



## CITY OF VANCOUVER

### ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

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TO: Vancouver City Council  
FROM: General Manager of Engineering  
SUBJECT: Local Improvements Flat Rates and Project to be Cancelled

#### RECOMMENDATION

- A. THAT the flat rates shown on the "List of Projects Certified Complete in 2006", on file in the City Clerk's Office be approved.
- B. THAT a previously approved project Numbered Court #607, Item #8, as described in detail in the body of this report be cancelled.

#### COUNCIL POLICY

Policies governing the Local Improvement process are set out in the Vancouver Charter and Local Improvements Procedure By-law.

Clause 51B of the Local Improvement Procedure By-law provides that, by resolution, Council may establish a flat rate per foot frontage with respect to any two or more projects of a like nature, based on the average cost per foot frontage of such projects, as established by Council.

#### PURPOSE

This report requests Council approval of flat rates to be charged to property owners for their share of local improvement projects certified complete in 2006. These rates will be used for local improvement billing to be sent out in March, 2007.

## DISCUSSION

For the Local Improvement projects certified complete in 2006, flat rates have been derived from contract costs and the cost of work done by City forces, together with other general expenses and an allowance for interest over the construction period. In general terms, the flat rates are the average cost (per foot of frontage of adjacent properties) for similar projects constructed in 2006.

These flat rates have been developed in accordance with the provisions of the Vancouver Charter and the Local Improvement Procedure By-law: they do not exceed by more than the allowable 10% of the estimated rates approved by Council in the respective Second Step reports for each Court of Revision. The applicable rates are shown on the "List of Projects Certified Complete in 2006" on file in the City Clerks office.

This is the final formal step in the Local Improvement process which is done once the projects are complete and that results in the costs being billed to the owners on their next property tax statement.

### Project to be cancelled

This project was approved at a previous Court of Revision and should be cancelled for the follow reason explained below.

1. Court #607, Item #8, for pavement & curbs on Sasamat Street from Belmont Street to 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue.

This project was initiated to address the poor street condition. However, after the project was approved it was determined that this project is in an archaeological sensitive area where there maybe artifacts. Any street construction work would disturb this sensitive area and to be respectful we are cancelling this initiative project.

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