

REPORT TO COUNCIL

STANDING COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL ON CITY SERVICES AND BUDGETS

FEBRUARY 1, 2007

A Regular Meeting of the Standing Committee of Council on City Services and Budgets was held on Thursday, February 1, 2007, at 9:30 a.m., in the Council Chamber, Third Floor, City Hall.

PRESENT:	Councillor Peter Ladner, Chair Mayor Sam Sullivan Councillor Suzanne Anton Councillor Elizabeth Ball Councillor David Cadman Councillor Kim Capri Councillor Heather Deal Councillor B.C. Lee Councillor Raymond Louie, Vice Chair *Councillor Tim Stevenson
ABSENT:	Councillor George Chow (Sick Leave)
CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE:	Judy Rogers, City Manager
CITY CLERK'S OFFICE:	Denise Salmon, Meeting Coordinator
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*Denotes absence for a portion of the meeting.

RECOMMENDATION

1. Major Capital Grant - Kiwassa Neighbourhood House Association: Harbour View Day Care (VanRIMS No. 05-5000-10)

The Committee had before it an Administrative Report dated January 11, 2007, in which the Director of Social Planning in consultation with Vancouver Park Board sought Council approval in principle of major grant funding from the 2006-08 Capital Plan budget to assist the non-profit child care organization, Kiwassa Neighbourhood House Association, in leveraging additional funding for the building of a new and expanded childcare facility known as Harbour View Day Care, on Burrard View Park. The General Manager of Community Services Group, in consultation with the General Manager of Parks and Recreation recommended approval.

Carol Ann Young, Child Development Coordinator, provided Council with an overview of the report and responded to questions from Council regarding funding options.

Nancy McRitchie, Executive Director, Kiwassa Neighbourhood House, with the aid of artists renderings, provided Council with an overview of the proposed childcare facility, noted the importance of safe quality childcare that this project would bring, and requested Council approve funding as set out in staff's report.

MOVED by Councillor Louie

THAT the Committee recommend to Council

- A. THAT Council approve in principle a capital contribution of up to \$500,000 to Kiwassa Neighbourhood House Association for the construction of a City-owned 37-space licensed non-profit child care centre on Burrard View Park, in the care and custody of Park Board, and direct staff to report back with detailed costings and a funding plan within twelve months. Source of funds 2006 Capital for Childcare Facilities.
- B. THAT Council direct staff to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding between the Vancouver Park Board, City of Vancouver, Hastings Townsite Child Care Society and Kiwassa Neighbourhood House Association for the redevelopment and operation of Harbour View Day Care, which requires Kiwassa Neighbourhood House to fund raise and project manage the construction.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

(Councillor Stevenson absent for the vote)

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At this point in the proceedings, Councillor Ladner stepped down as Chair in order to participate in the debate and Councillor Louie, Vice-Chair, assumed the Chair.

2. Options for Deployment of a Municipal Wireless Network (VanRIMS No. 04-4000-21)

The Committee had before it an Administrative Report dated January 2, 2007, in which the General Manager of Corporate Services, in consultation with the General Manager of Engineering Services, sought Council approval for the development of a policy framework in regard to options for deployment of a municipal wireless network. The City Manager noted the report provides details of alternative business models and deployment scenarios but did not recommend proceeding at this time with any option other than the City facilitate the private sector building the network (Option 3).

Shari Wallace, Director, Information Technology, with the aid of an overhead presentation, provided Council with an overview of the report.

Bruce Clayman, VEDC Chair of Sub-Committee, referenced the Vancouver Economic Development Commission's January 2007 Report, (attached to staff's report) and noted the narrow window of opportunity for Vancouver to take action that would put the City at the forefront of innovative cities world-wide in regard to WiFi technology. He urged Council support Option 4 for a public private partnership, as set out in staff's report. The following spoke in support of a Municipal Wireless Network in Vancouver, and urged Council to support Option 4 as contained in staff's report:

Judy Bishop, BC Technology Industry (brief filed) Peter Leathley Jack Dhaliwal, Maple Leaf Systems Lynda Brown Peter van der Gracht, Director WIN BC, and Ignition Point Technology (brief filed) David Vogt, Mobile MUSE Network Caroline Lewko, Chair, WIN BC, CEO Wireless Industry Partnership Scott Blue

Points raised included:

- it is vital to "get it right", and this means dealing with matters that are unlikely to be well-handled under the recommended Option 3;
- the City's chosen model must build awareness, set realistic expectations, and educate the market so that supporters, not opponents, drive public discussion;
- Vancouver will not be well-served by adopting the passive "pave the regulatory way" outlined in Option 3;
- Option 3 (the by-law approach) will not provide the coordination necessary to operate a reliable service and will lead to an unusable service for the citizens, businesses and visitors to our city; and
- lack of infrastructure means the city will need much more than a simple by-law to effectively steer Wi-Fi development.

Estelle Lo, in response to questions from Council, recommended a report back on source of funding if Council decides to go forward with Option 4.

MOVED by Councillor Ladner

THAT the Committee recommend to Council

- A. THAT Council instruct the General Manager of Engineering Services to prepare for Council's approval a policy regarding the use by the private sector of Cityowned infrastructure to build privately operated wireless networks at an estimated cost of \$60,000, to be funded from the 2007 Strategic Initiatives Fund.
- B. THAT Council approve Option 4, as set out in the Administrative Report dated January 2, 2007, entitled "Options for Deployment of a Municipal Wireless Network" in principle including possible involvement of non-profit organizations with source of funding to be reported back to Council as part of the 2007 Capital Budget, in collaboration with private industry.

carried

AMENDMENT MOVED by Councillor Cadman

THAT B above be amended by striking out the word "possible".

LOST

(Councillors Anton, Ball, Capri, Deal, Ladner Lee, Louie, Stevenson and the Mayor opposed.)

The amendment having lost, the motion was put and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

3. Vancouver Economic Development Commission ("the VEDC") - Pacific Gateway Strategy Discussion Paper (VanRIMS No. 08-3000-11)

The Committee had before it an Administrative Report dated January 18, 2007, in which the General Manager of Corporate Services provided Council with the VEDC's Pacific Gateway Strategy discussion paper and requested Council approve the recommendations made within that paper in principle, and that Council direct City staff to work with the VEDC to include the principles from the Pacific Gateway Strategy discussion paper in City Studies and initiatives.

Doug Mitchell, Director of Business Support Services, provided an overview of the report.

Tom English, VEDC Chair, introduced Tanja McQueen, new CEO of the VEDC, and with the aid of an overhead presentation, reviewed the Commission's Pacific Gateway Strategy Discussion Paper attached as Appendix A to the staff report, with specific focus on the need for the City to take action on the nine recommendations as set out in that paper. Mr. English responded to questions from Council related to funding in place, the impact of shipping on air emissions, and the role of rail and the Port lands.

MOVED by Councillor Ladner

THAT the Committee recommend to Council

- A. THAT Council approve in principle the recommendations outlined in the VEDC's Pacific Gateway Strategy discussion paper attached as Appendix A to the Administrative Report dated January 18, 2007, entitled "Vancouver Economic Development Commission ("the VEDC") - Pacific Gateway Strategy Discussion Paper.
- B. THAT Council direct City staff to work with VEDC to incorporate in City Studies and initiatives, where possible, the recommendations made in the Pacific Gateway Strategy discussion paper.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. Vancouver Economic Development Commission ("the VEDC") 2006 Operating & Financial Results (un-audited), 2007-2009 Business Plan, 2007 Operating Budget, and By-law Resolution (VanRIMS No. 08-3000-11)

The Committee had before in an Administrative Report dated January 15, 2007, in which the General Manager of Corporate Services recommended Council determine the 2007-2009 economic development priorities for Vancouver, consider the new program initiatives proposed by the VEDC, and provide appropriate funding to reflect such priorities. In addition, staff recommended approval of the amendment to the VEDC by-law related to number of directors. The City Manager noted that depending on Council's expectation of VEDC's role in the City's economic development, Council may consider approving any or all of the proposed economic development program initiatives.

Estelle Lo, General Manager and Director of Finance and Doug Mitchell, Director of Business Support Services, were present to respond to questions. Ms. Low noted approval and funding is to be referred to the 2007 Interim Operating Budget.

Tanja McQueen, CEO, VEDC, with the aid of an overhead presentation, reviewed the 2007-2009 VEDC Business Plan and requested Council support the Commission's funding request to ensure successful implementation of the plan.

MOVED by Councillor Ladner

THAT the Committee recommend to Council

- A. THAT Council receive for information the VEDC 2006 operating and financial results (un-audited), and the 2007-2009 Business Plan.
- B. THAT Council refer final approval and funding of recommendations C, D, E and consideration F to the 2007 Interim Operating Budget.
- C. THAT Council approve the Operating Budget request of \$731,250 to maintain the existing service level. Funding of \$715,600 already provided for in the 2007 Operating Budget with the incremental \$15,650 to be provided without offset (\$10,000 of the \$15,650 is a one-time increase for communications and intranet development).
- D. THAT Council approve funding of the implementation of the Business Climate Strategy for \$50,000: These funds ensure VEDC can take action on the Economic Development (Business Climate) Strategy Phase I currently being developed; release of funds subject to Council approval of project plan.
- E. THAT Council approve the amendment of the VEDC by-law section 29 so that the number of directors shall be not more than 15 nor less than 9 as determined by the Honorary Members.

CONSIDERATION

- F. THAT Council consider approving the following 2007 new program funding requests by the VEDC based on the 2007-2009 economic development priorities determined by Council, by choosing one or more of the following options:
 - i Fund 2010 marketing planning activities at a total cost of \$280,000 with \$80,000 in funding to be released in 2007, and the remaining \$200,000 to be released in 2008 and 2009 subject to Council approval of scope of work and budget approval in 2008 and 2009.
 - ii Fund enhanced research and policy support at \$67,500 for 2007 by adding a permanent position to the VEDC baseline budget at an annual cost of \$90,000 prorated to \$67,500 for 2007.
 - iii Fund the Economic Development (Business Climate) Strategy Phase 2 Industry Cluster Development at a total cost of \$250,000 with \$125,000 of the funding to be released in 2007 and the balance in 2008; release of funds subject to Council approval of the terms of reference.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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Partway through the above item Council recessed at 1:07 p.m. for lunch, and reconvened at 2:02 p.m. to resume discussion on Item 4.

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At the conclusion of Item 4 Councillor Ladner resumed the Chair.

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5. Animal Control Services: 2006 Licensing Revenue Update (VanRIMS No. 11-4600-01)

The Committee had before it an Administrative Report dated January 15, 2007, in which the Chief License Inspector updated Council on the Animal Control licensing revenue figures realized in 2006 and recommended receipt of same. The General Manager of Community Services recommended approval.

Paul Teichroeb, Chief License Inspector, responded to questions from Council regarding degree of by-law compliance, amount of fine, and procedure for dealing with the owners of unlicensed dogs from neighbouring municipalities.

MOVED by Councillor Anton

THAT the Committee recommend to Council

THAT Council receive updated 2006 Animal Control licensing revenue statistics for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6. Central Waterfront Hub and Whitecaps Stadium Issues Integration (VanRIMS No. 11-2000-14)

MOVED by Councillor Cadman THAT the Committee recommend to Council

THAT this matter be referred to the afternoon meeting of the Planning and Environment Committee as the first item of business.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Committee adjourned at 2:20 p.m.

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CITY OF VANCOUVER

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES STANDING COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL ON CITY SERVICES AND BUDGETS

FEBRUARY 1, 2007

A Regular Meeting of the Council of the City of Vancouver was held on Thursday, February 1, 2007, at 2:21 p.m., in the Council Chamber, Third Floor, City Hall, following the Standing Committee on City Services and Budgets 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 Heather Deal Councillor Peter Ladner Councillor B.C. Lee Councillor Raymond Louie Councillor Tim Stevenson
ABSENT:	Councillor George Chow, Sick Leave
CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE:	Judy Rogers, City Manager
CITY CLERK'S OFFICE:	Denise Salmon, Meeting Coordinator

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MOVED by Councillor Stevenson SECONDED by Councillor Anton

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

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

At its meeting on January 30, 2007, Council postponed discussion and decision on this matter to this meeting in order to allow Council time to decide on a replacement member for the February 7th Panel.

MOVED by Councillor Deal

THAT Council delegate the holding of the Business License Hearings presently scheduled for February 7, 2007, from 9:30am to 12:30pm; February 15, 2007, from 7:30pm to 10:30pm; and February 27, 2007, from 9:30am to 12:30pm, to a panel of three Council Members, pursuant to Section 277.1 of the Vancouver Charter, as follows:

The Business License Hearings pursuant to Section 275 of the Vancouver Charter regarding referrals to Council by the Chief License Inspector for the year 2007 business licenses and the power to make a Council decision in relation to those hearings be delegated to:

February 7, 2007 - 9:30am Councillor Heather Deal, Chair Councillor George Chow Councillor Suzanne Anton Councillor Elizabeth Ball, Alternate

February 15, 2007 - 7:30pm Councillor Kim Capri, Chair Councillor Suzanne Anton Councillor Tim Stevenson Councillor BC Lee, Alternate

February 27, 2007 - 9:30am Councillor Peter Ladner, Chair Councillor David Cadman Councillor Raymond Louie Councillor George Chow, Alternate

Should any of the above Members of Council be unable to attend the hearings, the hearings and the power to make a Council decision in relation to those hearings be delegated to the remaining two Councillors and alternate Councillors.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Report of Standing Committee on City Services and Budgets February 1, 2007

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

1. Major Capital Grant - Kiwassa Neighbourhood House Association: Harbour View Day Care

- 2. Options for Deployment of a Municipal Wireless Network
- 3. Vancouver Economic Development Commission ("the VEDC") Pacific Gateway Strategy Discussion Paper
- 4. Vancouver Economic Development Commission ("the VEDC") 2006 Operating & Financial Results (un-audited), 2007-2009 Business Plan, 2007 Operating Budget, and By-law Resolution
- 5. Animal Control Services: 2006 Licensing Revenue Update
- 6. Central Waterfront Hub and Whitecaps Stadium Issues Integration

Items 1-6

MOVED by Councillor Deal

THAT the recommendations and actions taken by the Standing Committee on City Services and Budgets at its meeting of February 1, 2007, as contained in items 1-6, be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY, AND ITEM 1 BY THE REQUIRED MAJORITY

RISE FROM COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MOVED by Councillor Lee

THAT the Committee of the Whole rise and report.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADOPT REPORT OF COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MOVED by Councillor Capri SECONDED by Councillor Cadman

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOTIONS

A. Administrative Motions

None

B. Motions on Notice

Council agreed to postpone the following Motions on Notice to the Council Meeting immediately following the February 1st Planning and Environment Committee meeting:

1. Budget Consultation Review (VanRIMS No.: 05-1000-01) MOVER: Councillor Louie SECONDER: Councillor Chow

2. Mayor Sam Sullivan's Drug Plan (VanRIMS No.: 08-9000-30) MOVER: Councillor Louie SECONDER: Councillor Stevenson

3. Rent Review - False Creek Residential Leaseholds (VanRIMS No.: 02-3000-10) MOVER: Councillor Louie SECONDER: Councillor Chow

The Council adjourned at 2:25 p.m.

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