

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

At its meeting on June 13, 2006, Vancouver City Council received a Report Reference on the findings and recommendations of the Roles, Relationships and Responsibilities Review Committee which were submitted in its Report dated June 2, 2006, and referred the report to the Standing Committee on City Services and Budgets meeting on June 15, 2006 to hear from speakers.

Council completed the hearing of delegations at its June 15th meeting and subsequently agreed to refer debate on this matter to the Regular Council meeting of July 18, 2006, as Unfinished Business.

MOVED by Councillor Ball

THAT Council adopt in principle the recommendations submitted by the Roles, Relationships and Responsibilities Review Committee in the *Report of the Roles, Relationships and Responsibilities Review Committee*, dated June 2006, with the following amendments:

- *Recommendation 2, Page 5 of the Report:* That Council adopt in principle the Code of Conduct and refer it to the City Manager to recommend any necessary changes to ensure compliance with the Vancouver Charter and other existing laws and collective agreements.
- *Recommendation 3, Page 5 of the Report:* That Council request the City Manager determine the feasibility of the development of an independent 3-person panel which would be appointed by Council, to act as advisory to the Mayor on fulfilling his duties respecting the Code of Conduct. This panel would be unanimously appointed by the entire Council. If necessary, the City Manager will recommend amendments to 11.2 to 11.6 of the proposed Code of Conduct.

In addition, that Council request the city Manager to report back on options, including the proposed independent 3 person panel, for reviewing complaints and recommending action, regarding alleged breaches of the Code of Conduct by the Mayor.

- *Recommendation 7, Page 6 of the Report:* That each new Council establish advisory bodies by June 30th of the year following a civic election, taking into consideration its priorities, established criteria for advisory bodies and available City resources.
- *Recommendation 13, Page 6 of the Report:* That Council request the City Manager to provide Council by December 2006 a definition of "Lobbying activities" and Lobbyists" in the context of a possible corporate policy related to lobbying and a code of conduct for "lobbyists", and further that the City Manager define the issues and concerns which led to this recommendation.

- *Code of Conduct 5.3, Page 29 of the Report:* Council officials, staff and advisory body members have a duty of fidelity to the City and must refrain from making public statements that are demeaning or disparaging to the individuals responsible for the administration of the City.
- *Code of Conduct 9.5, Page 34 of the Report:* Staff and advisory body members must not accept any gift or personal benefit given because of the individual's position. This includes gifts and personal benefits of a token value such as bottles of alcohol, free or subsidized meals, invitations to social functions organized by groups or community organizations, ties, and scarves.

Postponed

AMENDMENT MOVED by Councillor Louie

THAT the motion be amended by adding the following:

14. That Council request the City Manager implement at the City of Vancouver a whistleblower policy similar to the one adopted by the City of Surrey, by December 31, 2006. The City Manager should also ensure that the policy is implemented at the Vancouver Park Board, Britannia and Ray-Cam Community Centres and other Civic Boards. The policy and its implementation should be done with full consultation with all civic unions and employee associations.

Withdrawn

POSTPONEMENT MOVED by Councillor Cadman

THAT consideration of the amendment be postponed to a Council meeting on Thursday, July 20, 2006.

Withdrawn

MOVED by Councillor Louie

THAT consideration of the *Report of the Roles, Relationships and Responsibilities Review Committee*, dated June 2006, be postponed to the Regular Council meeting immediately following the Standing Committee on Planning and Environment meeting on July 20, 2006.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY