



## REPORT TO COUNCIL

### STANDING COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL ON CITY FINANCE AND SERVICES

**JUNE 14, 2023**

A meeting of the Standing Committee of Council on City Finance and Services was held on Wednesday, June 14, 2023, at 9:30 am, in the Council Chamber, Third Floor, City Hall. This Council meeting was convened by electronic means as authorized under the Part 14 of the *Procedure By-law*.

**PRESENT:**

- Councillor Rebecca Bligh, Chair\* (Leave of Absence – Civic Business – 9:30 am to 1 pm)
- Mayor Ken Sim\* (Leave of Absence – Civic Business – 2:15 pm to 4:30 pm)
- Councillor Christine Boyle
- Councillor Adriane Carr
- Councillor Lisa Dominato
- Councillor Pete Fry
- Councillor Sarah Kirby-Yung\* (Leave of Absence – Civic Business – 1 pm to 5 pm)
- Councillor Mike Klassen
- Councillor Peter Meiszner\* (Leave of Absence – Civic Business – 2 pm to 10 pm)
- Councillor Brian Montague
- Councillor Lenny Zhou, Vice Chair

**CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE:** Paul Mochrie, City Manager  
Armin Amrolia, Deputy City Manager

**CITY CLERK'S OFFICE:** Tina Penney, Deputy City Clerk  
Cassia Nasralla, Meeting Coordinator

\* Denotes absence for a portion of the meeting.

### WELCOME

The Vice Chair acknowledged we are on the unceded homelands of the Musqueam, Squamish, and Tsleil-Waututh People. 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.

The Vice Chair also recognized the immense contributions of the City of Vancouver's staff who work hard every day to help make our city an incredible place to live, work, and play.

## **MATTERS ADOPTED ON CONSENT**

MOVED by Councillor Carr  
SECONDED by Councillor Dominato

THAT Council adopt Report 2 on consent.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AND RECOMMENDATION B  
BY THE REQUIRED MAJORITY  
(Councillor Bligh absent for the vote)

## **PRESENTATIONS**

### **1. EXTERNAL Presentation – YVR Annual Update to Mayor and City Council**

Staff from Vancouver International Airport (YVR) provided a presentation and responded to questions.

## **REPORTS**

### **1. Climate Emergency Action Plan – Additional and Accelerated Climate Measures June 6, 2023**

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

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*At the end of the presentation, Councillor Bligh assumed the Chair.*

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*During questions to staff, it was*

MOVED by Councillor Fry  
SECONDED by Councillor Dominato

*THAT under section 5.4(d) of the Procedure By-law, Council ask a second round of questions to staff.*

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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*Prior to the hearing of speakers, it was*

MOVED by Councillor Carr  
SECONDED by Councillor Klassen

*THAT the meeting extend past noon to conclude hearing from speakers for Report 1.*

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AND  
BY THE REQUIRED MAJORITY**

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The Committee heard from four speakers in support of the recommendations.

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*The Committee recessed at 12:04 pm and reconvened at 1:01 pm.*

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MOVED by Councillor Carr  
SECONDED by Councillor Kirby-Yung

THAT the Committee recommend to Council

In response to Council direction on July 22, 2022, at the Standing Committee on City Finance and Services meeting, Vancouver Plan Amendment P, staff recommend the following accelerated and additional climate measures to help shrink the gap to the Climate Emergency Action Plan targets.

*To support “90% of Vancouver residents living within an easy walk or roll of their daily needs by 2030”:*

- A. THAT Council direct staff to review adopted area plans to identify significant gaps between current policy and the built form envisioned in the Vancouver Plan's Land Use Strategy and report back to Council as part of Vancouver Plan implementation to maximize the climate benefit of new land use planning.
- B. THAT Council direct staff to work with BC Hydro to make the electrical servicing requirements for new missing middle projects more streamlined and equitable and report back to Council by the end of Q4 2023. To support “two thirds of trips in Vancouver will be by active transportation and transit by 2030”:
- C. THAT Council direct staff to explore and bring forward potential funding options to advance safety and comfort for walking and cycling through emerging senior government funding opportunities and the mid-term capital plan update.
- D. THAT Council direct staff to undertake advocacy, in collaboration with other local governments, to the provincial government in pursuit of additional active transportation funding at the scale needed to achieve the City's climate targets.

*To support “50% of kilometres driven on Vancouver’s roads will be by zero emission vehicles by 2030”:*

- E. THAT Council direct staff to review new demand projections for electric vehicles in line with CleanBC’s updated zero emission vehicle sales mandate and identify short and long-term recommendations to update the EV Ecosystem Strategy by Q4 2024.
- F. THAT Council direct staff to develop process improvements and measures for better integration with BC Hydro to lower permitting costs and reduce barriers to EV charging installations by Q4 2024.

*To support “cutting carbon pollution from buildings in half by 2030 from 2007 levels”:*

- G. THAT Council direct staff to research and consult industry stakeholders and bring back lower carbon pollution and heat energy limits for 2030 for large commercial buildings for Council decision in Q1 2025.
- H. THAT Council direct staff to develop process improvements as well as measures for better integration with BC Hydro servicing to lower permitting costs, minimize combined permitting and service upgrade times, and reduce barriers to residential heat pump installations by Q4 2024.

amended

AMENDMENT MOVED by Councillor Kirby-Yung  
SECONDED by Councillor Meiszner

THAT at the end of E, the following phrase be added, “FURTHER THAT Council direct staff to explore the potential for public/private partnerships to expand EV charging infrastructure in the public realm in light of the significantly increasing need, and given the strengthened senior government regulations for EV only sales, and that staff bring a high-level assessment of potential and considerations and report back to Council by the end of Q4 2023.”.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (Vote No. 09330)

AMENDMENT MOVED by Councillor Dominato  
SECONDED by Councillor Zhou

THAT the following be added as I:

“THAT Council request the Mayor write the Ministers of Education and Childcare, and Finance advocating for measures to accelerate new school capital investment in growing, high density neighbourhoods, including modular construction, to support meeting our shared goals to build complete, connected neighbourhoods and reduce GHG emissions.”

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (Vote No. 09331)  
(Councillor Kirby-Yung absent for the vote)

The amendments having carried, the motion as amended was put and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (Vote No. 09332), with Councillor Kirby-Yung absent for the vote.

### **FINAL MOTION AS APPROVED**

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**2. Approval of Below-Market Licenses for Zero Waste Demonstration Site Pilot at City Owned Property 1198 East Kent Avenue South  
June 6, 2023**

THAT the Committee recommend to Council

- A. THAT Council receive this update on the Zero Waste Demonstration Pilot (the “Pilot”) between the City and Vancouver Economic Commission’s (VEC) Project Greenlight program being undertaken at the City’s former recycling receiving yard located at 1198 East Kent Avenue South, legally described as: PID 006-582-711 BLOCK O PLAN VAP3402 DISTRICT LOT 327 NWD, as shown on the diagrams in Appendix B (the “Site”) of the Report dated June 6, 2023, entitled “Approval of Below-Market Licenses for Zero Waste Demonstration Site Pilot at City Owned Property 1198 East Kent Avenue South”.
- B. THAT Council authorize the Director of Real Estate Services to negotiate and execute nominal license agreements on terms and conditions consistent with this report, including those set out in Appendix A of the Report dated June 6, 2023, entitled “Approval of Below-Market Licenses for Zero Waste Demonstration Site Pilot at City Owned Property 1198 East Kent Avenue South”, and otherwise satisfactory to the City’s Director of Legal Services (each a “License”) between

the City as Licensor and the selected Zero Waste Technology Providers identified in Appendix C of the same report, Table C2 (“ZWTPs”) as Licensees, to occupy a portion of the Site to demonstrate their unique zero waste technology.

- C. THAT, as the rent for the Licenses will be below the applicable market rate and therefore B constitutes a grant, Council approve grants to each ZWTP totaling up to approximately \$27,600 per year (total grant value for all Licenses occupying the Site totalling approximately \$276,000 per year, and \$690,000 over the proposed 2.5-year first cohort of the Pilot).
- D. THAT, pursuant to section 206(1)(j) of the *Vancouver Charter*, Council deem any of the ZWTP organizations listed in Table C2 of Appendix C of the Report dated June 6, 2023, entitled “Approval of Below-Market Licenses for Zero Waste Demonstration Site Pilot at City Owned Property 1198 East Kent Avenue South” that is not otherwise a registered charity with Canada Revenue Agency to be contributing to the welfare of Vancouver.
- E. THAT Council direct staff to report back in late 2025 on the outcomes of the first cohort of the Pilot, including a recommendation on whether the Pilot should continue and, if so recommended, a request for Council approval of the entities selected for the second cohort.

ADOPTED ON CONSENT AND B  
BY THE REQUIRED MAJORITY (Vote No. 09336)  
(Councillor Bligh absent for the vote)

### **COUNCIL MEMBERS’ MOTIONS**

#### **1. Requests for Leaves of Absence**

MOVED by Councillor Meiszner  
SECONDED by Councillor Montague

THAT the Committee recommend to Council

THAT Councillor Dominato be granted Leaves of Absence for personal reasons from meetings on June 15 and June 21, 2023, from 6 pm to 10 pm and June 22, 2023, from 5 pm to 8:30 pm;

FURTHER THAT Councillor Carr be granted Leaves of Absence for civic business from meetings on October 19, 2023, from 1 pm to 10 pm, and December 14, 2023, from 1 pm to 3 pm;

FURTHER THAT Councillor Zhou be granted a Leave of Absence for personal reasons on July 18, 2023, from 3 pm until 6 pm;

AND FURTHER THAT Mayor Sim be granted a Leave of Absence for personal reasons on June 26, 2023, from 4 pm onwards.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (Vote No. 09337)  
(Councillor Kirby-Yung absent for the vote)

**2. Endorsing the Transit for Teens Campaign to Extend BC's Get on Board Program up to Age 18**

The Committee heard from four speakers in support and one speaker who made general comments of the recommendations.

MOVED by Councillor Boyle  
SECONDED by Councillor Carr

THAT the Committee recommend to Council

1. Transit access is a survival lifeline to access shelter, school, support services, health care, and food security for low-income youth whose families may not have a vehicle, and the cost of a monthly transit pass for teens can be extremely challenging for working families already struggling with the high cost of living in Vancouver;
2. The BC Poverty Reduction Coalition, the Centre for Family Equity (formerly known as the Single Mothers Alliance), and many others have been advocating for free transit through the "All On Board" campaign which calls for free transit for all starting with transit riders from age 0-18 in BC, a sliding scale pass for low-income adults, and an end to ticketing minors. Vancouver City Council passed a motion in support of the campaign in 2019;
3. Encouraging students to use public transit can increase their independence and participation in employment and civic life, and can also help close the equity gap and reduce poverty. Offering free transit to youth can incentivize a shift away from car travel, reduce the burden on parents or caregivers to drive their teenagers around, and build lifelong transit users;
4. In 2021 the BC NDP government made public transit free for all children 12 and under in every transit system in BC with the introduction of their new "Get on Board" program, "saving families money, increasing access to affordable transportation options and encouraging more people to use public transit.";
5. The City of Vancouver led a Reduced Fare Transit Pilot, thanks to funding from UBCM, which provided 100 participants with free one-zone TransLink Compass Card passes for six months from October 2021 to the end of March 2022. The Centre for Family Equity participated in the pilot, and report that according to the parents of youth who participated:
  - a. Transit access opened up the lives of teens and hugely impacted their ability to access school, after-school programs, volunteering, and social activities;



- b. Teenagers had increased access to services and supports they needed, particularly for mental health supports;
  - c. Parents reported that their teens' sense of inclusion, worth, and mental well-being were visibly affected by the free transit access;
  - d. The pass also increased teenagers' confidence to explore opportunities and activities in their community;
6. The City of Vancouver is committed to supporting our youth as well as addressing equity, diversity and inclusivity.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

THAT the City of Vancouver endorse the Transit for Teens Campaign to raise the age of eligibility for the Get on Board program up to age 18.

FURTHER THAT Council request that the Mayor write a letter to the Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure, the Minister of Education and Child Care, the Minister of Social Development and Poverty Reduction, the Minister of Children and Family Development, and the Select Standing Committee on Children and Youth, urging them to work with the provincial government to finalize and secure funding and develop a plan that will extend the Get on Board program up to age 18 in B.C

amended

AMENDMENT MOVED by Councillor Montague  
SECONDED by Councillor Meiszner

THAT the in the THAT clause, the phrase "Transit for Teens Campaign to raise the age of eligibility for the Get on Board program up to age 18." be struck and the following be inserted "position of the Mayors' Council based on TransLink's 2018 Fare Policy Review to urge the Provincial Government to expand the eligibility of the BC Bus Pass program to all low-income residents, including youth;";

AND THAT in the FURTHER THAT clause, the phrase "extend the Get on Board program up to age 18 in B.C." be struck and with the following be inserted "expand transit fare discounts for all low-income residents, including youth, through an improved BC Bus Pass program."

CARRIED (Vote No. 09333)  
(Councillors Boyle, Carr and Fry opposed, and Councillors Kirby-Yung and Meiszner absent for the vote.)

The amendment having carried, the motion as amended was put and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (Vote No. 09334) with Councillors Kirby-Yung, Meiszner and Mayor Sim absent for the vote.

## FINAL MOTION AS APPROVED

THAT the Committee recommend to Council

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6. The City of Vancouver is committed to supporting our youth as well as addressing equity, diversity and inclusivity.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City of Vancouver endorse the position of the Mayors' Council based on TransLink's 2018 Fare Policy Review to urge the Provincial Government to expand the eligibility of the BC Bus Pass program to all low-income residents, including youth;

FURTHER THAT Council request that the Mayor write a letter to the Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure, the Minister of Education and Child Care, the Minister of Social Development and Poverty Reduction, the Minister of Children and Family Development, and the Select Standing Committee on Children and Youth, urging them to work with the provincial government to finalize and secure funding and develop a plan that will expand transit fare discounts for all low-income residents, including youth, through an improved BC Bus Pass program.

### **3. Support for the Filipino Cultural Centre in Vancouver Campaign**

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*At the start of the item, Councillor Fry assumed the Chair as Councillor Bligh is the seconder for the motion.*

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The Committee heard from five speakers in support of the recommendations.

MOVED by Councillor Zhou  
SECONDED by Councillor Bligh

THAT the Committee recommend to Council

#### WHEREAS

1. Vancouver is home to Canada's second largest Filipino community and makes up the third-largest Asian Canadian and visible minority group behind Chinese and South Asian Canadians;
2. According to the 2021 census, there are over 174,000 people of Filipino descent living in British Columbia, most of whom live in the Metro Vancouver area;
3. The Filipino community has made significant contributions to the city of Vancouver in a wide variety of area including arts and entertainment, sports, healthcare, and nursing, and have greatly enriched the cultural fabric and cultural diversity of our city and contributed to the growth and development of its economy;
4. June is Filipino Heritage Month in Canada which gives us the opportunity to celebrate Filipino culture, traditions, and languages, as well as the many contributions this community has made to our city, our province, and our country;

5. British Columbia and Metro Vancouver's Filipino community have long identified the need for a Filipino Cultural Center to enable local celebrations and cultural performances and to help connect Filipinos born in Canada to their heritage and ensure that younger Filipinos remain connected to their roots;
6. The City of Vancouver has been identified by the Filipino community as a desirable place to locate a Filipino Cultural Center to serve all of BC's Filipino community;
7. In December 2022, Premier David Eby presented mandate letters to his newly-appointed Ministers and Parliamentary Secretaries, including direction to the Honourable Lana Popham, Minister of Tourism, Arts, Culture and Sport, to prioritize progress on a number of initiatives including advancing work toward a provincial Filipino cultural centre;
8. Likewise, Parliamentary Secretary for Anti-Racism Initiatives, MLA Mable Elmore, received direction to "Support the Minister of Tourism, Arts, Culture and Sport in consultation with affected communities" to advance emerging museum programs and proposals including a provincial Filipino cultural centre.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council direct Mayor Sim to write a letter to Premier David Eby on behalf of Vancouver City Council in support of a Filipino Cultural Center, ideally to be located in the City of Vancouver, with copies of the letter of support to be sent to the Honourable Lana Popham, BC's Minister of Tourism, Arts, Culture and Sport, MLA Mable Elmore, as BC's Parliamentary Secretary for Anti-Racism Initiatives, and to the federal Minister of Intergovernmental Affairs, Infrastructure and Communities, The Honourable Dominic LeBlanc, as well as for distribution to the wider Filipino community in BC.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (Vote No. 09335)  
(Councillors Kirby-Yung, Meiszner and Mayor Sim absent for the vote)

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*At the conclusion of A3, Councillor Bligh assumed the Chair.*

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The Committee adjourned at 2:54 pm.

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**COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
STANDING COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL ON  
CITY FINANCE AND SERVICES**

**JUNE 14, 2023**

A meeting of the Council of the City of Vancouver was held on Wednesday, June 14, 2023, at 2:55 pm, in the Council Chamber, Third Floor, City Hall, following the Standing Committee on City Finance and Services meeting, to consider the recommendations and actions of the Committee.

**PRESENT:**

Councillor Rebecca Bligh  
Councillor Christine Boyle  
Councillor Adriane Carr  
Councillor Lisa Dominato  
Councillor Fry, Acting Mayor  
Councillor Mike Klassen  
Councillor Brian Montague  
Councillor Lenny Zhou

**ABSENT:**

Mayor Ken Sim (Leave of Absence – Civic Business – 2:15 pm to 4:30 pm)  
Councillor Sarah Kirby-Yung (Leave of Absence – Civic Business – 1 pm to 5 pm)  
Councillor Peter Meiszner (Leave of Absence – Civic Business – 2 pm to 10 pm)

**CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE:**

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**CITY CLERK'S OFFICE:**

Tina Penney, Deputy City Clerk  
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**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Report of Standing Committee on City Finance and Services  
Wednesday, June 14, 2023

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

Presentation:

1. EXTERNAL Presentation – YVR Annual Update to Mayor and City Council

Reports:

1. Climate Emergency Action Plan – Additional and Accelerated Climate Measures
2. Approval of Below-Market Licenses for Zero Waste Demonstration Site Pilot at City Owned Property 1198 East Kent Avenue South

Council Member's Motions:

1. Requests for Leaves of Absence
2. Endorsing the Transit for Teens Campaign to Extend BC's Get on Board Program up to Age 18
3. Support for the Filipino Cultural Centre in Vancouver Campaign

MOVED by Councillor Carr

SECONDED by Councillor Boyle

THAT the recommendations and actions taken by the Standing Committee on City Finance and Services at its meeting of June 14, 2023, as contained in Presentation 1, Reports 1 and 2, and Council Members' Motions 1 to 3 be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**ADJOURNMENT**

MOVED by Councillor Montague

SECONDED by Councillor Zhou

THAT the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Council adjourned at 2:56 pm.

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