



REPORT TO COUNCIL

STANDING COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL ON TRANSPORTATION AND TRAFFIC

JUNE 13, 2006

A Regular Meeting of the Standing Committee of Council on Transportation and Traffic was held on Tuesday, June 13, 2006, at 9:30 a.m., in the Council Chamber, Third Floor, City Hall.

PRESENT: Councillor B.C. Lee, Chair
Mayor Sam Sullivan
Councillor Suzanne Anton
Councillor Elizabeth Ball, Vice-Chair
Councillor David Cadman
Councillor Kim Capri
Councillor George Chow
Councillor Peter Ladner
Councillor Raymond Louie

ABSENT: Councillor Heather Deal (Leave of Absence - Civic Business)
Councillor Tim Stevenson (Leave of Absence)

CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE: Judy Rogers, City Manager

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE: Pat Boomhower, Meeting Coordinator

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

The Minutes of the Standing Committee on Transportation and Traffic meeting of April 18, 2006, were adopted.

RECOMMENDATION

1. Vancouver International Airport Authority Update (VanRIMS No. 01-5500-60)

Philip Owen, Director, Airport Authority Board, Larry Berg, President and CEO, and Anne Murray, Vice-President, Community and Environmental Affairs, Vancouver International Airport Authority, gave a presentation on airport activities, issues and developments (*brief submitted on file*) which included the following:

- economic impact study results;
- initiatives for 2006;
- the Capital Plan and infrastructure development for 2010;
- YVR's land use and development plans to 2027;
- environmental and noise management plans and monitoring;
- public consultation and long-term planning process; and
- bilateral agreements and government policy to facilitate air travel.

YVR representatives, together with Jerry Dobrovlny, Assistant City Engineer - Transportation, responded to questions related to parking tax, fee and rent comparisons, fuel costs, aircraft load, travel and freight traffic trends, international passenger transfers, emissions, noise abatement, security, jurisdiction, taxicabs, the volunteer program, transit use, and industrial zoning.

MOVED by Councillor Louie
THAT the Committee recommend to Council

THAT the presentation by the Vancouver International Airport Authority be received for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. On-Street Disability Parking Provisions (VanRIMS No. 13-5500-20)

The Committee had before it a Policy Report dated May 29, 2006, in which the General Manager of Engineering Services reviewed on-street parking provisions for people with disabilities and recommended changes to improve access. A reduced rate for parking meters designated for people with disabilities was put forward for consideration but was not recommended.

Doug Louie, Parking Management Branch Engineer, reviewed the report and provided rationale why staff does not recommend reduced parking meter rates. Mr. Louie, together with Bob Macdonald, Senior Parking Policy Engineer, responded to questions regarding traffic congestion during 30 minute loading/unloading, monitoring time limits, the process for obtaining a disability placard, no parking zones, signage, communications plan, and reduced meter rates.

The following spoke in favour of recommendations, as well as a reduced rate for disability metered spaces:

John Cameron, Downtown Eastside HIV/IDU Consumers Board
Jane Dyson, BC Coalition of People with Disabilities
Ken Buchanan, BC Persons with Aids Society

A summary of their comments follows:

- support for proposed changes and the positive impact;
- expressed concern that a 50% reduction in meter rate for disability designated spaces was not recommended by staff and recommended Council consider reducing the rate for disability metered spaces;
- many people with disabilities live on low incomes and parking costs have become prohibitive;
- increasing the allowable time to three hours is beneficial for people with disabilities who frequently have many appointments with specialists;

- parking in the areas of GF Strong Rehabilitation Centre and the West End is hard to find;
- people with the disability placard through SPARC generally do not use designated parking spaces unless needed on a given day;
- the SPARC parking pass, based on disability, is not easy to obtain; and
- concern that the TransLink disability transit pass is based on income and many who need it, are just over the income cut-off and do not qualify.

MOVED by Mayor Sullivan

THAT the Committee recommend to Council

- A. THAT the Street and Traffic By-law 2849 be amended to allow vehicles used by individuals with a disability, and properly displaying an authorized disability placard, a three-hour exemption from resident parking regulations.
- B. THAT the Street and Traffic By-law 2849 be amended to allow vehicles used by individuals with a disability, and properly displaying an authorized disability placard, a 30 minute stopping exemption in passenger zones, general (non commercial) loading zones, and no parking zones for active loading and unloading of passengers or materials.
- C. THAT on-street disability parking spaces be installed in areas with high parking demands to provide a level of access of approximately 2% of total street parking spaces. This would include disability metered spaces in metered areas and designated zones in commercial or residential areas. The areas identified for installation include:

West End	Central Business District
Kerrisdale	Central Broadway
Yaletown	Kitsilano
Chinatown	South Granville
Commercial Drive	
- D. THAT staff install on-street disability spaces in other areas as required based on need and that they be monitored and adjusted as required.
- E. THAT Council authorize the Director of Legal Services to bring forward a by-law amending the Street and Traffic By-law generally as outlined in the Administrative Report dated May 29, 2006, entitled "On-Street Disability Parking Provisions" and in Appendix A of the report including modernization of the provisions as indicated in Appendix A.
- F. THAT the \$70,000 cost of implementing the new on-street disability spaces be funded from an increase in the 2006 budget for parking meter revenues.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**3. Pedestrian Enhancements for School Crosswalks, 2006 Program
VanRIMS No. 13-5000-50)**

The Committee had before it an Administrative Report dated May 30, 2006, in which the General Manager of Engineering Services recommended approval for the construction of curb bulges at four existing school crosswalks and a median refuge at an existing school crosswalk.

Dave Kim, Greenways and Neighbourhood Transportation Engineering Assistant, reviewed the report and together with Jerry Dobrovolny, Assistant City Engineer - Transportation, and Scott Edwards, Structures and Greenways Engineer, responded to questions regarding the potential number of locations for similar enhancements, prioritizing process, types of enhancement measures, conditions warranting a median refuge and refuge size.

MOVED by Councillor Louie
THAT the Committee recommend to Council

A. THAT Council approve the construction of pedestrian corner bulges on:

- Venables Street at Woodland Drive,
- E 57th Avenue at Ross Street,
- E 34th Avenue at Slocan Street, and
- W 16th Avenue at Montcalm Street;

and the construction of a median refuge on:

- Renfrew Street at E 19th Avenue.

B. THAT funding of \$125,000 be provided from the 2006 Streets Basic Capital Account Group CC1EA5AX1 - Local Area Traffic Plans and Other Improvements (order # 30008863).

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**4. Parking Corporation of Vancouver (EasyPark) 2005 Year-end Review and
2006 Operating and Capital Budgets (VanRIMS No. 13-5500-40)**

The Committee had before it an Administrative Report dated May 30, 2006, in which the General Managers of Engineering Services and Corporate Services reviewed EasyPark's 2005 financial performance and 2006 Operating Budget, recommended approval for the 2006 EasyPark Capital Budget, and provided additional comments regarding revenues and expenses in the 2006 Budget.

Rowan Birch, Assistant City Engineer - Departmental Services, provided an overview of EasyPark's role in managing off-street parking facilities for the City, operating results and projections, and noted an overhead allocation system has improved review of financial performance of individual lots.

Mr. Birch, together with Mel McKinney, General Manager, EasyPark Vancouver, and Tom Timm, General Manager of Engineering Services, responded to questions regarding the City's management and revenue relationship with EasyPark and other parking lots, operating budget, rate setting, 2006 goals, expenses, Chinatown and Gastown parkades, and enforcement.

In response to questions regarding monthly parking and potential impact on transportation demand management, Mr. McKinney agreed to provide information on the proportion of monthly renters coming from outside the city and an analysis of the influence of EasyPark's rates on other lots and commuters' mode choice.

MOVED by Councillor Capri
THAT the Committee recommend to Council

- A. THAT Council receive for information the summary of the EasyPark 2005 financial results.
- B. THAT Council receive for information the summary of the EasyPark 2006 Operating Budget.
- C. THAT Council approve the EasyPark 2006 Capital Budget items totalling \$729,200 with funding provided from the Parking Site Reserve.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5. Southeast False Creek Sustainable Transportation Strategies
(VanRIMS No. 13-1400-10)

The Committee had before it an Administrative Report dated June 6, 2006, in which the General Manager of Engineering Services provided information on the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) - CH2M HILL Sustainable Community Award the City recently won for the comprehensive range of sustainable transportation strategies developed for the Southeast False Creek (SEFC) neighbourhood.

Dale Bracewell, Manager, Olympic Transportation Planning, reviewed the development of the SEFC transportation strategies and material submitted for the award, and noted the award's Sustainable Transportation category was also sponsored by Transport Canada.

Mr. Bracewell, together with Tom Timm, General Manager of Engineering Services, responded to questions related to the status of discussions with TransLink regarding the Downtown Streetcar and its funding.

MOVED by Councillor Cadman
THAT the Committee recommend to Council

THAT Council receive the Administrative Report dated June 6, 2006, entitled
"Southeast False Creek Sustainable Transportation Strategies" for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Committee adjourned at 12:19 p.m.

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CITY OF VANCOUVER

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES STANDING COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL ON TRANSPORTATION AND TRAFFIC

JUNE 13, 2006

A Regular Meeting of the Council of the City of Vancouver was held on Tuesday, June 13, 2006, at 12:19 p.m., in the Council Chamber, Third Floor, City Hall, following the Standing Committee on Transportation and Traffic 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 Peter Ladner
Councillor B.C. Lee

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COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MOVED by Councillor Chow
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 Transportation and Traffic June 13, 2006

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

1. Vancouver International Airport Authority Update
2. On-Street Disability Parking Provisions
3. Pedestrian Enhancements for School Crosswalks, 2006 Program
4. Parking Corporation of Vancouver (EasyPark) 2005 Year-end Review and 2006 Operating and Capital Budgets
5. Southeast False Creek Sustainable Transportation Strategies

Items 1 - 5

MOVED by Councillor Ladner

THAT the recommendations and actions taken by the Standing Committee on Transportation and Traffic at its meeting of June 13, 2006, as contained in items 1 - 5, be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

RISE FROM COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MOVED by Councillor Ball

THAT the Committee of the Whole rise and report.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADOPT REPORT OF COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MOVED by Councillor Capri
SECONDED by Councillor Cadman

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

NEW BUSINESS

1. Leave of Absence - Councillor Cadman (VanRIMS No. 08-2200-20)

MOVED by Councillor Capri
SECONDED by Councillor Lee

THAT Councillor Cadman be granted Leaves of Absence for meetings on July 11 - 14, 2006, due to civic business.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Council adjourned at 12:21 p.m.

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