



COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

FEBRUARY 24, 2026

A Meeting of the Council of the City of Vancouver was held on Tuesday, February 24, 2026, at 9:31 am, in the Council Chamber, Third Floor, City Hall. This Council meeting was convened in person and via electronic means as authorized by Part 14 of the *Procedure By-law*.

PRESENT: Mayor Ken Sim
Councillor Rebecca Bligh*
Councillor Lisa Dominato
Councillor Pete Fry*
Councillor Sarah Kirby-Yung
Councillor Mike Klassen
Councillor Lucy Maloney
Councillor Peter Meiszner
Councillor Brian Montague
Councillor Sean Orr
Councillor Lenny Zhou

CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE: Donny van Dyk, City Manager
Armin Amrolia, Deputy City Manager

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE: Katrina Leckovic, City Clerk
Bonnie Kennett, Meeting Coordinator

* Denotes absence for a portion of the meeting.

WELCOME

The Mayor 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 Mayor 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.

IN CAMERA MEETING

MOVED by Councillor Dominato
SECONDED by Councillor Klassen

THAT Council will go into meetings later this week which are closed to the public, pursuant to Section 165.2(1) of the *Vancouver Charter*, to discuss matters related to paragraphs:

- (a) personal information about an identifiable individual who holds or is being considered for a position as an officer, employee or agent of the city or another position appointed by the city;
- (c) labour relations or other employee relations;
- (k) negotiations and related discussions respecting the proposed provision of an activity, work or facility that are at their preliminary stages and that, in the view of the Council, could reasonably be expected to harm the interests of the city if they were held in public.

FURTHER THAT Council will go into meetings later this week which are closed to the public, pursuant to Section 165.2(2) of the *Vancouver Charter*, to discuss matters related to paragraph:

- (b) the consideration of information received and held in confidence relating to negotiations
 - (i) between the city and a provincial government or the federal government or both, or between a provincial government or the federal government or both and a third party.

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

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

1. Public Hearing – January 20, 22, and 27, 2026

MOVED by Councillor Kirby-Yung
SECONDED by Councillor Meiszner

THAT the Minutes of the Public Hearing of January 20, 22, and 27, 2026, be approved.

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

2. Public Hearing – January 22 and 27, 2026

MOVED by Councillor Kirby-Yung
SECONDED by Councillor Montague

THAT the Minutes of the Public Hearing of January 22 and 27, 2026, be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Councillor Bligh absent for the vote)

3. Council – February 3, 2026

MOVED by Councillor Meiszner
SECONDED by Councillor Montague

THAT the Minutes of the Council meeting of February 3, 2026, be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Councillor Bligh absent for the vote)

4. Council (City Finance and Services) – February 4, 2026

MOVED by Councillor Kirby-Yung
SECONDED by Councillor Dominato

THAT the Minutes of the Council meeting following the Standing Committee on City Finance and Services meeting of February 4, 2026, be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Councillor Bligh absent for the vote)

5. Special Council – Court of Revision (BIA) – February 5, 2026

MOVED by Councillor Dominato
SECONDED by Councillor Zhou

THAT the Minutes of the Special Council – Court of Revision (BIA) meeting of February 5, 2026, be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Councillor Bligh absent for the vote)

6. Public Hearing – February 5, 2026

MOVED by Councillor Klassen
SECONDED by Councillor Zhou

THAT the Minutes of the Public Hearing meeting of February 5, 2026, be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Councillor Bligh absent for the vote)

MATTERS ADOPTED ON CONSENT

MOVED by Councillor Kirby-Yung
SECONDED by Councillor Montague

THAT Council adopt Reports 2, 3 and 5, on consent.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Councillor Bligh absent for the vote)

PRESENTATIONS

1. **VanStat Update on Roads and Sidewalks**

The City Manager and staff from Engineering Services provided a presentation and along with the General Manager, Engineering Services responded to questions.

MOVED by Mayor Sim
SECONDED by Councillor Kirby-Yung

THAT Council direct staff to include in the 2027–2031 Capital Plan funding at the “Maximum Delivery Capacity” scenario identified in the Weekly Council Q&A, in the approximate amount of \$104 million over four years, to restore the City’s arterial road, local road, and sidewalk networks toward a state of good repair, representing a significant increase from the \$34 million allocated in the 2023–2026 Capital Plan for renewal of these assets;

FURTHER THAT staff report back with proposed performance targets for arterial roads, local roads, and sidewalks, including lifecycle cost analyses and backlog reduction metrics, outlining how this investment will improve overall network condition and support sustained asset performance beyond 2031.

carried

AMENDMENT MOVED by Councillor Maloney
SECONDED by Councillor Orr

THAT the following be added to the end of the motion:

AND FURTHER THAT staff report back, prior to consideration of the Capital Budget by Council, on whether the \$104 million funding is sufficient to achieve funding of measures that contribute to accessibility and equity, including prioritising sidewalks, best-practice curb-cuts, transit routes and maintenance and upgrades of active transport network to ensure that the expenditure implements the priorities contained in existing City policies on transport priorities.

LOST (Vote No. 11404)
(Councillors Dominato, Kirby-Yung, Klassen, Meiszner, Montague, Zhou and Mayor Sim opposed)

The amendment having lost, the motion was put and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (Vote No. 11405).

REPORTS

1. **2STGD+ Safety and Inclusion Action Plan Renewal February 13, 2026**

The General Manager, Arts, Culture and Community Services and staff from Arts, Culture and Community Services provided a presentation and responded to questions.

MOVED by Councillor Dominato
SECONDED by Councillor Meiszner

- A. THAT Council approve the renewed 2STGD+ Safety and Inclusion Action Plan as presented in the Report dated February 13, 2026, entitled “2STGD+ Safety and Inclusion Action Plan Renewal.”
- B. THAT Council direct staff to report back annually with implementation updates, outlining progress on actions and proposed future year actions in alignment with this renewed framework.
- C. THAT Council direct staff to provide the renewed 2STGD+ Safety and Inclusion Action Plan to the Vancouver Public Library Board, the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation, and the Vancouver Police Board for their awareness and consideration of strategic alignment.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (Vote No. 11406)
(Councillor Zhou absent for the vote)

**2. Approval of Business Improvement Areas (BIAs) Renewals 2026
February 3, 2026**

Dunbar Village BIA: 5-Year Renewal

- A. THAT Council approve the application of the Dunbar Village Business Association as described in the Report dated February 3, 2026, entitled “Approval of Business Improvement Areas (BIAs) Renewals 2026”;

FURTHER THAT Council instruct the Director of Legal Services, in consultation with the Senior Director of Business and Economy Office, to bring forward by-laws to re-establish the Dunbar Village BIA, to establish a new funding ceiling, and to remit monies for the business promotion scheme.

Hastings Crossing BIA: 5-Year Renewal

- B. THAT Council approve the application of the Hastings Crossing Business Improvement Association as described in the Report dated February 3, 2026, entitled “Approval of Business Improvement Areas (BIAs) Renewals 2026”; FURTHER THAT Council instruct the Director of Legal Services, in consultation with the Senior Director of Business and Economy Office, to bring forward by-laws to re-establish the Hastings Crossing BIA, to establish a new funding ceiling, and to remit monies for the business promotion scheme.

Kerrisdale BIA: 5-Year Renewal

- C. THAT Council approve the application of the Kerrisdale Business Association as described in the Report dated February 3, 2026, entitled “Approval of Business Improvement Areas (BIAs) Renewals 2026”;

FURTHER THAT Council instruct the Director of Legal Services, in consultation with the Senior Director of Business and Economy Office, to bring forward

by-laws to re-establish the Kerrisdale BIA, to establish a new funding ceiling, and to remit monies for the business promotion scheme.

Kitsilano 4th Avenue BIA: 5-Year Renewal

- D. THAT Council approve the application of the Kitsilano 4th Avenue Business Association as described in the Report dated February 3, 2026, entitled “Approval of Business Improvement Areas (BIAs) Renewals 2026”;

FURTHER THAT Council instruct the Director of Legal Services, in consultation with the Senior Director of Business and Economy Office, to bring forward by-laws to re-establish the Kitsilano 4th Avenue BIA, to establish a new funding ceiling, and to remit monies for the business promotion scheme.

Mount Pleasant BIA: 5-Year Renewal

- E. THAT Council approve the application of the Mount Pleasant Commercial Improvement Society as described in the Report dated February 3, 2026, entitled “Approval of Business Improvement Areas (BIAs) Renewals 2026”;

FURTHER THAT Council instruct the Director of Legal Services, in consultation with the Senior Director of Business and Economy Office, to bring forward by-laws to re-establish and consolidate the Mount Pleasant BIAs, to establish a new funding ceiling, and to remit monies for the business promotion scheme.

West Broadway BIA: 5-Year Renewal

- F. THAT Council approve the application of the West Broadway Business Improvement Association as described in the Report dated February 3, 2026, entitled “Approval of Business Improvement Areas (BIAs) Renewals 2026”;

FURTHER THAT Council instruct the Director of Legal Services, in consultation with the Senior Director of Business and Economy Office, to bring forward by-laws to re-establish the West Broadway BIA, to establish a new funding ceiling, and to remit monies for the business promotion scheme.

West End BIA: 10-Year Renewal

- G. THAT Council approve the application of the Davie Village Business Improvement Association as described in the Report dated February 3, 2026, entitled “Approval of Business Improvement Areas (BIAs) Renewals 2026”;

FURTHER THAT Council instruct the Director of Legal Services, in consultation with the Senior Director of Business and Economy Office, to bring forward by-laws to re-establish the West End BIA, to establish a new funding ceiling, and to remit monies for the business promotion scheme.

ADOPTED ON CONSENT (Vote No. 11408)
(Councillor Bligh absent for the vote)

**3. Closure and Sale of a Portion of Road Adjacent to 1710-1730 East Pender Street
January 23, 2026**

- A. THAT Council close, stop-up and convey to the owner of 1710-1730 East Pender Street (the “Abutting Lands” as described in Appendix B of the Report dated January 23, 2026, entitled “Closure and Sale of a Portion of Road Adjacent to 1710-1730 East Pender Street”) that approximately 57.2 square metre (616 square foot) portion of road legally described as PID: 016-709-951; The North 7 Feet of Lot 4 and PID:015-153-258; The North 7 Feet of Lot 5; both of Lot 6, Block D, District Lot 183, Plan 729 (hereinafter, the “Road Portion”), the same as generally shown hatched on the plan attached as Appendix A of the above-noted report, subject to the terms and conditions noted in Appendix B in the same report.
- B. THAT the sale proceeds of \$280,000 be credited to the Capital Fund.

ADOPTED ON CONSENT (Vote No. 11410)
(Councillor Bligh absent for the vote)

**4. Local Improvement by Initiative - Dunbar Beach Access for Consideration - Court
of Revision 643 - *WITHDRAWN***

**5. FIFA World Cup 26 Vancouver™ Special Use Lane Designation
February 12, 2026**

- A. THAT, pursuant to section 124.2 (1) of the Motor Vehicle Act, Council expressly permit FIFA-accredited vehicles to travel but not stop in special use lanes in the City of Vancouver for the duration of the period from June 11 to July 19, 2026.
- B. THAT, pursuant to Section 124.2 (2), Council request that the Mayor write to the provincial Minister of Transportation and Transit seeking authorization to allow FIFA-accredited vehicles to travel, but not stop, in designated special use lanes located within 800 metres of an arterial highway, for the period from June 11 to July 19, 2026.

ADOPTED ON CONSENT (Vote No. 11411)
(Councillor Bligh absent for the vote)

**6. Issues Report: Proposed Land Use Change for Former Molson Brewery
Exceptional Industrial Site
February 12, 2026**

Staff from Planning, Urban Design and Sustainability responded to questions.

Council heard from one speaker in support of the report recommendations.

MOVED by Councillor Klassen
SECONDED by Councillor Zhou

- A. THAT, subject to Council approval and enactment of the Vancouver Official Development Plan By-law (“Vancouver ODP”), Council directs the General Manager of Planning, Urban Design and Sustainability to:
- i. bring forward an application to amend the Vancouver ODP to redesignate the former Molson Brewery site (1550 Burrard Street and 1655 West 1st Avenue) from “Industrial and Employment” to “Mixed-Use High-Rise 2”; and
 - ii. commence consultation on the Vancouver ODP amendment application proposed in (A)(i) above with the following potentially affected persons, organizations, and authorities: Musqueam, Squamish and Tsleil-Waututh Nations, Provincial Government (Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure), Metro Vancouver Regional District, TransLink, Vancouver School Board and Conseil scolaire francophone, and the general public.
- B. THAT staff be directed to initiate discussions with Metro Vancouver staff at the earliest opportunity regarding a Type 3 amendment to the Regional Growth Strategy to re-designate the Molson site from “Industrial” to “General Urban”.
- C. THAT A and B above be adopted on the following conditions:
- i. THAT the passage of the above resolutions creates no legal rights for the property owner 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 a Public Hearing will not obligate the City to enact a by-law amending an ODP or rezoning the property; and
 - iii. THAT the City and all its officials, including any Approving Officers, will 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 (Vote No. 11407)
(Councillor Maloney opposed)

BY-LAWS

Councillors Fry and Klassen advised that they had reviewed the proceedings related to By-law 1 and would therefore be voting on the enactment.

MOVED by Councillor Klassen
SECONDED by Councillor Kirby-Yung

THAT Council, except for those members ineligible to vote as noted below, enact the by-laws listed on the agenda for this meeting as numbers 1 to 10, and 12 to 15 inclusive, and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign and seal the enacted by-laws.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

1. A By-law to amend the Zoning and Development By-law No. 3575 Regarding Enabling Child Day Care Facilities in Residential Zones (By-law No. 14611)
(Councillor Orr and Mayor Sim ineligible to vote)
2. A By-law to amend Zoning and Development Fee By-law No. 5585 regarding patios for non-dwelling uses (By-law No. 14612)
3. A By-law to amend CD-1 (409) By-law No. 8439 (1109-1139 West Pender Street and 1122-1152 West Hastings Street (Formerly 1128 West Hastings Street)) (By-law No. 14613)
4. A By-law to amend Street Name By-law No. 4054 regarding the naming of various street extensions in the Marpole Transit Centre Development and New St. Paul's Hospital Development (By-law No. 14614)
5. A By-law to amend Sign By-law No. 11879 Regarding Electronic Video Sign (897 Granville Street) (By-law No. 14615)
6. A By-law to amend the Vancouver Development Cost Levy By-law No. 9755 Regarding Rental Development Relief Program (By-law No. 14616)
7. A By-law to amend Fire By-law No. 14419 regarding appointments (By-law No. 14617)
8. A By-law to enact a Housing Agreement for 1302 – 1318 E 12th Avenue (By-law No. 14618)
9. A By-law to enact a Housing Agreement for 6486 Chester Street (By-law No. 14519)
10. A By-law to enact a Housing Agreement for 3282 - 3296 East 1st Avenue / 1725 Rupert Street (By-law No. 14620)
11. A By-law to enact a Housing Agreement for 3362-3384 Vanness Avenue and 3347 Clive Avenue - *WITHDRAWN*
12. A By-law to enact a Housing Agreement for 2110 West 5th Avenue (By-law No. 14621)
13. A By-law to authorize the amendment of a Housing Agreement Authorized by By-law No. 14225 regarding 625 Pacific Street, 777 Pacific Street and 1390 Granville Street (Sub.Area C - 675 Pacific Street and 1395 Rolston Street) (By-law No. 14622)
14. A By-law to enact a Housing Agreement for 4288 Yew Street (By-law No. 14623)

15. A By-law to enact a Housing Agreement for 1525 Robson Street (By-law No. 14624)

ADMINISTRATIVE MOTIONS

1. Closure and Sale of a Portion of Road Adjacent to 1710-1730 East Pender Street

MOVED by Councillor Klassen

SECONDED by Councillor Montague

WHEREAS

1. The City of Vancouver is the owner of all the streets and lanes lying within the limits of the City of Vancouver;
2. There is a proposal to redevelop:
 - i. [PID: 003-347-834] Lot F of Lot 6, Block D, District Lot 183, Plan 20745 (1710 East Pender Street);
 - ii. [PID: 009-502-068] Lot 4, Except the North 7 Feet, Now Road of Lot 6, Block D, District Lot 183, Plan 729 (1730 East Pender Street); and
 - iii. [PID: 009-502-165] Lot 5, Except the North 7 Feet, Now Road of Lot 6, Block D, District Lot 183, Plan 729 (1730 East Pender Street);together, the "Abutting Lands";
3. The owner of the Abutting Lands has made an application to purchase the abutting 7-foot by 88-foot portion of road in order to maximize the available site area;
4. The subject portion of road to be closed and stopped-up is legally described as:
 - i. [PID: 016-709-951] The North 7 Feet of Lot 4 of Lot 6, Block D, District Lot 183, Plan 729; and
 - ii. [PID: 015-153-258] The North 7 Feet of Lot 5 of Lot 6, Block D, District Lot 183, Plan 729.
5. The said portions of road to be closed were established as road by Resolution of Council in 1944 (DF38229);
6. The said portions of road to be closed are no longer required for municipal or highway purposes; and
7. The said portions of road to be closed will be conveyed to owner of the Abutting Lands and subdivided with the Abutting Lands to dedicate road to the City and to form a single parcel.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT [PID: 016-709-951] The North 7 Feet of Lot 4 of Lot 6, Block D, District Lot 183, Plan 729, and [PID: 015-153-258] The North 7 Feet of

Lot 5 of Lot 6, Block D, District Lot 183, Plan 729; both established as road by document filed DF38229, be closed, stopped-up and conveyed to the owner of the Abutting Lands;

FURTHER THAT the said portion of road to be closed is to be subdivided with the Abutting Lands to dedicate road to the City and form a single parcel, as shown in heavy bold outline on the Subdivision Plan prepared by Michael Rinsma, B.C.L.S., completed on the 12th day of October, 2023, re-inspected on the 20th day of January, 2026 and numbered EPP147805, a copy of which is attached hereto, to the satisfaction of the Director of Legal Services.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

NOTICE OF COUNCIL MEMBER'S MOTIONS

1. Macro Meets Micro: Connecting Micromobility Services to Transit and Improving Micromobility Network Connections and Convenience in Vancouver

Councillor Kirby-Yung submitted a notice of Council members' motion on the above-noted matter. The motion may be placed on the Standing Committee on City Finance and Services meeting agenda of March 11, 2026, as a Council Members' Motion.

2. A One-Time Extraordinary Grant for Granville Street Activation During FIFA World Cup 2026

Councillor Meiszner and Mayor Sim co-submitted a notice of Council members' motion on the above-noted matter. The motion may be placed on the Standing Committee on City Finance and Services meeting agenda of March 11, 2026, as a Council Members' Motion.

3. Cheap, Easy and Everywhere: Unlocking the Full Potential of Shared Mobility to Reduce Traffic Congestion Across Metro Vancouver

Councillors Maloney and Orr co-submitted a notice of Council members' motion on the above-noted matter. The motion may be placed on the Standing Committee on City Finance and Services meeting agenda of March 11, 2026, as a Council Members' Motion.

4. Advancing the Right to Food and Public Food Infrastructure

Councillor Orr submitted a notice of Council members' motion on the above-noted matter. The motion may be placed on the Standing Committee on City Finance and Services meeting agenda of March 11, 2026, as a Council Members' Motion.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Requests for Leaves of Absence

MOVED by Councillor Dominato
SECONDED by Councillor Meiszner

THAT Councillor Bligh be granted a Leave of Absence for civic business from meetings on February 24, 2026, and May 26, 2026, from 6 pm onwards;

FURTHER THAT Councillor Bligh be granted a Leave of Absence for personal reasons from meetings on February 26, 2026, from 3 pm onwards and March 11, 2026, from 4 to 6 pm;

FURTHER THAT Mayor Sim be granted a Leave of Absence for civic business from meetings on March 13, 2026, from 9:30 am to 12 pm, March 16, 2026, from 9 am to 12 pm, and June 4, 2026, from 5 pm onwards;

FURTHER THAT Councillor Orr be granted a Leave of Absence for civic business from meetings on March 12, 2026, from 5 pm onwards;

FURTHER THAT Councillor Klassen be granted a Leave of Absence for civic business from meetings on February 24, 2026, from 5 pm onwards;

FURTHER THAT Councillor Klassen be granted a Leave of Absence for personal reasons from meetings on March 4, 2026, from 5 pm onwards;

FURTHER THAT Councillor Dominato be granted a Leave of Absence for civic business from meetings on March 12, 2026, all day;

FURTHER THAT Councillor Dominato be granted a Leave of Absence for personal reasons from meetings on March 16 to 19, 2026, all day;

FURTHER THAT Councillor Kirby-Yung be granted a Leave of Absence for civic business from meetings on February 24, 2026, from 5 pm onwards, March 11, 2026, from 9:30 am to 1 pm and on April 16, 2026, from 6 pm to 10 pm;

FURTHER THAT Councillor Zhou be granted a Leave of Absence for personal reasons from meetings on March 4, 2026, from 6 pm onwards;

AND FURTHER THAT Councillor Meiszner be granted a Leave of Absence for civic business from meetings on March 5, 2026, from 3 to 5 pm.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ENQUIRIES AND OTHER MATTERS

1. Lunar New Year Parade

Councillor Zhou provided some highlights from the Lunar New Year parade this past weekend and expressed his sincere appreciation to the co-organizers of the event including the Chinese Benevolent Association, Chinatown Cultural Centre, Chinatown BIA, SUCCESS, Chinese Free Mason Association, and the Shon Yee Benevolent Association of Canada.

2. Condolences

Councillor Klassen expressed condolences for the passing of Dale Lutes who served on the Older Persons and Elders Advisory Committee.

3. Acknowledgement

Councillor Klassen acknowledged the fourth anniversary of Russia's invasion of Ukraine.

4. Restoring Shelter Rate in the Downtown Eastside

Councillor Orr enquired whether the City will restore the previous 33% shelter-rate requirement in the Downtown Eastside, in light of the Province's decision to pause the Community Housing Fund, which required social housing developments to include a minimum of 20% shelter-rate units, and given that the Downtown Eastside rezoning had aligned its requirements with that now-paused program. Deputy City Manager Amrolia agreed to follow-up.

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Councillor Dominato
SECONDED by Councillor Klassen

THAT the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Council adjourned at 11:54 am.

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