



CITY OF VANCOUVER
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 30, 2007

A Regular Meeting of the Council of the City of Vancouver was held on Tuesday, January 30, 2007, at 2:00 p.m., in the Council Chamber, Third Floor, City Hall.

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 MANAGER'S OFFICE: Judy Rogers, City Manager

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE: Janice MacKenzie, Deputy City Clerk
 Tarja Tuominen, Meeting Coordinator

* Denotes absence for a portion of the meeting.

PRAYER

The proceedings in the Council Chamber were opened with a prayer read by the City Clerk.

"IN CAMERA" MEETING

MOVED by Councillor Capri
 SECONDED by Councillor Ball

THAT Council will go into a meeting later this day which is closed to the public, pursuant to Section 165.2(1) of the *Vancouver Charter*, to discuss matters related to paragraph(s):

(a) personal information about an identifiable individual who holds or is being considered for a position as an officer, employee or agent of the city or another position appointed by the city;

(e) the acquisition, disposition or expropriation of land or improvements, if the Council considers that disclosure could reasonably be expected to harm the interests of the city;

(i) the receipt of advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ITEMS ARISING FROM THE "IN CAMERA" MEETING OF JANUARY 16, 2007

Council approved appointments to the following Advisory Committees:

- Family Court/Youth Justice Committee
- Vancouver Athletic Commission
- Vancouver City Planning Commission
- Bicycle Advisory Committee
- Vancouver Heritage Commission
- Advisory Committee on Diversity Issues
- Urban Design Panel

Names of those appointed can be obtained from the City Clerk's Office.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

1. Regular Council - January 16, 2007

MOVED by Councillor Ladner

SECONDED by Councillor Stevenson

THAT the foregoing Minutes be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MOVED by Councillor Anton

SECONDED by Councillor Chow

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MATTERS ADOPTED ON CONSENT

MOVED by Councillor Capri

THAT Council adopt Administrative Reports A1 to A7, A9, A10, A12 and Policy Reports P1 to P3, on consent.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

(Councillor Ball declared Conflict of Interest for Administrative Report A10, as her husband is a consultant on the project, and did not participate in the vote on A10.)

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

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

At the Standing Committee on City Services and Budgets meeting on January 18, 2007, Vancouver City Council concluded hearing from speakers on the following Motion. Council agreed to refer discussion and decision to the next Regular Council meeting on January 30, 2007, as Unfinished Business, pending a report back from staff on the respective roles of staff and the community in moving forward on a seniors centre in Southeast Vancouver.

Anne Kloppenborg, Senior Social Planner, reviewed the requested staff report and answered questions on timelines and next steps for the community.

MOVED by Councillor Louie

SECONDED by Councillor 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.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- (i) **Report Back on Seniors Centre in South Vancouver
January 26, 2007 (VanRIMS No. 11-2200-21)**

MOVED by Councillor Louie

THAT Council endorse in principle the process outlined in the Administrative Report *Report Back on Seniors Centre in South Vancouver*, dated January 26, 2007.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

1. **Expo Boulevard North Sidewalk North of BC Place
January 2, 2007 (VanRIMS No. 13-4200-10)**

THAT Council allocate \$300,000 from the GreenLinks fund for the construction of a sidewalk on the north side of Expo Boulevard, north of BC Place (Expo Boulevard Sidewalk).

ADOPTED ON CONSENT

2. **West Annex Ventilation System Upgrade - Additional Funding
December 15, 2006 (VanRIMS No. 02-1000-20)**

THAT Council approve the change in scope of the West Annex Ventilation System Upgrade Project as detailed in the Administrative Report *West Annex Ventilation System Upgrade - Additional Funding*, dated December 15, 2006, at a total cost of \$238,000; and

THAT \$171,000 be re-allocated from existing capital to provide additional funding for the project as follows:

Major Building Component Replacement Capital	\$112,300
Energy Efficiency Projects Capital	\$33,700
Contribution from Property Endowment Fund	\$25,000

ADOPTED ON CONSENT

3. **Local Improvement Reballots from November 7, 2006, Court of Revision December 11, 2006 (VanRIMS No. 08-2000-50)**
 - A. THAT Court #623, Item #015, NOT BE APPROVED for speed humps on the lane south of 65th Avenue from Adera Street to the lane east of Adera Street.
 - B. THAT Court #623, Item #016, NOT BE APPROVED for a sidewalk on Queens Avenue, South Side, from McHardy Street to McGeer Street.

ADOPTED ON CONSENT

4. **Award of Contract for RFP PS06078 Professional Engineering Services - Vancouver Landfill Phase 1 Closure January 16, 2007 (VanRIMS No. 03-1200-11)**
 - A. THAT, subject to the conditions set out in B, C, and D below, Council authorize a contract with CH2M Hill to provide Professional Engineering Services for the Vancouver Landfill Phase 1 Closure Project at an estimated cost of \$820,611 plus applicable taxes, subject to a contract satisfactory to the Director of Legal Services, General Manager of Engineering Services and Manager of Materials Management. Funding for the project was previously approved by Council (June 16, 2005, Vancouver Landfill Capital Projects from the Solid Waste Capital Reserve).
 - B. THAT, the Director of Legal Services be authorized to execute and deliver on behalf of the City all legal documents required to implement A above.
 - C. THAT, all such legal documents be on terms and conditions satisfactory to the General Manager of Engineering Services, Manager of Materials Management and the Director of Legal Services.
 - D. THAT, no legal rights or obligations will be created by Council's adoption of A, B and C above, unless and until such legal documents are executed and delivered by the Director of Legal Services.

ADOPTED ON CONSENT

5. **Award of Contract for RFP PS06097 Professional Engineering Services - Vancouver Landfill Hydrogeological Review January 15, 2007 (VanRIMS No. 03-1200-11)**
 - A. THAT, subject to the conditions set out in B, C, and D below, Council authorize a contract with Sperling Hansen Associates to provide Professional Engineering Services for the Vancouver Landfill Hydrogeological Review at an estimated cost of \$217,590 plus applicable taxes, subject to a contract satisfactory to the General Manager of Engineering Services, Manager of Materials Management and Director of Legal Services. Funding of \$200,000 for this project was approved by Council on June 16, 2005, from the Landfill Operating budget.

- B. THAT, the Director of Legal Services be authorized to execute and deliver on behalf of the City all legal documents required to implement A above.
- C. THAT, all such legal documents be on terms and conditions satisfactory to the General Manager of Engineering Services, Manager of Materials Management and the Director of Legal Services.
- D. THAT, no legal rights or obligations will be created by Council's adoption of A, B and C above until such legal documents are executed and delivered by the Director of Legal Services.

ADOPTED ON CONSENT

**6. Southeast False Creek and Olympic Village - Site Servicing Funding
January 11, 2007 (VanRIMS 11-2000-14)**

THAT Council approve an additional \$2,000,000 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.

ADOPTED ON CONSENT

**7. Form of Development: 3319 Vanness Avenue
January 15, 2007 (VanRIMS No. 11-1200-01)**

THAT the form of development for this portion of the CD-1 zoned site known as 5092 McHardy Street and 3263 - 3327 Vanness Avenue North, (3319 Vanness Avenue being the application address) be approved generally as illustrated in the Development Application Number DE409555, prepared by Palad Designs and stamped "Received, Community Service Group, Development Services, January 11, 2007", provided that the Director of Planning may impose conditions and approve design changes which would not adversely affect either the development character of this site or adjacent properties.

ADOPTED ON CONSENT

**8. Plug-In-Partners, Hybrid Electric Vehicles
January 12, 2007 (VanRIMS No. 11-2000-14)**

MOVED by Councillor Ladner

THAT Council approve that the City of Vancouver join the group 'Plug-in-Partners' in support of the development of electric vehicles.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9. **Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM) and Lower Mainland Local Government Association (LMLGA - formerly LMMA) Membership Fees for 2007-2008**
January 8, 2007 (VanRIMS No. 07-2400-10)

A. THAT grants to the following organizations for the 2007-2008 membership fees be approved, the source of funds being the 2007 Operating Budget:

(a)	Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM)	\$63,397.84
(b)	Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM)	\$42,194.04
(c)	Lower Mainland Local Government Association (LMLGA)	\$1,000.

B. THAT a grant to the FCM be approved in the amount of \$9,549.24, representing an optional contribution to "BC's Travel Fund", supporting the participation of elected officials from small communities in FCM's National Board of Directors.

ADOPTED ON CONSENT AND
BY THE REQUIRED MAJORITY

10. **Queen Elizabeth Theatre Redevelopment**
January 16, 2007 (VanRIMS No. 03-1200-11)

A. THAT Council authorize the award of contracts, totalling \$5,122,080, for the preparation of contract documents, tender review, and contract administration for the Queen Elizabeth Theatre Audience Chamber and Lobby Redevelopment to the consultants listed and for the amounts listed in Appendix A of the Administrative Report *Queen Elizabeth Theatre Redevelopment*, dated January 16, 2007; source of funding to be the Queen Elizabeth Theatre Redevelopment Capital Budget.

B. THAT the Director of Legal Services be authorized to execute and deliver on behalf of the City, all legal documents required to implement A above.

C. THAT all such legal documents be on terms and conditions satisfactory to the General Manager of Corporate Services and Director of Legal Services, and further that no legal rights or obligations will be created or arise by Council's adoption of the recommendations in this report unless and until such legal documents are executed and delivered by the Director of Legal Services.

ADOPTED ON CONSENT

(Councillor Ball declared Conflict of Interest for Administrative Report A10, as her husband is a consultant on the project, and did not participate in the vote on A10.)

11. **Business License Hearing Panels for February 2007**
January 19, 2007 (VanRIMS No. 08-2000-40)

Council agreed to postpone consideration of Administrative Report A11 to the Regular Council meeting immediately following the Standing Committee on City Services and Budgets meeting on February 1, 2007.

**12. UBCM 2007 Emergency Management Program Funding Grant Application
January 19, 2007 (VanRIMS No. 05-5000-20)**

THAT Council support the application by staff to obtain \$5,000 from the UBCM Emergency Management Program Fund for the purpose of conducting a risk management study for the City of Vancouver.

ADOPTED ON CONSENT

**13. Award of Contract for RFP#PS06027 - The Supply of Electrical Wire, Cable, Conduit and Miscellaneous Electrical Components
January 8, 2007 (VanRIMS No. 03-1200-11)**

The Chair advised a request to speak on Administrative Report A13 has been received. Council agreed to refer consideration of the report to the Standing Committee on Planning and Environment meeting on February 1, 2007 to hear the speaker.

**14. Modest Market Housing: Sub-Area 2A, South East False Creek
December 15, 2006 (VanRIMS No. 11-2200-21)**

The Chair advised a request to speak on Administrative Report A14 has been received. Council agreed to refer consideration of the report to the Standing Committee on Planning and Environment meeting on February 1, 2007 to hear the speaker.

**15. Stanley Park Restoration: City, Provincial and Federal Funding
January 23, 2007 (VanRIMS No. 12-2000-11)**

MOVED by Councillor Ladner

- A. THAT Council approve funding of \$2 million for the restoration work in Stanley Park, source of funds to be up to the first \$2.0 million of surplus from the 2006 Operating Budget, AND THAT if insufficient funding is available from this source, that the Director of Finance report back on an appropriate source of funding for the balance.
- B. THAT Council endorse the submission of an application by the Vancouver Park Board to the Provincial Government for \$2.0 million to assist with restoration work in Stanley Park.
- C. THAT Council accept a donation of \$2 million from the Federal Government to assist with restoration work in Stanley Park.
- D. THAT Council approve the establishment of the Stanley Park Restoration Reserve to hold the City's \$2 million contribution and all grants/donations for the Stanley Park Restoration Project, AND THAT the reserve be an interest bearing account in order to maximize resources in support of the restoration work.

- E. THAT Council direct the Park Board to report expenditures from the Stanley Park Restoration Reserve to Council for approval and to report back annually on the progress of the restoration plan and the financial position of the Reserve.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

POLICY REPORTS

1. **Supportive Housing Strategy for Vancouver Coastal Health's *Mental Health & Addictions Supported Housing Framework***
January 16, 2007 (VanRIMS No. 11-2200-21)

THAT the draft *Supportive Housing Strategy* attached to the Policy Report *Supportive Housing Strategy for Vancouver Coastal Health's 'Mental Health & Addictions Supported Housing Framework'*, dated January 16, 2007, be received for information and distributed for public discussion and report back.

ADOPTED ON CONSENT

2. **CD-1 Text Amendment: 750 Pacific Boulevard (Edgewater Casino at the Plaza of Nations)**
January 15, 2007 (VanRIMS No. 11-3600-20)

THAT the application by Paragon Gaming Inc., to amend Comprehensive Development District (CD-1) By-law No. 7592 (reference No.349) for 750 Pacific Boulevard (Plaza of Nations) to change the maximum number of gaming tables from 60 to 75, be referred to Public Hearing together with:

- i. draft CD-1 By-law amendments, generally as contained in Appendix A of the Policy Report *CD-1 Text Amendment: 750 Pacific Boulevard (Edgewater Casino at the Plaza of Nations)*, dated January 15, 2007; and
- ii. the recommendation of the Director of Planning to approve the application, subject to conditions generally as contained in Appendix B of the Policy Report *CD-1 Text Amendment: 750 Pacific Boulevard (Edgewater Casino at the Plaza of Nations)*, dated January 15, 2007.

FURTHER THAT the Director of Legal Services be instructed to prepare the necessary amending by-law generally in accordance with Appendix A of the Policy Report for consideration at Public Hearing.

ADOPTED ON CONSENT

3. **CD-1 Rezoning and Heritage Revitalization Agreement - 368 West 1st Avenue
January 16, 2007 (VanRIMS No. 11-3600-20)**

- A. THAT the application by Burrowes Huggins Architects on behalf of PCI Developments Corp. to rezone 368 West 1st Avenue (PID: 003-896-196, 003-896-854, 003-896-218; Lots 1-3, Block 3, DL 302, Plan 5832) from M-2 (Industrial) to CD-1 (Comprehensive Development District) be referred to a Public Hearing, together with:
- (i) draft CD-1 By-law provisions, generally as presented in Appendix A of the Policy Report *CD-1 Rezoning and Heritage Revitalization Agreement - 368 West 1st Avenue*, dated January 16, 2007;
 - (ii) plans prepared by Burrowes Huggins Architects, received May 12, 2006, presented in Appendix I of the Policy Report ; and
 - (iii) the recommendation of the Director of Planning to approve the application, subject to approval of conditions contained in Appendix B of the Policy Report;

FURTHER THAT the Director of Legal Services be instructed to prepare the necessary CD-1 By-law for consideration at the Public Hearing;

- B. THAT, if the application is referred to a public hearing, the applicant be advised to make application to amend the Sign By-law, to establish regulations for this CD-1 in accordance with Schedule E (assigned Schedule "B" (DD)), and that the application be referred to the same Public Hearing; and

FURTHER THAT the Director of Legal Services be instructed to prepare the necessary by-law as set out in Appendix C of the Policy Report *CD-1 Rezoning and Heritage Revitalization Agreement - 368 West 1st Avenue*, dated January 16, 2007 for consideration at the Public Hearing;

- C. THAT, subject to approval of the rezoning at a Public Hearing, the Noise Control By-law be amended to include this Comprehensive Development District in Schedule B as set out in Appendix C of the Policy Report; and

FURTHER THAT the Director of Legal Services be instructed to bring forward the amendment to the Noise Control By-law at the time of enactment of the CD-1 By-law;

- D. THAT the Director of Legal Services be instructed to prepare a by-law, for consideration at the Public Hearing, designating the "B" listed building at 368 West 1st Avenue commonly known as the Best Building, as municipally-protected heritage property under Schedule "A" of the Heritage By-law;

- E. THAT the Director of Legal Services be instructed to prepare a by-law, for consideration at the Public Hearing, authorizing the City to enter into a Heritage Revitalization Agreement for the building at 368 West 1st Avenue, to secure the timely rehabilitation and long-term protection and conservation of

the heritage building and to provide bonus density for transfer to lands within the South East False Creek Official Development Plan area;

- F. THAT A to F be adopted on the following conditions:
- i) THAT the passage of the above resolutions creates no legal rights for the applicant or any other person, or obligation on the part of the City; any expenditure of funds or incurring of costs is at the risk of the person making the expenditure or incurring the cost;
 - ii) THAT any approval that may be granted following the public hearing shall not obligate the City to enact a by-law rezoning the property, and any costs incurred in fulfilling requirements imposed as a condition of rezoning are at the risk of the property owner; and
 - iii) THAT the City and all its officials, including the Approving Officer, shall not in any way be limited or directed in the exercise of their authority or discretion, regardless of when they are called upon to exercise such authority or discretion.

ADOPTED ON CONSENT

RISE FROM COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MOVED by Councillor Ladner

THAT the Committee of the Whole rise and report.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADOPT REPORT OF COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MOVED by Councillor Anton
SECONDED by Councillor Chow

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

BY-LAWS

MOVED by Councillor Capri
SECONDED by Councillor Ball

THAT Council, except for those members excused as noted in the agenda, enact the by-laws listed on the agenda for this meeting as numbers 1 to 6 inclusive, and by-laws 8 and 9, and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign and seal the enacted by-laws.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

1. A By-law to to regulate the construction of buildings and related matters and to adopt the British Columbia Building Code (2007 Building By-law) (By-law No. 9419)
2. A By-law to amend Zoning and Development By-law No. 3575 to rezone an area to CD-1 (re 2999 Grandview Highway) (By-law No. 9420)
3. A By-law to amend Sign By-law No. 6510 (re 2999 Grandview Highway) (By-law No. 9421)
4. A By-law to amend CD-1 By-law No. 7820 (re 1762 Davie Street) (By-law No.9422)
5. A By-law to amend CD-1 By-law No. 8349 re 1128 West Hastings Street (By-law No. 9423)
6. A By-law to amend Parking By-law No. 6059 (Relaxation and Payment-in-lieu 412 Carrall Street) (By-law No. 9424)
7. A By-law to amend Secondhand Dealers and Pawnbrokers By-law No. 2807 regarding miscellaneous matters - WITHDRAWN
8. A By-law to authorize Council entering into a Heritage Revitalization Agreement with the Owner of Heritage Property (53 West Hastings Street) (By-law No. 9425)
9. Heritage Taxation Exemption By-law for 53 West Hastings Street (By-law No. 9426) (Requires two-thirds affirmative votes of those members present)

MOTIONS

A. Administrative Motions

1. Form of Development - 2999 Grandview Highway (VanRIMS No. 11-3600-03)

MOVED by Councillor Deal
SECONDED by Councillor Louie

THAT the form of development for the CD-1 zoned site known as 2999 Grandview Highway be approved generally as illustrated in Development Application No. DE410713 prepared by Brock Croome Architect, and stamped "Received, City of Vancouver Planning Department, September 18, 2006", provided that the Director of Planning may approve design changes which would not adversely affect either the development character and livability of this site or adjacent properties.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. Form of Development - 1128 West Hastings Street (VanRIMS No. 11-3600-03)

MOVED by Councillor Capri
SECONDED by Councillor Louie

THAT the form of development for the CD-1 zoned site known as 1128 West Hastings Street be approved generally as illustrated in Development Application No. DE410852 prepared by IBI/HB Architects, and stamped "Received, City of Vancouver Planning Department, November 8, 2006", provided that the Director of Planning may approve design changes which would not adversely affect either the development character and livability of this site or adjacent properties.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

B. Motions on Notice

1. Request for Leave of Absence - Councillor Stevenson (VanRIMS No. 08-2200-20)

MOVED by Councillor Cadman
SECONDED by Councillor Louie

THAT Councillor Stevenson be granted Leave of Absence for personal reasons from the Business License Hearing and the Vancouver City Council meetings to be held May 29, 2007.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. Request for Leave of Absence - Councillor Cadman (VanRIMS No. 08-2200-20)

MOVED by Councillor Ball
SECONDED by Councillor Louie

THAT Councillor Cadman be granted Leave of Absence for his attendance at the Kyoto Conference on Climate Change, hosted by the City of Koyoto and organized by ICLE, from the Standing Committee on City Services and Budgets, Standing Committee on Planning and Environment, and the Business Licence Hearing meetings to be held on February 15, 2007.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. Request for Leave of Absence - Councillor Stevenson (VanRIMS No. 08-2200-20)

MOVED by Councillor Cadman
SECONDED by Councillor Lee

THAT Councillor Stevenson be granted Leave of Absence for his attendance at FCM Board Meetings being held in London, Ontario, February 28 - March 3, 2007 from the Standing Committee on City Services and Budgets, Standing Committee on Planning and Environment meetings to be held on March 1, 2007.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. 10 x 10 Challenge (VanRIMS 08-8000-01)

MOVED by Mayor Sullivan
SECONDED by Councillor Lee

WHEREAS persons with disabilities are under-represented in our workforce and in our community life;

WHEREAS individuals with disabilities represent an untapped resource with the ability and desire to fully participate in their community and economy;

WHEREAS the 2010 Winter Olympic and Paralympic Games should benefit all British Columbians and provide long-term legacies;

WHEREAS our economy is the strongest it has been in decades and it is more important than ever for British Columbian businesses to access skilled workers; and

WHEREAS the citizens of British Columbia support the ideal that:

- Our communities are inclusive and accessible to all citizens, including persons with disabilities;
- All citizens have equal opportunity to share fully and equally in the life and prosperity of the community; and
- British Columbia leads the way in providing supports and opportunities for people with disabilities.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City of Vancouver join the 10 x 10 Challenge and work with the Minister's Council on Employment for Persons with Disabilities to help meet the target of increasing employment for persons with disabilities by 10% by 2010.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5. **Implementation of the City's Gender Equality Strategy (VanRIMS No. 01-5000-12)**

MOVED by Councillor Cadman

SECONDED by Councillor Deal

WHEREAS:

1. The people of Vancouver and the rest of Canada and around the world are feeling a heartfelt sympathy for the women and their families and friends who became victims of a vicious serial killer.
2. Throughout the Pickton trial, the eyes of the world are going to be focused on the precarious and dangerous lives women live in the Downtown Eastside, the public services that are provided, the help available, and the support that is offered.
3. The City of Vancouver documented in 2003 the growing crisis in the lives of women and their families, particularly hard hit by the changes and cuts to provincial polices and programs such as welfare, child care, health, employment, sexual assault and violence, legal aid, immigration and advocacy on these women's behalf.
4. The situation has not improved. Women still earn 71% of what men earn for working at full-time jobs, and immigrant women earn even less on average. For aboriginal women, studies document the higher unemployment rates, lower family income, higher school drop out rates and shockingly high rates of physical assault and sexual abuse. Of the 69 women listed as missing by the Missing Women's Task Force, many were aboriginal and many were involved in the sex trade.
5. In fact, since 2003 the crisis has worsened. As the Olympics fuels a spiral of real estate speculation, more and more women cannot afford safe and adequate housing for themselves and their children. A growing number of homeless women at risk of violence on the street and in emergency shelters, and women have few places to turn. Although the Downtown Eastside Women's Centre has allowed women to sleep overnight there, the shelter is inadequate and funds are running out within two months.
6. In spite of years of promises, neither the federal government, the provincial government or the city have provide overnight shelters for women or a 24-hour safe center for sex trade workers.
7. To make matters even worse, Provincial Minister Linda Reid delivered an unexpected and particularly cruel blow to Vancouver's women and children on January 5 with an announcement that she would cut \$35 to \$40 million this year from B.C.'s already under-funded and fragile child care services. Those cuts are

- scheduled even though the provincial government is predicting a budget surplus of \$2 billion.
8. Recognizing the long-standing patterns of discrimination and the special needs of women and girls, the City of Vancouver adopted a Gender Equality Strategy in July 2005. The city officially recognized that it had a responsibility to ensure that all its citizens are treated with respect and enjoy a quality of life which affords them dignity, independence, and freedom from violence and discrimination; that all its citizens have equal access to its services and resources; and that all its citizens have equal opportunity to fully participate in the political, economic, cultural and social life of the city. The city committed to:
 - promote equality between women and men;
 - identify the specific needs of women and girls,;
 - include women and girls in civic decision-making;
 - promote a safer city for women and girls; and
 - sustain a civic organization that values diversity, supports human rights and provides a respectful workplace free of gender discrimination.
 9. The City of Vancouver's Gender Equality Strategy was recognized by the Federation of Canadian Municipalities as a model for other municipalities across the country attempting to play a role in helping to achieve the equality of men and women;
 10. Vancouver's Gender Equality Strategy specifies that there be a report back to the community on International Women's Day, March 8th, 2007 giving a full accounting of what has been done to implement the actions prescribed actions in Phase I, including
 - establishment of a Women's Advisory Committee;
 - council reports that address the different implications of city policies and programs for women and for men;
 - a temporary two-year position to facilitate implementation of the strategy;
 - an after hours safe place for aboriginal women and girls in the Downtown Eastside; and
 - more women's participation in neighbourhood planning;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT in accordance with the City's policy, this Council directs staff to prepare a report by March 8 that:

- A) assesses what actions mandated in Phase I of the city's Gender Equality Strategy have been implemented, what challenges and barriers have stood in the way of implementation, and what resources are required to achieve implementation;
- B) specifies what resources and measures are required to begin implementation of actions mandated in Phase II;
- C) formulates a work plan that recognizes the urgency of implementing the actions in Phase I and Phase II.

Amended

AMENDMENT MOVED by Councillor Anton

THAT the resolves in the motion be struck and replaced with the following:
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT in accordance with the City's policy, this Council directs staff to prepare a report back as soon as possible on the actions set out in Phase I and Phase II of the City's Gender Equality Strategy.

CARRIED

(Councillors Cadman, Chow, Deal and Louie opposed)

The amendment having carried, the motion as amended was put and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

FINAL MOTION AS AMENDED AND ADOPTED

WHEREAS:

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2. Throughout the Pickton trial, the eyes of the world are going to be focused on the precarious and dangerous lives women live in the Downtown Eastside, the public services that are provided, the help available, and the support that is offered.
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7. To make matters even worse, Provincial Minister Linda Reid delivered an unexpected and particularly cruel blow to Vancouver's women and children on January 5 with an announcement that she would cut \$35 to \$40 million this year from B.C.'s already under-funded and fragile child care services. Those cuts are

- scheduled even though the provincial government is predicting a budget surplus of \$2 billion.
8. Recognizing the long-standing patterns of discrimination and the special needs of women and girls, the City of Vancouver adopted a Gender Equality Strategy in July 2005. The city officially recognized that it had a responsibility to ensure that all its citizens are treated with respect and enjoy a quality of life which affords them dignity, independence, and freedom from violence and discrimination; that all its citizens have equal access to its services and resources; and that all its citizens have equal opportunity to fully participate in the political, economic, cultural and social life of the city. The city committed to:
 - promote equality between women and men;
 - identify the specific needs of women and girls;;
 - include women and girls in civic decision-making;
 - promote a safer city for women and girls; and
 - sustain a civic organization that values diversity, supports human rights and provides a respectful workplace free of gender discrimination.
 9. The City of Vancouver's Gender Equality Strategy was recognized by the Federation of Canadian Municipalities as a model for other municipalities across the country attempting to play a role in helping to achieve the equality of men and women;
 10. Vancouver's Gender Equality Strategy specifies that there be a report back to the community on International Women's Day, March 8th, 2007 giving a full accounting of what has been done to implement the actions prescribed actions in Phase I, including
 - establishment of a Women's Advisory Committee;
 - council reports that address the different implications of city policies and programs for women and for men;
 - a temporary two-year position to facilitate implementation of the strategy;
 - an after hours safe place for aboriginal women and girls in the Downtown Eastside; and
 - more women's participation in neighbourhood planning;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT in accordance with the City's policy, this Council directs staff to prepare a report back as soon as possible on the actions set out in Phase I and Phase II of the City's Gender Equality Strategy.

6. **In-Camera Confidentiality (VanRIMS No. 08-2200-12)**

MOVED by Councillor Capri
SECONDED by Councillor Lee

WHEREAS:

1. The Vancouver Charter establishes that certain meetings of Council must be closed to the public; and
2. There are important public policy reasons why some matters dealt with by Council must be dealt with in a closed meeting as required by the Charter; and

3. A breach of confidentiality by the Mayor or another member of Council constitutes not only a breach of his or her Oath, but also a very serious potential risk to the right of privacy of individuals, to the outcome of police or other enforcement investigations, to the safety of the public, to equitable contractual relationships, to fair collective bargaining, to just treatment of employees, to the financial health of the City and its taxpayers, and to the capacity of Council to conduct the work of the City; and
4. The Vancouver Charter requires that the Mayor and other members of Council must keep in confidence any confidential record, or the proceedings of any Council meeting that was lawfully closed to the public; and
5. There have been several leaks of confidential and sensitive information from in-camera meetings over the last year; and
6. It is important for the functioning of our city government that elected officials may make decisions in-camera without fear their colleagues will release details of the deliberations, as required; and
7. There is no explicit penalty for the Mayor or a member of Council who deliberately breaches his or her duty to respect confidentiality;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Council request the Provincial Government to clarify the Oath of Office for Council Members and establish deterrent penalties in the *Vancouver Charter* for the deliberate breach of confidentiality by a member of Council, including:

- 1) Amending the prescribed Oath of Office for elected officials to make it clear that there is a duty to respect confidentiality where that confidentiality is required or authorized by the Vancouver Charter or other legislation;
- 2) To establish penalties for the breach of confidentiality as in (1) including such penalties as:
 - a. enabling Council to prohibit attendance at closed meetings of Council by the Mayor or another member of Council who has breached the confidentiality of closed council meetings;
 - b. enabling Council to withhold confidential documents and records from a member of Council who has deliberately breached the confidentiality of confidential documents, records, or discussions or who has failed to properly secure such documents and records in his or her possession; and
 - c. enabling a Court to disqualify a member of Council from holding office for deliberately breaching confidentiality.

Referred

Councillor Louie rose on a point of order and requested the Chair to stop engaging in debate. The Mayor ruled he was not.

Councillor Louie challenged the decision of the Chair.

The Chair then put the question:

Shall the decision of the chair be sustained?

(Councillors Cadman, Chow, Deal, Louie and Stevenson opposed)

A two-thirds majority is required to overrule the decision of the Chair. Therefore, the decision of the Chair was SUSTAINED.

POSTPONEMENT MOVED by Councillor Stevenson

THAT consideration of the motion be postponed pending a report back from staff on in-camera confidentiality; the report to look at existing practices in other major cities in North America, and include the definition of in-camera, penalties, costs to the system.

Referred

REFERRAL MOVED by Councillor Anton

THAT the entire issue be referred to a joint planning session of Council.

CARRIED

(Councillors Cadman, Chow, Deal, Louie and Stevenson opposed)

NEW BUSINESS

1. **Secondhand Dealers and Pawnbrokers By-law (2807)** (VanRIMS No. 08-4000-11)

MOVED by Councillor Chow

SECONDED by Councillor Deal

WHEREAS community resale sports outlet stores provide an affordable alternative for purchasing sporting goods;

AND WHEREAS it is environmentally sustainable to reuse sporting equipment;

AND WHEREAS some Vancouver consignment stores may not be able to continue to operate under By-law 2807;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Vancouver City Council direct staff to review By-law 2807 with the Vancouver Police Department to find a solution that will allow for the continued operation of consignment businesses while still deterring criminal activity from occurring.

amended

AMENDMENT MOVED by Councillor Anton

THAT the motion be amended by adding the following to the resolves:
FURTHER THAT staff report back on the following possible considerations:

1. A reduced holding period for consignment only businesses that do not deal in cash;
2. Exemptions for property of minor value;
3. The use of a digital photo as an alternative to physical descriptors;
4. Removal of "race" from the list of physical descriptors.

amended

AMENDMENT TO THE AMENDMENT MOVED by Councillor Louie

THAT the motion be further amended by adding the following to the resolves:
AND FURTHER THAT staff provide a recommendation for Council's consideration.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The amendment to the amendment having carried, the amendment as amended, was put and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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FINAL MOTION AS AMENDED AND ADOPTED

WHEREAS community resale sports outlet stores provide an affordable alternative for purchasing sporting goods,

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FURTHER THAT staff report back on the following possible considerations:

1. A reduced holding period for consignment only businesses that do not deal in cash;
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4. Removal of "race" from the list of physical descriptors.

AND FURTHER THAT staff provide a recommendation for Council's consideration.

2. Conflict of Interest (VanRIMS No. : 01-0500-21)

MOVED by Councillor Deal

SECONDED by Councillor Stevenson

WHEREAS the City of Vancouver hires a number of consultants for a wide variety of purposes;

AND WHEREAS the City has a number of projects which require an increasing amount of outside expertise, particularly in light of the upcoming Olympics;

AND WHEREAS there are increasing public concerns that decisions which affect the public interest, particularly regarding the Olympics, are being made without adequate consultation, awareness and transparency;

AND WHEREAS the Mayor, in his State of the City address, declared that one of his main goals was to make Vancouver the most accountable city in Canada;

AND WHEREAS the City's Conflict of Interest Guidelines were last reviewed in 1996;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. An independent investigation be undertaken by a third party conflict-of-interest expert to determine whether Mr. Dobell is in conflict of interest with his CoV contracts related to affordable housing and the Vancouver Cultural Precinct;
2. Staff bring forward to Council all contracts and associated documents related to Mr. Ken Dobell for public disclosure, including e-mails, briefings, memorandums and other associated documents;
3. City legal staff review all City consulting contracts for possible conflict of interest situations;
4. Staff review the City's Conflict of Interest Guidelines and provide a memo with recommendations on how they can be strengthened.

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Council requested to separate the resolves in the Motion.

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LOST

(Councillors Anton, Ball, Cadman, Capri, Ladner, Lee, and the Mayor opposed)
(Councillor Chow absent for the vote)

2. Staff bring forward to Council all contracts and associated documents related to Mr. Ken Dobell for public disclosure, including e-mails, briefings, memorandums and other associated documents;

LOST

(Councillors Anton, Ball, Cadman, Capri, Ladner, Lee, Stevenson, and the Mayor opposed)
(Councillor Chow absent for the vote)

3. City legal staff review all City consulting contracts for possible conflict of interest situations;

LOST

(Councillors Anton, Ball, Cadman, Capri, Ladner, Lee, and the Mayor opposed)
(Councillor Chow absent for the vote)

4. Staff review the City's Conflict of Interest Guidelines and provide a memo with recommendations on how they can be strengthened.

LOST

(Councillors Anton, Ball, Capri, Ladner, Lee, and the Mayor opposed)
(Councillor Chow absent for the vote)

3. **Budget Consultation Review** (VanRIMS No.: 05-1000-01)

MOVED by Councillor Louie
SECONDED by Councillor Chow

WHEREAS Vancouver's initial 2007 Budget Consultation has been deemed inadequate by many citizens for being a hurried and poorly advertised process and;

WHEREAS in a time of increasing financial costs due to the Olympics and other expenditures, it is imperative that the citizens of Vancouver have an adequate opportunity to understand and speak to the current and future budgets and;

WHEREAS an open, accessible, and accountable budget consultation process is an integral part of fostering citizen participation and pride in our city and;

WHEREAS the Mayor in his State of the City Address stated that he wanted to make Vancouver the most accountable and accessible city in Canada and;

WHEREAS the most important use of public consultation within the City of Vancouver is the annual gathering of citizen input on the budget;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

- a) the City work with all parties, including citizens, community groups, businesses, civic unions, and municipal experts to revise the public consultation process for the 2008 operating budget;
- b) the focus for revision be examples of best practices, regarding budget consultation from leading cities around the world;
- c) staff provide a report by August of 2007 recommending the ways in which the City can improve the budget consultation process.

Notice

Councillor Ladner 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 City Services and Budgets meeting on February 1, 2007.

4. Mayor Sam Sullivan's Drug Plan ((VanRIMS No. 08-9000-30)

MOVED by Councillor Louie
SECONDED by Councillor Deal

WHEREAS Mayor Sullivan has announced a new plan to provide substitute drugs to addicts;

AND WHEREAS Vision Vancouver believes there is some merit to the Mayor's plan;

AND WHEREAS the Mayor's plan lacks details and background information that would help it gain wider approval;

AND WHEREAS drug addiction is a concern to all citizens of Vancouver;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT City Council direct the City of Vancouver Drug Policy Coordinator to prepare a report for Council that includes:

1. An update on the NAOMI project and the challenges that the project has faced including the attraction of sufficient number of participants.
2. Examples of other similar substitute drug treatment programs around the world including their benefits and challenges.
3. An estimate of the cost of such a substitute drug treatment program for at least 700 participants, including a facility, staff, utilities etc.
4. A research component program and associated costs.

5. Relevant legislative changes necessary to allow such a program to operate.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a public consultation process be undertaken to allow opportunity for the public and all interested parties to provide input into the program thus giving the program greater support.

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 City Services and Budgets meeting on February 1, 2007.

5. **Rent Review - False Creek Residential Leaseholds (VanRIMS No. 02-3000-10)**

MOVED by Councillor Louie
SECONDED by Councillor Chow

WHEREAS in the 1970s, based on the recommendations by citizens, two advisory review panels, and City staff, policies which laid out guidelines for redeveloping False Creek were adopted by City Council in 1973;

AND WHEREAS the new City policy required a range of housing to provide a social mix that reflected the City's income and social composition;

AND WHEREAS the social mix originally envisioned is currently under threat of being lost due to a significant rent increase;

AND WHEREAS on October 3, 2006 Council approved a prepayment option and requested staff to report back for approval of prepayment amounts;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Vancouver City Council direct staff to include in their report back, a range of options to make accommodation for hardship cases in order to allow for their personal economic circumstances and to ensure no one facing extreme financial hardship, as it would be defined under the rules of the Homeowner Protection Plan, is displaced from his or her home as a result of the increases.

Notice

Councillor Ball 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 City Services and Budgets meeting on February 1, 2007.

6. Request for Leave of Absence - Councillor Louie (VanRIMS No. 08-2200-20)

MOVED by Councillor Deal
SECONDED by Councillor Cadman

THAT Councillor Louie be granted Leave of Absence for personal reasons on October 16 and 18, 2007.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7. Request for Leave of Absence - Councillor Louie (VanRIMS No. 08-2200-20)

MOVED by Councillor Deal
SECONDED by Councillor Cadman

THAT Councillor Louie be granted Leave of Absence on March 15, 2007 for civic business.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ENQUIRIES AND OTHER MATTERS

1. Firehall No. 15 (VanRIMS No. 14-1000-01)

Councillor Capri requested the City Manager to provide a memorandum on the status of the work being done on Firehall 15 and the urgency of the situation.

The City Manager advised Council will be receiving a report on the matter in mid-February.

2. Clarification of Chair's Ruling (VanRIMS No. 08-2000-01)

Councillor Cadman asked for a written explanation from the City Clerk on whether his amendment to a motion from Councillor Lee on the Seniors and Disabilities Issues Committees at the Standing Committee on Planning and Environment meeting on January 18, 2007 was in order.

3. Protocols for Military Exercises (VanRIMS No. 01-5500-30)

Councillor Cadman requested a memorandum from staff providing clarification on a military exercise held in Vancouver on Sunday morning, January 28, 2007. He enquired on the protocols around such exercises and whether the City or Mayor's Office was apprised.

4. **Poet Laureate Fund** (VanRIMS No. 01-5200-50)

Councillor Ball advised of a matching grant from the BC Arts Renaissance Fund of \$100,000 to match the original donation from Josef Wosk to the Poet Laureate Fund. The fund will assist the city with Poet Laureate events.

5. **Process for Hiring of new Deputy City Managers** (VanRIMS No. 07-3000-30)

Councillor Capri requested a memo from the City Manager providing information on the process for the hiring of the new Deputy City Managers.

The Council adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

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