

REPORT TO COUNCIL

STANDING COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL  
ON PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT

FEBRUARY 4, 2010

A Regular Meeting of the Standing Committee of Council on Planning and Environment was held on Thursday, February 4, 2010, at 2:00 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 Heather Deal, Vice-Chair\*  
Councillor Kerry Jang  
Councillor Raymond Louie  
Councillor Geoff Meggs\*  
Councillor Tim Stevenson\*  
Councillor Ellen Woodsworth\*

**CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE:** Penny Ballem, City Manager  
Sadhu Johnston, Deputy City Manager

**CITY CLERK'S OFFICE:** Cobi Falconer, Meeting Coordinator

\* Denotes absence for a portion of the meeting

**ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Standing Committee on Planning and Environment meeting of January 21, 2010, were adopted.

**MATTERS ADOPTED ON CONSENT**

MOVED by Mayor Robertson

THAT the Committee adopt Items 1 and 2 on consent.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

(Councillors Chow, Deal, Meggs, Stevenson, and Woodsworth absent for the vote)

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**VARY ORDER OF AGENDA**

*MOVED by Councillor Louie*

*THAT Item 6 be dealt with next.*

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

*Note from Meeting Coordinator: For clarity, the minutes are recorded in chronological order.*

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**6. Homeless Action Plan**

At the Standing Committee on City Services and Budgets meeting, on February 4, 2010, Council concluded hearing from speakers and referred discussion and decision on the above noted matter to the Standing Committee on Planning and Environment meeting later that day.

MOVED by Mayor Robertson  
SECONDED by Councillor Jang

WHEREAS ending street homelessness in Vancouver by 2015 is a key goal of the Mayor and Council;

WHEREAS the City of Vancouver staff have increased capacity and services to house and serve homeless individuals to unprecedented levels in the past year;

WHEREAS the 2008 regional homeless count indicated that 2000 housing units are required to house street homeless in Vancouver;

WHEREAS Vancouver's street homeless population is diverse, and individuals often suffer from concurrent mental health, addictions and other medical issues which require services, in addition to poverty, and abuse;

WHEREAS the mental health plan for Vancouver has led to the adoption of an integrated urban health approach to fostering community capacity to address these interrelated issues;

WHEREAS Vancouver's street homeless require a broad continuum of supportive housing options that include shelters, interim housing, permanent housing, subsidized rental housing, and affordable market rental and strata housing;

WHEREAS some of these options, such as purpose-built supportive housing will take significant resources and time (upwards of 3-5 years) from ground breaking until being ready for occupancy;

WHEREAS the current economic climate has delayed a number of planned initiatives under various agreements negotiated with the Province;

WHEREAS even within the context of those plans, there will remain a significant gap in available housing by 2015; and

AND WHEREAS the City's Homeless Action Plan predates the current economic crisis and the changing demographics of street homeless in the past decade.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

THAT staff be directed to revisit the Homeless Action Plan and return to Council by the end of April 2010, with a revised action plan, that:

- Presents up-to-date Vancouver specific information on the number of street homeless individuals from a count to be completed in March, 2010;
- Addresses the constraints of the changing economic climate;
- Outlines options for interim solutions for street homelessness;
- Provides realistic options to achieve the goal of ending street homelessness in Vancouver by 2015;
- Provides options for optimizing City real estate and assets that can strategically leverage funding from other orders of government, private donors and investors for solutions for street homelessness;
- Creates a plan for an annual progress report card on the state of street homelessness to the public that includes results of an annual count and relevant metrics;
- Provides options for encouraging citizen engagement in supporting homeless individuals by expanding such initiatives as Homeless Action Week, Homeless Connect events and the Mayor's Multi Faith Advisory Group on Homelessness;
- Ensures that bylaws, regulations and enforcement policies that relate to individuals who are street homeless provide for their maximum safety and are in alignment with current statutes and relevant case law; and
- Provides options for optimizing social development grants to foster and support local community-based solutions tailored to ending street homelessness within individual neighbourhoods.

carried unanimously

AMENDMENT MOVED by Councillor Woodsworth

THAT the following bullet be added at the end of the motion:

- Provides strategies for Mayor and Council to encourage the federal government to set up a National Housing Program, including working with community groups, Big City Mayors, FCM, faith groups and businesses.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY  
(Councillors Chow and Meggs absent for the vote.)

**1. 1163 Granville Street - Hyde Entertainment Ltd., Relocation of Liquor Primary Liquor Licence  
January 18, 2010**

THAT the Committee recommend to Council

THAT Council, having considered the opinion of local area residents and business operators as determined by site sign, noise impacts and relevant Council policy as outlined in the Administrative Report dated January 18, 2010, entitled "1163 Granville Street - Hyde Entertainment Ltd, Relocation of Liquor Primary Liquor Licence Application", endorse the request by Hyde Entertainment Ltd to relocate their existing Liquor Primary liquor licence (Liquor Establishment Class 3 - Pub) from 1046 Granville Street to 1163 Granville Street, subject to:

- i. Standard hours of operation for the first six months are limited to 11 am to 1 am, Sunday to Thursday; and 11 am to 2 am, Friday and Saturday; after which time the Extended hours of operation may be considered which are limited to 9 am to 2 am, Sunday to Thursday; and 9 am to 3 am, Friday and Saturday;
- ii. Food service to be provided during operating hours, seven days a week;
- iii. A maximum total capacity of 200 persons;
- iv. Acoustic report to be submitted certifying that the establishment meets Noise Control By-law requirements;
- v. Signing a Good Neighbour Agreement with the City prior to business licence issuance;
- vi. A Time-limited Development Permit; and
- vii. Terminating the Liquor Primary liquor licence #038689 which was for the Al Ritrovo (175 seats).

ADOPTED ON CONSENT

**2. Amendments to Rezoning Conditions for 1300-1336 Granville Street  
January 20, 2010**

THAT the Committee recommend to Council

- A. THAT Council approve a revised condition for both the SRA Permit and the rezoning at 1300-1336 Granville Street that requires the owner of the residential portion of the Yale Hotel to grant the City an option to purchase that space either in the form of one or more strata lots or an air space parcel, at the option of the Director of Legal Services, and on terms and conditions, and such supplemental legal agreements as are required, satisfactory to the Director of Legal Services, in consultation with the Managing Director of Social Development and the Director of Facility Design and Development.
- B. THAT Form of Development condition (b)(xxviii) for the rezoning at 1300-1336 Granville Street be amended to change the number of liquor licensed seats, to be transferred from the Cecil Hotel to the proposed neighbourhood pub, from 237 to 273 seats.

ADOPTED ON CONSENT

**3. Green Rezoning Policy  
December 3, 2009**

Staff from Central Area Planning and the Sustainability Group provided a presentation and responded to questions.

The Committee heard from twelve speakers in general support, some of also whom expressed concerns about various aspects of the report.

MOVED by Councillor Louie

THAT the Committee recommend to Council

- A. THAT Council adopt the rezoning policy generally in accordance with Appendix A of the Policy Report dated December 3, 2009, entitled "Green Rezoning Policy" with the following change: effective March 1st, 2010, all projects must register for LEED certification.
- B. THAT interim to the policy coming into effect, that the City Manager ensure that further consultation with the development industry continue and that staff report back to Council before July 30th, 2010 with a recommended date in early 2011 that all projects must achieve minimum LEED Gold certification. Recognizing that the LEED certification process can take time, the staff report should also recommend procedures for implementing LEED Gold requirements in a way that does not delay the development process.
- C. THAT Staff report back to Council before July 30<sup>th</sup> 2010 on how the City can partner with the development community to promote green building leaders through this unique public/private program, ensure that various parties' needs are being adequately addressed, and on a process to ensure that the Citywide Green Rezoning Policy is being adapted over time to respond to upgrades in building policy, new technologies and market trends.

carried unanimously

AMENDMENT MOVED by Councillor Anton

THAT the Motion be amended by striking A and replacing it with:  
THAT Council adopt the rezoning policy generally in accordance with Appendix A: Citywide Green Rezoning Policy.

LOST

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

AMENDMENT MOVED by Councillor Anton

THAT the following be added as D at the end of the motion:

THAT Council direct staff that LEED Gold Certifications is the goal on LEED projects.

LOST

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

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

4. **Greenest City 2020 Implementation Plan**  
**January 26, 2010**

Staff from the Sustainability Group and Central Area Planning responded to questions.

The Committee heard from one speaker who expressed concern about not being included in the Vision Implementation process.

MOVED by Mayor Robertson

THAT the Committee recommend to Council

- A. THAT Council adopt the long-term environmental goals summarized in Appendix A of the Administrative Report dated January 26, 2010, entitled "Greenest City 2010 Implementation Plan", recommended by the Greenest City Action Team (GCAT) in their report entitled "Vancouver 2020: A Bright Green Future".
- B. THAT Council direct staff to proceed with the development of a Greenest City 2020 Implementation Plan, as described in Appendix B of the Administrative Report dated January 26, 2010, entitled "Greenest City 2010 Implementation Plan", with the following additions:  

Appendix B - Section 4.2.1 Principles for Engagement COMMUNITY:

  - add a new bullet that reads "Consider existing policies and Community Visions in the development of the implementation plans";

Appendix B - Section 4.2 Public Engagement:

  - modify the last sentence of the second paragraph to read "In addition to these public events, staff will engage interested community groups - including geographic communities of interest such as Vision Implementation Committee and Residents' Associations, and issues based communities of interest such as the Heritage Foundation -- for input and will further engage the general public via online and other interactive tools."
- C. THAT Council direct staff a report back on outlining how the implementation plans can optimize the targets laid out in the Greenest City Action Team report including any recommended revisions to the targets.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5. **Woodward's Non-profit Tenants Generic Office Tenants (second report)  
January 18, 2010**

Staff from Social Infrastructure provided a presentation and responded to questions.

The Committee heard from two speakers, one of whom expressed interest in their organization becoming a tenant in the Woodward's building, and the other expressing gratitude for being selected.

MOVED by Councillor Deal

THAT the Committee recommend to Council

- A. THAT Council approve Minerva Foundation for BC Women and Information Services Vancouver Society for consideration as tenants in the Non-Profit Generic Office space within the City-owned Parcel ("the Parcel") of the Heritage Building in the Woodward's development at 101 East Hastings Street, subject to availability of space on the third floor (approximately 7300 square feet net), and subject to the satisfaction of the Deputy General Manager of Community Services and the Director of Real Estate Services.
- B. THAT non-profit leases, at nominal rent, for a term of five years with three subsequent options to renew for a further five years each, be negotiated by Real Estate Services to the satisfaction of the Directors of Real Estate Services, Facilities Design and Management, Legal Services, Deputy General Manager of Community Services; and that no legal rights or obligations be created or arise by Council's adoption of Recommendation A as outlined in the Administrative Report dated January 18, 2010, entitled "Woodward's Non-profit Tenants Generic Office Tenants (second report)", unless and until such legal documents are executed and delivered by the Director of Legal Services.
- C. THAT Council hereby authorize that the successful non-profit organizations chosen as per Recommendation "A" as outlined in the Administrative Report dated January 18, 2010, entitled "Woodward's Non-profit Tenants Generic Office Tenants (second report)", as non-profit tenants approved for occupancy in the Woodward's Parcel, be granted in lieu the equivalent amount representing the tenant's proportionate share of real property taxes.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AND  
BY THE REQUIRED MAJORITY  
(Mayor Robertson absent for the vote)

The Committee adjourned at 5:37 pm

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

FEBRUARY 4, 2010

A Regular Meeting of the Council of the City of Vancouver was held on Thursday, February 4, 2010, at 5:38 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:** Deputy Mayor Andrea Reimer  
Councillor Suzanne Anton  
Councillor David Cadman  
Councillor George Chow  
Councillor Heather Deal  
Councillor Kerry Jang  
Councillor Raymond Louie  
Councillor Geoff Meggs  
Councillor Tim Stevenson  
Councillor Ellen Woodsworth

**ABSENT:** Mayor Gregor Robertson

**CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE:** Sadhu Johnston, Deputy City Manger

**CITY CLERK'S OFFICE:** Cobi Falconer, Meeting Coordinator

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

MOVED by Councillor Cadman  
SECONDED by Councillor Jang

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Report of Standing Committee on Planning and Environment  
February 4, 2010

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

1. 1163 Granville Street - Hyde Entertainment Ltd., Relocation of Liquor Primary Liquor Licence
2. Amendments to Rezoning Conditions for 1300-1336 Granville Street
3. Green Rezoning Policy
4. Greenest City 2020 Implementation Plan
5. Woodward's Non-profit Tenants Generic Office Tenants (second report)
6. Homeless Action Plan

Items 1-6

MOVED by Councillor Deal

THAT the recommendations and actions taken by the Standing Committee on Planning and Environment at its meeting of February 4, 2010, as contained in Items 1-6, be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AND  
ITEM 5 BY THE REQUIRED MAJORITY

**RISE FROM COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

MOVED by Councillor Meggs

THAT the Committee of the Whole rise and report.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**ADOPT REPORT OF COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

MOVED by Councillor Woodsworth  
SECONDED by Councillor Deal

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Council adjourned at 5:40 pm

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