



VANCOUVER CITY PLANNING COMMISSION

MINUTES

April 1, 2026

A meeting of the Vancouver City Planning Commission was held on Wednesday, April 1, 2026, at 4:03 PM, in the Cascadia Room, 3rd Floor, City Hall, and via electronic means.

PRESENT: Amber Osadan-Ullman, Chair
Sarvnaz Golkar
Trisha Halpenny
Khushali Kagrana
Sheyda Keyani
William Liang
Taygete Luna
Mariyeh Sharifisaraei, Vice-Chair
Aidan Shirley, Vice-Chair
Gloria Song, Vice-Chair

ALSO PRESENT: Commissioner Tom Digby, Park Board Liaison

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE: Adeola Alle, Coordinator, Planning Committees

WELCOME

Chair Osadan-Ullman acknowledged we are on the unceded homelands of the Musqueam, Squamish, and Tsleil-Waututh Peoples. We thank them for having cared for this land and look forward to working with them in partnership as we continue to build this great city together.

Leave of Absence Requests

None.

Approval of Minutes

MOVED by Commissioner Shirley
SECONDED by Commissioner Liang

THAT the Vancouver City Planning Commission approve the minutes from the meeting of Wednesday, March 4, 2026, as circulated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

1. Northeast False Creek Plan Implementation Update

Staff from Planning, Urban Design and Sustainability provided a presentation and responded to questions and comments.

2. Vancouver City Planning Commission Centennial Anniversary

Commissioners discussed the origins and history of the Commission. Following discussion, it was

MOVED by Commissioner Shirley

SECONDED by Commissioner Sharifisaraei

WHEREAS

1. The Vancouver City Planning Commission ("the Commission") is an active City of Vancouver civic agency that advises Council on a broad range of planning-related priorities and initiatives;
2. The Commission was formally established on February 1, 1926, as the "Vancouver Town Planning Commission," making 2026 its centennial anniversary;
3. The Commission was created in part to advise in the creation of a city plan and zoning ordinance, later published as "A Plan for the City of Vancouver British Columbia" in 1930, and the City continues to undertake and advance similarly important planning initiatives today, including the drafting of Vancouver's first City-wide Official Development Plan (ODP);
4. The Commission feels it important to recognize this milestone and the Commission's historical role in the shaping of the City;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

- A. THAT the Vancouver City Planning Commission recognize 2026 as its centennial anniversary;
- B. THAT the Commission request that Council direct staff and any other relevant persons or entities to identify opportunities for the digitization and publication of Commission-related materials currently stored in the City of Vancouver Archives and other repositories, including, but not limited to:
 - (i) City of Vancouver Planning By-law No. 1771 (including all of the original by-law, amendment by-laws thereto, and the most recent consolidated version of the by-law upon its repealment);
 - (ii) Agendas, minutes, and other meeting materials of the Commission dating back to its inception;
 - (iii) City plans, by-laws, and other materials which were produced with meaningful input from the Commission; and

- (iv) Similar materials to the foregoing in relation to the Town Planning Commission of the Municipality of Point Grey prior to its amalgamation with the City of Vancouver on January 1, 1929;
- C. THAT the Commission request that Council direct staff to share social media posts with contents provided by the Commission, aimed at raising awareness of the City's planning history, including how planning processes originated and have evolved over the past century;
- D. THAT past Commissioners as well as prominent and distinguished planners and planning-adjacent professionals (current or former) be invited to advise on, participate in, or otherwise contribute to the campaign; and
- E. THAT the Commission request that Council declare November 2026 as Urban Planning Month in Vancouver, coinciding with World Urbanism Day/World Town Planning Day on November 8, 2026.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. Liaison Updates

The Park Board Liaison provided updates and responded to questions and comments.

4. Subcommittee Updates

a) Workplan Subcommittee Updates

Following discussion, it was

MOVED by Commissioner Shirley
SECONDED by Commissioner Golkar

THAT the Vancouver City Planning Commission request that staff report back on whether or not in-house resources are available to support the design of the Milestones Initiative, as described in the [2025–2026 VCPC Workplan](#); and

FURTHER THAT if such resources are not available, that the Commission request funding from City Council for the design of the Milestones Initiative (amount to be determined following consultation with staff).

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

b) Updates from Reimagine VCPC Subcommittee

Commissioners provided updates on the Subcommittee's progress.

c) Update from Urban Design Panel

Commission representatives to the Urban Design Panel provided updates from the meeting held March 4, 2026.

5. Recreation Facility Funding

The Commission discussed an upcoming Park Board motion to request investment in recreation facilities, parks and open spaces, and biodiversity restoration in the 2027-30 Capital Plan.

6. New Business

None.

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Commissioner Liang
SECONDED by Commissioner Kagrana

THAT this meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Next Meeting:

DATE: Wednesday, April 29, 2026
TIME: 4:00 pm
PLACE: Cascadia Room, 3rd Floor, City Hall
/ Teams Meeting

The Committee adjourned at 6:04 PM.

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