

(These Minutes to be adopted at the Regular Council meeting on November 14, 2006)



REPORT TO COUNCIL

STANDING COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL ON TRANSPORTATION AND TRAFFIC

OCTOBER 17, 2006

A Regular Meeting of the Standing Committee of Council on Transportation and Traffic was held on Tuesday, October 17, 2006, at 9:30 a.m., in the Council Chamber, Third Floor, City Hall.

PRESENT:

- Councillor B.C. Lee, Chair
- Mayor Sam Sullivan
- Councillor Suzanne Anton
- Councillor Elizabeth Ball, Vice-Chair
- Councillor David Cadman
- Councillor Kim Capri
- Councillor George Chow
- Councillor Heather Deal
- Councillor Peter Ladner
- Councillor Raymond Louie
- Councillor Tim Stevenson

CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE: Brent MacGregor, Deputy City Manager

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE: Pat Boomhower, Meeting Coordinator

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

The Minutes of the Standing Committee on Transportation and Traffic meeting of September 12, 2006, were adopted.

VARY THE AGENDA

MOVED by Councillor Louie

THAT Items 4, 5 and 6 on the agenda follow Item 1, "ICBC Presentation", in order to deal with short reports prior to Item 2 on the Standing Committee on Transportation and Traffic agenda.

LOST, NOT HAVING RECEIVED
THE REQUIRED MAJORITY

(Councilors Anton, Ball, Capri, Ladner, and the Mayor opposed)

RECOMMENDATION

1. ICBC Presentation: Zero Crash Month (VanRIMS NO. 01-5500-60)

Paul Goodman, ICBC Loss Prevention and Road Safety Coordinator, and Gail Reid, ICBC Claim Centre Manager, provided an overview of the "Zero Crash Month" Campaign in October and noted Vancouver has officially registered support. ICBC staff highlighted the incentives for communities and individuals to participate, the data for predicting community crash rates, and responded to questions regarding number of local crashes in 2005, projections for 2006 and determining number of crashes with respect to the Vancouver-Surrey crash reduction challenge.

MOVED by Councillor Louie
THAT the Committee recommend to Council

THAT the overview of "Zero Crash Month" Campaign presented by ICBC be received for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. West Broadway Street Rehabilitation and Transportation Improvements (VanRIMS NO. 13-4300-01)

At the Standing Committee on City Services and Budgets meeting on October 5, 2006, Council referred this matter to the Standing Committee on Transportation and Traffic meeting on October 17, 2006, due to time constraints.

Accordingly, the Committee had before it an Administrative Report dated September 19, 2006, in which the General Manager of Engineering Services summarized the public process undertaken for the street rehabilitation and transportation improvement of West Broadway, and sought approval of funding in advance of the 2007 Capital Budget for roadway and sidewalks rehabilitation and approval of geometric changes to West Broadway to allow for the installation of pedestrian and bus bulges. The City Manager recommended approval.

Doug Manarin, Streets Program Manager, reviewed the report, noting Park Board is waiting for results from an independent lab of the radar root mapping. Mr. Manarin also advised of the limitations of pavers, and that this sidewalk project budget represents the City's 2007 sidewalk rehabilitation allocation.

Mr. Manarin, together with Bill Stephen, Urban Forestry Technician - Park Board, Paul Montpellier, City Arborist, Ian Adam, Assistant City Engineer - Streets, and Lon LaClaire, Strategic Transportation Planning Engineer, responded to questions regarding street trees, utility strips, sidewalk surfaces, drainage, transit, bike facilities, sidewalk budgets and priority list.

The following delegations spoke in support of the recommendations:

Bill Stott, Kitsilano Chamber of Commerce/West Broadway Business Committee
Kelly McKinnon, Co-owner, Kidsbooks
Peter Emery, Owner, Toy Box
Alexis Bracken

Comments provided by the foregoing speakers included the following:

- the condition of the sidewalks has been a concern for a long time due to the tripping hazard which has resulted in injuries;
- trees are a wonderful enhancement and businesses support saving the ones that be saved;
- very urgent that the hazardous sidewalks be repaired and noted the Christmas shopping traffic, wet weather and puddles make the sidewalks more dangerous;
- businesses are supportive of cobble stones but this street currently is not part of a BIA, businesses do not have extra funds available to assist with costs, and property owners pay substantial taxes which should contribute to the sidewalk repair over time;
- businesses work hard to attract new customers in order to meet rising costs;
- it is sad if a tree has to be cut down, but not at the expense of a tripping hazard;
- Lindens are not suitable and are a detriment; they attract aphids and have invasive roots which seek a lot of water and move pavers; and
- the sidewalks were put in 30 years ago and we have waited a long time for repairs.

The following delegations spoke in support of sidewalk improvements and use of pavers, and expressed concern about the removal of trees.

Randy Sharp, Sharp & Diamond Landscape Architecture & Planning, West Kitsilano
Residents Association
Anders Danielsson, Abbotsford Concrete Products
Gabiella Friesen
Mel Lehan, St. James Community Square
Larry Benge
Elaine Keough, West Kitsilano Residents Association
Daniel Roehr, UBC Landscape Architecture Program
Sean McEwen
Vito Lore, Business Development, Mutual Materials
Cathy Marr
Lance Berelowitz
Stacy Moriarty

Comments provided by the foregoing speakers included the following:

- urge Council to maintain large trees along commercial streets and consider a continuous tree trench with engineered soil in a permeable surface;

- this is an opportunity to create a great street and public realm; the City should aspire for excellence rather than status quo;
- there are long term savings in doing it right and the upfront costs are an investment over the long term and in the bigger picture of a great city;
- these sidewalks have to be fixed; disagreement pertains to the proposed number of trees to be removed, species of new trees, and type of sidewalk;
- rather than take the easy way out, hope that everything is done to save the trees; large trees are good for business and environment;
- new trees take time to reach a suitable height for a canopy and sign visibility; most want to keep the Linden canopy as is;
- concerned that most of the trees earmarked for removal are within a three block area;
- in favour of tree preservation even if it is more expensive;
- the hazardous Lindens have to be removed, but most earmarked trees could be retained by larger openings and a permeable surface in a continuous tree utility zone;
- there are other tree varieties, than Linden or Ironwood, suitable for the utility strips;
- heartened to hear methods for assessing trees and root barriers;
- there are many ways to pave a sidewalk; making safe sidewalks means getting water off them, especially when there is no slope;
- interlocking pavers allow water through, have a 30 - 40 year life, come with a guarantee, and installation time is minimal;
- paver maintenance can be dealt with; the City has vacuum equipment;
- maintenance costs are reduced if permeable pavers are only in utility zones, trees are well placed and infrastructure is done properly;
- merchants prefer their slower months for street rehabilitation;
- consultation process was flawed; not surprised at lack of support for local improvement assessment; and
- do not think of the trees as a problem; trees are part of the solution.

Staff together with Tom Timm, General Manager of Engineering Services, responded to questions regarding issues raised by the foregoing speakers.

MOVED by Councillor Deal

THAT the Committee recommend to Council

- A. THAT Council approve the plans for a major rehabilitation of West Broadway, including paving, sidewalk reconstruction, and the installation of pedestrian and bus bulges as described in the Administrative Report entitled "West Broadway Street Rehabilitation and Transportation Improvements" dated September 19, 2006, at a total estimated cost of \$3,650,000, and that Council approve funding from the following sources:
 - That paving, at an estimated cost of \$1,000,000, be funded by \$1,000,000 from category A1a2 (Arterial Reconstruction - MRN Arterial Streets) in advance of the 2007 Streets Basic Capital Budget with funding provided from

the 2007 TransLink MRN - OMR annual funding allocation, to permit commencement of the West Broadway pavement rehabilitation prior to the approval of the 2007 Streets Basic Capital Budget;

- That sidewalk reconstruction, at an estimated cost of \$1,500,000, be funded by \$1,500,000 from category A2b (Sidewalk Reconstruction) in advance of the 2007 Streets Basic Capital Budget with funding provided from the 2006-2008 borrowing authority approved by plebiscite, to permit commencement of the West Broadway sidewalk rehabilitation prior to the approval of the 2007 Streets Basic Capital Budget;
- That bus and pedestrian bulges construction, at an estimated cost of \$1,150,000, be funded by \$515,000 from category A4a2 (Arterial Improvements - Pedestrian, Transit and Neighbourhood Centres) of the 2006 Streets Basic Capital Budget, by \$60,000 from previously approved capital funding for pedestrian bulges at Carnarvon Street, and by funding be provided by TransLink and ICBC, subject to their approval.

FURTHER THAT subject to 2008 budget review, the Street Operations Maintenance Budget be increased by \$21,000, without offset, for maintenance of new landscaping areas.

B. THAT staff report back to Council as soon as possible with options and budgets for sidewalk treatments which:

- Retain a higher number of existing trees through creative design;
- Increase permeability of sidewalks and/or utility strips;
- Allow for future installation and maintenance of large trees;

These options may include pavers, tree trenches and/or structural soil;

FURTHER THAT staff replace those trees that are absolutely required to be removed with specimens that will match the existing Linden canopy.

referred

AMENDMENT MOVED by Mayor Sullivan

THAT the motion be amended in B by striking out the words "and budgets" following the words "with options".

referred

MOVED by Mayor Sullivan

THAT due to time constraints, discussion and decision on the pending motion and amendment be referred to as Unfinished Business to the Council meeting immediately following the Standing Committee on City Services and Budgets meeting on Thursday, October 19, 2006, at 9:30 a.m.

carried

AMENDMENT MOVED by Councillor Deal

THAT the motion on referral be amended by striking the phrase "Council meeting immediately following the Standing Committee on City Services and Budgets meeting on Thursday, October 19, 2006, at 9:30 a.m." and inserting the words "Regular Council meeting on Tuesday, October 17, 2006, at 2:00 p.m."

LOST

(Councillors Anton, Ball, Capri, Ladner, Lee and the Mayor)

The amendment having lost, the motion to refer the matter was put and CARRIED with Councillors Cadman, Chow, Deal, Louie and Stevenson opposed.

3. Cambie Street Restoration - City Initiated Improvements (VanRIMS NO. 13-4200-10)

MOVED by Councillor Louie

THAT the Committee recommend to Council

THAT due to time constraints, the Administrative Report dated October 10, 2006, entitled "Cambie Street Restoration - City Initiated Improvements", be referred to the Standing Committee on City Services and Budgets meeting on Thursday, October 19, 2006, at 9:30 a.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. Improvements to Ash Street (VanRIMS NO. 13-4500-12)

MOVED by Mayor Sullivan

THAT the Committee recommend to Council

THAT due to time constraints, the Administrative Report dated October 5, 2006, entitled "Improvements to Ash Street", be referred to the Regular Council meeting on Tuesday, October 17, 2006, at 2:00 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5. Broadway Corridor Transit Priority (VanRIMS NO. 01-2500-20/13-1400-20)

MOVED by Councillor Louie
THAT the Committee recommend to Council

THAT due to time constraints, the Administrative Report dated October 3, 2006, entitled "Broadway Corridor Transit Priority", be referred to the Standing Committee on City Services and Budgets meeting on Thursday, October 19, 2006, at 9:30 a.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6. 1999 Bicycle Plan Update, Action Item # 9: Crime Statistics and Bikeways (VanRIMS NO. 13-1400-11)

MOVED by Councillor Louie
THAT the Committee recommend to Council

THAT due to time constraints, the Administrative Report dated October 3, 2006, entitled "1999 Bicycle Plan Update, Action Item # 9: Crime Statistics and Bikeways", be referred to the Standing Committee on City Services and Budgets meeting on Thursday, October 19, 2006, at 9:30 a.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Committee adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

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CITY OF VANCOUVER

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES STANDING COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL ON TRANSPORTATION AND TRAFFIC

OCTOBER 17, 2006

A Regular Meeting of the Council of the City of Vancouver was held on Tuesday, October 17, 2006, at 1:30 p.m., in the Council Chamber, Third Floor, City Hall, following the Standing Committee on Transportation and Traffic 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 Heather Deal
- Councillor Peter Ladner
- Councillor B.C. Lee
- Councillor Raymond Louie
- Councillor Tim Stevenson

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE: Pat Boomhower, Meeting Coordinator

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MOVED by Councillor Stevenson
SECONDED by Councillor Chow

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Report of Standing Committee on Transportation and Traffic
October 17, 2006

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

1. ICBC Presentation: Zero Crash Month
2. West Broadway Street Rehabilitation and Transportation Improvements
3. Cambie Street Restoration - City Initiated Improvements
4. Improvements to Ash Street
5. Broadway Corridor Transit Priority
6. 1999 Bicycle Plan Update, Action Item # 9: Crime Statistics and Bikeways

Items 1 - 6

MOVED by Councillor Anton

THAT the recommendations and actions taken by the Standing Committee on Transportation and Traffic at its meeting of October 17, 2006, as contained in items 1 - 6, be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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 Ball
SECONDED by Councillor Capri

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Council adjourned at 1:31 p.m.

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