



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

SEPTEMBER 22, 2005

A Regular Meeting of the Standing Committee of Council on City Services and Budgets was held on Thursday, September 22, 2005, at 9:30 a.m., in the Council Chamber, Third Floor, City Hall.

PRESENT: Councillor Tim Louis, Chair
*Mayor Larry Campbell
Councillor Fred Bass
Councillor David Cadman
Councillor Jim Green
Councillor Peter Ladner
Councillor Raymond Louie
Councillor Anne Roberts
Councillor Tim Stevenson
Councillor Ellen Woodsworth, Vice Chair

ABSENT: Councillor Sam Sullivan (Leave of Absence)

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

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE: Denise Salmon, Meeting Coordinator

*Denotes absence for a portion of the meeting.

RECOMMENDATION

1. **Green House Gas Reduction - Award of contract for City Hall Energy Performance Contract (File 1805/3752)**

The Committee had before it an Administrative Report dated September 8, 2005, in which the Director of Facilities Design and Management in consultation with the Director of Finance and the Manager of the Sustainability Group sought Council approval for the City to enter into an energy performance contract with Ameresco Canada Ltd., which will involve twelve energy-saving measures on the City Hall Campus buildings. The General Manager of Corporate Services recommended approval, noting these projects are consistent with the City's climate change strategy and are supported by a positive business case.

Clyde Hosein, Director, Facility Design and Management and David Cousins, Energy Project Manager, Environmental Services, responded to questions related to the upgrade.

Councillor Bass requested information back on reports/studies done to date on potential for expanding the Council Chamber to better receive the public. Staff so agreed.

MOVED by Councillor Bass

THAT the Committee recommend to Council

- A. THAT, subject to the conditions set out in Recommendations B and C of the Administrative Report dated September 8, 2005, entitled "Green House Gas Reduction - Award of contract for City Hall Energy Performance Contract", the General Manager of Corporate Services be authorized to enter into a contract with Ameresco Canada Inc. for energy savings measures work on City Hall Campus facilities, as set out in Table 2 of Appendix "A", at a maximum total capital cost of \$1.82 million plus GST; source of funding to be as follows:
 - \$186,000 from existing capital budgets for upgrading work;
 - \$214,354 from grants expected from external agencies; and
 - \$1.42 million from a loan from the Property Endowment Fund to be repaid back with interest from energy cost savings generated from the retrofit projects, on terms to be established by the Director of Finance.
- 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 September 8, 2005, entitled "Green House Gas Reduction - Award of contract for City Hall Energy Performance Contract".
- C. THAT all such legal documents be on terms and conditions satisfactory to the General Manager of Corporate Services and to the Director of Legal Services, and further that no legal rights or obligations will be created or arise by Council's adoption of Recommendations A, B, and C of the Administrative Report dated September 8, 2005, entitled "Green House Gas Reduction - Award of contract for City Hall Energy Performance Contract", unless and until such legal documents are executed and delivered by the Director of Legal Services.
- D. THAT the Director of Facilities Design and Management report back within one year of the completion of the upgrade work set out in the report and that said report include information about the Greenhouse Gas (GHG) reductions, the financial savings, the payback periods, and the general advisability of undertaking future energy performance contracts for the remaining City facilities, including Parks Board Facilities.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

(The Mayor absent for the vote)

2. Garbage Container Licence Program - 2006 Permit Fee (File 1758)

The Committee had before it a Policy Report dated September 6, 2005, in which the General Manager of Engineering Services sought Council approval of a \$16 increase in the Container License Agreement (CLA) permit fee from the current rate of \$106 to a new fee of \$122 effective January 1, 2006.

Brian Davies, Assistant City Engineer, Solid Waste, in response to questions from Council, provided details of upcoming plans to address increased litter on city streets and the City's ability to charge a fee to the producers of litter. Tom Timm, General Manager of Engineering Services, responded to questions regarding the recent proliferation of newspapers boxes throughout the city. Kevin Van Viet, Manager, Sewers and Drainage Design Branch, provided additional information regarding the City's ability to charge a fee for producers of litter.

MOVED by Councillor Louie

THAT the Committee recommend to Council

- A. THAT the existing half-time Street Use Inspector position in the Streets Administration Branch responsible for enforcement of graffiti on garbage containers be moved to the Solid Waste Management Branch and converted to a full-time position to assist with education and enforcement of litter and commercial container issues. Funding for this additional half-time position to come from a \$13 increase in the CLA permit fee.

- B. THAT Engineering Services increase the annual garbage Container Licence Agreement (CLA) permit fee by \$16 effective January 1, 2006 based on anticipated inflationary increases for 2006 of \$3 and increased staff costs of \$13 as noted in recommendation A of the Policy Report dated September 6, 2005, entitled "Garbage Container Licence Program - 2006 Permit Fee".

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Committee adjourned at 10:25 a.m.

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CITY OF VANCOUVER

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

SEPTEMBER 22, 2005

A Regular Meeting of the Council of the City of Vancouver was held on Thursday, September 22, 2005, at 10:25 a.m., in the Council Chamber, Third Floor, City Hall, following the Standing Committee on City Services and Budgets meeting, to consider the recommendations and actions of the Committee.

PRESENT: Mayor Larry Campbell
Councillor Fred Bass
Councillor David Cadman
Councillor Jim Green
Councillor Peter Ladner
Councillor Raymond Louie
Councillor Tim Louis
Councillor Anne Roberts
Councillor Tim Stevenson
Councillor Ellen Woodsworth

ABSENT: Councillor Sam Sullivan (Leave of Absence)

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

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE: Denise Salmon, Meeting Coordinator

"IN CAMERA" MEETING

MOVED by Councillor Cadman
SECONDED by Councillor Woodsworth

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):

- (i) the receipt of advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MOVED by Councillor Louie
SECONDED by Councillor Cadman

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Revised Housing Plan for the Downtown Eastside (File 4656) Policy Report dated August 30, 2005

On September 15, 2005, Council heard all speakers for the above item and referred discussion and decision to its Regular Council Meeting following Standing Committee on City Services and Budgets on September 22, 2005.

MOVED by Councillor Green

- A. THAT Council approve the revised "Housing Plan for the Downtown Eastside: Downtown Eastside-Oppenheimer, Victory Square, Chinatown, Gastown, Strathcona, Thornton Park, Hastings Corridor, Industrial Lands" date August 20, 2005, with the minimum size of sites to remain at 320 sq. ft. for new construction.
- B. THAT the Mayor on behalf of Council, write to and request a meeting with the Prime Minister and the Ministers responsible for Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation and Human Resources and Skills Development Canada urging the Federal Government to re-establish long-term stable funding for the development of new social housing, including social housing for low-income singles, and for the purchase and renovation of existing SROs into social housing.
- C. THAT the Mayor on behalf of Council, write to and request a meeting with the Premier, Government of British Columbia and the Minister responsible for BC Housing urging the Province to re-establish long-term stable funding for the development of new social housing, including social housing for low-income singles, and for the purchase and renovation of existing SROs into social housing.
- D. THAT the Mayor on behalf of Council, write to and request a meeting with the Premier and the Minister of Employment and Income Assistance urging the Province to increase welfare benefits to reflect the current cost of living, and to enhance the training and educational programs available to low-income singles.

- E. THAT the Mayor on behalf of Council, write to and request a meeting with the Chief Executive Officer, Vancouver Coastal Health, urging Vancouver Coastal Health to develop a supportive housing and special needs strategy in partnership with the City, the Province and the Federal Government.
- F. THAT Council instruct the Directors of the Housing Centre, Current Planning and Social Planning to report back on a detailed implementation program including budget, funding sources and a community engagement process for:
- a. A program to manage the rate of change in the housing stock in the Downtown Eastside;
 - b. The development of an SRO incentive program;
 - c. A study of the future economic uses of heritage and non-heritage SROs;
 - d. The review of the DEOD Official Development Plan;
 - e. The rezoning of the Hastings Corridor M-1 area;
 - f. A survey of Downtown Eastside residents;
 - g. The development of a community registry for social housing;

FURTHER THAT the following be included as priority actions:

- h. a report back on measures that can be taken to strengthen terms of enforcement of the Standards of Maintenance By-law;
 - i. a report back on the City powers to undertake the renovation and maintenance of SRO units on its own with the costs being charged back to the hotel owners through property taxes;
 - j. a report on the feasibility of developing an affordable housing project for aboriginal people in partnership with the aboriginal community and senior government;
 - k. staff report back in six months on rate of change;
 - l. information on rate of change from 2 to 1 social housing to market housing;
 - m. information on increasing social housing from 100-200 units/year;
 - n. information on more housing for aboriginal women; and
 - o. information re doubling the amount of money the City provides for social housing in future capital plans.
- G. THAT the Director of the Housing Centre in consultation with the Director of Current Planning and the Director of Social Planning be requested to report back every two years on the state of housing in the Downtown Eastside, the rate of change, and the progress on implementing actions in the Housing Plan for the Downtown Eastside.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Councillor Ladner opposed to F. I)

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

1. Business License Hearing Panels for October 2005 (File 2711 - 1) September 19, 2005

MOVED by Councillor Louis

THAT Council delegate the holding of the Business License Hearings presently scheduled for October 4 and 27, 2005, from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., and October 20, 2005, from 7:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., to a panel of three Council Members, pursuant to Section 277.1 of the Vancouver Charter, as follows:

The Business License Hearings pursuant to Section 275 of the Vancouver Charter regarding referrals to Council by the Chief License Inspector for the year 2005 business licenses and the power to make a Council decision in relation to those hearings be delegated to:

October 4, 2005 - 9:30 a.m.
Councillor David Cadman, Chair
Councillor Jim Green
Councillor Ellen Woodsworth
Councillor Sam Sullivan, Alternate

October 20, 2005 - 7:30 p.m.
Councillor Fred Bass, Chair
Councillor Tim Louis
Councillor Tim Stevenson
Councillor Peter Ladner, Alternate

October 27, 2005 - 9:30 a.m.
Councillor Anne Roberts, Chair
Councillor Peter Ladner
Councillor Sam Sullivan
Councillor Raymond Louie, Alternate

Should any of the above Members of Council be unable to attend the hearings, the hearings and the power to make a Council decision in relation to those hearings be delegated to the remaining two Councillors and alternate Councillors.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Report of Standing Committee on City Services and Budgets September 22, 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. Green House Gas Reduction- Award of contract for City Hall Energy Performance Contract
2. Garbage Container Licence Program - 2006 Permit Fee

Items 1 and 2

MOVED by Councillor Stevenson

THAT the recommendations and actions taken by the Standing Committee on **City Services and Budgets** at its meeting of September 22, 2005, as contained in items 1 and 2, be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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 Louie
SECONDED by Councillor Cadman

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

NEW BUSINESS

None.

ENQUIRIES AND OTHER MATTERS

1. More Public Washrooms (File 4101)

Councillor Bass requested an Information Memo back confirming a North Shore municipality's requirement to provide public washrooms above and beyond restaurant and hospitality venues and the implications for Vancouver in terms of expanding its number of public washrooms through the business license process.

The Council adjourned at 11:10 a.m.

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