



REPORT TO COUNCIL
STANDING COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL
ON PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT

OCTOBER 5, 2006

A Regular Meeting of the Standing Committee of Council on Planning and Environment was held on Thursday, October 5, 2006, at 2:00 p.m., in the Council Chamber, Third Floor, City Hall.

PRESENT: Councillor Suzanne Anton, Chair
*Mayor Sam Sullivan
*Councillor Elizabeth Ball
Councillor David Cadman
Councillor Kim Capri, Vice-Chair
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: Nicole Ludwig, Meeting Coordinator

*Denotes absence for a portion of the meeting.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

The Minutes of the Standing Committee on Planning and Environment meeting of September 14, 2006, were adopted.

RECOMMENDATION

- 1. Significant New Rezoning Application - 26 S.W. Marine Drive**
(VanRIMS No.: 11-3600-03)

The Committee had before it a description of a Significant New Rezoning Application for 26 Southwest Marine Drive, prepared by the Planning Department and submitted for information only.

Vicki Potter, Rezoning Planner, explained the application.

**2. 1241 Homer Street
Request for extension of Building Permit No. BU43315 (VanRIMS No. 11-4200-10)**

The Committee had before it an Administrative Report dated September 11, 2006, in which the Chief Building Official, in consultation with the Director of City Plans, sought Council approval for an extension of a Building Permit for 1241 Homer Street, noting the extension request has implications for the City's revenues from Development Cost Levies (DCLs). The General Manager of Community Services recommended approval.

Ed Neufeld, Manager of Building Branch, explained the report.

MOVED by Councillor Capri
THAT the Committee recommend to Council

THAT City Council approve an extension of Building Permit No. BU433151 for 1241 Homer Street until March 14, 2007, subject to the site being maintained in a tidy condition.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Councillor Ball and Mayor Sullivan absent for the vote)

3. Annual Report Back on the Work of the Youth Outreach Team and the Civic Youth Strategy (VanRIMS No. 11-2200-10)

The Committee had before it an Administrative Report dated September 12, 2006, in which the Acting Director of Social Planning provided a progress report (from June 2005 to September 2006) on the work of the Youth Outreach Team (YOT), including information and overview on the priority work areas and updates on youth-related work being undertaken by City staff in various departments across the City. The General Manager of Community Services recommended approval.

Debbie Anderson Eng, Anka Raskin, Julianna Torjek, Lanny Jiminez and Pirouz Nemati, all from Social Planning, reviewed the report and the activities of the YOT, explained links between YOT and the Civic Youth Strategy (CYS), detailed tools used for youth outreach and engagement, and noted that YOT is increasingly recognized as a best practice model for other organizations developing youth outreach programs.

Ms. Anderson Eng responded to questions regarding:

- maintenance of youth outreach programs;
- outreach to more marginalized youth;
- methods used for outreach and future challenges and opportunities; and
- connections with other departments, including the Vancouver Police Department (VPD).

The following delegations spoke in favour of the Youth Outreach Team:

Dena Klashinsky, Urban Native Youth Association
Susan Tatoosh, Elder Advisor to the Urban Native Youth Association
Iona Lionzynyansky
Doug Ragan, Environmental Youth Alliance

Delegations noted the tremendous benefits to youth from YOT, City support opens many doors for youth and the program highlights the strength of the youth community in Vancouver.

Councillor Deal requested a memorandum from staff on the effects of cuts to funding for youth and youth programs.

MOVED by Councillor Deal
THAT the Committee recommend to Council

THAT Council receive for information the Administrative Report dated September 12, 2006, entitled "Annual Report Back on the Work of Youth Outreach Team and Civic Youth Strategy".

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Mayor Sullivan absent for the vote)

4. Get Out! Youth Legacy Program – Evaluation and Next Steps
(VanRIMS No. 11-2200-10)

The Committee had before it an Administrative Report dated September 15, 2006, in which the Managing Director of Cultural Services; Director, Vancouver East District, Park Board; and Interim Director, Social Planning presented the findings of the Get Out! Youth Legacy Program pilot phase 2005/06, and sought Council's approval to develop future Get Out! opportunities, programs and services as outlined in the aforementioned report. The General Managers of Community Services and Park Board recommended approval, noting that the pilot phase of this interdepartmental initiative has created new opportunities for active youth engagement in arts, sports, recreation and cultural activities, has in a very short time reached over 3,500 youth, primarily youth at risk, and has helped to inform current programs and services and build towards a longer-term strategy for youth involvement within the City.

Debbie Anderson Eng, Social Planning, reviewed the report, gave an overview of next steps and, along with Booth Palmer and Susan Gordon, both from Vancouver Parks and Recreation, and Sue Harvey, Managing Director of Cultural Services, responded to questions regarding:

- types of projects funded through the program;
- possibility of creating a youth grant category, and ensuring funding for future youth initiatives;
- opportunities for marginalized and immigrant youth; and
- funding and staffing for the program.

The following delegations spoke in favour of the Get Out! Program, noting the uniqueness and success of the program to date, the importance of moving the program forward, and concerns that Olympic cost overruns will lead to no legacy programs for youth:

Mark Vonesh, Reel Youth
Doug Ragan, Environmental Youth Alliance

MOVED by Councillor Ball

THAT the Committee recommend to Council

- A. THAT Council receive the Administrative Report dated September 15, 2006, entitled "Get Out! Youth Legacy Program - Evaluation and Next Steps", for information.
- B. THAT Council approve the Get Out! program principles and objectives as outlined in the Administrative report dated September 15, 2006, entitled "Get Out! Youth Legacy Program - Evaluation and Next Steps".
- C. THAT Council approve the continuation of interdepartmental Get Out! Staff Steering and Technical Committees to manage and coordinate future Get Out! Programs and services.
- D. That Council authorize the Get Out! Steering Committee to seek additional funding partners and make applications to funding programs as outlined in the Administrative Report dated September 15, 2006, entitled "Get Out! Youth Legacy Program - Evaluation and Next Steps".
- E. THAT Council direct staff to report back with recommendations for any future Get Out! programs and services in the context of the 2007 Annual Operating Budget, departmental program reviews, strategic planning initiatives and potential partnership opportunities.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5. Downtown Streetcar Project Update (File 13-1400-20)

The Committee had before it an Administrative Report dated September 22, 2006, in which the General Manager of Engineering Services and the Director of Current Planning reported back as directed by Council with a project update on the Downtown Streetcar including the results of four separate reports, and sought Council approval for next steps to be taken for the Downtown Streetcar including undertaking a public process and completing and reporting back on more detailed design. The General Manager of Engineering Services and the Director of Current Planning noted the Downtown Streetcar is a key element of the Vancouver's Transit Strategy and a cornerstone of supporting Southeast False Creek as a transit-oriented development, and the importance of finalizing a more detailed design that accommodates the

future streetcar while minimizing construction costs and neighbourhood impacts. The City Manager also recommended approval, noting the Downtown Streetcar project as envisioned will not likely be easily or quickly realized and that Council should consider carefully the potential capital costs necessary to bring the system to the kind of operation contemplated.

Dale Bracewell, Manager, Olympic Transportation Planning, and Richard Johnson, Downtown Transportation, reviewed the report, history of the project, results of technical studies and staff recommendations.

Jerry Dobrovoly, Assistant City Engineer, noted recommendations A and B in the report are not necessary, as it is not the practice of Council to reaffirm existing positions.

Messrs. Dobrovoly, Bracewell and Johnson, along with Judy Rogers, City Manager, and Tom Timm, General Manager of Engineering Services, responded to questions regarding:

- funding and effects of this project on the budget for the Broadway Corridor;
- funding from other levels of government;
- potential conflict with priorities of other levels of government;
- timelines, ridership, public expectations and future expansion;
- wishlists of other municipalities and potential of competition for resources;
- incorporating options for cyclists;
- comparison to other models; and
- work with TransLink and VANOC.

The following delegations spoke in support of the Downtown Streetcar Project

Leno Sircusa, CMHC
Steve Regan, Tourism Vancouver
Dale Laird, Transit Museum Society
Richard Campbell, BEST
Patrick Condon, James Taylor Chair in Landscape and Livable Communities (UBC)

Their comments included:

- full support for project;
- project is very important to Granville Island and will help achieve public transportation targets and reduce congestion;
- project will put Granville Island on an equivalent footing with other areas served by transit;
- project will be beneficial to tourism;
- explanation of various types of transit and how and when they are used by tourists;
- will facilitate connection between Cambie Street and Granville Street; this is necessary because the 98B Line on Granville will no longer be in operation when the Canada Line opens;
- a good way to reduce car use in the area;
- proper resources must be supplied;

- may conflict with the Central Valley Greenway at Quebec Street and 1st Avenue;
- should investigate the possibility of the project becoming self-funding;
- will support transportation needs of seniors; and
- developers often supportive of taxation, so long as the rate is stable.

MOVED by Councillor Louie

THAT the Committee recommend to Council

- A. THAT Council authorize the General Manager of Engineering Services to continue to seek Senior Government funding for the Downtown Streetcar project including cost-sharing opportunities with other potential funding partners.
- B. THAT Council direct staff to continue the Downtown Streetcar project as follows:
 - i. Undertake a public process to receive broader input into the findings of the current Downtown Streetcar project update;
 - ii. Complete more detailed design for the section from Granville Island to Science World, including a maintenance facility, with funding of \$300,000 to be provided from the 2005 Engineering Streets Budget for the Downtown Streetcar, and staff to pursue a commitment from CMHC Granville Island regarding a \$65,000 contribution towards this study;
 - iii. Report back to Council on the more detailed design and funding and implementation options for the section from Granville Island to Science World, including a maintenance facility; and
 - iv. Continue to work with TransLink on how to integrate the Downtown Streetcar with the regional transit system and transportation plans.

amended

AMENDMENT MOVED by Councillor Ladner

- A. THAT the following clauses be added as part v of B:

Report back to Council on innovative funding options related to measurable benefits accruing to neighbourhood residents and businesses.

- B. THAT the following clause be added:

THAT Vancouver City Council request that TransLink begin planning the western extension of the Millenium Line along the Broadway Corridor in 2007 as this remains the City of Vancouver's highest transit priority.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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

MOTION AS AMENDED:

- A. THAT Council authorize the General Manager of Engineering Services to continue to seek Senior Government funding for the Downtown Streetcar project including cost-sharing opportunities with other potential funding partners.
- B. THAT Council direct staff to continue the Downtown Streetcar project as follows:
 - i. Undertake a public process to receive broader input into the findings of the current Downtown Streetcar project update;
 - ii. Complete more detailed design for the section from Granville Island to Science World, including a maintenance facility, with funding of \$300,000 to be provided from the 2005 Engineering Streets Budget for the Downtown Streetcar, and staff to pursue a commitment from CMHC Granville Island regarding a \$65,000 contribution towards this study;
 - iii. Report back to Council on the more detailed design and funding and implementation options for the section from Granville Island to Science World, including a maintenance facility; and
 - iv. Continue to work with TransLink on how to integrate the Downtown Streetcar with the regional transit system and transportation plans.
 - v. Report back to Council on innovative funding options related to measurable benefits accruing to neighbourhood residents and businesses.
- C. THAT Vancouver City Council request that TransLink begin planning the western extension of the Millenium Line along the Broadway Corridor in 2007 as this remains the City of Vancouver's highest transit priority.

6. Ethical and Sustainable Purchasing Policy (File 03-1200-01)

At its meeting on September 26, 2006, Vancouver City Council received requests to speak on this item, and referred consideration of the Administrative Report dated September 7, 2006, entitled "Ethical and Sustainable Purchasing Policy", to the Standing Committee on Planning and Environment meeting on October 5, 2006, in order to hear from delegations.

Accordingly, the Committee had before it the aforementioned report, in which the Corporate Management Team outlined the impacts of the April 2006 budget decisions to eliminate funding for incremental costs associated with the Ethical Purchasing Policy (EPP) and one contracting specialist position dedicated to the implementation of the EPP, and the development of a broader sustainable purchasing policy. The City Manager recommended approval.

Esther Lee, Acting Director of Financial Services, reviewed the report and explained staff recommendations.

Ms. Lee, along with Larry Berglund, Manager of Materials Management; Estelle Lo, General Manager of Financial Services; and Tom Osdoba, Manager of Sustainability, responded to questions regarding ethical purchasing amendments, timeline for the next review, the position of Vancouver Parks and Recreation and whether today's decisions will have any effect on Park Board.

The following delegations spoke in support of the ethical and sustainable purchasing policy:

Michael Zelmer, Vancouver Fair Trade Coffee Network
Sister Elizabeth Kelliaher
Penny Parry
Maria Williams
Yvon Raoul
Roxanne Cave, Ten Thousand Villages
Kommaly Chanthavong, Phontong Handicrafts
Lloyd Bernhardt, Ethical Bean
Susan Pinkus
Bill Saunders
Emily Doyle-Yamaguchi

Their comments included:

- ethical purchasing is a multifaceted concept and is central to social justice;
- Vancouver has an excellent reputation worldwide because of the ethical purchasing policy;
- will help with commerce in the future;
- will help develop choice in the South;
- working with North American companies allows Southern businesses to work more effectively with villages to improve situations, particularly those of women and children; and
- must remember that the policy is sustainable as well as ethical.

MOVED by Councillor Louie

THAT the Committee recommend to Council

- A. THAT Council reinstate the full time contracting specialist position to the end of 2008, in the Materials Management department to develop and implement a comprehensive Sustainable and Ethical Purchasing Policy that incorporates broader environmental and social objectives as Phase II, and to provide support to all City departments and boards in administering the Ethical Purchasing Policy. The incremental cost is \$30,000; funding for 2006 to be provided from unspent funds in a previously approved budget for EPP (\$20,000) and budget

reallocations in the 2006 Operating Budget (\$10,000); and funding for 2007 and 2008 to be added to the 2007 Operating Budget without offset.

amended

AMENDMENT MOVED by Councillor Ladner

- A. THAT the following be added as part B:

THAT Council direct staff to continue to implement the Sustainable and Ethical Purchasing Policy. For 2006, funding is to be absorbed within the 2006 operating budget. For 2007, the required funding is to be included in the 2007 Operating Budget with staff reporting back as part of the 2007 Operating Budget process the approximate costs; and

- B. THAT the following be added as part C:

THAT Council urge the Park Board to reconsider its policy of differentiating the application of the policy for products for resale.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The amendment having carried, the motion as amended was put and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY, with Councillor Deal absent for the vote.

MOTION AS AMENDED:

- A. THAT Council reinstate the full time contracting specialist position to the end of 2008, in the Materials Management department to develop and implement a comprehensive Sustainable and Ethical Purchasing Policy that incorporates broader environmental and social objectives as Phase II, and to provide support to all City departments and boards in administering the Ethical Purchasing Policy. The incremental cost is \$30,000; funding for 2006 to be provided from unspent funds in a previously approved budget for EPP (\$20,000) and budget reallocations in the 2006 Operating Budget (\$10,000); and funding for 2007 and 2008 to be added to the 2007 Operating Budget without offset.
- B. THAT Council direct staff to continue to implement the Sustainable and Ethical Purchasing Policy. For 2006, funding is to be absorbed within the 2006 operating budget. For 2007, the required funding is to be included in the 2007 Operating Budget with staff reporting back as part of the 2007 Operating Budget process the approximate costs
- C. THAT Council urge the Vancouver Park Board to reconsider its policy of differentiating the application of the policy for products for resale.

The Committee adjourned at 6:42 p.m.

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CITY OF VANCOUVER

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES STANDING COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL ON PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT

OCTOBER 5, 2006

A Regular Meeting of the Council of the City of Vancouver was held on Thursday, October 5, 2006, at 6:42 p.m., in the Council Chamber, Third Floor, City Hall, following the Standing Committee on Planning and Environment 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
Councillor Raymond Louie
Councillor Tim Stevenson

ABSENT: Councillor Heather Deal

CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE: Judy Rogers, City Manager

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE: Nicole Ludwig, Meeting Coordinator

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MOVED by Councillor Stevenson
SECONDED by Councillor Ladner

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Report of Standing Committee on Planning and Environment October 5, 2006

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

1. Significant New Rezoning Application - 26 S.W. Marine Drive
2. 1241 Homer Street
Request for Extension of Building Permit No. BU43315
3. Annual Report Back on the Work of the Youth Outreach Team and the Civic Youth Strategy
4. Get Out! Youth Legacy Program – Evaluation and Next Steps
5. Downtown Streetcar Project Update
6. Ethical and Sustainable Purchasing Policy

Items 1 to 6

MOVED by Councillor Chow

THAT the recommendations and actions taken by the Standing Committee on Planning and Environment at its meeting of October 5, 2006, as contained in items 1 to 6, be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

RISE FROM COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MOVED by Councillor Lee

THAT the Committee of the Whole rise and report.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADOPT REPORT OF COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MOVED by Councillor Ball
SECONDED by Councillor Capri

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Council adjourned at 6:43 p.m.

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