

COUNCIL MEETING FOLLOWING
PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT MEETING
February 15, 2007

DECISIONS

For information, please contact
Diane M. Clairmont, Meeting Coordinator, at 604-871-6371 or
e-mail diane.clairmont@vancouver.ca

1. 626 East 62nd Avenue - Warning to Prospective Purchasers and Injunctive Relief

This item was withdrawn.

2. Second Annual Food Policy Progress Report

A. THAT Council receive the following for information:

- a) update on the work of Food Policy staff as attached in APPENDIX A of Administrative Report *Second Annual Food Policy Progress Report*, dated January 29, 2007;
- b) report on the work of the Vancouver Food Policy Council as attached in APPENDIX B of Administrative Report *Second Annual Food Policy Progress Report*, dated January 29, 2007;
- c) Vancouver Recovered Food Assessment as prepared by the Vancouver Food Policy Council as attached in APPENDIX C of Administrative Report *Second Annual Food Policy Progress Report*, dated January 29, 2007;
- d) Vancouver Food Charter: Context and Background as prepared by the Vancouver Food Policy Council as attached in APPENDIX D of Administrative Report *Second Annual Food Policy Progress Report*, dated January 29, 2007.

B. THAT Council adopt the Vancouver Food Charter as prepared by the Vancouver Food Policy Council as attached in Appendix E of Administrative Report *Second Annual Food Policy Progress Report*, dated January 29, 2007

3. Burrard Slopes IC Districts Rezoning Policies

THAT the matter of the *Burrard Slopes IC District Rezoning Policies* be postponed to a future Standing Committee meeting with instruction to staff to report back on encouraging job producing space.

4. **450 Stanley Park Drive - Vancouver Rowing Club - Liquor Primary Liquor License for Outdoor Patio Seating**

THAT, due to time constraints, the matter of *450 Stanley Park Drive - Vancouver Rowing Club - Liquor Primary Liquor License for Outdoor Patio Seating* be postponed to the next available Standing Committee meeting.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. **Single Room Accommodation Housing - Downtown Eastside/Downtown Core**

a) **Downtown Eastside Housing Plan - Report Back on SRO Stock**

- A. THAT Council direct staff to search for a potentially suitable hotel where use of Section 23 of the Standards of Maintenance By-law might be appropriate and report back to Council on procedures, timeline and budget estimates.
- B. THAT staff continue to review opportunities to purchase rental buildings, including SROs, throughout the City as well as in the downtown, that could accommodate low-income singles, in partnership with senior levels of government and Vancouver Coastal Health, or other funders.
- C. THAT Council direct staff to report back on a grant of \$35,000 for tenant support services, with matching funding from BC Housing, as part of the 2007 operating budget process.

b) **Single Room Accommodation (SRA) By-law Status Report**

- A. THAT Council, having conditionally approved conversion or demolition permits for the following SRA-designated properties, and as the conditions have been met and the resulting conversion or demolition permits issued, now approve the removal of the following properties from Schedule A of the SRA By-law:

- 434 Richards Street (Empress Rooms);
- 909 Richards Street (Roseberry House);
- 746 Richards Street (Passlin Hotel);
- 24 Water Street (Grand Hotel);

FURTHER THAT Council, having authorized an exemption from the requirements of the SRA By-law of all 19 SRA-designated rooms at the following property, now approve the removal of this property from Schedule A of the SRA By-law:

- 347 West Pender Street (New Backpackers Hotel).

B. THAT Council authorize the Director of Legal Services to bring forward amendments to the SRA By-law and any consequential changes to the License By-law, generally in accordance with the draft amendments attached as Appendix A of Policy Report *Single Room Accommodation (SRA) By-law Status Report*, dated November 30, 2006, that would:

- remove from Schedule A of the SRA By-law the properties listed in the above Recommendation A;
- increase the conditional \$5,000 per room fee to \$15,000 per room, which Council could attach to the approval of a conversion or demolition permit for deposit into the City's reserve fund for the creation of replacement housing; subject to a report back on the success of achieving the City's minimum 1:1 replacement policy for low income housing;
- require Council to consider the recent history of an SRA hotel when presented with an application to convert or demolish its designated rooms;
- require an owner or operator of an SRA building to maintain for each designated room a standardized "room registration form" (Appendix E of Policy Report *Single Room Accommodation (SRA) By-law Status Report*, dated November 30, 2006);
- require an owner or operator of an SRA building to identify on the business license specific room numbers of the maximum 10% of SRA units which are available for rent to temporary guests; and
- include provisions that would improve the effectiveness of and promote compliance with the By-law; and

FURTHER THAT the draft By-law be referred to a public meeting, following the format of a public hearing, to provide an opportunity for persons to make their views known to Council.

C. THAT Council consider on a case-by-case basis the requirement for applicants wishing to demolish SRAs to enter into a Housing Agreement to secure affordability; and

FURTHER THAT staff report back in one year with an update on the SRA by-law, including SRO losses, the development of replacement housing, the appropriate conditional fee, and any emerging issues.

c) **Moratorium on SRA Conversions**

The motion was lost.

BY-LAWS

1. A By-law to amend Tax Prepayment By-law No. 4804 to increase the annual rate of interest for payments in advance through the Tax Instalment Prepayment Plan (By-law No. 9430)

MOTIONS

4. Inter-Municipal Business Licensing

THAT, due to time constraints, the motion on *Inter-municipal Business Licensing* be referred to the next available Council meeting.

5. Climate Change

THAT the motion on *Climate Change* be referred to the next available Standing Committee meeting in order to hear speakers.

* * * *