

These Minutes will be adopted at the Regular Council meeting on January 16, 2007



REPORT TO COUNCIL
STANDING COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL
ON PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT

NOVEMBER 30, 2006

A Regular Meeting of the Standing Committee of Council on Planning and Environment was held on Thursday, November 30, 2006, at 2:00 p.m., in the Council Chamber, Third Floor, City Hall.

PRESENT: Councillor Suzanne Anton, 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

ABSENT: Councillor Kim Capri, Leave of Absence (Civic Business)
Councillor Tim Stevenson

CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE: Judy Rogers, City Manager

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE: Diane Clairmont, Meeting Coordinator

OUT SULLIVAN

* Denotes absence for a portion of the meeting.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

The Minutes of the Standing Committee on Planning and Environment meeting of November 2, 2006, were adopted.

RECOMMENDATION

1. **Proposed Amendment to Subdivision By-law No. 5208 - Reclassification of the properties at 2955, 2967, 2979 West 43rd Avenue and 5896 Carnarvon Street (VanRIMS No. 08-4000-11)**

The Committee had before it an Administrative Report dated November 6, 2006, in which the Subdivision Approving Office sought Council approval to reclassify the properties at 2955,

2967, 2979 West 43rd Avenue and 5896 Carnarvon Street (Lots 37, 38, 39 and 40) from Category D to Category A for the purpose of subdivision. The General Manager of Community Services recommended approval.

Rick Scobie, Subdivision Approving Officer, reviewed the report, distributed an additional map (*on file*), and responded to questions relating to specific lots/parcel widths, market changes, and reasons why there is no financial benefit to City as a result of subdivision.

Jennifer Tung, Applicant, spoke in favour of the recommendations (*material submitted - on file*). Her comments included:

- affordability is a major housing challenge; allowing rezoning and enhancing effective land use is one step to alleviate this concern;
- increasing allowable density in established communities allows use of existing services and improves communities;
- effort will be made to preserve trees and create landscape to enhance neighbourhood;
- majority of lots on 2900 block West 43rd Avenue are small lots; reclassification will result in more consistent subdivision pattern; and
- expressed concerns regarding intent/content of letter circulated by a neighbour.

Roland Haebler spoke in opposition to the recommendation. His comments included:

- Council has established pattern of making decisions based on community support and in this instance, application is not supported;
- notification area did not include properties on either side of street from applicant;
- circulated petition to many residents including applicant's neighbours; there was no coercion and none responded in support; and
- does not want to see character of area change.

Mr. Scobie responded to questions regarding the notification process.

MOVED by Councillor Ladner

THAT the Committee recommend to Council

- A. THAT Council approve the application to reclassify the properties at 2955, 2967, 2979 West 43rd Avenue and 5896 Carnarvon Street from Category D to Category A of Schedule A, Table 1, of Subdivision By-law No. 5208.
- B. THAT Council amend the classification of the seven properties at 3019-3091 West 43rd Avenue and 5875 Carnarvon Street from Category D to Category A of Schedule A, Table 1, of Subdivision By-law No. 5208.
- C. THAT the Director of Legal Services be instructed to prepare the necessary by-law for enactment.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

(Mayor Sullivan not present for the vote)

2. Xtract System Update, Bylaw Amendments and Civilian Position Reclassification
(VanRIMS No. 08-4000-11)

The Committee had before it an Administrative Report dated October 27, 2006, in which the Chief Constable in consultation with the Chief License Inspector provided an update on the Xtract system and sought Council approval of amendments to the Secondhand Dealers and Pawnbrokers Bylaw No. 2807, and other changes. The Chief Constable and the General Manager of Community Services recommended approval.

Inspector Doug Fisher, Patrol Support, Vancouver Police Department (VPD), reviewed the report, and responded to questions relating to the rationale regarding secondhand store storage and hold periods, and pawnshop redeeming process/legalities.

The following spoke in opposition to the recommendations:

Jim Murphy, AAA Pawnbrokers
Arkady Draliuk, AAA Pawnbrokers

Speakers' comments included:

- noted discrepancy in Table 2 of October 27, 2006 report and the relevant table in October 20, 2005 report;
- VPD has advocated Xtract system to both UBCM and Provincial government; therefore should be equal partners in cost-sharing;
- insurance industry could be source of revenue to offset costs;
- approval of amendments will mean significant increase of overhead resulting from these changes, including personnel, fees; changes may determine if business stays open; and
- there has been no support from City of Vancouver when attempts made to expand services offered, e.g. cheque cashing.

The following expressed concern relating to specific aspects of the amendment and changes:

Michael Isman, BC Pawnbrokers' Association
Mitchell Snider, San Francisco Trading Ltd.
Barry Gilpin, Cheapskates Consignment Sporting Goods Store

Speakers' comments included:

- procedure requirements relating to redemption are onerous - thieves will never redeem and innocent bystanders may redeem; process will result in enormous expense and return is negligible;
- omission in the staff report relating to quotes from Judge and the resulting appeal;
- Privacy Commissioner is against this type of data base (physical descriptors) and recommends repeal of amendments to this by-law, not adding more;

- Civil Liberties Association does not believe local governments have the power to impose these types of requirements;
- should not pass by-laws putting all people doing business with pawnbrokers under surveillance;
- should not collect personal information which is invasion of privacy;
- putting onus on business owners to provide physical descriptors is unjust and physical descriptors can be changed easily; and
- cost of secondhand storage onerous and impractical.

Inspector Fisher, along with Guy Gusdal, License Coordinator, responded to questions relating to the following:

- fees and potential for funding from insurance brokers;
- collecting of personal information and potential for digital photos, including cost to business owners;
- identification options for both property and individuals;
- control of movement of secondhand goods;
- secondhand storage;
- redemption reporting process;
- impact of proposed amendments on crime; and
- effect of current court case on amendments, if approved.

MOVED by Councillor Chow

THAT the Committee recommend to Council

- A. THAT Council approve amendments to the Secondhand Dealers and Pawnbrokers By-law No. 2807 as generally outlined in Appendix A of Administrative Report *Xtract System Update, Bylaw Amendments and Civilian Position Reclassification*, dated October 27, 2006, to amend the definition of "picture identification", report physical descriptors of the customer to the police, eliminate the option of paper reporting, revise pawn reporting, and provide for separate secondhand store storage.
- B. THAT Council authorize the Director of Legal Services to bring forward the appropriate by-law amendments generally as set out in Appendix A of Administrative Report *Xtract System Update, Bylaw Amendments and Civilian Position Reclassification*, dated October 27, 2006.
- C. THAT Council, through the Mayor, send a letter to the Solicitor General and the Ministry of Public Safety, to be copied to UBCM, supporting the enactment of a Provincial Act to control the movement of secondhand goods.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. Integrated Stormwater Management Plan for the Still Creek Watershed
(VanRIMS No. 08-3900-10)

The Committee had before it a Policy Report dated November 10, 2006 in which the General Manager of Engineering Services in consultation with the Director of City Plans sought Council approval of the draft Integrated Stormwater Management Plan (ISMP) for the Still Creek watershed and that the Plan's action items be used when carrying out activities in the watershed. The General Managers of Engineering Services and Community Services and the City Manager recommended approval.

Steve McTaggart, Assistant Sewers & Drainage Engineer, reviewed the report and along with Don Brynildsen, Assistant City Engineer - Water & Sewers, and Tom Timm, General Manager, Engineering Services, responded to questions relating to:

- twinning of pipes throughout the entire watershed;
- vision for 2055, including potential for inclusion in City's ecodensity plans;
- remedial actions regarding industrial lands and source controls;
- implications of using salt on road systems during inclement weather; and
- educational tools/programs.

Staff also advised that Burnaby approved the plan as presented.

MOVED by Councillor Deal

THAT THE Committee recommend to Council

- A. THAT Council approve the Integrated Stormwater Management Plan (ISMP) including the vision, goals and strategies for the Still Creek Watershed entitled "From Pipe Dreams to Healthy Streams", as summarized in Policy Report *Integrated Stormwater Management Plan for the Still Creek Watershed*", dated November 20, 2006.
- B. THAT staff pursue the ISMP action items that can be readily incorporated, at no significant cost, into City activities and programs in the Still Creek Watershed.
- C. THAT staff report back on the ISMP action items that will require additional staff and financial resources to undertake.
- D. THAT staff participate in a Vancouver-Burnaby-GVRD coordinating committee for the Still Creek watershed to facilitate programs in accordance with the Plan.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Committee adjourned at 4:10 p.m.

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CITY OF VANCOUVER

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES STANDING COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL ON PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT

NOVEMBER 30, 2006

A Regular Meeting of the Council of the City of Vancouver was held on Thursday, November 30, 2006, at 4:10 p.m., in the Council Chamber, Third Floor, City Hall, following the Standing Committee on Planning and Environment meeting, to consider the recommendations and actions of the Committee.

PRESENT: Mayor Sam Sullivan
Councillor Suzanne Anton
Councillor Elizabeth Ball
Councillor David Cadman
Councillor George Chow
Councillor Heather Deal
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COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MOVED by Councillor Anton
SECONDED by Councillor Louie

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Report of Standing Committee on Planning and Environment
November 30, 2006

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

1. Proposed Amendment to Subdivision By-law No. 5208 - Reclassification of the properties at 2955, 2967, 2979 West 43rd Avenue and 5896 Carnarvon Street
2. Xtract System Update, Bylaw Amendments and Civilian Position Re-classification
3. Integrated Stormwater Management Plan or the Still Creek Watershed

Items 1 3

MOVED by Councillor Chow

THAT the recommendations and actions taken by the Standing Committee on Planning and Environment at its meeting of November 30, 2006, as contained in items 1 to 3, be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

RISE FROM COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MOVED by Councillor Lee

THAT the Committee of the Whole rise and report.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADOPT REPORT OF COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MOVED by Councillor Deal
SECONDED by Councillor Cadman

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Council adjourned at 4.12 p.m.

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