

COUNCIL MEETING FOLLOWING
PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT MEETING

March 2, 2006

DECISIONS

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At its meeting immediately following the Standing Committee on Planning and Environment meeting on March 2, 2006, Vancouver City Council approved the following:

1. University of British Columbia: Future Plans

THAT the presentation on future plans for the University of British Columbia be received for information.

**2. 3669 West 4th Avenue - Private Liquor Store
Development Application Number DE409920**

THAT the Director of Planning be advised that Council would favour approval of Development Application Number DE409920 for a Private Liquor Store (Type 1 - Wine Only) at 3669 West 4th Avenue.

**3. 6169 Fraser Street - Private Liquor Store
Development Application Number DE409667**

THAT the Director of Planning be advised that Council would not favour approval of Development Application Number DE409667 for a Private Liquor Store (Type 1 - Beer and Wine) at 6169 Fraser Street.

4. Support for Childcare

WHEREAS:

1. The City of Vancouver has a long tradition of providing leadership in the development and support of licensed, non-profit childcare.
2. The previous federal government committed almost \$5 billion over 5 years to establish a national childcare program, of which \$633 million was to come to BC.
3. The current federal government promised to rip up these agreements in March of 2007.

4. The current federal government is replacing the national childcare plan with individual payments to families with children that are in fact taxable family bonuses and will do nothing to further develop a national childcare program.
5. The suggested bonus of \$1200 a year will cover just over one month's cost for children under 18 months.
6. There is a lack of facilities for younger children, including those with parents who can afford to pay for child care.
7. The provincial government has been slow to raise opposition to this plan, despite very public concern expressed by other provinces, families and the childcare community;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

1. THAT Council acknowledge that the primary responsibility for funding and administering comprehensive childcare programs rests with senior levels of government.
2. THAT Council affirm its commitment to work cooperatively and in partnership with the provincial and federal government to ensure we meet the city's overall targets for developing new child care spaces.
3. THAT Mayor and Council write a letter to senior levels of government indicating that every effort should be made to ensure Vancouver families have access to affordable and accessible child care through the established national child care program, and support for continuation of the aforementioned program.

ENQUIRIES AND OTHER MATTERS

1. Councillor Louie requested staff report back with a memo on the advisability of suspending the Fraser Street Local Shopping Area a considered area for development applicants for liquor stores.
2. Councillor Ladner requested staff report back with a memo on the advisability of including spirits in beer and wine stores and whether the process can be rationalized with or without going through neighbourhood consultation.

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