



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

**JUNE 8, 2005**

A Special Meeting of the Council of the City of Vancouver was held on Wednesday, June 8, 2005, at 7:30 p.m., in the Council Chamber, Third Floor, City Hall.

**PRESENT:** Mayor Larry Campbell  
Councillor Fred Bass  
Councillor David Cadman  
Councillor Raymond Louie  
Councillor Tim Louis  
Councillor Tim Stevenson

**ABSENT:** Councillor Jim Green (Leave of Absence - Civic Business)  
Councillor Peter Ladner (Leave of Absence)  
Councillor Anne Roberts (Leave of Absence)  
Councillor Sam Sullivan (Leave of Absence)  
Councillor Ellen Woodsworth (Leave of Absence - Civic Business)

**CITY CLERK'S OFFICE:** Charlene Imai, Meeting Coordinator

**COURT OF REVISION**

MOVED by Councillor Louis  
SECONDED by Councillor Bass

THAT this Council resolve itself into Court of Revision for the purpose of hearing complaints against the proposed assessments or the accuracy of frontage measurements, or any other complaint which persons interested may desire to make and which is by law cognizable by the Court, Mayor Campbell in the Chair.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**COURT OF REVISION**

**LOCAL IMPROVEMENTS**

Projects by Petition: Court No. 619  
June 8, 2005

Pavement, Curbs, Trees & Bulges - Higher Zoned
Pavement, Curbs, Trees & Bulges - Local Residential
Lane Pavement - Higher Zoned
Lane Pavement - Local Residential
Speed Humps
Sidewalk
Lane Lighting

Traffic Circle

Projects by Initiative: Court No. 620

June 8, 2005

Pavement, Curbs, Trees & Bulges - Higher Zoned

Speed Humps

Lane Lighting

Before Council were reports from the Collector of Taxes dated June 8, 2005, with respect to Local Improvement Courts of Revision Numbers 619 and 620. Also before Council was a Late Report - Appendix 1 for Court 619/027 dated June 8, 2005, advising that due to intersection repairs from recent utility work the cost to owners have been reduced. An amended notification was mailed to the owners on May 24, 2005. A second Late Report 2 for Court 619 was also submitted, advising Council of requests for withdrawn signatures. Courts 619/012 and 619/027 were recommended for rebalot, and Court 619/018 was recommended to proceed.

#### COURT NO. 619 - PROJECTS BY PETITION

The Collector of Taxes certified that the projects in the report dated June 8, 2005, have been requested by the majority of the assessed owners by means of a sufficiently signed petition.

#### COURT NO. 620 - PROJECTS BY INITIATIVE

In the report from the Collector of Taxes dated June 8, 2005, it was noted none of the Item Numbers were objected to by at least more than one half (1/2) the owners of the properties who represent at least more than one half (1/2) the total value of all the properties on the project.

MOVED by Councillor Louis  
SECONDED by Councillor Cadman

THAT the report of the Special Assessment Roll for Courts 619 and 620, dated June 8, 2005, submitted by the Collector of Taxes, be approved, with the corrections and changes noted herein.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

#### RISE FROM COURT OF REVISION

MOVED by Councillor Cadman  
SECONDED by Councillor Bass

THAT the Court of Revision rise and report.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## COUNCIL

### ADOPT REPORT OF COURT OF REVISION

MOVED by Councillor Louie  
SECONDED by Councillor Stevenson

THAT the Council adopt the report of the Court of Revision dated June 8, 2005.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

### Administrative Report Local Improvement Subsequent Procedure - June 8, 2005 May 18, 2005

Prior to considering the recommendation in the Administrative Report dated May 18, 2005, David Desrochers, Streets Design Engineer, with the assistance of additional staff, showed slides of the various projects. The following delegations were heard and actions taken as follows:

### COURT NO. 619 - PROJECTS BY PETITION

#### Project No. 619/003

Bethan Everett, a resident on West 48<sup>th</sup> Avenue, supports the strip pavement project but expressed concern regarding drainage, and lifespan of the pavement.

Dave Desrochers, Streets Design Engineer, noted this area is part of the Southlands Official Community Plan, which does not allow for concrete curbs and gutters. Mr. Desrochers advised there are enough funds to put down centre strip pavement on top of more subgrade if required and French drains down the side. The design life is expected to be 20-30 years.

Anthony Gray, a resident on West 48<sup>th</sup> Avenue, circulated the petition and supports the project. Mr. Gray's main concern is that because they are not allowed curbs and sidewalks, and for the price they are paying, they feel the City should pave the gravel shoulder area as well for this price.

Leilani Riddle supports the project but expressed concern about drainage even with the proposed strip pavement.

MOVED by Councillor Louis  
SECONDED by Councillor Cadman

THAT this project be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

### **Project No. 619/008**

Nick Soukoroff, a resident on Commercial Street, spoke in opposition. Mr. Soukoroff expressed concern about the back lane pavement, noting the 10-foot wide lane has a hairpin turn which makes it difficult for the City's garbage trucks to manoeuvre. He also noted the lane has grown because the City has been fixing potholes but not bringing it down to grade. Mr. Soukoroff would prefer such a narrow back lane to be re-graded .

Mr. Desrochers responded the City will lower the grade on the lane and form a swale to contain and direct surface water using asphalt.

A member of Council noted the City's new curbside automated collection may address the issue of garbage trucks in the lane.

Christine Soukoroff spoke in opposition and expressed concern about drainage.

Guiomar Costa has lived on Commercial Street for 37 years and is opposed to the project. Ms. Costa advised she does not use the lane, and requested Council to leave the back lane as is.

Michael Tropp spoke in favour of the project but expressed concern about construction. Mr. Tropp requested an expansion joint be installed against his foundation wall, so that when the asphalt is put down, there is some leeway. Mr. Tropp then questioned staff on the timeline for installing speed humps.

Elizabeth Norris, Local Improvement Clerk, responded speed humps are not part of this project but that the installation of speed humps would depend on another petition being circulated and how soon it would be returned to staff. Following that process, the project would be referred to a future Court of Revision.

MOVED by Councillor Louis  
SECONDED by Councillor Bass

THAT this project be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

### **Project No. 619/012**

David Esler spoke in opposition and was curious as to why the centre strip option was not being offered.

Mr. Desrochers advised Council policy is the centre strip option as it allows water to drain away naturally and is environmentally friendly. Full width lanes were the standard until the policy changed in December 2004. The petition was requested and mailed prior to the change.

Ms. Norris noted that as two people have withdrawn their signatures, staff are recommending a confidential rebalot for the centre strip option, through the Local Improvement office.

Robert Lachnit, Fil Jang, Julie Stratton, Diane Driscoll and Sandi Munro registered opposition but as the project was being recommended for rebalot, did not speak.

Vincent Gogolek registered support, and received clarification on the rebalot option.

Robert Carlson spoke in support and advised the lane has had years of neglect, including drainage issues. In response to Council, Mr. Carlson requested a full lane with gutters on the side.

Gordon Sales registered support but did not speak.

MOVED by Councillor Louis  
SECONDED by Councillor Bass

THAT this project be rebaloted for the centre strip option.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

#### **Project No. 619/017**

Greg Shomura spoke in support of speed humps.

MOVED by Councillor Louis  
SECONDED by Councillor Bass

THAT this project be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

#### **Project No. 619/021**

Pamela Jeacocke spoke in opposition, stating there is lighting in her garden 24 hours a day. Ms. Jeacocke has been advised by noted gardeners that plants do not thrive under sodium lighting.

Phil Wong, Superintendent of Electrical Services, responded lighting spillage into Ms. Jeacocke's yard would be minimal but that her concerns can be addressed.

Peter Stabler spoke in opposition and commented that it was nice to have a lane without too much lighting. Mr. Stabler expressed concern about the need for lighting and the extra expense.

A Council member questioned staff about LED lighting, and Mr. Wong responded it was not feasible at this time but maybe in the next 5-10 years.

MOVED by Councillor Cadman  
SECONDED by Councillor Louis

THAT this project be approved.

CARRIED  
(Councillor Bass opposed)

**Project No. 619/027**

Tony Raats registered opposition but did not speak. However, he supports reballoting the project.

Linda Rasmussen spoke in opposition, stating the traffic circle will not slow down traffic.

Harry Henderson supports the project but would also like to speed humps installed. Mr. Henderson expressed concern about reballoting in that there may be a lack of urgency for petitioners to respond which, in turn, would delay the project.

MOVED by Councillor Louie  
SECONDED by Councillor Bass

THAT this project be reballoted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**COURT NO. 620 - PROJECTS BY INITIATIVE**

**Project No. 620/001**

Mary Benson questioned why owners have to pay so much for the project.

Mr. Desrochers responded the condition of the street warrants work and soil condition in the area are bad. He advised the project will cost significantly more than what was estimated. The City's share is estimated at \$350,000 and the owner's share is \$135,000.

Ms. Norris advised the project would cost Ms. Benson owners \$560.

MOVED by Councillor Louie  
SECONDED by Councillor Stevenson

THAT this project be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Project No. 620/003**

Margaret Peterson spoke in support of the lane lighting project as it would provide safety and security in an area troubled by vandalism and drug activity. Ms. Peterson was requested to keep the Community Police Officer informed of any illegal activity.

MOVED by Councillor Louie  
SECONDED by Councillor Stevenson

THAT this project be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT  
May 18, 2005**

Council then considered the Administrative Report dated May 18, 2005.

MOVED by Councillor Bass  
SECONDED by Councillor Cadman

THAT the recommendations of the General Manager of Engineering Services, as contained in the Administrative Report dated May 18, 2005, and quoted below, be approved, taking into account the specific actions taken this day:

- A. THAT the projects by "Petition" in Court #619, be approved.
- B. THAT projects by "Initiative Principle" in Court #620, be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Special Council adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

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