REPORT TO COUNCIL

STANDING COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL
ON POLICY AND STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

MAY 4, 2016

A Regular Meeting of the Standing Committee of Council on Policy and Strategic Priorities was held on Wednesday, May 4, 2016, at 9:38 am, in the Council Chamber, Third Floor, City Hall.

PRESENT: Councillor Andrea Reimer, Chair*
Mayor Gregor Robertson
Councillor George Affleck
Councillor Elizabeth Ball, Vice-Chair
Councillor Adriane Carr
Councillor Melissa De Genova
Councillor Heather Deal
Councillor Kerry Jang*
Councillor Raymond Louie*
Councillor Geoff Meggs

ABSENT: Councillor Tim Stevenson (Leave of Absence - Civic Business)

CITY MANAGER’S OFFICE: Sadhu Johnston, City Manager
CITY CLERK’S OFFICE: Janie MacKenzie, City Clerk
Katrina Leckovic, Deputy City Clerk
Maria Castro, Meeting Coordinator

* Denotes absence for a portion of the meeting.

VARY AGENDA

MOVED by Councillor Carr

THAT the order of the agenda be varied to deal with Item 7 following Item 1.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AND
BY THE REQUIRED MAJORITY

Note: For clarity, the minutes are recorded in chronological order.

April 6, 2016

At 9:40 am, Councillor Jang declared Conflict of Interest as he is a Director of one of the societies recommended for a grant.
Bonnie Ma, Planning Analyst, Planning and Development Services, provided an overview of the report and responded to questions.

MOVED by Councillor Louie
THAT the Committee recommend to Council

A. THAT Council approve the allocation of $140,000 to four Chinese Society non-profit organizations (first-time applicants as detailed in Appendix A of the Administrative Report dated April 6, 2016, entitled “Chinese Society Buildings Matching Grant Allocations - 2016”) to strategically advance the revitalization of these important cultural, social and heritage resources in Vancouver’s Chinatown and across the Downtown Eastside; source of funds is the Chinese Society Building Matching Grant Program.


CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AND A AND B BY THE REQUIRED MAJORITY (Vote No. 01225)
(Councillor Jang absent for the vote due to Conflict of Interest)

7. Standing Authority to Execute Various Agreements
April 12, 2016

MOVED by Councillor Affleck
THAT the Committee recommend to Council

A. THAT Council authorize the Director of Real Estate Services, Associate Directors of Real Estate Services, or Supervisor of Property Negotiations, to execute Licence Agreements, Month to Month Leases, Offers to Lease, and Leases (the “Commercial Lease”), where the City is either the lessor or lessee, or licensor or licensee, where the total rental or licensee fee value is less than $750,000 and the term (including renewal options) is no more than ten (10) years;

FURTHER THAT the General Manager of Real Estate and Facilities Management or the Director of Finance approve the material terms of each Commercial Lease, which, in cases where the City is the licensee or lessee, may include a commercially reasonable indemnity in favour of the licensor or lessor.

B. THAT the Director of Real Estate Services report back every five (5) years on the appropriateness of the existing threshold for total rental and licensee fee values, and to seek Council approval for any increase that may be warranted as
a result of any increase in commercial rental values during the preceding five (5) year period.

C. THAT the Director of Real Estate Services report back to Council, at the end of each fiscal year, with a listing of all executed leases negotiated by staff pursuant to A above, where the total rental or licensee value is less than $750,000 and the term is not more than ten years.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (Vote No. 01225)
(Councillor Jang absent for the vote)

2. Progress Report out on Citywide Transportation Monitoring, Safety and Seaside Greenway

Steve Brown, Manager, Traffic and Data Management, along with Dr. Larry Frank, UBC Health and Community Design Lab, provided a presentation on the Citywide Transportation Monitoring, Safety and Seaside Greenway.

Following the presentation, Jerry Dobrovolny, Director of Transportation, Engineering Services, along with Active Transportation staff and Dr. Frank, responded to questions.

3. Seaside Greenway - South False Creek - Burrard Bridge to Cambie Bridge
April 25, 2016

Dale Bracewell, Manager, Active Transportation, presented the report on the Seaside Greenway - South False Creek - Burrard Bridge to Cambie Bridge.

Jerry Dobrovolny, General Manager of Engineering Services, along with Active Transportation staff, responded to questions.

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At 12:00 pm, it was

MOVED by Councillor Reimer

THAT Council extend the meeting to continue with the item.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
Subsequently, it was

MOVED by Councillor Carr

THAT Council begin hearing from speakers and postpone questions to staff until after the recess.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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During the hearing of speakers, the Committee recessed at 12:23 pm and reconvened at 1:08 pm, with Councillor Ball in the Chair.

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Due to time constraints, it was

MOVED by Councillor Meggs

THAT Items 5 and 6 be postponed to the Standing Committee on City Finance and Services meeting on Wednesday, May 18, 2016.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Councillors Louie and Reimer absent for the vote)

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Jerry Dobrovolny, General Manager of Engineering Services, along with Active Transportation and Park Board staff, responded to questions.

The Committee heard from ten speakers. Three speakers were in support of the recommendations. Others spoke in opposition and expressed concerns regarding pedestrian and cyclist safety, and accessibility for seniors and persons with disabilities.

MOVED by Councillor Deal
THAT the Committee recommend to Council

A. THAT Council approve a multi-year capital project budget up to $3.2 million for improvements to the Seaside Greenway (i.e. Seawall) between Burrard Bridge and Cambie Bridge, excluding those portions in and immediately adjacent to parks, as detailed in the Administrative Report dated April 25, 2016, entitled “Seaside Greenway - South False Creek - Burrard Bridge to Cambie Bridge”, to improve safety and comfort for people walking and cycling; source of funding to be from the approved 2015-18 Capital Plan for the Active Transportation Corridors and Spot Improvement Program.
B. THAT Council endorse a multi-year capital project budget for improvements to the Seaside Greenway (i.e. Seawall) between Burrard Bridge and Cambie Bridge, for those portions in Charleson Park and adjacent to Sutcliffe Park, as detailed in the Administrative Report dated April 25, 2016, entitled “Seaside Greenway - South False Creek - Burrard Bridge to Cambie Bridge”, to improve safety and comfort for people walking and cycling, and approve funding; source of funding to be $4.7 million from City-wide Development Cost Levies (DCLs) allocated to Parks and Open Spaces, to be added to the 2015-18 Capital Plan for Active Transportation Corridors and Spot Improvements Program.

C. THAT Council approve a capital project budget for the installation of an accessible public washroom at or adjacent to Charleson Park; source of funding to be $0.4 million from City-wide Development Cost Levies (DCLs) allocated to Parks and Open Spaces, to be added to the 2015-18 Capital Plan for Active Transportation Corridors and Spot Improvements Program.

D. THAT Council approve a multi-year capital project budget for the selective replacement of existing flagstones with accessible walking and cycling surfaces along the Seaside Greenway (i.e. Seawall) between Burrard Bridge and Cambie Bridge, to improve safety and comfort for people walking and cycling; source of funding to be $1.1 million from City-wide Development Cost Levies (DCLs) allocated to Engineering, to be added to the 2015-18 Capital Plan for Active Transportation Corridors and Spot Improvements Program, and staff continue to work closely with the False Creek South Neighbourhood Association to mitigate unreasonable impacts on existing residents as part of ongoing collaboration related to the renewal of the neighbourhood.

E. THAT, subject to the approval of A through D above, Council approve a 2016 Capital project expenditure budget of up to $4.0 million, to be added to the overall approved annual Capital expenditure budget. This update to the 2016 Capital Project Budget is to allow for construction of approved works in 2016 and is a portion of the funding approved in A through D. The budget for the remaining expenditures will form part of the annual budget process for 2017 and 2018.

F. THAT Council authorize staff to work with Park Board, Granville Island, residents, businesses, neighbourhood associations and other interested groups to implement the Future Considerations listed in Appendix B of the Administrative Report dated April 25, 2016, entitled “Seaside Greenway - South False Creek - Burrard Bridge to Cambie Bridge”, along with implementing a AAA connection between the Seaside Greenway and the Arbutus Greenway, with funding to be included in the 2017 Capital Budget.

amended
AMENDMENT MOVED by Councillor Carr

THAT the following be added as G and H to the motion:

G. THAT Council direct staff to work with the city’s Seniors and People with Disabilities Advisory Committees and residents of the residential building on the south side of Bucketwheel to locate the loading/pick-up/drop-off zone in the same place it is currently located or closer to the main access door to their building on Bucketwheel and pursue other engineering changes such as providing a smooth walking surface that meet the needs of seniors and people with disabilities.

H. THAT Council direct staff to work with the City’s Seniors and People with Disabilities Advisory Committees and residents of The Castings to ensure there is the best possible vehicular access to meet the needs of seniors and people with disabilities without vehicular access on the Seaside Greenway.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (Vote No. 01228)
(Councillors Louie and Reimer absent for the vote)

The amendment having carried, the amendment CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (Vote No. 01229) with Councillors Louie, Reimer and Stevenson absent for the vote.

FINAL MOTION AS ADOPTED

A. THAT Council approve a multi-year capital project budget up to $3.2 million for improvements to the Seaside Greenway (i.e. Seawall) between Burrard Bridge and Cambie Bridge, excluding those portions in and immediately adjacent to parks, as detailed in the Administrative Report dated April 25, 2016, entitled “Seaside Greenway - South False Creek - Burrard Bridge to Cambie Bridge”, to improve safety and comfort for people walking and cycling; source of funding to be from the approved 2015-18 Capital Plan for the Active Transportation Corridors and Spot Improvement Program.

B. THAT Council endorse a multi-year capital project budget for improvements to the Seaside Greenway (i.e. Seawall) between Burrard Bridge and Cambie Bridge, for those portions in Charleston Park and adjacent to Sutcliffe Park, as detailed in the Administrative Report dated April 25, 2016, entitled “Seaside Greenway - South False Creek - Burrard Bridge to Cambie Bridge”, to improve safety and comfort for people walking and cycling, and approve funding; source of funding to be $4.7 million from City-wide Development Cost Levies (DCLs) allocated to Parks and Open Spaces, to be added to the 2015-18 Capital Plan for Active Transportation Corridors and Spot Improvements Program.

C. THAT Council approve a capital project budget for the installation of an accessible public washroom at or adjacent to Charleston Park; source of funding to be $0.4 million from City-wide Development Cost Levies (DCLs) allocated to
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Parks and Open Spaces, to be added to the 2015-18 Capital Plan for Active Transportation Corridors and Spot Improvements Program.

D. THAT Council approve a multi-year capital project budget for the selective replacement of existing flagstones with accessible walking and cycling surfaces along the Seaside Greenway (i.e. Seawall) between Burrard Bridge and Cambie Bridge, to improve safety and comfort for people walking and cycling; source of funding to be $1.1 million from City-wide Development Cost Levies (DCLs) allocated to Engineering, to be added to the 2015-18 Capital Plan for Active Transportation Corridors and Spot Improvements Program, and staff continue to work closely with the False Creek South Neighbourhood Association to mitigate unreasonable impacts on existing residents as part of ongoing collaboration related to the renewal of the neighbourhood.

E. THAT, subject to the approval of A through D above, Council approve a 2016 Capital project expenditure budget of up to $4.0 million, to be added to the overall approved annual Capital expenditure budget. This update to the 2016 Capital Project Budget is to allow for construction of approved works in 2016 and is a portion of the funding approved in A through D. The budget for the remaining expenditures will form part of the annual budget process for 2017 and 2018.

F. THAT Council authorize staff to work with Park Board, Granville Island, residents, businesses, neighbourhood associations and other interested groups to implement the Future Considerations listed in Appendix B of the Administrative Report dated April 25, 2016, entitled “Seaside Greenway - South False Creek - Burrard Bridge to Cambie Bridge”, along with implementing a AAA connection between the Seaside Greenway and the Arbutus Greenway, with funding to be included in the 2017 Capital Budget.

G. THAT Council direct staff to work with the city’s Seniors and People with Disabilities Advisory Committees and residents of the residential building on the south side of Bucketwheel to locate the loading/pick-up/drop-off zone in the same place it is currently located or closer to the main access door to their building on Bucketwheel and pursue other engineering changes such as providing a smooth walking surface that meet the needs of seniors and people with disabilities.

H. THAT Council direct staff to work with the City’s Seniors and People with Disabilities Advisory Committees and residents of The Castings to ensure there is the best possible vehicular access to meet the needs of seniors and people with disabilities without vehicular access on the Seaside Greenway.
The Committee recessed at 3:45 pm and reconvened at 4:00 pm.

Councillor Reimer resumed the Chair at 4:07 pm.

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4. Seaside Greenway Completion - Phase 2 - Public Realm and Sidewalks - Point Grey Road, Alma Street to Tatlow Park
   April 20, 2016

Dale Bracewell, Manager, Active Transportation, presented the report on the Seaside Greenway Completion - Phase 2 - Public Realm and Sidewalks - Point Grey Road, Alma Street to Tatlow Park.

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At 4:10 pm, following the staff presentation, it was

MOVED by Mayor Robertson

THAT the Committee begin hearing speakers for this item.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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The Committee recessed at 5:53 pm and reconvened at 6:19 pm,
beginning with speaker number 14.

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The Committee heard from fourteen speakers. Four speakers were in support of the recommendations. Others spoke in opposition and expressed concerns regarding parking and safety aspects, including the increased risk of accidents to pedestrians, runners, cyclists and vehicles. Several speakers commented on environmental aspects and the public consultation process. Many speakers felt that the improvements are not necessary and that other areas of the City could benefit from this expenditure.

Jerry Dobrovolny, Director of Transportation, Engineering Services, along with Active Transportation and Park Board staff, responded to questions.

MOVED by Councillor Deal
THAT the Committee recommend to Council

THAT Council approve a multi-year capital project budget of up to $6.4 million for public realm improvements to the Seaside Greenway between Alma Street and Macdonald Street, as detailed in the Administrative Report dated April 20, 2016,
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entitled “Seaside Greenway Completion - Phase 2 - Public Realm and Sidewalks - Point Grey Road, Alma Street to Tatlow Park”, to improve safety and comfort for people walking and to increase public green space; source of funding to be:

i. $1.1 million to be reallocated from the current multi-year capital project budget for Seaside Greenway and York Bikeway;

ii. $3.3 million from the 2015-18 Capital plan for the Active Transportation Corridors and Spot Improvement Program; and

iii. $2.0 million City Wide DCL allocated to Transportation, to be added to the 2015-18 Capital plan for Active Transportation Corridors and Spot Improvements.

CARRIED (Vote No. 01230)
(Councillors Affleck, Ball and DeGenova opposed)

5. 1161 West Georgia Street - 1052072 BC Ltd

New Liquor Primary Licence Applications
Liquor Establishment Class 2 - Lobby Lounge (Main Floor)
Liquor Establishment Class 3 - Bar/Nightclub (3rd Floor)
February 11, 2016

Postponed to the Standing Committee on City Finance and Services meeting on May 18, 2016.

6. 2390 West 10th Avenue - Meraloma Club

New Liquor Primary Licence Application and Outdoor Patio
Liquor Establishment Class 7 - Private Club
March 29, 2016

Postponed to the Standing Committee on City Finance and Services meeting on May 18, 2016.

The Committee adjourned at 7:57 pm.

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A Regular Meeting of the Council of the City of Vancouver was held on Wednesday, May 4, 2016, at 7:58 pm, in the Council Chamber, Third Floor, City Hall, following the Standing Committee on Policy and Strategic Priorities meeting, to consider the recommendations and actions of the Committee.

PRESENT: Mayor Gregor Robertson
Councillor George Affleck
Councillor Elizabeth Ball
Councillor Adriane Carr
Councillor Melissa De Genova
Councillor Heather Deal
Councillor Kerry Jang
Councillor Raymond Louie
Councillor Geoff Meggs
Councillor Andrea Reimer

ABSENT: Councillor Tim Stevenson (Leave of Absence - Civic Business)

CITY MANAGER’S OFFICE: Sadhu Johnston, City Manager
CITY CLERK’S OFFICE: Janice MacKenzie, City Clerk
Maria Castro, Meeting Coordinator

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Report of Standing Committee on Policy and Strategic Priorities
May 4, 2016

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

2. Progress Report out on Citywide Transportation Monitoring, Safety and Seaside Greenway
3. Seaside Greenway - South False Creek - Burrard Bridge to Cambie Bridge
4. Seaside Greenway Completion - Phase 2 - Public Realm andSidewalks
   Point Grey Road, Alma Street to Tatlow Park
5. 1161 West Georgia Street - 1052072 BC Ltd  
New Liquor Primary Licence Applications  
Liquor Establishment Class 2 - Lobby Lounge (Main Floor)  
Liquor Establishment Class 3 - Bar/Nightclub (3rd Floor)

6. 2390 West 10th Avenue - Meraloma Club  
New Liquor Primary Licence Application and Outdoor Patio  
Liquor Establishment Class 7 - Private Club

7. Standing Authority to Execute Various Agreements

Items 1 to 7

MOVED by Councillor Jang  
SECONDED by Councillor Deal

THAT the recommendations and actions taken by the Standing Committee on Policy and Strategic Priorities at its meeting of May 4, 2016, as contained in items 1 to 7, be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AND
ITEM 1 BY THE REQUIRED MAJORITY

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Councillor Carr  
SECONDED by Councillor Deal

THAT the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Council adjourned at 7:58 pm.

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