

(These Minutes to be adopted at the Regular Council meeting on April 3, 2007)



REPORT TO COUNCIL

STANDING COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL ON TRANSPORTATION AND TRAFFIC

MARCH 13, 2007

A Regular Meeting of the Standing Committee of Council on Transportation and Traffic was held on Tuesday, March 13, 2007, at 9:30 a.m., in the Council Chamber, Third Floor, City Hall.

PRESENT:

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

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE: Pat Boomhower, Meeting Coordinator

* Denotes absence for a portion of the meeting.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

The Minutes of the Standing Committee on Transportation and Traffic meeting of January 16, 2007, were adopted.

RECOMMENDATION

1. **Parking Payment in Lieu - review of fees and area, and assignment of payments**
(VanRIMS No. 13-5500-20)

The Committee had before it an Administrative Report dated February 26, 2007, in which the General Manager of Engineering Services, in consultation with the General Manager of Corporate Services, provided a review of the payment-in-lieu parking fee and recommended the fee be increased to reflect the net cost for the City to provide a parking space, the payment-in-lieu boundary be expanded, a number of payment-in-lieu payments be assigned to parking facilities and that \$895,000 be transferred to the Parking Site Reserve fund.

The City Manager recommended approval.

Bob Macdonald, Senior Parking Policy Engineer, Parking Management Branch, reviewed the report and responded to questions regarding the difference between the Payment-in-lieu and Parking Site Reserve Funds, purpose of boundary expansion, and tracking inventory, development credit, renting options, and rates.

MOVED by Councillor Louie

THAT the Committee recommend to Council

- A. THAT the payment-in-lieu fee per parking space be increased from \$14,500 to \$20,200.
- B. THAT the payment-in lieu boundary, currently bounded by Burrard on the West, be extended west of Burrard Street as shown on Appendix A of the Administrative Report dated February 26, 2007, entitled *Parking Payment in Lieu - review of fees and area, and assignment of payments*, to reflect the addition of a City parking facility at 1095 Waterfront Road.
- C. THAT payments totalling \$895,000, identified in Appendix C of the Administrative Report dated February 26, 2007, entitled *Parking Payment in Lieu - review of fees and area, and assignment of payments*, be transferred from the Payment-in-lieu Fund to the Parking Site Reserve.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. Balaclava Bike Route (VanRIMS No. 13-5000-20)

The Committee had before it an Administrative Report dated February 23, 2007, in which the General Manager of Engineering Services provided information about issues which arose during the design and consultation for the Balaclava Bike Route, and sought Council's approval to proceed with the implementation of the bike route and funding to construct street improvements to accommodate it.

Scott Edwards, Manager, Greenways and Neighbourhood Transportation, reviewed the report and noted the Southlands Ratepayers Association provided clarification regarding their position on the Balaclava Bike Route and this was distributed to Council on March 12, 2007 (*on file*). He also noted the Balaclava Bike Route is the first bike route connection to Southlands neighbourhood and that consultation with the area's stakeholders remains an outstanding item with respect to detailed design for the full development of pedestrian and equestrian trails. Mr. Edwards advised that a Community Amenity Contribution will assist further development of pedestrian and equestrian trails in the area as a separate project.

Mr. Edwards, together with Jerry Dobrovlny, Assistant City Engineer - Transportation, and David Rawsthorne, Civil Engineer, Greenways and Neighbourhood Transportation, responded to questions regarding consultation with bike groups and schools, additional bike racks and creative design, traffic circle artwork, north end bike route connections, horse pathways, safety and pedestrian/equestrian facilities, project timelines, Community Amenity Contributions, and traffic counts and monitoring.

The following spoke in general support of the bike route but noted the need for further monitoring:

Bonnie Fenton, Chair, Bicycle Advisory Committee
Bill Yearwood, Blenheim Neighbourhood Group
Jack Becker, Director, Vancouver Area Cycling Coalition
Gloria McCormack
Thomas Nichols
Ellen Hockin
Terry Slack, Director, Friends of Southlands Society
Tony Dawe, President, Southland Riding Club

A summary of their comments follows:

- increasing quality cycling facilities attracts people to cycling and is crucial for achieving a higher cycling mode share;
- recommend monitoring vehicle speed and volume and cyclists' comfort level on Balaclava Street;
- the proposed route is better than Blenheim Street which would have required trees to be cut for a bike route;
- the bike route is environmentally friendly, supports the new EcoDensity Initiative, and gives residents an alternate way to reach the Dunbar shopping area;
- pleased the north-south stops are being replaced with traffic circles;
- the expanded bicycle network is beneficial by providing a safe and pleasant means for getting around, and cyclists can avoid Marine Drive;
- looking forward to improved connection with Point Grey Road and access to Downtown;
- monitoring the 10th Avenue intersection is needed; would like to have cyclist-activated traffic signals at 10th and 33rd Avenues and for Point Grey Road, or at least a left-turn bike lane for cyclists heading south;
- there are outstanding issues regarding the intersections at Galiano/Puget Drive, 49th Avenue, and Celtic Avenue, as well as anticipated additional traffic from housing development on the south side of Celtic;
- concerned about routes shared with horses, the potential for spooking, and the possible loss of the big ditches in Southlands;
- prefer to have horses on separate paths;
- would like to maintain a 30 km speed limit in the Southlands neighbourhood; and
- vehicle speed and equestrian related concerns if the area becomes popular with bike groups.

Following delegations, Mr. Edwards responded to questions regarding the 10th Avenue intersection, changes planned for the Galiano/Puget Drive area, potential traffic increase from new development and pedestrian/equestrian trails.

MOVED by Councillor Deal

THAT the Committee recommend to Council

- A. THAT the BalACLava Bike Route be implemented as described in the Administrative Report dated February 23, 2007, entitled *BalACLava Bike Route*, at an estimated cost of \$630,000.
- B. THAT \$230,000 be allocated from the 2003-2005 Streets Basic Capital Program (CB1EA2E - Bicycle Network) to supplement the funding approved by Council on February 16, 2006.
- C. THAT, subject to the 2008 Budget review, the Engineering Services Operating Budgets be increased by \$15,000, without offset, commencing in 2008.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

(Councillor Stevenson absent for the vote)

The Committee adjourned at 10:40 a.m.

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CITY OF VANCOUVER
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
STANDING COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL ON
TRANSPORTATION AND TRAFFIC

MARCH 13, 2007

A Regular Meeting of the Council of the City of Vancouver was held on Tuesday, March 13, 2007, at 10:41 a.m., in the Council Chamber, Third Floor, City Hall, following the Standing Committee on Transportation and Traffic 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 George Chow
Councillor Peter Ladner
Councillor B.C. Lee
Councillor Raymond Louie

ABSENT: Councillor Heather Deal
Councillor Tim Stevenson

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE: Pat Boomhower, Meeting Coordinator

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MOVED by Councillor Lee
SECONDED by Councillor Anton

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Report of Standing Committee on Transportation and Traffic
March 13, 2007

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

1. Parking Payment in Lieu - review of fees and area, and assignment of payments
2. Balaclava Bike Route

Items 1 - 2

MOVED by Councillor Chow

THAT the recommendations and actions taken by the Standing Committee on Transportation and Traffic at its meeting of March 13, 2007, as contained in items 1 and 2, be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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 Ball
SECONDED by Councillor Capri

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ENQUIRIES AND OTHER MATTERS

1. Captain George Vancouver's Birthday Celebrations (VanRIMS No. 01-2700-10)

Councillor Cadman enquired as to whether the City would have a representative at special events in England with respect to the 250 year anniversary of Captain George Vancouver. Councillor Ball advised that staff will be providing information in the near future on local and overseas events.

The Council adjourned at 10:42 a.m.

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