



REPORT TO COUNCIL

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

MARCH 23, 2010

A Regular Meeting of the Council of the City of Vancouver was held on Tuesday, March 23, 2010, at 2:15 pm, in the Council Chamber, Third Floor, City Hall.

- PRESENT:**
- Mayor Gregor Robertson
 - Councillor Suzanne Anton
 - Councillor David Cadman
 - Councillor George Chow
 - Councillor Kerry Jang
 - Councillor Raymond Louie
 - Councillor Andrea Reimer
 - Councillor Tim Stevenson
 - Councillor Ellen Woodsworth
- ABSENT:**
- Councillor Heather Deal (Leave of Absence - Civic Business)
 - Councillor Geoff Meggs (Leave of Absence - Medical)
- CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE:** Penny Ballem, City Manager
- CITY CLERK'S OFFICE:** Marg Coulson, City Clerk
Laura Kazakoff, Meeting Coordinator

PRAYER

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

CONDOLENCES - MARIA MIMIE HO

The Mayor expressed condolences on behalf of Council to the family and friends of Maria Mimie Ho, and noted her many contributions to the community as a teacher and volunteer.

"IN CAMERA" MEETING

MOVED by Councillor Stevenson
SECONDED by Councillor Cadman

THAT Council will go into meetings later this day and on Thursday, March 25, 2010, which is closed to the public, pursuant to Section 165.2(1) of the *Vancouver Charter*, to discuss matters related to paragraphs:

- (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;

(g) litigation or potential litigation affecting the city;

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

(j) information that is prohibited, or information that if it were presented in a document would be prohibited, from disclosure under section 21 [disclosure harmful to business interests of a third party] of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act; and

(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

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

1. Special Council (City Services and Budgets) - March 1, 2010

MOVED by Councillor Louie
SECONDED by Councillor Cadman

THAT the foregoing Minutes be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. Regular Council - March 2, 2010

MOVED by Councillor Cadman
SECONDED by Councillor Jang

THAT the foregoing Minutes be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. Regular Council (City Services and Budgets) - March 4, 2010

MOVED by Councillor Louie
SECONDED by Councillor Cadman

THAT the foregoing Minutes be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. Chauffeur's Permit Appeal Hearing - March 4, 2010

MOVED by Councillor Anton
SECONDED by Councillor Jang

THAT the foregoing Minutes be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MOVED by Councillor Cadman
SECONDED by Councillor Stevenson

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MATTERS ADOPTED ON CONSENT

The Mayor noted that staff wished to withdraw Administrative Report A2 from this agenda.

MOVED by Councillor Stevenson

THAT Administrative Report A2 be withdrawn from the agenda.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOVED by Councillor Stevenson

THAT Council adopt Administrative Reports A1, A4, A6, and A8 to A10 on consent.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

REPORT REFERENCE

1. Business Improvement Associations Update

Charles Gauthier, Downtown Vancouver BIA, Patricia Barnes, Hastings North BIA, and Claudia Laroye, Marpole BIA, on behalf of the Vancouver BIA Partnership, provided a presentation on the roles and activities of the 20 business improvement associations operating in the city of Vancouver.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

General Administration

1. Appointment of Childcare Operator, Lease Terms, and Start-Up and Operating Grant Allocations - 825 Homer Street March 8, 2010

- A. THAT Council rescind the following motion passed at its meeting immediately following the Special Standing Committee on City Services and Budgets on March 1, 2010:

THAT Council approve \$25,000 annual increase to the Facilities Design and Management budget; 2010 prorated funding (based on the months that the facility is operating) to be provided from the Childcare Endowment Reserve and 2011 funding to be added without offset.

- B. THAT Council approve the following corrected motion:

THAT Council approve the ability, if necessary, for Facilities Design and Management to cost recover facility expenses for the 2010 year from the Childcare Endowment Reserve; for 2011 onward, funding for this activity will be based on budget review.

ADOPTED ON CONSENT AND
BY THE REQUIRED MAJORITY

2. Harassment-Free Workplace Policy March 12, 2010

WITHDRAWN

Matters of Council, Advisory Bodies

**3. 2009 Annual Report on Council Remuneration and Expenses
February 25, 2010**

MOVED by Mayor Robertson

THAT the Administrative Report dated February 25, 2010, entitled "2009 Annual Report on Council Remuneration and Expenses" be received for information;

FURTHER THAT the City Manager be asked to review and implement best practices for municipal on-line public disclosure of Mayor and Council budget and expenses; and

FURTHER THAT this information be posted in compliance with the open data and open standards policy approved by Council last year.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**4. LMLGA Annual Conference - May 12-14, 2010 - Harrison Hot Springs, BC
March 8, 2010**

THAT Council authorize Councillors Anton, Cadman, Deal, Stevenson and Reimer to attend the Lower Mainland Local Government Association (LMLGA) Annual Conference from May 12-14, 2010, at Harrison Hot Springs, BC. The total estimated expense for five Council Members is \$4,060.00 and is to be funded from the Councillors' 2010 Travel Budget.

ADOPTED ON CONSENT

**5. Submission to the Local Government Elections Task Force
March 12, 2010**

The Mayor noted that requests to speak to this matter had been received.

REFERRAL MOVED by Councillor Louie

THAT the Administrative Report dated March 12, 2010, entitled "Submission to the Local Government Elections Task Force" be referred to the Standing Committee on Planning and Environment on Thursday, March 25, 2010, at 2:00 pm, in order to hear from speakers.

carried

Prior to the vote on the referral motion, the Mayor advised of his intent to move an amendment to the recommendations in the report to include a ban on corporate and union donations to municipal election campaigns.

Councillor Cadman rose on a point of order and noted that the matter on the floor was whether to refer the report to Standing Committee.

The Mayor so agreed and noted he will move the amendment when the matter is brought back on Thursday.

The referral motion was therefore put and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Engineering Services

6. Local Improvement Reballots from October 22, 2009, Court of Revision February 25, 2010

- A. THAT Court #630, Item #005, NOT BE APPROVED for pavement, curbs, trees and bulges on Queens Avenue from McHardy Street to McGeer Street.
- B. THAT Court #630, Item #015, NOT BE APPROVED for lane pavement on the lane north of 41st Avenue from Sherbrooke Street to Inverness Street.

ADOPTED ON CONSENT

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Note from Meeting Coordinator: The following Proclamation took place partway through discussion on Item A7 below.

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PROCLAMATION - INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR THE ELIMINATION OF RACIAL DISCRIMINATION

Mayor Robertson and Councillor Jang provided remarks in regard to International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, and invited Saeed Dyanatkar, Chair of the Multicultural Advisory Committee, to also say a few words.

The Mayor then proclaimed Sunday, March 21, 2010, as "International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination" in the city of Vancouver, and invited Council and guests to the foyer outside Council Chamber for a reception.

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The Council meeting was therefore recessed at 4:10 pm and reconvened at 4:40 pm with the same Council members present.

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Finance, Budgets, Grants, Contracts

7. 2010 Community Services Grants Allocations March 9, 2010

MOVED by Councillor Anton

- A. THAT Council approve 10 Neighbourhood Organization Grants totalling \$718,900, including any recommended Conditions on the grants, as listed in APPENDIX A-1 of the Administrative Report dated March 9, 2010, entitled "2010 Community Services Grants Allocations". Source of funding is the 2010 Community Services Grants budget.
- B. THAT Council approve 7 Organizational Capacity Building Grants totalling \$218,000, including any recommended Conditions on the grants, as listed in APPENDIX A-2 of the Administrative report dated March 9, 2010, entitled "2010 Community Services Grants Allocations". Source of funding is the 2010 Community Services Grants budget.
- C. THAT Council approve 89 Direct Social Services Grants totalling \$2,980,304, including any recommended Conditions on the grants, as listed in APPENDIX A-3 of the Administrative report dated March 9, 2010, entitled "2010 Community Services Grants Allocations". Source of funding is the 2010 Community Services Grants budget.
- D. THAT Council approve \$76,300 of the 2010 Community Services Grants budget for programs serving seniors in the Marpole area and Aboriginals in the Downtown Eastside, pending on a report back with recommendations for a service provider to be reported by June 2010.
- E. THAT Council approve \$30,000 of the 2010 Community Services Grants budget for the capacity building of non-profit organizations to be reported by June 2010.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AND
BY THE REQUIRED MAJORITY

8. Recommended Public Art Allocations from 2009 Capital February 4, 2010

- A. THAT Council approve the allocation of \$600,000 to the following projects:
 - i. \$250,000 to Clark/Knight Corridor Public Art;
 - ii. \$200,000 to Artist Initiated projects;
 - iii. \$95,000 for staff and project management;
 - iv. \$15,000 to the Bike Tree project;
 - v. \$10,000 to a new Beatty Street Mural;

vi. \$30,000 to the Public Art Maintenance Reserve.

Source of funds to be the 2009 Capital Budget for Public Art.

- B. THAT Council give the Director of Legal Services standing authority to execute, on behalf of the City, agreements with artists and others respecting the projects above, provided the documents are drawn to the satisfaction of Legal Services in consultation with the Acting Managing Director of Cultural Services.

ADOPTED ON CONSENT

9. **Approval of 2010 - 2011 Business Improvement Area (BIA) Budgets
March 15, 2010**

THAT Council approve the 2010-11 fiscal year Budgets for the BIAs listed below as described in the Administrative Report dated March 15, 2010, entitled "Approval of 2010 - 2011 Business Improvement Area (BIA) Budgets, approve grants to these BIAs in the amounts listed; and

FURTHER THAT Council instruct the Director of Legal Services to bring forward the appropriate rating by-laws to recover the amounts of these grants:

<u>BIA</u>	<u>LEVY</u>
Downtown	2,163,941
Robson	455,223
Kerrisdale	309,000
Gastown	506,700
Mount Pleasant	275,000
West End	624,000
South Granville	510,000
Yaletown	531,003
Chinatown	261,300
Commercial Drive	398,400
Marpole	150,000
Strathcona	551,000
Collingwood	186,545
Hastings North	250,000
Kitsilano Fourth Avenue	140,000
Point Grey Village	80,000
Victoria Drive	140,000
Cambie Village	100,000
Fraser Street	101,000
Dunbar Village	135,000
TOTAL	\$7,868,112

ADOPTED ON CONSENT

Housing, Zoning, Development, Heritage, Culture

**10. Assignment of Lease: 3548 Victoria Drive
March 8, 2010**

THAT Council approve the assignment of the lease for 3548 Victoria Drive (Lot A, Blocks 11 and 12; District Lot 195; Plan 22748; PID 015-857-476) from West Coast Community Homes Society, to New Chelsea Society, on terms and conditions to the satisfaction of the Director of Legal Services.

ADOPTED ON CONSENT

RISE FROM COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MOVED by Councillor Cadman

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

MOVED by Councillor Stevenson
SECONDED by Councillor Woodsworth

THAT Council enact the by-laws listed on the agenda for this meeting as numbers 1, 2, 3 and 5 and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign and seal the enacted by-law.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOVED by Councillor Woodsworth
SECONDED by Councillor Jang

THAT Council, except for those members ineligible to vote as noted below, enact the by-law listed on the agenda for this meeting as number 4, and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign and seal the enacted by-law.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

1. A By-law to assess real property to defray 2009 maintenance costs for the Trounce Alley and Blood Alley Square Local Improvement Project (By-law No. 10016)
2. A By-law to assess real property to defray 2009 costs for the East Hastings Street Collective Parking Project (By-law No. 10017)
3. A By-law to assess real property to defray 2009 costs for the South Fraser Street Collective Parking Project (By-law No. 10018)
4. A By-law to amend Schedule E of the Zoning and Development By-law (Re Kent Avenue South) (By-law No. 10019)
(Councillor Stevenson ineligible to vote)
5. A By-law to amend Ticket Offences By-law No. 9360 regarding minor housekeeping matters (By-law No. 10020)

MOTIONS

A. Administrative Motions

1. Establishing Road on the east side of Knight Street, between 32nd Avenue and 33rd Avenue, adjacent to 4812 Knight Street, for a widening strip for the installation of left turn bays on Knight Street at 33rd Avenue

MOVED by Councillor Jang
SECONDED by Councillor Louie

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 2, Except the West 7 Feet now Road, Block 7, District Lot 705, Plan 2571 as shown heavy outlined on plan of survey completed March 3, 2010, attested to by Fred L. Wong, B.C.L.S. and marginally numbered LD4942.

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

2. Establishing Road on the east side of Knight Street, between 32nd Avenue and 33rd Avenue, adjacent to 4818 Knight Street, for a widening strip for the installation of left turn bays on Knight Street at 33rd Avenue

MOVED by Councillor Jang
SECONDED by Councillor Louie

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 3, Except the West 7 Feet now Road, Block 7, District Lot 705, Plan 2571 as shown heavy outlined on plan of survey completed March 3, 2010, attested to by Fred L. Wong, B.C.L.S. and marginally numbered LD4940.

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

3. Establishing Road on the east side of Knight Street, between 32nd Avenue and 33rd Avenue, adjacent to 4846 Knight Street, for a widening strip for the installation of left turn bays on Knight Street at 33rd Avenue

MOVED by Councillor Jang
SECONDED by Councillor Louie

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 7, Except the West 7 Feet now Road, Block 7, District Lot 705, Plan 2571 as shown heavy outlined on plan of survey completed March 3, 2010, attested to by Fred L. Wong, B.C.L.S. and marginally numbered LD4941.

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

VARY AGENDA

MOVED by Councillor Louie
SECONDED by Councillor Jang

THAT the order of the agenda be varied in order to deal with Motion on Notice B.7 concurrently with Motion on Notice B.1.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

1. **Analysis of Streetcar System in the Regional Transportation Network**
7. **Olympic Legacy Planning**

Note from Meeting Coordinator: The following motion reflects amendments to the original Motions on Notice, and represents an amalgamation of the two motions.

MOVED by Mayor Robertson
SECONDED by Councillor Louie

WHEREAS the City of Vancouver invested significant resources into hosting the 2010 Winter Games, anticipating legacies to improve many facets of our city; and

WHEREAS the work of our police and fire departments during the Games are an extraordinary example of a public safety legacy; and

WHEREAS the Games yielded a wide array of other successes and learning that can benefit the city well into the future; and

WHEREAS the level of volunteerism, community participation and enthusiasm was globally recognized and unprecedented; and

WHEREAS across the city, staff developed new approaches and innovations in delivering services that will provide lasting value for taxpayers; and

WHEREAS Council approved various temporary regulations and policies, some of which could be beneficial if adopted for longer term;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

THAT the City Manager be asked to report back to Council at the earliest possible time on the broad impacts of the Olympic and Paralympic Games with recommendations on legacy opportunities in the areas of:

- Job creation and economic growth;
- Encouragement of sport and athletic prowess;
- Arts and Culture;
- Transportation;
- Public Safety;
- Accessibility enhancement; and
- Other areas that staff may recommend as an important opportunity.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED

THAT the City Manager be asked to explore the feasibility, and provide recommendations, on how the City can provide further opportunities for tapping the resource of the skilled and enthusiastic 2010 Games volunteers to contribute in the future through an on going Volunteer Corps for the City of Vancouver.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED

THAT the Mayor be asked to work with the City Manager's office to find an appropriate way to acknowledge and thank the thousands of volunteers and City staff who have assisted with the successful staging of the 2010 Vancouver Olympic and the Paralympic Games.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED

THAT Council direct staff to work with Translink as part of the current UBC Broadway corridor consultation and planning process to ensure a full analysis of the costs and benefits of a streetcar system in the regional transportation network.

referred

The Mayor noted that requests to speak to this matter had been received.

MOVED by Councillor Cadman
SECONDED by Councillor Louie

THAT the above motion be referred to the Standing Committee on Planning and Environment meeting on Thursday, March 25, 2010, in order to hear from speakers.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. Request for Leave of Absence - Councillor Tim Stevenson

Note from Meeting Coordinator: The motion below contains an amendment to the original Motion on Notice which was accepted by the Council.

MOVED by Councillor Cadman
SECONDED by Councillor Jang

THAT Councillor Tim Stevenson be granted Leave of Absence for Civic Business from the Standing Committee on City Services and Budgets, Standing Committee on Planning and Environment, and the proposed Public Hearing backup meetings to be held April 22, 2010, in order to attend the UBCM Executive Meeting.

FURTHER THAT Councillor Tim Stevenson be granted Leave of Absence for Civic Business from the Standing Committee on Planning and Environment meetings to be held on July 8, October 7, and November 4, 2010, in order to attend Metro Intergovernmental meetings.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. General Manager of the Park Board

MOVED by Councillor Anton
NOT SECONDED

WHEREAS:

1. The seven elected Park Board Commissioners are responsible for the policy direction of the Park Board and direct staff to deliver on the Park Board mandate to 'provide, preserve and advocate' that will benefit people, communities and the environment;
2. The seven Commissioners are elected by and accountable to the residents of Vancouver. Section 488 of the Vancouver Charter provides that the Park Board has exclusive possession of, and exclusive jurisdiction and control of all areas designated as permanent or temporary public parks of the City, and that the Park Board has custody, care and management of such areas belonging to or held by the City as Council may determine;
3. The Vancouver Charter states that Council may add to the powers given to the Park Board by the Vancouver Charter (Section 489 (1)(p));
4. The precedent has been established that the General Manager of the Park Board reports to the Board of seven elected Commissioners; and

5. The Police Chief of the Police Board and the Director of the Library Board report directly to their respective Boards, as per Provincial legislative authority.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

THAT Council delegate authority to the Vancouver Park Board of seven elected Commissioners to be solely responsible to oversee the recruitment, selection, delegation of work-related tasks, and performance management for the General Manager of the Park Board in accordance with the established employment policies of the City of Vancouver and the Vancouver Park Board.

not put

The motion, having not received a Seconder, was not put to a vote.

4. CityGate Childcare

MOVED by Councillor Anton

SECONDED by Councillor Woodsworth

WHEREAS:

1. The CityGate childcare serves 25 children and families in its facility at the CityGate development;
2. Many of the children are special needs and are significantly helped by the childcare;
3. The CityGate childcare has been supported by the YWCA, most recently in the amount of approximately \$100,000 per year; and
4. The YWCA is no longer able to keep up the same level of support and as a consequence the childcare is facing closure in the summer of 2010.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

THAT staff be requested to report back with options for assistance to the CityGate childcare.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5. Request for Leave of Absence - Mayor Gregor Robertson

MOVED by Councillor Louie
SECONDED by Councillor Stevenson

THAT Mayor Gregor Robertson be granted Leave of Absence for Civic Business from the Public Hearing to be held March 23, 2010, and from the Standing Committee on City Services and Budgets meeting to be held March 25, 2010.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6. Request for Leave of Absence - Councillor Heather Deal

MOVED by Councillor Louie
SECONDED by Councillor Reimer

THAT Councillor Heather Deal be granted Leave of Absence for Civic Business from the Regular Council and Public Hearing meetings to be held March 23, 2010, in order to attend a meeting with the Environment Minister and the Land and Agriculture Minister in Victoria.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7. Olympic Legacy Planning

Dealt with along with Motion on Notice B1 above.

8. Personnel Issues

Note from Meeting Coordinator: The following Motion reflects amendments to the original Motion on Notice, which were accepted by the Council.

MOVED by Councillor Anton
SECONDED by Councillor Reimer

WHEREAS

1. Mr. Arkady Tsisserev was the City Electrician until Council replaced him with Mr. Will Johnston on January 21, 2010; and
2. Many questions have been raised as to the actual circumstances of Mr. Tsisserev's departure, such as whether he resigned, retired or was pushed from his position; and

3. Other questions have been asked as to whether Mr. Tsisserev raised issues about the electrical work at the Athlete's Village and the LiveCity sites.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

THAT the City Manager be requested to ensure immediate public disclosure of all documents, including those currently held In Camera by Council, relating to the appointment of Will Johnston as City Electrician and any other background material that would illuminate:

- The detailed circumstances as to the reasons for Mr. Tsisserev's departure;
- The settlement reached with Mr. Tsisserev;
- Mr. Tsisserev's treatment upon his departure;
- The issues raised by Mr. Tsisserev relating to electrical work at the Olympic Venues; and
- The qualifications required for the City Electrician of the City of Vancouver.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9. Membership in the Canadian Coalition of Municipalities Against Racism and Discrimination

MOVED by Councillor Woodsworth
SECONDED by Councillor Jang

WHEREAS

1. The Multicultural Advisory Committee commends the City of Vancouver's continuous efforts in fighting racism and discrimination; and
2. To strengthen these efforts, the Multicultural Advisory Committee unequivocally recommends that the City of Vancouver endorse the UNESCO initiative of Canadian Coalition of Municipalities Against Racism and Discrimination and the ten point program; and
3. In recognition of the work undertaken by the City of Vancouver to support multiculturalism and diversity over the years, the Committee believes that joining the UNESCO Coalition of Municipalities Against Racism and Discrimination can further solidify and strengthen the existing work of the City in this area. With Vancouver being one of the most diverse cities in BC and Canada; and
4. Being a member of the Coalition will be an asset to the City of Vancouver and the Multicultural Advisory Committee, as many resources from the Coalition and its members can be shared and leveraged to enhance the City's work. These include building stronger networks

among cities, learning about existing best practices, policy and program frameworks currently employed by municipal, provincial, national and international jurisdictions; and

5. The Multicultural Advisory Committee unanimously recommends that Council become a member of the Canadian Coalition of Municipalities Against Racism and Discrimination.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

THAT the City of Vancouver become a member of the Canadian Coalition of Municipalities Against Racism and Discrimination.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

NEW BUSINESS

1. Request for Leave of Absence - Councillor Geoff Meggs

MOVED by Councillor Louie
SECONDED by Councillor Jang

THAT, due to injuries sustained, Councillor Geoff Meggs be granted Leave of Absence effective immediately and until approximately May 1, 2010, or until the Councillor feels able to resume his duties of elected office.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. CityGate Childcare

With regard to the request in Motion B4 above, MaryClare Zak, Director, Social Policy, provided a verbal report outlining the work that has been undertaken, and the options provided to the YWCA, in regard to the childcare facility at CityGate.

ENQUIRIES AND OTHER MATTERS

1. Homeless Count

Councillors Jang and Louie acknowledged the 300 volunteers, Council members and staff who participated in the recent homeless count in the city of Vancouver.

2. Robson Square

Councillor Louie enquired as to the status of the Province's renovation work at Robson Square and whether that space will again be unavailable for public use this year. He requested an information memo be provided to Council in this regard.

The Council adjourned at 4:45 pm

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