



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

JUNE 15, 2006

A Regular Meeting of the Standing Committee of Council on City Services and Budgets was held on Thursday, June 15, 2006, at 9:30 a.m., in the Council Chamber, Third Floor, City Hall.

PRESENT: *Councillor Raymond Louie, Vice-Chair (Leave of Absence - Civic Business for Portion of Meeting)
Councillor Kim Capri, Acting Chair (for Portion of Meeting)
Mayor Sam Sullivan
Councillor Suzanne Anton
Councillor Elizabeth Ball
Councillor David Cadman
Councillor George Chow
Councillor Heather Deal
Councillor B.C. Lee

ABSENT: Councillor Peter Ladner, Chair
Councillor Tim Stevenson (Leave of Absence)

CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE: Judy Rogers, City Manager

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE: Denise Salmon, Meeting Coordinator

*Notes Absence for a Portion of the Meeting.

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NOTE FROM MEETING COORDINATOR:

As both the Chair and Vice-Chair were absent, once a quorum was reached, the Meeting Coordinator called the meeting to order and advised of the need for Council to choose a Chair as its first item of business.

MOVED by Councillor Anton

THAT Councillor Capri serve as Acting Chair for this meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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ADOPTION OF MINUTES

The Minutes of the Standing Committee on City Services and Budgets meetings of May 4, 18 and 25, 2006, were adopted.

RECOMMENDATION

1. Report of the Roles, Relationships and Responsibilities Review Committee (VanRIMS No. 08-2200-20)

Prior to discussion on this matter, it was

MOVED by Councillor Deal
THAT the Committee recommend to Council

THAT Council hear from speakers today and refer debate to the July 18th Regular Meeting of Council.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Councillor Louie absent for the vote)

Vancouver City Council, at its meeting on June 13, 2006, received a Report Reference on the findings and recommendations of the Roles, Relationships and Responsibilities Review Committee and referred its June 2006 report to the Standing Committee on City Services and Budgets meeting on June 15, 2006, to hear from speakers. Accordingly, the relevant report was before Council for consideration.

May Brown, Chair, Roles, Relationships and Responsibilities Review Committee, provided a brief introduction of the Committee members, including the five community members, Darlene Marzari, Allan Tupper, Vince Varlaan, and Milton Wong who, along with Janice MacKenzie, Deputy City Clerk, responded to questions from Council regarding:

- rationale for the Committee's recommendation to have the term of appointment for advisory bodies coincide with the term of Council;
- the source material used for the recommended Code of Conduct;
- methodology used to gain information related to Council's advisory bodies;
- the role of the Mayor as outlined in the Report; and
- circumstances for filling vacancies on advisory bodies during this process (only if quorum issues arise).

The following delegations addressed Council on this matter:

Marta Farevaag, Chair, VCPC
Frank Tester, Chair, Family Court/Youth Justice Committee (FCYJC)
Paul Faoro, President, CUPE Local 15 (material filed)
Bonnie Fenton, Chair, Bicycle Advisory Committee
Carol Ranger, Co-Chair, Food Policy Council
Carole Christopher, member, Food Policy Council
Caryn Duncan, Vancouver Women's Health Collective
Angelle Desrochers-Rosner

Points raised by the above speakers included:

- distinction needs to be made between those bodies whose sole role is to advise versus those bodies that have power to decide;
- discrepancies noted in regard to VCPCs' reported communication with Council;
- concern with suggested appointment process; to ensure continuity, revolving appointments are a powerful tool;
- concern with the lack of consultation with the City's advisory bodies by the Review Committee;
- a process needs to be in place to discourage revisions to advisory body mandates by a newly-elected Council;
- no issues with proposed Code of Conduct; it is already followed;
- with the suggested appointment process, the VCPC will lose its ability to self-appoint two of its own members;
- there is no need to issue a mandate letter to the FCYJ Committee as this is provided in Section 18 of the Provincial Court Act;
- Council should not direct the work of the FCYJ Committee, but rather appoint a Council liaison to discuss priorities for the work of the Committee in which Council may have an interest;
- the FCYJ Committee actively recruits potential members known to have expertise and interest in the work, for special attention and priority by Council;
- advisory bodies would benefit from both tangible recognition and access to minimal resources;
- Code of Conduct does not allow advisory bodies to be publicly critical, which impacts their advisory capacity;
- an independent and apolitical position of Ombudsman, as used in Montréal, needs to be instituted, rather than the self-policing role of Mayor, as set out in the Committee's report;
- the Montréal Charter of Rights and Responsibilities reflects a positive attitude, unlike the report before Council this day;
- a Whistleblower Policy, similar to that recently approved in Surrey is needed;
- concern that changes to advisory bodies could be made at any time, clarity required on this item in the report;
- unclear as to who would make the decision if there has been a breach of conduct;
- Bicycle Advisory Committee appointments are for a three-year term, not a staggered two-year term as noted in report; would prefer a staggered two year overlap;
- a searchable index of minutes and motions passed by advisory committees would be an invaluable tool to avoid duplication of work by appointed bodies;
- initial issues were encountered with fitting the Food Policy Council's mandate to the City expectation;
- concern the Women's Advisory Committee has yet to be constituted after the extensive work and report prepared by the Women's Task Force;
- contrary to information provided in the Review Committee's report, understood the Women's Advisory Committee did have a mandate, as a result of the work of the Women's Task Force;

- if the City wants to engage citizens, there is a need to facilitate the connection of volunteers to committees;
- almost half of the advisory bodies do not report to Council; how can volunteers be honoured without benefit of seeing their work; and
- cease and desist from the how's and why's of the report and move along with your work to promote good government and responsible public administration.

In response to requests from Council members:

- the City Manager advised a copy of all the documentation related to the work of the Triple R Review Committee, including a full list of references, could be made available for viewing at both the City Clerk's Office and Councillors' Office; and
- the City Clerk advised he would look into search options for advisory bodies minutes and a method to make these minutes more readily accessible on the City's Website.

The Chair concluded with note that Council had agreed to refer debate on this matter to the Regular Meeting of Council on July 18th.

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NOTE FROM MEETING COORDINATOR:

During discussion of the above item Councillor Louie, Vice-Chair, arrived and assumed the Chair.

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**2. Vancouver Museum - Annual Review & 2006 Operating Grant Request
(VanRIMS No. 05-5000-10)**

The Committee had before it an Administrative Report dated May 26, 2006, in which the Assistant Director, Office of Cultural Affairs, provided a review of the Vancouver Museum's 2005 activities and recommended a 2006 Operating Grant for Council's approval. The General Managers of Community and Corporate Services recommended approval of the foregoing.

Karen Hasselfelt, Cultural Planner, provided a brief review of the report, and introduced Nancy Noble, CEO of the Museum.

Ms. Noble provided brief comments on current and future galleries planned for the Museum, noted partnerships with community and other venues at Vanier Park and the need to make the Museum's profile stronger. In response to a question from Council, Ms. Noble advised response to the new exhibits has been tremendous.

MOVED by Councillor Capri
THAT the Committee recommend to Council

THAT an operating grant of \$703,500 be approved to the Vancouver Museum Commission; source of funds to be the 2006 "Other" Grants budget.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**3. Vancouver Maritime Museum - Annual Review & 2006 Operating Grant Request
(VanRIMS No. 05-5000-10)**

The Committee had before it an Administrative Report dated May 29, 2006, in which the Assistant Director, Office of Cultural Affairs, provided a review of the Vancouver Maritime Museum's 2005 activities and recommended a 2006 Operating Grant for Council's consideration. The General Managers of Community and Corporate Services recommended approval of the foregoing.

Karen Hasselfelt, Cultural Planner, provided a brief review of the report, and advised due to the late hour and previous commitments, registered speakers on behalf of the Maritime Museum had to leave.

MOVED by Councillor Capri
THAT the Committee recommend to Council

THAT an operating grant of \$387,000 be approved to the Vancouver Maritime Museum Society under the terms and conditions outlined in the Administrative Report dated May 29, 2006, entitled "Vancouver Maritime Museum - Annual Review & 2006 Operating Grant Request"; source of funds to be the 2006 "Other" Grants budget.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**4. Reconsideration of Community Services Grants Applications
(VanRIMS No. 05-5000-10)**

The Committee had before it an Administrative Report dated May 29, 2006, in which the Director of Social Planning provided information on reconsideration requests from five Community Services Grants applicants, and made recommendations on these requests. The City Manager recommended approval of staff's recommendations.

Anne Kloppenborg, Social Planner, provided a brief overview of the reconsideration process and advised four of the five applicants had provided no back-up rationale for their requests.

MOVED by Councillor Deal
THAT the Committee recommend to Council

- A. THAT Council approve a Cost of Living increase of \$357 to the Philippine Women Centre. Source of funding is the 2006 Community Services Grants budget.
- B. THAT Council NOT approve a Community Services Grant to the following Agencies:

- Aboriginal Mother Centre Society,
- Downtown Eastside Safety Society - Downtown Eastside Neighbourhood Safety Office,
- Knowledgeable Aboriginal Youth Association (KAYA),
- Network Two Community Services Society.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Committee adjourned at 12:54 p.m.

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CITY OF VANCOUVER

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

JUNE 15, 2006

A Regular Meeting of the Council of the City of Vancouver was held on Thursday, June 15, 2006, at 12:55 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 Elizabeth Ball
Councillor David Cadman
Councillor Kim Capri
Councillor George Chow
Councillor Heather Deal
Councillor B.C. Lee
Councillor Raymond Louie

ABSENT: Councillor Suzanne Anton
Councillor Peter Ladner
Councillor Tim Stevenson (Leave of Absence)

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COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MOVED by Councillor Chow
SECONDED by Councillor Deal

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
June 15, 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. Report of the Roles, Relationships and Responsibilities Review Committee
2. Vancouver Museum - Annual Review & 2006 Operating Grant Request
3. Vancouver Maritime Museum - Annual Review & 2006 Operating Grant Request
4. Reconsideration of Community Services Grants Applications

Items 1-4

MOVED by Councillor Lee

THAT the recommendations and actions taken by the Standing Committee on City Services and Budgets at its meeting of June 15, 2006, as contained in items 1-4, be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AND
ITEMS 2-4 BY THE REQUIRED MAJORITY

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 Louie
SECONDED by Councillor Cadman

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Council adjourned at 12:56 p.m.

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