

REPORT TO COUNCIL

STANDING COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL
ON PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT

JULY 28, 2011



A Regular Meeting of the Standing Committee of Council on Planning and Environment was held on Thursday, July 28, 2011, at 2:16 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 Raymond Louie Councillor Geoff Meggs Councillor Tim Stevenson Councillor Ellen Woodsworth
ABSENT:	Councillor Kerry Jang (Leave of Absence)
CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE:	Penny Ballem, City Manager Sadhu Johnston, Deputy City Manager
CITY CLERK'S OFFICE:	Tina Hildebrandt, Meeting Coordinator Rosemary Hagiwara, Acting Deputy City Clerk/Director of Council Operations

1. (a) Sustainable City of Sustainable Neighbourhoods Project
July 11, 2011

Eileen Keenan, Chair, Vancouver City Planning Commission - Sustainable Neighbourhoods Committee, presented the report and responded to questions.

The Committee heard from two speakers, one who spoke in support of the report and one who spoke in general support but highlighted concerns in relation to the public consultation process.

Council received the Vancouver City Planning Commission's Report dated July 11, 2011, entitled "Sustainable City of Sustainable Neighbourhoods Project" for information.

(b) Vancouver's Next Community Plans
July 15, 2011

Staff from Community Planning presented the report and, along with staff from Planning, responded to questions.

The Committee heard from eight speakers, three who spoke in general support of the report and five who spoke in opposition and expressed concerns in relation to the community planning process.

MOVED by Councillor Reimer

THAT the Committee recommend to Council

- A. THAT Council endorse the approach outlined in the Administrative Report dated July 15, 2011, entitled "Vancouver's Next Community Plans", to guide planning in the next Community Plan neighbourhoods.
- B. THAT Council direct staff to begin Community Plan programs in Grandview-Woodland, Marpole and the West End;

FURTHER THAT Council approve the additional funding necessary to undertake all three plans concurrently, as outlined in the Financial Implications section of the Administrative Report dated July 15, 2011, entitled "Vancouver's Next Community Plans", and detailed in Appendix C of that report, subject to the 2012 budget process.

- C. THAT Council approve the rezoning policy attached in Appendix B of the Administrative Report dated July 15, 2011, entitled "Vancouver's Next Community Plans", to establish the conditions under which new rezonings and heritage revitalisation agreements will be considered while the Grandview Woodland, Marpole and West End Community Plan programs are underway.
- D. THAT Council direct staff, as part of the city-wide plan scoping process, to report to Council on a plan to building neighbourhood capacity such that all neighbourhoods can effectively participate in the planning process; and that interim to the above-referenced report, staff undertake actions to increase capacity as opportunities allow.
- E. THAT interim to the city-wide planning process concluding the following enhancements to the rezoning process be implemented as interim measures:
 - (i) A liaison Councillor and alternate be appointed to each Vision Implementation Committee;
 - (ii) Staff identify and publish a list of all areas, building types and issues within the existing Visions which were identified as needing further planning and that staff encourage development proposals that relate to these, to be brought to the early attention of the Vision Implementation Committees in order that they can be more meaningfully involved in early planning in such circumstances; and
 - (iii) The notification area for proposed rezonings be expanded on a case by case basis to include an area that would be reasonably impacted by a proposed rezoning (e.g. - Impacts from shadowing, views, traffic, etc).

amended

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Councillor Anton rose on a point of order in regard to a component of E which she felt was out of order as it does not relate to the report.

Councillor Anton challenged the ruling of the Chair.

The Chair then put the question

Shall the ruling of the Chair be sustained?

CARRIED

(Councillor Anton opposed)

A two-thirds majority is required to overturn the ruling of the Chair. Therefore, the ruling of the Chair was SUSTAINED.

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REFERRAL MOVED by Councillor Woodsworth

THAT Council refer the motion under debate regarding Vancouver's Next Community Plans to the Standing Committee on Planning and Environment meeting to be held September 22, 2011.

LOST

(Councillors Chow, Deal, Louie, Meggs, Reimer, Stevenson and Mayor Robertson opposed)

AMENDMENT MOVED by Councillor Louie

F. THAT the following amendments be made to Appendix B:

- (i) Strike "30%" in Policy 5; and
- (ii) Strike and replace Policy 8 with the following:

Rezoning applications which seek relief from any of the terms of this rezoning policy may be considered under exceptional circumstances, provided that they substantially advance objectives from city-wide policies and do not constitute a significant increase in the rate of development for the neighbourhood in question.

CARRIED

(Councillor Anton opposed)

The amendment having carried, the motion as amended was put. The Committee agreed to separate the components of the motion for the vote.

MOTION AS AMENDED

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- A. THAT Council endorse the approach outlined in the Administrative Report dated July 15, 2011, entitled "Vancouver's Next Community Plans", to guide planning in the next Community Plan neighbourhoods.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- B. THAT Council direct staff to begin Community Plan programs in Grandview-Woodland, Marpole and the West End;

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CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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CARRIED

(Councillor Anton opposed)

- D. THAT Council direct staff, as part of the city-wide plan scoping process, to report to Council on a plan to building neighbourhood capacity such that all neighbourhoods can effectively participate in the planning process; and that interim to this report, staff undertake actions to increase capacity as opportunities allow.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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CARRIED

(Councillor Anton opposed)

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CARRIED

(Councillor Anton opposed)

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At 6:00 pm it was

*MOVED by Councillor Woodsworth
THAT the Committee recommend to Council*

THAT, under Section 2.3 (c) of the Procedure By-law, the Committee extend the meeting by one hour or less.

*CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AND
BY THE REQUIRED MAJORITY*

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VARY ORDER OF AGENDA

The Committee agreed to vary the order of the agenda in order to consider item 3 as its next item of business. For ease of reference the minutes are recorded in numerical order.

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At this point in the proceedings, Councillor Deal assumed the Chair. Councillor Reimer resumed as Chair during the hearing of speakers on Item 3.

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**2. Downtown Separated Bicycle Lanes Status Report, Summer 2011
July 20, 2011**

MOVED by Councillor Meggs
THAT the Committee recommend to Council

- A. THAT Council receive the Administrative Report dated July 20, 2011, entitled "Downtown Separated Bicycle Lanes Status Report, Summer 2011", for information.
- B. THAT staff report back in 2012 after at least twelve months of trial monitoring data is available on both the Dunsmuir Street and Hornby Street separated bike lanes.
- C. THAT both the Dunsmuir Street and Hornby Street separated bike lanes stay in place until staff report back, and that staff continue to refine configuration and operation of the lanes, including intersection operations.
- D. THAT Council approve the use of bicycle signals on bicycle facilities in the City of Vancouver, where considered appropriate by the City Engineer.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**3. Business Impact Study Report, Downtown Separated Bicycle Lanes
July 20, 2011**

Lee Malleau, CEO, Vancouver Economic Development Commission, presented the report.

The Committee heard from seven speakers, one who spoke in support of the report and provided general comments on the advantages of separated bicycle lanes, and six who spoke in general support but expressed concerns in relation to negative impacts on businesses associated with the separated bicycle lanes, and stressed the need to align the report recommendations more closely with those of the consultant's report.

MOVED by Mayor Robertson

THAT the Committee recommend to Council

- A. THAT Council receive the preliminary Business Impact Study Report (the Study) outlined in Administrative Report dated July 20, 2011, entitled "Business Impact Study Report, Downtown Separated Bicycle Lanes", for information.
- B. THAT Council direct City staff to consider the Study recommendations with regard to 'hot spots,' with particular focus on implementing a trial of right turn signals at Dunsmuir and Seymour and Dunsmuir and Hornby intersections, and to continue working with businesses on Hornby and Dunsmuir Streets, and for staff to provide a memorandum to Council in October 2011, on further steps to be taken to continue improving the separated bike lane experiences on those streets as well as a report back to Council in 2012.
- C. THAT Council direct City staff to take into account the Study recommendations in its ongoing work in development of the new City Transportation Plan.
- D. THAT the Vancouver Economic Development Commission (VEDC) work with City staff and stakeholders to report back with an assessment of economic impacts once two (2) or more years of demonstrable retail lease rates and sales data is more available.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Committee adjourned at 7:30 pm.

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

JULY 28, 2011

A Regular Meeting of the Council of the City of Vancouver was held on Thursday, July 28, 2011, at 7:30 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 Heather Deal
Councillor Raymond Louie
Councillor Geoff Meggs
Councillor Andrea Reimer
Councillor Tim Stevenson
Councillor Ellen Woodsworth

ABSENT: Councillor Kerry Jang (Leave of Absence)

CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE: Penny Ballem, City Manager

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE: Tina Hildebrandt, Meeting Coordinator

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MOVED by Councillor Stevenson
SECONDED by Councillor Cadman

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
July 28, 2011

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

1. (a) Sustainable City of Sustainable Neighbourhoods Project
(b) Vancouver's Next Community Plans
2. Downtown Separated Bicycle Lanes Status Report, Summer 2011
3. Business Impact Study Report, Downtown Separated Bike Lanes

Items 1 - 3

MOVED by Councillor Cadman

THAT the recommendations and actions taken by the Standing Committee on Planning and Environment at its meeting of Thursday, July 28, 2011, as contained in items 1 - 3, be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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 Stevenson
SECONDED by Councillor Cadman

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

URGENT BUSINESS

1. Request for Leaves of Absence - Councillors Meggs and Woodsworth

MOVED by Councillor Deal
SECONDED by Councillor Reimer

THAT Councillors Meggs and Woodsworth be granted Leaves of Absence for Personal Reasons from any meetings which may be held on August 2, 2011.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Council adjourned at 7:31 pm.

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