



REPORT TO COUNCIL
STANDING COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL
ON PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT

MARCH 15, 2007

A Regular Meeting of the Standing Committee of Council on Planning and Environment was held on Thursday, March 15, 2007, at 2:00 p.m., in the Council Chamber, Third Floor, City Hall.

- PRESENT:** Councillor Kim Capri, Chair
*Mayor Sam Sullivan
Councillor Suzanne Anton, Vice-Chair
Councillor Elizabeth Ball
Councillor David Cadman
Councillor George Chow
Councillor Heather Deal
Councillor Peter Ladner
Councillor B.C. Lee
*Councillor Tim Stevenson
- ABSENT:** Councillor Raymond Louie (Leave of Absence - Civic Business)
- CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE:** Judy Rogers, City Manager
- CITY CLERK'S OFFICE:** Tina Hildebrandt, Meeting Coordinator

*Denotes absence for a portion of the meeting.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

The Minutes of the Standing Committee on Planning and Environment meeting of February 15, 2007, were adopted.

RECOMMENDATION

1. **3560 Eton Street - Warning to Prospective Purchasers (VanRIMS No. 11-4400-20)**

The Committee had before it an Administrative Report dated February 12, 2007, in which the City Building Inspector sought Council's approval to file a 336D Notice against the title to the property at 3560 Eton Street to warn prospective purchasers of by-law violations. The General Manager of Community Services recommended approval.

Ed Neufeld, Manager of Building Branch, Building Inspection, reviewed the report.

MOVED by Councillor Ladner
THAT the Committee recommend to Council

THAT the City Clerk be directed to file a 336D Notice against the title to the property at 3560 Eton Street, Lot 692 E ½ Exc. S 10 feet now lane, THSL Plan 100, PID 015-718-115 in order to warn prospective purchasers that this building has been used as an illegal marijuana grow operation on two occasions and there are contraventions of the Electrical By-law related to this unapproved use.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Mayor Sullivan absent for the vote.)

2. 936 East 13th Avenue - Warning to Prospective Purchasers (VanRIMS No. 11-4400-20)

The Committee had before it an Administrative Report dated February 13, 2007, in which the City Building Inspector sought Council's approval to file a 336D Notice against the title to the property at 936 East 13th Avenue to warn prospective purchasers of by-law violations and to request approval to seek injunctive relief. The General Manager of Community Services recommended approval.

Ed Neufeld, Manager of Building Branch, Building Inspection, reviewed the report.

David Smith, owner, explained the reasons why construction of the garage started without a permit five years ago, noting a now defunct contractor had been hired whom he has since been dealing with through provincial court. He pointed out that at the time, he was not aware that this type of construction would not be in compliance. He described the house as a beautiful, tradesman style home unlike any other on the street and added that the intent is to get the site to a completed stage in order to have it nominated for heritage status.

Mr. Neufeld, together with Rob Jenkins, Assistant Director - Current Planning Initiatives Branch, responded to questions concerning the implications of filing a 336D Notice to the title of this property, issues with the height of the garage roof and whether obtaining heritage status would allow some relaxation. Mr. Jenkins advised that owners of houses with heritage status can apply for relaxations to the by-law and that putting a Notice on the title to this property doesn't stop that process from proceeding. He added that should the building come into compliance the Notice can be taken off.

MOVED by Councillor Ladner
THAT the Committee recommend to Council

- A. THAT the City Clerk be directed to file a 336D Notice against the title to the property at 936 East 13th Avenue, Lot 30 of A, Block 173, District Lot 264A, Plan 501 and 1771, PID 009-449-809 in order to warn prospective purchasers that there are contraventions of the Zoning and Development and Vancouver Building By-laws related to this building.

- B. THAT the Director of Legal Services is hereby authorized, in her discretion, to commence a legal action or proceeding in relation to the premises located at 936 East 13th Avenue, Lot 30 of A, Block 173, District Lot 264A, Plan 501 and 1771, PID 009-449-809 and may, in her discretion, seek injunctive relief in that action or proceeding, in order to bring this building into compliance with City By-laws.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Mayor Sullivan absent for the vote.)

3. **1537-1539 Victoria Drive - Warning to Prospective Purchasers**
(VanRIMS No. 11-4400-20)

This item was withdrawn from the Agenda.

4. **1112 Franklin Street - Warning to Prospective Purchasers** (VanRIMS No. 11-4400-20)

The Committee had before it an Administrative Report dated February 19, 2007, in which the City Building Inspector, at the request of the property owner, put forward for Council's review its previous decision of December 14, 2006, whereby they approved the filing of a 336D Notice by the City Clerk against the title to the property at 1112 Franklin Street. The General Manager of Community Services recommended approval of the review.

Ed Neufeld, Manager of Building Branch, Building Inspection, reviewed the report and advised that staff recommend the 336D Notice remain on the title to the property.

Perry Smith, owner, introduced Len Dodman, previous owner, and provided a history of the renovations carried out in the building, noting that Mr. Dodman took permits out in 1986 for the work the City is now saying was done illegally. He also noted that over the last two years he has tried to present documents to the City that show the work in question was done in 1986 and that the City refuses to acknowledge these documents. Mr. Smith added that he tried to show the City that the documents they provided for the development permits in 1986 were incomplete and that there are many documents missing for the work that was done. In closing, Mr. Smith advised the Fire Department was there to do an inspection that morning and no deficiencies were found.

Mr. Dodman provided a history of the premises and reviewed the work he did in the building in 1986, noting all permits were approved by the City. He added that he did not notice any new renovations in the documents Mr. Smith provided to him and felt the City inspector's allegations are not correct.

Mr. Neufeld, together with Lynn Urekar, Property Use Inspector, and Mike Collister, District Building Inspector, responded to questions in relation to the work carried out in the building, the discrepancies between the City's and Mr. Smith's statements, the absence of the documents Mr. Smith referred to and the Fire Department's inspection. Staff confirmed that

the owner has not produced any documents and some of the construction is obviously new and would not have been approved by the City.

MOVED by Councillor Anton
THAT the Committee recommend to Council

THAT Council review their previous decision of December 14, 2006, whereby they approved the filing of a 336D notice against the title to the property at 1112 Franklin Street, Lot 2 and 3, Block L, District Lot 182, Plan 13634, (PID 008-521-701 & 719) in order to warn prospective purchasers that there are deficiencies in this building under the Zoning and Development and Vancouver Building By-laws; and

FURTHER THAT Council confirm its decision of December 14, 2006.

carried unanimously

AMENDMENT MOVED by Councillor Cadman

THAT the second component of the Motion be amended to add at the end the words "and ask that staff go back and seek all of the drawings submitted in 1986 and wait to put the 336D Notice on the title to the property at 1112 Franklin Street".

LOST

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

The amendment having LOST, the Motion was put and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY with Councillor Stevenson and the Mayor absent for the vote.

5. Oakridge Centre Policy Statement (VanRIMS No. 11-2000-14)

The Committee had before it a Policy Report dated February 26, 2007, in which the Director of Planning, in consultation with the General Managers of Engineering Services and Parks and Recreation, sought Council's approval of the Oakridge Centre Policy Statement which will guide a ground-breaking conversion of a successful regional mall and to also become a compact transit oriented mixed-use neighbourhood. The General Manager of Community Services recommended approval.

Brent Toderian, Director of Planning, introduced Tom Phipps and Pat St. Michel, Planners, Major Projects Group, Karyn Magnusson, Engineering Services, and Michel Desrochers, Research Planner, Parks and Recreation. Mr. Toderian, together with Mr. Phipps and Ms. St. Michel, gave a presentation on the Oakridge Centre Policy Statement, which included a history of policy and zoning in the neighbourhood, a review of public consultation and an outline on the policy provisions to achieve the proposed goal.

The following expressed support for the Oakridge Centre Policy Statement:

Gordon Wylie, Project Manager - Development, Ivanhoe Cambridge Inc.
Bob McKay, Concert Properties Limited
Sean Goldie (*brief distributed - on file*)
Renee Ron
Pamela Jeacocke, Oakridge Seniors Centre
Henry Kolbeins
Alex Jamieson
Amy Tang
Michael Csupak
Brian Hanna
Peter Wreglesworth

Speaker's comments included the following:

- very proud of this project which encompasses a lot of different ideas that are new;
- this proposed policy will provide an excellent framework for a new residential pedestrian oriented neighbourhood;
- would like the Oakridge ambiance to be maintained and not go the way of Metrotown;
- strongly support the redevelopment plan, in particular additional housing for seniors, easy access to the mall, health care and transit;
- the vision is outstanding - can hardly wait for things to get going;
- staff should rethink how much retail will be placed at-grade across from Oakridge Mall and express support for a low parking ratio; and
- very excited about the opportunities with this project to really become much more suffused into the fabric of the community and move from a predominantly car oriented environment, in terms of open spaces and parking lots, into creating some wonderful people spaces, pedestrian spaces, parks, shops and cafes.

Michael Grant, Council Chair, Strata 1499 (5733 Cambie Street), spoke in general support of the Oakridge Centre Policy Statement but expressed concern regarding the placement of the new towers on the display model and sought reassurance that these towers will be set back further from the mall.

Staff responded to questions related to the policy statement, in particular the amount of office space proposed, parking allowances, access through the mall and site, and community facilities and services.

MOVED by Councillor Anton
THAT the Committee recommend to Council

THAT Council approve the Oakridge Centre Policy Statement (Appendix A of the Policy Report dated February 26, 2007, entitled "Oakridge Centre Policy Statement") as a framework for considering Oakridge Centre rezoning and development proposals, including:

1. access through the mall from the high street to the Canada line station consistent with public transit hours;
2. permitting an increase in the office space to at least the amount proposed in the draft plan; and
3. consideration of cultural facilities in the rebuilt centre.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Committee adjourned at 5:24 p.m.

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CITY OF VANCOUVER

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
STANDING COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL ON
PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT**

MARCH 15, 2007

A Regular Meeting of the Council of the City of Vancouver was held on Thursday, March 15, 2007, at 5:24 p.m., in the Council Chamber, Third Floor, City Hall, following the Standing Committee on Planning and Environment 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 Heather Deal
Councillor Peter Ladner
Councillor B.C. Lee
Councillor Tim Stevenson

ABSENT: Councillor Raymond Louie (Leave of Absence - Civic Business)

CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE: Judy Rogers, City Manager

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE: Tina Hildebrandt, Meeting Coordinator

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MOVED by Councillor Stevenson
SECONDED by Councillor Ladner

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. West Broadway Sidewalk Rehabilitation and Street Trees (VanRIMS No. 13-4300-01)

At the Standing Committee on City Services and Budgets meeting held earlier this day, Council concluded hearing from speakers on this matter and, due to time constraints, referred the following Motion to the afternoon Council meeting immediately following the Standing Committee on Planning and Environment. The Motion reflects amendments accepted by the Mover.

MOVED by Councillor Cadman

THAT staff be requested to further discuss with those members from the community with technical expertise to determine if the number of trees to be lost can be reduced.

carried unanimously

FURTHER THAT staff replace Linden trees where tree removal results in a canopy gap.

lost

Council agreed to separate the vote on the Motion.

MOVED by Councillor Cadman

THAT staff be requested to further discuss with those members from the community with technical expertise to determine if the number of trees to be lost can be reduced.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOVED by Councillor Cadman

FURTHER THAT staff replace Linden trees where tree removal results in a canopy gap.

LOST

(Councillors Anton, Ball, Capri, Ladner, Lee and the Mayor opposed)

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

At its meeting on March 13, 2007, Vancouver City Council referred the following Administrative Reports to the Council meeting immediately following the Standing Committee on Planning and Environment meeting on March 15, 2007, due to time constraints.

1. **LMLGA General Meeting & Conference May 9-11, 2007, Whistler, BC
February 27, 2007 (VanRIMS No. 08-2200-20)**

MOVED by Councillor Ladner

THAT Council give consideration to authorize Councillors Suzanne Anton, Kim Capri, George Chow, Heather Deal, Peter Ladner, B.C. Lee and Tim Stevenson, to attend the Lower Mainland Local Government Association General Meeting and Conference from May 9 to 11, 2007 at Whistler, British Columbia. Expenses are estimated at \$718.00 for each Councillor (total estimated cost for all Councillors \$4,308.00) and are to be funded from the Councillors' 2007 Travel Budget.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. **Vancouver Heritage Register Upgrade Program
February 26, 2007 (VanRIMS No. 11-2800-10)**

MOVED by Councillor Ball

THAT Council approve the Vancouver Heritage Register Upgrade Program Terms of Reference as described in the Administrative Report dated February 26, 2007, entitled "Vancouver Heritage Register Upgrade Program" and attached as Appendix A.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. **Relocation of the VPD Dog Squad Offices and Kennel
March 1, 2007 (VanRIMS No. 05-1400-20)**

MOVED by Councillor Deal

THAT Council approve relocation of the Police Dog Squad Offices and Kennel to the City-owned property at 755 Evans at a cost of \$3.403 million; source of funding to be:

- \$0.45 million from the Police Dog Squad Relocation Capital Budget;
- \$1.2 million of borrowing authority approved by the electorate as part of the 2006 -2008 Capital Plan;
- \$1.753 million of Capital from Revenue (Inflation Adjustment) to be included in the 2007 Capital Budget.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. **Approval of 2007 - 2008 Business Improvement Area (BIA) Budgets
March 5, 2007 (VanRIMS No. 05-4200-10)**

MOVED by Councillor Ladner

THAT Council approve the BIA Business Promotion Schemes and Budgets for the 2007-2008 year listed below and instruct staff to bring forward the appropriate rating by-laws:

<u>BIA</u>	<u>LEVY</u>
Downtown	\$1,928,948
Robson	447,189
Kerrisdale	282,000
Gastown	370,000
Mount Pleasant	210,000
Davie Village (West End)	500,000
South Granville	430,000
Yaletown	295,000
Chinatown	205,700
Commercial Drive	248,400
Commercial Drive Exp.	150,000

Marpole	138,500
Strathcona	501,829
Collingwood	172,500
Hastings North	250,000
Kitsilano Fourth Avenue	135,419
Point Grey Village	70,000
Victoria Drive	95,000
Cambie Village	100,000
Fraser Street	96,000

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

POLICY REPORTS

At its meeting on March 13, 2007, Vancouver City Council referred the following Policy Reports to the Council meeting immediately following the Standing Committee on Planning and Environment meeting on March 15, 2007, due to time constraints.

1. **CD-1 Rezoning - 5429-5439 Willow Street
February 22, 2007 (VanRIMS No. 11-3600-10)**

MOVED by Councillor Anton

- A. THAT the application by Stuart Howard Architects Inc. on behalf of Atelier Land Corporation to rezone 5429-5439 Willow Street (Lots 2 & 3, Block 867, District Lot 526, Plan 8454) from RS-1 to CD-1, to permit Multiple Dwelling use consisting of 10 townhouses at a floor space ratio of 1.0, be referred to Public Hearing, together with:
 - (i) revised plans received December 5, 2006 and February 7, 2007;
 - (ii) draft CD-1 By-law provisions, generally as presented in Appendix A of the Policy Report dated February 22, 2007, entitled "CD-1 Rezoning - 5429-5439 Willow Street"; and
 - (iii) the recommendation of the Director of Planning to approve, subject to conditions contained in Appendix C of the Policy Report dated February 22, 2007, entitled "CD-1 Rezoning - 5429-5439 Willow Street";

FURTHER THAT the Director of Legal Services be instructed to prepare the necessary CD-1 By-law generally in accordance with Appendix A of the Policy Report for consideration at the Public Hearing.

- B. THAT, subject to approval of the rezoning at a Public Hearing, the Subdivision By-law be amended as set out in Appendix B of the Policy Report dated February 22, 2007, entitled "CD-1 Rezoning - 5429-5439 Willow Street"; and

FURTHER THAT the Director of Legal Services be instructed to bring forward the amendment to the Subdivision By-law at the time of enactment of the Zoning By-law.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. CD-1 Rezoning - 5909-5989 Oak Street
February 21, 2007 (VanRIMS No. 11-3600-10)

MOVED by Councillor Anton

- A. THAT the application by Stuart Howard Architects Inc. on behalf of the Eden Group of Companies to rezone 5909-5989 Oak Street (Lots 1 to 5, Block 1014, District Lot 526, Plan 7502) from RS-1 to CD-1, to permit Multiple Dwelling use consisting of 31 townhouses at a floor space ratio of 1.0, be referred to Public Hearing, together with:
- (i) plans received September 29, 2006 and November 24, 2006;
 - (ii) draft CD-1 By-law provisions, generally as presented in Appendix A of the Policy Report dated February 21, 2007, entitled "CD-1 Rezoning - 5909-5989 Oak Street"; and
 - (iii) the recommendation of the Director of Planning to approve, subject to conditions contained in Appendix C of the Policy Report dated February 21, 2007, entitled "CD-1 Rezoning - 5909-5989 Oak Street";

FURTHER THAT the Director of Legal Services be instructed to prepare the necessary CD-1 By-law generally in accordance with Appendix A of the Policy Report for consideration at the Public Hearing.

- B. THAT, subject to approval of the rezoning at a Public Hearing, the Subdivision By-law be amended as set out in Appendix B of the Policy Report dated February 21, 2007, entitled "CD-1 Rezoning - 5909-5989 Oak Street"; and

FURTHER THAT the Director of Legal Services be instructed to bring forward the amendment to the Subdivision By-law at the time of enactment of the Zoning By-law.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Report of Standing Committee on Planning and Environment March 15, 2007

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

1. 3560 Eton Street - Warning to Prospective Purchasers
2. 936 East 13th Avenue - Warning to Prospective Purchasers
3. 1537-1539 Victoria Drive - Warning to Prospective Purchasers - WITHDRAWN
4. 1112 Franklin Street - Warning to Prospective Purchasers
5. Oakridge Centre Policy Statement

Items 1 - 5

MOVED by Councillor Ladner

THAT the recommendations and actions taken by the Standing Committee on Planning and Environment at its meeting of March 15, 2007, as contained in Items 1 - 5, be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

RISE FROM COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MOVED by Councillor Stevenson

THAT the Committee of the Whole rise and report.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADOPT REPORT OF COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MOVED by Councillor Chow
SECONDED by Councillor Deal

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

BY-LAWS

MOVED by Councillor Chow
SECONDED by Councillor Deal

THAT Council vote to enact the by-laws listed on the Agenda for this meeting as numbers 1 and 2 and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign and seal the enacted by-laws.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

1. **A By-law to authorize Council entering into a Heritage Revitalization Agreement with the Owner of Heritage Property (re 412 Carrall Street) (By-law No. 9450)**
(Councillor Cadman ineligible to vote on By-law No. 1)
2. **A Heritage Taxation Exemption By-law for 412 Carrall Street (By-law No. 9451)**
(Councillor Cadman ineligible to vote on By-law No. 2)

MOTIONS

A. Administrative Motions

None

B. Motions on Notice

At its meeting on March 13, 2007, Vancouver City Council referred the following Motions on Notice to the Council meeting immediately following the Standing Committee on Planning and Environment meeting on March 15, 2007, due to time constraints.

1. **United We Can Recycling Depot (VanRIMS No. 13-6000-50)**

The following Motion reflects an amendment to the Motion on Notice.

MOVED by Councillor Chow
SECONDED by Councillor Lee

WHEREAS United We Can (UWC), since its inception in 1995, has been open for business everyday and provides an important source of income to some of our most marginalized citizens who collect bottles and containers from the downtown areas;

WHEREAS UWC has rescued 200 million containers from going to the landfill and has worked with the City, Gastown and Chinatown merchants in cleaning up garbage and litter in the areas;

WHEREAS UWC is more than a bottle depot as it also collects used computers and runs a bike shop - this combined operation has provided employment to hundreds of people living in the DTES;

WHEREAS UWC's success has meant a crowd of bidders waiting to get into its storefront (located on the north side of East Hastings Street between Columbia and Carrall Streets) that also attracts drug dealers camouflaging in the crowd and street vendors hawking goods of dubious origin and;

WHEREAS the result is constant chaos and an atmosphere of pending violence on the street around the UWC premises that also impact negatively on neighbouring stores such as Canada Ginseng Co. at 33 E Hastings Street - the violent death from stabbing in front of UWC on February 11 being a case in point;

WHEREAS the binners are not the cause of the street disorder in front of UWC - they are victims to the inadequate physical facility surrounding UWC, a successful grass root enterprise that has outgrown its present premises;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT City staff continue to work with the United We Can to:

- Revise its 2005 Business Plan in keeping with the emerging City initiatives and assess the implications for the current and possible future UWC bottle depot locations;
- Look for funding opportunities for its organizational development needs;
- Work with the Police, UWC and neighbouring businesses, agencies and residents in taking action to address the street disorder issue in front of the United We Can facility;
- Enhance the operational efficiency of the current UWC bottle depot on Hastings Street; and
- Pursue options for increasing bottle recycling capacity elsewhere in the Central Area to reduce the concentration in one facility; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT City staff report back to Council in three months.

carried unanimously

AMENDMENT MOVED by Councillor Ladner

THAT the fifth bullet in the resolution be amended by striking out the words "in the Central Area".

LOST

(Councillors Anton, Ball, Cadman, Capri, Chow, Deal, Lee, Stevenson and the Mayor opposed)

The amendment having LOST, the main Motion was put and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

2. Municipal By-Law Fine Collection (VanRIMS No. 08-4200-01)

MOVED by Councillor Capri

SECONDED by Councillor Lee

WHEREAS the City loses a significant amount of revenue annually because of unpaid by-law fines;

AND WHEREAS the unpaid fines relating to By-law Violation Notices issued by the Vancouver Police Department since 2003 is in excess of \$860,000;

AND WHEREAS there is a significant problem with disorderly conduct in the Entertainment District and in response to this problem the Vancouver Police

Department issued approximately 600 By-law Violation Notices for disorderly conduct related offences which were referred to the City Prosecutor in 2006, most of which arose out of incidents occurring in the Entertainment District;

AND WHEREAS it is critical that a meaningful consequence be attached to the by-law enforcement process generally and specifically in order to deter conduct which detracts from the public's right to enjoy a safe and orderly Entertainment District;

AND WHEREAS the goal of the City is voluntary compliance with City by-laws;

AND WHEREAS voluntary compliance with City by-laws increases with the collection of by-law fines;

AND WHEREAS the only method currently available to the City for the collection of by-law fines is a slow, expensive, labour-intensive process.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Vancouver City Council, through the Mayor, urge the Province and the Insurance Corporation of British Columbia to approve the collection of by-law fines in the same manner as fines imposed by Violation Tickets under Provincial statutes; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Lower Mainland Local Government Association (LMLGA) for consideration and endorsement; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM) for consideration and endorsement.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. Sustainability Measures (VanRIMS No. 11-2000-14)

MOVED by Councillor Deal

SECONDED by Councillor Stevenson

WHEREAS the City of Vancouver has committed to a broad program of sustainability including the Community Climate Action Plan and One Day Vancouver, the Vancouver Food Charter, EcoDensity, the Pedestrians First Policy, the Green Building Strategy, Greenway and Bike Route initiatives, Stormwater and Solid Waste Management Programs and more,

AND WHEREAS implementation of these policies and initiatives requires coordination between multiple departments,

AND WHEREAS sustainability is best achieved by incorporating economic, social and environmental factors into every decision,

AND WHEREAS many North American Cities including Ottawa, Saskatoon, Edmonton, Victoria, Portland and some GVRD member municipalities have Environmental or Sustainability Advisory Committees.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT

- The City of Vancouver establish a Sustainability Advisory Committee;
- Sustainability implications be included in all staff reports;
- Links to sustainability initiatives be placed on both the main public City of Vancouver website and on each departmental website;
- The Manager of the Sustainability Group be made a member of the Corporate Management Team;
- And that Council direct the City Manager to report back with suggestions for ensuring that the Sustainability Group has a prominent place in the City's corporate structure.

referred

As requests to speak had been received, Council referred the Motion to a Standing Committee meeting on April 5, 2007, in order to hear from the speakers.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **Intelligent Community Forum (ICF) Tour of Asia (VanRIMS No. 07-2400-11)**

MOVED by Councillor Ladner

SECONDED by Councillor Anton

WHEREAS:

1. The Intelligent Community Forum is organizing an Immersion Lab Asia tour from March 20 - 30, 2007 to visit four Asian cities rated among the top 3 "Intelligent Cities" in 2005 - 06, including visits with senior officials and politicians to learn about municipal WiFi, broadband, digital democracy and knowledge-based industries;
2. Councillor Ladner is attending this lab for City interests at his own expense and will write a report upon his return.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City of Vancouver pay Councillor Ladner's cost of the return flight from Vancouver to Asia, March 18 - 21, 2007, at a cost of \$ 675.00 (Total flight cost: \$ 1350.11).

CARRIED

(Councillors Deal and Stevenson opposed)

2. Addressing Drifting Tobacco Smoke in Subsidized Housing (VanRIMS No. 11-2200-21)

MOVED by Councillor Ladner
SECONDED by Councillor Anton

WHEREAS:

1. There is currently a significant deficit of available smoke-free housing for non-smoking residents, and limited recourse for those living with tobacco smoke entering their homes;
2. Thousands of people who suffer from significant respiratory illness or conditions that would be seriously compromised by any exposure to drifting smoke;
3. Opportunities exist to work in partnership with agencies such as the Clean Air Coalition of BC and its member agencies, the BC Lung Association and the Heart & Stroke Foundation of BC and Yukon, to begin to raise awareness about this issue, support adoption of policies and tenancy agreements which will result in smoke-free residential buildings and possibly provide support for test cases and pilot projects.
4. The City could advocate, directly and indirectly, to agencies such as BC Housing and Greater Vancouver Housing Corporation, prompting them to begin the process of designating more and more of their rental properties as smoke free buildings.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT

1. Staff research and report back on what non-regulatory and regulatory initiatives could be initiated to promote a faster and more widespread introduction of smoke-free subsidized housing.

postponed

POSTPONEMENT MOVED by Councillor Deal
SECONDED by Councillor Stevenson

THAT consideration of the Motion regarding Addressing Drifting Tobacco Smoke in Subsidized Housing be postponed until the GVRD releases its report on this matter.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ENQUIRIES AND OTHER MATTERS

1. International Women's Day (VanRIMS No. 01-2700-10)

Councillor Deal requested staff to report back on what will be done next year to acknowledge International Women's Day and to recognize women here at City Hall.

2. Public Events (VanRIMS No. 01-2700-10)

Councillor Stevenson expressed concern with regard to the nature of protests at various public events recently and the need for increased security. He requested the Mayor to report back at a Council meeting on the plans, costs and future direction with regard to these issues in order to ensure that public events are open and inclusive.

The Mayor agreed to report back on this matter.

The Council adjourned at 6:46 p.m.

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