of the CD-1 By-law, the application to amend the Sign By-law to establish regulations for the CD-1, generally as set out in Appendix C of the Report, be approved.
- C. THAT subject to approval of the CD-1 By-law, the Noise Control By-law be amended to include the CD-1, generally as set out in Appendix C of the Report;

FURTHER THAT the Director of Legal Services be instructed to bring forward the amendment to the Noise Control By-law at the time of enactment of the CD-1 By-law.

- D. THAT Recommendations A to C be adopted on the following conditions:
 - (i) THAT the passage of the above resolutions creates no legal rights for the applicant or any other person, or obligation on the part of the City, and any expenditure of funds or incurring of costs is at the risk of the person making the expenditure or incurring the cost;
 - (ii) THAT any approval that may be granted following the Public Hearing shall not obligate the City to enact a by-law rezoning the property, and any costs incurred in fulfilling requirements imposed as a condition of rezoning are at the risk of the property owner; and
 - (iii) THAT the City and all its officials, including the Approving Officer, shall not in any way be limited or directed in the exercise of their authority or discretion, regardless of when they are called upon to exercise such authority or discretion.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (Vote No. 10690) (Councillor Fry absent for the vote due to conflict of interest) (Councillors Bligh, Meiszner and Mayor Sim ineligible to vote)

2. CD-1 Rezoning: 461-479 East 16th Avenue

At the Public Hearing on April 17 and 23, 2025, Council heard the staff presentation, asked questions of staff and the applicant, heard from the public and closed the speakers list and receipt of public comments and asked questions of staff for this item. Council subsequently referred debate and decision to the Council meeting following the Standing Committee on Policy and Strategic Priorities meeting on May 7, 2025, as Unfinished Business.

Council also had before it a memorandum from the General Manager, Planning, Urban Design and Sustainability dated April 7, 2025, entitled "CD-1 Rezoning: 461-479 East 16th Avenue", which noted corrections to section 8 of the proposed By-law amendments in Appendix A of the Referral Report dated February 25, 2025, entitled "CD-1 Rezoning: 461-479 East 16th Avenue", to align with simplified Horizontal Angle of Daylight regulations as enacted by Council on April 1, 2025. The amendments to the Zoning and Development By-law also removed the acoustic report requirement from various district schedules and as a consequential amendment consolidate the district schedules with N in their title with their base district schedule.

Council Decision

MOVED by Councillor Dominato SECONDED by Councillor Zhou

- A. THAT the application by Fabric Living on behalf of:
 - Main to Fraser Investments Inc., the registered owner of the lands located at 471 East 16th Avenue [PID 014-496-984; Lot 16 Block 99 District Lot 301 Plan 1652];
 - Joan Jose Silvestre, Ana Maria Silvestre and Jovito Silvestre, the
 registered owners of the lands located at 461 East 16th Avenue [PID 003883-825; Strata Lot 1 District Lot 301 Strata Plan VR. 345, together with
 an interest in the common property in proportion to the unit entitlement of
 the strata lot as shown on Form 1];
 - Tieu Ha Truong, the registered owner of the lands located at 463 East 16th Avenue [PID 003-883-841; Strata Lot 2 District Lot 301 Strata Plan VR. 345, together with an interest in the common property in proportion to the unit entitlement of the strata lot as shown on Form 1];
 - Wen Shao Huang, the registered owner of the lands located at 465 East 16th Avenue [PID 014-497-000; Lot 17 Block 99 District Lot 301 Plan 1652];
 - Bertha Miriam Esquitin and Jose Ramon Teres-Flores, the registered owners of the lands located at 475 East 16th Avenue [PID 026-454-556; Strata Lot 1 Block 99 District Lot 301 Group 1 New Westminster District Strata Plan BCS1551, together with an interest in the common property in proportion to the unit entitlement of the strata lot as shown on Form V];

 Gregory James Moodie and Megan Hollstedt, the registered owners of the lands located at 479 East 16th Avenue [PID 026-454-564; Strata Lot 2 Block 99 District Lot 301 Group 1 New Westminster District Strata Plan BCS1551, together with an interest in the common property in proportion to the unit entitlement of the strata lot as shown on Form V];

to rezone the lands from RM-4 (Residential) District to CD-1 (Comprehensive Development) District to increase the floor space ratio (FSR) from 1.45 to 8.0 and the building height from 10.7 m (35 ft.) to 64.0 m (210 ft.) with additional height for the portion with rooftop amenity, to permit the development of a 20-storey mixed-use building with additional height for the portion with rooftop amenity, containing 211 rental units, of which a minimum of 20% of the residential floor area will be secured as below-market rental units, with commercial space on the ground floor, generally as presented in the Referral Report dated February 25, 2025, entitled "CD-1 Rezoning: 461-479 East 16th Avenue", be approved in principle;

FURTHER THAT the draft CD-1 By-law, prepared for the Public Hearing in accordance with Appendix A of the above-noted report, be approved in principle;

FURTHER THAT section 8 of Appendix A of the above-noted report be amended and read as follows:

Access to Natural Light

- 8.1 Each habitable room must have at least 1 window on an exterior wall of a building
- 8.2 For the purposes of section 8.1 above, habitable room means any room except a bathroom or a kitchen.

FURTHER THAT the proposed form of development also be approved in principle, generally as prepared in plans by Francl Architecture received April 4, 2024, and revised January 22, 2025;

FURTHER THAT the above approvals be subject to the Conditions of Approval contained in Appendix B of the above-noted report;

AND FURTHER THAT condition of enactment 2.9 be added to Appendix B (Conditions of Approval) as follows:

Provision of or make arrangements for peer review(s) to the satisfaction of the City, of preliminary and final hydrogeological and geotechnical reports and shoring design provided by the developer's professionals, at the developer's cost, prior to rezoning enactment, development and building permit issuance.

Note to applicant:

Multiple iterations of peer review may be required, based on typical submittal reports and plans prior to rezoning, development permit and building permit.

- B. THAT subject to approval in principle of the rezoning and the Housing Agreement described in Part 2 of Appendix B of the Referral Report dated February 25, 2025, entitled "CD-1 Rezoning: 461-479 East 16th Avenue", the Director of Legal Services be instructed to prepare the necessary Housing Agreement By-law for enactment prior to enactment of the CD-1 By-law, subject to such terms and conditions as may be required at the discretion of the Director of Legal Services and the General Manager of Planning, Urban Design and Sustainability.
- C. THAT subject to approval of the CD-1 By-law, the application to amend the Sign By-law to establish regulations for the CD-1, generally as set out in Appendix C of the Referral Report dated February 25, 2025, entitled "CD-1 Rezoning: 461-479 East 16th Avenue", be approved.
- D. THAT subject to approval of the CD-1 By-law, the Noise Control By-law be amended to include this CD-1, generally as set out in Appendix C of the Referral Report dated February 25, 2025, entitled "CD-1 Rezoning: 461-479 East 16th Avenue";

FURTHER THAT the Director of Legal Services be instructed to bring forward the amendment to the Noise Control By-law at the time of enactment of the CD-1 By-law.

- E. THAT A to D above be adopted on the following conditions:
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amended

AMENDMENT MOVED by Councillor Maloney SECONDED by Councillor Kirby-Yung

THAT the words "The scope of the peer review must include consideration of any potential impacts on adjacent properties and consider whether monitoring or other risk mitigation measures on adjacent properties are warranted prior to, during or post construction of the development." be added to the end of the AND FURTHER THAT clause in A:

FURTHER THAT in the Note to Applicant in the AND FURTHER THAT clause in A, the word "enactment" be added after the word "rezoning"

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (Vote No. 10691) (Councillor Bligh absent for the vote) (Councillor Meiszner and Mayor Sim ineligible to vote)

The amendment having carried unanimously, the motion as amended was put and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (Vote No. 10692) with Councillor Bligh absent for the vote and Councillor Meiszner and Mayor Sim ineligible to vote.

FINAL MOTION AS APPROVED

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URGENT BUSINESS

MOVED by Councillor Dominato SECONDED by Councillor Klassen

THAT Councillor Dominato be granted a Leave of Absence for civic business from meetings on May 15, 2025, from 7:30 pm onwards.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Councillor Dominato SECONDED by Councillor Klassen

THAT the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Council adjourned at 4:43 pm.

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