



General Purposes Committee

Date: Monday, December 3, 2018

Place: Anderson Room
Richmond City Hall

Present: Mayor Malcolm D. Brodie, Chair
Councillor Chak Au
Councillor Carol Day
Councillor Kelly Greene
Councillor Bill McNulty
Councillor Linda McPhail
Councillor Harold Steves
Councillor Michael Wolfe

Absent: Councillor Alexa Loo

Call to Order: The Chair called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

MINUTES

It was moved and seconded

That the minutes of the meeting of the General Purposes Committee held on November 21, 2018, be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

COUNCILLOR CAROL DAY

1. **ONLINE VOTING RECORD REFERRAL**
(File Ref. No.)

Councillor Day spoke to the potential for the City to implement an online voting record, noting that it would be a great way to engage with the public and build public confidence. Councillor Day remarked that a Council Voting Record is an easy-to-use tool for members of the public wishing to see how members of Council voted on a particular matter.

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It was moved and seconded

That staff be directed to examine options and the feasibility for a public registry of City Council member voting records and report back.

The question on the motion was not called as in reply to queries from Committee, Claudia Jesson, Manager, Legislative Services, commented on the City of Vancouver's online voting record software. She stated that Vancouver City Council's votes are recorded electronically and this data is then utilized when generating the Council Voting Record spreadsheet.

Discussion then took place on the feasibility of a Council Voting Record and the following **amendment motion** was introduced:

It was moved and seconded

That the motion be revised to read as follows:

That staff be directed to examine feasible options for a public registry of City Council member voting records and report back.

The question on the amendment motion was not called and discussion took place on who determines feasibility.

The question on the amendment motion was then called and it was **DEFEATED ON A TIE VOTE** with Mayor Brodie, Cllrs. McPhail, McNulty and Steves opposed.

Discussion then ensued and the following Committee comments were noted:

- Council's voting record is currently published on the City's website by way of Council and Committee Minutes pages;
- costs to maintain an online voting registry, including program, hardware, software and staff costs should be examined as Council and Committee meet nearly every Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday;
- an online voting registry would allow the public to have a one-stop-shop, identifying key issues in the City and how Council voted on them;
- Council determines the feasibility of any option presented for consideration; and
- an online voting registry may be helpful, however the integration of minutes as part of any registry should also be examined as minutes provide context as to why a vote went a certain way.

The question on the main motion was then called and it was **CARRIED**.

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COMMUNITY SAFETY DIVISION

2. HOUSEKEEPING AMENDMENTS FOR TRAFFIC BYLAW NO. 5870; PARKING (OFF-STREET) REGULATION BYLAW NO. 7403

(File Ref. No. 12-8060-20-00570/007403/009957/009958; 12-8060-0) (REDMS No. 6012365; 6033588; 6033578)

In reply to queries from Committee, Susan Lloyd, Manager, Parking Enforcement, Animal Control and Administration advised that (i) any proposed new on-street pay parking in Bridgeport Village will be brought forward for Council consideration and (ii) the proposed bylaws would allow for 8620/8660 Beckwith Road to become a monthly permitted parking lot.

It was moved and seconded

That the following bylaws, introducing pay parking to manage parking demand in the Bridgeport area, be introduced and given first, second and third readings:

- (1) Traffic Bylaw No. 5870, Amendment Bylaw No. 9957; and*
- (2) Parking (Off-Street) Regulation Bylaw No. 7403, Amendment Bylaw No. 9958.*

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved and seconded

That the meeting adjourn (4:20 p.m.).

CARRIED

Certified a true and correct copy of the Minutes of the meeting of the General Purposes Committee of the Council of the City of Richmond held on Monday, December 3, 2018.

Mayor Malcolm D. Brodie
Chair

Hanieh Berg
Legislative Services Coordinator