

REPORT TO COUNCIL
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

DECEMBER 15, 2009

A Special Meeting of the Council of the City of Vancouver was held on Tuesday, December 15, 2009, at 7:38 pm, in the Council Chamber, Third Floor, City Hall.

PRESENT: Deputy Mayor Chow, Acting Chair
Councillor Suzanne Anton
Councillor Heather Deal
Councillor Kerry Jang
Councillor Raymond Louie*
Councillor Geoff Meggs
Councillor Andrea Reimer
Councillor Tim Stevenson
Councillor Ellen Woodsworth

ABSENT: Mayor Gregor Robertson (Civic Business)
Councillor David Cadman (Civic Business)

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE: Cobi Falconer, Meeting Coordinator

* Denotes absence for a portion of the meeting.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MOVED by Councillor Stevenson
SECONDED by Councillor Deal

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Councillor Louie absent for the vote)

**1. Single Room Accommodation (SRA) By-law Status Update and Amendments
October 21, 2009**

Vancouver City Council, at its Regular Council meeting on Tuesday, November 17, 2009, received an Administrative Report dated October 21, 2009, entitled "Single Room Accommodation (SRA) By-law Status Update and Amendments". Subsequently on December 15, 2009, a Special Council meeting was held in order to hear from members of the public on the proposed SRA By-law Amendments.

The SRA By-law Coordinator provided an overview of the "SRA By-law Status Update and Amendments", and along with the Assistant Director of Housing Policy, and the Chief License Inspector responded to questions.

Council heard from the following speakers:

Chris Fox, Ivanhoe, Manager
Nasser Nabahat, Ivanhoe, Owner
Claudia Lawenhardt, Ivanhoe, Owner
Jean Swanson
Frank Shorroch
Gurdyal Singh
Sam Deeby, Clifton Hotel
Paul Sahota, Balmoral Hotel
Vincent Fodera
Anna Laudisio, Brandiz Hotel

Council heard from 10 speakers, 9 of whom expressed opposition regarding the SRA By-law Amendments. The major area of concern included allowing rentals of up to 10% of the designated rooms, on a less than monthly basis.

MOVED by Councillor Stevenson

THAT Council approve the amendments to the Single Room Accommodation By-law, generally in accordance with Appendix A of the Administrative Report entitled "Single Room Accommodation (SRA) By-law Status Update and Amendments" dated October 21, 2009, including:

- a) Prohibiting the nightly rental of up to 10% of designated rooms, and allowing rentals of up to 10% of the designated rooms, on a less than monthly basis, only as permitted by the Chief License Inspector in case of emergency;
- b) Removing the exemption for commercial hotels from the by-law requirements;
- c) Allowing for accessory or amenity space that is not subject to conversion requirements;
- d) Allowing an owner to fulfill the conditions of approval for an SRA Conversion/Demolition Permit within the later of 12 months after receiving notice of those conditions and the date the development permit lapses;
- e) Removing certain properties from Schedule A as a result of approval of an exemption or issuance of an SRA Conversion/Demolition Permit or because the by-law does not apply to them;
- f) Recording changes in civic addresses in Schedule A to the By-law, generally in accordance with Appendix A of the Administrative Report entitled "Single Room Accommodation (SRA) By-law Status Update and Amendments" dated October 21, 2009; and

- g) Improving the administration of and promoting compliance with the By-law, generally in accordance with Appendix A of the Administrative Report entitled "Single Room Accommodation (SRA) By-law Status Update and Amendments" dated October 21, 2009; and

FURTHER THAT Council authorize the Director of Legal Services to prepare a by-law amending the Single Room Accommodation By-law, generally in accordance with Appendix A of the Administrative Report entitled "Single Room Accommodation (SRA) By-law Status Update and Amendments" dated October 21, 2009.

carried

AMENDMENT MOVED by Councillor Woodsworth

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

THAT City of Vancouver staff meet with Simon Fraser University representatives and the community to discuss ways to ensure students do not displace existing tenants.

referred

REFERRAL MOVED by Councillor Reimer

THAT the amendment moved by Councillor Woodsworth be referred to the next Regular Council meeting on January 19, 2009, for further discussion.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

AMENDMENT MOVED by Councillor Anton

THAT the motion be amended by striking (a) and replacing with:

Allow 10% of rooms to be rented on a daily basis with the rooms being permanently designated as daily rental rooms.

LOST

(Councillors Deal, Jang, Louie, Meggs, Stevenson, Reimer, Woodsworth, and Deputy Mayor Chow opposed)

Council agreed to separate the vote on (a) of the motion.

The amendment having lost, the motion was put and CARRIED with Councillor Anton opposed to (a).

RISE FROM COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MOVED by Councillor Deal

THAT the Committee of the Whole rise and report.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADOPT REPORT OF COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MOVED by Councillor Jang
SECONDED by Councillor Reimer

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

BY-LAWS

MOVED by Councillor Deal
SECONDED by Councillor Jang

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Special Council meeting adjourned at 9:58 pm

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