



REPORT TO COUNCIL

STANDING COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL ON TRANSPORTATION AND TRAFFIC

NOVEMBER 14, 2006

A Regular Meeting of the Standing Committee of Council on Transportation and Traffic was held on Tuesday, November 14, 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 Kim Capri
Councillor George Chow
Councillor Heather Deal
Councillor Peter Ladner
Councillor Raymond Louie
Councillor Tim Stevenson

ABSENT: Councillor David Cadman (Leave of Absence)

CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE: Judy Rogers, City Manager

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE: Nicole Ludwig, Meeting Coordinator

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

The Minutes of the Standing Committee on Transportation and Traffic meeting of October 17, 2006, were adopted.

RECOMMENDATION

1. **29th Avenue Bike Route** (VanRIMS No. 13-5000-20)

The Committee had before it an Administrative Report dated October 31, 2006, in which the General Manager of Engineering Services informed Council about the issues which arose during the design and consultation for the 29th Avenue Bike Route; sought Council's approval to proceed with the implementation of the route with the measures detailed in the aforementioned report; and requested additional funding to accommodate increased construction costs, changes in scope in response to resident concerns and updated design standards.

Paul Storer, Greenways & Neighbourhood Transportation, reviewed the report.

The following delegates spoke in general opposition to the recommendations contained in the report:

John Lynch
Harry King (*brief submitted - on file in the City Clerk's Office*)
Rubin Feldman

Delegates' comments included:

- elimination of parking is not fair to residents and there is no need for parking restrictions in order to accommodate cyclists;
- no need for a third bike route in the area; and
- safety concerns, relating to traffic, congestion and traffic circles.

During the hearing of speakers, Mr. Storer, along with Scott Edwards, Manager of Greenways and Neighbourhood Transportation, responded to questions regarding traffic and parking.

MOVED by Councillor Anton
THAT the Committee recommend to Council

- A. THAT the 29th Avenue Bike Route be implemented as described in the Administrative Report dated October 31, 2006, entitled "29th Avenue Bike Route" at an estimated cost of \$320,000.
- B. THAT \$140,000 be allocated from the 2006 Street Basic Capital Bicycle Program to provide additional funding to supplement the \$90,000 Community Amenity Contribution funding and \$90,000 Translink cost-sharing funding previously approved by Council in 2005.
- C. THAT, commencing in 2008, the Traffic Operating Budget be increased by \$1000, without offset, subject to the 2008 Budget Review.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. McBride Park Traffic - Waterloo Street Closure (October 2006)
(VanRIMS No. 12-1000-30)

The Committee had before it an Administrative Report dated October 31, 2006, in which the General Manager of Engineering Services provided information on the trial closure of Waterloo Street and neighbourhood surveys, and sought Council approval to remove the temporary closure to vehicle traffic on Waterloo Street between 4th Avenue and 5th Avenue. The General Manager of Engineering Services recommended approval of the recommendations, and put forth further considerations as alternatives to the recommendations for Council, if it is decided to make the trial Waterloo Street closure permanent.

Doreann Mayhew, Greenways and Neighbourhood Transportation, reviewed the report. Piet Rutgers, Director of Planning and Operations - Park Board, provided an overview of the Park Board position, noting a unified McBride Park will help a future denser community to be more livable. Ms. Mayhew and Mr. Rutgers responded to questions regarding public consultation, prior examples of neighbourhood approval and traffic volume.

The following delegations spoke in favour of a permanent closure of Waterloo Street:

John Greiner
Bev Ballantyne (*brief submitted - on file in the City Clerk's Office*)
John Peters
John Becker
Ken Webber
Andrew Owen (*pictures submitted - on file in the City Clerk's Office*)

Delegates' comments included:

- report recommendations are not a solution and are the weaker solution because they do not meet the required threshold for neighbourhood approval;
- more traffic calming is needed;
- most traffic in the area is due to residents;
- this is a park unification issue, not a traffic issue; and
- in the future, park unification will provide a needed green space in a densified area.

The following delegations spoke in favour of reopening Waterloo Street:

Helen Jue
Daphne Tobler
Annerose Sims
Judith Camozzi
Kirby Johnstone
Andrew Young
Tessa Wilson
Sherie Kaplan
Robert Haines
Patricia Thiel
Maria Billion
David Browne
Hari Singh (*brief submitted - on file in the City Clerk's Office*)
Ann Chasmar (*brief submitted - on file in the City Clerk's Office*)

Delegates' comments included

- spending too many resources on something the neighbourhood does not want;
- need to distribute traffic as evenly as possible and the current arrangement appears to be quite adequate;

- since closure, traffic has increased dramatically on Collingwood Street;
- two parts of McBride Park are used for different purposes;
- there could be less costly measures that are appropriate; these should be determined in consultation with the community;
- traffic increases on Collingwood and Blenheim Streets exceed City's traffic calming guidelines; and
- safety concerns and concerns with traffic circles.

During the hearing of speakers, staff, along with Scott Edwards, Manager of Greenways and Neighbourhood Transportation responded to questions regarding public consultation, safety concerns and traffic issues in the area.

MOVED by Councillor Deal

THAT the Committee recommend to Council

- A. THAT the temporary 2000 block Waterloo Street closure be removed, as detailed in the Administrative Report dated October 31, 2006, entitled "McBride Park Traffic - Waterloo Street Closure (October 2006)".
- B. THAT corner bulges and a raised pedestrian crossing be constructed on the 2000 block of Waterloo as detailed in the Administrative Report dated October 31, 2006, entitled "McBride Park Traffic - Waterloo Street Closure (October 2006)", at a cost of \$98,000 to be provided from the 2006 Streets Basic Capital Budget for Neighbourhood Traffic Calming.
- C. THAT commencing in 2008, the annual Traffic Operating Budget for Corner Bulge Maintenance be increased by \$900, without offset and subject to 2008 Budget Review, for maintenance of the area.

CARRIED

(Councillor Anton opposed)

The Committee adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

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CITY OF VANCOUVER

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

NOVEMBER 14, 2006

A Regular Meeting of the Council of the City of Vancouver was held on Tuesday, November 14, 2006, at 12:15 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 Kim Capri
- Councillor George Chow
- Councillor Heather Deal
- Councillor Peter Ladner
- Councillor B.C. Lee
- Councillor Raymond Louie
- Councillor Tim Stevenson

ABSENT: Councillor David Cadman (Leave of Absence)

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 Anton

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 November 14, 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. 29th Avenue Bike Route
2. McBride Park Traffic - Waterloo Street Closure (October 2006)

Items 1 and 2

MOVED by Councillor Chow

THAT the recommendations and actions taken by the Standing Committee on Transportation and Traffic at its meeting of November 14, 2006, as contained in items 1 and 2, be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

RISE FROM COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MOVED by Councillor Louie

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 Lee

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

NEW BUSINESS

1. Motion to Reconsider Councillor Appointments (VanRIMS No. 08-2200-20)

MOVED by Mayor Sullivan

SECONDED by Councillor Stevenson

WHEREAS:

1. Council has conducted a full review of the roles, relationships and responsibilities of the City's advisory committees.
2. It has been one year since Council liaison positions and appointments have been reviewed.
3. The Mayor committed in his inaugural speech to recommend appointment of all members of Council to meaningful roles at the local and regional level.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

THAT Council reconsider the decision made at the Inaugural Meeting of Council on December 5, 2005 to appoint Councillors to serve on the following bodies for a three-year term ending December 2008:

1. Standing Committee on Transportation and Traffic
2. Standing Committee on City Services and Budgets
3. Standing Committee on Planning and Environment
4. Greater Vancouver Regional District (GVRD)
5. GVRD Labour Relations Bureau
6. Lower Mainland Treaty Advisory Committee
7. Federation of Canadian Municipalities Board
7. Union of British Columbia Municipalities Executive

AND THAT Council amend the term of these appointments to a one-year term ending December 2006.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. Appointment of Non-Voting Councillor Liaisons to Type A and Type D Advisory Committees (VanRIMS No. 08-2200-20)

MOVED by Mayor Sullivan

SECONDED by Councillor Stevenson

THAT the following Councillors be appointed as non-voting Councillor Liaisons to the following Committees/Commissions:

- Advisory Committee on Diversity Issues
Councillor Stevenson
- Advisory Committee on Accessibility
Councillor Deal
- Bicycle Advisory Committee
Councillor Anton
- Public Art Committee
Councillor Ball
- Vancouver City Planning Commission
Councillor Chow
Councillor Capri
- Vancouver Civic Theatres Board
Councillor Louie
- Vancouver Heritage Commission
Councillor Anton
- Creative City Task Force
Councillor Ball
Councillor Deal
- Food Policy Council
Councillor Ladner
- Mayor's Task Force on Immigration
Councillor Lee

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. Council Member Appointments for 2007 (VanRIMS No. 08-2200-20)

MOVED by Mayor Sullivan

SECONDED by Councillor Stevenson

- A. THAT the following be appointed for the term January 1, 2007 to December 31, 2007:

Standing Committee on Transportation and Traffic

Councillor B.C. Lee (Chair)

Councillor Elizabeth Ball (Vice-Chair)

Mayor Sam Sullivan

Councillor Suzanne Anton

Councillor David Cadman
Councillor Kim Capri
Councillor George Chow
Councillor Heather Deal
Councillor Peter Ladner
Councillor Raymond Louie
Councillor Tim Stevenson

Standing Committee on City Services and Budgets

Councillor Peter Ladner (Chair)
Councillor Raymond Louie (Vice-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 Tim Stevenson

Standing Committee on Planning and Environment

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

Greater Vancouver Regional District (GVRD)

<i>Directors</i>	<i>Alternates</i>	<i># of votes</i>
Councillor Suzanne Anton	Councillor George Chow *	5
Councillor Elizabeth Ball	Mayor Sam Sullivan	4
Councillor Kim Capri	Councillor David Cadman	5
Councillor Peter Ladner	Councillor Raymond Louie	5
Councillor B.C. Lee	Councillor Heather Deal *	5
Councillor Tim Stevenson	Councillor Raymond Louie*	4

GVRD Labour Relations Bureau

<i>Director</i>	<i>Alternate</i>
Councillor Elizabeth Ball	Councillor Suzanne Anton

Lower Mainland Municipal Association

Councillor B.C. Lee

Lower Mainland Treaty Advisory Committee

Councillor George Chow

Federation of Canadian Municipalities Board

Councillor Suzanne Anton

Councillor Tim Stevenson (Alternate - non-voting delegate)

Union of British Columbia Municipalities Executive

Councillor Kim Capri

- B. THAT Council recommend to the Chair of the GVRD that the following Councillors be appointed to various GVRD committees for 2007:

Councillor Heather Deal - HOUSING*

Councillor Kim Capri - HOUSING

Councillor Tim Stevenson - HOUSING

Councillor Elizabeth Ball - PARKS

Councillor Heather Deal - PARKS*

Councillor Raymond Louie - FINANCE

Councillor Elizabeth Ball - LABOUR RELATIONS

Councillor B.C. Lee - ABORIGINAL RELATIONS

Councillor Elizabeth Ball - REGIONAL CULTURAL TASK FORCE

Councillor Peter Ladner - WASTE MANAGEMENT*

Councillor Suzanne Anton - LAND USE AND TRANSPORTATION

Councillor Suzanne Anton - UBC

Councillor Elizabeth Ball - UBC

Councillor Heather Deal - ENVIRONMENT

Councillor David Cadman - ENVIRONMENT*

Councillor Tim Stevenson - WATER

Councillor Tim Stevenson - Agriculture

NOTE: Asterisk (*) denotes change in appointment

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Council consented to reconsider the foregoing motion in order to have the start terms of alternates effective immediately. The reconsideration was CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

FINAL MOTION AS APPROVED

- A. THAT the following be appointed for the term January 1, 2007 to December 31, 2007:

Standing Committee on Transportation and Traffic

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

Standing Committee on City Services and Budgets

Councillor Peter Ladner (Chair)
Councillor Raymond Louie (Vice-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 Tim Stevenson

Standing Committee on Planning and Environment

Councillor Kim Capri (Chair) *
Councillor Suzanne Anton (Vice-Chair) *
Mayor Sam Sullivan
Councillor Elizabeth Ball
Councillor David Cadman
Councillor George Chow
Councillor Heather Deal
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Councillor Peter Ladner	Councillor Raymond Louie	5
Councillor B.C. Lee	Councillor Heather Deal *	5
Councillor Tim Stevenson	Councillor Raymond Louie*	4

GVRD Labour Relations Bureau

<i>Director</i>	<i>Alternate</i>
Councillor Elizabeth Ball	Councillor Suzanne Anton

Lower Mainland Municipal Association

Councillor B.C. Lee

Lower Mainland Treaty Advisory Committee

Councillor George Chow

Federation of Canadian Municipalities Board

Councillor Suzanne Anton

Councillor Tim Stevenson (Alternate - non-voting delegate)

Union of British Columbia Municipalities Executive

Councillor Kim Capri

FURTHER THAT the term of appointments for all alternates, above, commence immediately and end December 31, 2007.

- B. THAT Council recommend to the Chair of the GVRD that the following Councillors be appointed to various GVRD committees for 2007:

Councillor Heather Deal - HOUSING*

Councillor Kim Capri - HOUSING

Councillor Tim Stevenson - HOUSING

Councillor Elizabeth Ball - PARKS

Councillor Heather Deal - PARKS*

Councillor Raymond Louie - FINANCE

Councillor Elizabeth Ball - LABOUR RELATIONS

Councillor B.C. Lee - ABORIGINAL RELATIONS

Councillor Elizabeth Ball - REGIONAL CULTURAL TASK FORCE

Councillor Peter Ladner - WASTE MANAGEMENT*

Councillor Suzanne Anton - LAND USE AND TRANSPORTATION

Councillor Suzanne Anton - UBC

Councillor Elizabeth Ball - UBC

Councillor Heather Deal - ENVIRONMENT

Councillor David Cadman - ENVIRONMENT*
Councillor Tim Stevenson - WATER
Councillor Tim Stevenson - Agriculture

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**4. City Representation for the International Association of Peace Messenger Cities
(VanRIMS No. 08-2200-20)**

MOVED by Councillor Lee
SECONDED by Councillor Stevenson

WHEREAS:

1. Councillor Cadman has worked to advance to the cause of the peace movement both prior to and during his term in office.
2. The City of Vancouver is dedicated to peace and is seeking to continue our role as a member of the International Association of Peace Messenger Cities.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

1. THAT Council authorize Councillor David Cadman to become the City representative for 2007 for the International Association of Peace Messenger Cities.
2. THAT Councillor Cadman is authorized to attend the upcoming meetings of the International Association of Peace Messenger Cities in March and September of 2007 and that the flight travel expenses be reimbursed by the City. Source of funds to be Councillors' Travel Expense Budget.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Councillor Ladner requested a memorandum back on the status of the Councillors' Travel Expense Budget.

5. Mayor's Task Force on the Film Industry (VanRIMS No. 08-9000-30)

MOVED by Councillor Ladner
SECONDED by Councillor Ball

WHEREAS

1. In the Fall of 2005 the Vancouver Economic Development Commission in cooperation with the BC Film Commission completed a study which identified cost competitiveness issues within the GVRD.

2. The motion picture industry in Vancouver is part of a billion dollar province wide industry, providing highly-skilled, well-paying jobs for technicians, craftspeople and artists, mainly in the greater Vancouver area.
3. The production of feature films, television shows and commercials, and the infrastructure required to support that production, is an important economic generator for the City of Vancouver.
4. Mayor Sam Sullivan has convened a Task Force on the Film Industry made up of representatives from the industry, business and residential communities to provide recommendations on how the City can protect this vital industry and mitigate the impacts of filming in neighbourhoods.
5. The Task Force on the Film Industry has developed initial recommendations that relate to work currently being undertaken by City staff, and the Mayor intends to bring forward these recommendations for Council consideration in early 2007.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

1. THAT the Mayor's Task Force on the Film Industry become a new Type D Advisory Committee (see attached Terms of Reference).
2. THAT Councillor Elizabeth Ball be appointed as the liaison to the Mayor's Task Force on the Film Industry.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The following terms of reference were attached for Council's information:

MAYOR'S TASK FORCE ON THE FILM INDUSTRY

Terms of Reference

The Task Force will consist of up to 20 industry, community and government representatives appointed by the Mayor. The Task Force will report out in Winter 2006/2007 on ways the City can support the film industry through:

- A co-operative, sustainable and integrated approach from all City Departments, including Park Board, to facilitate better service to the industry;
- A review of current film production practices, guidelines and costs/fees;
- A review of opportunities to secure production and location facilities for the film industry;
- Initiatives to reduce impacts of film activity on business and residential neighbourhoods, schools and parks.

- In particular, the task force will review and make recommendations on:
 - Guidelines for mitigating the impacts of filming - including frequency and duration of film shoots - in neighbourhoods;
 - A process for polling neighbourhood support for filming and for providing adequate notification of impacts and timing;
 - A process for soliciting ongoing neighbourhood feedback on production impacts, and opportunities for educating the public about the nature of the film industry and its benefits to the community;
 - Guidelines to assist the industry to reduce their requirement for Police support and associated costs at film locations;
 - An inventory of City-owned locations which might be used to facilitate staging of filming equipment, particularly in support of downtown film locations;
 - City staffing support and fees for facilitating film activities;
 - Co-ordination among civic departments that can provide support for filming;
 - Ways that the industry can limit the number of vehicles required to support filming in sensitive locations;
 - Recommendations for dealing with impacts of the 2010 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games on filming in the City;
 - Recommendations for how the City, and the Mayor's Office, can promote Vancouver as a competitive destination for filming.

The Council adjourned at 12:35 p.m.

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