REPORT TO COUNCIL



STANDING COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL ON CITY SERVICES AND BUDGETS

NOVEMBER 16, 2006

A Regular Meeting of the Standing Committee of Council on City Services and Budgets was held on Thursday, November 16, 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 Kim Capri Councillor George Chow Councillor Heather Deal Councillor B.C. Lee Councillor Tim Stevenson
ABSENT:	Councillor David Cadman (Leave of Absence) Councillor Raymond Louie, Vice-Chair (Leave of Absence - Civic Business)
CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE:	Judy Rogers, 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 October 19, 2006, were adopted.

RECOMMENDATION

1. RM-5- Multiple Dwelling Development - Rate of Change 1325 Barclay Street - DE410198 (VanRIMS No. 11-3500-10)

The Committee had before it an Administrative Report dated October 31, 2006, in which the Director of Current Planning sought Council's advice on a conditional approval use Multiple Dwelling development application located in the RM-5 Zoning District. The General Manager of Community Services recommended approval.

Bill Boons, Co-Manager, Processing Centre, provided Council with an overview of the report, and along with Cameron Gray, Director, Housing Centre provided clarification on the rate of change policy, the City's jurisdiction in this matter, and proposed mitigation measures.

Debbie Krull, Mom's on the Drive, spoke on behalf of tenants of 1323 Barclay and 1325 Barclay, provided Council with the history of their tenancies, and suggested due diligence was not followed under the RM-5 Multiple dwelling guidelines.

Nicholas Hughes (material filed), lawyer for the estate of Pete Clironomos (President of the Kallista Group of Companies), provided clarification on the legality of the tenancies, and mitigation measures offered the legal tenants by the late Mr. Clironomos.

Perry Askounis, business friend of the late Mr. Clironomos, noted the major financial impact if the development permit was not issued, and noted Kallista Properties Ltd. had worked diligently to address tenants' concerns.

Council members discussed the ramifications of approval of staff's recommendation, and clarified the process to date and the City's jurisdiction in this matter. Mr. Gray advised the tenants had been in touch with the City's housing assistance program.

MOVED by Mayor Sullivan

THAT the Committee recommend to Council

THAT Council confirm a 12-month Rate of Change of 0.096 percent is acceptable for this West End neighbourhood, and that the guidelines regarding "Rate of Change" are not applicable.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. 2006 Celebration Grant Recommendations, Fall Deadline (VanRIMS No. 05-5000-10)

The Committee had before it an Administrative Report dated October 26, 2006, in which the Assistant Director, Office of Cultural Affairs recommended grants to 12 organizations, outlined selection process, and discussed the applications in more detail. The General Manager of Community Services recommended approval.

Marnie Rice, Cultural Planner, in response to questions from Council provided clarification on the policy related to celebration grants.

MOVED by Councillor Deal THAT the Committee recommend to Council

THAT Council approve a total of \$88,750 in Celebration Grants to 12 organizations listed in Tables 1 and 2 of the Administrative Report dated October 26, 2006, entitled "2006 Celebration Grant Recommendations Fall Deadline". Source of funds to be the 2006 Celebration Grants budget.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. 2006 Opportunity Initiatives Grant Allocation (VanRIMS No. 05-5000-10)

The Committee had before it an Administrative Report dated October 26, 2006, in which the Assistant Director of Cultural Affairs recommended grants to (5) organizations, outlined selection processes, and discussed the applications in more detail. The General Manager of Community Services recommended approval.

Margeret Specht, Assistant Director, Office of Cultural Affairs, was present to respond to questions.

MOVED by Councillor Deal THAT the Committee recommend to Council

THAT Council approve 2006 Opportunity Initiatives grants totalling \$150,000 to five (5) organizations listed on Table 1 of the Administrative Report dated October 26, 2006, entitled "2006 Opportunity Initiatives Grant Allocation", the source of funds to be the 2006 Opportunity Initiatives Grants budget.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. Vancouver Sport Strategy: Resources and Funding Required (VanRIMS No. 05-1000-30)

The Committee had before it an Administrative Report dated October 30, 2006, in which the General Manager, Park Board, outlined a process and associated costs for the development of a civic sports strategy, and recommended approval and funding be deferred to the 2007 Interim Operating Budget. The City Manager noted Council approved the development of a comprehensive Vancouver Sports Strategy with a request that staff report back with details on resources and funding required to complete the study, and recommended Council defer approval of this funding request to the 2007 Interim Operating Budget.

Mark Vulliamy, Manager of Research and Planning, Park Board, provided an overview of the report and in response to questions from Council, noted the need to first dialogue with parities about what is important, rather than commit to one set of goals at this time. He also advised this strategy will be discussed on a regional basis.

Mike Fox, Manager, Sport Tourism, Tourism Vancouver, advised of the challenge of limited availability of resources and facilities within the City of Vancouver, and voiced his support for the application and resources as put forward by the staff report.

Gayle Uthoff, Vancouver Aquatic Sports Groups, noted the opportunities that approval of the process for development of a Vancouver Sports Strategy would provide, especially for children.

MOVED by Councillor Stevenson THAT the Committee recommend to Council

A. THAT Council receive for information the Administrative Report dated 30 October 2006, entitled "Vancouver Sport Strategy: Resources and Funding Required" on the process for the development of a Vancouver Sports Strategy with required funding of \$150,000 in 2007. Approval and funding to be deferred to the 2007 Interim Operating Budget.

Amended

AMENDMENT MOVED by Councillor Anton

THAT the following be added to the motion:

- B. THAT the Vancouver Sports Strategy consider the formation of a permanent multi-party sport authority in Vancouver.
- C. THAT alternative sources of funding be sought to assist in the development of the Vancouver Sports Strategy.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (Councillor Ball absent for the vote)

AMENDMENT MOVED by Councillor Deal

THAT the following be added to the motion:

D. THAT regional strategies in communications also be pursued.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

AMENDMENT MOVED by Councillor Ladner

THAT the Vancouver Sports Strategy be approved subject to report back on goals and objectives.

LOST

(Councillors Anton, Ball, Deal, Stevenson and the Mayor opposed)

The amendments to add B, C and D to the motion having CARRIED, Councillor Stevenson's motion as amended was put and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

FINAL MOTION AS APPROVED:

THAT the Committee recommend to Council

- A. THAT Council receive for information the Administrative Report dated 30 October 2006, entitled "Vancouver Sport Strategy: Resources and Funding Required" on the process for the development of a Vancouver Sports Strategy with required funding of \$150,000 in 2007. Approval and funding to be deferred to the 2007 Interim Operating Budget.
- B. THAT the Vancouver Sports Strategy consider the formation of a permanent multi-party sport authority in Vancouver.
- C. THAT alternative sources of funding be sought to assist in the development of the Vancouver Sports Strategy.
- D. THAT regional strategies in communications also be pursued.

The Committee adjourned at 11:50 a.m.

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CITY OF VANCOUVER

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

NOVEMBER 16, 2006

A Regular Meeting of the Council of the City of Vancouver was held on Thursday, November 16, 2006, at 11:50 a.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 Kim Capri Councillor George Chow Councillor Heather Deal Councillor Peter Ladner Councillor B.C. Lee *Councillor Raymond Louie Councillor Tim Stevenson
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COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MOVED by Councillor Ladner SECONDED by Councillor Stevenson

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (Councillor Louie absent - on civic business - for the vote)

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

1. Southeast False Creek and Olympic Village - Award of Contract for Salt Building Foundation Upgrade and Additional Funding for Site Servicing and Olympic Village Work (VanRIMS No. 03-1200-11)

MOVED by Councillor Anton

- A. THAT a budget of \$1,900,000 be approved for the upgrade of the Salt Building foundation and related work with funding to be provided by the Property Endowment Fund: Southeast False Creek Development.
- B. THAT, subject to the conditions set out in C, D and E below, the City Manager be authorized to enter into a contract with Ruskin Construction Ltd. ("Ruskin") for the upgrade of the Salt Building foundation at an estimated cost of \$1,657,370.00 plus GST with funding to be provided by the budget established pursuant to A above.
- C. THAT the Director of Legal Services be authorized to execute and deliver on behalf of the City all legal documents required to implement B above.
- D. THAT all such legal documents be on terms and conditions satisfactory to the City Manager and the Director of Legal Services.
- E. THAT no legal rights or obligations will be created or arise by Council's adoption of B, C and D above unless and until such legal documents are executed and delivered by the Director of Legal Services.
- F. THAT Council approve an additional \$1,000,000 budget for site servicing costs and other work for the Olympic Village; source of funding to be the Property Endowment Fund: Southeast False Creek Development.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (Councillor Louie absent - on civic business - for the vote)

POLICY REPORTS

1. Vancouver General Hospital Precinct - Public Realm Plan and Maintenance for the Academic Ambulatory Care Centre (VanRIMS No. 11-2000-30)

At its meeting on November 14, 2006, due to time constraints, Council agreed to postpone consideration of P1 to the Regular Council meeting immediately following the Standing Committee on City Services and Budgets meeting on November 16, 2006.

MOVED by Councillor Anton

A. THAT the Public Realm Plan for the area known as the Vancouver General Hospital Precinct be approved as generally contained in Appendix A of the Policy Report dated October 23, 2006, entitled "Vancouver General Hospital Precinct - Public Realm Plan and Maintenance for the Academic Ambulatory Care Centre".

B. THAT commencing in 2008, the Electrical Operating and Maintenance budget be increased by \$3300 (\$3050 for infrastructure maintenance, \$250 for increased energy costs), without offset and subject to future budget reviews, for operation and maintenance of street lighting improvements related to the Academic Ambulatory Care Centre.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (Councillor Louie absent - on civic business - for the vote)

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Report of Standing Committee on City Services and Budgets November 16, 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. RM-5- Multiple Dwelling Development Rate of Change 1325 Barclay Street - DE410198
- 2. 2006 Celebration Grant Recommendations, Fall Deadline
- 3. 2006 Opportunity Initiatives Grant Allocation
- 4. Vancouver Sport Strategy: Resources and Funding Required

Items 1-4

MOVED by Councillor Deal

THAT the recommendations and actions taken by the Standing Committee on City Services and Budgets at its meeting of November 16, 2006, as contained in items 1-4, be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AND ITEMS 2 AND 3 BY THE REQUIRED MAJORITY (Councillor Louie absent - on civic business - for the vote)

RISE FROM COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MOVED by Councillor Chow

THAT the Committee of the Whole rise and report.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

(Councillor Louie absent - on civic business - for the vote)

ADOPT REPORT OF COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MOVED by Councillor Stevenson SECONDED by Councillor Ladner

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (Councillor Louie absent - on civic business - for the vote)

MOTIONS

A. Administrative Motions

None.

- B. Motions on Notice
- 1. World AIDS Day (VanRIMS No. 01-2700-10)

MOVED by Councillor Stevenson SECONDED by Councillor Capri

WHEREAS:

- 1. December 1st is World AIDS Day;
- 2. there are over 2900 people living with HIV in Vancouver;
- 3. AIDS is a disease that affects everyone throughout the world;
- 4. the City of Vancouver prides itself on being an inclusive city;
- 5. the City of Vancouver must be a leader in taking proactive steps to raise awareness and break stereotypes regarding HIV and AIDS; and
- 6. public awareness and engagement are a key tool in preventing HIV/AIDS.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT

- A. Mayor and Council wear red scarves, provided by AIDS Vancouver and the Red Ribbon campaign, on World AIDS Day;
- B. The City allow for a large red ribbon, provided by AIDS Vancouver and the Red Ribbon campaign, to be placed on the City Hall Tower from November 25 to December 1st;

- C. The City allow for red ribbons to be tied around trees downtown and in the West End by Red Ribbon campaign volunteers from November 25 to December 1st;
- D. The City allow for the art exhibit *AIDS In Two Cities*, a photo display of the similarities of life with AIDS in Vancouver and Port au Prince, to be displayed in the lobby of Council Chambers in the afternoon of Thursday, November 30th;
- E. The Mayor and members of Council will be Guests of Honour at the *AIDS in Two Cities* exhibit; and
- F. The City will allow for a Red Ribbon donation box at the *AIDS in Two Cities* exhibit in the lobby of Council Chambers.

Referred

The Chair advised requests to speak have been received on the motion. Council agreed to refer consideration of the motion to the Standing Committee on Planning and Environment meeting on November 16, 2006, to hear from speakers.

2. Taxi Services (VanRIMS No. 11-4600-60)

MOVED by Councillor Anton SECONDED by Councillor Lee

WHEREAS:

- 1. It is generally accepted that there is a shortage of taxis in the city of Vancouver;
- 2. The Vancouver Taxi Roundtable, with City staff and representatives from Tourism Vancouver, the Justice Institute of BC and the 4 city taxi companies, has convened to discuss matters relating to taxi service in the city; and
- 3. In order to have new permits in place by the 2007 tourist season decisions as to the number of permits must be made by early in the New Year.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

- 1. This Council recommends that sufficient licenses be issued in early 2007 to address service levels in the city.
- 2. The Vancouver Taxi Roundtable is thanked for its ongoing work, including its successful resolution of some challenging issues.
- 3. The Vancouver Taxi Roundtable is respectfully requested to consider and staff are requested to report back on the following issues:
 - (a) The appropriate number of permits for 2007;
 - (b) The appropriate number of permits for the years up to 2010;
 - (c) The process for issuing the permits, including the fee;

- (d) The degree of accessibility for the taxi fleet with the 2007 permits;
- (e) The degree of accessibility for the taxi fleet in the long term;
- (f) Achieving compatibility of the fleet with the goals of the Community Climate Change action plan;
- (g) An analysis of service levels and performance measures in the city; and
- (h) Any other issues of concern to the Roundtable.
- 4. Staff are requested to forward this motion to the Advisory Committee on Accessibility and other interested committees for their advice.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

NEW BUSINESS

1. Seniors' Centre in Southeast Vancouver (VanRIMS No. 11-2200-21)

MOVED by Councillor Louie SECONDED by Mayor Chow

WHEREAS the demand for seniors' facilities is expected to increase city-wide as the population ages and Southeast Vancouver as a whole is currently inadequately served with respect to seniors' facilities;

AND WHEREAS staff has indicated that there is merit in pursuing the goal of developing a new seniors' centre in Southeast Vancouver as it could play an important role in addressing this demand;

AND WHEREAS the optimum solution would involve a facility in an accessible, neighbourhood centre location;

AND WHEREAS staff believe that the most likely way to achieve additional seniors' space and programming would be via the development of satellite space administered by a group such as South Vancouver Neighbourhood House or some other broad-based community coalition;

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Vancouver City Council direct staff to provide further guidance by undertaking exploratory work relating to potential funding sources, governance models and site/building selection with the goal of developing a new seniors' centre in Southeast Vancouver at the earliest opportunity.

AND THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Vancouver City Council direct staff to work with the community in Southeast Vancouver and particularly the Victoria-Fraserview / Killarney Community Vision Implementation Committee for their input.

Notice

Councillor Capri called Notice under Section 5.4(c) of the Procedure By-law. The motion will be considered at the Regular Council meeting immediately following the Standing Committee on Planning and Environment meeting on November 16, 2006.

ENQUIRIES AND OTHER MATTERS

1. Council Challenge - Zero Crash Month (VanRIMS No. 01-5500-10)

Councillor Capri advised the City of Vancouver had won the Zero Crash Month Challenge, and expressed the hope all Surrey Councillors will wear the "I♥ Vancouver" badge at their upcoming Council meeting.

2. Use of City Hall for Distribution of Political Material (VanRIMS No. 08-9000-30)

Councillor Ladner referenced a recent press conference held at City Hall wherein political brochures and partisan comments were evident, and requested a memo back from staff on the use of City Hall for such purposes.

3. Seniors' Home Owners' Grants (VanRIMS No. 05-4200-10)

Councillor Louie advised of recent media reports, and phone calls received, regarding property tax penalties charged to seniors, expressed concern this process does not meet the original intent of approved cost-recovery criteria, and requested a memo back on how to make the process fair and equitable.

The City Manager so agreed.

The Council adjourned at 12:35 p.m.

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