



REPORT TO COUNCIL
STANDING COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL
ON CITY SERVICES AND BUDGETS

MARCH 23, 2006

A Regular Meeting of the Standing Committee of Council on City Services and Budgets was held on Thursday, March 23, 2006, at 9:30 a.m., in the Council Chamber, Third Floor, City Hall.

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

CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE: Judy Rogers, City Manager

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE: Denise Salmon, Meeting Coordinator

*Denotes absence for a portion of the meeting

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

The Minutes of the Standing Committee on City Services and Budgets meetings of February 16, and March 2, 2006, were adopted.

RECOMMENDATION

- 1. Vancouver Economic Development Commission ("VEDC") Changes to Term of Service Contract, Board Size, and Term of Appointment for Board Members (VanRIMS No. 05-1000-20)**

The Committee had before it an Administrative Report dated March 7, 2006, in which the General Manager of Corporate Services sought Council approval for the proposed amendments of the Term and ancillary amendments of the service contract between the City and the VEDC, and amendments to the VEDC's by-laws to reduce the Board size and to lengthen the term of appointment for Board members. The City Manager recommended approval.

Estelle Lo, General Manager of Corporate Services, provided Council with an overview of the report and introduced Melinda Entwistle, Executive Director, VEDC and Linda Caisley, VEDC Board of Directors Chair. Ms. Entwistle responded to concerns raised by Council related to

the requested decrease in members, with note that her Board feels nine to be an optimum number to target the skills and expertise required.

MOVED by Councillor Stevenson
THAT the Committee recommend to Council

- A. THAT Council approve an amendment of the term of the service contract (the "Term") between City of Vancouver (the "City") and the Vancouver Economic Development Commission (the "VEDC") from one year to three years to match the term of Council; Provided That any obligation of the City to provide funding for each year of the three-year service contract will be subject to an annual review of the preceding year's operating and financial results and Council approval of the upcoming year's business plan and operating budget. In association with the extension of the Term of the service contract, That Council also approve that the service contract be amended to provide that any contracts that the VEDC proposes to enter into which are for a length of more than one year will require Council approval. The current provision in the service contract that allows the City to terminate the service contract on 90-day notice will remain in effect.
- B. THAT Council approve an amendment of the VEDC by-laws to lengthen the term of appointment for Board members from two years to three years, subject to the approval by the Director of Legal Services of the language of the amendments prepared by the VEDC's legal counsel.
- C. THAT Council approve an amendment of the VEDC by-laws to reduce the size of the VEDC Board from a maximum of fifteen members to a maximum of nine members over three years, subject to the approval by the Director of Legal Services of the language of the amendments prepared by the VEDC's legal counsel.
- D. THAT the service contract between the City and the VEDC be amended by and on terms and conditions satisfactory to the Director of Legal Services to reflect provision of A above.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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NOTE FROM CLERK: At this point in the meeting the General Manager of Corporate Services explained that Agenda Items 2 and 4 through 11, before Council this day, are to be received for information, and the reports' recommendations be referred to the April 4th Council meeting.

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2. Vancouver Economic Development Commission ("VEDC") 2005 Operating and Financial Results (Unaudited), 2006-2008 Business Plan and 2006 Operating Budget (VanRIMS No. 05-1000-20)

The Committee had before it an Administrative Report dated March 10, 2006, in which the General Manager of Corporate Services recommended that Council determine the 2006-2008 economic development priorities for Vancouver, consider the new program initiatives proposed by the VEDC, and provide appropriate funding to reflect such priorities. Staff further recommended that Council approve that a three-year service contract be entered into between the City and the VEDC from 2006 to 2008 that reflects Council priorities.

The City Manager noted it is not feasible to accommodate the VEDC 2006 budget requests in its entirety, but to ensure Vancouver remains the dominant city within the GVRD it would be appropriate for the City to provide funding to enable the VEDC to effectively fulfill its mandate in accordance with the economic development priorities determined by Council, and Council may consider approving any or all of the proposed economic development program initiatives.

Melinda Entwistle, Executive Director, VEDC introduced the Board members present, and with the aid of an overhead presentation (copy on file in City Clerk's Office), provided highlights of the VEDC 2006 Business Plan and Budget. Ms. Entwistle explained the working relationship between the Commission and Council and responded to questions related to the need to not only attract businesses to Vancouver, but also keep those currently here.

MOVED by Councillor Stevenson
THAT the Committee recommend to Council

THAT the Administrative Report dated March 10, 2006, entitled "Vancouver Economic Development Commission ("VEDC") 2005 Operating and Financial Results (Unaudited), 2006-2008 Business Plan and 2006 Operating Budget" be received for information and the report's recommendations be referred to the April 4, 2006, meeting of Council.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. 2006 Property Taxation: Distribution of the Tax Levy (VanRIMS No. 05-4200-10)

WITHDRAWN - will be rescheduled.

4. Permit Processing - Completion of Resources Strategy (VanRIMS No. 05-1000-20)

The Committee had before it an Administrative Report dated February 28, 2006, in which the Co-Director of Development Services - Operations & Client Services, confirmed and finalized the requirements for four additional positions in the Development Services Department and outlined progress to date on the hiring and work outcomes of 13.5 previously approved permit processing positions in five departments, and work to date on the regulatory review. The City Manager recommended approval.

Chris Warren, Co-Director of Development Services - Operations & Client Services, provided Council with an overview of the report, and along with Jacquie Forbes-Roberts, General Manager of Community Services, responded to questions related to a possible fee increase for cost recovery in consideration of the budget.

MOVED by Councillor Cadman
THAT the Committee recommend to Council

THAT the Administrative Report dated February 28, 2006, entitled "Permit Processing - Completion of Resources Strategy" be received for information and the report's recommendations be referred to the April 4, 2006, meeting of Council.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Councillor Louie and the Mayor absent for the vote)

5. Employee Relations & Advisory Services - Development Plan
(VanRIMS No. 05-1000-20)

The Committee had before it an Administrative Report dated March 8, 2006, in which the General Manager of Human Resource Services sought Council approval to create three new staff positions within Employee Relations and Advisory Services to address recruitment and retention issues, employee career planning, corporate career pathing, SAP HR module completion and continued HR policy development work. The City Manager recommended approval.

Mike Zora, General Manager, Human Resources, provided Council with an overview of the report, including highlights of major areas being targeted.

MOVED by Councillor Cadman
THAT the Committee recommend to Council

THAT the Administrative Report dated March 8, 2006, entitled "Employee Relations & Advisory Services - Development Plan" be received for information and the report's recommendations be referred to the April 4, 2006, meeting of Council.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(The Mayor absent for the vote)

6. Continuation of Drug Policy Program (VanRIMS No. 05-1000-20)

The Committee had before it an Administrative Report dated March 10, 2006, in which the Drug Policy Coordinator summarized the activities of the Drug Policy Program from 2003-2006, and recommended continuation of the Drug Policy Program and program staff positions on a permanent basis. The City Manager presented the report for information.

Also before Council was a letter dated March 6, 2006, from the Chair, Health Officers Council of British Columbia, in support of the work of the City in addressing problematic substance use issues (circulated at the meeting - copy on file in City Clerk's Office).

Donald MacPherson, Drug Policy Coordinator, provided an overview of the report and responded to questions regarding estimated costs saving from the safe injection site, involvement of other municipalities and need for a regional approach, and results of the NAOMI project. Council members noted the need for more detox beds for girls as a priority, the need for a more decentralized model and the need to engage youth.

Estelle Lo, General Manager of Corporate Services, provided details on options for approving funding for this program.

MOVED by Councillor Capri
THAT the Committee recommend to Council

THAT the Administrative Report dated March 10, 2006, entitled "Continuation of Drug Policy Program" be received for information and the report's recommendations be referred to the April 4, 2006, meeting of Council.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7. Area Planning Public Process Funding (VanRIMS No. 05-1000-20)

The Committee had before it an Administrative Report dated March 2, 2006, in which the Director of City Plans sought replacement of irregular funding requests for area planning public processes with an annual budget that will provide for a more efficient and predictable approach to area planning. The General Manager recommended approval.

Ann McAfee, Co-Director of Planning/Director of City Plans, provided Council with an overview of the report and responded to questions regarding the public process.

MOVED by Councillor Cadman
THAT the Committee recommend to Council

THAT the Administrative Report dated March 2, 2006, entitled "Area Planning Public Process Funding" be received for information and the report's recommendations be referred to the April 4, 2006, meeting of Council.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(The Mayor absent for the vote)

8. Vancouver Heritage Register Upgrade Program
(VanRIMS No. 05-1000-20 and 11-2800-20)

The Committee had before it a Policy Report dated March 10, 2006, in which the Director of Current Planning sought Council approval for a proposed Heritage Register Upgrade Program together with staff, budget and funding. The General Manager of Community Services recommended approval.

Rob Jenkins, Assistant Director - Current Planning Initiatives Branch, provided an overview of the report and responded to questions on the need for ongoing maintenance of the register.

The following spoke in support of staff's recommendations:

Robert Lemon, Vancouver Heritage Foundation
James Burton, Vancouver Heritage Commission
Anthony Norfolk
Susan Boissonneault, Vice-President, Heritage Vancouver

Points raised included:

- upgrade of the register will help address lengthy and strife-ridden consultation with the City's Heritage Commission;
- the Vancouver Heritage Foundation Board has unanimously endorsed this upgrade in principle;
- this work is key in obtaining matching funds from senior levels of government in regard to the historic places initiatives program;
- there are many buildings in Vancouver that need to be looked at now;
- cost is great to the City, Commission, etc., by not upgrading;
- if supported by Council, the Heritage Commission would like to work with staff to refine terms of reference;
- 'mutilated' buildings (those stuccoed, covered with vinyl siding, or with replaced windows) need to be included in the inventory - many of these buildings retain much of their original character and material, and can, in most instances, be easily returned to their original state;
- the whole point of the inventory is to provide information which will allow Council to decide the future of many of the City's historic buildings; and
- the Heritage Register Upgrade Program is a number one priority for the City right now.

MOVED by Councillor Deal
THAT the Committee recommend to Council

THAT the Policy Report dated March 10, 2006, entitled "Vancouver Heritage Register Upgrade Program" be received for information and the report's recommendations be referred to the April 4, 2006, meeting of Council.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Councillor Louie and the Mayor absent for the vote)

9. World Urban Forum 2006 - Budget Request (VanRIMS No. 05-1000-20)

The Committee had before it an Administrative Report dated March 7, 2006, in which the Director of City Plans, in consultation with the Corporate Management Team, recommended \$330,000 in one-time funding for the United Nations World Urban Forum be added to the 2006 Operating Budget, and that \$250,000 be allocated in the 2006 Contingency Reserve Budget for potential additional security and policing costs. The General Manager of Community Services recommended approval.

Ann McAfee, Co-Director of Planning/Director - City Plans, provided Council with an overview of the report and referenced a pamphlet entitled "Ideas into Action" (distributed at the meeting and on file in the City Clerk's Office). Dr. McAfee also advised that the World Urban Forum events are now free to all, and in response to a question from Council advised she would follow up with the World Urban Forum (WUF) and FCM regarding invitations.

MOVED by Councillor Deal
THAT the Committee recommend to Council

THAT the Administrative Report dated March 7, 2006, entitled "World Urban Forum 2006 - Budget Request" be received for information and the report's recommendations be referred to the April 4, 2006, meeting of Council.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**10. Funding for Feasibility Study: Pacific Foundation for the Advancement of Minority Equality (*The Centre* - LGTB Community Centre)
(VanRIMS No. 05-1000-20)**

The Committee had before it an Administrative Report dated March 8, 2006, in which the Director of Social Planning proposed a grant of \$35,000 to undertake a two-part feasibility study for *The Centre*, which will confirm the vision for a proposed new LGTB Community Centre and analyze components and required next steps to develop such a centre. The General Manager of Community Services submitted the report for Council's consideration as part of the 2006 Operating Budget.

Jeff Brooks, Director of Social Planning, and Judy Rogers, City Manager, responded to questions regarding the need to approve funding for this project in 2006, as monies were already approved in 2005.

Donna Wilson, Executive Director, The Centre, Pacific Foundation for the Advancement of Minority Equality, advised Council of the need for larger accessible space and the important contribution the Centre will provide in building on the kind of city we want people to see when they come in 2010.

MOVED by Councillor Stevenson
THAT the Committee recommend to Council

THAT the Administrative Report dated March 8, 2006, entitled "Funding for Feasibility Study: Pacific Foundation for the Advancement of Minority Equality (*The Centre - LGTB Community Centre*)" be received for information and the report's recommendations be referred to the April 4, 2006, meeting of Council.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11. Additional Staffing to Bring the Vision Implementation Team to Full Strength
(VanRIMS No. 05-1000-20)

The Committee had before it an Administrative Report dated March 9, 2006, in which the Director of City Plans sought Council approval to bring the Vision Implementation Team to full strength. The General Manager of Community Services recommended approval.

Ted Sebastian, Senior Planner, Community Plans Branch, provided an overview of the report and highlighted three goals: to build community ability to address local issues; to improve efficiency of existing City program, and to build an ongoing positive relationship between the City and community.

The following spoke in support of the Vision Implementation process, and the staff's recommendation for additional staff, and provided highlights of positive impacts to each of their respective neighbourhoods:

Louise Seto, Sunset Visions Implementation Committee
John Buckberrough, Chair KCC City Plan Committee
Jason O'Brien, My Own Back Yard Community Association
Patricia Barnes, Hastings North BIA
Heather Weber, Co-Chair, Renfrew-Collingwood City Plan Committee
Stan Jang, Riley Park South Cambie Committee
Andrea Rolls, Victoria-Fraserview-Killarney Visions Committee
David Wright, Kerrisdale Committee
Allan Buium
Ingrid Steenhuisen, RPSC Community Liaison Group

Comments included:

- this process is vital in terms of the direction this city is going to go and provides a valuable amenity in our communities;
- provides a neighbourhood dialogue to enable neighbours to think about what type of housing might be acceptable, and more receptive to densification and those ideas presented in City Plan;
- this is not a project but a continuing process that requires funding;

- provides an opportunity to learn about City processes and to meet other residents in your neighborhood;
- support for Vision process which allows for public input and for neighbourhoods to be included in discussions of change before they occur; and
- the Vision Implementation Process will enable communities to continue to come together and grow.

Michael Csupak, referenced his involvement in a Vision Group, and noted his concern that meetings are chaired by City staff, which puts a bias on the final outcome.

MOVED by Councillor Cadman

THAT the Committee recommend to Council

THAT the Administrative Report dated March 9, 2006, entitled "Additional Staffing to Bring the Vision Implementation Team to Full Strength" be received for information and the report's recommendations be referred to the April 4, 2006, meeting of Council.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

12. **Final Approval of the Extended Hours of Liquor Service Policy and the Business Premises Regulation of Hours By-law for Standard Hours Liquor Establishments and Extended Hours Liquor Establishments (VanRIMS No. 11-4600-50)**

WITHDRAWN - rescheduled to April 6, 2006.

13. **Business License Fees for Extended Hours Liquor Establishments (VanRIMS No. 11-4600-20)**

WITHDRAWN - rescheduled to April 6, 2006.

14. **2006 Property Tax Options: Three-Year Land Averaging for Property Tax Calculations (VanRIMS No. 05-4200-10)**

The Committee had before it, as background, an extract from the report to Council from the Standing Committee on City Services and Budgets meeting dated February 16, 2006, regarding the above-noted matter and the related Policy Report dated January 30, 2006.

Ken Bayne, Director of Financial Planning and Treasury, provided Council with a memorandum dated March 23, 2006, (circulated at the meeting and on file in the City Clerk's Office) regarding the Land Assessment Averaging By-law. Mr. Bayne provided highlights of the memorandum, and noted the relevant by-law was on Council's agenda for consideration at the Regular Council meeting immediately following this meeting.

The Committee adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

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CITY OF VANCOUVER

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES STANDING COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL ON CITY SERVICES AND BUDGETS

MARCH 23, 2006

A Regular Meeting of the Council of the City of Vancouver was held on Thursday, March 23, 2006, at 5:10 p.m., in the Council Chamber, Third Floor, City Hall, following the Standing Committee on City Services and Budgets 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
- Councillor Raymond Louie
- Councillor Tim Stevenson

CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE: Judy Rogers, City Manager

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE: Denise Salmon, Meeting Coordinator

"IN CAMERA" MEETING

MOVED by Councillor Capri
SECONDED by Councillor Ball

THAT Council will go into a special meeting on April 3, 2006, which is closed to the public, pursuant to Section 165.2(1) of the *Vancouver Charter*, to discuss matters related to paragraph(s):

(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;

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MOVED by Councillor Lee
SECONDED by Councillor Cadman

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Report of Standing Committee on City Services and Budgets March 23, 2006

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

1. Vancouver Economic Development Commission ("VEDC") Changes to Term of Service Contract, Board Size, and Term of Appointment for Board Members
2. Vancouver Economic Development Commission ("VEDC") 2005 Operating and Financial Results (Unaudited), 2006-2008 Business Plan and 2006 Operating Budget
3. 2006 Property Taxation: Distribution of the Tax Levy - **WITHDRAWN**
4. Permit Processing - Completion of Resources Strategy
5. Employee Relations & Advisory Services - Development Plan
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11. Additional Staffing to Bring the Vision Implementation Team to Full Strength
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13. Business License Fees for Extended Hours Liquor Establishments - **WITHDRAWN**
14. 2006 Property Tax Options: Three-Year Land Averaging for Property Tax Calculations

Items 1, 2, 4-11 and 14

MOVED by Councillor Deal

THAT the recommendations and actions taken by the Standing Committee on City Services and Budgets at its meeting of March 23, 2006, as contained in items 1, 2, 4-11 and 14, be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

RISE FROM COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MOVED by Councillor Anton

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

BY-LAWS

MOVED by Councillor Louie

SECONDED by Councillor Capri

THAT Council enact the by-law listed on the agenda for this meeting as number 1 and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign and seal the enacted by-law.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

1. A By-law to Average Land Assessment for 2006 (By-law No. 9266)

MOTIONS

A. Administrative Motions

None

B. Motions on Notice

1. International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination
(VanRIMS No. 01-2700-10)

MOVED by Councillor Cadman

SECONDED by Councillor Capri

THAT City Departments continue to identify anti-racism initiatives which they can report back on in 2007 in recognition of the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. Property Tax Abatement for Legions (VanRIMS No. 05-4200-10)

MOVED by Councillor Louie
SECONDED by Councillor Deal

THAT staff report back within six months by memorandum on the issue of possible property tax abatement for Legions.

lost

AMENDMENT MOVED by the Mayor

THAT the motion be amended by striking out "report back within six months by memorandum on the issue of possible property tax abatement for Legions" and replace with "continue to manage this file in the normal process".

withdrawn

Councillor Louie rose on a Point of Order to question the validity of the amendment. The Mayor agreed to withdraw his amendment on the advice of the Clerk because motions to "reaffirm" a position previously taken by adopting a motion or resolution are not in order.

POSTPONEMENT MOVED by Councillor Stevenson

THAT this matter be postponed for two weeks.

withdrawn

MOVED by Councillor Stevenson

THAT the motion to postpone be withdrawn.

CARRIED
(Mayor Sullivan opposed)

The motion to postpone being withdrawn, the motion was put and LOST with Councillors Anton, Ball, Capri, Ladner, Lee, and the Mayor opposed.

The Council adjourned at 5:55 p.m.

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