

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING FOLLOWING THE
STANDING COMMITTEE ON PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT
EXTRACT FROM THE MINUTES

Supports Item No. 3(a)
CS&B Committee Agenda
April 6, 2006

MARCH 9, 2006

MOTIONS

B. Motions on Notice

1. 2006 Community Services Grants (VanRIMS No. 05-5000-10)

At the Regular Council meeting on March 7, 2006, 2006, the following motion was submitted by Councillor Louie. Councillor Anton called Notice under Section 5.4(c) of the Procedure By-law.

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