



REPORT TO COUNCIL

STANDING COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL ON CITY SERVICES AND BUDGETS

JULY 13, 2006

A Regular Meeting of the Standing Committee of Council on City Services and Budgets was held on Thursday, July 13, 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 Kim Capri
Councillor George Chow
Councillor Heather Deal
Councillor B.C. Lee
*Councillor Tim Stevenson

ABSENT: Councillor David Cadman (Leave of Absence - Civic Business)
Councillor Raymond Louie (Leave of Absence - Civic Business)

CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE: Judy Rogers, City Manager

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE: Laura Kazakoff, Meeting Coordinator

*Denotes absence for a portion of the meeting.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

The Minutes of the Standing Committee on City Services and Budgets meeting of June 15, 2006, were adopted.

VARY AGENDA

The Committee agreed to vary the order of the agenda in order to deal with Items 4 and 5 prior to Items 1-3. The Minutes are recorded in numerical order for ease of reference.

RECOMMENDATION

1. Sport Hosting and Vancouver Sport Strategy (File VanRIMS No. 05-1000-30)

The Committee had before it an Administrative Report dated June 8, 2006, in which the General Manager of Parks and Recreation sought approval to extend the partnership with 2010 LegaciesNow/HostingBC for a further two years by contributing funding totalling \$100,000. Approval of a new Sport Hosting Policy and Grant program was also recommended to provide a mechanism for the City to support large scale events that are not eligible for funding

through the HostingBC program. Also recommended was the development of a comprehensive Vancouver Sport Strategy.

The City Manager, in her comments, noted the City has not historically funded sporting events except on a case-by-case basis, and approval of the report recommendations would therefore be a new undertaking for Council.

Lori MacKay, Director of Parks and Recreation - East District, provided an overview of the report and also advised the proposed Sport Hosting Review Panel mentioned in the report would meet on a semi-annual basis, rather than bi-annually as noted in the report.

Ms. MacKay, along with Susan Mundick, General Manager of Parks and Recreation, responded to questions regarding exemption of civic and Olympic events, "in kind" support, rationale for recommended annual funding amount and the source of funds, the requirement that eligible recipients be registered as not-for-profit organizations, whether there is flexibility to provide multi-year support, rationale for only supporting one-off events as opposed to ongoing events, opportunities for cultural aspects, and whether other municipalities are interested in a coordinated approach.

Mike Fox, Tourism Vancouver, spoke in support of staff's recommendations, noting the 2009 Police and Fire Games and the 2010 Olympics are just two of the major sporting events which will come through Vancouver in the next five years, and, along with other events, will focus attention on Vancouver as an international sporting city.

Ms. Mundick, in response to questions, noted staff will report back in the fall with regard to funding required for the strategy development process.

MOVED by Councillor Anton
THAT the Committee recommend to Council

- A. THAT Council renew the partnership with HostingBC and commit \$100,000 for a further two year period, \$50,000 in 2006 and \$50,000 in 2007, source of funds to be from the contingency reserve in the 2006 operating budget and, in 2007, the operating budget without offset, and further, to encourage the Regional Municipality of Whistler, City of Richmond and City of West Vancouver and other municipalities in the lower mainland to similarly participate.
- B. THAT Council approve a Sport Hosting Policy and Sport Hosting Grant Programme effective January 1, 2007, as outlined in the Administrative Report dated June 8, 2006, entitled "Sport Hosting and Vancouver Sport Strategy", with annual funding of \$200,000, to support a range of sporting events not eligible under the HostingBC programme, source of funds to be the operating budget without offset.
- C. THAT Council approve the development of a comprehensive Vancouver Sport Strategy to guide the direction of sport infrastructure, programming and support for events, to

be developed in conjunction with the sport community, sport tourism stakeholders and other groups and that the Board of Parks and Recreation be requested to lead and facilitate the project and report back with details on resources and funding required to complete the study.

- D. THAT Council authorize the Director of Legal Services, in consultation with the General Manager of the Park Board to execute any legal agreements and documentation required in order to implement the decisions of Council with respect to the HostingBC programme and the Sport Hosting Policy and Grant Programme.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

(Councillor Stevenson absent for the vote)

2. 2009 World Police and Fire Games (VanRIMS No. 01-5500-60)

The Committee had before it an Administrative Report dated June 5, 2006, in which the General Manager of Parks and Recreation, Chief Constable, and General Manager of Vancouver Fire and Rescue Services, recommended approval of a grant for the first major sport event to be considered under the proposed new Sport Hosting Policy and Grant Program for the 2009 BC World Police and Fire Games in the amount of \$300,000.

The City Manager noted the civic benefits associated with Sport Hosting, and recommended approval of the grant funding, should Council first approve the new policy for sport hosting outlined in a separate report.

Susan Mundick, General Manager, Parks and Recreation, briefly reviewed the report recommendations and, along with Ray Holdgate, Fire Chief, and Jamie Graham, Chief Constable, responded to questions regarding the business plan, and clarification of the types of "in kind" contributions which would be provided by the Fire, Police and Parks Departments, and whether it would include the provision of uniformed officers in a volunteer capacity.

MOVED by Councillor Deal

THAT the Committee recommend to Council

- A. THAT Council endorse the 2009 BC World Police and Fire Games and encourage citizens to welcome and participate in the Games.
- B. THAT Council approve funding in the amount of \$300,000 over a three-year period, \$100,000 in each of 2007, 2008 and 2009 to support the development of the 2009 BC World Police and Fire Games to be held in Vancouver and throughout the Lower Mainland as part of the policy initiative on Sport Hosting, source of funds to be the Sport Hosting Grant Programme.

- C. THAT Council appoint a Vancouver citizen to serve on the Board of Directors of the 2009 BC World Police and Fire Games to represent the civic interests of Vancouver residents and taxpayers.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. Allocation of Increase to 2006 Cultural Budget (VanRIMS No. 05-5000-10)

The Committee had before it an Administrative Report dated June 20, 2006, in which the Managing Director, Cultural Services, on behalf of the Creative City Task Force, recommended allocation of the \$700,000 increase to the 2006 cultural budget to specific programs and initiatives. The City Manager recommended approval, noting this increased funding allocation represents the second year of investment in a three-year plan.

Sue Harvey, Managing Director of Cultural Services, reviewed the report and provided a verbal overview of the new Commissioning Grant program, a summary of which was inadvertently missed from the report. She noted it is a very important program in that it funds the research and development of new creative works. Ms. Harvey responded to questions regarding diversities initiatives, opportunities grants and the public consultation process.

MOVED by Councillor Ball

THAT the Committee recommend to Council

- A. THAT Council approve funding allocations to the following grant programs as outlined in the Administrative Report dated June 20, 2006, entitled "Allocation of Increase to 2006 Cultural Budget"; source of funds to be the Strategic Investment in Cultural Services of \$700,000 contained within the 2006 Operating Budget:

- i. Up to \$150,000 increase to Project Grants to be allocated as supplemental grants;
- ii. Up to \$150,000 to extend the Opportunities Grant program for a final year;
- iii. Up to \$115,000 for a new Commissioning Grant program;
- iv. Up to \$20,000 to the Theatre Rental Projects Grant program;

with reports back to Council prior to December 2006 on specific grant recommendations for each program at the conclusion of the grant assessment processes.

- B. THAT Council approve funding allocations for the following one-time support initiatives as outlined in the Administrative Report dated June 20, 2006, entitled "Allocation of Increase to 2006 Cultural Budget"; source of funds to be the Strategic Investment in Cultural Services of \$700,000 contained within the 2006 Operating Budget:

- i. Up to \$75,000 for a series of independent reviews of current cultural grants programs and the development of new programs;

- ii. Up to \$50,000 to commission a series of "how to" guides to assist artists and non-profit organizations in accessing City services and programs;
- iii. Up to \$50,000 to develop the Cultural Services website;

with the balance of the funds reallocated to future grants programs and services in 2007 at the conclusion of the one-time support initiatives in 2006.

- C. THAT Council approve the allocation of \$90,000 in 2006 and \$125,000 in 2007 to the Office of Cultural Affairs Operating Budget for administrative support as outlined in the Administrative Report dated June 20, 2006, entitled "Allocation of Increase to 2006 Cultural Budget"; source of funds to be from the Strategic Investment in Cultural Services of \$700,000 contained within the 2006 Operating Budget:

- i. \$30,000 for ongoing outreach initiatives;
- ii. \$25,000 for ongoing research initiatives;
- iii. \$15,000 for staff professional development; and
- iv. the creation of a Regular Full-time Planning Assistant position within the Office of Cultural Affairs, Cultural Services Division, Community Services Group (CSG) at an estimated cost in 2006 of \$20,000 including benefits, and an estimated ongoing annual cost of \$55,000 including benefits subject to classification and approval by the General Manager of Human Resources.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**4. ASTC Science World - Annual Review and 2006 Operating Grant Request
(VanRIMS No. 05-5000-10)**

The Committee had before it an Administrative Report dated June 13, 2006, in which the Assistant Director, Office of Cultural Affairs, provided a review of Science World's 2005 activities and recommended approval of their 2006 operating grant request. The General Managers of Corporate and Community Services recommended approval.

Karen Hasselfelt, Cultural Planner, reviewed the report.

Bryan Tisdall, Chief Executive Officer, ASTC Science World, spoke in support of staff's recommendation and thanked Council for its continued support, both financial and in spirit. He provided a brief overview of the upcoming year's programs and exhibitions and reviewed the facility's financial situation and ongoing infrastructure and building improvement program. Mr. Tisdall responded to questions from Council concerning attendance and revenues, its relationship with Telus, the current maintenance work being undertaken, and school programs.

Mr. Tisdall, along with Susan Mundick, General Manager of Parks and Recreation, and Sue Harvey, Managing Director of Cultural Services, responded to questions concerning the status of the Science World expansion proposal and the length of time it is taking to come to

fruition. Staff noted an inter-departmental staff team, involving many City departments, is in place to deal with the many complex issues surrounding the proposal, and is ready to move forward on this matter.

MOVED by Councillor Deal
THAT the Committee recommend to Council

THAT Council approve an Operating Grant of \$89,300 to the A.S.T.C. Science World Society; source of funds to be the 2006 "Other" Grants budget.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5. H.R. MacMillan Space Centre - Annual Review and 2006 Operating Grant Request (VanRIMS No. 05-5000-10)

The Committee had before it an Administrative Report dated June 26, 2006, in which the Assistant Director, Office of Cultural Affairs, provided a review of the H.R. MacMillan Space Centre Society's 2005 activities and recommended approval of its 2006 operating grant request. The General Managers of Corporate and Community Services recommended approval.

Karen Hasselfelt, Cultural Planner, provided an overview of the report.

Donna Livingstone, Executive Director, H.R. MacMillan Space Centre, thanked Council and staff for past support and noted this has been a year of operational review for the facility. She provided an overview of the current financial situation and reviewed the Space Centre's various programs and operations. Recent new initiatives have included the hiring of a First Nations Coordinator, and a grant from the Canada Council to have Spider Robinson as their "writer-in-residence".

Ron Jerome, President, Royal Astronomical Society of Canada, noted his organization has worked with the Space Centre in a collaborative effort for more than 30 years. He further noted his reason for appearing today was to express some concern with regard to recent changes in their relationship with the Space Centre whereby the society is to be charged for use of the facility, and also to gain some clarification into Council's role with regard to the facility and in providing operating grant funding.

Ms. Livingstone, in response to a question from Council, provided additional information regarding the previous speaker's concerns.

MOVED by Councillor Ball
THAT the Committee recommend to Council

THAT Council approve an operating grant of \$494,100 to the H.R. MacMillan Space Centre Society; source of funds to be the 2006 'Other' Grants budget.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Committee adjourned at 11:48 a.m.

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CITY OF VANCOUVER

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

JULY 13, 2006

A Regular Meeting of the Council of the City of Vancouver was held on Thursday, July 13, 2006, at 11:48 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 Kim Capri
Councillor George Chow
Councillor Heather Deal
Councillor Peter Ladner
Councillor B.C. Lee
Councillor Tim Stevenson

ABSENT: Councillor David Cadman (Leave of Absence - Civic Business)
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CITY CLERK'S OFFICE: Laura Kazakoff, Meeting Coordinator

"IN CAMERA" MEETING

MOVED by Councillor Ball
SECONDED by Councillor Lee

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):

- (k) negotiations and related discussions respecting the proposed provision of an activity, work or facility that are at their preliminary stages and that, in the view of the Council, could reasonably be expected to harm the interests of the city if they were held in public.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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 July 13, 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. Sport Hosting and Vancouver Sport Strategy
2. 2009 World Police and Fire Games
3. Allocation of Increase to 2006 Cultural Budget
4. ASTC Science World - Annual Review and 2006 Operating Grant Request
5. H.R. MacMillan Space Centre - Annual Review and 2006 Operating Grant Request

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 July 13, 2006, as contained in items 1-5, be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AND
ITEMS 2, 4 AND 5 BY THE REQUIRED MAJORITY

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 Capri

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Council adjourned at 11:50 a.m.

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