

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

JANUARY 20, 2009

A Regular Meeting of the Council of the City of Vancouver was held on Tuesday, January 20, 2009, at 2:00 p.m., in the Council Chamber, Third Floor, City Hall.

**PRESENT:** Mayor Gregor Robertson  
Councillor Suzanne Anton  
Councillor David Cadman  
Councillor George Chow\*  
Councillor Heather Deal  
Councillor Kerry Jang  
Councillor Raymond Louie  
Councillor Geoff Meggs\*  
Councillor Andrea Reimer  
Councillor Tim Stevenson  
Councillor Ellen Woodsworth

**CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE:** Penny Ballem, City Manager  
James Ridge, Deputy City Manager

**CITY CLERK'S OFFICE:** Marg Coulson, Acting City Clerk  
Laura Kazakoff, Meeting Coordinator

\*Denotes absence for a portion of the meeting.

**PRAYER**

The proceedings in the Council Chamber were opened with a prayer read by Councillor Deal.

**"IN CAMERA" MEETING**

MOVED by Councillor Deal  
SECONDED by Councillor Louie

THAT Council will go into a meeting later this day which is closed to the public, pursuant to Section 165.2(1) of the Vancouver Charter, to discuss matters related to paragraph(s):

(a) personal information about an identifiable individual who holds or is being considered for a position as an officer, employee or agent of the city or another position appointed by the city;

(e) the acquisition, disposition or expropriation of land or improvements, if the Council considers that disclosure could reasonably be expected to harm the interests of the city;

(i) the receipt of advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose;

(k) negotiations and related discussions respecting the proposed provision of an activity, work or facility that are at their preliminary stages and that, in the view of the Council, could reasonably be expected to harm the interests of the city if they were held in public;

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

#### ITEMS ARISING FROM THE "IN CAMERA" MEETING OF DECEMBER 16, 2008

- Tom Hammel was appointed Deputy Chief License Inspector

#### ADOPTION OF MINUTES

##### 1. Regular Council - December 16, 2008

MOVED by Councillor Louie  
SECONDED by Councillor Cadman

THAT the foregoing Minutes be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

##### 2. Regular Council (City Services and Budgets) - December 18, 2008

MOVED by Councillor Louie  
SECONDED by Councillor Cadman

THAT the foregoing Minutes be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

##### 3. Regular Council (Planning and Environment) - December 18, 2008

MOVED by Councillor Reimer  
SECONDED by Councillor Deal

THAT the foregoing Minutes be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**4. Special Council - January 12, 2009**

MOVED by Councillor Cadman  
SECONDED by Councillor Stevenson

THAT the foregoing Minutes be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

MOVED by Councillor Stevenson  
SECONDED by Councillor Deal

THAT this Council resolve itself into Committee of the Whole, Mayor Robertson in the Chair.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**MATTERS ADOPTED ON CONSENT**

MOVED by Councillor Deal

THAT Council adopt Communications 1 and 2, Administrative Reports A2 to A4, A6, A7, A9 and Policy Report P1 on consent.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**REPORT REFERENCE**

**1. Interim Report on Snow Removal**

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*MOVED by Councillor Louie*

*THAT the order of the agenda be varied in order to deal with Motions B1 and B7 following the presentation on snow removal.*

*CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY  
AND BY THE REQUIRED MAJORITY*

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Tom Timm, General Manager, Engineering Services, provided an interim report on the recent significant snowfalls and the City's response, including a review of the current priorities for snow and ice removal, equipment utilized, staff deployment, by-law enforcement and delivery of City services such as garbage collection. He noted staff will be reviewing the

current policies and exploring options for improvement which will be reported back to Council in April of this year.

MOVED by Councillor Anton

WHEREAS:

1. The snowfall this winter has been deeper than usual (December being one centimetre short of an all-time record);
2. It is not unusual for Vancouver to have significant snowfalls;
3. Many people have been unable to get out of their homes for extended periods;
4. Access to homes and vehicles on side streets has been significantly impaired;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

A. THAT staff be directed to report back on the following:

1. utilization of snow removal fleet;
2. adequacy of snow removal fleet;
3. issues raised by lack of snow removal on side streets;
4. issues raised by uncleared sidewalks;
5. Vancouver School Board obligations;
6. additional challenges caused to seniors and those with disabilities;
7. snow removal at bus stops;
8. emergency response issues;
9. delivery of City services;
10. communications.

B. THAT staff report back with proposals for By-law improvements which may include:

1. Increasing the obligations of all property owners in the city to clear snow from sidewalks;
2. Obligations of neighbouring property owners to keep sidewalks clear at intersections.

referred

MOVED by Councillor Louie

THAT the foregoing motion be referred to staff for consideration during preparation of the report back to Council in April 2009.

CARRIED

(Councillor Anton opposed)

MOVED by Councillor Woodsworth

WHEREAS

1. City staff and many residents worked hard to keep streets clear, but many residents were still housebound or faced serious obstacles in going about their daily routines.
2. We need to do more to alleviate the hardships faced by seniors, people with disabilities, working people who can't get to work because sidewalks are blocked by snow and ice, transit users, homeless, and all the others who have suffered during the recent harsh weather.
3. Slush remained on sidewalks long after the snow falls, making walking dangerous.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

THAT staff include in their April report:

1. A review of what worked and what didn't work during the recent snow emergency.
2. An exploration of how the City could work with community centres, community policing offices and other civic and non-profit agencies to make them integral parts of a full spectrum emergency response. This could include the dispersal of shovels, salt, etc to neighbourhood locations, volunteer mobilization or staff hiring to clear sidewalks for those with limited mobility during snow emergencies, and the creation of a "snow helpline" (perhaps through 311) for residents with mobility issues and examine models used in Toronto and other cities that are often snow bound that could be applied by the City of Vancouver.
3. The cost and timeline for distributing a pamphlet to all residents - in multiple languages - acknowledging what their value contributions and hardships during the crisis, explaining existing by-laws and legal liability, the responsibilities of business and residential property owners, and encouraging residents to be good neighbours and remove snow and ice from the sidewalks adjacent to their property in future snow or ice events.

referred

MOVED by Councillor Louie

THAT the foregoing motion be referred to staff for consideration during preparation of the report back to Council in April 2009.

CARRIED

(Councillor Anton opposed)

**2. Southeast False Creek Development: Financing Update**

Ken Bayne, General Manager, Business Planning and Services, presented an update on financial arrangements for the Olympic Village project in Southeast False Creek and reviewed financing options available to the City to assist in the completion of the development.

The Mayor noted a request to speak had been received on this matter. Council agreed to refer consideration of the Administrative Report to the Standing Committee on City Services and Budgets meeting on Thursday, January 22, 2009, in order to hear from speakers.

MOVED by the Mayor

WHEREAS the City is committed to the timely completion and marketing of a high quality Olympic Village project, and to maximizing the value of a successful 2010 Vancouver/Whistler Winter Olympic Games;

WHEREAS the Mayor and Council will act to protect the City's investment and mitigate taxpayer exposure incurred through the completion of the Olympic Village project; and

WHEREAS the Mayor and Council seek to enhance the well-earned reputation of the City of Vancouver and its development industry;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

THAT Council endorse the establishment of a volunteer Mayor's Advisory Group on the Olympic Village to provide expert advice to the Mayor during the upcoming completion phase of the Olympic Village project.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**COMMUNICATIONS**

**1. 2009 Council Meetings Schedule - Rescheduling of Meeting**

THAT the Special Standing Committee on City Services and Budgets meeting to hear speakers on the 2009 Operating Budget on March 10, 2009, at 7:30 p.m. be rescheduled to March 31, 2009, at 7:30 p.m.

FURTHER THAT March 10, 2009, is no longer required as a Council meeting date.

ADOPTED ON CONSENT

**2. 2009 Council Meetings Schedule - Rescheduling of Meeting**

THAT the Business License Hearing currently scheduled for Wednesday, January 28, 2009, at 9:30 a.m. be rescheduled for 7:30 p.m. on the same day.

ADOPTED ON CONSENT

## ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

### 1. Appointment of External Auditor for 2009 December 19, 2008

MOVED by Councillor Anton

THAT consideration of the Administrative Report dated December 19, 2008, entitled "Appointment of External Auditor for 2009" be postponed to the Standing Committee on City Services and Budgets meeting on Thursday, January 22, 2009, in order to receive clarification from staff on the roles of KPMG as both Auditor and Consultant for the City of Vancouver.

LOST

(Councillors Cadman, Deal, Jang, Louie, Reimer, Stevenson, Woodsworth and the Mayor opposed)

(Councillors Chow and Meggs absent for the vote)

MOVED by Councillor Cadman

- A. THAT the accounting firm of KPMG LLP (KPMG) be confirmed as the City's External Auditor for the fiscal year 2009 in accordance with the terms of the Form of Agreement between the City and KPMG to supply audit services to the City.
- B. THAT the audit fee be set at \$165,201 (exclusive of GST). Funding is included in the 2009 operating budget.

CARRIED

(Councillor Anton opposed)

(Councillors Chow and Meggs absent for the vote)

### 2. 2008 ArtsPOD and NEXT Generation Arts Leadership Pilot Program January 6, 2009

THAT Council approve a grant of \$60,200 to the Centre for Not-for-Profit Sustainability (CFS) for the management and delivery of the Arts Partners in Organizational Development program (ArtsPOD) and the NEXT Generation Arts Leadership Pilot program, the source of funds to be the 2008 Cultural Grants budget.

ADOPTED ON CONSENT AND  
BY THE REQUIRED MAJORITY

**3. 2009 Advance Instalments: Cultural Operating Grants  
January 5, 2009**

THAT Council approve advance grant instalments for Cultural Operating grants in the amount of \$853,480 to the 74 organizations listed in Appendix A of the Administrative Report dated January 5, 2009, entitled "2009 Advance Instalments: Cultural Operating Grants", source of funds to be the 2009 Cultural Grants budget.

ADOPTED ON CONSENT AND  
BY THE REQUIRED MAJORITY

**4. Vancouver City Planning Commission - 2009 Advance Grant Monthly Instalments  
January 6, 2009**

THAT monthly instalments of \$4,660, based on 2008 funding levels, be made to the Vancouver City Planning Commission beginning January 2009 in advance of their 2009 Operating Grant request.

ADOPTED ON CONSENT AND  
BY THE REQUIRED MAJORITY

**5. Vancouver Economic Development Commission 2009 Business Plan and Budget  
January 5, 2009**

In response to a request from Council, Phil Heard, Chief Executive Officer, Vancouver Economic Development Commission, provided an overview of the Commission's 2009 Business Plan, budget, upcoming events planned for this year and other events they are currently competing for.

MOVED by Councillor Reimer

- A. THAT Council receive for information the "Vancouver Economic Development Commission's 2009 Business Plan and Budget," contained in Appendix A of the Administrative Report dated January 5, 2009, entitled "Vancouver Economic Development Commission 2009 Business Plan and Budget".
- B. THAT Council approve the VEDC's request to maintain the \$1.123 million of existing funding to sustain the existing service level; this funding has already been provided for in the 2009 Interim Operating Budget.
- C. THAT Council approve the release of \$65,000 of previously-approved funding to the Vancouver Economic Development Commission for two annual events produced by the VEDC - the annual "Innovation" conference and the annual "Collaborating in the Regulatory Environment" conference; this funding has already been provided for in the 2009 Interim Operating Budget for implementation of the recommendations of the Blue Ribbon Council for Vancouver's Business Climate.



- D. THAT Council approve the release of \$110,000 of one-time 2009 funding to the Vancouver Economic Development Commission for the implementation of the Vancouver Economic Development Strategy; this funding has already been provided for in the 2009 Interim Operating Budget for implementation of the recommendations of the Blue Ribbon Council for Vancouver's Business Climate.
- E. THAT Council release \$88,000 in previously-approved one-time funding to the Vancouver Economic Development Commission, to be applied toward the implementation of their "2007-2010 Strategic Plan for the 2010 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games;" the source of this funding to be the Olympic Legacy Reserve.
- F. THAT the Service Agreement between the Vancouver Economic Development Commission Society (the "VEDC") and the City of Vancouver be extended from January 1, 2009 to December 31, 2010, as contained in Appendix B of the Administrative Report dated January 5, 2009, entitled "Vancouver Economic Development Commission 2009 Business Plan and Budget", without any material change to its current form, subject to an annual review of the VEDC's operating and financial results for the preceding year, and to Council's approval each year of the upcoming year's business plan and operating budget.
- G. THAT prior to any renewal of the Service Agreement between the VEDC and the City of Vancouver beyond December 31, 2010, the CEO of the Vancouver Economic Development Commission, in conjunction with the Director of Business Planning and Services, report back to Council no later than September 2010 with a comprehensive review of and recommendations for the mandate, structure and operating model of the VEDC.
- H. THAT Council approve the release of \$120,000 of one-time 2009 funding to the Vancouver Economic Development Commission for the VEDC's Neighbourhood Economic Development Program; this funding has already been provided for in the 2009 Interim Operating Budget for implementation of the recommendations of the Blue Ribbon Council for Vancouver's Business Climate.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**6. Authority to Create 311 Contact Centre Sustainment Positions - Phase Two  
December 19, 2008**

THAT Council approve the creation of twenty-four regular full-time positions and four regular part-time positions for the second phase of the 311 Contact Centre to be funded from the 311 Contact Centre operating budget, subject to classification by Human Resources. All costs associated with the operation of the 311 Contact Centre are fully recovered by internal budget transfers by departments and operational efficiencies. There will be no net cost to the City related to the creation of these positions.

ADOPTED ON CONSENT

**7. Minor Amendments to 2009 Water and Sewer Rates  
January 5, 2009**

- A. THAT Council approve amendments to the Water Utility rates approved on December 18, 2008 as detailed in the Administrative Report dated January 5, 2009, entitled "Minor Amendments to 2009 Water and Sewer Rates" and set out in Appendix A of that report.
- B. THAT Council approve the elimination of the metered sewer rate minimum charge as detailed in the Administrative Report dated January 5, 2009, entitled "Minor Amendments to 2009 Water and Sewer Rates" and set out in Appendix B of the that report.
- C. THAT the Director of Legal Services be instructed to bring forward for enactment amendments to the Water Works By-law, substantially as set out in Appendix A of the Administrative Report dated January 5, 2009, entitled "Minor Amendments to 2009 Water and Sewer Rates" and amendments to the Sewer and Watercourse By-law, substantially as set out in Appendix B of the report.

ADOPTED ON CONSENT

**8. 2010 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games: Vancouver Charter Amendment  
Proposals  
December 17, 2008**

The Mayor advised a request to speak to Administrative Report A8 had been received. Council agreed to refer the report to the Standing Committee on City Services and Budgets meeting on Thursday, January 22, 2009, to hear from speakers.

**9. Business License Hearings - January and February 2009  
January 9, 2009**

THAT Council delegate the holding of the Business License Hearings presently scheduled for January and February 2009 to a panel of three Council Members, pursuant to Section 277.1 of the Vancouver Charter, and that pursuant to Section 275 of the Vancouver Charter the power to make a Council decision in relation to those hearings be delegated as follows:

**January 28, 2009 - 7:30 pm**  
Councillor Heather Deal - Chair  
Councillor Geoff Meggs  
Councillor Kerry Jang  
Councillor Raymond Louie - Alternate

**February 3, 2009 - 9:30 am**  
Councillor David Cadman - Chair  
Councillor George Chow  
Councillor Andrea Reimer  
Councillor Tim Stevenson - Alternate

**February 11, 2009 - 9:30 am**  
Councillor Ellen Woodsworth - Chair  
Councillor Suzanne Anton  
Councillor Kerry Jang  
Councillor Raymond Louie - Alternate

Should any of the above Members of Council be unable to attend the hearings, the hearings and the power to make a Council decision in relation to those hearings be delegated to the remaining two Councillors and alternate Councillors.

ADOPTED ON CONSENT

## POLICY REPORTS

### 1. Amendments to Fitness Use Terms December 16, 2008

- A. THAT the Director of Planning be instructed to make an application to:
- i. amend Section 2 of the Zoning and Development By-law by changing the definitions for "Fitness Centre" and "School - Arts or Self-Improvement", and by deleting the definition for "Personal Training Centre",
  - ii. amend the HA-2, IC-1 and IC-2, and IC-3 District Schedules by adding "Fitness Centre" use, and
  - iii. make other resulting consequential changes to the Zoning and Development By-law,

all generally in accordance with Appendix A of the Policy Report dated December 16, 2008, entitled "Amendments to Fitness Use Terms", and that the application be referred to a Public Hearing and be approved,

AND FURTHER THAT the Director of Legal Services be instructed to prepare the necessary amendments to the Zoning and Development By-law generally in accordance with Appendix A of the report, for consideration at the Public Hearing.

- B. THAT, subject to approval of the amendments to the Zoning and Development By-law at a Public Hearing, the License By-law be amended, generally in accordance with Appendix B of the Policy Report dated December 16, 2008, entitled "Amendments to Fitness Use Terms", and the Parking By-law be amended, generally in accordance with Appendix C of the report; and

FURTHER THAT the Director of Legal Services be instructed to bring forward the amendments to the License By-law and Parking By-law, generally in accordance with Appendices B and C of the Policy Report dated December 16, 2008, entitled "Amendments to Fitness Use Terms", at the time of enactment of the Zoning and Development By-law.

ADOPTED ON CONSENT

**2. Urban Agriculture Design Guidelines for the Private Realm  
December 15, 2008**

MOVED by Councillor Reimer

- A. THAT Council approve the Urban Agriculture Design Guidelines for the Private Realm, attached as Appendix A of the Policy Report dated December 15, 2008, entitled "Urban Agriculture Design Guidelines for the Private Realm" .
- B. THAT Council thank the community gardening experts, the members of the development community, and the Food Policy Council for their contribution to the development of these Guidelines.
- C. THAT Council direct staff to report back by March 24, 2009, with a plan for implementing these Guidelines that includes provision for staff orientation and training, communication and orientation in the development community, and design and implementation of a policy evaluation process, including a timeline and budget.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**RISE FROM COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

MOVED by Councillor Stevenson

THAT the Committee of the Whole rise and report.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**ADOPT REPORT OF COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

MOVED by Councillor Cadman  
SECONDED by Councillor Jang

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## BY-LAWS

Councillor Louie rose and confirmed he had received a report on the Public Hearing related to By-law No. 1, and he would therefore be voting on the adoption of the by-law.

MOVED by Councillor Deal

SECONDED by Councillor Cadman

THAT Council, except for those members excused as noted below, enact the by-law(s) listed on the agenda for this meeting as numbers 1 to 8 inclusive, and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign and seal the enacted by-law(s).

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

1. **A By-law to designate certain real property as protected heritage property (re 2622 West 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue) (By-law No. 9789)**  
(Councillors Jang, Meggs, Reimer, Woodsworth, and the Mayor ineligible to vote)
2. **A By-law to authorize Council entering into a Heritage Revitalization Agreement with the owner of Heritage Property (re 3409 Arbutus Street) (By-law No. 9790)**  
(Councillors Jang, Meggs, Reimer, Woodsworth, and the Mayor ineligible to vote)
3. **A By-law to designate certain real property as protected heritage property (3409 Arbutus Street) (By-law No. 9791)**  
(Councillors Jang, Meggs, Reimer, Woodsworth, and the Mayor ineligible to vote)
4. **A By-law to authorize Council entering into a Heritage Revitalization Agreement with the Owner of Heritage Property (re 212 East 38<sup>th</sup> Avenue) (By-law No. 9792)**  
(Councillors Jang, Meggs, Reimer, Woodsworth, and the Mayor ineligible to vote)
5. **A By-law to designate certain real property as protected heritage property (re 212 East 38<sup>th</sup> Avenue) (By-law No. 9793)**  
(Councillors Jang, Meggs, Reimer, Woodsworth, and the Mayor ineligible to vote)
6. **A By-law to enact a Housing Agreement for 1803 Frances Street (By-law No. 9794)**
7. **A By-law to amend Water Works By-law No. 4848 regarding changes to 2009 fee increases (By-law No. 9795)**
8. **A By-law to amend Sewer and Watercourse By-law No. 8093 regarding changes to 2009 fee increases and miscellaneous amendments (By-law No. 9796)**

## MOTIONS

### A. Administrative Motions

1. Establishing Road on the east side of Knight Street, between 32<sup>nd</sup> Avenue and 33<sup>rd</sup> Avenue, adjacent to 4854 Knight Street, for a widening strip for the installation of left turn bays on Knight Street at 33<sup>rd</sup> Avenue

MOVED by Councillor Cadman

SECONDED by Councillor Deal

THAT WHEREAS the registered owner will be conveying to the City of Vancouver for road purposes lands in the City of Vancouver, Province of British Columbia, more particularly known and described as follows:

All that portion of Lot 8 and Lot 9, except the West 7 feet of each now Road, Block 7, District Lot 705, Plan 2571, Group 1, New Westminster District, as shown heavy outlined on plan of survey completed January 8, 2009, attested to by Fred Wong, B.C.L.S. and marginally numbered LD4833.

AND WHEREAS it is deemed expedient and in the public interest to accept and allocate the said lands for road purposes.

BE IT RESOLVED that the above described lands to be conveyed are hereby accepted and allocated for road purposes and declared to form and to constitute a portion of a road.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

### B. Motions on Notice

1. Snow Removal

This motion was dealt with under Report Reference 1.

2. Vancouver's Membership in GVRD Labour Relations Bureau

The following motion contains a correction to the original Motion on Notice, which was accepted by Council.

MOVED by Councillor Meggs

SECONDED by Councillor Cadman

WHEREAS the City of Burnaby's decision to withdraw from the GVRD Labour Relations Bureau leaves the City of Vancouver as the last large municipality participating in this organization; and

WHEREAS Vancouver's continued membership in the organization suggests the City will bear a disproportionate cost of maintaining the Bureau in return for questionable benefits;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

THAT Council ask the City's General Manager of Human Resources to report to Council as soon as practicable on:

- the costs and benefits of continued membership in the GVRD Labour Relations Bureau;
- the cost or savings involved in leaving the GVRD Labour Relations Bureau and replacing some of its functions in-house; and
- the steps required for Council to leave the Bureau if Council exercises that option.

CARRIED

(Councillor Anton opposed)

### 3. Establish a Mental Health Plan in the City of Vancouver

MOVED by Councillor Jang

SECONDED by Councillor Deal

WHEREAS a third of all calls to which the Vancouver Police Department responds involve at least one person who is mentally ill, and

WHEREAS there are estimates that up to 60-70% of the mentally ill treated at St. Paul's Hospital have multiple addictions, and

WHEREAS many of the mentally ill who suffer from addictions and who are homeless or at risk of homelessness do not access mental health services, and

WHEREAS both the 4 Pillars Strategy and the Homeless Action Plan identify improved services to the mentally ill as key to resolving addictions and homelessness,

WHEREAS the Province adopted "Best Practices in Mental Health and Addictions" developed under the BC Mental Health and Addictions Reform Initiative, and

WHEREAS a mental health plan is required for the City of Vancouver,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

THAT Council instruct staff to report back within one month with a proposal for how the City can, in partnership with the Province, Vancouver Coastal Health, the Vancouver Police Department, and mental health service providers and consumers, engage in mental health issues, including:

- providing the capacity within the City to develop mental health policy, plans and advocacy e.g. mental health advocate or planner positions;
- developing a mental health plan for the city to complement the 4 Pillars Strategy and the Homeless Action Plan;
- establishing and coordinating the delivery of community based mental health services to those suffering from mental illness, addictions and homelessness wherever they may be found; and
- ensuring the homeless and the addicted that suffer from mental illness have access to shelter, housing, food, counseling, social services and employment opportunities, and can participate in society with dignity and respect.

CARRIED  
(Councillor Anton opposed)

#### 4. Olympic Accountability

MOVED by Councillor Meggs  
SECONDED by Councillor Reimer

WHEREAS the people of Vancouver voted in favour of the Olympics, in an open and democratic referendum, on the understanding that they would be transparent, inclusive and socially sustainable;

AND WHEREAS Vancouver made a commitment to the IOC to hold Games that are inclusive and accessible, as well as to communicate openly and consult with stakeholders;

AND WHEREAS commitment D under section Civil Liberties and Public Safety in the 2010 Inner City Inclusivity Commitment Statement states that VANOC would "commit to a timely public consultation that is accessible to inner-city neighbourhoods, before any security legislation or regulations are finalized, subject to lawful and legitimate confidentiality requirements;"

AND WHEREAS this consultation has not yet occurred, despite the fact that development of Games security policy is well under way;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City of Vancouver urge VANOC and its Olympic partners to immediately establish a public consultation to fulfill the commitment under Section D, regarding Civil Liberties and Public Safety, in the 2010 Inclusive Inner City Commitment Statement;

AND BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED THAT the City of Vancouver direct the City Manager, in consultation with our VANOC partners, to convene a discussion with stakeholders affected by the Inner City Inclusivity Commitment Statement to review the commitments made there.

referred



The Mayor noted a request to speak to Motion B4 had been received. Council agreed to refer the motion to the Standing Committee on City Services and Budgets meeting on Thursday, January 22, 2009, to hear from speakers.

## 5. International Women's Day Celebrations

The following motion includes amendments to the original Motion on Notice which were accepted by Council.

MOVED by Councillor Woodsworth  
SECONDED by Councillor Reimer

### WHEREAS

1. International Women's Day has been celebrated annually on March 8 since 1909 to recognize women as makers of history and is an occasion marked across Canada, around the world, commemorated at the United Nations and designated by many countries as a national holiday;
2. The "Gender Equality Strategy" for the City of Vancouver was passed unanimously by Council July 2005 and calls for the celebration, recognition and encouragement of women's participation in the municipal process.
3. The City of Vancouver has held annual International Women's Day events in the past.

### THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

THAT City staff be directed to work with EEO, Councillor Woodsworth and Councillor Reimer to prepare an International Women's Day Celebration in the Council Chamber on March 9, 2009, with the theme of increasing women's civic engagement, best practices from the City of Vancouver and around the world.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## 6. Wireless Internet in Civic Buildings

The following motion includes an amendment to the original Motion on Notice which was accepted by Council.

MOVED by Councillor Cadman  
SECONDED by Councillor Woodsworth

### WHEREAS:

1. Vancouver Civic Buildings, with the exception of libraries, do not have public wireless internet service;

2. Many North American metropolitan areas now have extensive public wireless high-speed Internet coverage;
3. Vancouver is falling behind other large North American cities in wireless accessibility;
4. Democracy thrives on increased information and conversations;
5. Increased internet access can lead to increased public involvement in government decision making.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

THAT staff be directed to prepare a report and implementation plan by April 7, 2009, on the cost required to provide public wireless high speed internet coverage in all Vancouver Civic Buildings; and

FURTHER THAT the report include information on the likelihood that overlapping wireless networks will result in wireless coverage in City facilities in the future without the City's involvement in providing this coverage.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

#### 7. Review of Snow Services

This motion was dealt with under Report Reference 1.

### NEW BUSINESS

#### 1. Ambassador Program Expansion

Councillor Louie submitted the following Motion. Councillor Anton called Notice under Section 10.3(d) of the Procedure By-law. The Motion will be placed on the agenda of the Regular Council meeting on February 3, 2009.

WHEREAS in April 2008 Council approved the expansion of the Downtown Vancouver Business Improvement Association ("DVBIA") Ambassador Program within the Downtown Vancouver Business Improvement area and on August 29, 2008 the City entered into a one (1) year contract with the DVBIA for the delivery of such Ambassador Program services;

AND WHEREAS in July 2008, Council approved the City entering into service agreements with six (6) additional Business Improvement Associations ("BIAs") for the expansion of the Ambassador Program in their respective BIA areas at an aggregate cost of \$186,124; Provided that no legal relations shall be created and none shall arise until the respective service agreements are drawn to the satisfaction of and executed by the City's Director of Legal Services;

AND WHEREAS in October 2008, Council approved the City entering into service agreements with an additional nine (9) Business Improvement Associations for the expansion of the Ambassador Program services or the provision of similar services in their respective BIA areas at an aggregate cost of \$313,876; Provided that no legal relations shall be created and none shall arise until the respective service agreements are drawn to the satisfaction of and executed by the City's Director of Legal Services;

AND WHEREAS with the exception of that services agreement between the City and the Downtown Vancouver Business improvement Association dated August 29, 2008, currently no contracts or agreements have been entered into by the City with the respective Business Improvement Associations for the expansion of the Ambassador Program services or the delivery of similar services by the respective BIAs, pursuant to the aforementioned Council resolutions of July and October 2008;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT

City Council directs the General Manager of Community Services, in consultation with the Director of Legal Services, to not proceed with the execution of any contracts in furtherance of the expansion of the Ambassador Program or similar services in the respective Business Improvement Association areas.

notice

## 2. Saving Firehall No. 15

Councillor Louie submitted the following Motion. Councillor Anton called Notice under Section 10.3(d) of the Procedure By-law. The Motion will be placed on the agenda of the Regular Council meeting on February 3, 2009.

WHEREAS Fire Hall No.15 is a two-storey plus basement, Edwardian era fire hall, with two truck bays on the front facade and a tall hose tower at the rear;

AND WHEREAS A Community Visioning Study (March 23, 2004) identified public buildings such as Firehall No.15 as important historic landmarks that should be retained;

AND WHEREAS On May 16, 2005, the Vancouver Heritage Commission supported a Statement of Significance (SOS) evaluation and recommended the existing building's inclusion in the 'B' category of the Vancouver heritage Registry (VHR);

AND WHEREAS on July 20, 2006 Council approved by a 10 to 1 vote the retention of the existing Firehall No. 15 building on the current site at 3003 East 22nd Avenue for incorporation in a new fire facility;

AND WHEREAS despite Council's approval to retain the existing Firehall No. 15 the previous council failed to provide funding to accomplish the retention;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the present Council reaffirm the retention of the existing Firehall No. 15 building on the current site at 3003 East 22nd Avenue for incorporation in a new fire facility;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT staff report back on updated final design and cost estimates for a replacement three-bay fire facility as proposed in the 2006-2008 Capital Plan (see option 4B in Administrative Report *Replacement of Firehall No. 15 - Public Consultation, Alternate Locations and Options* dated July 2, 2006), source of funding to be:

- \$0.8 million from the Fire Hall #15 Capital Budget;
- \$4.1 million in borrowing authority approved by the electorate as part of the 2006 -2008 Capital Plan;
- Current and previous Capital Plans

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT staff undertake immediate measures to protect the existing structure from further weather erosion in advance of any revitalization and development actions.

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### **3. Release of all In-Camera Materials and Minutes Regarding Athlete's Village**

The following motion was submitted by Councillor Anton. Councillor Cadman called Notice under Section 10.3(d) of the Procedure By-law. The Motion will be placed on the agenda of the next Regular Council meeting on February 3, 2009.

WHEREAS

- (a) the financing and building of the Southeast False Creek community/Athlete's Village are of great concern to the citizens of Vancouver;
- (b) the in-camera decisions of the Council have been the focus of much discussion and interest; and
- (c) this Council has committed to transparency;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

THAT Council authorize the release of all the In-Camera reports and minutes relating to the Southeast False Creek community/Athlete's Village site, subject to the advice of our legal counsel and except for any reports relating to current financing negotiations.

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## ENQUIRIES AND OTHER MATTERS

### 1. Homeless Emergency Action Team (HEAT)

Councillor Jang provided a copy of a memorandum from the Mayor's Office providing an update on the Homeless Emergency Action Team and asked that copies be provided to all Council members and made available on the City's website.

Councillor Anton expressed concern that HEAT has not been brought to Council for adoption.

Councillor Anton also requested the Deputy City Manager provide clarification regarding the Mayor's authority in setting up bodies such as HEAT without a Council resolution.

### 2. Mayor's Office News Releases and City's Website

Council Anton expressed concern regarding the politicization of City Hall and the City's website, making reference to News Releases sent out by the Mayor's Office which appeared to be on behalf of all Council.

Councillor Anton also noted that News Releases of a political nature have been posted to the City's Website, rather than on the Mayor's own site, and asked the City Manager to provide clarification in this regard.

The Council adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

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