



CITY OF VANCOUVER
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

JUNE 14, 2005

A Regular Meeting of the Council of the City of Vancouver was held on Tuesday, June 14, 2005, at 2:00 p.m., in the Council Chamber, Third Floor, City Hall.

PRESENT:

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

ABSENT: Councillor Raymond Louie (Leave of Absence)

CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE: Brent MacGregor, Deputy City Manager

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE: Syd Baxter, City Clerk
Tarja Tuominen, Meeting Coordinator

*Denotes absence for a portion for the meeting

PRAYER

The proceedings in the Council Chamber were opened with a prayer read by the City Clerk.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: (File 1051)

- **ONE BOOK, ONE VANCOUVER**

Paul Whitney, City Librarian, and Joan Andersen, Chair, Vancouver Public Library Board, announced the One Book, One Vancouver selection for 2005 will be *Obasan* by Joy Kogawa and distributed copies to the Mayor and Councillors.

- **2005 AIRWAVES CONTEST WINNER**

Councillor Bass announced Jason Liang, of Killarney Secondary School is the 2005 AirWaves Contest Winner and played a short excerpt from his winning CD.

PRESENTATION - BY MY GIRL (File 1051)

Council welcomed My Girl who performed "Anaway" and "Nya:Weh".

"IN CAMERA" MEETING

MOVED by Councillor Bass
SECONDED by Councillor Cadman

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):

- (b) personal information about an individual being considered for an award or honour;
- (c) labour relations or other employee negotiations;
- (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.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

1. Business License Hearing - May 10, 2005

MOVED by Councillor Ladner
SECONDED by Councillor Cadman

THAT the foregoing Minutes be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. Regular Council (City Services and Budgets) - May 12, 2005

MOVED by Councillor Louis
SECONDED by Councillor Cadman

THAT the foregoing Minutes be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. Regular Council (Planning and Environment) - May 12, 2005

MOVED by Councillor Roberts
SECONDED by Councillor Cadman

THAT the foregoing Minutes be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. Special Council (Public Hearing) - May 12, 2005

MOVED by Councillor Woodsworth
SECONDED by Councillor Cadman

THAT the foregoing Minutes be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5. Business License Hearing - May 19, 2005

MOVED by Councillor Woodsworth
SECONDED by Councillor Cadman

THAT the foregoing Minutes be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6. Regular Council - May 24, 2005

MOVED by Councillor Cadman
SECONDED by Councillor Bass

THAT the foregoing Minutes be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7. Special Council (Revised Homeless Action Plan) - May 25, 2005

MOVED by Councillor Cadman
SECONDED by Councillor Woodsworth

THAT the foregoing Minutes be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8. Regular Council (City Services and Budgets) - May 26, 2005

MOVED by Councillor Louis
SECONDED by Councillor Cadman

THAT the foregoing Minutes be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9. Regular Council (Planning and Environment) - May 26, 2005

MOVED by Councillor Roberts
SECONDED by Councillor Cadman

THAT the foregoing Minutes be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10. Business License Hearing - May 26, 2005

MOVED by Councillor Cadman
SECONDED by Councillor Woodsworth

THAT the foregoing Minutes be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11. Regular Council (Transportation and Traffic) - May 24, 2005

MOVED by Councillor Bass
SECONDED by Councillor Cadman

THAT the foregoing Minutes be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MOVED by Councillor Roberts
SECONDED by Councillor Cadman

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MATTERS ADOPTED ON CONSENT

MOVED by Councillor Bass

THAT Council adopt Administrative Reports A1 to A10, and Policy Report P1, on consent.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

REPORT REFERENCE

- 1. A Problematic Drug Use Prevention Strategy for Vancouver (File 4113)**

Donald MacPherson, Drug Policy Coordinator, presented a Report Reference summarizing the findings and recommendations of the draft plan, "*Preventing Harm from Psychoactive Substance Use*". The plan outlines the need for a comprehensive prevention strategy for Vancouver and the importance of locally-based strategies for prevention. The draft plan also proposes immediate actions in the following five priority areas:

- Risk and Protection Across the Life Course
- Community Centred Prevention
- Harm Reduction
- Legislative and Public Policy change
- Regulated Markets and Market Intervention

Mr. MacPherson sought Council approval to refer the draft report for public review and report back to Council with a revised final draft.

MOVED by Councillor Bass

THAT the following recommendation in regard to Priority Area #5: Regulated Markets and Market Intervention be included in the draft plan for public review:

25. Recommendation: That the following be adopted with respect to the control of tobacco products:
- a) As elsewhere in Canada, the City of Vancouver enact by-laws which restrict the display of tobacco products, especially where they are visible to children.
 - b) As elsewhere in Canada and as we do for selling alcoholic beverages, a special business license with an incremental fee be charged for City of Vancouver businesses that sell tobacco products.
 - c) As is our policy for alcohol, new business licenses for the sale of tobacco not be issued to businesses that are located within 150 metres of an elementary or secondary school.
 - d) A report from staff provide Council options for limiting the number of retail stores selling tobacco products in Vancouver, just as we now limit the number of outlets in Vancouver that sell alcoholic beverages.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOVED by Councillor Sullivan

THAT staff be asked to develop an alternative to Recommendation 1 that emphasizes provincial responsibility for funding and delinks gaming funding from the costs of a Municipal Prevention Institute and that staff be asked to develop an option to include maintenance programs for funding as an important part of prevention.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOVED by Councillor Cadman

THAT City Council receive the report *Preventing Harm from Psychoactive Substance Use* for information and referral for public review, with the two additional motions, and report back to Council with a revised final draft.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. 2006-2008 Capital Plan Financial Limits (File 1611)

Estelle Lo, General Manager of Corporate Services, and Ken Bayne, Director of Financial Planning and Treasury, presented a Report Reference on the financial limits that will govern the development of the 2006-2008 Capital Plan. Ms. Lo and Mr. Bayne provided an overview of current financial policies, establishing financial limits for the Capital Program, and risk factors associated with the recommended funding levels.

MOVED by Councillor Ladner

- A. THAT Council set the property tax-supported financial limit for the 2006 - 2008 Capital Plan at a level that will not require a property tax increase and this limit to be used for planning purposes and subject to review at the time Council approves the final Capital Plan in September 2005.
- B. THAT Council set an upper limit of \$36.0 million in City-wide Development Cost Levy (DCL) funding within the 2006-2008 Capital Plan, the allocation of these funds being based on the City-wide DCL By-law.
- C. THAT Council set the financial limit on the Waterworks Capital Plan at \$54.3 million as outlined in the Administrative Report *2006-2008 Capital Plan Financial Limits* dated May 15, 2005.

Amended

AMENDMENT MOVED by Councillor Cadman

THAT A above be amended to read as follows:

THAT Council set the property tax-supported financial limit for the 2006 - 2008 Capital Plan at \$265 million as follows:

- \$135.0 million from general borrowing authority;
- \$75.0 million from sewer borrowing authority; and
- \$55.6 million as Capital from Revenue;

this limit to be used for planning purposes and subject to review at the time Council approves the final Capital Plan in September 2005.

CARRIED
(Councillors Ladner and Sullivan opposed)

The amendment having carried, the motion as amended was put and CARRIED with Councillors

Ladner and Sullivan opposed.

FINAL MOTION AS AMENDED AND APPROVED

- A. THAT Council set the property tax-supported financial limit for the 2006 - 2008 Capital Plan at \$265 million as follows:
- \$135.0 million from general borrowing authority;
 - \$75.0 million from sewer borrowing authority; and
 - \$55.6 million as Capital from Revenue;
- this limit to be used for planning purposes and subject to review at the time Council approves the final Capital Plan in September 2005.
- B. THAT Council set an upper limit of \$36.0 million in City-wide Development Cost Levy (DCL) funding within the 2006-2008 Capital Plan, the allocation of these funds being based on the City-wide DCL By-law.
- C. THAT Council set the financial limit on the Waterworks Capital Plan at \$54.3 million as outlined in the Administrative Report *2006-2008 Capital Plan Financial Limits* dated May 15, 2005.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Revised Homeless Action Plan (File 4659)

On May 25, 2005, Council heard speakers on the Policy Report *Revised Homeless Action Plan*, dated April 26, 2005, and the Homeless Action Plan attached to the Policy Report. Council agreed to refer its discussion and decision to the June 14, 2005 Regular Council meeting.

Also before Council was a Memorandum dated June 6, 2005, from Jill Davidson, Homeless Policy Coordinator, which summarized input from the public at the Special Council meeting of May 25, consolidated the recommendations put forward in the Policy Report and the draft Homeless Action Plan, and proposed amendments to the Homeless Action Plan.

MOVED by Councillor Woodsworth

- A. THAT Council approve the revised Homeless Action Plan with priority for three strategic directions including:
- Reducing Barriers to Accessing Welfare by the Homeless (Actions 1-3);
 - Developing 3,200 Units of Supportive Housing (Actions 18, 27-29); and
 - Increasing Mental Health and Addiction Services (Actions 45-54).
- B. THAT the Mayor on behalf of Council, write to the Premier, Government of British Columbia and the appropriate Ministers urging the Province to

implement actions identified in Appendix A of the Policy Report *Revised Homeless Action Plan*, dated April 26, 2005, with priority to:

- Reducing Barriers to Accessing Welfare by the Homeless (Actions 1-3);
- Developing 3,200 Units of Supportive Housing (Actions 18, 27-29); and
- Increasing Mental Health and Addiction Services (Actions 45-54).

AND FURTHER advising that the City of Vancouver is willing to work in partnership with the Province to implement particularly Action 3, a pilot project to coordinate outreach to assist eligible homeless people to access BC Employment and Assistance benefits.

- C. THAT the Mayor, on behalf of Council, write to the Ministers responsible for Human Resources and Skills Development Canada, Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation and Western Diversification urging the Federal Government implement actions identified in Appendix B of the Policy Report *Revised Homeless Action Plan*, dated April 26, 2005, with priority to:
- Developing 3,200 Units of Supportive Housing (Actions 18, 27-29).
- D. THAT the Mayor, on behalf of Council, write to the Chief Executive Officer, Vancouver Coastal Health urging Vancouver Coastal Health to implement the actions identified in Appendix C of the Policy Report *Revised Homeless Action Plan*, dated April 26, 2005 with priority to:
- Developing 3,200 Units of Supportive Housing (Actions 27 - 29); and
 - Increasing Mental Health and Addiction Services (Actions 45-54).
- E. THAT the Mayor, on behalf of Council, write to the Chair, Greater Vancouver Regional District and Regional Mayors urging them to assist in implementing the Regional Homelessness Plan and to support the City's Homeless Action Plan.
- F. THAT the Mayor, on behalf of Council, write to the Greater Vancouver Regional Steering Committee on Homelessness supporting its implementation of Actions 79 - 84 relating to research, planning, regional capacity building and the need to address homelessness across the region through implementation of the Regional Homelessness Plan.
- G. THAT Council approve the creation of a regular full time Planner II position, Housing Centre, to implement actions in the Homeless Action Plan, the position level subject to a classification review by the General Manager of Human Resources. The estimated annual cost is \$79,500 (prorated for 2005 estimate is \$39,800 which includes salaries and fringe benefits) plus start-up costs of \$5,000. Source of funding for 2005 costs of \$44,800 is the 2005 Contingency Reserve. Funding for fiscal 2006 and future years to be added to the Housing Centre's operating budget without offset.
- H. THAT Council approve the funding of \$200,000 over two years for consultancies to complete this work from Homeless Action Plan, such as Action 22, a rental housing strategy; Action 68, eviction prevention

strategies; and Action 69, expanded housing registry; funding of \$100,000 in 2005 to be provided from Contingency Reserve and \$100,000 be added to the Housing Centre's 2006 operating budget without offset.

- I. THAT the Director of the Housing Centre be requested to report back every two years on the progress on implementing the actions in the Homeless Action Plan.
- J. THAT the amendments which City Council referred to the Special Council meeting on May 25, 2005, and identified below, be adopted:
 - THAT the Income Priority with the Homeless Action Plan be modified to include not only Reducing Barriers to Accessing Welfare by the Homeless, but also Creating Job Opportunities for the Homeless.
 - THAT an additional action be added to the Homeless Action Plan under the Income section as follows: "the City of Vancouver to work with the Vancouver Agreement to ensure that job opportunities are available to the homeless, through such means as including employment objectives as part of large project permitting, where appropriate, and supporting the Vancouver Downtown Eastside Economic Revitalization Plan and the Vancouver Food Council".
 - THAT the following bullet be added to Action 36 in the Homeless Action Plan: "including staying open longer hours appropriate to people's needs, for example 9:00 p.m. to 8:00 a.m."
 - THAT the data in the report back be disaggregated by gender.
- K. THAT the Homeless Action Plan be amended to provide further emphasis on Aboriginal people and youth, and other groups at risk of homelessness, in accordance with Appendix A of the Memorandum dated June 7, 2005, as follows:
 - **Section 1.4 Process, page 5**
Add new paragraph:
"A special meeting of City Council was held in May 2005 where about forty speakers were heard. In June 2005, City Council adopted the plan after making some revisions which have been incorporated into the text, and initiated implementation with activities that are described in Section 1.7 under Cost and Implementation."
The previous paragraph will be slightly modified to reflect the above new text.
 - **Section 1.6 Three Strategic Priorities, page 5**
Add new last paragraph:
"While homelessness can affect all City residents, some people are more vulnerable to being homeless. In this summary of three priorities, no specific population group is specified, however, later in the plan when

actions are identified related to income, housing and support services, attention is drawn to sub-groups in the Vancouver homeless population.”

- **Section 1.7 Cost and Implementation, page 9**

Add new concluding paragraphs:

“In June 2005 when City Council adopted this Plan, it initiated implementation by writing to the Provincial and Federal Governments, Vancouver Coastal Health, the GVRD and member municipalities, the Greater Vancouver Regional Steering Committee on Homelessness, urging each to implement the Plan actions appropriate to each jurisdiction. Additional staff and consultant resources were provided. City Council also requested a biennial report on the progress of implementing the Plan.

Implementation of the plan will involve partnerships with an array of community, government and business. It will be important to work with Aboriginal people so culturally appropriate housing and services are developed with and operated by Aboriginal organizations. Youth will also need attention, not only to reduce the risk of homelessness for those under 19, but to ensure that income, housing and services are adequate as youth mature into adulthood. Plan implementation will also consider the interests of other groups, including women, seniors, people with disabilities, immigrants and refugees, and other groups with special needs.”

- **New Section 2.5 Specific population groups, page 13**

“Some people can be particularly affected by homelessness. Of importance are Aboriginal people, youth, women, seniors, people with disabilities, immigrants and refugees, people with special needs including physical disabilities, mental illness, addictions, multiple diagnoses, brain injuries, HIV/AIDS, fetal alcohol syndrome/fetal alcohol effect, criminal justice system involvement, victims of abuse, etc. The needs of these people are interwoven within the Plan which is organized by issue, rather than population group. Nonetheless, their specific needs should be acknowledged.

As indicated in the homeless profile, Aboriginal people are over-represented in every category of homelessness. The recently completed regional homeless count indicated that 30% of the total homeless population are Aboriginal (34% street homeless and 23% of homeless in shelters). The ‘GVRD Aboriginal Homelessness Study’ was completed in 2001 and updated in 2003, and included in summary form in the ‘3 Ways to Home, Regional Homelessness Plan Update (November 2003). That study identifies clusters of actions, many of which are similar to those identified in this Plan. The most important clusters in the regional Aboriginal study are housing; community and family supports; and employment/income supports. The study also describes cultural differences and emphasizes the importance of culturally appropriate services delivered by Aboriginal people.

Certain sub-populations of youth are at high risk of homelessness, especially those that are in or have experienced foster care. Without adequate services, youth move from the 'at risk' category of homelessness to sofa surfing, staying in shelters and becoming street homeless. Many of today's middle-aged and older homeless have histories of foster care or other problems during their youth, and the troubled youth of today are at risk of becoming the homeless of tomorrow.

Other groups, such as seniors, refugees, etc. also have specific needs that must be addressed in any response to homelessness. Seniors can feel physically insecure, for example, in a shelter dominated by younger homeless, and refugees and new immigrants can experience communication barriers if services are not available to bridge cultural divides."

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOVED by Councillor Green

- L. THAT the Homeless Action Plan be amended to state the City of Vancouver will attempt to negotiate matching funds from the Province of British Columbia to any federal dollars forthcoming even if matching funds are not required for federal funding.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

COMMUNICATIONS

1. 2005 UBCM Resolutions (File 3252)

MOVED by Councillor Woodsworth

THAT the following resolutions received from City departments be submitted to the 2005 Union of BC Municipalities Convention:

A. COMMUNITY ACCESS PROGRAM (CAP)

WHEREAS public libraries and community networks across Canada were the main initiators of the Government of Canada's Connecting Canadians agenda;

AND WHEREAS the Government of Canada, Provincial and Municipal Governments have systematically moved access to government information and forms to the Internet, often to the exclusion of other forms of access;

AND WHEREAS access to the Internet is now a necessity for equal access to government resources and democratic participation;

AND WHEREAS the Community Access Program was developed to fund libraries free, public Internet access;

AND WHEREAS according to the Statistics Canada 2003 Survey 30% of the British Columbia population do not have access to the Internet, and this percentage is higher in rural areas. In addition, access to broadband is significantly less in rural areas, thus increasing the digital divide;

AND WHEREAS British Columbia Public Libraries and Community Networks received \$2.7M from CAP in 2004/2005 down from \$5.2M in 2002/2003;

AND WHEREAS libraries are the main free Internet public access sites in Canada;

AND WHEREAS community networks provide access to socially excluded communities, groups and individuals as well as test new community-based technologies;

AND WHEREAS both libraries and community networks are major participants in overcoming the digital divide;

AND WHEREAS public demand for free Internet public access continues unabated;

AND WHEREAS demand for Internet access now includes training, assistance in printing and filling out important forms such as EI and support in Internet searching;

AND WHEREAS we have been advised that Industry Canada will announce the termination of the CAP program;

AND WHEREAS such cancellation will result in financial hardship for libraries and community networks, especially those in rural and poorer areas, resulting in an increase in the digital divide.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the UBCM write to the Minister of Industry Canada urging his reconsideration of the termination of the CAP program and the creation of a program providing ongoing support for library and community networks for public access and training;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the UBCM write all British Columbia MPs, sending them a copy of this resolution and expressing strong opposition to the termination of CAP;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the UBCM forward this resolution to the Federation of Canadian Municipalities for their consideration.

B. LAWFUL ACCESS

WHEREAS privacy is being eroded and surveillance increased both nationally and internationally since 9/11;

AND WHEREAS the Government of Canada has revived its 1992 Lawful Access Consultation Document in a recent series of consultations with the ostensible aim of updating law enforcement and national security capabilities to deal with new technologies;

AND WHEREAS the proposals would give law enforcement agencies the power, without judicial review, to compel service providers to store and save existing data specific to a transaction or client;

AND WHEREAS the proposals would allow law enforcement or national security representatives to compel service providers, including libraries which have only a partial exemption, upon written or oral request and without judicial review, to provide personal information about specific individual subscribers, including an individual's name, contact information and dynamic IP address;

AND WHEREAS the proposals would substantially erode existing safeguards that limit access to personal information by law enforcement and national security agencies;

AND WHEREAS no empirical data has been provided to justify the proposed measures;

AND WHEREAS the consultation process has not provided adequate opportunity for public participation and debate unlike its close co-operation between the government and the telecommunications industry.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the UBCM oppose the current Lawful Access proposals;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the UBCM urge the Minister of Justice to conduct a broad public consultation on the need for, and impact of, the Lawful Access proposals, including providing empirical evidence to justify its proposals and the reasons some organizations are excluded or partially excluded while others are not;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the UBCM write all British Columbia MPs, sending them a copy of this resolution;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that UBCM forward this resolution to the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) for their consideration.

C. EARLY LITERACY

WHEREAS current research in early childhood development shows that early interventions with language and reading experiences are essential in developing literate and engaged individuals;

AND WHEREAS qualified children's librarians are skilled in the delivery of pre-literacy programs for very young children and their caregivers;

AND WHEREAS the Minister of State for British Columbia has committed to a three year support for a Province-wide Books for BC Babies program in conjunction with the Ministry of Health and the Ministry of Community Aboriginal and Women's Services;

AND WHEREAS the Premier of British Columbia has committed to making British Columbia the most literate jurisdiction in the world;

AND WHEREAS the Literacy Summit acknowledges the need for partnerships in extending the work of literacy into the community at large;

AND WHEREAS the Federal Government has given support for a National Children's agenda and allocates Family Literacy funding through the National Literacy Secretariat;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the UBCM write to the Premier of British Columbia and BC MLA's, the Prime Minister of Canada and MP's urging that there be enhanced cross-Ministerial financial support for early childhood literacy initiatives;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that UBCM urge local governments to support partnerships between public libraries and early childhood educators in fostering early childhood literacy programs both in the library and elsewhere in the community;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the UBCM forward this resolution to the Federation of Canadian Municipalities for their consideration.

D. ACCESS TO WELFARE

WHEREAS the number of people who are homeless has doubled in the Lower Mainland and increased throughout the Province in the past two years;

AND WHEREAS only one in five street homeless in the Lower Mainland is on welfare and receiving employment assistance;

AND WHEREAS it is impossible to find a job and participate in the economy without first having a place to live and impossible to get a place to live without an income;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that UBCM urge the Provincial Government to reduce the barriers and revise the eligibility criteria for accessing the BC Employment and Assistance program to ensure that the street homeless can access those benefits.

E. JOB TRAINING

WHEREAS there is an increasing demand for construction workers to build the Olympics and other related facilities;

AND WHEREAS there is an inadequate supply of BC construction workers;

AND WHEREAS there are an increasing number of people who are homeless or at risk of homelessness who could become employment-ready and obtain employment;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that UBCM urge the Provincial Government to financially support and expand employment services and training programs including programs like Bladerunners and other programs that provide assistance to help homeless people transition to employment.

F. HOUSING

WHEREAS one in five BC households are in core-need housing need and 15 % are paying more than 50% of the gross household income on rent;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that UBCM urge the Province to match the Federal funding for affordable housing included in the 2005 budget (\$1.6 billion over the next two years) that will be allocated to BC, to develop the program framework for investing the Federal and Provincial funding, and, through BC Housing, to initiate the development of social housing to meet the needs of vulnerable households across BC as soon as possible.

G. SUPPORTIVE HOUSING

WHEREAS the Ministry of Health's 2002 report on Best Practices for BC's Mental Health Reform, supportive housing is a best practice for addressing the needs of people with a mental illness;

AND WHEREAS supportive housing is a cost effective way of housing vulnerable people, noting that a bed in a psychiatric ward can cost \$500 per day compared to \$20-\$40 a day for supportive housing;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that UBCM urge the Provincial Government to work with Health Authorities and other partners to build more supportive housing throughout the Province and ensure that funding is available to provide the appropriate support services.

H. MENTAL ILLNESS AND ADDICTION SERVICES

WHEREAS people with mental illness and addictions have a higher risk for homelessness;

AND WHEREAS up to two-thirds of people who are street homeless in some municipalities have mental illness or drug addictions or both;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that UBCM urge the Provincial Government to expand services and funding for people with mental illness and addictions throughout the Province, including actions such as increasing service delivery through Assertive Community Treatment, providing services for individuals who

have a concurrent disorder, implementing the Child and Youth Mental Health Plan, increasing detox, especially for youth, providing youth residential addictions treatment, etc.

I. ACCESS TO A COMPREHENSIVE RANGE OF ADDICTION SERVICES THROUGHOUT BC

WHEREAS the issue of addiction to legal and illegal substances is an issue for all BC municipalities and appropriate responses need to be developed province wide;

AND WHEREAS addiction is a health issue that needs to be addressed with a comprehensive health response;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that UBCM support access to a comprehensive range of health services to address drug addiction including prevention, treatment and harm reduction interventions so that residents of BC municipalities with drug problems have access to addiction services according to community need and distributed throughout the province.

J. CBRN FUNDING RESOLUTION FOR MUNICIPAL POLICE FORCES

WHEREAS society has placed significant emphasis on crisis and consequence management capacity in response to terrorist acts based on Chemical, Biological, Radiological and Nuclear (CBRN) events;

AND WHEREAS police services, and other first responders, will be the first to attend CBRN incidents within their local jurisdictions;

AND WHEREAS the lives of citizens will be directly impacted on the capacity of those first responders;

AND WHEREAS the acquisition and maintenance of these capabilities (training and equipment) is very expensive;

AND WHEREAS the current method of obtaining CBRN funding for municipal police services is through the Joint Emergency Preparedness Program (JEPP) grant, disbursed by the Office of Critical Infrastructure Protection and Emergency Preparedness (OC�PEP) after Provincial and Municipal government approval;

AND WHEREAS this present method of obtaining extraordinary funding has proven to be inadequate, time consuming and cumbersome;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Union of British Columbia Municipalities urge the Federal and Provincial governments to provide increased and streamlined funding opportunities for crisis and consequence management of Chemical, Biological, Radiological and Nuclear events directly to municipal police services (based on their current and identified police responsibilities).

K. MUNICIPAL POLICE FORCES OBTAINING FINANCIAL SUPPORT TO UPHOLD THE NATIONAL SECURITY POLICY

WHEREAS the Federal Government has recognized the role of policing and enforcement in upholding the, new, National Security Policy;

AND WHEREAS the Federal Government has allocated a sum of \$690 million, from unused, pre-designated Budget 2001 allotments, Budget 2003 contingency reserves and further supplemented by Budget 2004 funds;

AND WHEREAS the Federal Government has directed these funds to six (6) strategic areas: intelligence, emergency planning and management, public health, transport security, border security and international security;

AND WHEREAS these moneys have been earmarked for Federal Departments, including Canadian Security Intelligence Service (CSIS) and the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) with neither acknowledgement that municipal policing forces conduct intelligence and policing activities in lieu of these agencies nor any mention of directing funds to municipal policing forces that may engage in the same activities;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Union of British Columbia Municipalities urge the Federal Government to acknowledge the vital role that municipal policing agencies play in supporting Canada's National Security;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Union of British Columbia Municipalities encourage the Federal Government to establish proportionate funding schemes, prorated on RCMP allotments, and control mechanisms for municipal police forces engaged in activities of national importance.

L. ENCOURAGE MEMBERS OF THE UBCM TO ADOPT A SECURITY ALARM SYSTEM BYLAW SIMILAR TO THAT USED IN THE CITY OF VANCOUVER

WHEREAS false alarm rate of most municipalities currently run at or near 99%;

AND WHEREAS false alarms are inherently dangerous to the public as they take away essential police services from other "real emergencies" requiring police attendance";

AND WHEREAS false alarms are horrifically wasteful of municipal resources in both essential protective/investigative services provided by the police and the unnecessary financial burden that this places on communities as a whole;

AND WHEREAS some police agencies have sought "quick fix solutions" by not attended any unverified alarm calls resulting a withdrawal of police services, a public who feel that the police don't care and increases in break & enter rates within their respective communities as thieves realize that the police will not likely attend;

AND WHEREAS a properly crafted Security Alarm Bylaw coupled with an effective False Alarm Reduction Program is the best way in which to solve the false alarm epidemic which plagues most communities in North America.;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Union of BC Municipalities urge its' membership to adopt a bylaw similar to the Security Alarm System Bylaw currently used by the City of Vancouver, BC.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

1. **Concord Pacific Area 6A - Coopers Quay - Design of the Extension of the Shoreline Protection Works**
May 16, 2005 (File 5303)

THAT Council approve the design of the extension of the shoreline protection works east of Coopers Park on False Creek, as shown in Appendix A of the Administrative Report *Concord Pacific Area 6A - Coopers Quay - Design of the Extension of the Shoreline Protection Works*, dated May 16, 2005.

ADOPTED ON CONSENT

2. **Building Board of Appeal Membership**
May 25, 2005 (File 3002)

THAT Messrs. John Wallace, Robert Nelson and Ms. Arlene Henry be reappointed to the Building Board of Appeal for a period of three (3) years, expiring June 30, 2008.

ADOPTED ON CONSENT

3. **Award of Contract for Manitoba Works Yard Building Renovation Planning**
May 19, 2005 (File 1805)

- A. THAT Council authorize the General Manager of Engineering Services to enter into a contract with Omicron Architecture Engineering Construction Ltd. for:
 - i. Condition Assessment Study at a total cost of \$15,320 plus applicable taxes; and,
 - ii. Programming and Design as outlined in the Administrative Report *Award of Contract for Manitoba Works Yard Building Renovation Planning* dated May 19, 2005, at a total cost of \$36,156 plus applicable taxes,

with funding to be provided from the 2003 Yards Basic Capital Budget.

- B. THAT the General Manager of Engineering Services be authorized to execute and deliver the contract on behalf of Council once the contract is in a form which is satisfactory to the Director of Legal Services.

- C. THAT no legal rights are hereby created and none shall arise unless and until the contract is approved as to form by the Director of Legal Services and executed and delivered by the General Manager of Engineering Services.

ADOPTED ON CONSENT

4. **515 West Hastings Street - Simon Fraser University (Private Club), Liquor Primary Liquor Application for an Increase in Patron Capacity**
May 31, 2005 (File 2615-0)

THAT Council, having considered the opinions of area residents and business operators notified by an on-site sign, the proximity of residential developments, noise impacts and relevant city policy as outlined in the Administrative Report *515 West Hastings Street - Simon Fraser University(Private Club), Liquor Primary Liquor Application for an Increase in Patron Capacity*, dated May 31, 2005, endorse the request by Simon Fraser University for an increase in patron capacity for the Liquor Primary Liquor License (License #146094) from 348 seats to 642 seats at Simon Fraser University, 515 West Hastings Street, subject to:

- i. Adhering to clean air practices;
- ii. Signing a Good Neighbour Agreement with the City; and
- iii. The additional areas limited to Room Numbers 2050, 2200, 2250, 2510, 3010 and 3100.

ADOPTED ON CONSENT

5. **Design Work of CityGate II Childcare Centre - 941 Main Street**
May 31, 2005 (File 1805)

- A. THAT Council authorize the Director of Facilities Design and Management to award a contract to Gomberoff Bell Lyon Architects for architectural consulting services for the City-owned 24-space infant/ toddler child care centre CityGate II at 941 Main Street in the amount of \$115,000 plus disbursements; source of funds to be Community Amenity Contributions (approved by Council on April 1, 2004).
- B. THAT Council direct staff to report back on the final project budget and sources of funding when detailed design work and cost estimates are complete.

ADOPTED ON CONSENT

6. **Interim Site-Specific Municipal Access Agreement - Bell Canada**
May 26, 2005 (File 1203)

- A. THAT the General Manager of Engineering Services and Director of Legal Services be authorized to conclude negotiations, and execute and deliver a legal agreement with Bell Canada to permit it to extend its telecommunications network under City streets at the six locations identified and on terms and conditions generally as described in the Administrative Report *Interim Site-Specific Municipal Access Agreement - Bell Canada* dated May 26, 2005, and such other terms and conditions satisfactory to the General Manager of Engineering Services and Director of Legal Services.

- B. THAT no legal rights or obligations will arise or be created by Council's adoption of A above unless and until all legal documentation has been executed and delivered by the respective parties.

ADOPTED ON CONSENT

**7. Interim City-Wide Municipal Access Agreement - TeraSpan Networks Inc.
May 31, 2005 (File 1203)**

- A. THAT the General Manager of Engineering Services and Director of Legal Services be authorized to conclude negotiations, and execute and deliver a legal agreement with TeraSpan Networks Inc. to permit it to extend its telecommunications network in City streets in locations approved by the City, on terms and conditions generally as described in the Administrative Report *Interim City-Wide Municipal Access Agreement - TeraSpan Networks Inc.* dated May 31, 2005, and such other terms and conditions satisfactory to the General Manager of Engineering Services and Director of Legal Services.
- B. THAT no legal rights or obligations will arise or be created by Council's adoption of A above unless and until all legal documentation has been executed and delivered by the respective parties.

ADOPTED ON CONSENT

**8. Form of Development: 438 Great Northern Way
May 31, 2005 (File 2605)**

THAT the form of development for this portion of the CD-1 zoned site known as 438 Great Northern Way be approved generally as illustrated in the Development Application Number DE408757, prepared by Raymond Ching Architect and stamped "Received, Community Service Group, Development Services, April 22, 2005", provided that the Director of Planning may impose conditions and approve design changes which would not adversely affect either the development character of this site or adjacent properties.

ADOPTED ON CONSENT

**9. Staff Resources - Coordinated Enforcement Division
May 31, 2005 (File 1365)**

THAT Council approve the conversion of an existing .5 FTE Clerk III position in the Coordinated Enforcement Division of Licenses and Inspections to a regular full time Clerk III position to support the ongoing by-law enforcement initiatives in the Division. The costs associated with this position will be funded for the remainder of 2005 from the Community Services existing operating budget. Funding for 2006 and beyond (an additional \$23,240 annually) will be fully offset by a reduction in CSG's temporary help budget.

ADOPTED ON CONSENT

**10. Corporate Records Standards Project
May 25, 2005 (File 1361)**

THAT Council approve \$146,600 of additional funding for the Corporate Records Standards Project; funding available within the 2005 Operating Budget.

ADOPTED ON CONSENT

**11. Southeast False Creek Rezoning of Private Lands: Schedule, Approach, Staffing and Budget
May 31, 2005 (File 8206)**

MOVED by Councillor Green

- A. THAT Council endorse a coordinated cost recovery process to deal with CD-1 rezonings for private properties included in the Southeast False Creek Official Development Plan, provided that at least six of the development sites proceed to rezone together;

FURTHER THAT staff resources identified in the Administrative Report *Southeast False Creek Rezoning of Private Lands: Schedule, Approach, Staffing and Budget* dated May 31, 2005, and the estimated cost recovered budget of \$700,000 be approved;

FURTHER THAT consistent with City cost recovery policy, and the commitment of the property owners, an up front non-refundable contribution of a combined total of \$700,000 be accepted from these owners; and

FURTHER THAT this contribution be applied to the individual sites' rezoning fees with the balance of the rezoning fee payable prior to Public Hearing.

- B. THAT an appropriate community amenity contribution for the private lands be identified from discussions with the property owners and reported to Council prior to the consideration of any rezoning.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**12. Award of Contract for Centrex Telephone Services
June 2, 2005 (File 1805)**

The Chair advised a request to speak on Administrative Report *Award of Contract for Centrex Telephone Services* dated June 2, 2005 has been received. Council agreed to refer consideration of the report to a Standing Committee meeting on June 16, 2005 to hear the speaker.

Note from Clerk: The report was considered at the Standing Committee on City Services and Budgets meeting on June 16, 2005.

POLICY REPORTS

1. **Civic Child Care Grants Review**
May 27, 2005 (File 2402)

MOVED by Councillor Roberts

- A. THAT Council approve combining the Inner City Sustaining, Program Enhancement and Inner City Bursary Grants into one operating child care grant, based on centres' licensed capacity for high need areas and tie to conditions of quality and affordability.
- B. THAT staff report back with a streamlined application process and grant criteria for quality and affordability in the Fall, 2005.

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

2. **CD-1 Text Amendment - 2001 Nanton Avenue (Arbutus Club)**
May 27, 2005 (File 5306)

MOVED by Councillor Bass

THAT the application by Stantec Architecture, to amend CD-1 By-law No. 4085 for 2001 Nanton Avenue (Lot B, Block 76, District Lot 526, Plan 11136), to permit an underground parking structure and expansion of building floor area, be referred to Public Hearing, together with:

- i. Plans received October 13, 2004;
- ii. Draft CD-1 By-law provisions, generally as presented in Appendix A of the Policy Report *CD-1 Text Amendment - 2001 Nanton Avenue (Arbutus Club)* dated May 27, 2005, and
- iii. The recommendation of the Director of Current Planning to approve, subject to conditions contained in Appendix B of the Policy Report;

FURTHER THAT the Director of Legal Services be instructed to prepare the necessary amending by-law generally in accordance with Appendix A of the Policy Report for consideration at the Public Hearing.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Councillor Sullivan absent for the vote)

3. **Draft Victory Square Concept Plan**
June 1, 2005 (File 8104)

- A. THAT Council receive the draft Victory Square Concept Plan (the "Concept Plan"), as contained in Appendix A of the Policy Report *Draft Victory Square Concept Plan* dated June 1, 2005, for information and authorize staff to proceed to public review.

- B. THAT the Director of Current Planning report back to Council on the results of the public process and seek Council adoption of the Concept Plan at that time.

ADOPTED ON CONSENT

4. Rezoning of 872-898 Seymour Street and 887-897 Richards Street from DD('C') to CD-1
June 7, 2005 (File 5307)

MOVED by Councillor Ladner

THAT consideration of the Policy Report *Rezoning of 872-898 Seymour Street and 887-897 Richards Street from DD('C') to CD-1* dated June 7, 2005 be postponed to a Council meeting immediately following a Standing Committee meeting on June 16, 2005.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Note from Clerk: The report was considered at the Regular Council meeting immediately following the Standing Committee on City Services and Budgets meeting on June 16, 2005.

OTHER REPORTS

- I. **Advisory Committee on Seniors' Issues**
April 14, 2005 (File 3057-2)
 1. **Pensions in Canada: Policy Reform Because Women Matter**

MOVED by Councillor Woodsworth

- A. THAT Vancouver City Council endorse the position paper *PENSIONS IN CANADA: POLICY REFORM BECAUSE WOMEN MATTER* (Appendix B to the report *Pensions in Canada: Policy Reform Because Women Matter* dated April 14, 2005) created by Women Elders in Action (WE*ACT), along with its 23 recommendations (Appendix A of the report) to improve the economic situation for senior women, of whom many live alone in poverty.
- B. THAT Vancouver City Council forward the report to the Greater Vancouver Regional District, the Lower Mainland Municipal Association, the Union of British Columbia Municipalities and the Federation of Canadian Municipalities for support.
- C. THAT Vancouver City Councillors raise the need for pension reform in relevant discussions with the federal government, whenever possible.

CARRIED
(Councillor Sullivan opposed)
(Councillor Green absent for the vote)

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 Woodsworth

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

BY-LAWS

MOVED by Councillor Bass

SECONDED by Councillor Cadman

THAT Council, except for those members excused as noted in the agenda, enact the by-laws listed on the agenda for this meeting as numbers 1 to 21 inclusive, and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign and seal the enacted by-laws.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

1. **A By-law to levy rates on qualifying real property in the Chinatown Business Improvement Area (By-law No. 9042)**
2. **A By-law to levy rates on qualifying real property in the Collingwood Business Improvement Area (By-law No. 9043)**
3. **A By-law to levy rates on qualifying real property in the Commercial Drive Business Improvement Area (By-law No. 9044)**
4. **A By-law to levy rates on qualifying real property in the Davie Village Business Improvement Area (By-law No. 9045)**
5. **A By-law to levy rates on qualifying real property in the Downtown Vancouver Business Improvement Area (By-law No. 9046)**
6. **A By-law to levy rates on qualifying real property in the Gastown Business Improvement Area (By-law No. 9047)**

7. A By-law to levy rates on qualifying real property in the Hastings North Business Improvement Area (By-law No. 9048)
8. A By-law to levy rates on qualifying real property in the Kerrisdale Business Improvement Area (By-law No. 9049)
9. A By-law to levy rates on qualifying real property in the Kitsilano Fourth Avenue Business Improvement Area (By-law No. 9050)
10. A By-law to levy rates on qualifying real property in the Marpole Business Improvement Area (By-law No. 9051)
11. A By-law to levy rates on qualifying real property in the Mount Pleasant Business Improvement Area (By-law No. 9052)
12. A By-law to levy rates on qualifying real property in the Point Grey Village Business Improvement Area (By-law No. 9053)
13. A By-law to levy rates on qualifying real property in the Robson Street Business Improvement Area (By-law No. 9054)
14. A By-law to levy rates on qualifying real property in the South Granville Business Improvement Area (By-law No. 9055)
15. A By-law to levy rates on qualifying real property in the Strathcona Business Improvement Area (By-law No. 9056)
16. A By-law to levy rates on qualifying real property in the Yaletown Business Improvement Area (By-law No. 9057)
17. A By-law to amend Parking By-law 6059 (regarding parking requirements for multiple residential use) (By-law No. 9058)
18. A By-law to amend Street Name By-law No. 4054 re extension of Carrall Street (By-law No. 9059)
19. A By-law to amend By-law No. 4472 which amended Zoning and Development By-law No. 3575 by rezoning an area to CD-1 (re 2851 Heather Street) (By-law No. 9060)
(Councillors Green, Sullivan and Mayor Campbell excused from voting on By-law No. 19)
20. A By-law to amend CD-1 By-law No. 8055 (regarding 5750 Oak Street) (By-law No. 9061)
(Councillors Sullivan and Woodsworth excused from voting on By-law No. 20)
21. A By-law to amend Zoning and Development By-law No. 3575 (regarding residential accessibility) (By-law No. 9062)
(Councillors Sullivan and Woodsworth excused from voting on By-law No. 21)

MOTIONS

A. Administrative Motions

1. Form of Development: 2851 Heather Street (File 2606)

MOVED by Councillor Louis
SECONDED by Councillor Bass

THAT the form of development for the CD-1 zoned site known as 2851 Heather Street be approved generally as illustrated in Development Application No. 408504 prepared by Nigel Baldwin Architects, and stamped "Received, City of Vancouver Planning Department, March 31, 2005", provided that the Director of Planning may approve design changes which would not adversely affect either the development character and livability of this site or adjacent properties.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. Enhanced Accessibility Guidelines (File 4653)

MOVED by Councillor Louis
SECONDED by Councillor Bass

THAT the document entitled "Enhanced Accessibility Guidelines" be adopted by Council for use by applicants and staff for development applications involving new or existing one-family dwellings, one-family dwellings with a secondary suite or two-family dwellings.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. Pavement and Curbs - Pandora Street from Salsbury Drive to Victoria Drive (File 5808)

MOVED by Councillor Louis
SECONDED by Councillor Bass

PREAMBLE

On February 11, 2004, Council approved an owner petitioned pavement and curbs project (the "project").

The City Engineer has certified the project as complete, and Council has enacted a by-law specially assessing, for part of the project costs, the real properties that will benefit from the project.

On October 5, 1971, Council approved giving relief on local improvements charges to homes on flanking higher-zoned lots so that they pay a rate according to their zoning but with a residential level of flankage relief; that the relief be limited to owner-

occupied single family dwellings, the ownership of which precedes the assessment of the local improvement charge; and, that the relief apply to local improvements for pavement, curbs, and sidewalks.

On July 22, 1980, Council approved giving special local improvement relief to underdeveloped properties which front on pavement and curb improvements, with the relief to be such that the owners pay only 75% of the rate for their zoning; the relief to be limited to owner-occupied single-family dwellings, the ownership of which precedes the assessment of the local improvement; the relief to be given on a year-to-year basis so long as the properties remain eligible; and the relief to commence with projects placed on the tax roll in 1980 for the first time; and, for the Collector of Taxes to be instructed to bring forward each year the list of properties in a formal resolution under section 67 of By-law No. 3614 as amended to give effect to the policy.

On October 16, 1982, Council approved current policies for local improvements remaining in effect except that property owners' rates must never be adjusted lower than residential rates.

On July 16, 1990, Council approved giving additional special relief, being the basis for the relief referred to in the preceding paragraph of this preamble, for local improvements in the West End, for owner-occupied multiple conversion dwellings having no more than four suites including the owner's suites affected by the West End Improvement Project (east of Denman), according to the relief formula set out in the City Manager's report dated February 9, 1983.

- The annual special rate levied by the by-law imposing the local improvement tax expires in 2019.

Those certain parcel of real property described as:

- (a) PID: 011-220-490, the West ½ of Lot 41, Block 2 of Block E, District Lot 183, Plan 5155 ("W ½ Lot 41"), which includes one dwelling, abuts the project; and
- (b) PID: 015-665-071, the East ½ of Lot 6 of Lot 3, Block E, District Lot 183, Plan 180 ("E 1/2 Lot 6"), which includes one dwelling, abuts the project.

The owner of each of the W ½ Lot 41 and E ½ Lot 6 has applied for special relief by way of a reduction in taxes.

The zoning for each each of the W ½ Lot 41 and E ½ Lot 6 is M-2 (Industrial) under the *Zoning and Development By-law*.

The Collector of Taxes is satisfied that, under the Council approvals cited in this By-law, each of the W ½ Lot 41 and E ½ Lot 6 is eligible for the relief requested.

A special annual assessment for the project imposed on each of the W ½ Lot 41 and E ½ Lot 6 for 15 years if assessed as M-2 (Industrial) would be \$409.12.

THEREFORE COUNCIL RESOLVES, by the votes of not less than two-thirds of its members, to:

- (a) deem and declare, for the reasons set out in the preamble to this By-law, that each of the W ½ Lot 41 and E ½ Lot 6 is especially inequitably or unjustly affected by such special annual assessment, and, having met the criteria required by the approvals cited in the preamble, will be subject to a reduced special assessment, for the year 2005 and each following year up to and including 2019, of \$306.83;
- (b) direct the Collector of Taxes, so long as the Collector is satisfied that each of the W ½ Lot 41 and E ½ Lot 6 remains eligible, to enter onto the tax rolls against each of the W ½ Lot 41 and E ½ Lot 6 the amount of the reduced special assessments; and
- (c) provide for the difference between the original and reduced amounts for each of the W ½ Lot 41 and E ½ Lot 6 out of the general funds of the City.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AND
BY THE REQUIRED MAJORITY

4. **Pavement, Curbs and Trees - Alberta Street from 5th Avenue to 6th Avenue (File 5808)**

MOVED by Councillor Louis
SECONDED by Councillor Bass

PREAMBLE

On November 16, 1995, Council approved a Council initiated pavement, curbs and trees project (the "project").

The City Engineer has certified the project as complete, and Council has enacted a by-law specially assessing, for part of the project costs, the real properties that will benefit from the project.

On October 5, 1971, Council approved giving relief on local improvements charges to homes on flanking higher-zoned lots so that they pay a rate according to their zoning but with a residential level of flankage relief; that the relief be limited to owner-occupied single family dwellings, the ownership of which precedes the assessment of the local improvement charge; and, that the relief apply to local improvements for pavement, curbs, and sidewalks.

On July 22, 1980, Council approved giving special local improvement relief to underdeveloped properties which front on pavement and curb improvements, with the relief to be such that the owners pay only 75% of the rate for their zoning; the relief to be limited to owner-occupied single-family dwellings, the ownership of which precedes the assessment of the local improvement; the relief to be given on a year-to-year basis so long as the properties remain eligible; and the relief to commence with projects placed on the tax roll in 1980 for the first time; and, for the Collector of

Taxes to be instructed to bring forward each year the list of properties in a formal resolution under section 67 of By-law No. 3614 as amended to give effect to the policy.

On October 16, 1982, Council approved current policies for local improvements remaining in effect except that property owners' rates must never be adjusted lower than residential rates.

On July 16, 1990, Council approved giving additional special relief, being the basis for the relief referred to in the preceding paragraph of this preamble, for local improvements in the West End, for owner-occupied multiple conversion dwellings having no more than four suites including the owner's suites affected by the West End Improvement Project (east of Denman), according to the relief formula set out in the City Manager's report dated February 9, 1983.

The annual special rate levied by the by-law imposing the local improvement tax expires in 2011.

That certain parcel of real property described as PID: 004-402-928, Lot B of Lots 11 and 12, Block 14, District Lot 302, Plan 5832 ("Lot B"), which includes one dwelling, abuts the project.

The owner of Lot B has applied for special relief by way of a reduction in taxes.

The zoning for Lot B is I-1 (Industrial) under the *Zoning and Development By-law*.

The Collector of Taxes is satisfied that, under the Council approvals cited in this By-law, Lot B is eligible for the relief requested.

A special annual assessment for the project imposed on Lot B for 15 years if assessed as I-1 (Industrial) would be \$445.20.

THEREFORE COUNCIL RESOLVES, by the votes of not less than two-thirds of its members, to:

- (a) deem and declare, for the reasons set out in the preamble to this By-law, that Lot B is especially inequitably or unjustly affected by such special annual assessment, and, having met the criteria required by the approvals cited in the preamble, will be subject to a reduced special assessment, for the year 2005 and each following year up to and including 2011, of \$333.89;
- (b) direct the Collector of Taxes, so long as the Collector is satisfied that Lot B remains eligible, to enter onto the tax rolls against Lot B the amount of the reduced special assessment; and
- (c) provide for the difference between the original and reduced amount for Lot B out of the general funds of the City.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AND
BY THE REQUIRED MAJORITY

B. Motions on Notice

1. Leaves of Absence - Council Members (File 1254)

MOVED by Councillor Roberts
SECONDED by Councillor Bass

WHEREAS

Under the Vancouver Charter a person elected to Council is disqualified from office if the member is absent for a period of 60 consecutive days or 4 consecutive regularly scheduled Council meetings, whichever is longer, unless the absence is because of illness or injury or is with the leave of Council.

Most frequently, Members of Council request a leave of absence for a single meeting, even though this is not required under the Charter. It is also the practice of Council to routinely approve these leaves without any knowledge of the specifics other than "civic business" or infrequently "personal business".

Sometimes concern arises about whether or not there will be sufficient attendance for quorum at a scheduled meeting, if it is obvious that a number of members are seeking leave. Because of the randomness of requests for leave during a meeting when a request may be made, it is difficult for staff to be prepared to advise Council of the anticipated attendance for any particular meeting.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

1. THAT Council establish a practice that Members will notify the City Clerk at least 24 hours before of their intent to bring a request to a Council Meeting to approve a leave of absence.
2. THAT the request for a leave of absence should include the specific meeting or meetings and, if the reason is for civic business, the specific civic business that requires the absence.
3. THAT when a request for a leave of absence is considered, the City Clerk should advise Council of the status of anticipated attendance for the scheduled meeting.
4. THAT Council, except for emergencies or unanticipated situations, will not consider a request for a leave of absence that has not been given the notice as required.
5. THAT Council request the City Clerk to report on a proposed definition for "civic business", e.g. GVRD, GVTA, etc.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

NEW BUSINESS

1. Leave of Absence - Councillor Louie (File 1254)

MOVED by Councillor Stevenson
SECONDED by Councillor Woodsworth

THAT Councillor Louie be granted Leave of Absence for June 14 and 16, 2005.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. Employee Relations at Telus (File 5806)

The following motion was submitted by Councillor Louis. Councillor Sullivan called Notice under Section 5.4(c) of the Procedure By-law.

WHEREAS:

1. Telus has begun to lock out its employees who are members of the TWU; and
2. This unnecessarily confrontational action by Telus will degrade the quality of telecommunications services in this community; and
3. Telus corporation is a global leader in the telecommunications sector with respect to revenue, earnings and cash-flow growth rates, thanks to the hard work and dedication of its employees; and
4. The company is demanding sweeping contract concessions that threaten its employees' job security and working conditions; and
5. The Canada Industrial Relations Board has found that Telus has interfered in the operation of the Telecommunications Workers Union in a bargaining process which has dragged on for more than five years; and
6. The Board ordered the company to offer the TWU binding arbitration as a way out of this situation; and
7. The Board subsequently reversed the remedy portion of this ruling;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT

1. This Council communicate their concerns to politicians capable of exerting pressure on the Canada Industrial Relations Board and the Minister of labour to do the right thing and appoint an Industrial Inquiry commission; or
2. Order the parties to participate in Binding Arbitration; or
3. Resolve their dispute in order to maintain both industrial peace and high quality telecommunications service.

Notice

Note from Clerk: The Motion was considered at the Regular Council meeting immediately following the Standing Committee on City Services and Budgets meeting on June 14, 2005.

ENQUIRIES AND OTHER MATTERS

1. **Urban Environmental Accords - Green Cities Declaration (File 3501)**

Councillor Cadman referred to a Green Cities Declaration containing the Urban Environmental Accords. The Accords are comprised of 21 actions which address sustainability issues. He requested the Deputy City Manager to report back on how the City is meeting these actions and what it will take to meet them.

The Council adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

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