



## **City of Vancouver** *Zoning and Development By-law*

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# **CD-1 (329)**

*300 Robson Street*

*By-law No. 7340*

*(Being a By-law to Amend By-law 3575, being the Zoning and Development By-law)*

***Effective September 27, 1994***

*(Amended up to and including By-law No. 8760, dated December 9, 2003)*

**1** *[Section 1 is not reprinted here. It contains a standard clause amending Schedule D (Zoning District Plan) to reflect this rezoning to CD-1.]*

**2** **Uses**

The area shown included within the heavy black outline on Schedule “A” shall be more particularly described as CD-1(329) and the only uses permitted within the outlined area, subject to such conditions as Council may by resolution prescribe, and the only uses for which development permits will be issued are

- (a) Dwelling Units;
- (b) Animal Clinic;
- (c) Barber Shop or Beauty Salon;
- (d) Bed and Breakfast Accommodation;
- (e) Billiard Hall;
- (f) Bowling Alley;
- (g) Catering Establishment;
- (h) Club;
- (i) Financial Institution;
- (j) Fitness Centre;
- (k) General Office;
- (l) Grocery or Drug Store;
- (m) Hall;
- (n) Health Care Office;
- (o) Health Enhancement Centre;
- (p) Hotel;
- (q) Laundromat or Dry Cleaning Establishment;
- (r) Liquor Store;
- (s) Photofinishing or Photography Laboratory;
- (t) Photofinishing or Photography Studio;
- (u) Print Shop;
- (v) Repair Shop - Class B;
- (w) Restaurant - Class 1;
- (x) Retail Store;
- (y) School - Arts or Self-Improvement;
- (z) School - Business;
- (aa) School - Vocational or Trade;
- (bb) Social Service Centre;
- (cc) Accessory Uses customarily ancillary to the above uses.

**3** **Floor Space Ratio**

**3.1** The floor space ratio must not exceed 7.23, of which nonresidential floor space must not exceed 687.1 m<sup>2</sup>. For the purpose of computing floor space ratio, the site is all parcels covered by this By-law, and is deemed to be 1 534 m<sup>2</sup>, being the site size at time of application for rezoning, prior to any dedications.

**3.2** The following will be included in the computation of floor space ratio:

- (a) all floors having a minimum ceiling height of 1.2 m, both above and below ground level, to be measured to the extreme outer limits of the building.

*Note: Information included in square brackets [ ] identifies the by-law numbers and dates for the amendments to By-law No. 7340 or provides an explanatory note.*

**3.3** The following will be excluded in the computation of floor space ratio:

- (a) open residential balconies or sun decks, and any other appurtenances which, in the opinion of the Director of Planning, are similar to the foregoing, provided that the total area of all exclusions does not exceed 8 percent of the provided residential floor area;
- (b) patios and roof gardens, provided that the Director of Planning first approves the design of sunroofs and walls;
- (c) where floors are used for off-street parking and loading, bicycle storage, heating and mechanical equipment, or uses which in the opinion of the Director of Planning are similar to the foregoing, those floors or portions thereof so used, which are at or below the base surface, provided that the maximum exclusion for a parking space shall not exceed 7.3 m in length;
- (d) elevator shafts, lockers, laundry rooms and entrance lobbies providing the areas are ancillary to residential uses;
- (e) social and recreational amenities and facilities provided that the area of such excluded facilities does not exceed 20 percent of the allowable floor space or 1 000 m<sup>2</sup>, whichever is less; and
- (f) all residential storage space above or below base surface, except that if the residential storage space above base surface exceeds 3.7 m<sup>2</sup> per dwelling unit, there will be no exclusion for any of the residential storage space above base surface for that unit; [8760; 03 12 09]
- (g) where exterior walls greater than 152 mm in thickness have been recommended by a Building Envelope Professional as defined in the Building By-law, the area of the walls exceeding 152 mm, but to a maximum exclusion of 152 mm thickness, except that this clause shall not apply to walls in existence prior to March 14, 2000. [8169; 00 03 14]

**3.4** The Director of Planning may permit the following to be excluded in the computation of floor space ratio:

- (a) enclosed residential balconies, provided that the Director of Planning first considers all applicable policies and guidelines adopted by Council and approves the design of any balcony enclosure subject to the following:
  - (i) the total area of all open and enclosed balcony or sun deck exclusions does not exceed eight percent of the residential floor area being provided, and
  - (ii) no more than fifty percent of the excluded balcony floor area may be enclosed. [7512; 96 01 11]

## **4 Height**

The maximum building height (including the mechanical penthouse), measured above the base surface, is 46.1 m.

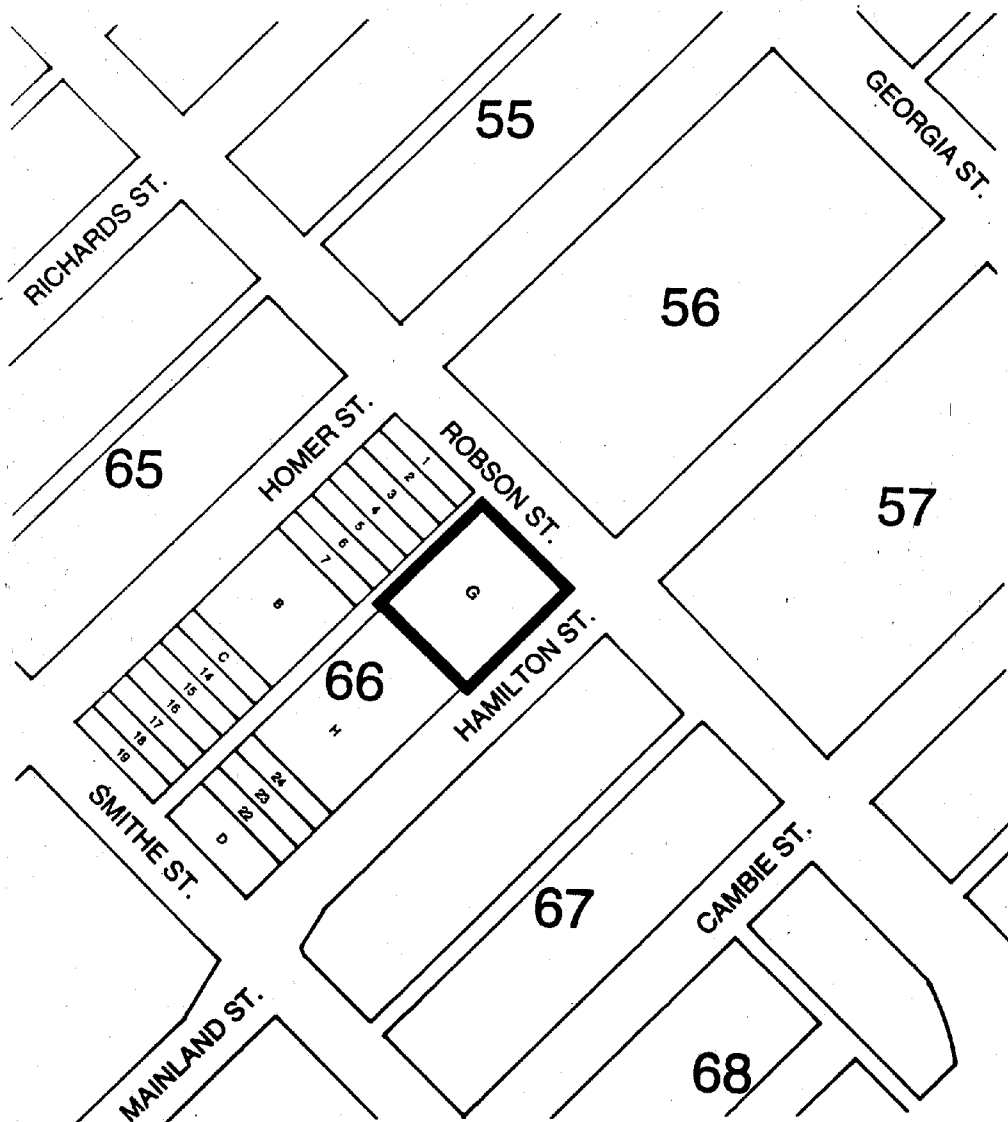
## **5 Acoustics**

All development permit applications require evidence in the form of a report and recommendations prepared by a person trained in acoustics and current techniques of noise measurement demonstrating that the noise levels in those portions of the dwelling units listed below will not exceed the noise level set opposite such portions. For the purposes of this section the noise level is the A-weighted 24-hour equivalent (Leq) sound level and will be defined simply as noise level in decibels.

Portions of Dwelling Units	Noise Level (Decibels)
bedrooms	35
living, dining, recreation rooms	40
kitchen, bathrooms, hallways	45

**6** *[Section 6 is not reprinted here. It contains a standard clause including the Mayor and City Clerk's signatures to pass the by-law and to certify the by-law number and date of enactment.]*

BY-LAW No. 7340 BEING A BY-LAW TO AMEND BY-LAW No. 3575  
BEING THE ZONING & DEVELOPMENT BY-LAW



The property outlined in black (■) is rezoned:  
From **DD** To **CD-1**

**Z-429(a)**

**RZ 300 Robson St.**

map: 1 of 1

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**CITY OF VANCOUVER  
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING**

A Special Meeting of the Council of the City of Vancouver was held on Thursday, May 19, 1994, at 7:40 p.m., Council Chamber, Third Floor, City Hall, for the purpose of holding a Public Hearing to amend the Zoning and Development By-law.

**PRESENT:** Mayor Owen  
Councillors Bellamy, Chiavario, Clarke,  
Hemer, Ip, Kwan and Sullivan

**ABSENT:** Councillor Kennedy (Leave of Absence)  
Councillor Price  
Councillor Puil (Leave of Absence)

**CLERK TO THE COUNCIL:** Gary MacIsaac

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

MOVED by Cllr. Bellamy,  
SECONDED by Cllr. Hemer,

THAT this Council resolve itself into Committee of the Whole,  
Mayor Owen in the Chair, to consider proposed amendments to the  
Zoning and Development By-law.

**- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

1. Text Amendment: CD-1 Comprehensive Development  
District By-law No. 7166 (737 West 16th Avenue)

An application by Spaceworks Architects was considered as follows:

TEXT AMENDMENT: CD-1 COMPREHENSIVE DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT BY-LAW NO. 7166 (737 West 16th Avenue)

- (i) If approved this amendment would permit the conversion of 333.7 m<sup>2</sup> (3,592 sq. ft.) of cultural centre use to commercial use.
- (ii) Any consequential amendments.

The Director of Planning recommended approval of this text amendment.

A review of the correspondence on this matter showed one letter in opposition to the text amendment.

Mayor Owen called for speakers for or against this application but none were present.

MOVED by Cllr. Bellamy,  
THAT this application be approved.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. Rezoning: 300 Robson Street (Lot G, Block 66  
D.L. 541, Plan LMP8451)

An application by the Director of Planning on behalf of Rafii Architects, was considered as follows:

REZONING: 300 ROBSON STREET (Lot G, Block 66,  
D.L. 541, Plan LMP8451)

Present Zoning: DD Downtown District

Proposed Zoning: CD-1 Comprehensive Development District

(i) If approved, the rezoning would permit the use and development of the site generally as follows:

- construction of a 15-storey residential building to accommodate approximately 135 dwelling units and 538.8 m<sup>2</sup> (5,800 sq. ft.) of retail/office use;
- retention of a two-storey heritage designated house containing approximately 148.3 m<sup>2</sup> (1,600 sq. ft.) of office use;
- accessory uses;
- maximum height of 46.1 m (151.2 ft.);
- maximum density of 7.23 floor space ratio; and
- provisions regarding off-street parking and loading.

(ii) Amend Sign By-law No. 6510.

(iii) Any consequential amendments.

The Director of Planning recommended approval subject to the following conditions proposed for adoption by resolution of Council:

- (a) That, the proposed form of development be approved by Council, in principle, generally as prepared by Rafii Architects Inc. and Allan Diamond Architect and stamped "Received City Planning Department December 7 and 14, 1993" and revised "January 11, 1994" provided that the Director of Planning may allow minor alterations to this form of development when approving the detailed scheme of development as outlined in (b) below.
- (b) That, prior to approval by Council of the form of development, the applicant shall obtain approval of a development application by the Director of Planning, who shall have particular regard to the following:



Clause No. 2 Continued

- (i) design development to refine overall building character in response to both the heritage building and Library Square;
  - (ii) design development to open up the views of the heritage house from the street by the removal of the podium open frame extension on Hamilton Street;
  - (iii) make suitable arrangements, to the satisfaction of the City Engineer, for the provision of on-site loading access to retail units;
  - (iv) make suitable arrangements, to the satisfaction of the City Engineer, for the provision of garbage and recycling facilities;
  - (v) provision of bicycle parking facilities to be provided in accordance with Council-adopted Bicycle Parking Guidelines;
  - (vi) submission of a detailed landscape plan which is also to include details of the fence and gate enclosure that separates the heritage house from the residential tower;
  - (vii) submission of an acoustical consultant's report assessing noise impacts on the site and recommending noise mitigation measures to achieve noise criteria; and
  - (viii) design details to incorporate crime prevention through environmental design (CPTED) principles.
- (c) That, prior to enactment of the CD-1 By-law, the registered owner shall, at no cost to the City:
- (i) make suitable arrangements, to the satisfaction of the City Engineer, for all electrical and telephone services to be undergrounded within and adjacent to the site from the closest, existing suitable service point;
  - (ii) execute an agreement, to the satisfaction of the Director of Legal Services, to not discriminate against families with children in the sale of residential units; and

Clause No. 2 Continued

- (iii) submit a letter, to the satisfaction of the Industrial Waste Management Branch, from a qualified geotechnical consultant re-affirming that further geotechnical investigations of the site's soil conditions will be carried out during project construction.
- (d) That, prior to enactment of the CD-1 By-law, the Director of Legal Services, in consultation with the Director of Planning shall:
  - (i) review and amend the provisions of the heritage agreement, as the Director of Planning deems advisable, as it relates to the retention of the heritage building on the site (Lot G, Block 66, D.L. 541, Plan LMP8451).

There was no correspondence received on this matter.

Mayor Owen called for speakers for or against this application but none were present.

MOVED by Cllr. Clarke,

THAT this application be approved, subject to the conditions as set out in this minute of the Public Hearing.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

BY-LAW NO. 7340

A By-law to amend  
By-law No. 3575, being the  
Zoning and Development By-law

THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF VANCOUVER, in open meeting  
assembled, enacts as follows:

1. The "Zoning District Plan" annexed to By-law No. 3575 as Schedule "D" is hereby amended according to the plan marginally numbered Z-429(a) and attached to this By-law as Schedule "A", and in accordance with the explanatory legends, notations and references inscribed thereon, so that the boundaries and districts shown on the Zoning District Plan are varied, amended or substituted to the extent shown on Schedule "A" of this By-law, and Schedule "A" of this By-law is hereby incorporated as an integral part of Schedule "D" of By-law No. 3575.

2. Uses

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### 3. Floor Space Ratio

3.1 The floor space ratio must not exceed 7.23, of which non-residential floor space must not exceed 687.1 m<sup>2</sup>. For the purpose of computing floor space ratio, the site is all parcels covered by this By-law, and is deemed to be 1 534 m<sup>2</sup>, being the site size at time of application for rezoning, prior to any dedications.

3.2 The following will be included in the computation of floor space ratio:

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- (a) open residential balconies, sun decks, and any other appurtenances which, in the opinion of the Director of Planning, are similar to the foregoing, provided that the total area of all exclusions does not exceed 8 percent of the provided residential floor area;
- (b) patios and roof gardens, provided that the Director of Planning first approves the design of sunroofs or walls;
- (c) where floors are used for off-street parking and loading, bicycle storage, heating and mechanical equipment, or uses which in the opinion of the Director of Planning are similar to the foregoing, those floors or portions thereof so used, which are at or below the base surface, provided that the maximum exclusion for a parking space shall not exceed 7.3 m in length;
- (d) elevator shafts, lockers, laundry rooms and entrance lobbies providing the areas are ancillary to residential uses;
- (e) social and recreational amenities and facilities provided that the area of such excluded facilities does not exceed 20 percent of the allowable floor space or 1 000 m<sup>2</sup>, whichever is less; and
- (f) residential storage space provided that where the space is provided at or above base surface, the maximum exclusion shall be 3.7 m<sup>2</sup> per dwelling unit.

3.4 The Director of Planning may permit enclosed residential balconies to be excluded in the computation of floor space ratio provided that he first considers all applicable policies and guidelines adopted by Council and approves the design of any balcony enclosure, and provided further that the total area of all open and enclosed balcony or sun deck exclusions does not exceed 8 percent of the provided residential floor area.

#### 4. Height

The maximum building height (including the mechanical penthouse), measured above the base surface, is 46.1 m.

#### 5. Acoustics

All development permit applications require evidence in the form of a report and recommendations prepared by a person trained in acoustics and current techniques of noise measurement demonstrating that

the noise levels in those portions of the dwelling units listed below will not exceed the noise level set opposite such portions. For the purposes of this section the noise level is the A-weighted 24-hour equivalent (Leq) sound level and will be defined simply as noise level in decibels.

PORTIONS OF DWELLING UNITS

NOISE LEVELS (DECIBELS)

bedrooms	35
living, dining, recreation rooms	40
kitchen, bathrooms, hallways	45
terraces, patios, balconies	60

6. This By-law comes into force and takes effect on the date of its passing.

DONE AND PASSED in open Council this 27th day of September, 1994.

"(signed) Philip W. Owen"

Mayor

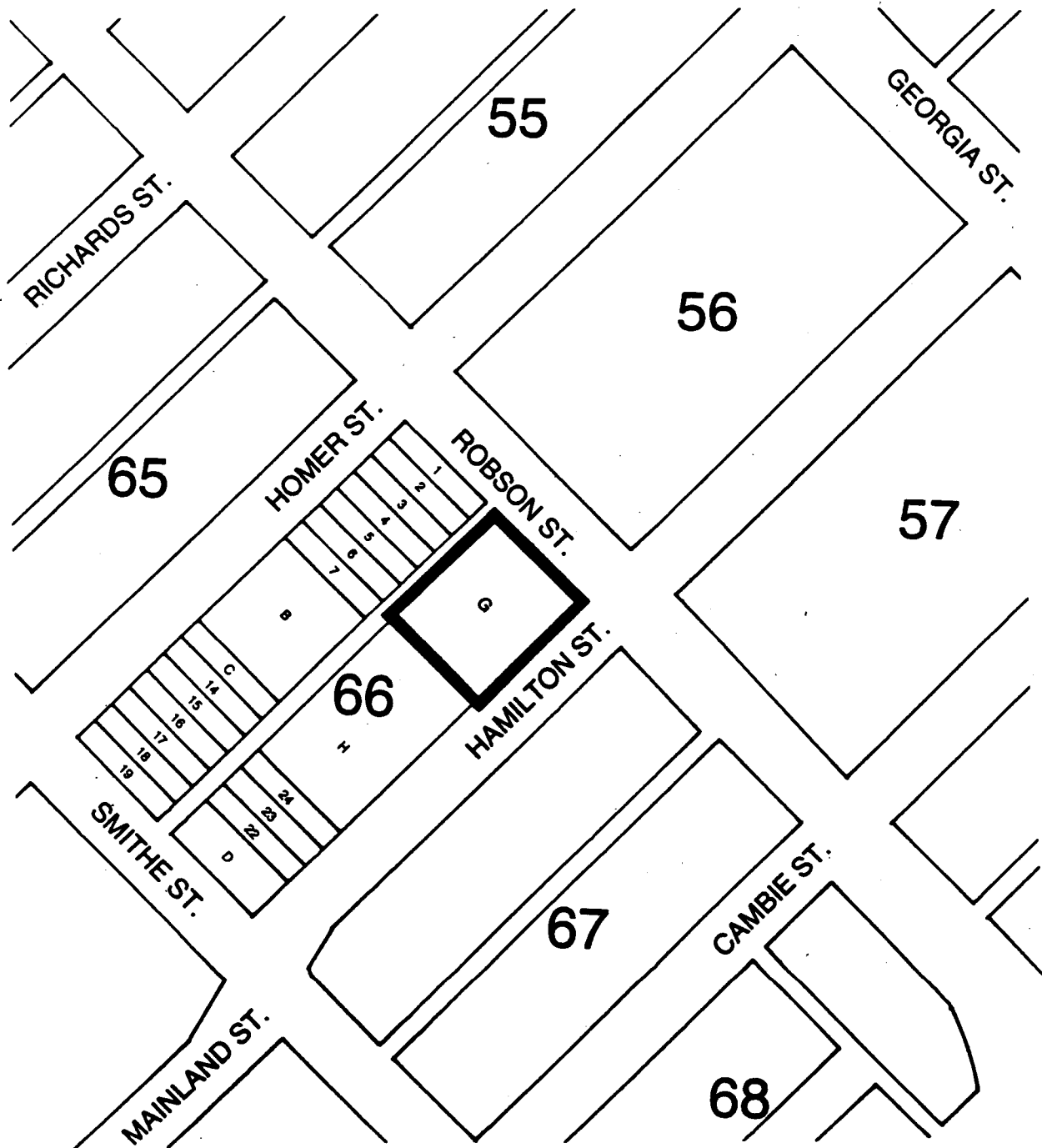
"(signed) Maria C. Kinsella"

City Clerk

"I hereby certify that the foregoing is a correct copy of a By-law passed by the Council of the City of Vancouver on the 27th day of September 1994, and numbered 7340.

CITY CLERK"

BY-LAW No. 7340 BEING A BY-LAW TO AMEND BY-LAW No. 3575  
BEING THE ZONING & DEVELOPMENT BY-LAW



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BY-LAW NO. 7344

A By-law to amend  
By-law No. 6510, being the  
Sign By-law

THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF VANCOUVER, in open meeting  
assembled, enacts as follows:

1. Schedule E to By-law No. 6510 is amended by adding the  
following:

"300 Robson St.                      CD-1(329)      7340              B(DD)"

2. This By-law comes into force and takes effect on the date of  
its passing.

DONE AND PASSED in open Council this    4th       day of  
October                      , 1994.

"(signed) Philip W. Owen"

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Mayor

"(signed) Maria C. Kinsella"

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City Clerk

"I hereby certify that the foregoing is a correct copy of a By-law  
passed by the Council of the City of Vancouver on the 4th day of  
October 1994, and numbered 7344.

CITY CLERK"



Balcony Exclusions  
Option A.2

BY-LAW NO. 7512

A By-law to amend By-law Nos.  
6421, 6688, 6710, 6731, 6757, 6787, 6817, 7006,  
7156, 7173, 7189, 7193, 7200, 7204, 7209, 7223,  
7224, 7232, 7246, 7248, 7317, 7337, [REDACTED], 7381,  
7431 and 7461, being by-laws which amended the Zoning  
and Development By-law by rezoning areas to CD-1

THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF VANCOUVER, in open meeting assembled,  
enacts as follows:

1. The following By-laws are each amended by deleting section 3.4  
and by substituting the following new section 3.4:

"3.4 The Director of Planning may permit the following to be excluded in  
the computation of floor space ratio:

(a) enclosed residential balconies, provided that the Director of  
Planning first considers all applicable policies and guidelines  
adopted by Council and approves the design of any balcony enclosure  
subject to the following:

(i). the total area of all open and enclosed balcony or sundeck  
exclusions does not exceed eight percent of the residential  
floor area being provided; and

(ii) no more than fifty percent of the excluded balcony floor  
area may be enclosed."

6688	7006	7337
6710	7173	7340
6731	7189	7381
6787	7223	7431
6817	7224	

2. By-law Nos. 6421, 7193 and 7209 are each amended in section 3.4 by  
deleting clause (a) and by substituting the following new clause (a):

"(a) enclosed residential balconies, provided that the Director of  
Planning first considers all applicable policies and guidelines  
adopted by Council and approves the design of any balcony enclosure  
subject to the following:

(i) the total area of all open and enclosed balcony or sundeck  
exclusions does not exceed eight percent of the residential  
floor area being provided; and

- (ii) no more than fifty percent of the excluded balcony floor area may be enclosed;"

3. By-law No. 7246 is amended in section 3.5 by deleting clause (a) and by substituting the following new clause (a):

"(a) enclosed residential balconies, provided that the Director of Planning first considers all applicable policies and guidelines adopted by Council and approves the design of any balcony enclosure subject to the following:

- (i) the total area of all open and enclosed balcony or sundeck exclusions does not exceed eight percent of the residential floor area being provided; and

- (ii) no more than fifty percent of the excluded balcony floor area may be enclosed;"

4. By-law Nos. 7156, 7200, 7232 and 7248 are each amended in section 6.4 by deleting clause (a) and by substituting the following new clause (a):

"(a) enclosed residential balconies, provided that the Director of Planning first considers all applicable policies and guidelines adopted by Council and approves the design of any balcony enclosure subject to the following:

- (i) the total area of all open and enclosed balcony or sundeck exclusions does not exceed eight percent of the residential floor area being provided; and

- (ii) no more than fifty percent of the excluded balcony floor area may be enclosed;"

5. By-law No. 7317 is amended in section 6.4 by deleting clause (a) and by substituting the following new clause (a):

"(a) enclosed residential balconies, provided that the Director of Planning first considers all applicable policies and guidelines adopted by Council and approves the design of any balcony enclosure subject to the following:

- (i) the total area of all open and enclosed balcony or sundeck exclusions does not exceed eight percent of the residential floor area being provided; and

- (ii) no more than fifty percent of the excluded balcony floor area may be enclosed."

6. By-law No. 7461 is amended in section 6.4 of Schedule "B" by deleting clause (a) and by substituting the following new clause (a):

"(a) enclosed residential balconies, provided that the Director of Planning first considers all applicable policies and guidelines adopted by Council and approves the design of any balcony enclosure subject to the following:

(i) the total area of all open and enclosed balcony or sundeck exclusions does not exceed eight percent of the residential floor area being provided; and

(ii) no more than fifty percent of the excluded balcony floor area may be enclosed."

7. By-law No. 6757 is amended in section 7.4 by deleting clause (a) and by substituting the following new clause (a):

"(a) enclosed residential balconies, provided that the Director of Planning first considers all applicable policies and guidelines adopted by Council and approves the design of any balcony enclosure subject to the following:

(i) the total area of all open and enclosed balcony or sundeck exclusions does not exceed eight percent of the residential floor area being provided; and

(ii) no more than fifty percent of the excluded balcony floor area may be enclosed;"

8. By-law No. 7204 is amended in section 7.4 of Schedule "B" by deleting clause (a) and by substituting the following new clause (a):

"(a) enclosed residential balconies, provided that the Director of Planning first considers all applicable policies and guidelines adopted by Council and approves the design of any balcony enclosure subject to the following:

(i) the total area of all open and enclosed balcony or sundeck exclusions does not exceed eight percent of the residential floor area being provided; and

(ii) no more than fifty percent of the excluded balcony floor area may be enclosed;"

9. This By-law comes into force and takes effect on the date of its passing.

DONE AND PASSED in open Council this 11th day of  
January, 1996.

"(signed) Jennifer Clarke"  
Deputy Mayor

"(signed) Maria C. Kinsella"  
City Clerk

"I hereby certify that the foregoing is a correct copy of a By-law passed by the Council of the City of Vancouver on the 11th day of January 1996, and numbered 7512.

CITY CLERK"

Clause 1(a) and (b) (cont'd)

This development is also in keeping with Council's strategy of reducing traffic congestion by encouraging residential development in this area and reducing commuters. The application also provides for a substantial amount of bicycle parking within the new residential complex.

Staff Closing Comments

Staff offered no additional comments.

Council Decision

Prior to making a decision, several members of Council expressed the view that staff need to reconsider their approach when notifying residents about rezoning applications, as well as other City-related issues. Members of Council also referred to a previously requested report on waterfront tower height and Council expressed a desire to see this report as soon as possible.

MOVED by Cllr. Bellamy,

THAT this application be approved, subject to the conditions as set out in this minute of the Public Hearing.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOVED by Cllr. Price,

THAT the City Manager ensure that when the anticipated report from the Housing Centre on housing affordability comes back, it deals with the issues related to Triangle West and new neighbourhoods.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. Balcony Enclosures and Acoustic Requirements /

An application by the Director of Land Use and Development was considered as follows:

The proposed amendments to various zoning District Schedules, Official Development Plans and CD-1 Comprehensive Development District By-laws, would either:

- not allow any of the permitted residential floor area to be excluded from Floor Space Ratio (FSR) for enclosed balconies except in buildings existing prior to April 23, 1985 in which case the present regulations would apply; or

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Clause No. 2 (cont'd)

- continue to permit a maximum of 8 percent of permitted residential floor area to be excluded form Floor Space Ratio (FSR) for balconies BUT to permit no more than half of excluded floor area to be enclosed; or
- permit no more than 8 percent of permitted residential floor area to be excluded from Floor Space Ratio (FSR) for enclosed balconies.

The proposed acoustic amendments would delete the acoustic requirement for balconies, terraces, patios, etc.

Amended Balcony Enclosure Guidelines and Policies are also proposed.

The Director of Land Use and Development recommended approval of this application.

Staff Opening Comments

Mr. Ralph Segal, Planner, provided background on this issue and introduced the options before Council this evening.

In 1964, in order to improve livability in higher density multiple dwelling developments, open balconies were excluded from FSR to a maximum of eight percent of residential floor area. In the early 1980s, the City received numerous requests from owners of units in existing buildings to enclose their balconies for reasons of poor insulation and acoustics, air drafts and other interior problems. In response, Council in 1985 adopted balcony enclosure guidelines by which enclosed balconies would continue to be excluded from FSR.

Subsequently, in response to the development industry's request for equity, Council permitted this exclusion to apply to new construction, subject to adherence to the guidelines. Since then, new buildings have, to an increasing degree, incorporated enclosed balconies as additional interior space displacing the private open space, the open balconies, for which the FSR exclusion had been originally provided.

Since enclosed balcony space has been successfully marketed at the full per square foot price of the rest of the dwelling unit, many developers have been more and more aggressive in seeking the full eight percent exclusion for enclosed balconies. This differs from a mix of open and enclosed balconies that were anticipated when the exclusion was first put in place.

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Clause No. 2 (cont'd)

With the aid of photographs distributed to Council (on file in the City Clerk's Office), Mr. Segal explained that enclosure of most or all balconies bulks up buildings by filling in the volumes of open balconies and intends to create less residential, more office-like buildings. Exclusions from FSR are usually given to encourage developers to provide facilities that are considered important for livability but would likely not be provided without that incentive. In this case, bonuses are being permitted when they the negative affect of displacing the private open space for which the FSR exclusion was intended.

Recommendation A1 would eliminate the FSR exclusion for enclosed balconies except in the buildings existing prior to 1985, as per the original intent of the balcony enclosure provisions. Alternatively, should Council consider that enclosed balconies do have merit, A2 is offered which states that no more than half of the excluded balcony area may be enclosed. The third option, A3 is to simply allow outright the full eight percent exclusion to be enclosed.

This application also proposes an acoustic amendment. At present, acoustic requirements in many district schedules and CD-1 by-laws apply to standards in both rooms within the unit as well as exterior balconies and patios. As the current standard often requires balconies to be enclosed, even when this is not desired, the proposed amendment will delete this requirement. Mr. Segal also explained that amendments are proposed to the balcony enclosure guidelines which would delete provisions calling for easy conversion of enclosed balconies back to open balconies, as well as adding several additional clauses which will clarify the design intent in new construction.

Responding to a question from a member of Council, Mr. Segal advised of an error in the memorandum dated July 18, 1995 from the City Clerk, which referred this matter to Public Hearing. Recommendation A1 makes reference to excluding floor space ratio for enclosed balconies except in buildings existing prior to April 23, 1995. This should read April 23, 1985.

A member of Council enquired whether these guidelines would permit a style of balcony sometimes referred to a french balconies. Mr. Segal advised this style would not be permitted under the proposed guidelines.

Council members also enquired whether thresholds will still be required between the interior unit and the closed balconies. It was confirmed the proposed guidelines still contain this threshold requirement.

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Clause No. 2 (cont'd)

Correspondence

All correspondence received prior to this matter being referred to Public Hearing was included as Appendix E in the Council report. One additional letter stressing the need for more open balconies in Vancouver and another favouring option A2, were also received.

Speakers

The Mayor called for speakers for and against the application, and the following addressed Council.

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MOVED by Cllr. Kennedy,

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FURTHER THAT the requirement that thresholds be included in enclosed balconies be removed.

- CARRIED

Councillors Chiavario, Kwan and Price opposed)

MOVED by Cllr. Kennedy,

THAT those District Schedules and CD-1 by-laws containing an acoustic regulation be amended, to delete the acoustic requirement for on-site open space (i.e., balconies, terraces, patios, etc.), generally as outlined in Appendix A of the Policy Report dated June 6, 1995.

- CARRIED

(Councillor Sullivan opposed)

MOVED by Cllr. Kennedy,

THAT the Balcony Enclosure Guidelines and Policies, amended as noted in Appendix B of the Policy Report dated June 6, 1995, to reflect more practical utilization by residents, be approved.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOVED by Cllr. Kennedy,


THAT Council advise the Planning Department that it supports "French Balconies" where appropriate and that language be incorporated in the balcony regulations and/or guidelines that would encourage their provision.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## Acoustic Requirements

### BY-LAW NO. 7515

#### A By-law to amend

By-law Nos. 3712, 4037, 4049, 4397, 4677, 5381, 5836, 5852, 6272, 6310, 6312, 6313, 6314, 6315, 6316, 6317, 6318, 6319, 6320, 6321, 6322, 6323, 6325, 6361, 6362, 6363, 6421, 6425, 6429, 6475, 6489, 6528, 6533, 6564, 6582, 6597, 6663, 6688, 6710, 6713, 6714, 6715, 6730, 6731, 6738, 6739, 6740, 6744, 6747, 6757, 6768, 6779, 6787, 6817, 6827, 6965, 7006, 7087, 7092, 7101, 7114, 7135, 7155, 7156, 7157, 7158, 7163, 7166, 7173, 7174, 7175, 7180, 7189, 7193, 7198, 7200, 7204, 7209, 7223, 7224, 7230, 7232, 7246, 7248, 7317, 7337,  7381, 7425, 7431, 7434 and 7461, being by-laws which amended the Zoning and Development By-law by rezoning areas to CD-1

THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF VANCOUVER, in open meeting assembled, enacts as follows:

1. By-law Nos. 6429, 6597, 7092, 7101, 7224 and 7340 are each amended in section 5 by deleting the words "terraces, patios, balconies" from the left column and the corresponding number "60" from the right column.

2. The following By-laws are each amended in section 6 by deleting the words "terraces, patios, balconies" from the left column and the corresponding number "60" from the right column:

4037	6688	7087	7180
4397	6710	7155	7189
4677	6713	7157	7209
5852	6731	7163	7246
6272	6738	7166	7381
6363	6768	7173	7425
6421	6787	7174	7431
6582	6827	7175	7434
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3. By-law No. 6730 is amended in section 6.1 by deleting the words "Terraces, patios, balconies" from the left column and the corresponding number "60" from the right column.

4. The following By-laws are each amended in section 7 by deleting the words "terraces, patios, balconies" from the left column and the corresponding number "60" from the right column.

5836	6321	6564	7114
6310	6322	6739	7135
6312	6323	6740	7158
6315	6325	6817	7223
6319	6528	6965	7230
6320			

5. By-law Nos. 6313, 6314, 6316, 6317, 6318 and 6361 are each amended in section 7.1 by deleting the words "terraces, patios, balconies" from the left column and the corresponding number "60" from the right column.
6. By-law Nos. 3712, 4049, 6362, 6425, 6489, 6714, 6715, 7193 and 7337 are each amended in section 8 by deleting the words "terraces, patios, balconies" from the left column and the corresponding number "60" from the right column.
7. By-law No. 6779 is amended in section 9 by deleting the words "terraces, patios, balconies" from the left column and the corresponding number "60" from the right column.
8. By-law No. 7198 is amended in section 10 by deleting the words "terraces, patios, balconies" from the left column and the corresponding number "60" from the right column.
9. By-law Nos. 7156, 7200, 7232 and 7248 are each amended in section 11 by deleting the words "terraces, patios, balconies" from the left column and the corresponding number "60" from the right column.
10. By-law No. 6744 is amended in section 12 by deleting the words "terraces, patios, balconies" from the left column and the corresponding number "60" from the right column.
11. By-law Nos. 6747 and 6757 are both amended in section 13 by deleting the words "terraces, patios, balconies" from the left column and the corresponding number "60" from the right column.
12. By-law No. 5381 is amended in section 4.8.1 by
  - (a) deleting clause (d), and
  - (b) relettering clauses (e) and (f) as (d) and (e), respectively.
13. By-law No. 6533 is amended in section 5.6.1 by deleting clause (d).
14. By-law No. 6475 is amended in section 5.8.1 by deleting clause (d).
15. By-law No. 7006 is amended in section 7 by deleting the words "common-use roof decks and patios" from the left column and the corresponding number "55" from the right column.

16. By-law No. 7317 is amended in section 9 by deleting the words "common-use roof decks and patios" from the left column and the corresponding number "55" from the right column.

17. By-law No. 7461 is amended in section 9 of Schedule "B" by deleting the words "common-use roof decks and patios" from the left column and the corresponding number "55" from the right column.

18. By-law No. 7204 is amended in section 12 of Schedule "B" by deleting the words "common-use roof decks and patios" from the left column and the corresponding number "55" from the right column.

19. This By-law comes into force and takes effect on the date of its passing.

DONE AND PASSED in open Council this 11th day of  
January , 1996.

"(signed) Jennifer Clarke"  
Deputy Mayor

"(signed) Maria C. Kinsella"  
City Clerk

"I hereby certify that the foregoing is a correct copy of a By-law passed by the Council of the City of Vancouver on the 11th day of January 1996, and numbered 7515.

CITY CLERK"

Clause 1(a) and (b) (cont'd)

This development is also in keeping with Council's strategy of reducing traffic congestion by encouraging residential development in this area and reducing commuters. The application also provides for a substantial amount of bicycle parking within the new residential complex.

Staff Closing Comments

Staff offered no additional comments.

Council Decision

Prior to making a decision, several members of Council expressed the view that staff need to reconsider their approach when notifying residents about rezoning applications, as well as other City-related issues. Members of Council also referred to a previously requested report on waterfront tower height and Council expressed a desire to see this report as soon as possible.

MOVED by Cllr. Bellamy,

THAT this application be approved, subject to the conditions as set out in this minute of the Public Hearing.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOVED by Cllr. Price,

THAT the City Manager ensure that when the anticipated report from the Housing Centre on housing affordability comes back, it deals with the issues related to Triangle West and new neighbourhoods.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. Balcony Enclosures and Acoustic Requirements

An application by the Director of Land Use and Development was considered as follows:

The proposed amendments to various zoning District Schedules, Official Development Plans and CD-1 Comprehensive Development District By-laws, would either:

- not allow any of the permitted residential floor area to be excluded from Floor Space Ratio (FSR) for enclosed balconies except in buildings existing prior to April 23, 1985 in which case the present regulations would apply; or

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Clause No. 2 (cont'd)

- continue to permit a maximum of 8 percent of permitted residential floor area to be excluded form Floor Space Ratio (FSR) for balconies BUT to permit no more than half of excluded floor area to be enclosed; or
- permit no more than 8 percent of permitted residential floor area to be excluded from Floor Space Ratio (FSR) for enclosed balconies.

The proposed acoustic amendments would delete the acoustic requirement for balconies, terraces, patios, etc.

Amended Balcony Enclosure Guidelines and Policies are also proposed.

The Director of Land Use and Development recommended approval of this application.

Staff Opening Comments

Mr. Ralph Segal, Planner, provided background on this issue and introduced the options before Council this evening.

In 1964, in order to improve livability in higher density multiple dwelling developments, open balconies were excluded from FSR to a maximum of eight percent of residential floor area. In the early 1980s, the City received numerous requests from owners of units in existing buildings to enclose their balconies for reasons of poor insulation and acoustics, air drafts and other interior problems. In response, Council in 1985 adopted balcony enclosure guidelines by which enclosed balconies would continue to be excluded from FSR.

Subsequently, in response to the development industry's request for equity, Council permitted this exclusion to apply to new construction, subject to adherence to the guidelines. Since then, new buildings have, to an increasing degree, incorporated enclosed balconies as additional interior space displacing the private open space, the open balconies, for which the FSR exclusion had been originally provided.

Since enclosed balcony space has been successfully marketed at the full per square foot price of the rest of the dwelling unit, many developers have been more and more aggressive in seeking the full eight percent exclusion for enclosed balconies. This differs from a mix of open and enclosed balconies that were anticipated when the exclusion was first put in place.

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With the aid of photographs distributed to Council (on file in the City Clerk's Office), Mr. Segal explained that enclosure of most or all balconies bulks up buildings by filling in the volumes of open balconies and intends to create less residential, more office-like buildings. Exclusions from FSR are usually given to encourage developers to provide facilities that are considered important for livability but would likely not be provided without that incentive. In this case, bonuses are being permitted when they the negative affect of displacing the private open space for which the FSR exclusion was intended.

Recommendation A1 would eliminate the FSR exclusion for enclosed balconies except in the buildings existing prior to 1985, as per the original intent of the balcony enclosure provisions. Alternatively, should Council consider that enclosed balconies do have merit, A2 is offered which states that no more than half of the excluded balcony area may be enclosed. The third option, A3 is to simply allow outright the full eight percent exclusion to be enclosed.

This application also proposes an acoustic amendment. At present, acoustic requirements in many district schedules and CD-1 by-laws apply to standards in both rooms within the unit as well as exterior balconies and patios. As the current standard often requires balconies to be enclosed, even when this is not desired, the proposed amendment will delete this requirement. Mr. Segal also explained that amendments are proposed to the balcony enclosure guidelines which would delete provisions calling for easy conversion of enclosed balconies back to open balconies, as well as adding several additional clauses which will clarify the design intent in new construction.

Responding to a question from a member of Council, Mr. Segal advised of an error in the memorandum dated July 18, 1995 from the City Clerk, which referred this matter to Public Hearing. Recommendation A1 makes reference to excluding floor space ratio for enclosed balconies except in buildings existing prior to April 23, 1995. This should read April 23, 1985.

A member of Council enquired whether these guidelines would permit a style of balcony sometimes referred to as french balconies. Mr. Segal advised this style would not be permitted under the proposed guidelines.

Council members also enquired whether thresholds will still be required between the interior unit and the closed balconies. It was confirmed the proposed guidelines still contain this threshold requirement.

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Clause No. 2 (cont'd)

Correspondence

All correspondence received prior to this matter being referred to Public Hearing was included as Appendix E in the Council report. One additional letter stressing the need for more open balconies in Vancouver and another favouring option A2, were also received.

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**CITY OF VANCOUVER**  
**SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

**NOVEMBER 20, 2003**

A Special Meeting of the Council of the City of Vancouver was held on Thursday, November 20, 2003, at 7:30 p.m., in the Council Chamber, Third Floor, City Hall, for the purpose of holding a Public Hearing to consider proposed amendments to the Zoning and Development By-law, Official Development Plans, Sign By-law and to designate property as protected heritage property and to enter into a Heritage Revitalization Agreement.

**PRESENT:**

Mayor Larry Campbell  
Councillor David Cadman  
Councillor Peter Ladner  
Councillor Raymond Louie  
Councillor Tim Louis  
Councillor Anne Roberts  
Councillor Tim Stevenson  
\*Councillor Sam Sullivan  
Councillor Ellen Woodsworth

**ABSENT:**

Councillor Fred Bass (Leave of Absence - Civic Business)  
Councillor Jim Green (Civic Business)

**CITY CLERK'S OFFICE:**

Laura Kazakoff, Meeting Coordinator

\*Denotes absence for a portion of the meeting.

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

MOVED by Councillor Louis

SECONDED by Councillor Cadman

THAT this Council resolve itself into Committee of the Whole, Mayor Campbell in the Chair, to consider proposed amendments to the Zoning and Development By-law, Official Development Plans, Sign By-law, to designate property as protected heritage property and to enter into a Heritage Revitalization Agreement.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**1. Text Amendment: Zoning and Development By-law, CD-1s, and Official Development Plans**

An application by the Director of Current Planning was considered as follows:

Summary: Housekeeping amendments to the Zoning and Development By-law, including CD-1s and Official Development Plans.

The Director of Current Planning recommended approval.

**Staff Comments**

Dave Thomsett, Senior Planner, Rezoning Centre, was present to respond to questions.

### **Summary of Correspondence**

No correspondence was received since the date the application was referred to Public Hearing.

### **Speakers**

The Mayor called for speakers for and against the application and none were present.

### **Council Decision**

MOVED by Councillor Louis

THAT the application by the Director of Current Planning to amend the Zoning & Development By-law, CD-1 By-laws and Official Development Plans generally as set out in Appendices A & B of the Policy Report "Miscellaneous Text Amendments: Zoning and Development By-law, CD-1 By-laws, and Official Development Plans, Zoning and Development Fee By-law and Policies and Guidelines" dated September 23, 2003, be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY  
(Councillor Sullivan absent for the vote)

**BY-LAWS**

MOVED by Councillor Cadman  
SECONDED by Councillor Louie

THAT Council, except for those members excused as noted in the agenda, enact the by-laws listed on the agenda for this meeting as numbers 1 to 11 inclusive, and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign and seal the enacted by-laws.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

1. A By-law to amend Zoning and Development By-law No. 3575 (re miscellaneous text amendments) (By-law No. 8758)

2. A By-law to amend By-law Nos. 6180, 6320, and 8587 which amended Zoning and Development By-law No. 3575 by rezoning certain areas to CD-1 (By-law No. 8759)

3. A By-law to amend miscellaneous CD-1 By-laws (re miscellaneous text and residential storage amendments) (By-law 8760)

(Councillors Bass, Green and Sullivan excused from voting)

4. A By-law to amend Zoning and Development By-law No. 3575 (re miscellaneous text and residential storage amendments) (By-law 8761)

(Councillors Bass, Green and Sullivan excused from voting)

5. A By-law to amend Downtown District Official Development Plan By-law No. 4912, Downtown-Eastside/Oppenheimer District Official Development Plan By-law No. 5532, and Southeast Granville Slopes Official Development Plan By-law No. 5752 (By-law 8762)

(Councillors Bass, Green and Sullivan excused from voting)

6. A By-law to amend Solid Waste and Recycling By-law No. 8417 to regulate certain 2004 utility fees and miscellaneous amendments (By-law 8763)

7. A By-law to amend Water Works By-law No. 4848 (2004 Fees and miscellaneous amendments) (By-law 8764)

8. A By-law to authorize the borrowing of certain sums of money from January 8, 2004 to January 7, 2005 pending the collection of real property taxes (By-law No. 8765)

9. A By-law to amend By-law No. 8093, being the Sewer and Watercourse By-law (Establishment of 2004 Sewer Use and Connection Rates) (By-law No. 8766)

10. A By-law to amend License By-law No. 4450 re 2004 marina operator fee increases

(By-law No. 8767)

11. A By-law to amend Impounding By-law No. 3519 (2004 Charges re Towing Service Contract) (By-law 8768)