

(These Minutes to be adopted at the Regular Council meeting on February 13, 2007)



REPORT TO COUNCIL

STANDING COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL ON TRANSPORTATION AND TRAFFIC

JANUARY 16, 2007

A Regular Meeting of the Standing Committee of Council on Transportation and Traffic was held on Tuesday, January 16, 2007, 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 David Cadman
- Councillor Kim Capri
- Councillor George Chow
- Councillor Heather Deal
- Councillor Peter Ladner
- Councillor Raymond Louie
- Councillor Tim Stevenson

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE: Pat Boomhower, Meeting Coordinator

* Denotes absence for a portion of the meeting.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

The Minutes of the Standing Committee on Transportation and Traffic meeting of November 14, 2006, were adopted.

RECOMMENDATION

1. Canada Line Construction Update (VanRIMS No. 13-1400-20)

The Committee had before it an Administrative Report dated January 4, 2007, in which the General Manager of Engineering Services provided Council with an update on Canada Line related construction activity, an overview of the construction schedule and anticipated challenges for the remainder of 2007, and detailed efforts of the Project and its partners to mitigate construction related impacts.

Wayne Pledger, Manager - Rapid Transit Office, reviewed the report and also noted trip time and frequency of service upon completion of the project and the opportunity for utility work during its construction.

Jane Bird, CEO, Canada Line Rapid Transit Inc. (CLCO), outlined support provided to affected businesses along the Canada Line construction route, the retail marketing activities of the Vancouver Business Liaison Committee, and ways the public can obtain additional information. Ms. Bird also reported that the project is on schedule and on budget.

Mr. Pledger and Ms. Bird, along with Tom Timm, General Manager of Engineering Services, Jerry Dobrovolny, Assistant City Engineer - Transportation, Lon LaClair, Strategic Transportation Planning Engineer, Donny Wong, Rapid Transit Office, Jean-Marc Arbaud, President, InTransitBC, Karen Peterson-Ivanick, Independent Project Director, Vancouver Business Liaison and Communications Committee, and Raymond Louie, Vice President - Technical and Municipal Liaison, responded to questions regarding down escalators, rapid transit peak and base periods, bicycle and pedestrian access, public art, and aspects related to construction with respect to recycling excavation waste, support for restaurants, banners, communications plan, the Main Street Showcase project, temporary work permits, and timeline.

MOVED by Councillor Anton
THAT the Committee recommend to Council

THAT Council receive the Administrative Report dated January 4, 2007, entitled "Canada Line Construction Update" for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Mayor Sullivan not present for the vote)

**2. Bicycle Advisory Committee: Term Report for August 2005 - November 2006
(VanRIMS No. 08-3000-11)**

The Committee had before it a Report dated November 15, 2006, in which the Bicycle Advisory Committee (BAC) provided Vancouver City Council with a report on the activities of the Bicycle Advisory Committee for the period of August 2005 to November 2006 (noting that the committee was an interim body as of December 2005). The City Manager submitted the foregoing for information.

Bonnie Fenton, Chair, BAC, reviewed the report and noted cycling is part of the solution in addressing sustainability, health and environment issues and the importance of leadership and the goal of a 10% mode share by 2010. Concern was expressed about the slow progress toward cycling and pedestrian improvements on Burrard Bridge, and the increasing speed and volume of vehicle traffic on bicycle routes. Ms. Fenton also noted the BAC would like to see an updated cycling Master Plan for the City, a Planning Department liaison to the BAC, increased budget and staff allocated to cycling including education and promotion, more and better secure bike parking for short and long-term, enforcement of laws around sharing the road, and other changes to achieve a cycling transportation mode share increase.

Ms. Fenton, along with Jerry Dobrovolny, Assistant City Engineer - Transportation, Scott Edwards, Manager, Greenways and Neighbourhood Transportation, responded to questions regarding mode share targets, bicycle parking, public art, designated staff with

respect to cycling promotion, Bait Bike program, driver and cyclist education, bicycle plan and bus bike racks.

MOVED by Councillor Deal
THAT the Committee recommend to Council

THAT the annual report from the Bicycle Advisory Committee dated November 15, 2006, entitled "Bicycle Advisory Committee: Term Report for August 2005 - November 2006" be received by Council for information (and inspiration) in the context of Council's acceptance in principle of a cycling mode share target of 10% by 2010, and thereafter working toward higher mode share levels similar to those of many European cities.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. Waterfront to False Creek Flats Rail Grade Separation Study
(VanRIMS No. 13-1400-10)

The Committee had before it an Administrative Report dated December 20, 2006, in which the General Manager of Engineering Services sought Council approval to enter into a contribution agreement with Transport Canada for funding of the False Creek Flats Rail Corridor Strategy; discuss potential cost sharing arrangements with Vancouver Port Authority and TransLink, participants in the Transportation Planning and Modal Integration study, as well as with the Province and ICBC for the potential design and construction of rail grade separations between the Waterfront and False Creek Flats; and apply for federal government cost sharing for the construction costs. The Committee also had before it an enlarged map of Figure 1 of the report indicating the rail corridor and locations of interest.

Steve Brown, Strategic Transportation Planning Engineer, reviewed the report and noted Phase 2's funding application timeline and the pedestrian and cycling facilities.

Mr. Brown, along with Tom Timm, General Manager of Engineering Services, Jerry Dobrovolny, Assistant City Engineer - Transportation, and Scott Edwards, Manager, Greenways and Neighbourhood Transportation, responded to questions regarding the Central Valley Greenway connection, bike bridge, neighbourhood consultation, benefits of grade separation, and potential federal cost sharing.

Robert Williams, Vancouver City Planning Commission Sub-Committee Chair - False Creek Flats, expressed concern about the lack of an overall plan for the False Creek Flats area and slowness in its planning progress. Mr. Williams recommended strengthening the north-south rail alignment, increasing efficiencies through cooperation between railways, and having consultants assist with False Creek Flats planning.

Messrs. Timm and Dobrovolny, along with Trish French, Assistant Director of Current Planning, responded to questions regarding False Creek Flats planning timelines, the north-south rail corridor, police building site, and alternatives to a bike bridge.

MOVED by Councillor Anton

THAT the Committee recommend to Council

- A. THAT Council authorize the City to enter into a contribution agreement with Transport Canada under the Transportation Planning and Modal Integration (TPMI) initiative for completion of the False Creek Flats Rail Corridor Strategy Study.
- B. THAT Council provide its support to apply for funding from Transport Canada through the Asia Pacific Gateway and Corridor Initiative for cost sharing of the grade separation of up to five locations along the rail line connecting the Waterfront to False Creek Flats.
- C. THAT Council authorise staff to discuss cost sharing options with project partners, the Province and ICBC.
- D. THAT upon confirmation of federal funding, staff report back on any allocation of funds for the City's share of the Waterfront to False Creek Flats Rail Grade separation.
- E. THAT as part of the report back on the terms of reference for the long range planning for the False Creek Flats, staff discuss the completion of the Central Valley Greenway in the Flats including a bridge over the rail lines.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

(Mayor Sullivan not present for the vote)

4. Request for Proposals: 'Under the Granville Bridge' Neighbourhood Commercial Centre (VanRIMS No. 11-2000-14)

The Committee had before it a Policy Report dated December 1, 2006, in which the Director of Real Estate Services and the Director of Planning, in consultation with the General Manager of Engineering Services, the Director of the Housing Centre and the Director of Legal Services, sought Council approval of policies and design guidelines for the development of a neighbourhood commercial centre (NCC) located on lands under the north end of the Granville Bridge, between Pacific Street and Beach Avenue. The report also sought authorization to proceed with a Call for Expressions of Interest and Request for Proposals, with the City granting a 60 year pre-paid lease of the City Lands to the successful RFP proponent. The City Manager recommended approval.

Michael Gordon, Senior Planner - Central Area, and Jerry Evans, Property Development Officer - Real Estate Services, reviewed the report and together with Tom Timm, General Manager of Engineering Services, responded to questions regarding the slope and feasible building height in the NCC, access to the area and pedestrian waterfront access, cycling facilities, heritage buildings, water run-off, parking, grocery store size, zoning, lease payments, future bridge upgrades, potential cultural spaces and economic development and social housing.

MOVED by Councillor Deal

THAT the Committee recommend to Council

- A. THAT Council endorse the 'Under the Granville Bridge' Neighbourhood Commercial Centre Policies and Guidelines (attached as Appendix 'A' of the Administrative Report dated December 1, 2006, entitled "Request for Proposals: 'Under the Granville Bridge' Neighbourhood Commercial Centre").
- B. THAT Council authorize the Director of Real Estate Services, in consultation with the Director of Legal Services, to issue a Call for Expressions of Interest (the "CFEI") and a Request for Proposals (the "RFP"), with the CFEI to identify a shortlist of proponents who will be invited to respond to the RFP for the development of City lands legally described as (PID 002-647-214) Lot H, Block 122, District Lot 541, Plan 20641, District Lot 541; and (PID's 009-625-101, 009-625-119 and 009-625-135) Lots 1, 2 and 3, Block 123, District Lot 541 Plan 9597, (the "City Lands") and located within the boundaries of the Neighbourhood Commercial Centre, as defined in the 'Under the Granville Bridge' Neighbourhood Commercial Centre Policies and Guidelines (the "NCC Lands").
- C. THAT the CFEI and RFP provide that the City grant a 60 year pre-paid lease of the City Lands to the successful proponent or proponents (the "Proponent(s)") to the RFP for the purposes of the development.
- D. THAT Council encourage the proponents to incorporate a lively cultural component into the neighbourhood plan.

amended

AMENDMENT MOVED by Councillor Ball

THAT the motion be amended by striking out paragraph D and substituting it with the following:

- D. THAT the CFEI and RFP include additional criteria for the review of proposals regarding the encouragement of:
 - (a) performing arts and cultural spaces and a lively public realm component into the plan; and
 - (b) commercial uses in tune with the City's economic development principles

in the 'Under the Granville Bridge' Neighbourhood Commercial Centre.

CARRIED

(Councillor Cadman opposed to (b))

The amendment having carried, the motion as amended was put and CARRIED with Councillor Cadman opposed to D (b).

FINAL MOTION AS APPROVED

THAT the Committee recommend to Council

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- D. THAT the CFEI and RFP include additional criteria for the review of proposals regarding the encouragement of:
 - (a) performing arts and cultural spaces and a lively public realm component into the plan; and
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in the 'Under the Granville Bridge' Neighbourhood Commercial Centre.

The Committee adjourned at 1:05 p.m.

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CITY OF VANCOUVER

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

JANUARY 16, 2007

A Regular Meeting of the Council of the City of Vancouver was held on Tuesday, January 16, 2007, at 1:05 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 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 CLERK'S OFFICE: Pat Boomhower, Meeting Coordinator

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MOVED by Councillor Lee
SECONDED by Councillor Stevenson

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 January 16, 2007

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

1. Canada Line Construction Update

2. Bicycle Advisory Committee: Term Report for August 2005 - November 2006
3. Waterfront to False Creek Flats Rail Grade Separation Study
4. Request for Proposals: 'Under the Granville Bridge' Neighbourhood Commercial Centre

Items 1 - 4

MOVED by Councillor Anton

THAT the recommendations and actions taken by the Standing Committee on Transportation and Traffic at its meeting of January 16, 2007, as contained in items 1 - 4, be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

RISE FROM COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MOVED by Councillor Chow

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 Ladner

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Council adjourned at 1:06 p.m.

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