



MINUTES

Granville Island Council – Regular Meeting

March 17, 2021, 8:00am

Video-Conference Call

Attending

Council Members: Andeen Pitt, Dale McClanaghan, Domenic Caminiti, Gracen Chungath, Heather Deal, Johanna Lauyanto

CMHC staff: Tom Lancaster, General Manager; Sebastian Lippa, Council Secretary, and Manager of Planning & Development; Kam Dosanjh, Manager of Business Controls; Sabrina Lakos, Manager of Leasing; Lisa Ono, Manager of Public Affairs and Programming.

Guests: Branislav Henselmann, Directing Manager, and Alix Sales, Senior Cultural Planner with Cultural Services for the City of Vancouver

Regrets: Council member Paul Larocque

Call to Order and Land Acknowledgment

Chair Deal called meeting to order and offered acknowledgment of Granville Island's presence on the traditional and unceded territories of the Musqueam, Squamish and Tsleil-Waututh Nations.

Adoption of Minutes

MOVED by Council Member Caminiti

SECONDED by Council Member Pitt

THAT the Minutes from Council meeting held January 20, 2021 be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Adoption of Agenda

MOVED by Council Member Lauyanto

SECONDED by Council Member Caminiti

THAT two items be added to the agenda under new business: 1. Feasibility of producing a video tour of Granville Island and an introduction to the new GM, and 2. Concept of creating a Granville Island Foundation, and

THAT the Agenda for the March 17, 2021 Council meeting be approved.



CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

General Managers Update

Tom Lancaster, General Manager provided an update on recent and upcoming Island activities:

- City of Vancouver works projects at Anderson Street and Granville Street Bridge
- Return to paid parking May 1
- Development of budget scenarios for coming fiscal year
- CMHC contributions to a GIBCA-produced promotional video for Granville Island
- With May 1 change from no-fault auto insurance, likely increase in slips, trips and falls claims
- Rent relief update
- Exploring potential to create liquor permitted public areas at Granville Island
- Media attention on the closure of Edible Canada and kite store at Kids Only Market
- Internal review underway of tenant project approvals process

City of Vancouver Cultural Services Presentation and Discussion

Council was joined by the City of Vancouver's Cultural Services Branislav Henselmann, Directing Manager and Alix Sales, Senior Cultural Planner, who presented information on the City's Culture Shift plan and discussed opportunities for collaboration.

Review Draft Council Strategic Plan

Sebastian Lippa, Manager of Planning, presented the draft Council Strategic Plan for Council comment.

MOVED by Council Chair Deal

SECONDED by Council Member Lauyanto

THAT Council approve in principle the draft Council Strategic Plan as a reflection of Council strategic planning workshop held January 20, and

THAT Council direct staff to report to Council at next meeting with 3-year plan for implementation framework, which should include prioritization for action, timelines, and financial considerations, and should include the use of committees.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

During discussion of the Council Strategic Plan, it was noted that CMHC had recently appointed a new President and CEO, Romy Bowers.

MOVED by Council Member Caminiti

SECONDED by Council Member Lauyanto

THAT Council draft letter to introduce itself to the new President and CEO of CMHC.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Council-sponsored Working Groups and Committees

Sebastian Lippa, Manager of Planning, presented report on a proposal to create Council-sponsored working groups and committees.

MOVED by Council Chair Deal

SECONDED by Council Member Pitt

THAT staff is directed to establish Council-sponsored, working groups and committees on key subject areas as discussed

THAT staff report back on committee make up, timeline, purpose, and outcomes by before the end of March

THAT Council appoint Council representation to each of the committees

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Spring marketing Campaign

Lisa Ono, Manager of Public Affairs and Programming presented the spring marketing campaign.

Planning and Development Update

Sebastian Lippa, Manager of Planning and Development, provided an update on the following projects:

- Island-wide Development Strategy
- ECUAD North repurposing
- Arts & Innovation Hub planning
- Collaborative design process for new public space just east of Lot 73

Granville Island Budget Preparation Process

Kam Dosanjh, Acting Manager of Business Controls, Finance, presented a report “Granville Island Budget Preparation Process,” for Council direction.

MOVED by Council Member Lauyanto

SECONDED by Council Member Pitt

THAT the March 12, 2021 report from the Acting Manager of Business Controls, entitled Granville Island Budget Preparation Process is received for information; and

THAT a Staff-Council Budget Working Group is struck and appointed; and,

THAT a budget review and sign-off process is formalized and reported back to Council at next meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Concept of video tour of Granville Island and introduction to new GM

MOVED by Council Member Lauyanto

SECONDED by Council Member Pitt

THAT Staff report back on feasibility of doing a virtual tour of Granville Island, to support renewed Granville Island branding and marketing.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Concept of creating a Granville Island Foundation

After discussion, it was agreed to explore this idea through the to-be created funding committee.

In-Camera Meeting

MOVED by Council Member Chungath

SECONDED by Council Member Lauyanto

THAT Council move meeting in camera.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Next meeting

Next Meeting: May 19, 2021

MEETING ADJOURNED

IN CAMERA AGENDA

In Camera Meeting – with Staff

For Information

1. **PILT Update**

Tom Lancaster, GM, and Kam Dosanjh, Acting Manager of Business Controls, provides an update on Payment-in-lieu-of-Taxes (PILT).

2. **Emergency Funding Request 2021-22**

Tom Lancaster, GM presents update on emergency funding request

3. **Provincial water lot leases**

Tom Lancaster, GM and Sabrina Lakos, Manager of Leasing provided an update on ongoing negotiations with Province on Provincial water lot lease renewals.

4. **1286 Cartwright Street (Current Arts Umbrella building) – Leasing Activity Update**

Sabrina Lakos, Manager of Leasing provided an update on the current status of leasing activities as they relate to the current Arts Umbrella building, located at 1286 Cartwright Street.

See Attachment E: 1286 Cartwright Street – Leasing Activity Update

DC – With Ballet BC in discussion, what is the role of the broker?

SL – Numerous benefits of using a broker – networks, capacity. Commission rates are percentage of lease rate, in service agreement.

DC - And do we determine rates?

SL – Landlord determines the rates.

DM – Lease arrangement, do we have exemptions for the commission structure?

SL – Our agreement, we can choose to not use the brokers, but this deal will take a lot of work including lease negotiations.

DM – The materials have a commercial feel to them. What kind of access do the brokers have to the arts sector.

DM – I would craft a transaction not based on the lease rate benchmark.

SL – That is our intention. We want to establish the market rate so we can determine the level of subsidy.

AP – Is there a way to partner with the City on this?

TL – Yes, as part of discussions with the City.

HD – How long will there be a gap in the building?

HD- Can we negotiate down the fee we pay them?

5. **Collective Bargaining Update**

Tom Lancaster, GM provided an overview of Collective Bargaining with the PSAC and potential next steps.

In Camera Meeting – Council members only

6. In Camera items

Council to discuss in camera items without CMHC-Granville Island staff present.