



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

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## CD-1 (442)

### *898 Seymour Street and 887-897 Richards Street By-law No. 9173*

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

**Effective November 1, 2005**

*(Amended up to and including By-law No. 9311, dated June 13, 2006)*

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 Definitions

Words in this By-law have the meanings given to them in the Zoning and Development By-law except that:

**“Base Surface”** means the base surface calculated from the official established building grades; and

**“General Office Live-Work”** means the use of premises for a dwelling unit, general office, or both uses in conjunction with one another, provided that:

- (a) any such use must not include any dating service, entertainment service, exotic dancer business, social escort service or other similar business, as determined by the Director of Planning in consultation with the Chief License Inspector; and
- (b) any development permit for such premises shall be for dwelling units, general office, and dwelling unit combined with general office.

3 Uses

**3.1** The description of the area shown within the heavy black outline on Schedule A is CD-1 (442).

**3.2** Subject to Council approval of the form of development, to all conditions, guidelines and policies adopted by Council, and to the conditions set out in this By-law or in a development permit, the only uses permitted within CD-1 (442) and the only uses for which the Director of Planning or Development Permit Board will issue development permits are:

- (a) Cultural and Recreational Uses;
- (b) Dwelling Uses;
- (c) General Office Live-Work;
- (d) Institutional Uses;
- (e) Office Uses;
- (f) Parking Uses;
- (g) Retail Uses;
- (h) Service Uses; and
- (i) Accessory Use customarily ancillary to any of the uses permitted by this section 3.2.

4 Conditions of Use

**4.1** Dwelling units are in an “activity zone” as defined in the Noise Control By-law, and, as a result, are subject to noise from surrounding land uses and street activities at levels permitted in industrial and downtown districts.

**4.2** Any development permit issued for general office live-work must be for dwelling units, general office, and dwelling unit combined with general office.

**4.3** Parking uses, except for accessory uses:

- (a) if they are above grade, must not exceed 9 090 m<sup>2</sup> of gross floor area; and
- (b) must consist of not more than 225 spaces, except that the Manager of Engineering Services may approve up to 25 additional spaces that fit within the gross floor area set out in subsection (a).

**Note:** *Information included in square brackets [ ] identifies the by-law numbers and dates for the amendments to By-law No. 9173 or provides an explanatory note.*

5 Density

5.1 For the purposes of calculating floor area inclusions and exclusions, and required or permitted parking, loading, bicycle, and passenger spaces, Council deems general office live-work to be multiple dwelling use.

5.2 The floor area must not exceed 36 230 m<sup>2</sup>, except that approval by the Director of Planning of any dwelling use area requires the concurrent or prior approval of at least 7 804 m<sup>2</sup> of office, retail, or service uses including net public parking area in respect of which each 1 m<sup>2</sup> of floor area for parking uses above grade is to count as 0.70 m<sup>2</sup>.

5.3 Computation of floor area must include:

- (a) all floors having a minimum ceiling height of 1.2 m, both above and below ground level, measured to the extreme outer limits of the building; and
- (b) stairways, fire escapes, elevator shafts, and other features which the Director of Planning considers similar, to be measured by their gross-sectional areas and included in the measurements for each floor at which they are located.

5.4 Computation of floor space ratio and floor area must exclude: [9311; 06 06 13]

- (a) open residential balconies or sundecks and any other appurtenances which, in the opinion of the Director of Planning, are similar to the foregoing, except that the total area of all such exclusions must not exceed 8% of the residential floor area being provided;
- (b) patios and roof gardens only if the Director of Planning first approves the design of sunroofs and walls;
- (c) the floors or portions of floors used for off-street parking and loading, the taking on or discharging of passengers, bicycle storage, heating and mechanical equipment, or uses which, in the opinion of the Director of Planning, are similar to the foregoing, which are at or below the base surface, except that the maximum exclusion for a parking space must not exceed 7.3 m in length; [9311; 06 06 13]
- (d) undeveloped floor area located above the highest storey or half-storey with a ceiling height of less than 1.2 m and to which there is no permanent means of access other than a hatch;
- (e) 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> for a dwelling unit, there will be no exclusion for any of the residential storage space above base surface for that unit;
- (f) amenity areas accessory to residential use, except that the total area excluded must not exceed 328 m<sup>2</sup> in any building;
- (g) child day care facility; and
- (h) where a Building Envelope Professional as defined in the Building By-law has recommended exterior walls greater than 152 mm in thickness, the area of the walls exceeding 152 mm, but to a maximum exclusion of 152 mm thickness, except that this clause does not apply to walls in existence prior to March 14, 2000.

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**5.6** The use of floor space excluded, under this By-law, from the computation of floor space ratio and floor area must not be for any purpose other than that which justified the exclusion. [9311; 06 06 13]

## 6 Height

**6.1** The building height, measured above the base surface to the top of the roof slab above the uppermost habitable floor, but excluding the mechanical penthouse, roof garden and roof, must not exceed:

(a) 91.4 m for any building except a second tower; and

(b) 82.3 m for a second tower.

[9311; 06 06 13]

**6.2** Section 10.11, entitled Relaxation of Limitations on Building Height, of the Zoning and Development By-law, does not apply to this By-law. [9311; 06 06 13]

## 7 Parking, Loading and Bicycle Storage and Passenger Spaces

**7.1** Any development or use of the site requires the provision, development, and maintenance, in accordance with the requirements of, and relaxations, exemptions and mixed use reductions in, the Parking By-law, of off-street parking, loading, and bicycle storage and passenger spaces, except that parking for dwelling uses must meet the requirements of section 4.3.9 Dwelling Uses – DD District (Downtown South).

**7.2** The Director of Planning and General Manager of Engineering Services, on conditions that are satisfactory to them, may allow the substitution of co-operative vehicles and associated parking spaces for the required parking spaces at a 1:3 ratio, up to 1 co-operative vehicle for each 60 dwelling units, rounded to the nearest whole number, or such greater substitution of co-operative vehicles and associated parking spaces at such ratio and for such number of dwelling units as they may consider appropriate with respect to the site.

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**8.1** 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 do 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 is defined simply as noise level in decibels.

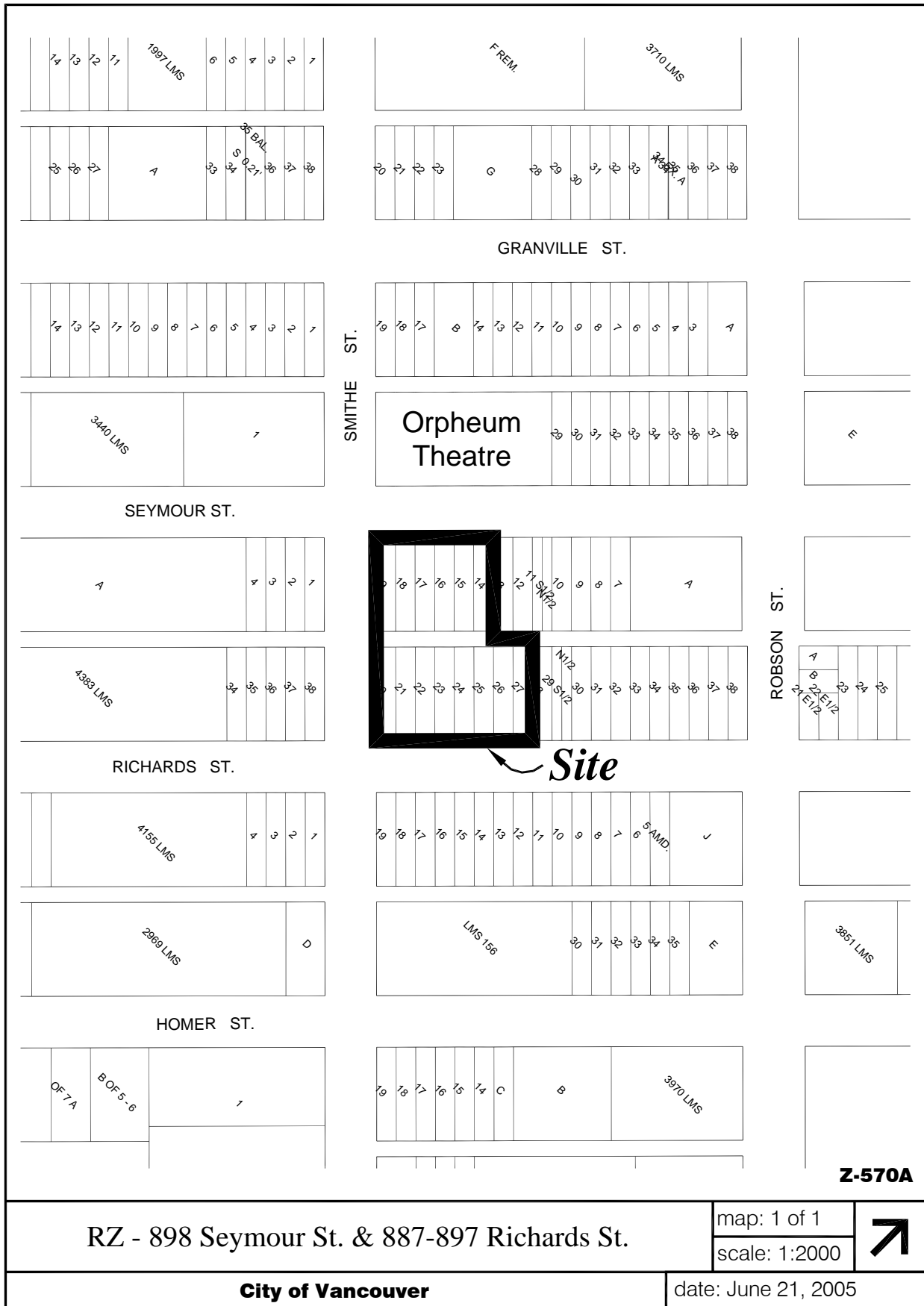
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A decision by a court that any part of this By-law is illegal, void, or unenforceable is not to affect the balance of the By-law.

**10** *[Section 10 is not reprinted here. It contains a standard clause including the Mayor and City Clerk's signature to pass the by-law and certify the by-law number and date of enactment.]*



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City of Vancouver

date: June 21, 2005

898 Seymour Street  
887-897 Richards Street

**BY-LAW NO. 9173**

**A By-law to amend  
Zoning and Development By-law No. 3575  
to rezone an area to CD-1**

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

**Zoning District Plan Amendment**

1. This By-law amends the Zoning District Plan attached as Schedule D to By-law No. 3575, and amends or substitutes the boundaries and districts shown on it, according to the amendments, substitutions, explanatory legends, notations, and references shown on the plan marginally numbered Z-570A attached as Schedule A to this By-law, and incorporates Schedule A into Schedule D to By-law No. 3575.

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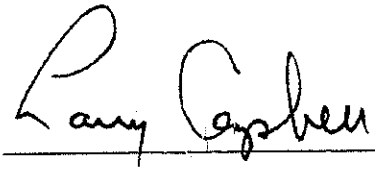
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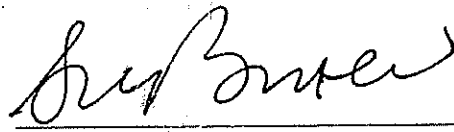
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## Force and Effect

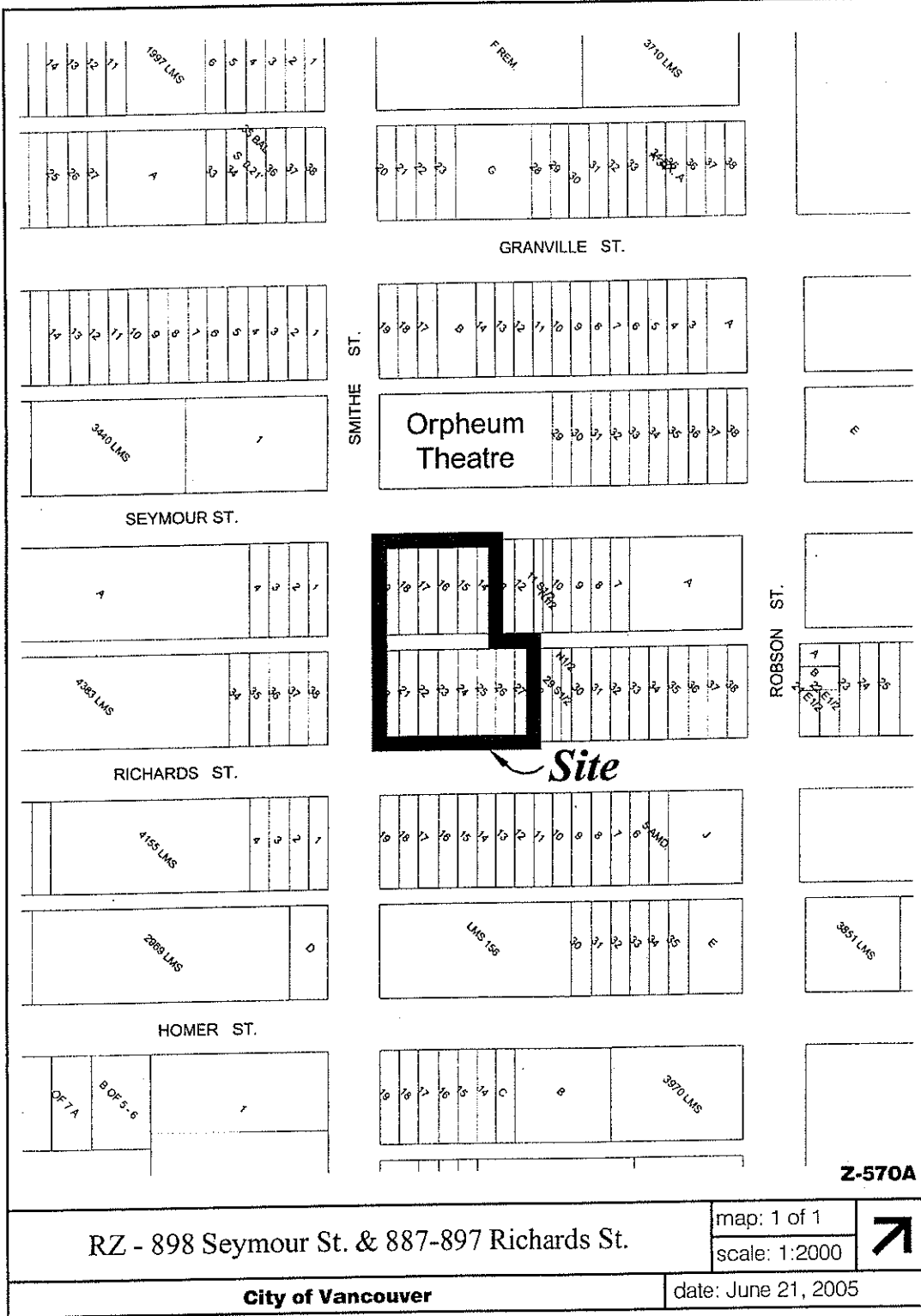
10. This By-law is to come into force and take effect on the date of its enactment.

ENACTED by Council this 1<sup>st</sup> day of November, 2005

  
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Mayor

  
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City Clerk

Schedule A



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City of Vancouver

date: June 21, 2005

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Miscellaneous text amendments

BY-LAW NO. 9311

A By-law to amend CD-1 By-law No.'s 7679, 8536, 8546, 8587, 8592, 8740, 8819, 8896, 8943, 8978, 8993, 9081, 9088, 9116, 9154, 9167, 9170, 9173, 9184, 9190, 9195, and 9204


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

1. Council repeals section 3.5 of By-law No.'s 8536 and 8546, and section 4.9 of By-law No. 8740.
2. To By-law No. 7679 as section 6.8, By-law No.'s 8587, 9154 and 9167 as section 4.6, By-law No.'s 8592, 8536, 8546, 8978 and 9116 as section 3.5, By-law No. 8740 as section 4.9, By-law No.'s 8819, 8896, 9184, 9190 and 9195 as section 5.5, By-law No.'s 8993, 9088 and 9204 as section 4.5, and By-law No. 9173 as section 5.6, Council adds:  
  
"The use of floor space excluded, under this By-law, from the computation of floor space ratio must not be for any purpose other than that which justified the exclusion."
3. To Section 3 of By-law No.'s 8536 and 8546, Section 4 of By-law No.'s 8587, 9088, 9170 and 9204, and Section 5 of By-law No.'s 8896, 8943, 9081, 9173, 9184, 9190 and 9195, after "Computation of floor space ratio", wherever it appears, Council adds "and floor area".
4. To section 5.4(c) of By-law No. 9173, section 5.3(c) of By-law No.'s 9190 and 9195, and section 4.3(c) of By-law No. 9204, after "bicycle storage,", wherever it appears, Council adds "heating and mechanical equipment,".
5. Council repeals section 6.2 of By-law No.'s 8943 and 9195.
6. Council re-numbers section 7 of By-law No. 8740 as section 7.1, section 6 of By-law No.'s 8896, 9081, 9173, 9184 and 9190 as section 6.1, section 4 of By-law No. 8978 as section 4.1, and section 5 of By-law No.'s 9088, 9170 and 9204 as section 5.1.
7. To By-law No. 7679 as section 7.6, By-law No. 8536 as section 4.3, By-law No.'s 8546, 8592 and 8978 as section 4.2, By-law No. 8587 as section 5.3, By-law No. 8740 as section 7.2, By-law No.'s 8896, 8943, 9081, 9173, 9184, 9190, and 9195 as section 6.2, and By-law No.'s 9088, 9170 and 9204 as section 5.2, Council adds:

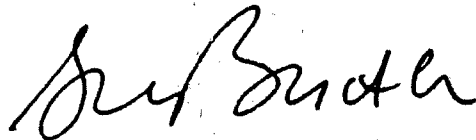
"Section 10.11, entitled Relaxation of Limitations on Building Height, of the Zoning and Development By-law, does not apply to this By-law."

8. To section 6.1 of By-law No. 8943, after "191.7 m", Council adds:  
", except that mechanical appurtenances and decorative roof may increase the building height to no more than 196.9 m".
9. To section 6.1 of By-law No. 9195, after "178 m", Council adds:  
", except that mechanical appurtenances and decorative roof may increase the building height to no more than 182.9 m".
10. Council repeals section 7(a)(ii) and (iii) of By-law No. 9190 and section 6(a)(ii) and (iii) of By-law No. 9204, and substitutes:  
"(ii) for dwelling units of more than 80 m<sup>2</sup> of gross floor area, a minimum of one parking space for each unit plus one additional parking space for each 125 m<sup>2</sup> of gross floor area in excess of the initial 80 m<sup>2</sup>, except that there need not be more than two spaces for each unit, and  
(iii) for all dwelling units, the maximum permitted parking must not exceed 0.2 spaces for each unit more than the required minimum number of parking spaces;"
11. A decision by a court that any part of this By-law is illegal, void, or unenforceable severs that part from this By-law, and is not to affect the balance of this By-law.
12. This By-law is to come into force and take effect on the date of its enactment.

ENACTED by Council this 13<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2006



Mayor



City Clerk

7. **CD-1 Rezoning: 311 West 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue  
May 31, 2006 (VanRIMS.No. 11-3600-03)**

The Policy Report *CD-1 Rezoning: 311 West 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue*, dated May 31, 2006, is postponed.

**RISE FROM COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

MOVED by Councillor Chow

THAT the Committee of the Whole rise and report.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**ADOPT REPORT OF COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

MOVED by Councillor Ladner  
SECONDED by Councillor Anton

THAT the report of the Committee of the Whole be adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**BY-LAWS**

MOVED by Councillor Louie  
SECONDED by Councillor Cadman

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 4 inclusive, and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign and seal the enacted by-laws.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

1. **A By-law to amend Parking Meter By-law No. 2952 to implement a pay by phone system (By-law No. 9309)**
2. **A By-law to amend Development Permit Board and Advisory Panel By-law No. 5869 regarding designation of members (By-law No. 9310)**
3. **A By-law to amend CD-1 By-law No.'s 7679, 8536, 8546, 8587, 8592, 8740, 8819, 8896, 8943, 8978, 8993, 9081, 9088, 9116, 9154, 9167, 9170, 9173, 9184, 9190, 9195 and 9204 (By-law No. 9311)**  
(Councillors Ball, Chow and the Mayor ineligible to vote)
4. **A By-law to amend Sign By-law No. 6510 (re 798 Granville Street) (By-law No. 9312)**  
(Councillors Ball, Chow and the Mayor ineligible to vote)

**4. Text Amendment: Miscellaneous Text Amendments**

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

**Summary:** To amend various downtown CD-1 By-laws to add missing standard provisions and to correct an error in the Sign By-law

The Director of Current Planning recommended approval.

**Staff Comments**

Phil Mondor, Rezoning Planner, was present to respond to questions.

**Summary of Correspondence**

No correspondence was received on this application since it was referred to Public Hearing.

**Speakers**

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

**Council Decision**

MOVED by Councillor Stevenson

THAT the application by the Director of Current Planning to amend several CD-1 By-laws and the Sign By-law generally as described in Appendix A to Policy Report "Miscellaneous Text Amendments" dated April 4, 2006, be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

These minutes will be adopted by Council on May 30, 2006.

**CITY OF VANCOUVER**

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**SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

**MAY 16, 2006**

A Special Meeting of the Council of the City of Vancouver was held on Tuesday, May 16, 2006, at 7:38 p.m., in the Council Chamber, Third Floor, City Hall, for the purpose of holding a Public Hearing to consider proposed amendments to various CD-1 By-laws, the Sign By-law, and the Heritage By-law.

**PRESENT:**

Deputy Mayor David Cadman  
Councillor Suzanne Anton  
Councillor Kim Capri  
Councillor Heather Deal  
Councillor Peter Ladner  
Councillor B.C. Lee  
Councillor Raymond Louie  
Councillor Tim Stevenson

**ABSENT:**

Mayor Sam Sullivan (Sick Leave)  
Councillor Elizabeth Ball (Sick Leave)  
Councillor George Chow (Leave of Absence)

**CITY CLERK'S OFFICE:**

Laura Kazakoff, Meeting Coordinator

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

MOVED by Councillor Louie  
SECONDED by Councillor Deal

THAT this Council resolve itself into Committee of the Whole, Deputy Mayor Cadman in the Chair, to consider proposed amendments to various CD-1 By-laws, the Sign By-law, and the Heritage By-law.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**1. Heritage Revitalization Agreement/Heritage Designation: 73-91 East 27<sup>th</sup> Avenue**

An application by Robert Brown, Resource Rethinking Building Inc., was considered as follows:

Summary: Heritage Revitalization Agreement and designation to permit strata titling in exchange for rehabilitation and conservation of five houses on this lot.

The Director of Current Planning recommended approval.