

8. Re-establishment of Advisory Committees

Vancouver City Council, at its meeting immediately following the Standing Committee on City Services and Budget meeting on December 15, 2005, received requests to speak on this matter and agreed to refer this item to the Standing Committee on Planning and Environment meeting on December 15, 2005, to hear speakers.

WHEREAS:

1. citizen input is vital to the proper operation of the City of Vancouver and fundamental in any democracy; and
2. suspension of all citizen engagement during a review of "roles, responsibilities and relationships" has not been approved by Council; and
3. this suspension could negatively affect development for an unknown length of time; and
4. Council may determine the current "roles, responsibilities and relationships" are appropriate and do not need changing; and
5. the Mayor has the power to recommend such changes, but not to impose them unilaterally;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

THAT this Council ask existing committees to remain in place and functioning pending the outcome of any proposed review.

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