



CITY OF VANCOUVER
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 20, 2005

A Regular Meeting of the Council of the City of Vancouver was held on Tuesday, September 20, 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 Raymond Louie
- Councillor Tim Louis
- Councillor Anne Roberts
- *Councillor Tim Stevenson
- Councillor Sam Sullivan
- Councillor Ellen Woodsworth

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 of the meeting.

PRAYER

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

PRESENTATIONS (File 1051)

- **CERTIFICATE OF COMMENDATION**

The Mayor presented a Certificate of Commendation, awarded by the Governor General, to Mr. Francis St-Pierre in recognition of his actions following an incident in Edziza Provincial Park on August 27, 2003.

- **BY PEPE DANZA AND THE RHYTHM FOOLS**

Council welcomed Pepe Danza and the Rhythm Fools who performed "Candombe".

"IN CAMERA" MEETING

MOVED by Councillor Cadman
SECONDED by Councillor Louie

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):

- (e) the acquisition, disposition or expropriation of land or improvements, if the Council considers that disclosure might reasonably be expected to harm the interests of the city.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

1. Regular Council - September 13, 2005

MOVED by Councillor Cadman
SECONDED by Councillor Roberts

THAT the foregoing Minutes be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MOVED by Councillor Cadman
SECONDED by Councillor Stevenson

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MATTERS ADOPTED ON CONSENT

MOVED by Councillor Stevenson

THAT Council adopt Administrative Reports A1, A2 and A8, on consent.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

REPORT REFERENCE

1. 2006 - 2008 Capital Plan: Final Allocation (File 1611)

Brent MacGregor, Deputy City Manager, and Ken Bayne, Director of Financial Planning and Treasury, presented a Report Reference on the final allocation of the 2006 - 2008 Capital Plan

and referred to the Administrative Report *2006 - 2008 Capital Plan: Final Allocation* dated September 16, 2005.

Ms. Jami Koehl, representing the Mustel Group, presented the results of the public opinion survey undertaken by the Mustel Group seeking the opinions of Vancouver residents on Capital Plan options. Mr. Bayne reported on the results of the Capital Plan information flyer and questionnaire distributed to residents by the Vancouver Courier, the Chinese Language Ming Pao, and available on the City's website and in the City's libraries and recreation and community centres.

Also before Council was a letter dated September 20, 2005 from the General Manager of Parks and Recreation on Park Board Capital Plan allocations regarding pools.

MOVED by Councillor Green

- A. THAT Council confirm funding for the 2006 - 2008 Capital Plan as follows:
- \$135.57 million from plebiscite-approved borrowing authority
 - \$ 74.43 million from Council approved Sewer borrowing authority
 - \$ 54.87 million from Council approved Water borrowing authority
 - \$ 55.60 million from Capital from Revenue
 - \$ 33.57 million from City-wide DCL funding
- B. THAT Council approve the allocation of funding to specific programs and projects in the 2006 - 2008 Capital Plan as detailed in the "2006 - 2008 Capital Plan Draft Allocation" report considered on June 28, 2005 (summarized in Appendix A).
- C. THAT Council confirm additional funding from plebiscite borrowing authority of \$35 million above the financial limit of the 2006 - 2008 Capital Plan to allow the City to advance capital projects from future Capital Plans to take advantage of opportunities to access cost-shared funding from senior governments and the Vancouver Olympic Organizing Committee.
- D. THAT Council establish the Strathcona/DTES Branch Library is a priority project for the City and instruct staff to work with the Library Board to acquire an appropriate site and, once acquired, to report back with a development plan and, if necessary, an interim source of financing, that would see completion during the term of the 2006 - 2008 Capital Plan.
- E. THAT the Director of Finance be instructed to report back on October 4, 2005 with a financial plan to support the 2006 - 2008 Capital Plan, including the breakdown of funding between borrowed funds, revenue funds and City-wide DCL funds, and on proposed wording for the borrowing questions that will be submitted to the electorate during the November civic election.
- F. THAT Council encourages the Park Board to reallocate \$1.4 million of its allocation in the 2006 - 2008 Capital Plan for the completion of change rooms at the Renfrew Community Centre pool.

- G. THAT Council encourage the Park Board to review options for keeping the Mt Pleasant outdoor pool open at least until completion of the proposed replacement for Percy Norman Pool at the new Hillcrest Centre and request the Board to report back on the additional costs that would be necessary in the Operating Budget.

AND FURTHER THAT staff explore the possibility of Simon Fraser Childcare facility remaining in operation in the existing facility and to report back on the feasibility and cost.

Carried

AMENDMENT MOVED by Councillor Louis

THAT the amount of \$135.57 million in the first bullet in A be increased to \$146.07 million.

LOST

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

AMENDMENT MOVED by Councillor Ladner

THAT G be amended by striking out the words "that would be necessary in the Operating Budget".

LOST

(Councillors Bass, Cadman, Green, Louie, Louis, Roberts, Stevenson, Woodsworth and the Mayor opposed)

The amendments having lost, the motion was put and CARRIED with Councillor Sullivan opposed to F and G.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

1. **Approval of GVRD Bylaw re: Mosquito Control Administration and Coordination Service**
September 6, 2005 (File 4101)

THAT Council approve GVRD Bylaw no. 1034, 2005 "A Bylaw to Establish the Service of Mosquito Control Administration and Coordination."

ADOPTED ON CONSENT

2. **Child Development Hub Infrastructure Proposal**
September 6, 2005 (File 4102)

THAT Council approve the release of funds received from the Provincial Ministry of Family and Child Development (MCFD) in the amount of \$85,000 to complete the Child Development Infrastructure Proposal as outlined in the Financial Implications section of the Administrative Report *Child Development Hub Infrastructure Proposal* dated September 6, 2005.

ADOPTED ON CONSENT

**3. Childcare Protocol Status Report
August 31, 2005 (File 4102)**

MOVED by Councillor Roberts

- A. THAT Council receive for information the Administrative Report *Childcare Protocol Status Report* dated August 31, 2005, including the annual report of the Joint Council on Childcare.
- B. THAT Council approve release of up to \$50,000 to conduct the work of the Joint Childcare Council Workplan, including the contracting for policy work as outlined in the Administrative Report *Childcare Protocol Status Report* dated August 31, 2005, Design Guidelines revisions and review of City-owned facilities operating structure; source of funds: 2005 General Program Account within the 2005 Operating Budget.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**4. Council Approval for a Grant for the Strathcona Open Windows Design Project
September 6, 2005 (File 8314)**

MOVED by Councillor Green

THAT Council approve a grant to the Strathcona Business Improvement Association, in the amount of \$20,000. The grant will be paid under the Downtown Eastside Revitalization Program funds with the expectation that the \$20,000 will be reimbursed to the City from Western Economic Diversification, as allocated under the Contribution Agreement between Western Economic Diversification and the City of Vancouver, dated April 7, 2005.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AND
BY THE REQUIRED MAJORITY

**5. Options for Reducing Policing Costs of Special Events and Filming
September 9, 2005 (File 4201)**

As requests to speak were received, Council agreed to refer consideration of the Administrative Report *Options for Reducing Policing Costs of Special Events and Filming* dated September 9, 2005, to a future Standing Committee meeting to hear the speakers.

CIVIC RECOGNITION (File 1051)

At this point in the proceedings, the Mayor and Council recognized the late Walter Gordon Hardwick, who had been unanimously awarded the Civic Merit Award in honour of his contributions, leadership and commitment to the City of Vancouver.

The Mayor presented a framed certificate and the Civic Merit Award to Dr. David F. Hardwick, on behalf of his brother, Walter Gordon Hardwick.

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Council recessed at 3:50 p.m. and following a reception, reconvened in open session at 4:05 p.m. with all members present, with the exception of Councillors Green, Ladner and Stevenson.

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**6. Crabtree Corner Property Taxes
August 30, 2005 (File 2205)**

MOVED by Councillor Woodsworth

THAT Council approve an amendment to the lease for the social service component of YWCA's Crabtree Corner at 533 East Hastings St. to delete the requirement that the YWCA pay rent-in-lieu of property taxes, and authorize the Director of Legal Services to execute the necessary legal documentation on terms and conditions to her satisfaction.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AND
BY THE REQUIRED MAJORITY
(Councillors Green, Ladner and Stevenson absent for the vote)

**7. A Social Development Plan for the City of Vancouver: Moving Towards Social Sustainability
September 1, 2005 (File 3501)**

MOVED by Councillor Green

THAT Council endorse-in-principle the work plan outlined in the Administrative Report *A Social Development Plan for the City of Vancouver: Moving Towards Social Sustainability* dated September 1, 2005, and direct staff to report back in:

- i) Spring 2006 with draft strategic directions and an outlined community consultation process; and
- ii) Fall 2006 with options and recommendations for Council's consideration and approval for a Social Development Plan for the City of Vancouver.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**8. Demolition of City-owned residential premises at 2458 East 33rd Avenue
September 6, 2005 (File 5102)**

THAT Council approve the demolition of the residential premises located at 2458 East 33rd Avenue, at a cost of \$27,000, source of funding to be the 2003-2005 Streets Capital Unappropriated Account - Property Fund.

ADOPTED ON CONSENT

RISE FROM COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MOVED by Councillor Cadman

THAT the Committee of the Whole rise and report.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADOPT REPORT OF COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MOVED by Councillor Cadman
SECONDED by Councillor Roberts

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

BY-LAWS

MOVED by Councillor Cadman
SECONDED by Councillor Woodsworth

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, 2, 3 and 7, and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign and seal the enacted by-laws.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

1. **A By-law to amend Zoning and Development By-law No. 3575 by rezoning an area to CD-1 re 2020 Harrison Drive (By-law No. 9111)**
(Councillors Louis, Woodsworth and Mayor Campbell excused from voting on By-law 1)
2. **A By-law to amend CD-1 By-law No. 3914 re 2130 - 2288 Harrison Drive (By-law No. 9112)**
(Councillors Louis, Woodsworth and Mayor Campbell excused from voting on By-law 2)
3. **A By-law to amend Zoning and Development By-law No. 3575 to rezone an area to CD-1 re 1885 - 1895 Venables (By-law No. 9113)**
(Councillors Bass, Louis, Stevenson and Sullivan excused from voting on By-law 3)

4. A By-law to amend Zoning and Development By-law No. 3575 to rezone an area to CD-1 re 1380 Hornby Street - WITHDRAWN
5. A By-law to amend Downtown District Official Development Plan By-law No. 4912 re 1380 Hornby Street - WITHDRAWN
6. A By-law to amend Sign By-law No. 6510 re 1380 Hornby Street - WITHDRAWN
7. A By-law to amend Development Permit Board and Advisory Panel By-law No. 5869 regarding a heritage representative (By-law No. 9114)

MOTIONS

A. Administrative Motions

1. Guidelines for the Location and Operation of a Small-Scale Pharmacy (File 5301)

MOVED by Councillor Cadman
SECONDED by Councillor Roberts

THAT the document entitled "Guidelines for the Location and Operation of a Small-Scale Pharmacy" be adopted by Council for use by applicants and staff for development applications.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. Approval of Form of Development: 1380 Hornby Street (File 2606) - WITHDRAWN
3. Approval of Form of Development: 2020 Harrison Drive (File 2606)

MOVED by Councillor Cadman
SECONDED by Councillor Roberts

THAT the form of development for the CD-1 zoned site known as 2020 Harrison Drive be approved generally as illustrated in Development Application No. DE409448 prepared by Henriquez Architects, and stamped "Received, City of Vancouver Planning Department, August 26, 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

B. Motions on Notice

1. Commemoration of the Japanese Canadian experience during the Second World War (File 1051)

MOVED by Councillor Green
SECONDED by Councillor Louie

WHEREAS Joy Kogawa's novel *Obasan* is one of the most powerful books ever written about the experience of Japanese Canadians during the Second World War;

AND WHEREAS the story of *Obasan* and its message about the consequences of war and prejudice are as relevant today as they were when the book was first released in 1981;

AND WHEREAS the house of *Obasan* still exists in Marpole, with the cherry tree that Joy Kogawa remembers as a child "propped up and bandaged, but still very much alive";

AND WHEREAS cherry blossoms have deep significance in Japanese culture, and are sometimes offered to other nations as a symbol of friendship;

AND WHEREAS, this year marks the 60th anniversary of the end of the Second World War in Asia;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City of Vancouver plant a cutting of Joy Kogawa's cherry tree on the City Hall campus in the fall of 2005 as a way to commemorate the experience of Japanese Canadians during the Second World War.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. Municipal Ticket Informations (File 1201)

MOVED by Councillor Ladner
SECONDED by Councillor Louie

WHEREAS the enforcement of some City bylaws is being complicated by current legal requirements that reduce their effectiveness;

AND WHEREAS a Municipal Ticket Information includes a summons to appear when a bylaw infraction ticket is issued;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The General Manager of Community Services and the Director of Legal Services report back to Council on the practical, financial and legal implications of enacting a bylaw to permit Municipal Ticket Informations. The report would recommend which bylaw offences, such as the Anti-Fighting Bylaw, would be suitable for prosecution by Municipal Ticket Information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. Sewer Service Charge for Community Gardens (File 1755)

The following motion reflects an amendment to the Notice of Motion.

MOVED by Councillor Louis
SECONDED by Councillor Bass

WHEREAS:

1. Community Gardens in Vancouver are neighbourhood amenities that provide a valuable public service while contributing significantly to the City's environmental sustainability goals;
2. At least 18 Community Gardens are located on property owned by the City or on land under the jurisdiction of the Vancouver Park Board;
3. Community Gardens are operated with limited funds on a non-profit basis by local residents, many in economically challenged areas of the City;
4. Some Community Gardens pay for sewer services they neither receive nor require; the cost of which can represent a financial burden threatening the continued viability of those gardens;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT as a grant, Council require amendments to leases for community gardens on property owned by the City or on land under the jurisdiction of the Vancouver Park Board to delete the requirement to pay for sewer services where there is no actual connection to the sewer system.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

NEW BUSINESS

1. **Telus and Telecommunications Workers' Union Dispute (File 1263)**

MOVED by Councillor Louis
SECONDED by Councillor Bass

THAT WHEREAS:

1. The dispute between Telus and the Telecommunications Workers Union has been going on for nearly two months; and
2. this dispute is disrupting customers' telephone service in Vancouver; and
3. animosity between the parties is increasing; and
4. tensions between picketing TWU members and security guards hired by Telus are reaching dangerous levels; and
5. there is no sign of settlement in sight;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Vancouver City Council call upon the Federal Minister of Labour, Mr. Joe Fontana, to use his powers as laid out in Section 108 of the Canada Labour Code to appoint an Industrial Inquiry Commission to look into the causes of the dispute and to make non-binding recommendations to facilitate its resolution.

CARRIED
(Councillors Ladner and Sullivan opposed)

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

MOVED by Councillor Stevenson
SECONDED by Councillor Louis

THAT Councillor Louie be granted Leave of Absence for Thursday, October 6, 2005.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. Leave of Absence - Councillor Sullivan (File 1254)

MOVED by Councillor Ladner
SECONDED by Councillor Louis

THAT Councillor Sullivan be granted Leave of Absence for Thursday, September 22, 2005.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ENQUIRIES AND OTHER MATTERS

1. City Response to Bedbug Infestation in Downtown Eastside SRO'S (File 4101)

Councillor Roberts requested staff to provide information on what the City is doing and what can it do about the recent infestation of bedbugs in the SRO's in the Downtown Eastside.

Judy Bader, Assistant General Manager, Community Services, reported the City is meeting with VANDU, Coastal Health, and the Vancouver Agreement to identify strategies for a comprehensive approach to deal with the situation.

2. Distribution of Garbage Containers (File 3756)

Councillor Woodsworth requested staff to provide information on how the City is proceeding with the distribution of garbage containers.

Brent MacGregor, Deputy City Manager, agreed to provide a memorandum with the requested information.

3. Emergency Preparedness (File 3601)

Councillor Bass enquired whether the City knew what proportion of households have supplies and equipment to handle an emergency such as Hurricane Katrina.

The Deputy City Manager advised Council will receive a Report Reference on Emergency Preparedness at its meeting on October 4, 2005. The requested information will be included in the report.

4. Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) Request (File 3253)

Councillor Green advised the FCM has requested the City to provide information on particular equipment to remove pollutants from water. The FCM wishes to provide the equipment as part of its aid to the victims in New Orleans. Councillor Green passed on the contact information to the Deputy City Manager.

The Council adjourned at 4:55 p.m.

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