



**REPORT TO COUNCIL**  
**STANDING COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL**  
**ON PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT**

**JANUARY 18, 2007**

A Regular Meeting of the Standing Committee of Council on Planning and Environment was held on Thursday, January 18, 2007, at 3:30 p.m., in the Council Chamber, Third Floor, City Hall.

**PRESENT:** Councillor Kim Capri, Chair  
Mayor Sam Sullivan  
Councillor Suzanne Anton, Vice-Chair  
Councillor Elizabeth Ball  
\*Councillor David Cadman  
Councillor George Chow  
Councillor Heather Deal  
Councillor Peter Ladner  
Councillor B.C. Lee  
\*Councillor Raymond Louie

**ABSENT:** Councillor Tim Stevenson (Leave of Absence)

**CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE:** Brent MacGregor, Deputy City Manager

**CITY CLERK'S OFFICE:** Diane Clairmont, Meeting Coordinator

\* Denotes absence for a portion of the meeting.

**ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Standing Committee on Planning and Environment meeting of November 30, 2006, and December 14, 2006 were adopted.

**RECOMMENDATION**

1. **2006 Report of the Advisory Committee on Seniors' Issues**  
(VanRIMS No.: 08-3000-11)

The Committee had before it an Other Report dated November 24, 2006, in which the Advisory Committee on Seniors' Issues provided Council with a report on the activities of the Committee for the period January to November 2006. The City Manager submitted the foregoing for information.

MOVED by Councillor Lee  
THAT the Committee recommend to Council

THAT the Other Report *2006 Report of the Advisory Committee on Seniors' Issues* dated November 24, 2006, be received for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. **Accessibility Advisory Committee (VanRIMS No.: 08-3000-11)**
  - a) **Issues Related to the Accessibility Advisory Committee**
  - b) **Accessibility Advisory Committee - Terms of Reference**

The Committee had before it two Other Reports, one dated November 20, 2006, in which the Advisory Committee on Seniors' Issues requested that Council re-establish the Advisory Committee on Seniors' Issues and the Advisory Committee on Disability Issues as separate entities, and the other dated November 28, 2006, in which the Advisory Committee on Disability Issues requested that Council direct staff to consult with the Committee regarding the development of Terms of Reference and other matters concerning the newly-established Accessibility Advisory Committee. The Committee also requested the Advisory Committee on Disability Issues continue to operate with its current membership until completion of the consultation process. The City Manager submitted the recommendations for consideration.

Larry Cantrell, Vice-Chair, Advisory Committee on Disability Issues, advised a motion was approved at the January 16, 2007 meeting of the Advisory Committee on Disability Issues recommending that the two Committees remain as separate entities. Mr. Cantrell and Tom Bruner, Advisory Committee on Seniors' Issues, responded to questions relating to:

- lack of consultation/decision-making processes related to merging the two committees;
- participation of Council Liaisons;
- potential loss of expertise/experience, along with the broad range of disabilities represented by the Advisory Committee on Disability Issues;
- desire to preserve as much as possible from long history of the committees;
- potential make-up of membership for the Accessibility Advisory Committee;
- definition of the term "accessible"; and
- Terms of Reference process for the Accessibility Advisory Committee.

Sheryl Burns, Advisory Committee on Disability Issues, spoke in favour of the recommendation to maintain the Committees as separate entities. Her comments included:

- Council should recognize there are groups who are disadvantaged for many reasons, and that these differences are served by existing Committees which should be retained;
- people from vulnerable communities increasing in Downtown East Side; while there are overlaps, they face different experiences and should be dealt with separately;
- members of the Advisory Committee on Disability Issues share experiences even though they do not share same disabilities;

- employment is a key factor and very specific to those with disabilities; and
- merged committee will become ineffective if trying to resolve two very different issues/interests.

MOVED by Councillor Deal

THAT the Committee recommend to Council

WHEREAS the Advisory Committee on Disability Issues has reviewed matters related to the amalgamation of the Advisory Committee on Seniors' Issues and Advisory Committee on Disability Issues into the newly created Accessibility Advisory Committee.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

- A. THAT the Advisory Committee on Disability Issues opposes the amalgamation of the Advisory Committee on Seniors' Issues and Advisory Committee on Disability Issues into the newly created Accessibility Advisory Committee.
- B. THAT the Advisory Committee on Disability Issues supports the resolution by the Advisory Committee on Seniors' Issues which recommends that the Advisory Committee on Seniors' Issues and the Advisory Committee on Disability Issues be re-established as separate entities.
- C. THAT the Advisory Committee on Disability Issues, subject to the final establishment of a new Accessibility Advisory Committee, recommends that Council direct staff to consult with the members of this Committee in regard to Terms of Reference, committee composition (membership), meeting times, title of committee, mandate, and other related matters, for the new Accessibility Advisory Committee.
- D. THAT the Advisory Committee on Disability Issues recommends that it continue to operate with its current membership until the completion of C above.

Not Put

The Chair ruled the motion out of order because A & B of the motion are reconsiderations of a previously-decided matter which the mover was not eligible to put under the Vancouver Procedure By-law.

AMENDMENT MOVED by Councillor Cadman

THAT the Advisory Committee on Disability Issues and the Advisory Committee on Seniors' Issues be re-established as unanimously agreed by the two existing Committees.

Not Put

Councillor Anton rose on a point of order and the Chair ruled the amendment out of order.

MOVED by Councillor Lee  
THAT the Committee recommend to Council

- A. THAT staff consult with the present Advisory Committee on Seniors' Issues and the Advisory Committee on Disability Issues so that the terms of reference mandate a Committee composition for the Accessibility Advisory Committee that will fully reflect the needs of these committees in their access to city services, equal employment continuing education and other issues regarding an improved quality of life. The terms of reference for the Accessibility Advisory Committee will be brought back to Council for approval.
- B. THAT the Advisory Committee on Seniors' Issues and Advisory Committee on Disability Issues will continue to operate with its current membership until the establishment of the Accessibility Advisory Committee is completed.

carried unanimously

AMENDMENT MOVED by Councillor Cadman

THAT A be struck and in B the words "until the establishment of the Accessibility Advisory Committee is completed", be deleted.

Not Put

The Chair ruled the amendment out of order.

The amendments being ruled out of order, Councillor Lee's motion was put and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**3. 2121 Dundas Street - Warning to Prospective Purchasers (VanRIMS No.: 11-4400-10)**

The Committee had before it an Administrative Report dated November 14, 2006, in which the City Building Inspector sought Council approval to file a 336D warning notice against the title to the building at 2121 Dundas Street in order to warn prospective purchasers that eight units in this building were used as illegal marijuana grow operations resulting in By-law violations.

Ed Neufeld, Manager, Building Inspection Branch, reviewed the report.

George Cadman, Boughton Law Corporation, Solicitor for Owner, spoke in opposition to the recommendation. His comments included:

- acknowledged that this building is in non-compliance with by-law regulations and requested deferral to provide time to bring building into compliance and consult with staff regarding licensing fees;

- advised that counsel for the mortgagee agrees with the recommendation; and
- Owner is not asking Council to reject staff recommendation; however, financial impact of notice on title should be considered.

Mr. Neufeld, along with Carlene Robbins, Manager, By-law Administration, and Paul Teichroeb, Chief License Inspector, responded to questions relating to the requested deferral of filing notice, the 336D notice process in general, and process for reaching compliance including payment of back-logged licensing fees.

MOVED by Councillor Anton  
THAT the Committee recommend to Council

- A. THAT the City Clerk be directed to file a 336D Notice against the title to 2121 Dundas Street, Lot 16, Block 20, District Lot 184 Plan 178, PID 009-298-304, in order to warn prospective purchasers that eight units in the building were used as illegal marijuana grow operations and that there are contraventions of the Vancouver Building and Electrical By-laws related to these unauthorized uses.
- B. THAT implementation of A be delayed until February 2, 2007, or to a later date as determined by staff.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY  
(Councillor Cadman and Louie not present for the vote)

#### 4. Review of Liquor Retail Policy (VanRIMS No.: 01 0600 10)

The Committee had before it a Policy Report dated December 19, 2006, in which the Director of Planning in consultation with the Chief License Inspector, the Co-Director, Development Services - Policy and Regulations, and the Director of Social Planning reported back on the consultation process undertaken to review the current liquor retail policy, and sought Council approval for amendments to the guidelines. The General Manager of Community Services recommended approval of Recommendation A and submitted B for Council's consideration.

Heike Roth, Planner, Regulation Policy Group, reviewed the report and along with Bill Boons, Manager, Processing Centre, Development Services, and Paul Teichroeb, Chief Licensing Inspector, responded to questions relating to potential new shopping areas, number of applications anticipated if recommendations are approved, and the consultation process.

The following spoke in favour of Recommendation A & Consideration B, with minor concerns:

John Teti, BarWatch  
Fred Wilson, Brewery Creek Cold Beer & Wine Store  
Bert Hick, Rising Tide Consultants Ltd.  
Dave Crown, President, Alliance of Beverage Licensees

Mike Jahnke, Jimmy's Cold Beer & Wine Store  
John Kettlewell, Elephant Walk Pub

Speakers' comments included:

- Vancouver is the only jurisdiction restricting products sold in stores creating inequity;
- pending applications for residential stores outside downtown core should be dealt with;
- community consultation encouraged as community members are stores' customers;
- customers want to walk to one-stop shopping outlet in their own neighbourhood; this would reduce drinking/driving; and
- full service stores do not cause more problems.

The following spoke in opposition to Consideration B:

Scott Glover, South Vancouver Ad Hoc Neighbourhood Group  
Kimberly Daum, South Vancouver Ad Hoc Neighbourhood Group  
Cheryl Davies, Chair, PAC, David Thompson Secondary School

Speakers' comments included:

- spirits cause negative social consequences, including alcoholism;
- decision should be postponed until BarWatch completes its study and further community consultation take place;
- governments regulate certain industries because they have impact on communities; but neighbourhoods do not normally have input to liquor policies;
- process unfair to communities; if unable to organize opposition process in time, staff considers they are not opposed;
- neighbourhoods are incorrectly considered special interest groups;
- private liquor industry has no standard operating procedures; therefore neighbourhoods have no idea what type of operators are running private operations;
- recommendations do not fit into civil city plans and do not reflect community concerns;
- impact on policing budgets not known;
- suggested Request For Proposal (RFP) process for new liquor stores;
- size of store/spacing between uses does matter and impacts community; and
- concerns expressed regarding notification, not a fair playing field with other stakeholders.

Staff, along with Constable Peter Ryan, Vancouver Police Department, responded to questions relating to status of outstanding applications, how approval of the proposed amendments would strengthen the spacing guidelines, opinion of the Vancouver Police Department, and impact of increasing product mix.

MOVED BY Councillor Ladner

THAT the Committee recommend to Council

- A. THAT the Liquor Store Guidelines be amended generally as shown in Appendix A of Policy Report *Review of Liquor Retail Policy*, dated December 19, 2006, to:
  - i) Provide for on-site signage about liquor store proposals, as a way to improve neighbourhood notification; and
  - ii) Recognize new Local Shopping Areas as possible locations for liquor stores.
  
- B. THAT the Liquor Store Guidelines be amended to allow existing small stores that sell beer and/or wine the opportunity to add spirits to their product range, by adding a new category of liquor store: a small store that sells beer, wine and/or spirits, generally as set out in Policy Report *Review of Liquor Retail Policy* dated December 19, 2006.

CARRIED

(Councillors Deal, Chow, Louie opposed to B)

(Councillor Cadman not present for the vote)

The Committee adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

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**CITY OF VANCOUVER**  
**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**  
**STANDING COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL ON**  
**PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT**

**JANUARY 18, 2007**

A Regular Meeting of the Council of the City of Vancouver was held on Thursday, January 18, 2007, at 6:45 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 Kim Capri  
Councillor George Chow  
\*Councillor Heather Deal  
Councillor Peter Ladner  
Councillor B.C. Lee  
Councillor Raymond Louie

**ABSENT:** Councillor David Cadman  
Councillor Tim Stevenson (Leave of Absence)

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**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

MOVED by Councillor Anton  
SECONDED by Councillor Ball

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY  
(Councillor Deal not present for the vote)



## UNFINISHED BUSINESS

### 1. Annual Event Guidelines - Honours/Awards and National/International Events (VanRIMS No.: 01-2700-10)

At the Standing Committee on City Services and Budgets meeting on January 18, 2007, Council referred this item to the Council meeting immediately following the Standing Committee on Planning and Environment meeting this day.

MOVED by Councillor Ball

- A. THAT the following events be designated as City Honour and Award Events and that these events be recognized annually by the City as set out in the City Honour and Award Events Guidelines contained in the body of Administrative Report *Annual Event Guidelines - Honours/Awards and National/International Events*, dated December 2, 2006.
  - i. Cultural Harmony Awards
  - ii. Mayor's Environmental Awards
  - iii. Vancouver Book Awards
  - iv. Vancouver Citizen's Peace Awards
  - v. Vancouver Youth Awards
  - vi. Civic Merit Awards
  - vii. Freedom of the City Awards
  - viii. Accessibility Award
  - ix. Vancouver Heritage Awards (added by amendment)
- B. THAT the following events be designated as National and International Events and that these events be recognized annually by the City as set out in the National and International Events Guidelines contained in Administrative Report *Annual Event Guidelines - Honours/Awards and National/International Events*, dated December 2, 2006.
  - i. Lunar New Year
  - ii. International Women's Day
  - iii. International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination
  - iv. Pride Week
  - v. Diwali Festival of Lights
  - vi. Christmas
  - vii. National Aboriginal Day
  - viii. International Day of Disabled Persons
- C. THAT Council approve annual funding for the Honours and Awards Events in the amount of \$12,000 with funding available from the reallocation of existing funds within the City Clerk's 2007 Operating Budget.
- D. THAT Council approve annual funding for the National and International Events in the amount of \$16,000. Funding of \$5,000 is to come from the reallocation of existing funds within the City Clerk's 2007 Operating Budget and \$11,000 to be added to the 2007 Operating Budget without offset.

- E. THAT Council instruct staff to report back on an evaluation process to facilitate inclusion of other events, (in all categories), to be suggested by members of the general public and/or individual Councillors for report back to Council with recommendations.
- F. Adopt the Guidelines for City Honour and Award Events, National and International Events and Special Events as recommended by staff.
- G. All new events suggested today to be referred to an evaluation process and reported back as in E.
- H. THAT the following list of events be added and included in the evaluation processes as in E:

*National and International Events*

- Canada Day
- New Years
- World Aids Day Dec 1
- International Day of Human Rights Dec 10
- BC Day
- Hanukah
- International Day for Eradication of Poverty
- Vancouver's Birthday;
- Rosh Hashanah; and
- Philipino Day (pending consultation with that community).

*City Honour and Award Events*

- Vancouver Senior Awards.

CARRIED

(Councillor Louie opposed to H)  
(Councillor Deal not present for the vote)

**2. Indemnification for Property Tax Policy Review Commissioners**  
(VanRIMS No.: 08-3000-01)

At the Council meeting immediately following the Standing Committee on City Services and Budgets meeting on January 18, 2007, Council referred this matter to the Council meeting immediately following the Standing Committee on Planning and Environment meeting this day.

MOVED by Councillor Louie

- A. THAT Council agree to indemnify the three Commissioners that have been appointed to the Vancouver Property Tax Policy Review Commission - Professor Stan Hamilton, Dr. Enid Slack and Mr. Peter Adams while acting in good faith as members of this Commission; the form and content of the indemnification

commitment to be to the satisfaction of the Director of Legal Services and executed by her on behalf of the City.

- B. THAT the Director of Legal Services be given standing authority to execute documents, drawn to her satisfaction, evidencing the City's commitment to indemnify future new members of the Vancouver Property Tax Policy Review Commission on behalf of the City.
- C. THAT staff be directed to report back with a policy and By-law relating to the indemnification of other public service organizations at the City of Vancouver.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AND  
BY THE REQUIRED MAJORITY  
(Councillor Deal not present for the vote)

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS

##### Report of Standing Committee on Planning and Environment January 18, 2007

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

- 1. 2006 Report of the Advisory Committee on Seniors' Issues
- 2. Accessibility Advisory Committee
  - a) Issues Related to the Accessibility Advisory Committee
  - b) Accessibility Advisory Committee - Terms of Reference
- 3. 2121 Dundas Street - Warning to Prospective Purchasers
- 4. Review of Liquor Retail Policy

Items 1-4

MOVED by Councillor Chow

THAT the recommendations and actions taken by the Standing Committee on Planning and Environment at its meeting of January 18, 2007, as contained in items 1 to 4, be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY  
(Councillor Deal not present for the vote)

## RISE FROM COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MOVED by Councillor Lee

THAT the Committee of the Whole rise and report.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY  
(Councillor Deal not present for the vote)

## ADOPT REPORT OF COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MOVED by Councillor Lee  
SECONDED by Councillor Ball

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY  
(Councillor Deal not present for the vote)

## MOTIONS

### A. Administrative Motions

None

### B. Motions on Notice

*At 7:05 p.m., Councillor Louie declared Conflict of Interest for Motion B 1 as the Vancouver Sun/Province is his previous employer. Councillor Louie left the Council Chamber and did not return until the conclusion of the vote on the motion at 7:15 p.m.*

#### 1. Rebuilding of Stanley Park (VanRIMS No.: 12-2000-11)

MOVED by Councillor Capri  
SECONDED by Mayor Sullivan

Whereas individuals and the corporate community from across British Columbia have been extremely supportive and generous in their financial contributions toward the rebuilding of Stanley Park; and

Whereas the Province of British Columbia and the Federal Government of Canada have committed financial support toward the restoration efforts; and

Whereas the City of Vancouver wants to express its sincerest thanks for this support to everyone in British Columbia and Canada; and

Whereas Canwest Global initiated a fundraising campaign which has garnered over \$2.5 million directed to Stanley Park; it was

**RESOLVED**

- A. THAT the City of Vancouver partner with Canwest Global by placing advertisements in the Vancouver Sun and Province acknowledging the efforts and financial support provided by individuals, corporations and senior levels of government regarding the recent weather-related situation in Stanley Park, Vancouver, British Columbia.
- B. THAT the source of funding be the 2007 budget.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**  
(Councillors Deal and Louie not present for the vote)

**NEW BUSINESS**

**1. Rebuilding of Stanley Park. (VanRIMS No.: 12-2000-11)**

Councillor Anton suggested the City of Vancouver should formally express its appreciation to the Federal Government of Canada for the \$2 million it has contributed to the rebuilding of Stanley Park. Mayor Sullivan agreed his office would undertake sending a letter.

The Council adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

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