



STANDING COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL
ON PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT

MARCH 25, 2010

A Regular Meeting of the Standing Committee of Council on Planning and Environment was held on Thursday, March 25, 2010, at 2:08 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 Kerry Jang
Councillor Tim Stevenson*
Councillor Ellen Woodsworth

ABSENT: Councillor Raymond Louie (Leave of Absence - Civic Business)
Councillor Geoff Meggs (Leave of Absence - Medical)

CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE: Penny Ballem, City Manager

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE: Titania Lam, Meeting Coordinator (Minutes)
Lori Isfeld, Meeting Coordinator

*Denotes absence for a portion of the meeting

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

The Minutes of the Standing Committee on Planning and Environment meeting of February 4, 2010, were adopted.

1. Report Reference - Inner-City Urban Farming in Vancouver - CANCELLED

Due to circumstances beyond his control, Will Allen, Chief Executive Officer, Growing Power, was unable to attend the meeting.

MATTERS ADOPTED ON CONSENT

MOVED by Councillor Cadman

THAT the Committee adopt Items 2 and 3 on consent.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Councillors Chow, Stevenson and the Mayor absent for the vote)

2. **1121 Alberni Street (Unit Nos. 310 and 320)**
Request for Extension of Building Permit No. BU442808
January 6, 2010

THAT the Committee recommend to Council

THAT Council approve an extension of Building Permit No. BU442808 for 1121 Alberni Street until June 15, 2010.

ADOPTED ON CONSENT

3. **1380 Hornby Street**
Request for Extension of Building Permit No. BU442857
February 4, 2010

THAT the Committee recommend to Council

THAT Council approve an extension of Building Permit No. BU442857 for 1380 Hornby Street until May 27, 2010.

ADOPTED ON CONSENT

4. **901 Granville Street - Howe Holdings Ltd.**
Relocation of Liquor Primary Liquor Licence Application
March 2, 2010

Staff from Licences and Inspections along with staff from the Vancouver Police Department responded to questions.

Council heard from two speakers in opposition to the recommendation.

MOVED by Councillor Stevenson

THAT the Committee recommend to Council

THAT Council, having considered the opinion of local area residents and business operators as determined by site sign, noise impacts and relevant Council policy as outlined in the Administrative Report dated March 2, 2010, entitled "901 Granville Street - Howe Holdings Ltd., Relocation of Liquor Primary Liquor Licence Application" endorse the request by Howe Holdings Ltd. to relocate their existing Liquor Primary liquor licence from their current site at 1273 Granville Street (The Piano Lounge) to their proposed site at 901 Granville Street, subject to:

- i. Standard hours of operation for the first six months are limited to 11 am to 2 am, seven days a week; after which time Extended hours of operation may be considered which are limited to 9 am to 3 am, seven days a week;
- ii. A maximum total capacity of 50 persons;
- iii. Acoustic report to be submitted certifying that the establishment meets Noise Control By-law requirements;
- iv. Signing a Good Neighbour Agreement with the City prior to business licence issuance; and

v. A Time-limited Development Permit.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Councillor Deal absent for the vote)

5. Olympic Legacy Planning

Vancouver City Council, at its meeting on March 23, 2010, referred this matter to the Standing Committee on Planning and Environment meeting on March 25, 2010, in order to hear from speakers.

The City Manager responded to questions.

Council heard from three speakers, two in support of a street car system in the region and one who expressed concern about the lack of emphasis on sustainability.

MOVED by Mayor Robertson
SECONDED by Councillor Louie

WHEREAS the City of Vancouver invested significant resources into hosting the 2010 Winter Games, anticipating legacies to improve many facets of our city; and

WHEREAS the work of our police and fire departments during the Games are an extraordinary example of a public safety legacy; and

WHEREAS the Games yielded a wide array of other successes and learning that can benefit the city well into the future; and

WHEREAS the level of volunteerism, community participation and enthusiasm was globally recognized and unprecedented; and

WHEREAS across the city, staff developed new approaches and innovations in delivering services that will provide lasting value for taxpayers; and

WHEREAS Council approved various temporary regulations and policies, some of which could be beneficial if adopted for longer term;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

THAT the City Manager be asked to report back to Council at the earliest possible time on the broad impacts of the Olympic and Paralympic Games with recommendations on legacy opportunities in the areas of:

- Job creation and Economic Growth;
- Encouragement of Sport and Athletic Prowess;
- Arts and Culture;
- Transportation;
- Public Safety;
- Accessibility Enhancement;
- Social Housing;

- Tourism; and
- Other areas that staff may recommend as an important opportunity.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED

THAT the City Manager be asked to explore the feasibility, and provide recommendations, on how the City can provide further opportunities for tapping the resources of the skilled and enthusiastic 2010 Games volunteers to contribute in the future through an on going Volunteer Corps for the City of Vancouver.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED

THAT the Mayor be asked to work with the City Manager's Office to find an appropriate way to acknowledge and thank the thousands of volunteers and City staff who have assisted with the successful staging of the 2010 Vancouver Olympic and the Paralympic Games.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED

THAT Council direct staff to work with Translink as part of the current UBC Broadway Corridor consultation and planning and process to ensure a full analysis of the costs and benefits of a streetcar system in the regional transportation network.

carried

AMENDMENT MOVED by Councillor Anton

THAT the motion be amended by adding the following after the last WHEREAS:

WHEREAS the City of Vancouver is committed to supporting a major regional investment in public transit as proposed by TransLink, cost-shared with senior levels of government, including investments in the Evergreen Line and the critical Broadway - UBC corridor, which has extremely high ridership today; and

WHEREAS the Olympic Line demonstration streetcar project has been an outstanding success during the Olympics, carrying over half a million people over 60 days between Olympic Village station and Granville Island; and

WHEREAS the Olympic Line project has ended with the return of the trains to Brussels; and

WHEREAS the City of Vancouver and CMHC Granville Island together invested \$8.5m in the Olympic Line project alignment, with \$4m of the city investment coming from the budget for the Olympic Village at Southeast False Creek; and

WHEREAS the City of Vancouver invested a further \$1m in right of way preparations in the Olympic Village; and

WHEREAS staff were requested in March 2008 to "work with partners including Translink and Partnerships BC to plan for the next stages of the streetcar line after 2010"; and

WHEREAS staff were further requested in March 2008 that streetcar line planning include integration with a possible future streetcar route along the Arbutus corridor; and

WHEREAS the streetcar alignment into the downtown has been preserved by councils since 1999 with the identified route attached as Proposed Downtown Streetcar map; and

WHEREAS the Olympic Village would be greatly enhanced in value and desirability were the streetcar to be running through it; and

WHEREAS extensive studies on the streetcar project have been undertaken as reported to Council on October 5, 2006 and March 11, 2008; and

WHEREAS a streetcar will contribute to Vancouver's green leadership;

and by striking the last "BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT" and replacing it with the following:

"BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED

1. THAT Council reaffirms its support for the Downtown Streetcar project; and
2. THAT the Mayor is requested to assemble a task force to seek partnerships with TransLink and other public, private and non-profit entities in order to start the building and running of the Downtown Streetcar line at the earliest possible opportunity, beginning with the Olympic Line demonstration stage."

LOST

(Councillors Cadman, Chow, Deal, Jang, Reimer, Stevenson and the Mayor opposed)

The amendment having lost, the motion was put and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**6. Submission to Local Government Elections Task Force
March 12, 2010**

Vancouver City Council, at its meeting on March 23, 2010, referred this matter to the Standing Committee on Planning and Environment meeting on March 25, 2010, in order to hear from speakers.

Council heard from three speakers in support of electoral reform.

MOVED by Mayor Robertson

THAT the Committee recommend to Council

- A. THAT Council endorse the draft recommendations of the Sub-Committee of Council to the Local Government Elections Task Force, as contained in the Administrative Report entitled "Submission to Local Government Elections Task Force" dated March 12, 2010, and summarized in Appendix A of the aforementioned report, as set out below:
1. Set limits on the annual amount of contributions that can be given by an individual to an elector organization, campaign organizer, or an individual seeking elected office, similar to those at the federal level; and ban union and corporate organizations.
 2. Limit the amount of money that may be spent annually by an elector organization, campaign organizer, or an individual seeking elected office during a general local election campaign, similar to those at the provincial and federal level.
 3. Disallow contributions to an elector organization, campaign organizer, or an individual seeking elected office, from sources outside of Canada.
 4. Require that all donations and expenses for candidates, elected officials and elector organizations be disclosed on a continuous basis at six month intervals.
 5. Implement a system of tax credits for municipal donations, similar to those for provincial and federal elections.
 6. Change the definition of "candidate" to include anyone seeking nomination within an elector organization for candidacy to a local government office.
 7. Appoint the Provincial Chief Election Officer to oversee municipal elections in BC, and establish penalties and mechanisms for enforcement of offences under the amended local government elections legislation.
 8. Extend municipal terms of office to four years.
 9. Oppose allowing corporations the right to vote in local elections.
 10. Provide local governments with the authority to use any method of elections they wish to use, and repeal the requirement for Lieutenant Governor in Council approval to adopt such a change.
 11. Amend the definition of election offenses and related penalties to include individuals acting as an intermediary in third-party campaign contribution schemes.
- B. THAT the Administrative Report dated March 12, 2010, entitled "Submission to Local Government Elections Task Force" and Recommendations clearly reflect the importance of Council having the ability to choose from a greater number of electoral reforms.

amended

AMENDMENT MOVED by Councillor Woodsworth

THAT the motion be amended by striking 1 and 2 and replacing them with the following:

1. Set limits on the annual amount of contributions that can be given by an individual to an elector organization, campaign organizer, or an individual seeking elected office for the entire electoral cycle as follows:
 - a. For independent candidates, those candidates who do not in any way cooperate with other candidates or local parties, the spending limit should be set at \$1 per municipal resident for each candidate for the entire election cycle.
 - b. For candidates preferring to work in groups or form local elector organizations, the spending limit should be set at \$2 per municipal resident for the entire group for the entire election cycle.
 - c. In addition, all electors and organizations will also be subject to an annual donation limits of \$1000 per person per election cycle.
 - d. The only exception to this rule will be for candidates who can donate \$2000 per election cycle to their own campaigns.
2. Ban union and corporate donations.

LOST

(Councillors Anton, Chow, Deal, Jang, Reimer, Stevenson and the Mayor opposed)

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At this point in the proceedings, it was

MOVED by Councillor Cadman

THAT, under Section 2.3 (c) of the Procedure By-law, Council extend the length of the Standing Committee on Planning and Environment meeting by one hour or less.

*CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AND
BY THE REQUIRED MAJORITY*

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AMENDMENT MOVED by Councillor Woodsworth

THAT the motion be amended by adding the following as 3:

3. These limits on contributions and expenditures would be based upon a per-electoral/capita, per-candidate formula (with individual candidate resources allowed to be pooled for use by elector organizations) and would be no higher than provincial and federal spending limits.

CARRIED

(Councillors Anton and Jang opposed)

For clarity, the motion as amended follows:

- A. THAT Council endorse the draft recommendations of the Sub-Committee of Council to the Local Government Elections Task Force, as contained in the Administrative Report entitled "Submission to Local Government Elections Task Force" dated March 12, 2010, and summarized in Appendix A of the aforementioned report, as set out below:
1. Set limits on the annual amount of contributions that can be given by an individual to an elector organization, campaign organizer, or an individual seeking elected office.
 2. Ban union and corporate organizations.
 3. Limit the amount of money that may be spent annually by an elector organization, campaign organizer, or an individual seeking elected office during a general local election campaign.
 4. These limits on contributions and expenditures would be based upon a per-elector/capita, per-candidate formula (with individual candidate resources allowed to be pooled for use by elector organizations) and would be no higher than provincial and federal spending limits.
 5. Disallow contributions to an elector organization, campaign organizer, or an individual seeking elected office, from sources outside of Canada.
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 9. Appoint the Provincial Chief Election Officer to oversee municipal elections in BC, and establish penalties and mechanisms for enforcement of offences under the amended local government elections legislation.
 10. Extend municipal terms of office to four years.
 11. Oppose allowing corporations the right to vote in local elections.
 12. Provide local governments with the authority to use any method of elections they wish to use, and repeal the requirement for Lieutenant Governor in Council approval to adopt such a change.
 13. Amend the definition of election offenses and related penalties to include individuals acting as an intermediary in third-party campaign contribution schemes.
- B. THAT the Administrative Report dated March 12, 2010, entitled "Submission to Local Government Elections Task Force" and Recommendations clearly reflect the

importance of Council having the ability to choose from a greater number of electoral reforms.

AMENDMENT MOVED by Councillor Anton

THAT 6 be amended by striking the words "six month intervals" and replacing them with the words "annual intervals".

LOST

(Councillors Cadman, Chow, Deal, Jang, Stevenson, Reimer, Woodsworth and the Mayor opposed)

The amendments having lost and carried, the motion as amended was put and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

FINAL MOTION AS ADOPTED

THAT the Committee recommend to Council

Note from Meeting Coordinator: The following motion contains additional amendments accepted by the Council

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- B. THAT the Administrative Report dated March 12, 2010, entitled "Submission to Local Government Elections Task Force" and Recommendations clearly reflect the importance of Council having the ability to choose from a greater number of electoral reforms.
- C. THAT the Report to the Task Force reflects that Council unanimously approved the recommendations except for Item 4 where there were two dissenting votes.

The Committee adjourned at 6:41 pm

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

MARCH 25, 2010

A Regular Meeting of the Council of the City of Vancouver was held on Thursday, March 25, 2010, at 6:41 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 Kerry Jang
Councillor Andrea Reimer
Councillor Tim Stevenson
Councillor Ellen Woodsworth

ABSENT: Councillor Raymond Louie (Leave of Absence - Civic Business)
Councillor Geoff Meggs (Sick Leave)

CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE: Penny Ballem, City Manager

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE: Titania Lam, Meeting Coordinator (Minutes)
Lori Isfeld, Meeting Coordinator

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MOVED by Councillor Cadman
SECONDED by Councillor Deal

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
March 25, 2010

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

1. Report Reference - Inner-City Urban Farming in Vancouver - CANCELLED
2. 1121 Alberni Street (Unit Nos. 310 and 320)
Request for extension of Building Permit No. BU442808
3. 1380 Hornby Street
Request for extension of Building Permit No. BU442857
4. 901 Granville Street - Howe Holdings Ltd.
Relocation of Liquor Primary Liquor Licence Application
5. Olympic Legacy Planning
6. Submission to the Local Government Elections Task Force

Items 1-6

MOVED by Councillor Stevenson

THAT the recommendations and actions taken by the Standing Committee on Planning and Environment at its meeting of March 25, 2010, as contained in items 1 to 6, be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

RISE FROM COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MOVED by Councillor Jang

THAT the Committee of the Whole rise and report.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADOPT REPORT OF COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MOVED by Councillor Cadman
SECONDED by Councillor Deal

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Council adjourned at 6:42 pm

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