

7. **Motion to Address Street Disorder (VanRIMS No.: 08-9000-30)**

At the Regular Council meeting following the Standing Committee on Transportation and Traffic meeting on December 12, 2006, the following motion was submitted by Councillor Capri. Councillor Anton called Notice under Section 5.4(c) of the Procedure By-law. Subsequently, at the Regular Council meeting in the afternoon on December 12, 2006, Council referred the item to the Standing Committee on City Services and Budgets meeting on December 14, 2006 in order to hear from speakers.

MOVED by Councillor Kim Capri
SECONDED by Mayor Sam Sullivan

WHEREAS

1. the City of Vancouver has enjoyed a reputation for being one of the most safe and liveable cities in the world;
2. incidents of street disorder have increased and Vancouverites are expressing significant concern for their safety and well-being;
3. the Mayor's report on disorder "the white paper" including the Mayor's survey and Mayor's dialogues on crime and disorder identified that the community is greatly concerned about issues of aggressive panhandling, open drug dealing and drug use;
4. Vancouver's reputation for being a safe city is being challenged in travel magazines and the Boards of Trade and Tourism have expressed grave concern regarding public disorder and the impact this has both on our economy, reputation and quality of experience for visitors and residents of our city;
5. the Province, through the Attorney General's office, is negotiating a Community Court pilot project in Vancouver;
6. residents of Vancouver deserve the right to enjoy public and private space free from being victims of crime and disorder;
7. Council unanimously adopted the EcoDensity Principles which commits the City to providing a public realm that is clean, safe and secure;
8. the Vancouver City Council has unanimously adopted the *Homeless Action Plan* and endorsed the GVRD *3 Ways to Home* document, Canadians remain homeless on the streets of Vancouver;
9. Canada's National homeless problem is manifesting itself on the streets of Vancouver;

10. a safe, stable, residential environment is a key component in addressing street disorder;
11. project Civil City compliments and does not replace the city's initiatives to address homelessness;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Council is committed to Project Civil City and will seek to:

1. Increase housing opportunities and eliminate homelessness, with at least a 50% reduction by 2010.
2. Eliminate the open drug market on Vancouver's streets, with at least a 50% reduction by 2010.
3. Eliminate the incidence of aggressive panhandling with at least a 50% reduction by 2010.
4. Increase the level of public satisfaction with the City's handling of public nuisance and annoyance complaints by 50% by 2010.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Council:

- A. Provide \$300,000 from the 2006 Contingency Reserve to immediately establish a new *Project Civil City* Implementation Office (PCCIO) including the hiring of a new Project Civil City Commissioner. The PCCIO will serve as a support to the Mayor in his role as Chair of the Project Civil City Leadership Council.
- B. Immediately strike a *Project Civil City* Leadership Council, chaired by the Mayor which initially include the following:
 - Minister of Health - Province of BC
 - Minister of Employment and Income Assistance - Province of BC
 - Solicitor General - Province of BC
 - Attorney General - Province of BC
 - Industry Minister - Government of Canada
 - Minister of Human Resources and Social Development - Government of Canada
 - Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for the Pacific Gateway and the 2010 Olympic and Paralympic Games

The Leadership Council will meet quarterly with the first meeting being held in early 2007.

- C. Immediately establish a *Project Civil City* Implementation Team that will consist of key staff such as the City Manager, Chief of Police, General Manager of the Park Board, General Manager of Community Services, and the General Manager of Engineering, as well as appropriate staff with the Provincial and Federal governments. Meetings will initially be held bi-weekly and will be Chaired by the Mayor for at least the first six months.

- D. Request the City Manager and the Chief of Police review the ideas and suggestions outlined in the Project Civil City report and that they present a Project Civil City Implementation Plan for Council's consideration within the next 90 days. This Plan will include possible partnership opportunities for funding parts or all of the PCC initiative.
- E. Revitalize the City's Neighbourhood Integrated Service Teams (NIST) by re-aligning them toward program delivery and meeting public disorder reduction goals.
- F. Advise bar owners and their patrons in Vancouver's entertainment district that they have a 60-day countdown toward implementing immediate solutions that will significantly improve public order or Council may consider the option of bringing Vancouver bar hours in line with other GVRD jurisdictions.
- G. In order to track the progress of *Project Civil City*, immediately benchmark the current level of incidents of aggressive panhandling and open drug sales and use in our City. In addition, conduct an immediate litter audit as well as benchmark the current satisfaction of citizens in relation to how the City manages complaints for public nuisances such as excessive motorcycle noise. The source of funding will be through the Project Civil City budget allocation.
- H. Request that the Vancouver Police Board seek out every opportunity to significantly increase the street presence of our police force.
- I. Conduct thorough review of ticketing, by-laws and fines with the objective of improving efficiencies and increasing their effectiveness in countering public disorder. This review shall be completed within 60 days and be incorporated into the PCC Implementation Plan. Source of funding to be through the Project Civil City budget allocation.
- J. Request that the City Manager seek out every opportunity to work within existing budgets in the preparation of the PCC Implementation Plan.
- K. Request that the City Manager outline a proposal that will seek to work with other levels of government to significantly increase the collection of unpaid fines as a possible means of funding part of the PCC Implementation Plan.
- L. That Council receives for information the Project Civil City document "the white paper," as prepared by the Mayor's Office.

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