

STANDING COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL
ON PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT

NOVEMBER 19, 2009

A Regular Meeting of the Standing Committee of Council on Planning and Environment was held on Thursday, November 19, 2009, at 2:08 pm, in the Council Chamber, Third Floor, City Hall.

- PRESENT:** Councillor Andrea Reimer, Chair
Mayor Gregor Robertson
Councillor Suzanne Anton
Councillor David Cadman
Councillor George Chow
Councillor Geoff Meggs
Councillor Ellen Woodsworth
- ABSENT:** Councillor Heather Deal, Vice-Chair - (Leave of Absence - Civic Business)
Councillor Kerry Jang (Leave of Absence)
Councillor Raymond Louie (Leave of Absence - Civic Business)
Councillor Tim Stevenson (Leave of Absence - Civic Business)
- CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE:** Penny Ballem, City Manager
Sadhu Johnston, Deputy City Manager
- CITY CLERK'S OFFICE:** Terri Burke, Meeting Coordinator (Minutes)
Bonnie Eng, Meeting Coordinator

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

The Minutes of the Standing Committee on Planning and Environment meeting of November 5, 2009, were adopted.

**1. Little Mountain - Policy Planning Program
November 2, 2009**

Central Area Planning staff provided an overview of the report and responded to questions.

The Committee heard from six speakers in opposition to various recommendations.

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During the hearing of speakers, the Committee agreed to recess at 4:14 pm and reconvened at 4:25 pm with the same members present.

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MOVED by Mayor Robertson

THAT the Committee recommend to Council

- A. THAT Council endorse an updated Little Mountain Planning Program, outlined in Appendix B of the Administrative Report dated November 2, 2009, entitled "Little Mountain - Policy Planning Program", to bring forward for Council consideration a policy framework to provide a basis for assessing future rezoning proposals on the site;
- B. THAT staff resources, contained in Appendix C of the Administrative Report dated November 2, 2009, entitled "Little Mountain - Policy Planning Program", and estimated associated cost-recovered budget of \$603,504, contained in Appendix D be approved to complete the policy framework;

FURTHER THAT, consistent with City cost recovery practice, Council accept a \$603,504 contribution from Holborn Properties to fully cover these costs;

AND FURTHER THAT, Council accept this contribution in two instalments: a first instalment of \$400,000 due on Council's endorsement of this Program Report, and the balance due six months, after the first instalment.

- C. THAT staff communicate Council's priority for dealing with homelessness and creating more social housing to BC Housing and the developer of Little Mountain (Holborn Properties) and seek opportunities to ensure timely planning, while respecting community concerns, through various stages from policy planning to zoning, to development permits with the intent of expediting and achieving replacement social housing (224 units) or 20% social housing of the total built units, whichever is greater, as soon as possible.
- D. THAT staff explore opportunities to increase the family housing component of the market units of the development of Little Mountain beyond the typical Major Project Requirement of 25% total units.
- E. THAT the City Manager be requested to consider providing staff so as to expedite the Neighbourhood Centre Program on Main Street so that it may be done in conjunction with the Little Mountain Planning Program.
- F. THAT the Mayor advise BC Housing and Holborn Properties that the City is committed to begin the planning process necessary to proceed to possible rezoning of Little Mountain, but is determined to maximize benefits for affordable housing and other community amenities at the rezoning stage.

- G. THAT the Mayor further advise BC Housing and Holborn Properties that disclosure of the key elements of their agreement on Little Mountain is essential for the public consultation to be meaningful, and to produce a positive rezoning in a timely way.
- H. THAT staff work with the community to set up an advisory body to guide the planning program for Little Mountain.

carried

AMENDMENT MOVED by Councillor Anton

THAT the following be added at the end of the motion.

THAT staff are requested to bring back alternative public benefit proposals regarding Little Mountain.

LOST

(Councillors Cadman, Chow, Meggs, Reimer, Woodsworth and the Mayor opposed)

The amendment having lost, the Motion was put and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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MOVED by Councillor Woodsworth

THAT, under Section 2.3 (c) of the Procedure By-law, Council extend the length of the Standing Committee on Planning and Environment meeting by one hour or less.

*CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AND
BY THE REQUIRED MAJORITY*

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- 2. **Single Room Accommodation Conversion Permit for Boulder Hotel
(1-9 W. Cordova Street)
November 3, 2009**

This item was WITHDRAWN.

- 3. **Proposed Strata Conversion at 5487 Cecil Street
October 20, 2009**

This item was WITHDRAWN.

4. Giveaway

Vancouver City Council, at its meeting on November 17, 2009, referred this matter to the Standing Committee on Planning and Environment meeting on November 19, 2009, in order to hear from speakers.

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

MOVED by Councillor Cadman
THAT the Committee recommend to Council

WHEREAS:

1. Our landfills are nearing capacity with trash;
2. The public is skeptical about incinerating waste, trucking it outside the Lower Mainland or opening new landfills;
3. We have limited focus on reduce and reuse although we talk about zero waste;
4. Living in Vancouver is extremely difficult on a limited income;
5. One person's trash is another person's treasure;
6. Municipalities all over North America (Winnipeg, Newmarket, Ottawa, etc.) have successful municipal "giveaway" days which invite neighbours to put out unwanted useable household "treasures" out on the front curb or back lanes for others; and
7. Other municipalities are also giving away pre-owned paints, auto and home maintenance products, compost and mulch.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

THAT Vancouver City Council request that the City Manager report back on the feasibility of a spring, summer and fall monthly neighbourhood giveaway program so that the citizens of Vancouver can recycle household treasures, so that they can be reused thereby reduce the need for landfill or incineration.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5. We Can Coalition

Vancouver City Council, at its meeting on November 17, 2009, referred this matter to the Standing Committee on Planning and Environment meeting on November 19, 2009, in order to hear from speakers.

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

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During the hearing of speakers, the following was moved.

MOVED by Councillor Cadman

THAT, under Section 2.3 (c) of the Procedure By-law, Council extend the length of the Standing Committee on Planning and Environment meeting by twenty minutes.

*CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AND
BY THE REQUIRED MAJORITY*

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MOVED by Councillor Woodsworth
THAT the Committee recommend to Council

WHEREAS:

1. Violence against women persists as both a pervasive violation of human rights and a significant impediment to achieving gender equality on a global and local level;
2. Gender inequality remains one of the root causes of violence against women while violence against women serves as both an acute manifestation of gender inequality and a means of perpetuating it;
3. Vancouver is a city that believes in dignity, respect, and gender equality and has established the first City of Vancouver Women's Advisory Committee;
4. Recent figures from Statistics Canada indicate that women are 8 times more likely than men to experience violence in relationships (Source: Family Violence in Canada: A Statistical Profile, Statistics Canada, 2006);
5. Recent statistics show that violence against women increase by one third during times of economic downturn;
6. 'We Can End All Violence Against Women', or 'We Can', is a multi-year, international campaign, which seeks to challenge and change deeply entrenched societal attitudes and practices that support violence against women through a Coalition of over 50 organizations and 500 individuals;
7. 'We Can' is a partner in the international '16 Days of Activism Against Gender Violence' campaign that will be taking place from November 25-December 10, 2009 to raise awareness and dialogue around violence against women;

8. The '16 Days' Campaign has seen tens of thousands of activists from every region of the world take part in a united movement for women's rights since its beginning in 1991, providing an opportunity to work together in solidarity and draw upon this period of heightened international attention to gain support for local efforts; and
9. The COV Women's Advisory Committee requests that Vancouver City Council support the campaign against violence against women by supporting this campaign.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

THAT the City of Vancouver unanimously agree to endorse the We Can Coalition and its '16 Days of Activism Against Gender Violence' Campaign paying particular attention to First Nations women in our city.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Committee adjourned at 7:09 pm

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REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
STANDING COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL ON
PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT

NOVEMBER 19, 2009

A Regular Meeting of the Council of the City of Vancouver was held on Thursday, November 19, 2009, at 7:09 pm, in the Council Chamber, Third Floor, City Hall, following the Standing Committee on Planning and Environment meeting, to consider the recommendations and actions of the Committee.

PRESENT: Mayor Gregor Robertson
Councillor Suzanne Anton
Councillor David Cadman
Councillor George Chow
Councillor Geoff Meggs
Councillor Andrea Reimer
Councillor Ellen Woodsworth

ABSENT: Councillor Heather Deal (Leave of Absence - Civic Business)
Councillor Kerry Jang (Leave of Absence)
Councillor Raymond Louie (Leave of Absence - Civic Business)
Councillor Tim Stevenson (Leave of Absence - Civic Business)

CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE: Penny Ballem, City Manager

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE: Terri Burke, Meeting Coordinator (Minutes)
Tina Hildebrandt, Meeting Coordinator

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MOVED by Councillor Cadman
SECONDED by Councillor Woodsworth

THAT this Council resolve itself into Committee of the Whole, Mayor Robertson in the Chair.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Report of Standing Committee on Planning and Environment
November 19, 2009

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

1. Little Mountain - Policy Planning Program
2. Single Room Accommodation Conversion Permit for Boulder Hotel (1-9 W. Cordova St.) - **WITHDRAWN**
3. Proposed Strata Conversion at 5478 Cecil Street - **WITHDRAWN**
4. Giveaway
5. We Can Coalition

Items 1-5

MOVED by Councillor Cadman

THAT the recommendations and actions taken by the Standing Committee on Planning and Environment at its meeting of November 19, 2009, as contained in items 1-5, be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

RISE FROM COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MOVED by Councillor Cadman

THAT the Committee of the Whole rise and report.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADOPT REPORT OF COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MOVED by Councillor Cadman
SECONDED by Councillor Reimer

THAT the report of the Committee of the Whole be adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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At 7:15 pm the following motion was moved.

*MOVED by Councillor Meggs
SECONDED by Councillor Cadman*

THAT, under Section 2.3 (c) of the Procedure By-law, Council extend the length of the Regular Council meeting following the Standing Committee on Planning and Environment meeting by one hour or less, including a ten minute recess.

*CARRIED
BY THE REQUIRED MAJORITY
(Councillor Anton opposed)*

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The Committee recessed at 7:15 pm and reconvened at 7:25 pm with the same members present.

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UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Closure and Sale of a Portion of Road adjacent to 3410 Lougheed Highway

This item was WITHDRAWN.

2. Vancouver 125 Anniversary Celebration Ideas

MOVED by Councillor Reimer
SECONDED by Councillor Cadman

WHEREAS

1. 2011 marks the 125th anniversary of the incorporation of the City of Vancouver; and
2. Many people and communities are currently bringing forward ideas for celebration and commemoration of Vancouver's history; and
3. This celebration should reflect the full history of Vancouver and its many communities.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

THAT Council request the City Manager work with staff to establish a broadly representative working group which will develop a process and criteria for considering celebration ideas and suggestions.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. Request for Leave of Absence - Councillor Stevenson

MOVED by Councillor Cadman
SECONDED by Councillor Chow

THAT Councillor Stevenson be granted Leave of Absence for personal reasons from the Standing Committee on Transportation and Traffic, Vancouver City Council, and Public Hearing meetings to be held January 19, 2010, as well as the Standing Committee on City Services and Budgets, Standing Committee on Planning and Environment and the proposed backup Public Hearing meetings to be held on January 21, 2010.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. Policies for Record Retention

MOVED by Councillor Anton
SECONDED by Councillor Reimer

WHEREAS:

- (a) It is in the public interest to support openness and transparency at Vancouver City Hall;
- (b) Documents such as letters, memos and emails are important records that should be accessible to the media and public via the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act;
- (c) Individual municipalities set their own policies regarding record retention; and
- (d) The use of private email by public sector staff conducting City business circumvents the spirit of freedom of information regulations and the public's right to openness and transparency in government.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

1. THAT staff are requested to report back with policies for record retention;
2. THAT, as an interim policy, all Councillors and staff are directed by Council to retain all documents (including emails) for one year; and
3. THAT, as a further interim policy, all staff are directed to conduct public business using public email.

amended

AMENDMENT MOVED by Councillor Reimer

THAT the motion be struck and replaced with the following:

WHEREAS a majority of Council passed a motion in May 2009 committing the City of Vancouver to the principle of "open data" and specifically that the City will freely share with citizens, businesses and other jurisdictions the greatest amount of data possible while respecting privacy and security concerns;

AND WHEREAS the intention of having a comprehensive open data motion was to ensure the City pursued this initiative thoughtfully and with adherence to best practices in data management.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT staff be requested to report back on the current record retention policies, and best practices from other governments and government agencies, in relation to councillors, the mayor's office, and staff.

carried

AMENDMENT TO THE AMENDMENT MOVED by Councillor Anton

THAT the following be added at the end of the motion.

THAT there be recommendations for record retention policies for the City.

LOST

(Councillors Cadman, Chow, Meggs, Reimer, Woodsworth and the Mayor opposed)

The amendment to the amendment having lost, the amendment was put and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

FINAL MOTION AS ADOPTED

THAT the Committee recommend to Council

WHEREAS a majority of Council passed a motion in May 2009 committing the City of Vancouver to the principle of "open data" and specifically that the City will freely share with citizens, businesses and other jurisdictions the greatest amount of data possible while respecting privacy and security concerns;

AND WHEREAS the intention of having a comprehensive open data motion was to ensure the City pursued this initiative thoughtfully and with adherence to best practices in data management.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT staff be requested to report back on the current record retention policies, and best practices from other governments and government agencies, in relation to councillors, the mayor's office, and staff.

5. Repaying Inner-City Community Garden Fund

MOVED by Councillor Anton
NOT SECONDED

WHEREAS:

- (a) The community garden at City Hall was built at the direction of the Mayor, ignoring a long community process around the redevelopment of the formal front lawn of City Hall;
- (b) City of Vancouver community garden policies establish that a community garden will be developed and maintained at no cost to the

City except that prior to the first season, the City will, at its cost, prepare the site for planting by removing undesirable vegetation, adding compost and bringing water to the site;

- (c) The City Hall community garden received the support normally available to new community gardens as described in (b) above valued at \$8000; and
- (d) In addition, the City Hall community garden received an additional \$25,000 in spite of the "no cost to the City" policy, the money being from the inner-city community garden portion of the Olympic and Paralympic Legacy Reserve.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

THAT the \$25,000 taken from the inner-city portion of the Olympic and Paralympic Legacy Reserve and used for the City Hall community garden be repaid to the Olympic and Paralympic Legacy Reserve fund by the Mayor's discretionary fund.

not put

The Motion having not received a Seconder was not put to vote.

BY-LAWS

1. A By-law to amend License By-law No. 4450 regarding restaurant liquor service (By-law No.9948)

MOVED by Councillor Anton

SECONDED by Councillor Meggs

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Council adjourned at 8:08 pm

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