

6. Mayor's West End Community Advisory Committee

MOVED BY: Mayor Gregor Robertson

SECONDED BY: Councillor Andrea Reimer

WHEREAS on April 8, 2010 Council adopted a recommendation to "implement an innovative approach to engage the West End community in an open discussion on issues of community needs including affordable housing";

AND WHEREAS two public meetings were arranged by the City Manager in consultation with the Managing Director of the Social Development Department and the Director of Planning, subsequent to this recommendation being adopted;

AND WHEREAS at the two public meetings held with the West End community it was indicated that the community would strongly support an interim measure to a planning process being initiated in the area, that allows the community to solicit community feedback on priorities and express community priorities to the City and developers;

AND WHEREAS the West End is one of six communities in the City that is in line for a community planning process and the current budget challenges indicate these six planning processes may take many years to be completed;

AND WHEREAS these circumstances provide an opportunity to pilot an innovative engagement approach that can be evaluated as a potential interim measure for all communities waiting for official planning processes to be initiated;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council establish a Mayor's West End Community Advisory Committee as a Type D committee to provide advice to the Mayor and with the terms of reference as set out in Appendix A to the Motion entitled "Mayor's West End Community Advisory Committee".

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Timeline	Start September 2010. End when a West End planning process is formally initiated by the City of Vancouver’s Planning Department.
Composition	<p>The Mayor’s West End Community Advisory Committee will be composed of the Chair of Planning and Environment Committee, Councillor Tim Stevenson, Mayor Gregor Robertson and twelve (12) individuals who reflect the demographics of the West End including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Single resident households, 40 years of age and under • Families of young children • New immigrants and refugees • Seniors • Local business owners who live in the neighbourhood • LGBTQ community <p>In addition, the community’s high number of renters (more than 80% of residents identified themselves as renters at the last census) will be taken into account in considering nominations.</p>
Co-Chairs	The initial Co-Chairs of the Mayor’s West End Community Advisory Committee are the Chair of the Planning and Environment Committee and Councillor Stevenson. When the committee is constituted, Councillor Stevenson will step down as a co-chair and the 12 community members shall select a community member to be one of the co-chairs.
Appointment Process	The co-chairs will appoint the remaining twelve (12) members using an open call nomination process, similar to that used for Type B advisory committees.
Mandate	The Mayor’s West End Community Advisory Committee is an interim measure to a formal planning process being undertaken. The Committee is responsible for communicating community priorities to the City in its planning and policy development and for helping to communicate City policy initiatives that may be of interest to residents in the West End.
Activities	<p>The Mayor’s West End Community Advisory Committee will be responsible for the following activities interim to a formal planning process be undertaken for the West End:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Developing and maintaining a list of community priorities for the West End. 2. Meeting with developers proposing re-zonings in the West End prior to community open houses to ensure these proposals are informed by current community priorities 3. Providing advice to the Mayor’s Office on further initiatives to increase linkages between the West End and City in relation to development and policy.