



CITY OF VANCOUVER
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

OCTOBER 31, 2006

A Regular Meeting of the Council of the City of Vancouver was held on Tuesday, October 31, 2006, at 1:00 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: Syd Baxter, City Clerk
 Tarja Tuominen, Meeting Coordinator

*Denotes absence for a portion of the meeting.

PRAYER

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

"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):

(e) the acquisition, disposition or expropriation of land or improvements, if the Council considers that disclosure could reasonably be expected to harm the interests of the city;

(i) the receipt of advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose;

(k) negotiations and related discussions respecting the proposed provision of an activity, work or facility that are at their preliminary stages and that, in the view of the Council, could reasonably be expected to harm the interests of the city if they were held in public.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ITEMS ARISING FROM THE "IN CAMERA" MEETING OF OCTOBER 17, 2006

Council approved the recipients for the 2006 Cultural Harmony organization and individual awards.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

1. Regular Council (City Services and Budgets) - October 5, 2006

MOVED by Councillor Ladner
SECONDED by Councillor Stevenson

THAT the foregoing Minutes be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. Regular Council (Planning and Environment) - October 5, 2006

MOVED by Councillor Anton
SECONDED by Councillor Chow

THAT the foregoing Minutes be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. Regular Council - October 17, 2006

MOVED by Councillor Lee
SECONDED by Councillor Ball

THAT the foregoing Minutes be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. Business License Hearing - October 18, 2006

MOVED by Councillor Capri
SECONDED by Councillor Cadman

THAT the foregoing Minutes be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MOVED by Councillor Louie
SECONDED by Councillor Cadman

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 A2, A3, A5 to A11, A14, A16 and A17, and Policy Reports P1 and P2, on consent.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

REPORT REFERENCE

1. 2007 Preliminary Operating Budget (VanRIMS No. 05-1000-30)

Estelle Lo, General Manager of Corporate Services, and Annette Klein, Director of Budget Services, presented a Report Reference on the preliminary estimates for the 2007 Operating Budget. Referring to the Administrative Report *2007 Preliminary Operating Budget*, dated October 20, 2006, they presented the preliminary revenue and expenditure estimates of the 2007 Operating Budget, provided a list of new funding requests prioritized by the Corporate Management Team that impact the 2007 and subsequent budgets, and reviewed the public consultation process.

MOVED by Councillor Ladner

THAT Council receive for information the preliminary estimates for the 2007 operating budget as outlined in the Administrative Report *2007 Preliminary Operating Budget*, dated October 20, 2006, and summarized in Appendix 1 of the Administrative Report.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Councillor Capri absent for the vote)

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

1. **Advisory Bodies Review**
October 2, 2006 (VanRIMS No. 08-2200-20)

The Chair advised requests to speak on Administrative Report A1 have been received. Council agreed to refer consideration of the report to the Standing Committee on City Services and Budgets meeting on November 2, 2006 to hear the speakers.

2. **Approval of a roof eaves encroachment onto City-owned land from adjacent property located at 832 Salisbury Drive**
October 4, 2006 (VanRIMS No. 06-3200-10)

A. THAT Council authorize the Director of Legal Services to enter into an Easement Agreement on behalf of the City as owner of (PID 015-646-645) The North ½ of the West 5.5 feet of Lot 23, except the North 8 feet now lane, of Lot 9, Block E, District Lot 183, Plan 180, to validate an encroachment from the dwelling on (PID 003-843-921) The North ½ of Lot 24, except the North 8 feet now lane, Block 9 of Block E District Lot 183, Plan 180 ("the North ½ of Lot 24") at 832 Salisbury Drive. The Easement Agreement to be granted for a nominal fee, for the life of the existing structure and on such other terms and conditions as may be required by the Directors of Real Estate and Legal Services.

B. THAT as a condition of the granting of the Easement the Owner of the North ½ of Lot 24 be required to enter into the City's standard Encroachment Agreement to validate the encroachments of eaves from the dwelling on the North ½ of Lot 24 onto the lane north of Venables Street east from Salisbury Drive, to the satisfaction of the Director of Legal Services and the General Manager of Engineering Services.

ADOPTED ON CONSENT

3. **Vehicle Licensing By-law Amendments
October 5, 2006 (VanRIMS No. 08-4000-11)**
 - A. THAT Council approve an amendment to the Vehicle Licensing By-Law which changes the designated annual term for municipal commercial vehicle licenses from the current March 1st to February 28th to the calendar year of January 1st to December 31st.
 - B. THAT Council approve an amendment to the Vehicle Licensing By-Law which establishes the current annual fees for municipal commercial vehicle licenses as well as the reduced transition fees for 2006 license permit holders as outlined in the Administrative Report *Vehicle Licensing By-law Amendments* , dated October 5, 2006.
 - C. THAT the Director of Legal Services be requested to prepare the necessary By-Law amendments to the Vehicle Licensing By-Law, generally in accordance with Appendix A of the Administrative Report.

ADOPTED ON CONSENT

4. **Registration of the new City of Vancouver Emblem and the Coat of Arms
October 10, 2006 (VanRIMS No. 01-5200-60)**

MOVED by Councillor Cadman

THAT Council authorize the Director of Legal Services to negotiate and execute any necessary documents and agreements in order to complete the official mark and trademark registration processes for the City's new emblem and the Coat of Arms.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5. **New Public Street Name - Extension of Hamilton Street
October 13, 2006 (VanRIMS No. 08-3000-11)**
 - A. THAT the new public road, directly opposite Hamilton Street across Nelson Street, be named an extension of *Hamilton Street*.
 - B. THAT the Director of Legal Services be instructed to bring forward the appropriate amendments to the Street Name By-law.

ADOPTED ON CONSENT

6. **Acquisition of Two Air Space Parcels for Community Amenity at 819/833 Seymour Street (Orpheum/VSO)**
October 13, 2006 (VanRIMS No. 02-3000-10)

THAT Council authorise the Director of Legal Services to enter into agreements and execute documents as required to complete acquisition by the City of two Air Space Parcels in order to secure cultural amenities at 819/833 Seymour Street upon such terms and conditions as outlined in the Administrative Report *Acquisition of Two Air Space Parcels for Community Amenity at 819/833 Seymour Street (Orpheum/VSO)*, dated October 13, 2006, and to the satisfaction of the Director of Legal Services and Managing Director of Cultural Services; noting that no legal right or obligation shall be created and none shall arise hereafter, until the documents are executed to the satisfaction of the Director of Legal Services.

ADOPTED ON CONSENT

7. **License By-law Amendments: 2007 Live-aboard License Fees**
October 10, 2006 (File 08-4000-11)

THAT the business license fees charged to marina operators who host live-aboard boats be increased by 6.5% for 2007 reflecting the increase in residential property taxes in 2006; and

THAT the Director of Legal services be instructed to bring forward the appropriate amendments to the License Bylaw.

ADOPTED ON CONSENT

8. **Award for Expression of Interest PS06054 The Supply and Delivery of Ready Mix Concrete**
September 25, 2006 (VanRIMS No. 03-1200-11)

A. THAT, subject to the conditions set out in B, C and D below, Council authorize the General Manager, Engineering Services and the Manager, Materials Management to enter into agreements for a period of three (3) years with the option to extend for an additional 2 - 12 month periods with Ocean Construction Supplies Ltd. and Lafarge Canada for ready mixed concrete picked up by city vehicles from suppliers depots and Kask Bros and Lafarge Canada Inc. for ready mixed concrete delivered to City job sites, at an annual estimated cost of \$2,364,062 plus GST (less any municipal rebate received) and PST (where applicable).

B. THAT the Director of Legal Services be authorized to execute and deliver on behalf of the City all legal documents required to implement A above.

- C. THAT all such legal documents be on terms and conditions satisfactory to the General Manager of Engineering Services, the Manager of Materials Management and the Director of Legal Services.
- D. THAT no legal rights or obligations will be created by Council's adoption of A, B and C above unless and until such legal documents are executed and delivered by the Director of Legal Services.

ADOPTED ON CONSENT

9. **Carnegie Centre Water Piping - Additional Funding
October 12, 2006 (VanRIMS No. 05-1400-21)**

THAT Council approve re-allocation of \$115,000 from the existing Physical Plant Upgrade Capital to provide additional funding for the urgent repairs to Carnegie Centre domestic water piping as follows:

- \$45,000 from Carnegie Centre Boiler Replacement project
- \$30,000 from Unallocated Capital for Building Maintenance/Restoration
- \$40,000 from 2006 Emergency Repair funding.

ADOPTED ON CONSENT

10. **2006/07 Theatre Rental Projects Grants
September 25, 2006 (VanRIMS No. 05-5000-10)**

THAT Council approve two Theatre Rental Project Grants of \$15,840 as outlined in Table 1 of the Administrative Report *2006/07 Theatre Rental Projects Grants*, dated September 15, 2006, for uses of the Civic Theatres within the coming 12 months; source of funds to be the 2006 Theatre Rental Projects Grant budget.

ADOPTED ON CONSENT AND
BY THE REQUIRED MAJORITY

11. **Award of Contract for RFP PS06086 - Consulting Services for the Metro Core, False Creek Flats, East Fraserlands and City of Vancouver Future Transportation Demand Modelling and Analysis
October 13, 2006 (VanRIMS No. 03-1200-11)**

- A. THAT, subject to the conditions set out in B, C, and D below, Council authorize a contract with Ward Consulting Group (a division of EBA Engineering Consultants Ltd.) to provide professional engineering services for the Metro Core, False Creek Flats, East Fraserlands and City of Vancouver future transportation demand modelling and analysis at an estimated cost of \$111,565, subject to a contract satisfactory to the Director of Legal Services, the General Manager, Engineering Services, and the Manager of Materials Management.

Funding of \$111,565 will be provided from existing 2006 operating funds as identified in the financial implications section of this report. All costs are to be paid out over a sixteen month period.

- B. THAT, the Director of Legal Services be authorized to execute and deliver on behalf of the City all legal documents required to implement A above.
- C. THAT, all such legal documents be on terms and conditions satisfactory to the General Manager, Engineering Services, Manager of Materials Management and the Director of Legal Services.
- D. THAT, no legal rights or obligations will be created by Council's adoption of A, B and C above unless and until such legal documents are executed and delivered by the Director of Legal Services.

ADOPTED ON CONSENT

12. **The Supply of Contract Security Services**
October 3, 2006 (VanRIMS No. 03-1200-11)

MOVED by Councillor Capri

- A. THAT subject to the conditions set out in B, C, and D below, Council authorize staff to enter into a contract with Concord Security Corporation at the rate schedule agreed in the bid process for the supply of security services, security equipment and systems to the City for a period of five (5) years from 2007 to 2011 with subsequent renewal options for two (2) additional one (1) year extensions;
- B. THAT the Director of Legal Services be authorized to execute and deliver on behalf of the City all legal documents required to implement A above.
- C. THAT all such legal documents be on terms and conditions satisfactory to the General Manager of Corporate Services, Manager of Materials Management and the Director of Legal Services.
- D. THAT no legal rights or obligations will be created by Council's adoption of A, B, and C above unless and until such legal documents are executed and delivered by the Director of Legal Services.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

13. **Business License Hearing Panels for November 2006
October 19, 2006 (VanRIMS No. 08-2000-40)**

MOVED by Councillor Louie

THAT Council delegate the holding of the Business License Hearings presently scheduled for November 2, 2006, from 7:30pm to 10:30pm, November 9, 2006, from 9:30am to 12:30pm, November 28, 2006, from 9:30am to 12:30pm, and November 30, 2006, from 7:30pm to 10:30pm, to a panel of three Council Members, pursuant to Section 277.1 of the Vancouver Charter, as follows:

The Business License Hearings pursuant to Section 275 of the Vancouver Charter regarding referrals to Council by the Chief License Inspector for the year 2006 business licenses and the power to make a Council decision in relation to those hearings be delegated to:

November 2, 2006 - 7:30pm
Councillor Heather Deal, Chair
Councillor Peter Ladner
Councillor Tim Stevenson
Councillor BC Lee, Alternate

November 9, 2006 - 9:30am
Councillor George Chow, Chair
Councillor Suzanne Anton
Councillor Kim Capri
Councillor Raymond Louie, Alternate

November 28, 2006 - 9:30am
Councillor Raymond Louie, Chair
Councillor Kim Capri
Councillor BC Lee
Councillor Peter Ladner, Alternate

November 30, 2006 - 7:30 pm
Councillor David Cadman, Chair
Councillor Elizabeth Ball
Councillor George Chow
Councillor Suzanne Anton, Alternate

Should any of the above Members of Council be unable to attend the hearings, the hearings and the power to make a Council decision in relation to those hearings be delegated to the remaining two Councillors and alternate Councillors.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**14. Fleet Additions - Vancouver Police Department School Liaison Officer Program
September 26, 2006 (VanRIMS No. 03-2400-10)**

- A. THAT, Council approve the addition of fifteen (15) mid-size vehicles to the Vancouver Police Department Fleet for the School Liaison Officer Program. Funding for the purchase of the vehicles to be provided through an allocation of \$468,000 from the Truck and Equipment Plant Account. Capital and operating costs to be repaid to the Truck and Equipment Plant Account through annual charges of \$91,200, with funding to be provided from an increase to the Vancouver Police Department Operating Budget subject to full or partial recoveries of costs via corporate sponsorship of the School Liaison Officer Program vehicles.
- B. THAT, Council authorize the Vancouver Police Department and the Equipment Services Branch to seek corporate sponsorship of the School Liaison Officer Program vehicles, through competitive bidding processes, to either partially or fully fund the fleet costs of the School Liaison Officer Program.

ADOPTED ON CONSENT

**15. Continuation of Drug Policy Program
October 17, 2006 (VanRIMS No. 11-2200-01)**

MOVED by Councillor Stevenson

- A. THAT Council approve the establishment of a permanent Drug Policy Program by converting the following temporary full time positions into Regular Full Time positions, at an estimated cost of \$240,000 including fringe benefits:
 - Drug Policy Coordinator
 - Social Planner 1
 - Clerk IIIsubject to review and classification by Human Resources, plus \$90,000 program costs for a total annual cost of \$330,000 without offsets
- B. THAT Council adopt the Drug Policy Program Planning Framework as the basis for ongoing Drug Policy work.
- C. THAT staff report back on the Drug Policy Program on an annual basis.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**16. Completion of Convention Centre Off-Site Servicing
October 2, 2006 (VanRIMS No. 13-1100-31)**

- A. THAT, for the purposes of the Coal Harbour Phase 2 Services Agreement, Council affirms the requirement for, and the desire to proceed with, the following infrastructure improvements as part of the completion of the Phase 2 neighbourhood:

- i. Pender Street improvements in the 1000 and 1100 Blocks including 4 left turn bays and improved pedestrian and cycling facilities; and
 - ii. Hasting Street widening of the 1000 and 1100 Blocks,

as generally set forth in the Administrative Report *Completion of Convention Centre Off-Site Servicing*, dated October 2, 2006, and requires that staff report back to Council with detailed design and costs estimates prior to seeking approval for allocation of City funds or to construct work.
- B. THAT, the Director of Legal Services be authorized to enter into any necessary agreements and/or modifications of existing agreements on the terms and conditions acceptable to the Director of Legal Services and the General Manager of Engineering Services in order to:
 - i. relieve the Vancouver Convention Centre Expansion Project (VCCEP) from the obligation of contributing toward the following off-site works, in return for VCCEP completing a high level of public realm finishing, as desired by the City through the development approval process:
 - (a) Pender Street improvements in the 1000 and 1100 Blocks including 4 left turn bays and improved pedestrian and cycling facilities;
 - (b) Hastings Street widening of the 1000 and 1100 Blocks; and
 - (c) Pedestrian signal at Cordova Street and the alignment of Hornby Street, if required by the City Engineer;
 - ii. provide that the City shall assume those same obligations as described in B (i) above; and,
 - iii. forgive VCCEP from responsibility for lost metre revenue fees associated with the Temporary Special Zone Permit required for the Burrard Viaduct overlay works.

ADOPTED ON CONSENT

- 17. **1055 Canada Place - Vancouver Convention Centre Expansion Project Proposed Construction onto City Street and City Property
October 2, 2006 (VanRIMS No. 13-100-31)**
 - A. THAT, in connection with the expansion of the Vancouver Convention and Exhibition Centre on PID: 025-522-281 Parcel D and PID: 025-522-299 Parcel E, both of the Public Harbour of Burrard Inlet, New Westminster District, Plan BCP1698, and adjacent lands, and any encroachments on, over, or under city streets or statutory rights of way needed by Vancouver Convention Centre Expansion Project Ltd. in connection with such expansion, Council approve a

standard form of encroachment agreement between the City and Vancouver Convention Centre Expansion Project Ltd. substantially on the terms and conditions of the agreement attached as Schedule A to the by-law attached as Appendix A to the Administrative Report *1055 Canada Place - Vancouver Convention Centre Expansion Project Proposed Construction onto City Street and City Property*, dated October 2, 2006.

- B. THAT Council authorize the Director of Legal Services to bring forward for enactment a by-law substantially in the form attached as Appendix A to the Administrative Report.

ADOPTED ON CONSENT

18. **Planning Process for Development of Cultural Precinct
October 21, 2006 (VanRIMS No. 11-2600-01)**

The Chair advised requests to speak on Administrative Report A18 have been received. Council agreed to refer consideration of the report to the Standing Committee on City Services and Budgets meeting on November 2, 2006 to hear the speakers.

POLICY REPORTS

1. **Secondary Suites: Amendments to Various CD-1 By-laws
October 17, 2006 (VanRIMS No. 08-4000-11)**

THAT the Director of Planning be instructed to make application to amend the applicable sections of various CD-1 By-laws to permit one-family dwellings with a secondary suite, generally in accordance with Appendix A to the Policy Report *Secondary Suites: Amendments to Various CD-1 By-laws*, dated October 17, 2006, and that the application be referred to a Public Hearing;

FURTHER THAT the Director of Legal Services be instructed to prepare the necessary amending by-laws, generally in accordance with Appendix A to the Policy Report, for consideration at the Public Hearing.

ADOPTED ON CONSENT

2. **Amendments to Retail and Wholesale Definitions in the Zoning and Development
By-law
October 17, 2006 (VanRIMS No. 08-4000-11)**

THAT the Director of Planning be instructed to make application to amend the Zoning and Development By-law to introduce definitions for "retail" and "wholesale" and amend the definitions for Adult Retail Store, Furniture or Appliance Store, Grocery or Drug Store, Retail Store, Vehicle Dealer, Bulk Fuel Depot, Lumber and Building Materials Establishment, Wholesaling - Class A, and Wholesaling - Class B, generally in accordance with Appendix A to the Policy Report *Amendments to Retail and Wholesale*

Definitions in the Zoning and Development By-law, dated October 17, 2006, and that the application be referred to a Public Hearing;

FURTHER THAT, the Director of Legal Services be instructed to prepare the necessary amending by-law, generally in accordance with Appendix A to the Policy Report, for consideration at the Public Hearing.

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 Anton
SECONDED by Councillor Chow

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

BY-LAWS

MOVED by Councillor Anton
SECONDED by Councillor Chow

THAT Council, except for those members excused as noted in the agenda, enact the by-laws listed on the agenda for this meeting as numbers 1 to 15 inclusive, and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign and seal the enacted by-laws.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

1. **Redemption Instalment By-law (By-law No. 9366)**
2. **A By-law to amend Vehicles for Hire By-law No. 6066 regarding 2007 fee increases (By-law No. 9367)**
3. **A By-law to amend License By-law No. 4450 regarding miscellaneous matters and 2007 fee increases (By-law No. 9368)**
4. **A By-law to amend Building By-law No. 8057 to increase fees (By-law No. 9369)**

5. A By-law to amend Electrical By-law No. 5563 to increase fees (By-law No. 9370)
6. A By-law to amend Gas Fitting By-law No. 3507 to increase fees (By-law No. 9371)
7. A By-law to amend Miscellaneous Fees By-law No. 5664 regarding fee increases (By-law No. 9372)
8. A By-law to amend Private Property Tree By-law No. 7347 to increase fees (By-law No. 9373)
9. A By-law to amend Secondary Suite Inspection Fee By-law No. 6553 to increase fees (By-law No. 9374)
10. A By-law to amend Sign By-law No. 6510 to increase fees (By-law No. 9375)
11. A By-law to amend Subdivision By-law No. 5208 to increase fees (By-law No. 9376)
12. A By-law to amend Zoning and Development Fee By-law No. 5585 regarding fee increases (By-law No. 9377)
13. A By-law to amend Street Name By-law No. 4054 regarding certain further streets in Southeast False Creek (By-law No. 9378)
14. A By-law to designate certain real property as protected heritage property (re 5707 Balaclava Street) (By-law No. 9379)
(Councillor Louie ineligible to vote on By-law No. 14)
15. A By-law to approve a standard form of encroachment agreement between the city and Vancouver Convention Centre Expansion Project Ltd. regarding certain encroachments on, over, or under certain streets and statutory rights of way owned by the city (By-law No. 9380)

MOTIONS

A. Administrative Motions

1. Establishing Road on the east side of Knight Street, between 49th Avenue and 51st Avenue, adjacent to 6588 Knight Street (VanRIMS No. 13-2000-30)

MOVED by Councillor Anton
SECONDED by Councillor Cadman

THAT WHEREAS the registered owner will be conveying to the City of Vancouver for road purposes lands in the City of Vancouver, Province of British Columbia, more particularly known and described as follows:

All that portion of Lot 13, except the West 7 feet now road, Block 9,
West ½ of District Lot 738, Plan 1681, Group 1, New Westminster

District, as shown heavy outlined on plan of survey completed October 5, 2006, attested to by Eric I. Kaardal, B.C.L.S. and marginally numbered LB875.

AND WHEREAS it is deemed expedient and in the public interest to accept and allocate the said lands for road purposes.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the above described lands to be conveyed are hereby accepted and allocated for road purposes and declared to form and to constitute a portion of a road.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

B. Motions on Notice

1. TransLink (VanRIMS No. 13-1400-20)

MOVED by Councillor Cadman

SECONDED by Councillor Stevenson

WHEREAS:

1. TransLink is faced with an impending funding crisis caused primarily by the cost of building the \$2 billion Canada Line;
2. TransLink has been warned that it will have to axe the planned expansion of the bus fleet after 2007, including more buses to serve U-Pass program expansion to the colleges;
3. Vancouver is in desperate need of more buses to provide an adequate level of service to bus riders and to eliminate pass-bys and overcrowding on a significant number of city routes;
4. A reduction in bus service serving the Canada Line will reduce ridership on the Canada Line, putting further financial pressure on TransLink's budget because it must cover the shortfall between projected ridership and actual ridership;
5. The promise to Vancouver college students for a U-Pass program to provide a subsidized fare equal to what is provided for university students is long over-due;
6. Buses are the backbone of our transit system, carrying more than 80% of transit riders, many of whom cannot afford cars and are dependent on the transit system;
7. An expanded bus fleet is essential to reducing the region's reliance on cars and to reduce greenhouse gas emissions;
8. Mayor Sam Sullivan in his inaugural address promised that he would "request that our three TransLink representatives champion options that will allow TransLink to increase bus service and reduce fares back to more affordable levels;"
9. Mayor Sullivan also promised to "further encourage them to determine the feasibility of expanding the successful U-Pass program to students attending Vancouver-based colleges;" and
10. Vancouver's TransLink directors have been in office for nearly one year without taking actions to implement these promises.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

THAT Vancouver City Council urge the TransLink Directors to honour the Mayor's promises and champion:

- 1) an expanded bus fleet as a top priority for future TransLink spending;
- 2) implementation of the U-Pass system for college students promised in TransLink's 10-Year Outlook;
- 3) a reduction in transit fares; and

THAT Vancouver City Council urge the TransLink Directors to support adoption of sustainable funding mechanisms provided under the GVTA's authority, including tolls, rather than cutting back on services for bus riders.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ENQUIRIES AND OTHER MATTERS

1. City of Vancouver's Poet Laureate (VanRIMS No. 01-5200-50)

Councillor Ball announced that Mr. Josef Wosk has donated a gift of \$100,000 to allow the poet laureate position to continue in perpetuity.

PRESENTATION - CULTURAL HARMONY AWARDS

Mayor Sullivan and Heather Holden, Chair, Board of Parks & Recreation, recognized the following 2006 Cultural Harmony Award recipients:

Creative Peace Network	'Organization' Award
Affiliation of Multicultural Societies and Service Agencies (AMSSA)	'Organization' Award Honourable Mention
Sherman Siu Man Chan	'Individual' Award
Mohan Singh Matharu	'Individual' Award Honourable Mention

The presentation was immediately followed by a reception in honour of the Cultural Harmony award recipients.

The Council adjourned at 4:10 p.m.

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