



**CITY OF VANCOUVER**  
**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**  
**OCTOBER 3, 2006**

A Regular Meeting of the Council of the City of Vancouver was held on Tuesday, October 3, 2006, at 2:00 p.m., in the Council Chamber, Third Floor, City Hall.

**PRESENT:** Mayor Sam Sullivan  
Councillor Suzanne Anton  
Councillor Elizabeth Ball  
Councillor David Cadman  
Councillor Kim Capri  
Councillor George Chow  
Councillor Heather Deal  
Councillor Peter Ladner  
Councillor B.C. Lee  
Councillor Raymond Louie  
Councillor Tim Stevenson

**CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE:** Judy Rogers, City Manager

**CITY CLERK'S OFFICE:** Janice Mackenzie, Deputy City Clerk  
Tarja Tuominen, Meeting Coordinator

**PRAYER**

The proceedings in the Council Chamber were opened with a prayer read by the Deputy City Clerk.

**PRESENTATION - Certificate of Commendation**

The Mayor, on behalf of the Governor General, presented a Certificate of Commendation to Linda Bily in recognition of her actions following an incident on Mount Logan, in Kluane National Park, Yukon, on May 27, 2005.

**"IN CAMERA" MEETING**

MOVED by Councillor Anton  
SECONDED by Councillor Chow

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):

(g) litigation or potential litigation affecting the city.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

**1. Regular Council (Transportation and Traffic) - September 12, 2006**

MOVED by Councillor Lee  
SECONDED by Councillor Ball

THAT the foregoing Minutes be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**2. Regular Council (City Services and Budgets) - September 14, 2006**

MOVED by Councillor Ladner  
SECONDED by Councillor Stevenson

THAT the foregoing Minutes be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**3. Regular Council (Planning and Environment) - September 14, 2006**

MOVED by Councillor Anton  
SECONDED by Councillor Deal

THAT the foregoing Minutes be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. **Regular Council - September 26, 2006**

MOVED by Councillor Chow  
SECONDED by Councillor Lee

THAT the foregoing Minutes be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

MOVED by Councillor Ball  
SECONDED by Councillor Capri

THAT this Council resolve itself into Committee of the Whole, Mayor Sullivan in the Chair.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**MATTERS ADOPTED ON CONSENT**

MOVED by Councillor Anton

THAT Council adopt Administrative Reports A1 to A3, and A6, on consent.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**COMMUNICATIONS**

1. **2007 Council Meetings Schedule (File 08-2000-01)**

MOVED by Councillor Capri

THAT the following schedule of Council meetings for 2007 be approved:

9:30 am (Tuesday)	Standing Committee on Transportation & Traffic (T&T)
9:30 am (Thursday)	Standing Committee on City Services & Budgets (CS&B)
9:30 am or 7:30 pm (Tuesday Wednesday or Thursday)	Business License Hearing
2:00 pm (Tuesday)	Regular Council
2:00 pm (Thursday)	Standing Committee on Planning & Environment (P&E)
7:30 pm (Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday)	Public Hearing; Court of Revision

JANUARY		
	2	Skip
	9	Skip
	16	T&T Committee; Regular Council
	18	CS&B and P&E Committees; Business License Hearing (7:30 pm)
	23	Skip
	30	Business License Hearing (9:30 am); Regular Council; Public Hearing
FEBRUARY		
	1	CS&B and P&E Committees
	7	Business License Hearing (9:30 am)
	13	T&T Committee; Regular Council; Business License Hearing (7:30 pm)
	14	Special CS&B Committee - 2007 Interim Budget (9:30 am)
	15	CS&B and P&E Committees; Court of Revision - BIA
	20	Skip
	27	Business License Hearing (9:30 am); Regular Council; Public Hearing
MARCH		
	1	CS&B and P&E Committees
	7	Business License Hearing (9:30 am)
	13	T&T Committee; Regular Council; Public Hearing
	14	Business License Hearing (9:30 am)
	15	CS&B and P&E Committees
	20	Skip (Spring Break, March 19-23)
	27	Skip
APRIL		
	3	Business License Hearing (9:30 am); Regular Council
	5	CS&B and P&E Committees; Business License Hearing (7:30 pm)
	11	Business License Hearing (9:30 am)
	17	T&T Committee; Regular Council; Public Hearing
	19	CS&B and P&E Committees
	24	Skip
MAY		
	1	Business License Hearing (9:30 am); Regular Council
	3	CS&B and P&E Committees
	8	Skip (LMMA - Whistler)
	15	T&T Committee; Regular Council; Public Hearing
	17	CS&B and P&E Committees
	21	Victoria Day
	22	<b>No Council meetings</b>
	24	CS&B and P&E Committees; Business License Hearing (7:30 pm)
	29	Business License Hearing (9:30 am); Regular Council
	31	<b>No CS&amp;B and P&amp;E Committees</b>
JUNE		
	5	Skip (FCM in Calgary, June 1-4)
	12	T&T Committee; Regular Council; Public Hearing
	13	Business License Hearing (9:30 am)
	14	CS&B and P&E Committees; Court of Revision - Eng

	20	Business License Hearing (9:30 am)
	26	Business License Hearing (9:30 am); Regular Council
	28	CS&B and P&E Committees
<b>JULY</b>		
	3	Skip (Canada Day, July 2)
	10	Business License Hearing (9:30 am); Regular Council
	12	CS&B and P&E Committees; Business License Hearing (7:30 pm)
	17	Skip
	24	T&T Committee; Regular Council; Public Hearing
	25	Business License Hearing (9:30 am)
	26	CS&B and P&E Committees
<b>AUGUST</b>		
	1-31	Summer Recess (BC Day, August 7)
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>		
	4	Skip (Labour Day, September 3)
	12	Business License Hearing (9:30 am)
	18	T&T Committee; Regular Council; Public Hearing
	20	CS&B and P&E Committees; Business License Hearing (7:30 pm)
	25	Skip (UBCM in Vancouver, September 24-28)
<b>OCTOBER</b>		
	2	Business License Hearing (9:30 am); Regular Council
	4	CS&B and P&E Committees
	10	Special Council (Court of Revision - Land Averaging) (2:00 pm)
	16	T&T Committee; Regular Council; Public Hearing
	18	CS&B and P&E Committees; Business License Hearing (7:30 pm)
	23	Skip
	30	Business License Hearing (9:30 am); Regular Council
<b>NOVEMBER</b>		
	1	CS&B and P&E Committees
	6	Skip
	13	T&T Committee; Regular Council; Public Hearing
	14	Business License Hearing (9:30 am)
	15	CS&B and P&E Committees; Court of Revision - Eng
	21	Business License Hearing (9:30 am)
	27	Business License Hearing (9:30 am); Regular Council
	29	CS&B and P&E Committees
<b>DECEMBER</b>		
	4	Skip
	11	T&T Committee; Regular Council; Public Hearing
	13	CS&B and P&E Committees
	18	Skip
	25	Skip (Christmas Break)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

1. **Form of Development: 1120 East 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue**  
**DE410322 - Vancouver Community College, CD-1 By-law No. 9197**  
**September 14, 2006 (VanRIMS No. 11-3500-10)**

THAT the form of development for this portion of the CD-1 zoned site known as Vancouver Community College - 1155 East Broadway (1120 East 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue being the application address) be approved generally as illustrated in the Development Application Number DE410322, prepared by Stantec Architecture and stamped "Received, Community Services Group, Development Services, September 12, 2006", provided that the Director of Planning may approve design changes which would not adversely affect either the development character of this site or adjacent properties.

ADOPTED ON CONSENT

2. **Application to exempt 19 SRA-designated rooms at 347 West Pender (New Backpackers Hotel) from the Single Room Accommodation By-law**  
**July 24, 2006 (VanRIMS No. 11-4400-50)**

THAT Council grant an exemption from the Single Room Accommodation By-law of all 19 designated rooms at 347 West Pender Street (New Backpackers Hotel).

ADOPTED ON CONSENT

3. **Year 2007 Business License Fee Amendments and Miscellaneous License By-law Amendments**  
**September 18, 2006 (VanRIMS No. 11-4600-20)**

- A. THAT with the exception of liveaboards and the charitable or non-profit categories detailed in Appendix B of the Administrative Report *Year 2007 Business License Fee Amendments and Miscellaneous License By-law Amendments*, dated September 18, 2006, Council approve an across-the-board increase in business license fees for Year 2007 of approximately 2.75 percent (when rounded) for an inflationary adjustment reflecting the estimated growth in City costs.
- B. THAT with the exception of liveaboards and the charitable or non-profit categories detailed in Appendix B of the Administrative Report, Council approve an additional 0.9 percent increase in business license fees for Year 2007 to create a full-time permanent Planning Analyst position in the License Office at an approximate annual cost of \$75,000 for salary/benefits, a one-time position start-up cost of \$5,000 and \$25,000 to cover public information/consultation costs and other related public communication programs. The new position would be subject to review and classification by Human Resources.

- C. THAT a new Vehicle Dealer license fee category be defined and the current "Auto Dealer" license fee category in Schedule A of License By-Law No. 4450 be replaced with Vehicle Dealer with a fee of \$128 per annum plus any increases approved by Council through the recommendations in the Administrative Report *Year 2007 Business License Fee Amendments and Miscellaneous License By-law Amendments*, dated September 18, 2006.
- D. THAT a new Rental Dealer license fee category be defined and included in Schedule A of License By-Law No. 4450 with a fee of \$106 per annum plus any increases approved by Council through the recommendations in the Administrative Report *Year 2007 Business License Fee Amendments and Miscellaneous License By-law Amendments*, dated September 18, 2006.
- E. THAT housekeeping amendments to the License By-Law discussed in the Administrative Report *Year 2007 Business License Fee Amendments and Miscellaneous License By-law Amendments*, dated September 18, 2006, be approved.
- F. THAT the Director of Legal Services be requested to prepare the necessary By-law amendments to the License By-law, generally in accordance with Appendix A of the Administrative Report *Year 2007 Business License Fee Amendments and Miscellaneous License By-law Amendments*, dated September 18, 2006, to be effective January 1, 2007.

ADOPTED ON CONSENT

4. **Rent Review - False Creek Residential Leaseholds**  
September 19, 2006 (VanRIMS No. 02-3000-10)

MOVED by Councillor Louie

- A. THAT Council approve for all the non prepaid residential leases located in the False Creek area, the new monthly rental as per the new month rent column in Appendix B of the Administrative Report *Rent Review - False Creek Residential Leaseholds*, dated September 19, 2006.
- B. THAT Council introduce a prepayment option and request staff to report back for approval of prepayment amounts.

CARRIED

(Councillors Anton and Ladner, and the Mayor opposed to B)

5. **Community Amenity - 700 Hamilton Street (CBC)**  
**September 6, 2006 (VanRIMS No. 06-3200-10)**

MOVED by Councillor Ball

- A. THAT Council authorise staff to enter into an agreement to secure access to an outdoor plaza and a 4,000 square foot multipurpose studio at 700 Hamilton Street for community use at nominal cost and upon such other terms and conditions as outlined in the Administrative Report *Community Amenity - 700 Hamilton Street (CBC)*, dated September 6, 2006, and to the satisfaction of the Director of Legal Services and Managing Director of Cultural Services;
- B. THAT Council authorise staff to enter into legal agreements to secure an additional 8,500 square feet of ground floor space at 700 Hamilton Street for the purpose of a community cultural amenity at a nominal rent for the life of the building and on such other terms and conditions as outlined in the Administrative Report *Community Amenity - 700 Hamilton Street (CBC)*, dated September 6, 2006, and to the satisfaction of the Director of Legal Services and Managing Director of Cultural Services;
- C. THAT Council approve a sublease of the cultural community amenity at 700 Hamilton Street to the Coastal Jazz and Blues Society on behalf of a consortia of non-profit festival societies for the purpose of operating a shared festival facility at a nominal rent and on such other terms and conditions as outlined in the Administrative Report *Community Amenity - 700 Hamilton Street (CBC)*, dated September 6, 2006, and to the satisfaction of the Director of Legal Services and Managing Director of Cultural Services; and
- D. No right or legal obligation is hereby created and none shall arise until execution of the agreements.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6. **Social Responsibility Fund - Guidelines for Allocations**  
**September 15, 2006 (VanRIMS No. 11-2200-10)**

- A. THAT City Council approve the general guidelines for four different funding categories from the Social Responsibility Fund (SRF) as described in the Administrative Report *Social Responsibility Fund - Guidelines for Allocations*, dated September 15, 2006, and instruct staff to report back every year with a review of the four funding categories, for the duration of the SRF;
- B. THAT City Council approve the creation of an annual grant program of \$125,000 for the duration of the Edgewater casino permit, to support community capacity building projects in the Downtown, Downtown Eastside, Strathcona, and Mount Pleasant neighbourhoods, generally as described in the Administrative Report *Social Responsibility Fund - Guidelines for Allocations*, dated September 15, 2006, and instruct staff to report back to Council on specific grant criteria;



- C. THAT Council approve funding allocations for the year 2006 to the following initiatives as outlined in the Administrative Report *Social Responsibility Fund - Guidelines for Allocations*, dated September 15, 2006; source of funds to be the Social Responsibility Fund:
- (i) \$25,000 towards the City's contribution to the 2006/07 operation of the Responsible Gambling Information Centre (RGIC) at Edgewater Casino;
  - (ii) \$25,000 in 2006 towards the funding of local awareness and responsible gambling initiatives in partnership with the Edgewater Casino, BC Lottery Corporation, and the BC Gaming Policy and Enforcement Branch;
  - (iii) \$25,000 in 2006 towards research, training and staff development activities.

ADOPTED ON CONSENT

**RISE FROM COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

MOVED by Councillor Ladner

THAT the Committee of the Whole rise and report.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**ADOPT REPORT OF COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

MOVED by Councillor Stevenson

SECONDED by Councillor Anton

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**MOTIONS**

**A. Administrative Motions**

None.

**B. Motions on Notice**

**1. Community to Community Forums (VanRIMS No.01-5500-40)**

MOVED by Mayor Sullivan  
SECONDED by Councillor Lee

WHEREAS Community to Community Forums (Forums) are jointly organized meetings between elected leaders from neighbouring First Nation and local governments, which aim to foster understanding and improve overall relations between the governments;

AND WHEREAS the Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM) provides grants to First Nation and local governments who wish to participate in Community to Community Forums;

AND WHEREAS the Musqueam First Nation Chief has passed a resolution to coordinate Forums between Musqueam First Nation and City of Vancouver elected officials and staff, to be held between September and December 2006;

AND WHEREAS Musqueam First Nation has applied to UBCM for grant monies to hold these Forums;

AND WHEREAS the City of Vancouver wishes to strengthen relations with local First Nation governments and City Council by participating in these Forums;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, THAT Vancouver City Council:

- (a) Hereby support the Musqueam First Nation's grant application to UBCM by agreeing to participate at the Community to Community Forums;
- (b) Hereby instruct city staff to work with Musqueam First Nations in the organization of the Forums.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**2. 'In Camera' Meeting (VanRIMS No. 08-2000-21)**

MOVED by Councillor Stevenson  
SECONDED by Councillor Louie

THAT Council will go into a meeting which is closed to the public, pursuant to Section 165.2(1) of the *Vancouver Charter*, to discuss matters related to paragraph(s):

- (a) personal information about an identifiable individual who holds or is being considered for a position as an officer, employee or agent of the city or another position appointed by the city.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. **Council Challenge - Zero Crash Month** (VanRIMS No. 01-5500-10)

MOVED by Councillor Capri  
SECONDED by Councillor Lee

We, Vancouver City Council of the City of Vancouver, in support of ZERO CRASH MONTH, October 1 - 31, 2006, hereby accept the following challenge on behalf of Surrey City Council:

A crash reduction contest between our two communities.

Stakes of the challenge are that the loser shall: in the first Council meeting following Zero Crash Month, wear a badge professing love for the other municipality, e.g. "I love (name of city)".

Amended

AMENDMENT MOVED by Councillor Stevenson

THAT the badge worn by the loser say "I like (name of city)".

Amended

AMENDMENT TO THE AMENDMENT MOVED by Councillor Anton

THAT the badge worn by the loser say: "I  (name of city)".

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The amendment to the amendment having carried, the motion as amended was put and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. **Moratorium on SRA Conversions** (VanRIMS No. 11-2200-21)

MOVED by Councillor Stevenson  
SECONDED by Councillor Deal

WHEREAS:

1. the number of homeless in Vancouver's streets is steadily climbing
2. conversions of single room accommodation units is increasing despite the SRA bylaw; and
3. these conversions within a few blocks of the Olympic village may constitute a violation of the City of Vancouver's commitments to the IOC under the

Inclusivity Intent Statement with our bid to host the 2010 Olympic Winter Games and Winter Paralympic Games;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

1. That Council impose a moratorium on any conversions of SRA accommodation pending a report from staff on the threat to this crucial housing.
2. Direct staff to recommend measures necessary to strengthen the SRA bylaw, including increasing the conversion fee.
3. Be it finally Resolved that Council, through the Mayor, call on both senior levels of government to commit to restore funding for affordable housing to confront the crisis.

Notice

Councillor Ladner called Notice under Section 5.4(c) of the Procedure By-law. The motion will be considered at the next Regular Council meeting to be held immediately following the Standing Committee on City Services and Budgets meeting on October 5, 2006.

2. **Leave of Absence - Councillor Stevenson (VanRIMS No. 08-2200-20)**

MOVED by Councillor Ladner  
SECONDED by Councillor Deal

THAT Councillor Stevenson be granted a Leave of Absence for personal reasons for the Chauffeur's Permit Appeal Hearing on the evening of October 3, 2006.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. **Leave of Absence - Councillor Ladner (VanRIMS No. 08-2200-20)**

MOVED by Councillor Stevenson  
SECONDED by Councillor Capri

THAT Councillor Ladner be granted a Leave of Absence for the Chauffeur's Permit Appeal Hearing on the evening of October 3, 2006.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## ENQUIRIES AND OTHER MATTERS

1. **City Support of Film Industry** (VanRIMS No. 08-3000-13)

Councillor Louie referred to the Mayor's recent announcement on the Task Force on the Film Industry and requested a memorandum from staff advising on the status of the report back on the feasibility of City support to the film industry.

2. **Housing Net Loss Policy** (VanRIMS No. 01-0600-10)

Councillor Capri requested staff to provide a memorandum clarifying the status of the City's no net loss housing policy.

3. **Request for Charter Changes on Council Meetings** (VanRIMS No. 08-2000-01)

Councillor Anton requested an update on Council's request for a Charter change with regard to the requirement of full Council attendance at Courts of Revision and Chauffeur's Permit Appeal Hearings.

The City Manager advised the City is waiting to hear from the Province whether the request will be considered. Changes to the Charter are infrequent and will come to Council for ratification.

4. **Development Fees** (VanRIMS No. 05-1200-40)

Councillor Ladner referred to a recent article comparing the costs of development around the Lower Mainland. He requested staff to provide a memorandum with an update on the City's progress on improving its performance on the cost of development fees versus the time for approval of permits.

5. **Use of Bottled Water** (VanRIMS No. 13-6000-50)

Councillor Stevenson requested staff to provide a memorandum on where bottled water is used in the City and the possibility of replacing the bottled water with ice-cold tap water.

6. **Eviction of Tenants from the American Hotel** (VanRIMS No. 11-2200-21)

Councillor Cadman referred to the recent eviction of tenants from the American Hotel and requested staff to provide a memorandum on: (a) what the City can do to prevent people from being evicted; (b) what it can do under the Standards of Maintenance By-law to keep people safe; and (c) what it can do to reinstate the tenants if the evictions were done illegally.

7. **Police Resources in Strathcona** (VanRIMS No. 11-2000-01)

Councillor Chow referred to a recent community meeting he attended in Strathcona related to the recent arsons in the area, and noted the police advised of their lack of resources.

The Mayor agreed to raise the issue of resources at the next Police Board meeting.

The Council adjourned at 3:40 p.m.

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