

COUNCIL MEETING FOLLOWING
PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT MEETING
March 9, 2006

DECISIONS

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1. 2227 East 43rd Avenue - Warning to Prospective Purchasers

THAT the City Clerk be directed to file a 336D Notice against the title to the property at 2227 East 43rd Avenue, Lot17, District Lot 719 E Ptn, Plan 3429, PID 012-892-203 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.

2. Heritage Revitalization Agreement Options for 1285 West Pender Street (Evergreen Building)

A. THAT Council supports, in principle, sending to Public Hearing, the heritage conservation and designation of the Evergreen Building at 1285 West Pender Street, based on:

(i) Residential use conversion, 5-storey addition to the roof and 129,000 square feet of bonus density for transfer, AND/OR

(ii) Commercial use retention, no additions to roof and 150,000 square feet of bonus density for transfer; and

FURTHER THAT If Council chooses Recommendation A of Administrative Report , *Heritage Revitalization Agreement Options for 1285 West Pender Street (Evergreen Building)*, dated February 24, 2006, instruct the Director of Legal Services to prepare the requisite Heritage Revitalization Agreement(s) for Public Hearing; and,

FURTHER THAT if Council approves Recommendation A, this decision does not prejudice Council's decision regarding the HRA(s) at a Public Hearing; and

FURTHER THAT Council thank the owner, the Vancouver Heritage Commission and staff for their efforts in pursuing heritage conservation and designation of the Evergreen Building at 1285 West Pender.

3. World Peace Forum 2006 Funding Request

- A. That Council determine that the World Peace Forum Society has not met the conditions established in the Council motion of March 31, 2005 for the release of further funding.
- B. THAT Council instruct the City Manager to take the appropriate action to ensure that the organizers and others respect and confirm City Council's decision on March 31, 2005 regarding the City of Vancouver's relationship to the World Peace Forum 2006 as welcoming the World Peace Forum to Vancouver and providing a one time grant to the World Peace Forum Society in support of the event and that Council is not "endorsing", "co-hosting", "co-sponsoring", or "co-organizing" the event or any of its components.
- C. THAT Council request the City Manager undertake the necessary actions to ensure that the City's role and responsibilities in relation to the World Peace Forum are publicly clarified.
- D. THAT Council direct the Peace and Justice Committee to cease any involvement in the planning, organization and delivery of the World Peace Forum.
- E. THAT City Council urge the World Peace Forum Society to quickly address issues of concern, such as security, emergency preparedness and transportation, and as part of the general preparation and public program for the event follow the regulations of the City of Vancouver through the Special Events Office and the Vancouver Police Department.
- F. THAT given the international nature and topical significance of the World Peace Forum 2006 that City Council provide a one time special grant of \$50,000 to the World Peace Forum Society in support of the event.
- G. THAT in the spirit of the March 31, 2005 Motion, a further \$50,000 is available to the World Peace Forum Society subject raising \$584,000 in cash donations, and meeting all the conditions in items B to E.

MOTIONS ON NOTICE

1. 2006 Community Services Grants

The Mayor noted a request to speak had been received, and Council agreed to refer this matter to a future meeting of Standing Committee in order to hear speakers.

MOVER: Councillor Louie

SECONDER: Councillor

WHEREAS Community Services Grants provide core financial support to non-profit organizations which work with each other, various levels of government that include the City and residents to address social problems to bring about positive social change;

AND WHEREAS over 100 groups received Community Services Grants totaling approximately \$3.9 million in 2005 to provide essential community based services and resources such as at-risk youth outreach, anti-violence programs, tenants rights legal information, support to people with disabilities, seniors, women's groups, recent immigrants and neighbourhood groups;

AND WHEREAS the community-based groups who receive these grants rely on a consistent and transparent grant decision making process;

AND WHEREAS the proposed 8% cuts in funding and the reduction from a 12 month to a 6 month grant for the 2006 Community Services Grants are not consistent with past practice;

AND WHEREAS a reduction in the amount and stability of Community Services Grants not only puts at-risk critical community based services but also severely hinders the ability of community based groups to structurally and organizationally plan, retain staff and leverage additional funds;

AND WHEREAS the services and resources provided by community-based groups are essential to the well-being of Vancouver's residents and should be a priority for City funding;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Vancouver maintain the past practice of providing one-year Community Service Grants and re-commit Council support for community-based social services and resources as a spending priority.

2. City-wide International Women's Day Celebration in 2007

At the Regular Council meeting on March 7, 2006, the following motion was submitted by Councillor Deal. Councillor Anton called Notice under Section 5.4(c) of the Procedure By-law. The motion was to be considered at the Regular Council meeting immediately following the Standing Committee on Planning and Environment meeting of March 9, 2006; however, due to time constraints, this matter was referred to a future meeting of Council.

Moved by Councillor Deal
Seconded by Councillor Stevenson

Whereas International Women's Day has been celebrated annually on March 8 since 1909 to recognize women as makers of history and is an occasion marked by women's groups around the world, commemorated at the United Nations, and designated by many countries as a national holiday;

And Whereas cities in Canada also recognize the important contributions of women to their communities and society as a whole;

And Whereas the City of Vancouver is a city of celebration that honours the diversity of its citizenry through arts & cultural and recreational activities;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Vancouver City Council and Mayor request staff to work with city partners including the School Board, Park Board, Library Board and Community Associations to recognize and celebrate women throughout the city on International Women's Day for the year 2007.

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