



CITY OF VANCOUVER
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 16, 2006

A Special Meeting of the Council of the City of Vancouver was held on Thursday, February 16, 2006, at 7:30 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 Peter Ladner
Councillor B.C. Lee
Councillor Raymond Louie
Councillor Tim Stevenson

ABSENT: Councillor Heather Deal (Civic Business)

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE: Denise Salmon, Meeting Coordinator

MOVED by Councillor Anton
SECONDED by Councillor Ladner

THAT this Council resolve itself into Court of Revision for the purpose of hearing complaints against the accuracy of names of property owners, or any other complaint which persons interested may desire to make and which is by law cognizable by the Court, Mayor Sullivan in the Chair.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

COURT OF REVISION

Projects by Council Initiative

Collingwood BIA Renewal
Hastings North BIA Renewal
Kerrisdale BIA Renewal
Kitsilano Fourth Avenue BIA Renewal
Robson Street BIA Renewal
South Granville BIA Mid-term Expansion
Proposed Cambie Village BIA

Delegations

Mayor Sullivan called for representations relating only to errors or omissions in the names of property owners, and no one came forward.

RISE FROM COURT OF REVISION

MOVED by Councillor Louie
SECONDED by Councillor Cadman

THAT the Court of Revision rise and report.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

COUNCIL

ADOPT THE REPORT OF THE COURT OF REVISION

MOVED by Councillor Louie
SECONDED by Councillor Cadman

THAT the report of the Court of Revision be adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Memorandum from the Director of City Plans February 6, 2006

Before Council was a memorandum from the Director of City Plans, dated February 6, 2006, which noted that on November 29, 2005, Council considered the following Business Improvement Area (BIA) applications:

- Collingwood BIA Renewal
- Hastings North BIA Renewal
- Kerrisdale BIA Renewal
- Kitsilano Fourth Avenue BIA Renewal
- Robson Street BIA Renewal
- South Granville BIA Mid-term Expansion
- Proposed Cambie Village BIA

The applications were described in Appendices to the memorandum. Property owners in the BIA areas were given appropriate notifications as required by the Vancouver Charter, and business tenants also received notification according to City Policy.

Circulated at the meeting was a memorandum dated February 16, 2006, from the BIA Coordinator, which provided information on the objections received for the BIA applications, updated to 5:00 p.m., February 16, 2006.

Peter Vaisbord, BIA Coordinator, reviewed the agenda and process with Council, and with the aid of area maps, reviewed the objections received for the applications. Prior to considering the applications, the following speakers were heard:

Collingwood BIA Renewal

There were no speakers on this BIA renewal.

MOVED by Councillor Cadman
SECONDED by Councillor Louie

THAT the application of the Collingwood Business Improvement Association, as described in Appendix A of the memorandum dated February 6, 2006, from the Director of City Plans, be approved and that the Director of Legal Services, in consultation with the Director of City Plans, prepare by-laws: to re-establish the Collingwood BIA and establish a new funding ceiling, and to remit monies for a business promotion scheme.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Hastings North BIA Renewal

There were no speakers on this BIA renewal.

MOVED by Councillor Cadman
SECONDED by Councillor Lee

THAT the application of the Hastings North Business Improvement Association, as described in Appendix B of the memorandum dated February 6, 2006, from the Director of City Plans, be approved and that the Director of Legal Services, in consultation with the Director of City Plans, prepare by-laws: to re-establish the Hastings North BIA and establish a new funding ceiling, and to remit monies for a business promotion scheme.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Kerrisdale BIA Renewal

There were no speakers on this BIA renewal.

MOVED by Councillor Cadman
SECONDED by Councillor Chow

THAT the application of the Kerrisdale Business Association, as described in Appendix C of the memorandum dated February 6, 2006, from the Director of City Plans, be approved and that the Director of Legal Services, in consultation with the Director of City Plans, prepare by-laws: to re-establish the Kerrisdale BIA and establish a new funding ceiling, and to remit monies for a business promotion scheme.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Kitsilano Fourth Avenue BIA Renewal

There were no speakers on this BIA renewal.

MOVED by Councillor Cadman
SECONDED by Councillor Capri

THAT the application of the Kitsilano 4th Avenue Business Association, as described in Appendix D of the memorandum dated February 6, 2006, from the Director of City Plans, be approved and that the Director of Legal Services, in consultation with the Director of City Plans, prepare by-laws: to re-establish the Kitsilano Fourth Avenue BIA and establish a new funding ceiling, and to remit monies for a business promotion scheme.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Robson Street BIA Renewal

There were no speakers on this BIA renewal.

MOVED by Councillor Stevenson
SECONDED by Councillor Louie

THAT the application of the Robson Street Business Association, as described in Appendix E of the memorandum dated February 6, 2006, from the Director of City Plans, be approved and that the Director of Legal Services, in consultation with the Director of City Plans, prepare by-laws: to re-establish the Robson Street BIA and establish a new funding ceiling, and to remit monies for a business promotion scheme.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

South Granville BIA Mid-term Expansion

There were no speakers on this BIA mid-term expansion.

MOVED by Councillor Ladner
SECONDED by Councillor Stevenson

THAT the application of the South Granville Business Improvement Association, as described in Appendix F of the memorandum dated February 6, 2006, from the Director of City Plans, be approved and that the Director of Legal Services, in consultation with the Director of City Plans, prepare by-laws to expand the South Granville BIA.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Proposed Cambie Village BIA

Leonard Schein, Cambie Business Association, spoke in support of the proposed BIA, explained how he had worked to bring together all parties on this project, and noted the benefits to the area and the city.

MOVED by Councillor Ball
SECONDED by Councillor Chow

THAT the application of the Cambie Business Association, as described in Appendix G of the memorandum dated February 6, 2006, from the Director of City Plans, be approved and that the Director of Legal Services, in consultation with the Director of City Plans, prepare by-laws: to establish the Cambie Village BIA and funding ceiling, and to remit monies for a business promotion scheme.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

In response to questions from Council, staff provided information on methods used to calculate a property's share of a BIA levy and potential alternatives for the assessment of tenants who rent from the City, and noted there are no restrictions on BIAs conducting advocacy or lobbying activities.

The Special Council adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

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