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

MAY 25, 2006

A Regular Meeting of the Standing Committee of Council on City Services and Budgets was held on Thursday, May 25, 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, Vice-Chair
Councillor Tim Stevenson

CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE: Judy Rogers, City Manager

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE: Laura Kazakoff, Meeting Coordinator

RECOMMENDATION

1. 2006 Basic Capital Budget (VanRIMS No. 05-1400-20)

The Committee had before it an Administrative report dated May 2, 2006, in which the General Manager of Corporate Services/Director of Finance presented the first annual budget arising from the 2006-2008 Capital Plan and recommended the allocation of funding in that Plan to individual projects and programs.

Ken Bayne, Director of Financial Planning and Treasury, and Annette Klein, Director of Budget Services, provided an overview of the report, noting it was one of five before Council seeking approval of programs and projects in the 2006 Basic Capital Budget. Mr. Bayne responded to questions concerning the funding allocated for inflation adjustment, the debenture program, the City's credit rating and impacts on that rating due to regional issues, and affordable housing issues. Clyde Hosein, Director, Facility Design and Management, responded to questions concerning plans for upgrades to City facilities for bicycle commuters and visitors arriving by bicycle.

MOVED by Councillor Louie
THAT the Committee recommend to Council

- A. THAT the allocation of 2006 Capital from Revenue funding of \$17.4 million to the 2006 Capital Budget be as follows:

Engineering	\$ 3,255,000
Community Service Initiatives	\$ 5,015,000
Civic Property Management	\$ 2,450,000
Other	\$ 2,180,000
Supplementary Capital	\$ 1,000,000
Inflation Adjustment and Debenture Discount	<u>\$ 3,500,000</u>
Total	\$17,400,000

Engineering, Parks & Recreation Facilities, and Supplementary project/program approval included in accompanying reports.

- B. THAT the project/program expenditures in the Community Service Initiatives, Civic Property Management, Public Safety, Library Facility and Other components of the 2006 Basic Capital Budget as summarized in this report and detailed in Appendix 2 of the Administrative Report dated May 2, 2006, entitled "2006 Basic Capital Budget" be approved with the source of funding to be:

	<u>Capital from Revenue</u>	<u>Borrowing Authority</u>	<u>Development Cost Levies</u>
Community Services Initiatives	\$ 5,015,000	0	\$ 5,000,000
Civic Property Management	\$ 2,450,000	\$ 2,455,000	0
Public Safety	0	\$ 2,760,000	0
Library Facility	0	\$ 2,650,000	0
Other	\$2,180,000	0	0
Inflation Adjustment and Debenture Discount	\$3,500,000	0	0

- C. THAT the transfers of Capital Funds, as detailed in Appendix 3 of the Administrative Report dated May 2, 2006, entitled "2006 Basic Capital Budget", for various capital account closeouts, be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. 2006 Supplementary Capital Budget (VanRIMS No. 05-1400-20)

The Committee had before it an Administrative Report dated May 4, 2006, in which the General Manager of Corporate Services/Director of Finance reviewed the requests for funding from the 2006 Supplementary Capital Budget and forwarded recommended projects to Council for approval.

MOVED by Councillor Louie
THAT the Committee recommend to Council

- A. THAT the projects identified as RECOMMENDED in Appendix 1 of the Administrative Report dated May 4, 2006, entitled "2006 Supplementary Capital Budget" are approved; source of funds to be \$1,000,000 from the 2006 Supplementary Capital Budget.
- B. THAT Council approve the allocation of \$450,000 from Facility Unallocated Capital to partially fund the City Hall Precinct upgrades projects identified in Appendix 1 of the Administrative Report dated May 4, 2006, entitled "2006 Supplementary Capital Budget".

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. 2006 Engineering Basic Capital Budget and Close-Outs (VanRIMS No. 05-1400-20)

The Committee had before it an Administrative Report dated May 9, 2006, in which the General Manager of Engineering Services recommended approval of the 2006 Engineering Basic Capital Budget as well as for account close-outs, allocation of close-out funds and carry forward funding.

Peter Navratil, Budgets and Administration Engineer, with the aid of an overhead presentation, provided an overview of the report. Ian Adam, Assistant City Engineer - Streets, Jerry Dobrovolny, Assistant City Engineer - Transportation, Tom Timm, General Manager of Engineering Services, and Mr. Navratil, responded to questions concerning sewer separation, installation of sidewalk curb cuts, status of the Burrard Bridge improvement project, impacts of escalating construction costs and possible delays due to lack of contractors, street corner bulges, cost-sharing with other levels of government, and status of plans to implement coloured on-street bicycle lanes. In response to questions concerning street trees and tree replacement plans and the status of the city's bikeway network, staff noted both these matters would be the subject of upcoming reports to Council.

MOVED by Councillor Capri
THAT the Committee recommend to Council

- A. THAT the 2006 Streets, Street Lighting and Communications Basic Capital Budget totalling \$31,885,000 as summarized in the Administrative Report dated May 9, 2006, entitled "2006 Engineering Basic Capital Budget and Close-Outs" and detailed in Appendix 1 of that report be approved, with funding as follows:
 - \$28,630,000 to be provided from borrowing approved by plebiscite as part of the 2006-2008 Capital Plan for Streets, Communications and Street Lighting components of the budget; and
 - \$3,255,000 to be provided from 2006 Capital from Revenue.

The total funding includes \$4,646,500 for Streets Capital that has been approved in advance by Council in previous reports.

- B. THAT Development Cost Levies (DCL's) totalling \$2,350,000 be allocated to the Streets program as detailed in Appendix I of the Administrative Report dated May 9, 2006, entitled "2006 Engineering Basic Capital Budget and Close-Outs".
- C. THAT the 2006 Sewers Basic Capital Budget totalling \$27,912,000 as summarized in this report and detailed in Appendix 1 of the Administrative Report dated May 9, 2006, entitled "2006 Engineering Basic Capital Budget and Close-Outs", be approved. Funding to be provided in new borrowing approved under Council authority for the 2006 - 2008 Capital Plan, for the Sewer component of the budget. This funding includes \$2,232,537 that has been approved in advance.
- D. THAT the 2006 Waterworks Basic Capital Budget totalling \$15,194,000 as summarized in this report and detailed in Appendix 1 of the Administrative Report dated May 9, 2006, entitled "2006 Engineering Basic Capital Budget and Close-Outs", be approved. Funding, to be provided in new borrowing approved under Council authority for the 2006 - 2008 Capital Plan, for the Water component of the budget.
- E. THAT the transfer of capital funding, as detailed in Appendix 2 of the Administrative Report dated May 9, 2006, entitled "2006 Engineering Basic Capital Budget and Close-Outs", for various capital program closeouts be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. 2006 Park Board Capital Budget (VanRIMS No. 05-1400-20)

The Committee had before it an Administrative Report dated May 3, 2006, in which the General Manager of Parks and Recreation recommended approval of the 2006 Park Board Capital Budget, including allocation of \$15,150,000 from funding sources identified in the 2006-2008 Capital Plan. Also recommended were three budget transfers over \$50,000 from previous capital plan allocations to complete the Sunset Community Centre renewal project.

Piet Rutgers, Director of Planning and Operations, Parks and Recreation, provided an overview of the 2006 Park Board Capital Budget, including the specific projects proposed for 2006. Mr. Rutgers, along with Ken Bayne, Director of Financial Planning and Treasury, responded to questions concerning bicycle path improvements on the Stanley Park Seawall, Mount Pleasant Pool, and status of Hastings Park greening plan.

MOVED by Councillor Stevenson
THAT the Committee recommend to Council

- A. THAT the 2006 Parks capital budget of \$15,150,000 outlined in Appendix B to the Administrative Report dated May 3, 2006, entitled "2006 Park Board Capital Budget", including previously approved spending of \$5,730,000 for current projects, be approved. The source of funding includes:
- borrowing authority for parks and recreation \$4,800,000
 - borrowing authority for Community Legacy Projects \$3,500,000
 - Development Cost Levies for Park development \$4,650,000
 - Park Pay-in-lieu from Bayshore development \$1,600,000
 - Grant from Canada-BC Infrastructure Program \$600,000
- B. THAT \$741,174 in budget transfers from previous capital plan allocations, required due to cost escalation impact to complete the Sunset Community Centre renewal project, be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**5. Park Board Pre 2000, 2000-2002, 2003-2005 Capital Plan Close Outs
(VanRIMS No. 05-1400-21)**

The Committee had before it an Administrative Report dated May 3, 2006, in which the General Manager of Parks and Recreation recommended transfer of Capital Funds between Park Board capital accounts in order to close out completed Capital projects.

Piet Rutgers, Director of Planning and Operations, Parks and Recreation, provided a brief overview of the report.

MOVED by Councillor Deal
THAT the Committee recommend to Council

THAT the transfer of Capital Funds between Park Board capital accounts as detailed in the Administrative Report dated May 3, 2006, entitled "Park Board Pre 2000, 2000-2002, 2003-2005 Capital Plan Close Outs" be approved in order to close out the completed Capital projects.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Committee adjourned at 11:10 a.m.

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CITY OF VANCOUVER

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

MAY 25, 2006

A Regular Meeting of the Council of the City of Vancouver was held on Thursday, May 25, 2006, at 11:10 a.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: Laura Kazakoff, Meeting Coordinator

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MOVED by Councillor Stevenson

SECONDED by Councillor Anton

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
May 25, 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. 2006 Basic Capital Budget
2. 2006 Supplementary Capital Budget
3. 2006 Engineering Basic Capital Budget and Close-Outs
4. 2006 Park Board Capital Budget
5. Park Board Pre 2000, 2000-2002, 2003-2005 Capital Plan Close-Outs

Items 1-5

MOVED by Councillor Chow

THAT the recommendations and actions taken by the Standing Committee on City Services and Budgets at its meeting of May 25, 2006, as contained in items 1-5, be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

RISE FROM COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MOVED by Councillor Deal

THAT the Committee of the Whole rise and report.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADOPT REPORT OF COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MOVED by Councillor Lee
SECONDED by Councillor Ball

THAT the report of the Committee of the Whole be adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOTIONS

A. Administrative Motions

None

B. Motions on Notice

1. TransLink Governance Review (VanRIMS No. 13-1400-20)

Councillor Louie submitted the following motion at the Regular Council meeting immediately following the Standing Committee on Planning and Environment on May 18, 2006. Councillor Anton called notice under section 5.4(c) of the Procedure By-law.

MOVED by Councillor Louie
SECONDED by Councillor Capri

WHEREAS the British Columbia Minister of Transportation has appointed a three-member panel to review the governance structure of the Greater Vancouver Transportation Authority (GVTA) or TransLink; and

WHEREAS the review panel is accepting submissions from interested stakeholders, including Greater Vancouver Regional District (GVRD) member municipalities, until the end of May;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Vancouver City Council make the following recommendations to the TransLink Governance Review Panel:

1. That the TransLink Board of Directors consist only of locally-elected officials;
2. That the locally-elected municipal officials on the TransLink Board of Directors continue to be appointed by the GVRD Board of Directors on a sub-regional basis;
3. The term of appointment to the TransLink Board of Directors be changed to three years from one year;
4. That the Province and TransLink develop a formal mechanism within the GVTA Act to formalize Provincial input into TransLink's Strategic Transportation Plans, and that this mechanism also contain funding commitments from the Province with regards to TransLink's capital and operational expenditures;
5. That the Province designate a formal political liaison to TransLink;
6. Oversight of TransLink's revenue sources and the region's transportation planning processes must remain at the regional level. For these reasons, TransLink should continue to require the approval of the GVRD Board of Directors for increases to existing revenue streams, the introduction of new revenue streams, and the adoption of long-term strategic plans;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Vancouver City Council recommends that the other levels of government provide TransLink with a long-term operational funding, potentially in the form of an ongoing transfer of fuel taxes already collected by the Provincial and Federal Governments, and that this transfer be indexed for inflation; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Vancouver City Council state its opposition to an authority-style governance structure and to the appointment of non-elected directors to the TransLink Board, as TransLink derives much of its revenue from taxation, and it is crucial to maintain democratic transparency and accountability in the collection and administration of taxes.

referred

The Mayor advised a request to speak had been received in regard to this motion.

MOVED by Councillor Capri
SECONDED by Councillor Ball

THAT the motion on TransLink Governance Review be referred to the Standing Committee on Planning and Environment meeting to be held later this day, in order to hear from a member of public who has requested to speak.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

NEW BUSINESS

1. In Camera Meeting (VanRIMS No. 08-2000-21)

MOVED by Councillor Ladner
SECONDED by Councillor Anton

THAT Council will go into a meeting later this day 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

2. Leave of Absence - Councillor Stevenson (VanRIMS No. 08-2200-20)

MOVED by Councillor Louie
SECONDED by Councillor Deal

THAT Councillor Stevenson be granted Leave of Absence from the Standing Committee on City Services and Budgets and the Standing Committee on Planning and Environment meetings to be held on June 15, 2006, for personal reasons.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Council adjourned at 11:14 a.m.

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