



## VANCOUVER CITY PLANNING COMMISSION

### MINUTES

March 25, 2015

A meeting of the Vancouver City Planning Commission (VCPC) was held on Wednesday, March 25, 2015, at 12:22 pm, in Committee Room 1, Third Floor, Vancouver City Hall.

**PRESENT:** Danielle Bauer  
Matthew Carter  
Rebecca Chaster  
Caitriona Feeney  
Am Johal  
Neal LaMontagne\*  
Robert Matas  
Andy Yan (Absent for Items 1(a) and (b))  
Brandon Yan

**ABSENT:** Brad Jones (Leave of Absence)  
Nola-Kate Seymoar (Leave of Absence)

**ALSO PRESENT:** Elizabeth Ballantyne, VCPC Manager  
Commissioner Casey Crawford, Park Board Liaison  
Trustee Mike Lombardi, School Board Liaison

**CITY CLERK'S OFFICE:** Terri Burke, Meeting Coordinator

\* Denotes absence for a portion of the meeting.

#### 1. ADMINISTRATION

##### a) Attendance

MOVED by Commissioner Johal  
SECONDED by Commissioner Carter

THAT Commissioners Jones and Seymoar be granted leaves of absence for this meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY  
(Commissioner LaMontagne absent for the vote)

**b) In Camera Meeting**

MOVED by Commissioner Johal  
SECONDED by Commissioner Feeney

THAT the Vancouver City Planning Commission will go into a meeting later this day, which is closed to the public, pursuant to Section 165.2(1) of the Vancouver Charter, to discuss matters related to paragraph:

- (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.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY  
(Commissioner LaMontagne absent for the vote)

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*The Commission recessed at 12:23 pm and reconvened at 12:32 pm.*

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**c) Minutes of February 25, 2015, for Approval**

MOVED by Commissioner Matas  
SECONDED by Commissioner Carter

THAT the Minutes of the Vancouver City Planning Commission meeting held February 25, 2015, be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY  
(Commissioner LaMontagne absent for the vote)

**d) Notice of VCPC Meetings**

The Chair noted the next two Regular Meetings will take place on April 8 and 22, 2015.

**e) Notice of Chair and Vice-Chair Election**

Danielle Bauer, Acting Chair, informed Commissioners that the Election of Chair and Vice-Chair will take place at the April 8, 2015, meeting. The VCPC Manager will circulate election procedures to all Commissioners.

**f) Welcome to New Commissioners**

The welcome of new Commissioners commenced with roundtable introductions.

## 2. REPORTS

### a) Report on VCPC Grant Request

The Commission Manager and Chair noted the VCPC Operating Grant was approved at the Standing Committee on Planning, Transportation and Environment meeting held earlier today.

### b) Manager's Report

The Commission Manager reported the following:

- Due to Commissioner Payson's resignation, there is a vacancy on the Commission, and a request has been made to Council to fill the vacancy;
- A thank you lunch was held for departing Commissioners;
- Commission meeting dates that fall on Council meeting dates will be reviewed and alternatives will be proposed.

### c) Reports from Liaison Members

Commissioner Crawford reported the following:

- The 2015 Park Development Operating and Capital Budget was approved, subject to City Council approval;
- The location for Metro Vancouver's Highbury Interceptor Air Management Facility is Musqueam Park;
- Safety improvements will be made to the Stanley Park Causeway;
- Park Naming Committee to be re-established;
- Vancouver Bluewater Task Force to be established to review current recreational policies and suggest improvements.

Trustee Lombardi reported the following:

- Scott Robinson was recently hired as the Superintendent of Schools;
- Janson Ho was recently hired as the Director for the Vancouver Seismic Project Office;
- A long range facilities plan is underway;
- The Provincial government has hired a special advisor to report on the VBE's finances;
- Misleading statements are circulating regarding a financial surplus, however, this is not accurate.

### d) Report on Urban Design Panel

None.

### e) Reports from Commissioners

Commissioner B. Yan reported that the UBC School of Community and Regional Planning (SCARP) students want to host the Canadian Association of Planning Students and they are looking for endorsers. He agreed to circulate the endorsement document to Commissioners.

Commissioner A. Yan discussed the recently released Vancity report on housing affordability entitled "Downsizing the Canadian Dream: Homeownership Realities for Millennials and Beyond". He agreed to send a link to the report to Commissioners.

The VCPC manager reported that she attended, along with the past VCPC Chair, the UBC School of Community and Regional Planning (SCARP) Symposium. She agreed to circulate notes from the event to all Commissioners.

Commissioner Johal reported that a discussion entitled "Shaping Vancouver - Conversations on the Heritage Action Plan", will take place on April 16, 2015, at 149 West Hastings Street.

**3. BUSINESS MEETING**

**a) Council Meetings - sign-up**

The Chair circulated a document for Commissioners to sign up to attend and observe Council meetings.

**b) Heritage Action Plan Advisory Committee**

Commissioner Carter provided an update on his experience as a member of the Committee. The VCPC Manager agreed to follow-up on receiving a presentation from staff on this matter.

**c) Urban Design Panel Committee**

It was agreed a working group would be struck to develop a process for discussing and commenting on Urban Design Panel topics.

**d) Planning/Development Milestones Chronology**

Commissioner Matas provided an update on the chronology project and noted there will be a public launch at the end of the year.

**e) Transit Plebiscite**

The VCPC Manger agreed to circulate a draft statement on the Transit Plebiscite to Commissioners for comments.

**f) Work Plan 2015**

The VCPC Manager agreed to circulate possible dates for the Commission orientation.

**4. New Business**

None.

**ADJOURNMENT**

MOVED by Commissioner Johal  
SECONDED by Commissioner Chaster

THAT this meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Commission adjourned at 1:35 pm.