



CITY OF VANCOUVER
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 31, 2006

A Regular Meeting of the Council of the City of Vancouver was held on Tuesday, January 31, 2006, at 2:00 p.m., in the Council Chamber, Third Floor, City Hall.

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
- Councillor Raymond Louie
- Councillor Tim Stevenson

CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE: Judy Rogers, City Manager

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE: Syd Baxter, City Clerk
Tarja Tuominen, Meeting Coordinator

PRAYER

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

"IN CAMERA" MEETING

MOVED by Councillor Ladner
SECONDED by Councillor Anton

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):

(a) personal information about an identifiable individual who holds or is being considered for a position as an officer, employee or agent of the city or another position appointed by the city;

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

(g) litigation or potential litigation affecting the city.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ITEMS ARISING FROM THE "IN CAMERA" MEETING OF JANUARY 19, 2006

Council approved appointments to the Vancouver Public Library Board and the Family Court-Youth Justice Committee. Names of those appointed can be obtained from the City Clerk's Office.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

1. Regular Council - January 17, 2006

MOVED by Councillor Anton
SECONDED by Councillor Capri

THAT the foregoing Minutes be approved, subject to the following amendments:

- Page 19: strike out the words "she was opposed to the Master Plan" so that the sentence reads: Councillor Anton advised that Appendix F, providing the chronology of the Master Plan, should be corrected to show that the Park Board, on October 3, 2005, did not unanimously approve the Master Plan.
- Communications 1 - Appointment of Council Representative (Alternate) to GVRD Labour Relations Bureau: substitute the words "for the term December 5, 2005 to December 31 2006" for the words: "for the term December 5, 2005 to December 08, 2008."

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MOVED by Councillor Cadman
SECONDED by Councillor Louie

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MATTERS ADOPTED ON CONSENT

MOVED by Councillor Ladner

THAT Council adopt Administrative Reports A1 to A5, and Policy Reports P1 to P5, on consent.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

REPORT REFERENCE

1. 2010 Celebration Week (File 08-8000-01)

Dave Rudberg, General Manager, Olympic Operations, and Lesley Matthews, Project Manager, Olympic Operations, provided a presentation on the upcoming Olympic Flag Handover and the 2010 Countdown Celebration, which will take place from February 26 to March 10, 2006.

The presentation included details about the:

- February 26th Countdown Street Party, Library Square
- February 27th Flag Arrival, Vancouver International Airport
- February 28th Olympic Flag Raising Ceremony, North Plaza, Vancouver City Hall
- March 1st Inukshuk Lighting Ceremony, English Bay
- March 10th Vancouver Olympic Village Groundbreaking Ceremony, Southeast False Creek
- Installation of five Welcome to Vancouver signs and VANOC and City of Vancouver street banners.

Council thanked Mr. Rudberg and Ms. Matthews for the presentation.

2. 2006 Operating Budget - Preliminary Estimates (File 05-1000-30)

Estelle Lo, General Manager of Corporate Services, and Annette Klein, Director of Budget Services, presented a Report Reference on the preliminary estimates for the 2006 Operating Budget, and with Departmental representatives, responded to questions. The presentation provided information on the following:

- Budget - roles and responsibilities
- Budget process
- Preliminary budget position
- New funding requests for 2006
- Budget challenge
- Options for balancing the budget
- Public participation.

MOVED by Councillor Ladner

- A. THAT Council receive for information the preliminary estimates for the 2006 operating budget as outlined in the Administrative Report *2006 Operating Budget - Preliminary Estimates* dated January 23, 2006, and summarized in Appendix 1 of the report.
- B. THAT the Director of Finance, in consultation with the Corporate Management Team, report the interim estimates to Council by early April 2006 along with options to achieve a property tax increase below 6.4% and no lower than inflationary levels, including options for bringing in more revenues from non-property tax sources.
- C. THAT Council receive a list of new funding requests for information as outlined in Appendix 2 of the Administrative Report *2006 Operating Budget - Preliminary Estimates* dated January 23, 2006, and defer any decisions on these requests until the Interim Budget Report.
- D. THAT Council approve a March recruit class of 25 for the Vancouver Police Department, with no increase in authorized strength, at a cost of \$1.25 million to be added to the 2006 Operating Budget without offset.
- E. THAT Council instruct the Director of Finance to proceed with the following public consultation process options:
 - i) a public opinion poll on the 2006 Operating Budget challenge at an estimated cost of \$25,000, including business tax payers;
 - ii) a "City Choice" flyer outlining the budget challenge faced by Council at a cost of approximately \$35,000;
 - iii) a public meeting on the 2006 Operating Budget to be held prior to the Interim Report on the 2006 Budget at minimal cost to the City.

An additional \$8,000 is required for overall advertising; funding for the public consultation program is to be added to the 2006 Operating Budget without offset.

- F. THAT staff report back in March on options for a tax shift to provide relief to businesses, including the impact of those options on a residential tax increase.

Carried

AMENDMENT MOVED by Councillor Louie

THAT staff conduct an information session with the City's unionized staff force as has been previously done over the past 3 years.

Lost

AMENDMENT TO THE AMENDMENT MOVED by Councillor Deal

THAT the motion be amended by adding an information session with the Fair Tax Coalition.

LOST

(Councillors Anton, Ball, Capri, Ladner, Lee and the Mayor opposed)

The amendment to the amendment having lost, the amendment was put and LOST with Councillors Anton, Ball, Capri, Ladner, Lee and the Mayor opposed.

AMENDMENT MOVED by Councillor Deal

THAT E be amended as follows:

- E(ii) be replaced with the following: "A City Choices information package be made available in public places, such as libraries and community centres, and on the City website, in multiple languages, advertise in multiple language media, and that the information package encourage taxpayers to attend the public meeting."
- With the cost savings from not sending the "City Choice" flyer to every household, proceed with a "Mayor's Forum" approach to seeking public input on the 2006 Operating Budget challenge, at a cost of approximately \$9,000 per forum and that Council instruct staff on the number of forums.

Withdrawn, with the consent of Council

Council requested to separate the components in the motion for the vote.

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CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- D. THAT Council approve a March recruit class of 25 for the Vancouver Police Department, with no increase in authorized strength, at a cost of \$1.25 million to be added to the 2006 Operating Budget without offset.

CARRIED
(Councillor Cadman opposed)

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CARRIED
(Councillor Cadman opposed to E(i))

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CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

AMENDMENT MOVED by Councillor Louie

- G. THAT staff report back on system adjustments to allow for changes to the capital funding from operating over the 3-year capital plan cycle.-

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOTION AS AMENDED AND APPROVED

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COMMUNICATIONS

1. Appointment of Liaison Councillors to Advisory Committees (File 08-3000-11)

MOVED by Councillor Louie

THAT the following liaison Councillors be appointed to the following Committees/Commissions:

- Bicycle Advisory Committee
Councillor Ladner
- Advisory Committee on Disability Issues
Councillor Deal
- Advisory Committee on Diversity Issues
Councillor Stevenson
- Fire and Rescue Services Advisory Committee
Councillor Capri

- Mayor's Working Group on Immigration
Councillor (Co-Chair) Lee
Councillor Louie (member)
- Peace and Justice Committee
Councillor (Chair) - To be recommended by the Mayor
Councillor (Vice-Chair) Cadman
- Advisory Committee on Seniors' Issues
Councillor Stevenson
- Vancouver City Planning Commission
Councillor Ball
Councillor Chow
- Vancouver Civic Theatres Board
Councillor Louie
- Vancouver Heritage Commission
Councillor Anton

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

(i) **Confirmation of School Board Liaisons (File 08-3000-11)**

MOVED by Councillor Louie

THAT Council appoint the following Trustees from the Vancouver School Board as members of the advisory bodies indicated:

- Trustee Clarence Hansen, Peace and Justice Committee
- Trustee Don Lee, Vancouver City Planning Commission

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. **General Assembly of the International Association of Peace Messenger Cities**
(File 08-3000-110)

MOVED by Councillor Ladner

THAT Council postpone the event until future years, since official invitations have not gone out yet, and send letters to all member cities informing them of the decision to postpone.

LOST

(Councillors Ball, Cadman, Capri, Chow, Deal, Lee, Louie, Stevenson and the Mayor opposed)

MOVED by Mayor Sullivan

1. THAT this event stay within the approved \$50,000 budget and adopt Option 2 as outlined in the City Manager's memorandum dated January 26, 2006 (attached to the Communication dated January 26, 2006, entitled "General Assembly of the International Association of Peace Messenger Cities") in order to meet the previous Council's commitment to have the Mayor host the General Assembly.
2. THAT an organizing committee be established immediately, consisting of the Chair of the Peace and Justice Committee, the President of the International Association of Peace Messenger Cities, the Chief of External Relations and Protocol and the Chief of Staff to the Mayor.
3. THAT the organizing committee actively seek out possible sponsorships from both the public and private sectors to help defray the overall cost to City taxpayers.

Postponed

POSTPONEMENT MOVED by Councillor Anton

THAT consideration of the matter be postponed to the Council meeting immediately following the Standing Committee on City Services and Budgets meeting on February 2, 2006.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

1. **111 Alexander Street - Columbia Pump Station - Proposed Amendment to Terms of Encroachment Agreement**
January 10, 2006 (File 13-4700-10)

THAT Council authorize the Director of Legal Services in consultation with the General Manager of Engineering Services to vary the terms of an Encroachment Agreement previously approved by Council to be entered into for the above and below grade encroachments on City street to be built by the Greater Vancouver Sewerage and Drainage District (the "GVS & DD") for its Columbia Pump Station, which pump station will be located on City-owned lands at 111 Alexander Street, legally described as (PID 026-183-897) Parcel A, Block 1, District Lot 196, Plan BCP15610 (the "City Lands") such that:

1. Termination of the Encroachment Agreement be after a minimum of two (2) years' notice and only once Council has approved such termination; and
2. In the event of termination of the Encroachment Agreement from any cause whatsoever, the GVS & DD will, at its own expense, and within a period of 36 months from the date of such termination, or such longer period as may be

specified by Council, remove the Works and repair any damage to property for which the City has responsibility, and restore the encroachment area, to the satisfaction of the City Engineer.

ADOPTED ON CONSENT

**2. Form of Development: 1100 West Georgia Street
January 17, 2006 (File 11-3500-10)**

THAT the revised form of development for the CD-1 zoned site known as 1120 West Georgia Street (1100 West Georgia Street being the application address) be approved generally as illustrated in the Development Application Number DE409845, prepared by James KM Cheng Architects Incorporated and stamped "Received, Community Service Group, Development Services, November 1, 2005", provided that the Director of Planning may impose conditions and approve design changes which would not adversely affect either the development character of this site or adjacent properties.

ADOPTED ON CONSENT

**3. Form of Development: 6500 Arbutus Street
January 17, 2006 (File 11-3500-10)**

THAT the form of development for the CD-1 zoned site known as 6650 Arbutus Street (6500 Arbutus Street being the application address) be approved generally as illustrated in the Development Application Number DE409799, prepared by Nigel Baldwin Architect and stamped "Received, Community Service Group, Development Services, October 11, 2005", provided that the Director of Planning may impose conditions and approve design changes which would not adversely affect either the development character of this site or adjacent properties.

ADOPTED ON CONSENT

**4. Form of Development: 1630 West 15th Avenue (Vancouver Lawn Tennis and Badminton Club)
January 17, 2006 (File 11-3500-10)**

THAT the form of development for this portion of the CD-1 zoned site known as 1630 West 15th Avenue be approved generally as illustrated in the Development Application Number DE409805, prepared by Proscenium Architects and Interiors Incorporated and stamped "Received, Community Service Group, Development Services October 14, 2005", provided that the Director of Planning may impose conditions and approve design changes which would not adversely affect either the development character of this site or adjacent properties.

ADOPTED ON CONSENT

**5. 2006 Street Rehabilitation and Sidewalk Reconstruction Programs
January 17, 2006 (File 13-4500-10)**

THAT Council approve funding of \$3,000,000 in advance of the 2006 Streets Basic Capital Budget: \$2,000,000 in category A-1a1 to permit early commencement of the 2006 Arterial Street Rehabilitation Program; and \$1,000,000 in category A2b to permit early commencement of 2006 Sidewalk Reconstruction work. Funding is provided from 2006-2008 borrowing authority approved by plebiscite.

ADOPTED ON CONSENT

**6. Proposed Amendments to the Vancouver Charter
January 18, 2006 (File 08-0500-10)**

MOVED by Councillor Deal

THAT Council approve requests to the Province for amendments to the Vancouver Charter substantially as follows:

- (a) allow the City to enforce or restrain by-law breaches by proceeding rather than action;
- (b) allow the Police to hold the proceeds from sale of property held by the Police for six months rather than one year, and to sell property being held by the Police within three months rather than six months;
- (c) allow Firefighters to direct traffic at or near non-fire emergencies if they arrive before the Police; and
- (d) give Council authority to relax the Sign By-law in relation to unnecessary hardship, heritage and historic properties, technical innovations, and special events, and to delegate such authority to the Director of Planning, and also to allow a person aggrieved by a decision on a relaxation by the Director of Planning to ask Council to re-consider.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**7. International Conference on the Reduction of Drug Related Harm
January 27, 2006 (File 08-2200-20)**

MOVED by Councillor Ladner

THAT no Council members miss civic meetings to attend the International Conference on the Reduction of Drug Related Harm.

Withdrawn, with the consent of Council

Councillor Ladner requested a discussion during a Council In-Camera meeting to discuss some legal issues related to the International Conference on the Reduction of Drug Related Harm.

MOVED by Councillor Louie

THAT Council select Councillor Stevenson to attend the 17th International Conference on the Reduction of Drug Related Harm on April 30 - May 4, 2006.

FURTHER THAT Councillor Stevenson be granted a Leave of Absence for the May 2, 2006 Business License Hearing and Council meeting and for the May 4, 2006 City Services and Budgets meeting, the Planning and Environment meeting and the Court of Revision meeting.

Postponed

POSTPONEMENT MOVED by Councillor Anton

THAT consideration of Council representatives to the conference be postponed to the Council meeting immediately following the Standing Committee on City Services and Budgets meeting on February 2, 2006.

CARRIED
(Councillors Chow, Deal and Louie opposed)

POLICY REPORTS

1. **CD-1 (59) Text Amendment Vancouver General Hospital - Frontage
December 22, 2005 (File 11-3600-03)**

THAT the Director of Current Planning amend the CD-1 Bylaw No. 4472 for Vancouver General Hospital to permit a change in frontage provisions, and that the application be referred to a Public Hearing, generally in accordance with Appendix A of the Policy Report *CD-1 (59) Text Amendment Vancouver General Hospital - Frontage* dated December 22, 2005;

FURTHER THAT the Director of Legal Services be instructed to prepare the necessary By-law, generally in accordance with Appendix A of the Policy Report, for consideration at Public Hearing.

ADOPTED ON CONSENT

2. **CD-1 (59) Text Amendment Vancouver General Hospital - Retail Store (Hospital) Size**
December 22, 2005 (File 11-3600-03)

THAT the application by Peter Arbuckle, Development Consultant, to amend CD-1 Bylaw No. 4472 for Vancouver General Hospital, to permit a change in Retail Store (Hospital) Size Limits, generally in accordance with Appendix A of the Policy Report *CD-1 (59) Text Amendment Vancouver General Hospital - Retail Store (Hospital) Size* dated December 22, 2006, be referred to a Public Hearing, and be approved;

FURTHER THAT the Director of Legal Services be instructed to prepare the necessary amending by-law, generally in accordance with Appendix A of the Policy Report, for consideration at the Public Hearing.

ADOPTED ON CONSENT

3. **Downtown District Official Development Plan Amendment for Victory Square**
January 12, 2005 (File 11-3600-03)

A. THAT the Director of Current Planning be instructed to make application to amend the Downtown District Official Development Plan (DODP) to define Victory Square as a heritage character area and to provide density and height provisions, and that this application be referred to a Public Hearing, along with the draft by-law amendments, generally as contained in Appendix A of the Policy Report *Downtown District Official Development Plan Amendment for Victory Square* dated January 12, 2006;

FURTHER THAT the Director of Legal Services be instructed to prepare the necessary amending by-laws, generally as contained in Appendix A of the Policy Report, for consideration at the Public Hearing.

B. THAT the Director of Current Planning be instructed to make application to amend the Parking By-law to establish parking standards for Victory Square, generally as contained in Appendix B of the Policy Report *Downtown District Official Development Plan Amendment for Victory Square* dated January 12, 2006;

AND FURTHER THAT the Director of Legal Services be instructed to prepare the necessary amending by-law, generally as contained in Appendix B of the Policy Report.

C. THAT, subject to approval of the by-laws at the Public Hearing, the by-laws be accompanied at the time of enactment by the Victory Square Guidelines, generally as outlined in Appendix C of the Policy Report *Downtown District Official Development Plan Amendment for Victory Square* dated January 12, 2006, to be approved by Council.

- D. THAT the Victory Square Policy Plan (2005) replace the 1991 Victory Square Policy in the "Land Use and Development Policies and Guidelines".

ADOPTED ON CONSENT

4. **Miscellaneous Text Amendments: Zoning and Development By-law, CD-1 By-laws and Zoning and Development Fee**
January 18, 2006 (File 11-3600-03)

- A. THAT the Director of Current Planning be instructed to make application to amend the Zoning and Development By-law, and CD-1 By-laws for miscellaneous amendments generally as presented in Appendix A of the Policy Report *Miscellaneous Text Amendments: Zoning and Development By-law, CD-1 By-laws and Zoning and Development Fee* dated January 18, 2006, and that the application be referred to a Public Hearing;

FURTHER THAT the Director of Legal Services be instructed to prepare the necessary amending by-law, generally in accordance with Appendix A of the Policy Report, for consideration at the Public Hearing.

- B. THAT Miscellaneous amendments to the Zoning and Development Fee By-law be approved, generally in accordance with Appendix B of the Policy Report *Miscellaneous Text Amendments: Zoning and Development By-law, CD-1 By-laws and Zoning and Development Fee* dated January 18, 2006;

FURTHER THAT the Director of Legal Services be instructed to bring forward the necessary by-law for enactment.

ADOPTED ON CONSENT

5. **Downtown Official Development Plan - Text Amendment to include 149 West Hastings Street and 150 West Cordova Street in Downtown District Sub-area "C1" (Woodward's Site)**
January 11, 2006 (File 11-3600-03)

- A. THAT the Director of Current Planning be instructed to make application to amend the Downtown Official Development Plan to include the properties at 149 West Hastings Street (Lot 11 E 46 ft., Lot 12 W 25 ft. & Lot 12 E 25 ft. of W 50 ft., Block 4, Old Granville Townsite, Plan 168) and 150 West Cordova Street (Lot B of 5 & 6, Lot 6 W 33 ft. & Lot 7 E Half, Block 4, OGT, Plan 168) in sub-area "C1" of the Downtown District, generally in accordance with Appendix A of the Policy Report *Downtown Official Development Plan - Text Amendment to include 149 West Hastings Street and 150 West Cordova Street in Downtown District Sub-area "C1" (Woodward's Site)* dated January 11, 2006, and that the application be referred to a Public Hearing;

FURTHER THAT the Director of Legal Services be instructed to prepare the necessary by-law, generally in accordance with Appendix A of the Policy Report, for consideration at the Public Hearing.

- B. THAT, subject to approval of the by-law to amend the Downtown Official Development Plan at Public Hearing, consequential amendments to other Policies and Guidelines generally as outlined in Appendix B of the Policy Report *Downtown Official Development Plan - Text Amendment to include 149 West Hastings Street and 150 West Cordova Street in Downtown District Sub-area "C1" (Woodward's Site)* dated January 11, 2006, be adopted.

ADOPTED ON CONSENT

6. SEFC ODP Amendments Relating to Housing Mix and Childcare Facilities
January 26, 2006 (File 11-3600-03)

MOVED by Councillor Ladner

THAT the Director of Current Planning be instructed to make application to amend the Southeast False Creek Official Development Plan By-law No. 9073 generally in accordance with Appendix A of the Policy Report *SEFC ODP Amendments Relating to Housing Mix and Childcare Facilities* dated January 26, 2006; and

FURTHER THAT the Director of Legal Services be instructed to prepare the necessary by-law generally in accordance with Appendix A of the Policy Report;

AND FURTHER THAT the application and the by-law be referred to a Public Hearing.

CARRIED
(Councillors Cadman, Chow, Deal, and Louie opposed)

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 Stevenson
SECONDED by Councillor Anton

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOTIONS

A. Administrative Motions

None.

B. Motions on Notice

1. Parking Stall (File 05-4200-17)

MOVED by Councillor Louie
SECONDED by Councillor Deal

WHEREAS:

1. Some businesses are seeking a reduction or elimination of the TransLink parking stall tax;
2. This tax is designed to fund crucial transportation infrastructure investments across the region without posing a further burden to property taxpayers or transit riders; and
3. The tax would produce greater equity for Vancouver businesses, which already pay a sales tax on parking, with their suburban competitors, which paid no tax;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this Council reiterate its support for TransLink's current three-year investment program and the financial measures, including the stall tax, which fund it.

Postponed

AMENDMENT MOVED by Councillor Anton

THAT the resolve in the motion be amended to read as follows:
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Council reiterate its support for TransLink's current transportation goals particularly those measures which discourage sprawl and encourage transportation.

Postponed

AMENDMENT TO THE AMENDMENT MOVED by Councillor Louie

THAT the amendment be amended to read as follows:
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Council reiterate its support for TransLink's current three-year plan and 10-year outlook and the financial measures, including the stall tax, which fund it.

Postponed

POSTPONEMENT MOVED by Councillor Capri

THAT Council postpone consideration of the matter to the Council meeting immediately following the Standing Committee on City Services and Budgets meeting on February 2, 2006.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

NEW BUSINESS

1. **WI-FI - Wireless Internet Services (File 04-4000-21)**

The following motion was submitted by Councillor Ladner. The Mayor called Notice under Section 5.4(c) of the Procedure By-law. The Motion will be placed on the next Regular Council meeting to be held February 2, 2006 immediately following the Standing Committee on City Services and Budgets meeting.

WHEREAS:

1. Many cities are investing in wireless municipal infrastructure;
2. free or low-cost wireless internet services can serve both business and community goals;
3. various models have been adopted, usually involving public and private partners;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

THAT Staff report back on the desirability and options for pursuing a free or low-cost high-speed wireless municipal internet system in selected areas of the City in a way that does not add costs to City taxpayers, to achieve the goals of:

1. Promoting business;
2. Building community through electronic connectivity;
3. Bridging the digital divide by making internet access more accessible and affordable to low income residents;
4. Reducing communication costs for the City's own operations; and
5. Improving the delivery of emergency and other municipal services.

Notice

2. Provincial Housing Program (File 11-2200-01)

The following motion was submitted by Councillor Deal. The Mayor called Notice under Section 5.4(c) of the Procedure By-law. The Motion will be placed on the next Regular Council meeting to be held February 2, 2006 immediately following the Standing Committee on City Services and Budgets meeting.

WHEREAS homelessness has doubled in Vancouver since 2002 due to changes in provincial income assistance and housing policy; and

WHEREAS the homelessness strategy unanimously adopted by the last Council relied on funding from senior levels of government to build affordable and low-income housing as a way to reduce homelessness over time; and

WHEREAS recent news reports suggest the provincial government is considering rent subsidies to renters instead of revitalizing the housing program, a move which tenants' groups say will not meet the growing need;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this Council support the City of Vancouver's Homelessness Action Plan, and call on the provincial government to restore a full subsidized housing program as the lead element in the fight against homelessness; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Vancouver seek endorsement of this motion by the GVRD and the UBCM.

Notice

3. Request for Leave-Of-Absence - Councillor Kim Capri (File 08-2200-01)

The following motion was submitted. The Mayor called Notice under Section 5.4(c) of the Procedure By-law. The Motion will be placed on the next Regular Council meeting to be held February 2, 2006 immediately following the Standing Committee on City Services and Budgets meeting.

THAT Councillor Kim Capri be granted a Leave of Absence from the Court of Revision meeting to be held February 16, 2006 due to her attendance at the UBCM Seminar being held for newly elected officials (Councillor Capri was elected as the UBCM Executive).

Notice

4. Request for Leave-Of-Absence - Councillor Heather Deal (File 08-2200-20)

The following motion was submitted. The Mayor called Notice under Section 5.4(c) of the Procedure By-law. The Motion will be placed on the next Regular Council meeting to be held February 2, 2006 immediately following the Standing Committee on City Services and Budgets meeting.

THAT Councillor Heather Deal be granted a Leave of Absence from the Court of Revision meeting to be held February 16, 2006 due to her attendance at the UBCM Seminar being held for newly elected officials.

Notice

ENQUIRIES AND OTHER MATTERS

1. Acknowledgement of the Passing of David Cohen (File 08-2000-20)

Councillor Deal acknowledged the recent passing of David Cohen, a dedicated patron of arts.

ANNOUNCEMENT

The Mayor announced the In-Camera meeting scheduled for later today will be rescheduled to Thursday, February 2, 2006.

The Council adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

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