



REPORT TO COUNCIL
STANDING COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL
ON CITY SERVICES AND BUDGETS

OCTOBER 19, 2006

A Regular Meeting of the Standing Committee of Council on City Services and Budgets was held on Thursday, October 19, 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 David Cadman
Councillor Kim Capri
Councillor George Chow
Councillor Heather Deal
Councillor B.C. Lee
Councillor Raymond Louie, Vice-Chair
*Councillor Tim Stevenson (Leave of Absence Items 1 and 2)

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

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE: Denise Salmon, 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 September 28, 2006, were adopted.

RECOMMENDATION

1. SAFERhome Standards and Certification Program
(VanRIMS No. 11-2200-21 /08-3000-11)

The Committee had before it an Other Report dated May 24, 2006, in which the Advisory Committee on Seniors' Issues informed City Council and civic staff about the SAFERhomes Certification program and encouraged its adoption in Vancouver. The City Manager noted there is a Provincial Adaptable Housing Work Group carrying out a detailed review of the various adaptable housing standards, including the SAFERhome Standards, and recommended Council not approve the Committee's recommendation as put forward.

Bruce Chown, Chair, Advisory Committee on Seniors' Issues, advised his Committee's intent was to bring to Council's attention ways to promote the SAFERhome program, but also suggested the recommendation might well be null and void, given the City Manager's

comments. Patrick Simpson, SAFERhome Standards Society and Advisory Committee on Disability Issues member, provided Council with an explanation of universal design vs. the SAFERhomes program.

Dave Jackson, Chief Building Official, responded to questions on the status of the review being undertaken by the Provincial Adaptable Housing Work Group.

MOVED by Councillor Lee

THAT the Committee recommend to Council

THAT staff be instructed to report back to Council on recommendations of the Provincial Adaptable Housing Work Group, including appropriate support and incentive programs to encourage developers, builders and consumers to implement the SAFERhome Standards and Certification program on all new residential building programs.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

(Councillor Stevenson on LOA, absent for the vote)

2. 2006 Operating Budget - August Review (VanRIMS No. 05-1000-30)

The Committee had before it an Administrative Report dated October 6, 2006, in which the General Manager of Corporate Services/Director of Finance reviewed the status of the revenue and expenditure appropriations in the 2006 Operating Budget as at August 31, 2006, and provided a projection for year-end and identified any significant variances for Council. The City Manager noted the positive year end projection is based on August results and this could change by year end, and as a result the Corporate Management Team has committed to continue to closely monitor expenditures to the year end.

Annette Klein, Director of Budget Services, provided an overview of the report and together with Ken Bayne, Director of Financial Planning and Treasury, and Estelle Lo, General Manager of Corporate Services, provided additional information on property tax appeal issues, projected deficit related to loss of an outside client in the Print Shop and the need for an additional animal control enforcement officer to help increase revenues and address both the deficit and public safety issues. Jacquie Forbes-Roberts provided additional comments on the impact of an additional animal control officer.

MOVED by Councillor Louie

THAT the Committee recommend to Council

A. THAT Council receive the 2006 Operating Budget Review for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

(Councillor Stevenson on LOA and the Mayor absent for the vote)

MOVED by Councillor Cadman
THAT the Committee recommend to Council

- B. THAT Staff be requested to bring forward the necessary additional enforcement officers to make sure we recover potential revenue from license fees so as not to show a deficit.

amended
(Councillor Stevenson on LOA and the Mayor absent for the vote)

AMENDMENT MOVED by Councillor Anton

THAT B. be amended by striking out all words following "be requested to" and inserting the following:

report back on what it would take to achieve licensing compliance and additional revenues in the animal control department.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Councillor Stevenson on LOA and the Mayor absent for the vote)

The amendment having CARRIED, Councillor Cadman's motion as amended was put and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY with Councillor Stevenson on LOA and the Mayor absent for the vote.

FINAL MOTION AS APPROVED:
THAT the Committee recommend to Council

- A. THAT Council receive the 2006 Operating Budget Review for information.
- B. THAT staff be requested to report back on what it would take to achieve licensing compliance and additional revenues in the animal control department.

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

Due to time constraints, Vancouver City Council, at its meeting immediately following the Standing Committee on Transportation and Traffic meeting on October 17, 2006, referred this item to this meeting of the Standing Committee on City Services and Budgets.

Accordingly, the Committee had before it an Administrative Report dated October 10, 2006, in which the General Manager of Engineering Services sought Council's approval to proceed with a design for Cambie Street that incorporates improvements to enhance the safety for all users of the street and to allow coordination with the restoration works following Canada Line construction to capitalize on cost efficiencies and cost savings.

Donny Wong, Engineer, Rapid Transit Office, with the aid of an overhead presentation, provided an overview of the report, and along with Jerry Dobrovolny, Assistant City Engineer - Transportation, Tom Timm, General Manager of Engineering Services, and Lon LaClaire, Strategic Transportation Planning Engineer, responded to questions related to the opportunity provided by rapid transit to reduce on street capacity, and what would be involved in providing bicycle facilities along the entire length of Cambie Street from Richmond to the downtown core.

The following speakers provided comments on staff's recommendations:

Bonnie Fenton, Chair, Bicycle Advisory Committee
Richard Campbell, Director of Active Transportation, Better Environmentally Sound
Transportation (B.E.S.T)
Jack Becker, Vancouver Area Cycling Coalition
Arno Schortinguis

Points raised included the following:

- the Cambie restoration provides a progressive and creative opportunity to allocate road space - cannot understand why this report does not allow for other modes of construction;
- lengthening the turn bay at 10th Avenue seems shortsighted and increases vehicle capacity, when the Canada Line will stop two blocks from VGH;
- the Bicycle Advisory Committee supports a bike route for the full length of Cambie, and supports a reduction of space for cars to create space where needed for bicycles;
- urge Council to update the policy on Cambie Street to allow for the reallocation of motor traffic;
- strongly recommend Cambie Street restoration allows for a bike lane from the Fraser River to False Creek, including the Cambie Street Bridge;
- now is the time to reconfigure the street and allow for transit;
- shared wide lanes are unsafe for both cyclists and car drivers, permanent bike lanes are the only safe way;
- to reach Kyoto commitments motorized vehicular traffic will have to level at the 1990 level;
- unless capacity for autos is reduced before the opening of the Canada Line, this excess capacity will be used by motorists , and make it more difficult to allocate bike lanes in the future;
- reduced auto lanes will encourage more people to ride transit sooner, and will ensure meeting ridership revenues;
- the more revenue generated by the Canada Line the more funding will become available; and
- make the right choice - install bike lanes along the length of Cambie Street - this is a golden opportunity to implement transportation priorities by creating a superior cycling structure.

Mr. Wong, along with Scott Edwards, Manager of Greenways and Neighbourhood Transportation, responded to questions from Council related to the safety of shared bike lanes and how they would be marked.

MOVED by Councillor Anton
THAT the Committee recommend to Council

- A. THAT Council approve the following improvements to Cambie Street from West 7th Avenue to West 64th Avenue to be coordinated with the restoration of the road following the construction of the Canada Line:
 - i. Lengthening of the northbound to westbound left turn bay at West 10th Avenue,
 - ii. Realignment of curbs and provision of a planted median from West 14th Avenue to West 17th Avenue
 - iii. Installation of pedestrian bulges at the following locations:
 - a) Southeast corner of Cambie Street and West 18th Avenue
 - b) Northwest corner of Cambie Street and West 17th Avenue
 - c) Southeast corner of Cambie Street and West 17th Avenue
 - iv. Elimination of the northbound to eastbound right turn channel and island at King Edward Avenue.
- B. THAT the total cost of \$380,000 to implement the improvements in A. be funded from the 2006 Streets Basic Capital for Design and Construction of Geometric and Safety Modifications on Arterial Streets.
- C. THAT, commencing in 2008, the annual Operating Budget for Signage be increased by \$1,150, without offset and subject to 2008 Budget Review, for maintenance of the new signs and pavement markings.
- D. THAT Council approve the funding of \$170,000 from the City's 2006 Streets Basic Capital for Bicycle Network to widen the east roadway of Cambie Street:
 - i. From West 49th Avenue to West 37th Avenue, a widening of up to 0.4 metres,
 - ii. From West 33rd Avenue to West 37th Avenue, a widening of up to 1.1 metres, and
 - iii. From West 33rd Avenue to West 29th Avenue, a widening of up to 1.4 metres,

To align the curb line to provide consistent lane widths, to provide sufficient road space for vehicles to navigate the curved roadway, and to provide sufficient space for general vehicles to share with cyclists.

- E. THAT Council approve the implementation of bicycle facilities on Cambie Street between Kent Avenue and King Edward Avenue and report back on how that

implementation might be achieved; and

FURTHER THAT staff report back on bicycle facility issues between King Edward and the north end of the Cambie Street Bridge.

- F. THAT funding of \$45,000 for the implementation of these bike facilities and parking changes be provided from 2006 Streets Basic Capital for Bicycle Network.
- G. THAT, commencing in 2008, the annual Operating Budget for Signage be increased by \$4,500, without offset and subject to 2008 Budget Review, for maintenance of the new signs and pavement markings.

amended

AMENDMENT MOVED by Councillor Louie

THAT E above be amended to strike the words "King Edward Avenue" and substitute the words "49th Avenue" and strike the words "bicycle facilities" "bicycle facility" and substitute the words "bicycle lanes", and an additional FURTHER THAT be added to read:

- E. THAT Council approve the implementation of bicycle lanes on Cambie Street between Kent Avenue and 49th Avenue; and

FURTHER THAT staff report back on the implementation of bicycle lanes from 49th Avenue to King Edward; and

FURTHER THAT staff report back on bicycle facility issues between King Edward and the north end of the Cambie Street Bridge.

carried

AMENDMENT TO THE AMENDMENT MOVED by Councillor Louie

THAT the amendment to E. be amended by inserting the words "including bicycle lanes as a preference" in the final FURTHER THAT to read:

FURTHER THAT staff report back on bicycle facility issues, including bicycle lanes as a preference, between King Edward and the north end of the Cambie Street Bridge.

LOST

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

The amendment to the amendment having LOST, the amendment to Councillor Anton's motion was put and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

The motion as amended was put and CARRIED, with Councillor Stevenson opposed.

FINAL MOTION AS APPROVED : A-D, and F-G as originally moved, and "E":
THAT the Committee recommend to Council

- E. THAT Council approve the implementation of bicycle lanes on Cambie Street between Kent Avenue and 49th Avenue and report back on how that implementation might be achieved;

FURTHER THAT staff report back on the implementation of bicycle lanes from 49th Avenue to King Edward; and

FURTHER THAT staff report back on bicycle facility issues between King Edward and the north end of the Cambie Street Bridge.

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VARY AGENDA

Council agreed to Vary the Order of the Agenda to deal with Item 5 before Item 4. Items are minuted in numerical order for ease of reference.

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4. Broadway Corridor Transit Priority (VanRIMS No. 01-2500-20 and 13-1400-20)

Due to time constraints, Vancouver City Council, at its meeting immediately following the Standing Committee on Transportation and Traffic meeting on October 17, 2006, referred this item to this meeting of the Standing Committee on City Services and Budgets.

Accordingly, the Committee had before it an Administrative Report dated October 3, 2006, in which the General Manager of Engineering Services updated Council on progress with regard to implementing transit priority measures on the Broadway Corridor, and noted the extension of the Millennium Line is urgently needed to further expand capacity.

Neda Emami, Strategic Transportation Planning, was present to respond to questions.

MOVED by Councillor Cadman
THAT the Committee recommend to Council

- A. THAT Council receive the Administrative Report dated October 3, 2006, entitled "Broadway Corridor Transit Priority" for information.
- B. THAT Staff monitor the performance of the bus lanes on Broadway and report the results to Council in the coming year.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5. **1999 Bicycle Plan Update, Action Item # 9: Crime Statistics and Bikeways**
(VanRIMS No. 13-1400-11)

Due to time constraints, Vancouver City Council, at its meeting immediately following the Standing Committee on Transportation and Traffic meeting on October 17, 2006, referred this item to this meeting of the Standing Committee on City Services and Budgets.

The General Manager of Engineering Services provided Council with an update on Action Item #9 of the 1999 Bicycle Plan, which noted crime statistics continue to be analyzed to confirm that there continues to be no correlation between crime rates and the presence of bicycle routes.

Doreann Mayhew, Greenways and Neighbourhood Transportation, was present to respond to questions.

MOVED by Councillor Deal

THAT the Committee recommend to Council

THAT Council receive the Administrative Report dated October 3, 2006, entitled "1999 Bicycle Plan Update, Action Item #9: Crime Statistics and Bikeways" for information as part of an update on the 1999 Bicycle Plan.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Committee adjourned at 12:14 p.m.

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CITY OF VANCOUVER

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

OCTOBER 19, 2006

A Regular Meeting of the Council of the City of Vancouver was held on Thursday, October 19, 2006, at 12:14 p.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 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: Brent MacGregor, Deputy City Manager

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE: Denise Salmon, Meeting Coordinator

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MOVED by Councillor Cadman

SECONDED by Councillor Stevenson

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. West Broadway Street Rehabilitation and Transportation Improvements
(VanRIMS No. 13-4300-01)

At the October 17, 2006, meeting of the Standing Committee on Transportation and Traffic, Council heard from all speakers on this item and, due to time constraints, agreed to refer further discussion, the pending motion and amendment, and decision as Unfinished Business

to the Council meeting immediately following the Standing Committee on City Services and Budgets meeting on October 19, 2006.

MOVED by Councillor Deal

- 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.

carried

AMENDMENT MOVED by the Mayor

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

LOST

(Councillors Cadman, Capri, Chow, Deal, Louie and Stevenson opposed)

The amendment having LOST, Councillor Deal's motion was put and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

POLICY REPORTS

1. CD-1 Rezoning of 701 Granville Street, 701 West Georgia Street, 777 Dunsmuir Street and 700 West Pender Street (Pacific Centre) (VanRIMS No. 11-3600-03)

MOVED by Councillor Ladner

- A. THAT the application by Cadillac-Fairview Corp. Ltd. to rezone the site at 701 Granville Street (BLK 52, PLN 210, DL 541 Except PLN 16405 XPL LMP45482), 701 West Georgia Street (BLK 42, PLN 210, DL 541 Except PLN 18901 EP13277), 777 Dunsmuir Street (Lot C, Block 32, DL 541, PL 21253 Except PL 18505X, 1850MX), and 700 West Pender Street (Lot E, Block 32, DL 541, PLN LMP40957) from DD (Downtown District) to CD-1 (Comprehensive Development District), to increase the maximum floor space ratio to 9.47, be referred to a Public Hearing, together with:
 - (i) draft CD-1 By-law provisions, generally as presented in Appendix A of the Policy Report dated October 12, 2006, entitled "CD-1 Rezoning of 701 Granville Street, 701 West Georgia Street, 777 Dunsmuir Street and 700 West Pender Street (Pacific Centre)"; and
 - (ii) the recommendation of the Director of Planning to approve the application, subject to approval of conditions contained in Appendix B of the Policy Report dated October 12, 2006, entitled "CD-1 Rezoning of 701 Granville Street, 701 West Georgia Street, 777 Dunsmuir Street and 700 West Pender Street (Pacific Centre)";

FURTHER THAT the Director of Legal Services be instructed to prepare the necessary by-laws for consideration at the public hearing, including a consequential amendment to the Downtown Official Development Plan to remove the site from all map figures.

- B. THAT, if this application is referred to a public hearing, the applicant be advised to undertake prior public consultation regarding the in-plaza entrance to the Canada Line rapid transit station which is proposed as a public amenity to replace the public atrium being removed at 777 Dunsmuir Street.

- C. THAT, if the application is referred to a public hearing, the applicant be advised to make application to amend the Sign By-law, to establish regulations for this CD-1 in accordance with Schedule E (assigned Schedule "B" (DD));

FURTHER THAT the Director of Legal Services be instructed to prepare the necessary by-law for consideration at the public hearing.

- D. THAT, subject to approval of the rezoning at a public hearing, the Noise Control By-law be amended to include this CD-1 in Schedule A;

FURTHER THAT the Director of Legal Services be instructed to bring forward the enactment to the Noise Control By-law at the time of enactment of the CD-1 By-law.

- E. THAT A to D be adopted on the following conditions:

- i) THAT the passage of the above resolutions creates no legal rights for the applicant or any other person, or obligation on the part of the City; any expenditure of funds or incurring of costs is at the risk of the person making the expenditure or incurring the cost;
- ii) THAT any approval that may be granted following the public hearing shall not obligate the City to enact a by-law rezoning the property, and any costs incurred in fulfilling requirements imposed as a condition of rezoning are at the risk of the property owner; and
- iii) THAT the City and all its officials, including the Approving Officer, shall not in any way be limited or directed in the exercise of their authority or discretion, regardless of when they are called upon to exercise such authority or discretion.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Report of Standing Committee on City Services and Budgets October 19, 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. SAFERhome Standards and Certification Program
2. 2006 Operating Budget - August Review
3. Cambie Street Restoration - City Initiated Improvements
4. Broadway Corridor Transit Priority
5. 1999 Bicycle Plan Update, Action Item # 9: Crime Statistics and Bikeways

Items 1-5

MOVED by Councillor Stevenson

THAT the recommendations and actions taken by the Standing Committee on City Services and Budgets at its meeting of October 19, 2006, as contained in items 1-5, be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

RISE FROM COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MOVED by Councillor Anton

THAT the Committee of the Whole rise and report.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADOPT REPORT OF COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MOVED by Councillor Chow
SECONDED by Councillor Deal

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOTIONS

A. Administrative Motions

None.

B. Motions on Notice

1. Actions to Address Homelessness (VanRIMS 11-2200-21)

At the Regular Council meeting on October 17, 2006, the following motion was submitted by Councillor Capri. Councillor Cadman called Notice under Section 5.4(c) of the Procedure By-law.

MOVED by Councillor Kim Capri
SECONDED by Councillor Suzanne Anton

WHEREAS Mayor Sam Sullivan will officially declare Oct 16 - 22 as Homeless Awareness Week;

WHEREAS the number of homeless in the city has doubled to more than 1,000 since 2001 and it is projected the number of homeless in Vancouver could triple by 2010;

WHEREAS it is estimated that the average new social housing unit costs \$200,000;

WHEREAS Single Room Occupancy hotels and rooming houses provide the most affordable housing in the city, need to be kept open until they can be replaced, but are old, only marginally viable and therefore at risk of closure;

WHEREAS Council approved the Homeless Action Plan in June 2005 that identified three ways to home (housing, income and services) with supportive housing, improved access to welfare, and assertive case management as the plan's highest priorities;

WHEREAS the Province of BC recently announced Housing Matters BC setting out the Province's housing strategies, which include funding for supportive housing and which identifies vulnerable populations including those at risk of homelessness as the Province's top priority;

AND WHEREAS the Province through the Premier's Task Force on Homelessness, Mental Illness and Addictions has challenged municipalities to review their regulations and approval processes and ensure that their regulatory frameworks support the development of affordable and supportive housing;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

- A. Staff review the Vancouver Charter to identify possible amendments that would support the development of affordable and supportive housing in Vancouver including consideration of property tax relief, transferable density, and bonus zoning;
- B. As a direct means of accommodating the full range of housing needs of the homeless and at-risk; staff work with BC housing and provide support for the immediate replacement of existing single room occupancy units with new, well-designed units of greater floor space per occupant; these units must include modern, properly staffed common areas that permit tenants to interact in a safe and healthy environment;
- C. Staff, in co-operation with BC Housing, undertake a "fast-track" process for the design and predevelopment for 3 of the City's downtown sites designated for SRO replacement housing, including the support services required and capital and operating budgets, in anticipation of future senior government funding for housing for vulnerable and at-risk populations;

- D. Staff, in co-operation with BC Housing, review the plans for cold/wet and extreme weather shelter for the 06/07 winter to ensure that shelter space is available to accommodate the homeless in need of and seeking shelter, and report back to Council by the end of November if there is a need to expand the winter shelter capacity in the city; and
- E. THAT Council request that the Province provide emergency funding for the Single Room Accommodation (SRA) designated buildings in the City to ensure they continue to be viable and properly maintained and managed, and that the City administer the funds in the context of the enforcement of the City's by-laws including entering into agreements with SRA owners to ensure they manage and maintain their buildings in accordance with City by-laws and provincial legislation.

referred

The Mayor noted a request to speak had been received, and Council agreed to refer this matter to a future Standing Committee meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Request for Leave of Absence - Councillor Cadman (VanRIMS No. 08-2200-20)

MOVED by Councillor Deal
SECONDED by Councillor Ball

THAT Councillor Cadman be granted a Leave of Absence for the November 14th and 16th, 2006 meetings for attendance at the ICLEI Board Meeting being held in Denmark:

- Standing Committee on Transportation and Traffic, Council and the Public Hearing meetings to be held on November 14, 2006;
- Standing Committee on City Services and Budgets, Standing Committee on Planning and Environment meetings being held on November 16, 2006; and
- The proposed Public Hearing back-up scheduled for the evening of November 16, 2006.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ENQUIRIES AND OTHER MATTERS

1. Councillors' Attendance at City's Diwali Event (VanRIMS No. 08-2000-20)

Councillor Stevenson expressed concern regarding the late notification to Councillors of the recent Diwali celebration, and requested the Deputy City Manager work with the Mayor's office to ensure invitations are, in future, sent expeditiously to all Councillors, and also a broader range of the community be invited to allow for better attendance at similar future celebrations.

The Council adjourned at 12:40 p.m.

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