

COUNCIL MEETING FOLLOWING  
PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT MEETING  
May 25, 2006

DECISIONS

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1. **Dangerous and Nuisance Building at 4539 Fleming Street**
  - A. THAT Council declare that the building at 4539 Fleming Street, Lot E of Lot 5, Block 5, District Lot 352, Plan 4247, PID 010-406-379 is a nuisance and dangerous to public safety pursuant to Section 324A of the Vancouver Charter.
  - B. THAT Council approve the Resolution attached to Administrative Report *Dangerous and Nuisance Building at 4539 Fleming Street*, dated April 13, 2006, and order the property owner to pull down and demolish the building and to provide a chain-link fence around the perimeter of the property within 30 days of a copy of the Resolution being served pursuant to Section 324A of the Vancouver Charter.
  - C. THAT in the event that the owner fails to comply with the order of Council, Council further orders and hereby authorizes the City Building Inspector, in his discretion, to carry out the work outlined in paragraph (B) above, pursuant to Section 324A(2) of the Vancouver Charter.
  - D. THAT in the event of the failure of the owner to allow the City Building Inspector and/or his designate access to the site to carry out the work as outlined in paragraph (B) above, the Director of Legal Services is hereby authorized in her discretion, to commence a legal action or proceeding in relation to the building located at 4539 Fleming Street, and may, in her discretion, seek injunctive relief in that action or proceeding in order to bring the building and site into compliance with the City By-laws and Council's Resolution.
  - E. THAT the City Clerk be directed to file a 336D Notice against the Certificate of Title to the property at 4539 Fleming Street, in order to warn prospective purchasers that there are violations of the Vancouver Building, Standards of Maintenance, Electrical and Health By-laws related to this property and that there is an order of Council against the property.

2. Active and Safe Trips to School - Pilot Program

- A. THAT Council direct staff to develop and deliver an Active and Safe Trips to School Pilot Program in up to 15 Vancouver schools in 2006/2007, as described in Administrative Report *Active and Safe Trips to School - Pilot Program*, dated May 11, 2006, with up to \$44,000 in funds to come from the Sustainability Group operating budget, including:
- A contract with BN Kowey and Associates for the proactive delivery of the Way-to-Go! program that includes working with elementary schools to decrease unnecessary vehicle idling, provided the contract amount does not exceed \$35,000;
  - A contract with Life Cycle to deliver safe cycling skills training in 10 elementary schools for up to \$20,000, provided the City's financial commitment (after external funding and cost recovery) does not exceed \$7,500;
  - The creation of an annual non-monetary award to recognize a leading school, community group, or individual for their contributions to Vancouver's efforts to increase active and safe trips to school (award expenses are estimated at \$1,500).
- B. THAT the Director of Legal Services be authorized to execute and deliver on behalf of the City all legal documents required to implement recommendation A.
- C. THAT all such legal documents be on terms and conditions satisfactory to the City Manager and the Director of Legal Services.
- D. THAT Council direct staff to forward a copy of Administrative Report *Active and Safe Trips to School - Pilot Program*, dated May 11, 2006, to the Vancouver School Board and request that they support the pilot and its objectives.
- E. THAT Council direct staff to include designated safe routes to school in the definition of "pedestrian collector routes" to enable staff to consider these routes when prioritizing pedestrian improvement spending.
- F. THAT Council direct staff to report back on the effectiveness of this pilot at the end of the 2006/2007 school year, including recommendations with regard to continuation, improvement and expansion.

### 3. TransLink Governance Review

#### WHEREAS:

The three person panel reviewing the Governance of the Greater Vancouver Transportation Authority (GVTA, also known as TransLink) has officially requested comments from local municipalities on five issues:

1. The appropriate division of responsibility and control between the Province and TransLink for transportation matters in Greater Vancouver.
2. The appropriate size, composition, and appointment processes for the Board of Directors of TransLink.
3. The appropriate responsibilities, authorities, and powers of the GVRD in relation to TransLink under the GVTA Act.
4. The appropriate responsibilities, authorities, and powers of TransLink to institute revenue measures for funding service delivery and capital projects.
5. How to ensure the Province will have effective input into, and oversight of, TransLink activities and decisions as they affect Provincial interests.

#### THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

THAT TransLink's Governance should embrace the following principles:

- A. THAT regional transportation plans be consistent with GVRD growth management plans and air quality objectives while enabling economic growth and Provincial and National goods movements;
- B. That major TransLink funders, including representatives appointed by the Provincial and Federal Governments, be present on the TransLink Board;
- C. THAT the TransLink Board be responsible for road-based transportation planning in the region, including major highways and bridges and transportation demand management, in addition to its current responsibilities, and that Provincial and Federal representatives on the TransLink Board ensure that Provincial and Federal needs are addressed;
- D. THAT the majority of votes on the TransLink Board remain with locally-elected Directors to ensure accountability to the majority of citizens affected by TransLink decisions;

- E. THAT the number and choice of locally-elected Directors on the Board reflect population, sub-regional areas, and areas with heavy transit use; and that alternate Directors be allowed; and weighted votes used;
- F. THAT these locally-elected Directors continue to be appointed by the GVRD Board to ensure consistency with GVRD land-use planning;
- G. THAT the terms of appointment to the TransLink Board be three years;
- H. THAT the TransLink Board review and provide comment on the GVRD's strategic land use plans to ensure Provincial and National transportation needs are adequately addressed;
- I. THAT TransLink strategic plans continue to be subject to GVRD approval;
- J. THAT TransLink funding move away from property taxes and parking area taxes and be based on secure, sustainable, adequate funding coming from federal and provincial contributions including fuel taxes collected from this region, as well as fares, tolls, private funding, and other road-pricing charges.

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