



REPORT TO COUNCIL

STANDING COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL ON CITY SERVICES AND BUDGETS

MAY 26, 2005

A Regular Meeting of the Standing Committee of Council on City Services and Budgets was held on Thursday, May 26, 2005, at 9:30 a.m., in the Council Chamber, Third Floor, City Hall.

PRESENT:

- Councillor Tim Louis, Chair
- *Mayor Larry Campbell
- Councillor Fred Bass
- Councillor David Cadman
- *Councillor Jim Green
- Councillor Peter Ladner
- *Councillor Anne Roberts
- *Councillor Sam Sullivan
- Councillor Ellen Woodsworth, Vice Chair

ABSENT:

- Councillor Raymond Louie (Sick Leave)
- Councillor Tim Stevenson (Leave of Absence - Civic Business)

CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE: Judy Rogers, City Manager

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE: Denise Salmon, Meeting Coordinator

*Denotes absence for a portion of the meeting.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

The Minutes of the Standing Committee on City Services and Budgets meeting of April 28, 2005, were adopted.

RECOMMENDATION

1. Collingwood Neighbourhood House Gymnasium Operating Funding 2005 (File 1605)

The Committee had before it an Administrative Report dated May 10, 2005, in which the General Manager of Corporate Services in consultation with the General Manager of Community Services and General Manager of Parks and Recreation sought Council approval for 2005 operating funds for the Collingwood Gymnasium. The City Manager recommended approval.

Ernie Westmacott, Acting Manager, Corporate Services Administration, was present to respond to questions.

MOVED by Mayor Campbell
THAT the Committee recommend to Council

THAT Council approve 2005 funding in the amount of \$217,160 (an increase of 2% from the 2004 approved funding of \$212,900) to the Collingwood Neighbourhood House Society for the operation of the Collingwood Gymnasium for the period January 1, 2005 to December 31, 2005; source of funds to be the 2005 Operating Budget.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Councillors Green and Sullivan absent for the vote)

2. Single Room Accommodation Demolition Permit 909 Richards Street (Roseberry House) (File 4657)

Vancouver City Council, at its meeting on May 10, 2005, referred consideration of this matter to a Standing Committee to allow the applicant to speak. Accordingly, the Committee had before it an Administrative Report dated April 26, 2005, in which the Director of the Housing Centre, in consultation with the Directors of Current Planning and Legal Services, provided a brief overview of the history of the proposed redevelopment for 909 Richards Street which requires a Single Room Accommodation Permit for the demolition of 8 rooms on this site; and the rationale for staff's recommendation that the SRA Permit be approved with the condition that a \$40,000 fee be paid into the reserve fund earmarked for replacement housing. The City Manager recommended approval.

Also before the Committee was a memorandum dated May 24, 2005, (on file) from the Director of the Housing Centre, which responded to questions raised by Council and recommended Council approve the report that went to Council on May 10th, with the following additional conditions:

- That the applicant agree to document 909 Richards in accordance with heritage practices;
- That the applicant's offer to provide \$10,000 to the City to undertake a heritage evaluation of the remaining houses in Downtown South of similar vintage to 909 Richards be accepted; and
- That the applicant's offer of an additional payment of \$40,000 be accepted, noting that this payment would not be deducted from the Development Cost Levies designated for replacement housing.

In addition, staff noted Council may wish to consider a motion to request the Province to amend the Vancouver Charter to delete the requirement that fees charged for SRA demolition permits be deducted from Development Cost Levies designated for replacement housing.

Mr. Nizar Manji, applicant and owner of 909 Richards, provided Council with a brief history of this application, advised all but the SRA condition had been cleared, and sought approval to move forward with his project.

Cameron Gray, Director, Housing Centre, referred Council to his May 24th memorandum which recommended approval of the application, with conditions. In response to a questions from Council, Mr. Gray provided details on the status of SRA replacement housing, and also advised staff had suggested to the applicant he include this site in his development.

Councillor Green requested staff report back on the heritage value of the old Cypress tree on site and replacement trees for the development at Fir Street and 14th Avenue.

MOVED by Councillor Green

THAT the Committee recommend to Council

- A. THAT Council approve a Single Room Accommodation Demolition Permit for all 8 designated rooms at 909 Richards Street (The Roseberry House) with the following conditions:
 - That the applicant pay \$5,000 per designated room being demolished;
 - That the applicant agree to document 909 Richards in accordance with heritage practices;
 - That the applicant's offer to provide \$10,000 to the City to undertake a heritage evaluation of the remaining houses in Downtown South of similar vintage to 909 Richards be accepted; and
 - That the applicant's offer of an additional payment of \$40,000 be accepted, noting that this payment would not be deducted from the Development Cost Levies designated for replacement housing.
- B. THAT Council request the Province to amend the Vancouver Charter to delete the requirement that fees charged for SRA demolition permits be deducted from Development Cost Levies designated for replacement housing.
- C. THAT staff advise any applicants seeking a Single Room Accommodation Demolition Permit that Council may look for benefits over and above the \$5,000 per unit, while it awaits response from the Province.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

(Councillor Sullivan absent for the vote)

3. Annual Report Back on the Work of the Youth Outreach Team (File 4102)

The Committee had before it an Administrative Report dated May 10, 2005, in which the Director of Social Planning provided Council with an update on the progress of the work of the Youth Outreach Team from June 2004 to May 2005. The General Manager of Community Services recommended receipt of the report for information.

Debbie Anderson, Child & Youth Social Planner, and Anka Raskin, Social Planner, accompanied by the Youth Outreach Team Members: Julianna Torjek, Lanny Jimenez and Brian Wong, provided Council with an overview of the report. With the aid of an overhead presentation and pamphlets (distributed at the meeting and on file), staff provided highlights of the Team's past activities and upcoming work planned for this year including the City's new youth website design.

Staff responded to questions from Council regarding the potential for youth involvement in the upcoming World Urban Forum, and provided examples of youth engagement in the City, including the Plaza of Nations site planning workshop and prevention work around the Four Pillars Program. The City Manager advised a report on the World Urban Forum will be before Council shortly, and will provide the opportunity for Council to discuss its involvement in the event.

The following spoke in support of the Civic Youth Strategy and activities of the Youth Outreach Team:

Francisco Grandados, Environmental Youth Alliance
Kaveena Power
Doug Ragan, Environmental Youth Alliance

Points raised included:

- work of the Team is valuable in that it allows organizations to connect to, and create a real impact on, the decision making process in the City;
- Outreach Teams should continue to be supported by Council;
- there is a noticeable difference in how youth now engages with the City, the Youth Outreach Team provides the entry point;
- Vancouver is progressive and leading the way in youth engagement; Youth Outreach Team enables this; and
- strong support; the City is now more youth friendly.

MOVED by Councillor Cadman
THAT the Committee recommend to Council

THAT Council receive for information the Annual Report Back on the Work of the Youth Outreach Team for 2004/05.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Councillors Green and Sullivan and the Mayor absent for the vote)

4. 2228 West Broadway Traffic Management and Traffic Calming (File 5757)

The Committee had before it an Administrative Report dated April 15, 2005, in which the General Manager of Engineering Services sought Council's approval of a traffic management and traffic calming plan to mitigate the impact of the redevelopment of 2228 West Broadway on the surrounding neighbourhood.

Barbara Pringle, area resident, offered her support for the Plan, with four suggested improvements:

- implement measures as soon as possible;
- implement diverter as a permanent measure immediately to prevent a pattern of vehicle use through the neighbourhood;
- install traffic circle at 8th and Yew to improve the pedestrian/cyclist interface in the area; and
- implement a neighbourhood parking plan.

In response to questions from Council, Mr. Rawsthorne advised implementation of the measures can begin as soon as the Plan is approved. In regard to making the Broadway and Yew diverter permanent, Mr. Rawsthorne advised is it Council policy to monitor the site for 6 months; this monitoring will begin after the site is fully developed and occupied. He further noted the traffic at 8th and Yew could be monitored to determine if there is need for an additional circle at this location. Gerry Dobrovolny, Assistant City Engineer, Transportation, advised he would meet with Ms. Pringle regarding the resident parking issue.

Biraj Boar, area resident, noted his previous letters to Council concerning traffic issues at 7th and Vine. He provided suggestions, including traffic bulges and an additional traffic circle or 4-way stop signs to address two specific areas of concern:

- traffic traveling north/south running the stop signs at the 7th and Vine; and
- the lack of sufficient mitigation measures to address the expected increase in traffic volumes with visitors to the development on Broadway using Vine to link to both the 4th Avenue and 10th Avenue shopping districts, which will destroy the residential nature of his neighbourhood.

Mr. Rawsthorne advised bulges at 6th and Vine would be a good pedestrian amenity, but noted lack of funds for this improvement. He also advised the developer/owner has committed up to \$25,000 for additional measures which may be warranted following evaluation of the impact of the project.

MOVED by Councillor Bass

THAT the Committee recommend to Council

- A. THAT Council approve the Traffic Management and Traffic Calming Plan for 2228 West Broadway, as described in the Administrative Report dated April 15, 2005, entitled "2228 West Broadway Traffic Management and Traffic Calming", to be funded entirely by the developer/owner.

- B. THAT the diversionary traffic calming measures proposed be installed on a trial basis for a period of no less than six months and that a follow-up survey of affected residents be done to determine whether those measures should be installed on a permanent basis.
- C. THAT commencing in 2006, the Traffic Operating Budget be increased by \$3,000, without offset and subject to 2006 Budget Review.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Councillor Roberts absent for the vote)

The Committee adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

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CITY OF VANCOUVER

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES STANDING COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL ON CITY SERVICES AND BUDGETS

MAY 26, 2005

A Regular Meeting of the Council of the City of Vancouver was held on Thursday, May 26, 2005, at 11:15 a.m., in the Council Chamber, Third Floor, City Hall, following the Standing Committee on City Services and Budgets meeting, to consider the recommendations and actions of the Committee.

PRESENT:

Mayor Larry Campbell
Councillor Fred Bass
Councillor David Cadman
Councillor Jim Green
Councillor Peter Ladner
Councillor Tim Louis
*Councillor Anne Roberts
Councillor Sam Sullivan
Councillor Ellen Woodsworth

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COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MOVED by Councillor Cadman
SECONDED by Councillor Woodsworth

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Councillor Roberts absent for the vote)

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Report of Standing Committee on City Services and Budgets May 26, 2005

Council considered the report containing the recommendations and actions taken by the Standing Committee on City Services and Budgets. Its items of business included:

1. Collingwood Neighbourhood House Gymnasium Operating Funding 2005
2. Single Room Accommodation Demolition Permit 909 Richards Street (Roseberry House)
3. Annual Report Back on the Work of the Youth Outreach Team
4. 2228 West Broadway Traffic Management and Traffic Calming

Items 1-4

MOVED by Councillor Louis

THAT the recommendations and actions taken by the Standing Committee on City Services and Budgets at its meeting of May 26, 2005, as contained in items 1-4, be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Councillor Roberts absent for the vote)

RISE FROM COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MOVED by Councillor Bass

THAT the Committee of the Whole rise and report.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Councillor Roberts absent for the vote)

ADOPT REPORT OF COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MOVED by Councillor Cadman
SECONDED by Councillor Woodsworth

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Councillor Roberts absent for the vote)

NEW BUSINESS

1. Endorsation of Olympic Truce Preparations - 2006 Olympic Games (File 3252/3253)

MOVED by Councillor Green
SECONDED by Councillor Cadman

WHEREAS the tradition of an Olympic Truce during Olympic Games dates back to the 9th Century BC to enable citizens and athletes to travel and compete during the Games period under the protection of the truce; and

WHEREAS the IOC has revived this concept in an effort to contribute to the search for peace and the diplomatic solution of conflicts; and

WHEREAS truce initiatives at recent Games have allowed the participation of athletes from ex-Yugoslavia and resulted in a global appeal to avoid the bombing of Iraq; and

WHEREAS Vancouver, as an Olympic city and a city committed to peace will be deeply involved in the development of the Olympic truce activities in 2010; and

WHEREAS the City of Torino, which will host the 2006 Olympic Winter Games and Winter Paralympic Games, is undertaking an unprecedented city-based Olympic Truce initiative this September, which will involve 100 mayors from four continents signing a joint appeal for the 2006 Olympic truce;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Vancouver endorse the City of Torino's Olympic Truce preparations and participate in the signing ceremony; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Vancouver urge the Federation of Canadian Municipalities and the Union of British Columbia Municipalities to endorse the Olympic Truce plans and encourage its member municipalities to participate.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ENQUIRIES AND OTHER MATTERS

1. 1117 Salsbury Drive (aka 1121 Salsbury Drive) - Development Application (File 2608)

Councillor Green requested staff provide a memorandum back, prior to June 14, 2005, which addresses concerns related to the development permit application for 1117 Salsbury Drive.

The Council adjourned at 11:20 a.m.

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