



REPORT TO COUNCIL
STANDING COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL
ON PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT

SEPTEMBER 22, 2005

A Regular Meeting of the Standing Committee of Council on Planning and Environment was held on Thursday, September 22, 2005, at 2:00 p.m., in the Council Chamber, Third Floor, City Hall.

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

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 Planning and Environment meeting of July 14 and July 21, 2005, were adopted.

RECOMMENDATION

1. **2901 East Hastings (Hastings Racecourse) - Public Benefits and Other Matters**
(File 8009/2633)

The Committee had before it an Administrative Report dated September 15, 2005, in which the Director of Social Planning, in consultation with the Director of Development Services, the City Manager and Director of Legal Services sought Council approval of the public benefits outlined in the report, provided information on the public consultation and public feedback related to the development permit application for the installation of slot machines at Hastings Racecourse, dealt with a housekeeping matter that arose as a result of a change in the proposed development by Hastings Entertainment Inc. (HEI), and sought Council authorization to fulfill any notification and procedural requirements as they relate to the British Columbia Lottery Corporation. The City Manager recommended approval.

Brent MacGregor, Deputy City Manager, and Mario Lee, Social Planner, gave an overview of the report and recommendations, the process surrounding the application to the Development Permit board, the public consultation process, and issues raised during the public consultation process (*brief distributed - on file*).

Mr. MacGregor noted he will not be taking part in the Development Permit Board deliberations regarding this issue.

Messrs. MacGregor and Lee, along with Jeff Brooks, Director of Social Planning, Sue Harvey, Managing Director of Cultural Services, and Paul Pinsker, Parking and Development Engineer, responded to questions regarding:

- underground parking and traffic on Renfrew Street;
- division of child care spaces between race track workers and residents, changes to the child care site and child care subsidies;
- whether access to New Brighton Park can be completed in a shorter timeframe than noted in the report;
- when the Community Legacy Fund will be available, and how the money can be used;
- recourse if conditions are not met and conditions for determining breach of lease;
- powers of Council and the Development Permit Board;
- comparison to other parks in the City;
- whether there are more benefits to this rezoning because there gambling is involved and the number of slot machines;
- community suggestions and issues surrounding the public consultation process;
- whether Renfrew Street is considered a part of the park by the community;
- when the greening process will start;
- capital money for the area; and,
- traffic calming in the area.

The following delegations spoke in general support of the recommendations contained in the report:

Kelly Quinn, Canadian Office & Professional Employees Union Local 378
Jim Bock, Vice-President, Unite Here Canada Local 40
Chuck Keeling, Vice-President, Racing, Hastings Racecourse
Stephanie Williamson, Hastings North Business Improvement Association
Josie Anderson
Christine Hong
Robin Keith
Dan Jukich
Randy Goulding (*petition submitted - on file*)
Jeff Stricklan, Manager of Human Resources, Hastings Racecourse
Jeannie Spence, The Learning Centre (*materials submitted - on file*)
Neil Childerhose
Joanne Pantelle

Margaret Sykes
Colin McRae
Gary Mitchell
Jim Major
Peter Nolan, Bladerunners
Evelyn Humphreys

Their comments included:

- the package has benefits for both the community and employees;
- as an employer, the racecourse has followed through with the promise to pay fair wages;
- requested Council to assure the Community Legacy Fund is spent in the Hastings-Sunrise area, e.g - to upgrade Hastings Community Centre, build a skate bowl for beginners, provide access to New Brighton, or resurfacing and lighting of the tennis courts;
- community days are a good idea and should be made more accessible to local groups;
- Hastings Racetrack is a good employer;
- locate the main entrance to the park on McGill Street to help reduce traffic on Renfrew Street;
- confident staff can find solutions to parking issues;
- racetrack recognizes the importance of, and fulfills the requirements for local hiring;
- local spinoffs are very real and helpful to the community;
- Learning Centre is an excellent resource;
- the Groom School will be a good public resource; grooming is an internationally transferable skill;
- racetrack has a flexible work schedule that allows parents to take the time to care for their families;
- Hastings Entertainment and the racecourse should be given the time to prove they are good neighbours; and,
- this is an opportunity to accelerate the greening of Hastings Park by putting in underground parking and transforming existing parking into green space.

The following delegations spoke in general opposition to the recommendations in the report:

Nathalie Lapierre
Barry Sharbo
Claudia Ferris
Reverend Margaret Marquardt
Helen Mintz
Isabelle Minty
Bill Chu
Marion Olivieri
Mark Caloren
Virginia Downes
Marsha Drake
Christian Battaglia
Pastor David Bornman, West Coast Christian Fellowship

Their comments included:

- the City is renegeing on the promise of a park for the area and residents are being ignored by the City;
- greening of the park is too slow and should be done in the next five years, prior to the Olympics;
- public groups in the area were not contacted during the public consultation process;
- proposal may take the letter of the law into account, but does not take into consideration what is happening in the community;
- a reasonable agreement that includes underground parking and access to New Brighton must be negotiated before implementation;
- greening of the park is vital to the health of the area;
- approval is against the wishes of the community;
- benefits are for the corporation, not the community; and
- approval should not be given until the operating agreement is established.

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At 5:15 p.m., the Committee recessed, and reconvened at 5:30 p.m., with the same members present.

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POSTPONEMENT MOVED by Councillor Woodsworth
THAT the Committee recommend to Council

THAT, having heard all speakers, discussion and decision on the recommendations in the Administrative Report dated September 15, 2005, entitled, "2901 East Hastings (Hastings Racecourse) - Public Benefits and Other Matters", be postponed to the Regular Council meeting on October 4, 2005.

carried

Councillor Louie called the question.

The Chair then asked,

Shall the question be put?

LOST

(Councillors Bass, Cadman, Ladner, Louis, Roberts, Sullivan, Stevenson and Woodsworth opposed)

Following further discussion, the motion was put and CARRIED with Councillor Louie opposed.

2. **New Animal Control By-Law and Amendments to the License By-Law and Noise Control By-Law (File 113/3507)**

POSTPONEMENT MOVED by Mayor Campbell
THAT the Committee recommend to Council

THAT registered speakers continue to be heard, and discussion and decision of the recommendations in the Administrative Report dated June 13, 2005, entitled, "New Animal Control By-Law and Amendments to the License By-Law and Noise Control By-Law", be postponed to the Standing Committee of Council on Planning and Environment meeting on October 6, 2005.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Councillor Sullivan absent for the vote)

The Committee adjourned at 7:06 p.m.

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CITY OF VANCOUVER

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES STANDING COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL ON PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT

SEPTEMBER 22, 2005

A Regular Meeting of the Council of the City of Vancouver was held on Thursday, September 22, 2005, at 7:06 p.m., in the Council Chamber, Third Floor, City Hall, following the Standing Committee on Planning and Environment 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
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COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MOVED by Councillor Cadman
SECONDED by Councillor Louis

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Report of Standing Committee on Planning and Environment September 22, 2005

Council considered the report containing the recommendations and actions taken by the Standing Committee on Planning and Environment. Its items of business included:

1. 2901 East Hastings (Hastings Racecourse) Public Benefits and Other matters
2. New Animal Control By-Law and Amendments to the License By-Law and Noise Control By-Law

Items 1 to 2

MOVED by Councillor Stevenson

THAT the recommendations and actions taken by the Standing Committee on Planning and Environment at its meeting of September 22, 2005, as contained in items 1 to 2, be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

RISE FROM COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MOVED by Councillor Woodsworth

THAT the Committee of the Whole rise and report.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADOPT REPORT OF COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MOVED by Councillor Woodsworth

SECONDED by Councillor Cadman

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Council adjourned at 7:07 p.m.

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