



REPORT TO COUNCIL

STANDING COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL ON PLANNING, TRANSPORTATION AND ENVIRONMENT

MARCH 13, 2013

A Regular Meeting of the Standing Committee of Council on Planning, Transportation and Environment was held on Wednesday, March 13, 2013, at 9:34 am, in the Council Chamber, Third Floor, City Hall.

PRESENT: Councillor Andrea Reimer, Chair*
Mayor Gregor Robertson
Councillor George Affleck
Councillor Elizabeth Ball*
Councillor Adriane Carr
Councillor Heather Deal*
Councillor Kerry Jang
Councillor Raymond Louie
Councillor Geoff Meggs, Vice-Chair*
Councillor Tim Stevenson*
Councillor Tony Tang

CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE: Penny Ballem, City Manager

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE: Barbara Pearce, Deputy City Clerk
Nicole Ludwig, Meeting Coordinator

*Denotes absence for a portion of the meeting.

1. **Permit and Licence Process Transformation Program February 27, 2013**

Vicki Potter, Director, Development Services, presented the report, and Penny Ballem, City Manager, provided additional comments. Ms. Potter and Dr. Ballem, along with Will Johnston, Director, Licences and Inspections, Patrice Impey, General Manager, Financial Services, Teresa Hartman, Director, Vancouver Services Review, and Mark McDonald, Chief Information Officer, Information Technology, responded to questions.

MOVED by Councillor Meggs
THAT the Committee recommend to Council

- A. THAT Council approve a total budget for the Permit and Licence Transformation Program of up to \$25.97 million, as detailed in Appendix A of the Administrative Report dated February 27, 2013, entitled, "Permit and Licence Process Transformation Program". The source of funds for this program is to be \$15.33 million in previously approved funding for this project, and \$10.64 million incremental funding loaned from the Capital Financing Fund to be repaid from operating budget savings resulting from these transformations on terms acceptable to the Director of Finance.

- B. THAT Council approve the new Permits and Licencing business operating model (section 1 of the Administrative Report dated February 27, 2013, entitled, "Permit and Licence Process Transformation Program"), developed as a key initiative to achieving the long term strategic goal "The City provides excellent service" in the City's 2012 - 2021 Corporate Business Plan.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**2. 2013 Community Services and Other Social Grants
February 28, 2013**

Mario Lee, Senior Social Planner, Social Policy, presented the report, and along with Peter Bruckmann, Social Policy, responded to questions.

The Committee heard from 19 speakers in support of the report recommendations.

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At 11:57 am, it was

MOVED by Councillor Deal

THAT the Committee extend the length of the meeting until 12:15 pm.

*CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
AND BY THE REQUIRED MAJORITY*

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MOVED by Councillor Louie
THAT the Committee recommend to Council

- A. THAT Council approve 111 Community Services Grants totaling \$4,197,754 which incorporates a 2% increase, aligned with the Consumer Price Index including any recommended conditions on the grants, as listed in Appendices B-1, B-2 and B-3 of the Administrative Report dated February 28, 2013, entitled, "2013 Community Services and Other Social Grants". Source of funding is the 2013 Community Services Grants budget.
- B. THAT Council approve \$30,000 of the 2013 Community Services Grants budget for the capacity building of non-profit organizations, as detailed in the Administrative Report dated February 28, 2013, entitled, "2013 Community Services and Other Social Grants."
- C. THAT Council approve 10 grants for a total of \$237,000 from the Social Responsibility Fund, as detailed in the Administrative Report dated February 28, 2013, entitled, "2013 Community Services and Other Social Grants". Source of funding is the Edgewater Casino Social Responsibility Reserve.

- D. THAT Council approve one (1) grant of \$20,000 from the Hastings Legacy Fund, as detailed in the Administrative Report dated February 28, 2013, entitled, "2013 Community Services and Other Social Grants". Source of funding is the Hastings Social Responsibility Reserve.
- E. THAT Council approve three (3) Rent Subsidy Grants totaling \$81,677 which incorporates a 2% increase, aligned with the Consumer Price Index, as detailed in the Administrative Report dated February 28, 2013, entitled, "2013 Community Services and Other Social Grants". Source of funding is the 2013 Rent Subsidy Grants Budget.
- F. THAT Council approve two (2) Childcare Administration grants totaling \$355,032, which incorporates a 2% increase, aligned with the Consumer Price Index, as detailed in the Administrative Report dated February 28, 2013, entitled, "2013 Community Services and Other Social Grants". Source of funding is 2013 Civic Child Care Grants, 2013 Operating Budget.
- G. THAT Council approve nine (9) Greenest City Neighbourhood grants for a total of \$115,000 which incorporates a 2% increase, aligned with the Consumer Price Index as detailed in the Administrative Report dated February 28, 2013, entitled, "2013 Community Services and Other Social Grants". Source of funding is the 2013 Greenest City Neighbourhood Grants Budget.
- H. THAT Council receive for information the analysis contained in the Administrative Report dated February 28, 2013, entitled "2013 Community Services and Other Social Grants", related to demands for social grants and adopt the following:
 - i. staff report back to Council with an allocation model for the addition of \$1 million dollars to the Community Social Services and related grant funds to help meet the existing and emerging funding gaps;
 - ii. this additional funding be directed to a second Community Social Services and related grant intake for the fall of 2013; and
 - iii. the source of funds for 2013 be the Innovation Fund and included as part of the regular operating budget for future years.

CARRIED AND
BY THE REQUIRED MAJORITY
(Councillors Affleck and Ball opposed to H)

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At 12:15 pm, it was

MOVED by Councillor Deal

THAT the Committee extend the length of the meeting by eight minutes in order to deal with procedural matters.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AND
BY THE REQUIRED MAJORITY

VARY AGENDA

MOVED by Councillor Tang

THAT the Committee vary the order of the agenda to deal with item 4 before item 3.

*CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
AND BY THE REQUIRED MAJORITY*

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

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**4. Approval of BIA Renewals and Approval of 2013-14 BIA Budgets: Dunbar Village BIA and Robson Street BIA
March 1, 2013**

MOVED by Councillor Deal
THAT the Committee recommend to Council

- A. THAT Council approve the application of the Dunbar Village Business Association as described in the Administrative Report dated March 1, 2013, entitled, "Approval of BIA Renewals and Approval of 2013-14 BIA Budgets: Dunbar Village BIA and Robson Street BIA";
- FURTHER THAT Council instruct the Director of Legal Services, in consultation with the Director of Planning, to bring forward by-laws to re-establish the Dunbar Village BIA, establish a new funding ceiling, and to remit monies for a business promotion scheme.
- B. THAT Council approve the application of the Robson Street Business Association as described in the Administrative Report dated March 1, 2013, entitled, "Approval of BIA Renewals and Approval of 2013-14 BIA Budgets: Dunbar Village BIA and Robson Street BIA";
- FURTHER THAT Council instruct the Director of Legal Services, in consultation with the Director of Planning, to bring forward by-laws to re-establish the Robson Street BIA, establish a new funding ceiling, and to remit monies for a business promotion scheme.
- C. THAT Council approve the 2013-14 fiscal year Budget for the Dunbar Village BIA as described in the Administrative Report dated March 1, 2013, entitled, "Approval of BIA Renewals and Approval of 2013-14 BIA Budgets: Dunbar Village BIA and Robson Street BIA", and approve a grant to the BIA in the amount of \$155,250;
- FURTHER THAT Council instruct the Director of Legal Services to bring forward the appropriate rating by-laws to recover the amount of the grant.
- D. THAT Council approve the 2013-14 fiscal year Budget for the Robson Street BIA as described in the Administrative Report dated March 1, 2013, entitled, "Approval of BIA Renewals and Approval of 2013-14 BIA Budgets: Dunbar Village

BIA and Robson Street BIA", and approve a grant to the BIA in the amount of \$649,240;

FURTHER THAT Council instruct the Director of Legal Services to bring forward the appropriate rating by-laws to recover the amount of the grant.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AND
A AND B BY THE REQUIRED MAJORITY

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At 12:20 pm, it was

MOVED by Councillor Stevenson

THAT the Committee recess and, upon reconvening at 2:00 pm, vary the order of the agenda to deal with item 5 before item 3.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AND
BY THE REQUIRED MAJORITY

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The Committee recessed at 12:20 pm and reconvened at 2:06 pm with the same members present, except for Councillors Ball, Deal, Meggs and Stevenson, who were absent and arrived shortly after the meeting reconvened.

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5. Coal Export Expansion

Vancouver City Council, at its meeting on Tuesday, March 12, 2013, referred a motion on the above-noted matter to the Standing Committee on Planning, Transportation and Environment meeting on Wednesday, March 13, 2013, in order to hear from speakers

The Committee heard from three speakers in support of the motion and four speakers who discussed concerns about the motion's potential effects on employment and the economy.

MOVED by Mayor Robertson
THAT the Committee recommend to Council

WHEREAS

1. Port Metro Vancouver (PMV) has expansions planned for coal loading capacity at the Fraser Surrey docks and Neptune Terminal; which would make the Port the biggest exporter of coal in North America;
2. The transport of coal by train to PMV exposes residential communities to diesel exhaust and coal dust;

3. A February 2013 study "Human Health Effects of Rail Transport of Coal Through Multnomah County, Oregon" by the Multnomah County Health Department stated that "there are significant gaps in the scientific literature regarding how much coal dust is shed by trains carrying coal, how far coal dust travels from rail lines, and the health effects of inhaling this environmental coal dust";
4. PMV has no responsibility for impacts from Port activities outside of the Port;
5. Metro Vancouver has the regulatory authority for air quality within the Greater Vancouver area;
6. Metro Vancouver's Integrated Air Quality and Greenhouse Gas Management Plan calls for continuous improvement in local air quality;
7. The BC Lung Association, the BC Public Health Association, the Canadian Association of Physicians for the Environment, and several other public health experts wrote to PMV in December 2012 urging PMV to delay any decision on coal export expansion pending broader public engagement and review of potential health impacts;
8. The Vancouver Coastal Health and Fraser Health Authorities both wrote to PMV in December 2012 requesting to be involved as a key stakeholder equivalent to government agencies, due to the potential for upstream and downstream impacts of Port activities to impact other jurisdictions;
9. The Vancouver Coastal Health and Fraser Health Authorities both requested that Health Impact Assessments take place to evaluate current and future Port expansions, as is the case at the Port of Los Angeles;
10. Coal is the single biggest source of climate changing carbon dioxide pollution;
11. The Province of BC, through the Greenhouse Gas Reductions Target Act, is required by law to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by at least 33 per cent below 2007 levels by 2020;
12. The City of Vancouver, through its Greenest City Action Plan, has set the target of reducing its greenhouse gas emissions by 33 per cent below 2007 levels by 2020.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

- A. THAT City staff report back on a by-law to prevent the expansion of, or creation of new, coal export infrastructure within the City of Vancouver.
- B. THAT the City of Vancouver write to the Prime Minister, the Premier, and Port Metro Vancouver (PMV) stating that:
 - (i) The City has concerns about the greenhouse gas and health impacts of increased coal exports, particularly the unknown impacts of coal dust on human health;

- (ii) The City supports the call by Vancouver Coastal Health and Fraser Health Authorities to be involved in PMV planning and project review processes as key stakeholders equivalent to government agencies, and that Health Impact Assessments be undertaken for all new coal export expansion proposals.
- C. THAT the City of Vancouver forward a copy of this motion to Metro Vancouver to support the integrated air quality and greenhouse gas management plan and its goal of continuous air quality improvement.

CARRIED
(Councillors Affleck and Ball opposed)
(Councillor Stevenson absent for the vote)

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At 4:45 pm, Councillor Reimer left the meeting and did not return. Councillor Meggs assumed the chair for the remainder of the Standing Committee on Planning, Transportation and Environment meeting.

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3. Approval of 2013-14 Business Improvement Area (BIA) Budgets February 26, 2013

MOVED by Councillor Jang
THAT the Committee recommend to Council

- A. THAT Council approve the 2013-14 fiscal year Budgets for the BIAs listed below as described in the Administrative Report dated February 26, 2013, entitled, "Approval of 2013-14 Business Improvement Area (BIA) Budgets", and approve grants to these BIAs in the amounts listed;

FURTHER THAT Council instruct the Director of Legal Services to bring forward the appropriate rating by-laws to recover the amounts of these grants:

<u>BIA</u>	<u>LEVY</u>	<u>% CHANGE</u> <u>2012-13/2013-14</u>
Downtown Vancouver	\$2,410,733	3.0%
Kerrisdale	351,000	1.2
Gastown	556,200	3.1
Mount Pleasant	375,000	11.9
West End	708,535	3.0
South Granville	560,000	1.8
Yaletown	410,000	0.0
Chinatown	325,980	9.0
Commercial Drive	435,343	3.0
Marpole	165,375	5.0
Strathcona	571,000	0.0
Collingwood	194,107	1.5
Hastings North	338,130	2.0

Kitsilano Fourth Avenue	415,381	2.5
Point Grey Village	80,000	0.0
Victoria Drive	170,000	6.3
Cambie Village	185,000	-1.1
Fraser Street	150,000	25.0
Hastings Crossing	103,000	0.0
West Broadway	120,000	0.0
TOTAL	\$8,624,784	3.9%

- B. THAT Council request the Vancouver Chinatown BIA take on the leadership role in advancing the Chinatown Revitalization Strategy and creation of a “Thriving Business District” and work directly with the Vancouver Economic Commission (VEC) on areas of business development, recruitment, retention and marketing initiatives, and that activities/progress in these areas be reported back to Council on an annual basis

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

The Committee adjourned at 4:49 pm.

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

MARCH 13, 2013

A Regular Meeting of the Council of the City of Vancouver was held on Wednesday, March 13, 2013, at 12:20 pm, in the Council Chamber, Third Floor, City Hall, following the Standing Committee on Planning, Transportation and Environment meeting, to consider the recommendations and actions of the Committee.

PRESENT: Mayor Gregor Robertson
Councillor George Affleck
Councillor Elizabeth Ball
Councillor Adriane Carr
Councillor Heather Deal
Councillor Kerry Jang
Councillor Raymond Louie*
Councillor Geoff Meggs
Councillor Andrea Reimer*
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COMMITTEE REPORTS

Report of Standing Committee on Planning, Transportation and Environment
March 13, 2013

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

1. Permits and Licence Process Transformation Program
2. 2013 Community Services and Other Social Grants
3. Approval of 2013-2014 Business Improvement Area (BIA) Budgets
4. Approval of BIA Renewals and Approval of 2013-14 BIA Budgets: Dunbar Village BIA and Robson Street BIA
5. Coal Export Expansion

Items 1, 2 and 4

MOVED by Councillor Tang
SECONDED by Councillor Jang

THAT the recommendations and actions taken by the Standing Committee on Planning, Transportation and Environment at its meeting of Wednesday, March 13, 2013, as contained in items 1, 2 and 4, be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
AND ITEMS 2 AND 4 BY THE REQUIRED MAJORITY

MOVED by Councillor Meggs
SECONDED by Councillor Deal

THAT Council recess, and reconvene following the conclusion of the Standing Committee on Planning, Transportation and Environment meeting later today.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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Council recessed at 12:21 pm, and reconvened at 4:49 pm with the same members present except for Councillors Louie, Reimer and Stevenson who were absent.

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Items 3 and 5

MOVED by Councillor Deal
SECONDED by Councillor Jang

THAT the recommendations and actions taken by the Standing Committee on Planning, Transportation and Environment at its meeting of Wednesday, March 13, 2013, as contained in items 3 and 5 be approved.

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

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Councillor Tang
SECONDED by Councillor Jang

THAT the meeting be adjourned.

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

The Council adjourned at 4:50 pm.

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