



REPORT TO COUNCIL

STANDING COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL ON TRANSPORTATION AND TRAFFIC

JANUARY 17, 2006

A Regular Meeting of the Standing Committee of Council on Transportation and Traffic was held on Tuesday, January 17, 2006, at 9:35 a.m., in the Council Chamber, Third Floor, City Hall.

PRESENT:

- Councillor B.C. Lee, Chair
- Mayor Sam Sullivan
- Councillor Suzanne Anton
- Councillor Elizabeth Ball, Vice-Chair
- Councillor David Cadman
- Councillor Kim Capri
- Councillor George Chow
- Councillor Heather Deal
- Councillor Peter Ladner
- Councillor Raymond Louie
- Councillor Tim Stevenson

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

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE: Pat Boomhower, Meeting Coordinator

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

The Minutes of the Standing Committee on Transportation and Traffic meetings of September 20, 2005, and October 18, 2005, were adopted.

INFORMATION

1. City of Vancouver Transportation Plans - Overview and Summary (File 13-1400-10)

The Committee had before it a Memorandum dated January 3, 2006, in which the General Manager of Engineering Services outlined the transportation plans to be summarized at the Standing Committee on Transportation and Traffic meeting on January 17, 2006. The Committee also had before it the following documents (*distributed - on file*):

- Vancouver Transportation Plan (1997);
- Downtown Transportation Plan (2005);
- Bicycle Plan: Reviewing the Past, Planning the Future (1999);
- Vancouver Greenways Plan (1995);
- Policy Report entitled *Vancouver Transit Strategy* (February 22, 2002);
- Administrative Report entitled *Vancouver and UBC Transit Plan* (June 17, 2005);
- Summary of Expected Impacts - Vancouver-UBC Transit Area Plan (2010 projection); and
- Community Climate Change Action Plan for the City of Vancouver (2005).

Jerry Dobrovolny, Assistant City Engineer - Transportation, Lon LaClair, Strategic Transportation Planning Engineer, and Scott Edwards, Structures and Greenways Engineer, provided an overview of transportation plans developed over the past ten years and briefly outlined projects staff have been working on as a context within current City and Regional policies, for updates Council will receive on the Vancouver and Downtown Transportation Plans in March 2006, and future reports on specific projects. Staff also noted land use and transportation are intertwined.

Thomas Osdoba, Manager, Sustainability Office, outlined transportation initiatives of the Community Climate Action Plan and highlighted emission projections, targets, community engagement, strategies to promote best practices, fuel efficiency and alternatives to single occupancy vehicles, and work with TransLink on regional transportation demand management. Mr. Osdoba also noted transportation is the largest single source of GHG emissions and the targets adopted by Vancouver are consistent with the Kyoto Protocol.

Staff together with Tom Timm, General Manager of Engineering Services, and Jim Hall, Neighbourhood Transportation Engineer, responded to questions regarding:

- the public consultation process;
- air pollutants from shipping;
- carbon neutral commitment of industries and corporations;
- parking policy;
- plans for updating the 1999 Bicycle Plan and achieving 2010 modal share targets;
- capital and cost-sharing with other levels of governments for cycling infrastructure;
- promoting mode shift in schools; and
- bus priority measures and U-Pass expansion.

Staff noted a report is planned for the Spring to provide information on transit priority measures along major routes such as Broadway. Staff agreed to provide further details prior to the summer, regarding the Bicycle Plan. Staff also agreed to provide an information memo on the expected plan and process of the building lines study.

Jack Becker, Director, Vancouver Area Cycling Coalition, spoke on priorities from a cycling perspective for addressing health and air quality issues, gas prices, transit capacity and growth in number of cyclists and drivers (*brief submitted - on file*). Mr. Becker also noted safety concerns of cyclists and potential cyclists, and funding for cycling infrastructure. Recommendations he proposed included fast tracking Burrard Bridge improvements, False Creek crossings, and designated bike routes, and that the City have a designated Bicycle Program staff person. Mr. Becker responded to questions related to marketing and how gas price and salary increases affect mode share.

Mr. Dobrovolny, together with Dale Bracewell, Strategic Transportation Engineer, responded to questions on the Streets budget and staffing in Neighbourhood Transportation and Transportation Demand Management. Regarding goods movement, staff noted work underway with the Port and other agencies on the Rail Use Study, as well as TranLink's regional comprehensive Goods Movement Study and anticipated timelines.

MOVED by Councillor Louie
THAT the Committee recommend to Council

THAT Council receive for information the staff presentation entitled "City of Vancouver Transportation Plans - Overview and Summary".

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

RECOMMENDATION

**2. 3705-3707 Renfrew Street and 2890 - 2892 East 21st Avenue
Warning to Prospective Purchasers and Request For Injunction (File 11-4400-10)**

The Committee had before it an Administrative Report dated November 30, 2005, in which the City Building Inspector sought Council approval to file a 336D Notice against the title to 3705-3707 Renfrew Street and 2890-2892 East 21st Avenue, to warn prospective purchasers of By-law violations and to seek injunctive relief. The General Manager of Community Services recommended approval.

Peter Sweeney, Manager, Building Inspection, reviewed the report and advised that photographs presented today were taken the week of January 9, 2006.

MOVED by Councillor Cadman
THAT the Committee recommend to Council

- A. THAT the City Clerk be directed to file a 336D Notice against the title to the property at 3705-3707 Renfrew Street and 2890 -2892 East 21st Avenue, Lot 12, Block H, Section 44 THSL Plan 11660, PID 006-886-175 in order to warn prospective purchasers that this building has been used as an illegal marijuana grow operation and there are contraventions of the Vancouver Building, Standards of Maintenance and Electrical By-laws related to this unapproved use.
- B. THAT the Director of Legal Services is hereby authorized, in her discretion, to commence a legal action or proceedings in relation to the premises located at 705-3707 Renfrew Street and 2890-2892 East 21st Avenue and may, in her discretion, seek injunctive relief in that action or proceeding, in order to bring this building into compliance with City By-laws.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. 5098 Chatham Street - Warning to Prospective Purchasers (File 11-4400-10)

The Committee had before it an Administrative Report dated December 6, 2005, in which the City Building Inspector sought Council approval to file a 336D Notice against the title to 5098 Chatham Street to warn prospective purchasers of By-law violations. The General Manager of Community Services recommended approval.

Peter Sweeney, Manager, Building Inspection, reviewed the report, and noted the owner is required to rid the building of contaminants left from the grow op. He further noted the owner has not obtained a required building permit and an illegal suite exists which needs to be dealt with before an occupancy permit can be issued.

Mr. Sweeney, together with Carlene Robbins, Manager, By-law Administration, responded to questions regarding the City's process for repeat offenders, notification, and triggers for investigation. Staff agreed to request an information memo from Legal Services on the notification process to home owners.

MOVED by Councillor Cadman
THAT the Committee recommend to Council

THAT the City Clerk be directed to file a 336D Notice against the title to the property at 5098 Chatham Street, Lot 2, Blocks 92 and 95, District Lot 37, Plan LMP16622, PID 018-760-856 in order to warn prospective purchasers that this building has been used as an illegal marijuana grow operation on two occasions and there are contraventions of the Vancouver Building and Electrical By-laws related to this unapproved use.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. 3546 Dieppe Drive - Warning to Prospective Purchasers (File 11-4400-10)

The Committee had before it an Administrative Report dated December 5, 2005, in which the City Building Inspector sought Council approval to file a 336D Notice against the title to 3546 Dieppe Drive to warn prospective purchasers of By-law violations. The General Manager of Community Services recommended approval.

Peter Sweeney, Manager, Building Inspection, reviewed the report and noted the owners have not applied for a permit nor had an inspection to determine what needs to be done in order to reoccupy the building. Mr. Sweeney responded to a question regarding ways to address the pattern of properties having repeat grow ops.

MOVED by Councillor Cadman
THAT the Committee recommend to Council

THAT the City Clerk be directed to file a 336D Notice against the title to the property at 3546 Dieppe Drive, Lot 16, Block 14, Sections 40 and 41 THSL Plan 8268, PID 010-178-198 in order to warn prospective purchasers that this building has been used as an illegal marijuana grow operation on two occasions and there are contraventions of the Vancouver Building and Electrical By-laws related to this unapproved use.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5. 2825 East 43rd Avenue - Warning to Prospective Purchasers (File 11-4400-10)

The Committee had before it an Administrative Report dated December 2, 2005, in which the City Building Inspector sought Council approval to file a 336D Notice against the title to 2825 East 43rd Avenue to warn prospective purchasers of By-law violations and to seek injunctive relief. The General Manager of Community Services recommended approval.

Peter Sweeney, Manager, Building Inspection, reviewed the report and responded to questions concerning the illegal additions.

MOVED by Councillor Cadman
THAT the Committee recommend to Council

- A. THAT the City Clerk be directed to file a 336D Notice against the title to the property at 2825 East 43rd Avenue, Lot A (Explanatory Plan 9009) South 1/2 of Block 8, District Lot 50, Plan 2305, PID 013-916-955 in order to warn prospective purchasers that there are contraventions of the Zoning and Development and Vancouver Building By-laws related to this building.
- B. THAT the Director of Legal Services is hereby authorized, in her discretion, to commence a legal action or proceeding in relation to the premises located at 2825 East 43rd Avenue, Lot A (Explanatory Plan 9009) South 1/2 of Block 8, District Lot 50, Plan 2305, PID 013-916-955 and may, in her discretion, seek injunctive relief in that action or proceeding, in order to bring this building into compliance with City By-laws.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6. Nuisance Building at 711 East 39th Avenue (File 11-4400-10)

The Committee had before it an Administrative Report dated November 30, 2005, in which the City Building Inspector sought Council approval to declare the building at 711 East 39th Avenue a nuisance, and order the property owners to demolish the building and provide a fence around the perimeter of the property. It was also recommended the City Building Inspector and Director of Legal Services be authorized to take appropriate actions to bring this building and site into compliance with City by-laws, and that a 336D Notice be filed against the title to warn prospective purchasers of By-law violations.

The General Manager of Community Services recommended approval.

Peter Sweeney, Manager, Building Inspection, reviewed the report. Mr. Sweeney also advised the building has been vacant for a number of years and is located within one block of a school.

Mr. Sweeney, together with Carlene Robbins, Manager, By-law Administration, responded to questions regarding building condition, neighbouring buildings, demolition criteria and process, and potential for rehabilitating buildings.

MOVED by Councillor Stevenson
THAT the Committee recommend to Council

- A. THAT Council declare that the building at 711 East 39th Avenue, Lots 5-8, Block 6, Plan 1797, District Lot 667, is a nuisance because it is, in the opinion of Council, in so dilapidated or uncleanly a condition as to be offensive to the community pursuant to Section 324A paragraph (3) of the Vancouver Charter.
- B. THAT Council approve the Resolution attached to the Administrative Report *Nuisance Building at 711 East 39th Avenue*, dated November 30, 2005, and order the property owners to pull down and demolish the building and to provide a chain-link fence around the perimeter of the property within 30 days of a copy of the Resolution being served pursuant to Section 324A paragraph (1) of the Vancouver Charter.
- C. THAT in the event that the owners fail to comply with this order of Council, Council further orders and hereby authorizes the City Building Inspector, in his discretion, to carry out the work outlined in paragraph (B) above pursuant to Section 324A paragraph (1) of the Vancouver Charter.
- D. THAT in the event of the failure of the owners to allow the City Building Inspector and/or his designate access to the site to carry out the work as outlined in paragraph (B) above, the Director of Legal Services is hereby authorized, in her discretion, to commence a legal action or proceeding in relation to the building located at 711 East 39th Avenue, and may, in her discretion, seek injunctive relief in that action or proceeding in order to bring the building and site into compliance with the City By-laws and Council's resolution.
- E. THAT the City Clerk be directed to file a 336D Notice against the Certificate of Title to the property at 711 East 39th Avenue, in order to warn prospective purchasers that there are violations of the Vancouver Building By-law related to this property and that there is an order of Council against the property.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Committee adjourned at 11:28 a.m.

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CITY OF VANCOUVER
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
STANDING COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL ON
TRANSPORTATION AND TRAFFIC

JANUARY 17, 2006

A Regular Meeting of the Council of the City of Vancouver was held on Tuesday, January 17, 2006, at 11:28 a.m., in the Council Chamber, Third Floor, City Hall, following the Standing Committee on Transportation and Traffic meeting, to consider the recommendations and actions of the Committee.

PRESENT:

- Mayor Sam Sullivan
- Councillor Suzanne Anton
- Councillor Elizabeth Ball
- Councillor David Cadman
- Councillor Kim Capri
- Councillor George Chow
- Councillor Heather Deal
- Councillor Peter Ladner
- Councillor B.C. Lee
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COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MOVED by Councillor Cadman
SECONDED by Councillor Capri

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Report of Standing Committee on Transportation and Traffic
January 17, 2006

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

1. City of Vancouver Transportation Plans - Overview and Summary
2. 3705-3707 Renfrew Street and 2890 - 2892 East 21st Avenue
Warning to Prospective Purchasers and Request For Injunction
3. 5098 Chatham Street - Warning to Prospective Purchasers
4. 3546 Dieppe Drive - Warning to Prospective Purchasers
5. 2825 East 43rd Avenue - Warning to Prospective Purchasers
6. Nuisance Building at 711 East 39th Avenue

Items 1 - 6

MOVED by Councillor Stevenson

THAT the recommendations and actions taken by the Standing Committee on Transportation and Traffic at its meeting of January 17, 2006, as contained in items 1 - 6, be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

RISE FROM COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MOVED by Councillor Ladner

THAT the Committee of the Whole rise and report.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADOPT REPORT OF COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MOVED by Councillor Deal
SECONDED by Councillor Chow

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Council adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

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