



REPORT TO COUNCIL
STANDING COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL
ON CITY SERVICES AND BUDGETS

JUNE 16, 2005

A Regular Meeting of the Standing Committee of Council on City Services and Budgets was held on Thursday, June 16, 2005, at 9:30 a.m., in the Council Chamber, Third Floor, City Hall.

PRESENT: Councillor Ellen Woodsworth, Vice-Chair
*Mayor Larry Campbell
Councillor David Cadman
Councillor Jim Green
Councillor Peter Ladner
*Councillor Anne Roberts
*Councillor Tim Stevenson
*Councillor Sam Sullivan

ABSENT: Councillor Fred Bass (Leave of Absence)
Councillor Raymond Louie (Leave of Absence)
Councillor Tim Louis, Chair (Sick Leave)

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

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE: Nicole Ludwig, 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 May 12, 2005, were adopted.

VARY AGENDA

MOVED by Councillor Green

THAT Item 6 on the agenda, "Neighbourhood Engagement", be moved to the end of the Standing Committee on City Services and Budgets agenda, in order to allow for more time for a Vancouver City Planning Commission representative to arrive.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Note from Meeting Coordinator: For ease of reference, the minutes are recorded in numerical order.

INFORMATION

1. Presentation: E-Comm (File 3603)

Ken Shymanski, President and CEO of E-Comm (*brief submitted*), provided an update on emergency services and critical communications issues facing the region.

MOVED by Councillor Cadman

THAT the Committee recommend to Council

THAT Council receive for information the presentation on emergency services and communication issues facing the region.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

(Councillor Sullivan absent for the vote)

RECOMMENDATION

2. ASTC Science World - Annual Review & 2005 Operating Grant Request (File 2201)

The Committee had before it an Administrative Report dated May 24, 2005, in which the Managing Director of Cultural Services provided a review of Science World's 2004 activities and presented for Council's consideration their 2005 operating grant request.

Bryan Tisdall, President and CEO of Science World, thanked Council for support for Science World.

MOVED by Councillor Cadman

THAT the Committee recommend to Council

THAT Council approve an Operating Grant of \$87,500 to the A.S.T.C. Science World Society; source of funds to be the 2005 "Other" Grants budget.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

(Councillor Stevenson absent for the vote)

3. H.R. MacMillan Space Centre - Annual Review & 2005 Operating Grant Request (File 4003)

The Committee had before it an Administrative Report dated May 25, 2005, in which the Managing Director of Cultural Services provided a review of the H.R. MacMillan Space Centre Society's 2004 activities and presented for Council's consideration its 2005 operating grant request. The General Managers of Community and Corporate Services recommended approval.

Karen Hasselfelt, Cultural Planner, responded to questions regarding the cultural grants review process, overlapping problems and the Space Centre budget.

Donna Livingstone, H.R. Macmillan Space Centre, explained recent activities at the Space Centre and indicated some work is being done by all the organizations in Vanier Park to combine attendance at facilities.

MOVED by Councillor Cadman
THAT the Committee recommend to Council

THAT Council approve an operating grant of \$484,400 to the H.R. MacMillan Space Centre Society; source of funds to be the 2005 "Other" Grants budget.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Mayor Campbell absent for the vote)

4. Award of Contract for RFP PS05011 Vancouver South Transfer Station Infrastructure Review Professional Services (File 1805)

The Committee had before it an Administrative Report dated June 3, 2005, in which the General Manager of Engineering Services and the Manager of Materials Management sought Council authority to engage Earthtech Canada Inc. to conduct a Vancouver South Transfer Station Infrastructure Review at a maximum cost of \$124,960 plus GST.

MOVED by Councillor Cadman
THAT the Committee recommend to Council

- A. THAT, subject to the conditions set out in Recommendation B of the Administrative Report dated June 3, 2005, entitled, "Award of Contract for RFP PS05011 Vancouver South Transfer Station Infrastructure Review Professional Services", Earthtech Canada Inc. be retained at a maximum cost of \$124,960 plus GST to conduct the Vancouver South Transfer Station (VSTS) Infrastructure Review. Financing for this project has been included in the 2005 VSTS Operating Budget.
- B. THAT no legal rights or obligations will arise and no consents, permissions, leases or licences are granted by the above and none will arise or be granted unless and until all contemplated legal documentation has been (a) approved as to form by the Director of Legal Services, the General Manager of Engineering Services and the Manager of Materials Management, and (b) executed and delivered by the Director of Legal Services on behalf of the City.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Mayor Campbell absent for the vote)

5. Vancouver Landfill Capital Projects (File 3757)

The Committee had before it an Administrative Report dated June 3, 2005, in which the General Manager of Engineering Services recommended implementation of a series of projects and studies at the Vancouver Landfill.

Paul Henderson, Manager of Landfill Operations, gave an overview of proposed projects and funding, and explained increased opportunities for waste reduction and recycling.

Mr. Henderson, along with Tom Timm, General Manager of Engineering Services, responded to questions regarding biosolids, construction waste, parkland, post-closure plans, and pathogen transfer and recycling issues.

MOVED by Councillor Cadman

THAT the Committee recommend to Council

- A. THAT Council approve the following projects at the Vancouver Landfill:
- Western 40 Hectares berm construction (\$1,650,000)
 - Phase 1 closure and landfill gas collection works (\$11,875,000)

At an estimated cost of \$13,525,000 to be funded from the Solid Waste Capital Reserve.

- B. THAT Council approve the following projects at the Vancouver Landfill:
- Operational landfill gas collection works (\$1,275,000)
 - Powerline relocation and emergency power and controls upgrades (\$980,000)
 - Residential drop-off and weighscale redevelopment (\$2,500,000)

At an estimated cost of \$4,755,000 to be funded with a loan from the Solid Waste Capital Reserve, with terms acceptable to the Director of Finance, with costs allocated to users of the Landfill.

- C. THAT Council approve the following projects and studies at the Vancouver Landfill:
- i. Road paving (\$400,000)
 - ii. Hydrogeological review (\$200,000)
 - iii. Solid Waste Capital Reserve review (\$50,000)
 - iv. U.B.C. yard trimmings compost agricultural use study (\$75,000)

At an estimated cost of \$725,000 to be funded from the Landfill Operating budget with costs allocated to users of the Landfill.

- D. THAT the General Manager of Engineering Services enter into an agreement with Golder Associates Ltd. to provide professional services for the design of a portion of the proposed landfill gas collection works at a maximum cost of \$29,900 plus GST to be funded as part of the operational gas collection works in Recommendation B of the Administrative Report dated June 3, 2005, entitled "Vancouver Landfill Capital Projects".

- E. THAT the General Manager of Engineering Services and the Director of Legal Services seek proposals for additional beneficial use of landfill gas at the Vancouver Landfill.
- F. THAT the General Manager of Engineering Services and the Director of Legal Services enter into negotiations with the GVS&DD governing the use of biosolids at the Vancouver Landfill, and subsequently report back to Council.
- G. THAT the General Manager of Engineering Services work with the Greater Vancouver Regional District (GVRD) to develop a household hazardous waste education program

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Councillor Roberts absent for the vote)

6. Neighbourhood Engagement (File 3107-1)

The Committee had before it a Report dated May 2, 2005, in which the Vancouver City Planning Commission (VCPC) summarized the discussions and deliberations VCPC and many citizens, community and neighbourhood groups on the issue of neighbourhood engagement over the past 24 months, outlined the key issues discussed, each with the resulting recommendations, and set out specific action steps for Council to consider for implementation now, and in the future. The City Manager recommended that prior to Council endorsing recommendations A, B, C and D in the report, the City Manager report back on cost options, scope and Charter authority related to the aforementioned recommendations.

Rita Chudnovsky, VCPC, reviewed the report and gave an overview of the Neighbourhood Engagement Sub-committee of the VCPC, indicating the VCPC wanted to bring forward recommendations to Council that build on the City's existing strengths, practices and policies, the need to build relationships between the City and community and that the overall perception in communities is that they are not heard unless they fight the City and win.

Doug Ragan, Environmental Youth Alliance, (*brief submitted*) spoke in support of the recommendations put forth by the VCPC, indicating that additional transparency and resources for neighbourhood groups will help reduce the current democratic deficit. Mr. Ragan also spoke in favour of including civil society and non-governmental organizations (NGOs) in the process.

MOVED by Councillor Green

THAT the Committee recommend to Council

- A. THAT Council adopt a policy of having City planning staff assigned to specific neighbourhoods and communities on a continuing basis, to act as a point of contact, and to assist in capacity and relationship building between neighbourhoods and the City in a manner similar to the ongoing involvement that is occurring in communities during Visioning Implementation; and

FURTHER THAT the General Manager of Community Services be requested to report back on the strategy, staffing, budgeting and implementation for this process.

- B. THAT, based on the existing policies and practices through which the City provides financial assistance to communities involved in visioning implementation, Council extend and expand financial resources to support the involvement of residents in new or updated City designated planning programs.

- C. THAT Council instruct staff to continue the Council approved policy of the development, use, and monitoring of a broad range of methods of engagement mechanisms and processes, and for other departments including Planning, Engineering, Real Estate Services, and Development Services; and

FURTHER THAT other departments in the City be encouraged to adopt broader engagement methods as have been used effectively in various CityPlan Visioning exercises.

- D. THAT Council approve, in principle, the increased devolution of decision-making to the neighbourhood level; and

FURTHER THAT Council appoint a City Councillor and, on the advice of the Vancouver City Planning Commission, one of their members as co-chairs of a Task Force that will examine the policy, legal and financial implications of increased neighbourhood based decision making; and

FURTHER THAT the Task Force co-chairs should first be directed to examine and report back to Council regarding budget, timeline and membership recommendations. Council should then appoint additional members to the Task Force from staff, neighbourhoods, and community groups who will then collectively develop the terms of reference. The Task Force should have an initial two-year mandate, with an option to extend for a further year, and would make its first report back to Council by fall of 2005.

- E. THAT a senior staff person, as determined by the City Manager, be added to the membership of the Task Force from the beginning.

- F. THAT Council approve, in principle, Recommendations A through D, pending a report back from the Task Force as laid out in Recommendation D of the Other Report dated May 2, 2005, entitled "Neighbourhood Engagement".
- G. THAT Councillor Jim Green be appointed as Council representative to the Task Force.

amended

AMENDMENT MOVED by Councillor Cadman

THAT the words "and Councillor Anne Roberts" be inserted following the word "Green" in part G of the motion.

carried

POSTPONEMENT MOVED by Councillor Sullivan

THAT prior to endorsing these recommendations, the City Manager report back on cost options, scope and charter authority related to those recommendations.

LOST

(Councillors Cadman, Green, Ladner, Roberts, Stevenson, Woodsworth and the Mayor opposed)

AMENDMENT TO THE AMENDMENT MOVED by Councillor Roberts

THAT the words "Councillor Jim Green and" be struck from the amendment.

LOST

(Councillors Cadman, Green, Ladner, Stevenson, Sullivan, Woodsworth and the Mayor opposed)

The amendment to the amendment having lost, the amendment was put and CARRIED with Councillors Green, Stevenson and the Mayor opposed.

The amendment having carried, the motion as amended was put and CARRIED with Councillor Sullivan opposed.

MOTION AS AMENDED

- A. THAT Council adopt a policy of having City planning staff assigned to specific neighbourhoods and communities on a continuing basis, to act as a point of contact, and to assist in capacity and relationship building between neighbourhoods and the City in a manner similar to the ongoing involvement that is occurring in communities during Visioning Implementation; and,

FURTHER THAT and that the General Manager of Community Services be requested to report back on the strategy, staffing, budgeting and implementation for this process.

- B. THAT, based on the existing policies and practices through which the City provides financial assistance to communities involved in visioning implementation, Council extend and expand financial resources to support the involvement of residents in new or updated City designated planning programs.
- C. THAT Council instruct staff to continue the Council approved policy of the development, use, and monitoring of a broad range of methods of engagement mechanisms and processes, and for other departments including Planning, Engineering, Real Estate Services, and Development Services, and others in the City be encouraged to adopt broader engagement methods as have been used effectively in various CityPlan Visioning exercises.
- D. THAT Council approve in principle, the increased devolution of decision-making to the neighbourhood level; and

FURTHER THAT Council appoint a City Councillor and a Vancouver City Planning Commissioner as co-chairs of a Task Force that will examine the policy, legal and financial implications of increased neighbourhood based decision making. The Task Force co-chairs should first be directed to examine and report back to Council regarding budget, timeline and membership recommendations. Council should then appoint additional members to the Task Force from staff, neighbourhoods, and community groups who will then collectively develop the terms of reference. The Task Force should have an initial two-year mandate, with an option to extend for a further year, and would make its first report back to Council by fall of 2005.

- E. THAT Council approve, in principle, Recommendations A through D, pending a report back from the Task Force as laid out in Recommendation D of the Other Report dated May 2, 2005, entitled "Neighbourhood Engagement".
- F. THAT a senior staff person, as determined by the City Manager, be added to the membership of the Task Force from the beginning.
- G. THAT Councillor Jim Green and Councillor Anne Roberts be appointed as Council representatives to the Task Force.

Following the final vote on this item, Councillor Green resigned from both the Task Force and the Vancouver City Planning Commission.

7. Award of Contract for Centrex Telephone Services (File 1805)

Vancouver City Council, at its meeting on June 14, 2005, received a request to speak on this matter and agreed to refer consideration to a Standing Committee Meeting on June 16, 2005, in order to hear from delegations. The General Manager of Corporate Services and the City Manager recommended approval.

Accordingly, the Committee had before it an Administrative Report dated June 2, 2005, in which the Manager of Systems and Infrastructure sought Council approval to award the contract for Centrex Telephone Services to Telus Communications, Inc.

Jack Hunter, Manager of Systems Infrastructure and Messaging (IT), and Roger Fast, Director of Information Technology, along with Brent MacGregor, Deputy City Manager, responded to questions regarding the potential impacts of a labour dispute, the need to decide on this today and the cost of delay.

Sid Shniad, Research Director - Telecommunication Workers Union (TWU), reviewed the key points of the report and spoke about TWU-TELUS relations.

Drew McArthur, Vice-President of Corporate Affairs, and Rick Christaens, Sales Director, both from TELUS, addressed the labour dispute, indicated TELUS is committed to reach a negotiated settlement without labour disruption and that TELUS has prepared a comprehensive emergency operations plan that ensures the prioritization of services. They also indicated the City is a priority account.

MOVED by Mayor Campbell
THAT the Committee recommend to Council

- A. THAT, subject to Recommendations B and C in the Administrative Report dated June 2, 2005, entitled "Award of Contract for Centrex Telephone Services", Council authorizes a 5-year contract for Centrex and long distance telephone services to Telus Communications Inc., at an annual cost of \$693,000 with provision to migrate to a Voice over Internet Protocol (VoIP) phone service during the term of the contract.
- B. THAT, the Director of Legal Services be authorized to execute and deliver on behalf of the City all legal documents required to implement Recommendation A of the Administrative Report dated June 2, 2005, entitled "Award of Contract for Centrex Telephone Services".

- C. THAT, all such legal documents be on terms and conditions satisfactory to the Director of Information Technology, Manager of Materials Management, and Director of Legal Services.
- D. THAT no legal rights or obligations will be created by Council's adoption of Recommendations A, B and C of the Administrative Report dated June 2, 2005, entitled "Award of Contract for Centrex Telephone Services" unless and until such legal documents are executed and delivered by the Director of Legal Services.
- E. THAT funding for the contract described in Recommendation A of the Administrative Report dated June 2, 2005, entitled "Award of Contract for Centrex Telephone Services" be provided from 2005 Operating Budget.

amended

AMENDMENT MOVED by Councillor Cadman

THAT the following be added to the recommendations

- F. THAT the City of Vancouver seek assurances from Telus for reliable delivery of services from the Telecommunication Workers' Union to prevent significant disruption of city services.

carried

AMENDMENT TO THE AMENDMENT moved by Councillor Sullivan

THAT the phrase "from the Telecommunication Workers Union" be struck from the amendment.

LOST

(Councillors Cadman, Green, Roberts, Stevenson and Woodsworth opposed).

MOVED by Mayor Campbell

THAT the question be put on the pending amendment.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The amendment to the amendment having lost, the amendment was put and CARRIED with Councillors Ladner and Sullivan opposed.

The Committee requested to separate components in the motion for the vote

MOVED by Mayor Campbell

THAT the Committee recommend to Council

- A. THAT, subject to Recommendations B and C in the Administrative Report dated June 2, 2005, entitled "Award of Contract for Centrex Telephone Services", Council authorizes a 5-year contract for Centrex and long distance telephone services to Telus Communications Inc., at an annual cost of \$693,000 with provision to migrate to a Voice over Internet Protocol (VoIP) phone service during the term of the contract.
- B. THAT, the Director of Legal Services be authorized to execute and deliver on behalf of the City all legal documents required to implement Recommendation A of the Administrative Report dated June 2, 2005, entitled "Award of Contract for Centrex Telephone Services".
- C. THAT, all such legal documents be on terms and conditions satisfactory to the Director of Information Technology, Manager of Materials Management, and Director of Legal Services.
- D. THAT no legal rights or obligations will be created by Council's adoption of Recommendations A, B and C of the Administrative Report dated June 2, 2005, entitled "Award of Contract for Centrex Telephone Services" unless and until such legal documents are executed and delivered by the Director of Legal Services.
- E. THAT funding for the contract described in Recommendation A of the Administrative Report dated June 2, 2005, entitled "Award of Contract for Centrex Telephone Services" be provided from 2005 Operating Budget.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOVED by Mayor Campbell

THAT the Committee recommend to Council

- F. THAT the City of Vancouver seek assurances from TELUS for reliable delivery of services from the Telecommunication Workers' Union to prevent significant disruption of city services.

CARRIED

(Councillors Ladner and Sullivan opposed)

The Committee adjourned at 12:31 p.m.

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CITY OF VANCOUVER

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

JUNE 16, 2005

A Regular Meeting of the Council of the City of Vancouver was held on Thursday, June 16, 2005, at 12:31 p.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 David Cadman
Councillor Jim Green
Councillor Peter Ladner
Councillor Anne Roberts
Councillor Tim Stevenson
Councillor Sam Sullivan
Councillor Ellen Woodsworth

ABSENT: Councillor Fred Bass (Leave of Absence)
Councillor Raymond Louie (Leave of Absence)
Councillor Tim Louis (Leave of Absence - Civic Business)

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

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE: Nicole Ludwig, Meeting Coordinator

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MOVED by Councillor Cadman
SECONDED by Councillor Green

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

POLICY REPORTS

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

MOVED by Councillor Green

- A. THAT the application by Brook Development Planning on behalf of Solterra Development Corp. to rezone 872-898 Seymour Street and 887-897 Richards Street (Lots 13-27, Block 64, DL 541, Plan LMP 210) from DD (Downtown District) to CD-1 (Comprehensive Development District) be referred to a Public Hearing, together with:
- (i) draft CD-1 By-law provisions, generally as presented in Appendix A of the Policy Report dated June 7, 2005, entitled, "Rezoning of 872-898 Seymour Street and 887-897 Richards Street from DD('C') to CD-1".\;
 - (ii) revised plans prepared by Merrick Architecture Inc., and stamped "Received Planning Department, August 25, 2004", as represented in Appendix E of the Policy Report dated June 7, 2005, entitled, "Rezoning of 872-898 Seymour Street and 887-897 Richards Street from DD('C') to CD-1"; and
 - (iii) the recommendation of the Director of Current Planning to approve the application, subject to a reduction in tower heights and subject to approval of conditions contained in Appendix B of the Policy Report dated June 7, 2005, entitled, "Rezoning of 872-898 Seymour Street and 887-897 Richards Street from DD('C') to CD-1"; and

FURTHER THAT the Director of Legal Services be instructed to prepare the necessary by-laws for consideration at the Public Hearing, including a consequential amendment to the Downtown Official Development Plan to remove the site from all map figures.

- B. THAT, if the application is referred to a public hearing, the applicant be advised to make application to amend the Sign By-law, to establish regulations for this CD-1 in accordance with Schedule "B" (DD), and that the application be referred to the same Public Hearing; and

FURTHER THAT the Director of Legal Services be instructed to prepare the necessary by-law for consideration at the Public Hearing.

- C. THAT, subject to approval of the rezoning at a Public Hearing, the Noise Control By-law be amended to include this CD-1 in Schedule A; and

FURTHER THAT the Director of Legal Services be instructed to bring forward for enactment the amendment to the Noise Control By-law at the time of enactment of the CD-1 By-law.

- D. THAT Recommendations A to C of the Policy Report dated June 7, 2005, entitled, "Rezoning of 872-898 Seymour Street and 887-897 Richards Street from DD('C') to CD-1", be adopted on the following conditions:
- i) THAT the passage of the above resolutions creates no legal rights for the applicant or any other person, or obligation on the part of the City; any expenditure of funds or incurring of costs is at the risk of the person making the expenditure or incurring the cost;
 - ii) THAT any approval that may be granted following the public hearing shall not obligate the City to enact a by-law rezoning the property, and any costs incurred in fulfilling requirements imposed as a condition of rezoning are at the risk of the property owner; and
 - iii) THAT the City and all its officials, including the Approving Officer, shall not in any way be limited or directed in the exercise of their authority or discretion, regardless of when they are called upon to exercise such authority or discretion.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Report of Standing Committee on City Services and Budgets June 16, 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. Presentation: E-Comm
2. ASTC Science World - Annual Review & 2005 Operating Grant Request
3. H.R. MacMillan Space Centre - Annual Review & 2005 Operating Grant Request
4. Award of Contract for RFP PS05011 Vancouver South Transfer Station Infrastructure Review Professional Services
5. Vancouver Landfill Capital Projects
6. Neighbourhood Engagement
7. Award of Contract for Centrex Telephone Services

Items 1, and 4 to 7

MOVED by Councillor Cadman

THAT the recommendations and actions taken by the Standing Committee on City Services and Budgets at its meeting of June 16, 2005, as contained in items 1 and 4 to 7, be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Items 2 and 3

MOVED by Councillor Cadman

THAT the recommendations and actions taken by the Standing Committee on City Services and Budgets at its meeting of June 16, 2005, as contained in items 2 and 3 be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AND
BY THE REQUIRED MAJORITY

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 Roberts

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOTIONS

A. Administrative Motions

None.

B. Motions on Notice

1. Employee Relations at Telus (File 5806)

The following motion was submitted by Councillor Louis at the Regular Council meeting on June 14, 2005. Councillor Sullivan called Notice under section 5.4(c) of the Procedure By-law and the motion was placed on the Regular Council agenda immediately following the Standing Committee on City Services and Budgets meeting. The Mayor advised requests to speak had been received. Council agreed to refer consideration of the motion to a future Standing Committee meeting in order to hear from members of the public.

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.

Referred

NEW BUSINESS

1. **Motion in Support of Affordable Housing Provisions in Bill C-48 and Speedy Implementation thereof (File 4656)**

MOVED by Councillor Green

SECONDED by Councillor Stevenson

WHEREAS,

1. In 1999 the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), its members seeing first hand the depth of misery in their communities due to homelessness and the widespread shortage of decent affordable housing, declared a national state of disaster in housing and homelessness.

2. Since that declaration, the situation has not improved significantly, despite the laudable steps taken by the Government of Canada and some Provinces and Territories to engage on this issue.
3. Bill C-48 will earmark \$1.6 billion in new money for affordable housing over two years.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT

1. Vancouver City Council call on Member(s) of Parliament for Vancouver ridings to allow speedy passage of and vote for Bill C-48.
2. Vancouver City Council urge the Government of Canada, following passage of Bill-C48, to work with the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) to ensure an efficient and speedy roll-out of the new funding, with the Provinces and Territories wherever possible, and directly with municipalities where Provincial/Territorial involvement is not possible or immediately forthcoming.
3. Vancouver City Council urge the Government of Canada to work with FCM to secure an effective long term national housing strategy.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. 1780 Napier Street/1121 Salsbury Drive and 1770/1778 Napier Street (File 5103)

MOVED by Councillor Green
SECONDED by Councillor Roberts

THAT staff be instructed to further pursue negotiations, with a modest increase over the previous offer, for the purchase of properties at 1780 Napier Street/1121 Salsbury Drive and 1770/1778 Napier Street for the purpose of a park.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ENQUIRIES AND OTHER MATTERS

1. Protecting Stores from Car Accidents (File 5762)

Councillor Sullivan requested a memo back from staff reporting on options to protect a store at 12th Avenue and Granville Street that has been hit by cars several times in the past several months.

The Council adjourned at 12:42 p.m.

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