

CITY OF VANCOUVER

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

APRIL 3, 2007

A Regular Meeting of the Council of the City of Vancouver was held on Tuesday, April 3, 2007, at 2:00 p.m., in the Council Chamber, Third Floor, City Hall.

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 Raymond Louie Councillor Tim Stevenson
CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE:	Judy Rogers, City Manager
CITY CLERK'S OFFICE:	Syd Baxter, City Clerk Tarja Tuominen, Meeting Coordinator

*Denotes absence for a portion of the meeting.

PRAYER

The proceedings in the Council Chamber were opened with a prayer read by the City Clerk.

PRESENTATION - CERTIFICATES OF COMMENDATION (VanRIMS No. 01-5200-50)

The Mayor, on behalf of the Governor General, Her Excellency the Right Honourable Michaëlle Jean, presented Certificates of Commendation to John Delver and Anne Fisher in recognition of their actions in the rescue of a number of people from a burning building in Rock Creek, on May 28, 2006.

"IN CAMERA" MEETING

MOVED by Councillor Chow SECONDED by Councillor Deal

THAT Council will go into a meeting later this day which is closed to the public, pursuant to Section 165.2(1) of the Vancouver Charter, to discuss matters related to paragraph(s):

- (a) personal information about an identifiable individual who holds or is being considered for a position as an officer, employee or agent of the city or another position appointed by the city;
- (e) the acquisition, disposition or expropriation of land or improvements, if the Council considers that disclosure could reasonably be expected to harm the interests of the city;
- (i) the receipt of advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

1. Regular Council (City Services and Budgets) - February 15, 2007

MOVED by Councillor Ladner SECONDED by Councillor Stevenson

THAT the foregoing Minutes be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. Regular Council - February 27/28, 2007

MOVED by Councillor Anton SECONDED by Councillor Chow

THAT the foregoing Minutes be approved.

3. Business License Hearing - February 27, 2007

MOVED by Councillor Ladner SECONDED by Councillor Stevenson

THAT the foregoing Minutes be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. Special Council (Public Hearing) - February 27, 2007

MOVED by Councillor Lee SECONDED by Councillor Ball

THAT the foregoing Minutes be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5. Regular Council (City Services and Budgets) - March 1, 2007

MOVED by Councillor Ladner SECONDED by Councillor Capri

THAT the foregoing Minutes be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6. Regular Council (Planning and Environment) - March 1, 2007

MOVED by Councillor Capri SECONDED by Councillor Ball

THAT the foregoing Minutes be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7. Regular Council (Transportation and Traffic) - March 13, 2007

MOVED by Councillor Lee SECONDED by Councillor Ball

THAT the foregoing Minutes be approved.

8. Regular Council - March 13, 2007

MOVED by Councillor Deal SECONDED by Councillor Chow

THAT the foregoing Minutes be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9. Special Council (Public Hearing) - March 13, 2007

MOVED by Councillor Anton SECONDED by Councillor Cadman

THAT the foregoing Minutes be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10. Regular Council (City Services and Budgets) - March 15, 2007

MOVED by Councillor Ladner SECONDED by Councillor Stevenson

THAT the foregoing Minutes be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11. Regular Council (Planning and Environment) - March 15, 2007

MOVED by Councillor Capri SECONDED by Councillor Louie

THAT the foregoing Minutes be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MOVED by Councillor Chow SECONDED by Councillor Stevenson

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

MATTERS ADOPTED ON CONSENT

MOVED by Councillor Chow

THAT Council adopt Administrative Reports A1 to A4, and A6, on consent.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

REPORT REFERENCE

1. Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) International Centre for Municipal Development (VanRIMS 07-2400-10)

Brock Carlton, Director, International Centre for Municipal Development, FCM, presented a Report Reference on the opportunities for international municipal cooperation created by the FCM International Centre for Municipal Development.

Mr. Carlton gave an overview of some of the FCM'S international programs, Vancouver's involvement in the program to date and described options for the City of Vancouver to consider for future involvement.

MOVED by Councillor Stevenson

THAT the City Manager work with the Federation of Canadian Municipalities on the development of a Memorandum of Understanding on future work together on international development projects.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (Councillor Louie absent for the vote)

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

- 1. Amendments to the Electrical By-law March 9, 2007 (VanRIMS No. 08-4000-11)
 - A. THAT Council approve amendments to the Electrical By-law to update references to other legislation and regulations generally as set out in Appendix A of the Administrative Report *Amendments to the Electrical By-law*, dated March 9, 2007.
 - B. THAT Council authorize the Director of Legal Services to prepare and bring forward for enactment amendments to the Electrical By-law generally as set out in Appendix A of the Administrative Report.

ADOPTED ON CONSENT

2. New Public Street: Extension of Salt Street March 12, 2007 (VanRIMS No. 08-3000-11)

- A. THAT the new public street, between *Walter Hardwick Avenue* and *Athletes Way*, be named an extension of Salt Street.
- B. THAT the Director of Legal Services be instructed to bring forward the appropriate amendments to the Street Name By-law.

ADOPTED ON CONSENT

3. Community Policing Initiatives and Funding March 21, 2007 (VanRIMS No. 05-1000-20)

- A. THAT Council receive for information the Vancouver Police Department's (VPD) 2006 evaluation report, listed in Appendix D of the Administrative *Report Community Policing Initiatives and Funding* dated March 21, 2007, for the nine Community Policing Centres that operated during 2006.
- B. THAT Council approve the allocation of \$900,000 for 2007, the 2007 business plan and the 2007 annual budget for each of the Community Policing Centres ("CPC"), listed in Appendix D of the Administrative Report, including any conditions as noted; source of funds to be the 2007 Operating Budget.
- C. THAT Council approve the allocation of \$25,000 for costs to establish a Community police office in the northern area of Police District 4; source of funds to be the 2007 Operating Budget.
- D. THAT Council authorize the VPD to distribute funds quarterly to each CPC (up to \$100,000 annually) on the basis that each CPC continues to meet the terms and conditions as outlined and specified in the CPC Operations and Indemnity Agreement.

ADOPTED ON CONSENT

4. 2007 Cultural Operating and Project Grant Allocations March 20, 2007 (VanRIMS No. 05-5000-10)

THAT Council approve 86 Operating grants for a total of \$2,219,300 and 31 Project grants for a total of \$213,500, as listed in Appendix A in the Administrative Report *2007 Cultural Operating and Project Grant Allocations*, dated March 20, 2007, for a total of \$2,432,800 including 1 conditional grant as noted. Source of funds to be the 2007 Cultural Grants Budget.

ADOPTED ON CONSENT AND BY THE REQUIRED MAJORITY

5. 2007 Community Services Grants and Rent Subsidy Grants Allocations March 19, 2007 (VanRIMS No. 05-5000-10)

MOVED by Councillor Ladner

- A. THAT Council approve eight Neighbourhood Organization Grants totalling \$595,140, including any recommended CONDITIONS on the grants, as listed in Appendix A-1 of the Administrative Report 2007 Community Services Grants and Rent Subsidy Grants Allocations, dated March 19, 2007. Source of funding is the 2007 Community Services Grants budget;
- B. THAT Council approve seven Organizational Capacity Building Grants totalling \$207,492, including any recommended CONDITIONS on the grants, as listed in Appendix A-2 of the Administrative Report *2007 Community Services Grants and Rent Subsidy Grants Allocations*, dated March 19, 2007. Source of funding is the 2007 Community Services Grants budget;
- C. THAT Council approve 86 Direct Social Services Grants, totalling \$2,978,598, including any recommended CONDITIONS on the grants, with the exception of the allocation of Item 17 to the Downtown Eastside Residents Association (DERA) Seniors Coordinator, as listed in Appendix A-3 of the Administrative Report *2007 Community Services Grants and Rent Subsidy Grants Allocations*, dated March 19, 2007,). Source of funding is the 2007 Community Services Grants budget;

FURTHER THAT staff report back on any other organizations able to provide the Seniors Coordinator services described in Item 17.

- D. THAT Council approve the establishment of a \$30,000 reserve in the 2007 Community Services Grants budget for the Partners in Organizational Development program;
- E. THAT Council approve three Rent Subsidy grants totalling \$63,453, as listed in Appendix A-4 of the Administrative Report *2007 Community Services Grants and Rent Subsidy Grants Allocations*, dated March 19, 2007, source of funding is the 2007 Social Planning Grants budget.

carried

Council requested to separate the components in the motion for the vote.

A. THAT Council approve eight Neighbourhood Organization Grants totalling \$595,140, including any recommended CONDITIONS on the grants, as listed in Appendix A-1 of the Administrative Report *2007 Community Services Grants and Rent Subsidy Grants Allocations*, dated March 19, 2007. Source of funding is the 2007 Community Services Grants budget;

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AND BY THE REQUIRED MAJORITY B. THAT Council approve seven Organizational Capacity Building Grants totalling \$207,492, including any recommended CONDITIONS on the grants, as listed in Appendix A-2 of the Administrative Report *2007 Community Services Grants and Rent Subsidy Grants Allocations*, dated March 19, 2007. Source of funding is the 2007 Community Services Grants budget;

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AND BY THE REQUIRED MAJORITY

C. THAT Council approve 86 Direct Social Services Grants, totalling \$2,978,598, including any recommended CONDITIONS on the grants, with the exception of the allocation of Item 17 to the Downtown Eastside Residents Association (DERA) – Seniors Coordinator, as listed in Appendix A-3 of the Administrative Report *2007 Community Services Grants and Rent Subsidy Grants Allocations*, dated March 19, 2007. Source of funding is the 2007 Community Services Grants budget;

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AND BY THE REQUIRED MAJORITY

FURTHER THAT staff report back on any other organizations able to provide the Seniors Coordinator services described in Item 17.

CARRIED

(Councillors Cadman, Chow, Deal, Louie and Stevenson opposed)

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CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AND BY THE REQUIRED MAJORITY

E. THAT Council approve three Rent Subsidy grants totalling \$63,453, as listed in Appendix A-4 of the Administrative Report *2007 Community Services Grants and Rent Subsidy Grants Allocations*, dated March 19, 2007, source of funding is the 2007 Social Planning Grants budget.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AND BY THE REQUIRED MAJORITY

MOVED by Councillor Louie

THAT Council approve a Direct Social Services Grant to the Downtown Eastside Residents Association (DERA) - Seniors Coordinator, Item 17 as listed in Appendix A-3 of the Administrative Report *2007 Community Services Grants and Rent Subsidy Grants Allocations*, dated March 19, 2007.

LOST, NOT HAVING RECEIVED THE REQUIRED MAJORITY (Councillors Anton, Ball, Capri, Ladner, and Lee and the Mayor opposed)

FINAL MOTION AS ADOPTED

- A. THAT Council approve eight Neighbourhood Organization Grants totalling \$595,140, including any recommended CONDITIONS on the grants, as listed in Appendix A-1 of the Administrative Report *2007 Community Services Grants and Rent Subsidy Grants Allocations*, dated March 19, 2007. Source of funding is the 2007 Community Services Grants budget;
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- E. THAT Council approve three Rent Subsidy grants totalling \$63,453, as listed in Appendix A-4 of the Administrative Report *2007 Community Services Grants and Rent Subsidy Grants Allocations*, dated March 19, 2007, source of funding is the 2007 Social Planning Grants budget.
- 6. Federation of Canadian Municipalities Annual Conference 2013 Request to Host March 20, 2007 (VanRIMS No. 07-2400-10)
 - A. THAT Council invite the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) to hold their 2013 Annual Conference in Vancouver.
 - B. THAT Council create a Reserve for the 2013 Annual Conference, estimated to cost \$760,000, with an annual contribution of \$125,000 from 2008 to 2013, without offset, and;
 - C. THAT City Staff report back to Council in 2012 with final cost estimates for the 2013 Annual Conference and an adjustment to funding, if required, as well as authorization for utilization of these reserved funds.

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7. Amend Design Consultant Contract for Woodward's Childcare March 14, 2007 (VanRIMS No. 03-1200-11)

MOVED by Councillor Louie

THAT Council reconsider the motion adopted on September 26, 2006, on the value of the design contract for the Woodward's Child Development Centre for a maximum value of \$120,000 (plus applicable GST).

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AND BY THE REQUIRED MAJORITY

MOVED by Councillor Louie

- A. THAT Council approve amending the value of the design contract for the interior fit-out and landscape design for the Woodward's Child Development Centre by maximum \$35,000 (plus applicable GST) from a maximum value of \$120,000 (plus applicable GST) to a maximum value of \$155,000 (plus applicable GST); source of funding to be the 2006 Capital Budget for City-owned Childcare Facilities.
- B. THAT Council authorize the Director of Facilities Design & Management to change the value of the Architect's contract through Change Orders if and when required, up to the amended maximum contract value of \$155,000.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AND BY THE REQUIRED MAJORITY

8. Summary of the Bedbug Pilot Project (Phase I) March 21, 2007 (VanRIMS No. 11-2200-21)

MOVED by Councillor Deal

- A. THAT Council receive the Bedbug Pilot Project Evaluation Report for information (Appendix A to the Administrative Report *Summary of the Bedbug Pilot Project (Phase I)*, dated March 21, 2007).
- B. THAT staff report back on required resources and funding to continue the project post-pilot and how discussions are going with funding partners such as the provincial government, Vancouver Agreement, and Vancouver Coastal Health.

9. Project Civil City: Progress Update March 27, 2007 (VanRIMS No. 08-9000-30)

The Chair advised requests to speak on Administrative Report A9 have been received. Council agreed to refer consideration of the report to the Standing Committee on Planning and Environment meeting on April 5, 2007 to hear the speakers.

POLICY REPORTS

1. Cultural Tourism Strategy - Planning Process March 10, 2007 (VanRIMS No. 11-2600-01)

MOVED by Councillor Ball

- A. THAT Council approve the planning process outlined in the Policy Report *Cultural Tourism Strategy – Planning Process*, dated March 10, 2007, for the development of a Cultural Tourism Strategy for report to Council in the fall of 2007 at a cost of \$65,000; including the creation of a temporary Cultural Planner I position within the Cultural Services Division, Community Services Group (CSG) at an estimated cost of \$45,000 including benefits subject to classification and approval by the General Manager of Human Resources; source of funds to be Cultural Tourism Strategy planning funds budgeted in the 2007 Contingency Reserve per Council approval;
- B. THAT Council approve an additional allocation of \$300,000 per year for four years starting in 2008 to be held in a reserve account along with the balance of funds previously approved by Council and budgeted in the 2007 Contingency Reserve, with the funds used to leverage support from other funders, agencies and organizations towards the implementation of the Cultural Tourism Strategy. Source of funds to be a \$300,000 increase to the 2008 through 2011 Operating Budgets; and
- C. THAT Council direct staff to review and report back in the fall in the context of the Cultural Tourism Strategy with potential funding implementation partners and in particular potential funding support for the City's 125th Anniversary celebrations through the Federal Government of Canada's Cultural Capitals of Canada program.

carried

AMENDMENT MOVED by Councillor Deal

THAT B in the motion be amended by striking the \$300,000 amount and substituting \$500,000 in its place.

LOST

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

AMENDMENT MOVED by Councillor Louie

THAT B in the motion be amended by striking the \$300,000 amount and substituting \$400,000 in its place.

LOST

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

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

FINAL MOTION AS ADOPTED

- A. THAT Council approve the planning process outlined in the Policy Report *Cultural Tourism Strategy – Planning Process*, dated March 10, 2007, for the development of a Cultural Tourism Strategy for report to Council in the fall of 2007 at a cost of \$65,000; including the creation of a temporary Cultural Planner I position within the Cultural Services Division, Community Services Group (CSG) at an estimated cost of \$45,000 including benefits subject to classification and approval by the General Manager of Human Resources; source of funds to be Cultural Tourism Strategy planning funds budgeted in the 2007 Contingency Reserve per Council approval;
- B. THAT Council approve an additional allocation of \$300,000 per year for four years starting in 2008 to be held in a reserve account along with the balance of funds previously approved by Council and budgeted in the 2007 Contingency Reserve, with the funds used to leverage support from other funders, agencies and organizations towards the implementation of the Cultural Tourism Strategy. Source of funds to be a \$300,000 increase to the 2008 through 2011 Operating Budgets; and
- C. THAT Council direct staff to review and report back in the fall in the context of the Cultural Tourism Strategy with potential funding implementation partners and in particular potential funding support for the City's 125th Anniversary celebrations through the Federal Government of Canada's Cultural Capitals of Canada program.

RISE FROM COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MOVED by Councillor Chow

THAT the Committee of the Whole rise and report.

ADOPT REPORT OF COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MOVED by Councillor Ladner SECONDED by Councillor Stevenson

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 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 amend Miscellaneous Fees By-law No. 5664 regarding a fee increase for a Board of Variance appeal (By-law No. 9452)
- 2. A By-law to amend Building By-law No. 9419 to include a resubmission fee (By-law No. 9453)

MOTIONS

B. Motions on Notice

1. Request for Leave of Absence - Councillor Capri (VanRIMS No. 08-2200-20)

MOVED by Councillor Anton SECONDED by Councillor Ball

THAT Councillor Kim Capri be granted a Leave of Absence from the Standing Committee on City Services and Budgets, the Standing Committee on Planning and Environment, and the Public Hearing backup meetings to be held April 19, 2007 due to her attendance at the UBCM Executive Board Meeting being held in Victoria, BC.

2. Liquor Policy (VanRIMS No. 01-0600-10)

The following motion reflects revisions to the Motion on Notice.

MOVED by Councillor Anton SECONDED by Councillor Capri

WHEREAS:

- (a) The Liquor Store Guidelines adopted in November 2004 provide for a maximum of one Type 1 liquor store (selling beer and/or wine only) to locate in a Local Shopping Area (LSA) that has no liquor store of any kind;
- (b) The Liquor Store Guidelines amended by Council in January 2007 allow for existing Type 1 liquor stores to add spirits to their product range, after 12 months of positive business history in the community, effectively providing full liquor service in those LSAs;
- c) Some Type 1 liquor stores, those operated under the LDB Act, are restricted to wine only sales;
- (d) These wine only stores are restricted from selling a full range of liquor products, and the Guidelines prohibit the location of a second liquor store in an LSA, some LSAs are effectively prevented from having full range of liquor products;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Liquor Store Guidelines be amended to provide for the consideration of a second Type 1 liquor store in those LSAs where the existing liquor store is restricted to selling wine only, to potentially provide for a full range of liquor products.

Referred

The Chair advised requests to speak on the motion have been received. Council agreed to refer consideration of the motion to a future Standing Committee meeting to hear the speakers.

3. Citizen Involvement in Developing Vancouver's Role in the 2010 Olympic and Paralympic Games (VanRIMS No. 08-8000-20)

MOVED by Councillor Anton SECONDED by Councillor Ball

WHEREAS citizen input will be helpful to the Mayor, Council and staff in planning for the City of Vancouver's role in the 2010 Olympic and Paralympic Games;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT staff are requested to report back with recommendations for increasing citizen involvement in the preparation for Vancouver's role in the 2010 Olympic and Paralympic Games.

carried

AMENDMENT MOVED by Councillor Deal

THAT the resolve in the motion be amended by inserting the words "such as holding public VANOC meetings" following the words "for increasing citizen involvement".

LOST

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

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

FINAL MOTION AS ADOPTED

WHEREAS citizen input will be helpful to the Mayor, Council and staff in planning for the City of Vancouver's role in the 2010 Olympic and Paralympic Games;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT staff are requested to report back with recommendations for increasing citizen involvement in the preparation for Vancouver's role in the 2010 Olympic and Paralympic Games.

4. Funding Approach for Grants (VanRIMS No. 05-5000-10)

MOVED by Councillor Ball SECONDED by Mayor Sullivan

WHEREAS:

- 1. Social Planning and Office of Cultural Affairs grants provide important financial support to a range of non-profit organizations in Vancouver;
- 2. these grants programs help provide stability in the community-based social and cultural sectors;
- 3. the City is one of several funders supporting these sectors;
- the City's current annual granting process aims to facilitate and enhance the ability of the established social and cultural organizations to plan, deliver and evaluate multi-year services and programs;

- 5. the current annual granting process limits the capacity of City staff to engage in longer term policy, planning and development work with community partners;
- stable multi-year funding programs such as those established by other levels of government have proven to be successful in aiding the growth and financial development of non-profit organizations;
- the City's Office of Cultural Affairs is already engaged in an independent review of all cultural grant and support programs, and Social Planning anticipated a review of Social Planning grants in 2007.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

- Council request staff report back with plans identifying the steps, processes, timelines and funding/resources required to develop a collaborative, comprehensive, stream-lined and multi-year funding approach for grants that will include:
 - Consultation with Corporate Services (Budgets/Finance) and Law to review the City's legislative framework and budgetary process;
 - Review of funding models and cycles utilized by other funding organizations, both public and private, in the non-profit sector;
 - Consultation with community groups and other funders;
 - Cost/benefit analysis;
 - Development of funding guidelines;
 - Potential alignment or augmentation of existing evaluation and monitoring mechanisms;
 - Identifying any additional resource requirements to conduct the above noted work.
- 2. City staff report back to Council in three months.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (Councillor Deal absent for the vote)

5. TransLink Governance Review - Vancouver Impact (VanRIMS No. 13-1400-20)

MOVED by Councillor Louie SECONDED by Councillor Deal

WHEREAS the recent TransLink changes announced by Transportation Minister Kevin Falcon will have a large impact on Vancouver businesses, home owners, and transit users;

AND WHEREAS Vancouver provides over half of the ridership for TransLink;

AND WHEREAS the replacement of the current structure with a Council of Mayors threatens to weaken Vancouver's voice and input on issues of transit;

AND WHEREAS the inability of the Council of Mayors to give formal, strategic input on planning to the Board of Professionals means that it is potentially more difficult for Vancouver's transit needs to be met;

AND WHEREAS it is important that Council takes a strong position on these changes prior to the legislation being introduced;

AND WHEREAS the potential for a fare increase would negatively impact many of Vancouver's transit riders, including seniors, youth, and low-income families;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Vancouver City Council direct staff to provide a full report to Council within 30 days on the impacts that the new Translink structure will have on taxation, fares, and traffic in Vancouver.

Amended

AMENDMENT MOVED by Councillor Ladner

THAT the motion be amended by

- inserting the word "governance" after the word "TransLink" and before the word "changes" in the first whereas in the preamble;
- striking the remainder of the motion after the first "whereas" in the preamble and substituting the following:

AND WHEREAS legislation is in the final stages of drafting, requiring a prompt response from municipalities if they wish to have any impact on the new TransLink structure;

AND WHEREAS the full impact of these changes on the City of Vancouver is still unclear;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Vancouver City Council direct staff to provide a full report to Council as soon as possible on the impacts that the new TransLink structure will have on Vancouver;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Council send a letter to the existing TransLink Board asking it to include the following points in its recommendations to the Minister:

30-year plan:

- THAT the Province's 30-year Transportation Plan
 - adhere to the Greater Vancouver Regional District's Liveable Region Strategic Plan and latest revisions, favouring dense development in compact regional centres;
 - acknowledge the need to expedite the movement of goods to and from the Port of Vancouver;
 - promote walking, transit and cycling as the preferred transportation modes for people movement;
 - achieve the goal of reducing greenhouse gases from transportation by at least 33 per cent by 2020;
 - take into account the expected rise in fuel prices due to peak oil production and its impact on the affordability of automobile use and the volume of freight traffic.

Accountability to taxpayers:

- THAT the 10-year plans should originate with the Council of Mayors rather than the appointed TransLink Board.
- THAT the Council of Mayors approves the three-year plans as well as 10-year plans.
- THAT the Council of Mayors should appoint the TransLink Board as well as the independent commissioner.
- THAT the voting structure of the Council of Mayors should reflect not just population but also financial contributions of individual municipalities' residents through fuel taxes, transit fares, property taxes and other revenues.
- THAT the new TransLink board embraces municipal input and accountability to municipalities at an operational level.
- THAT TransLink Board meetings be public

Expanded funding sources:

- THAT fare increases are contrary to the goals of increasing transit mode share and achieving environmental sustainability.
- THAT the parking site tax should be replaced by an increase in the fuel tax, not an increase in business property taxes which disproportionately burdens Vancouver businesses.
- THAT proposals to raise TransLink funding from increased density at transit stations
 - do not cut into municipal funding sources for community amenities currently collected through density bonuses, development cost levies and community amenity contributions;
 - do not raise the cost of development such that construction of desired density is discouraged;
 - do not result in downloading essential transportation infrastructure costs to developers;
 - o do not override municipal land use and zoning decisions;
 - credit existing density that makes transit improvements financially sustainable.
- THAT funding options available to TransLink be expanded to include road pricing other than tolls on new bridges.

amended

AMENDMENT TO THE AMENDMENT MOVED by Councillor Louie

THAT the motion be amended by adding the words "based on a process of their choosing and absent any statutory restrictions" following the words "independent commissioner" in the third bullet under the heading "Accountability to taxpayers".

AMENDMENT TO THE AMENDMENT MOVED by Councillor Louie

THAT the following be added to the end of the motion:

AND BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED THAT Vancouver City Council formally rejects the Provincially announced changes to the TransLink governance structure if the Minister fails to adopt the recommended adjustments.

LOST

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

AMENDMENT TO THE AMENDMENT MOVED by Councillor Louie

THAT the motion be amended by adding the following as a bullet under "Expanded funding sources":

• THAT the parking sales tax be replaced by an increase in the fuel tax as the parking sales tax disproportionately burdens Vancouver businesses.

LOST

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

The amendments to the amendment having either carried or lost, the amendment as amended was put and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

The amendment having carried, the motion as amended was put and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

FINAL MOTION AS AMENDED AND ADOPTED

WHEREAS the recent TransLink governance changes announced by Transportation Minister Kevin Falcon will have a large impact on Vancouver businesses, home owners and transit users;

AND WHEREAS legislation is in the final stages of drafting, requiring a prompt response from municipalities if they wish to have any impact on the new TransLink structure;

AND WHEREAS the full impact of these changes on the City of Vancouver is still unclear;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Vancouver City Council direct staff to provide a full report to Council as soon as possible on the impacts that the new TransLink structure will have on Vancouver;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Council send a letter to the existing TransLink Board asking it to include the following points in its recommendations to the Minister:

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- achieve the goal of reducing greenhouse gases from transportation by at least 33 per cent by 2020;
- take into account the expected rise in fuel prices due to peak oil production and its impact on the affordability of automobile use and the volume of freight traffic.

Accountability to taxpayers:

- THAT the 10-year plans should originate with the Council of Mayors rather than the appointed TransLink Board.
- THAT the Council of Mayors approves the three-year plans as well as 10year plans.
- THAT the Council of Mayors should appoint the TransLink Board as well as the independent commissioner based on a process of their choosing and absent any statutory restrictions.
- THAT the voting structure of the Council of Mayors should reflect not just population but also financial contributions of individual municipalities' residents through fuel taxes, transit fares, property taxes and other revenues.
- THAT the new TransLink board embraces municipal input and accountability to municipalities at an operational level.
- THAT TransLink Board meetings be public

Expanded funding sources:

- THAT fare increases are contrary to the goals of increasing transit mode share and achieving environmental sustainability.
- THAT the parking site tax should be replaced by an increase in the fuel tax, not an increase in business property taxes which disproportionately burdens Vancouver businesses.
- THAT proposals to raise TransLink funding from increased density at transit stations
 - do not cut into municipal funding sources for community amenities currently collected through density bonuses, development cost levies and community amenity contributions;
 - do not raise the cost of development such that construction of desired density is discouraged;
 - do not result in downloading essential transportation infrastructure costs to developers;
 - o do not override municipal land use and zoning decisions;
 - credit existing density that makes transit improvements financially sustainable.
- THAT funding options available to TransLink be expanded to include road pricing other than tolls on new bridges.

NEW BUSINESS

1. VANOC Board Meetings (VanRIMS No. 08-8000-01)

MOVED by Councillor Deal SECONDED by Councillor Chow

THAT Vancouver City Council request VANOC that they hold their Board meetings in public.

amended

AMENDMENT MOVED by Councillor Capri SECONDED by Councillor Ball

THAT the motion be amended by striking the motion and substituting the following:

THAT the Mayor raise with Mr. Furlong at their next meeting that this Council is interested in, and requests that, VANOC hold public meetings.

CARRIED

(Councillors Cadman, Chow, Deal, Louie and Stevenson opposed)

The amendment having carried, the motion as amended was put and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

FINAL MOTION AS AMENDED AND ADOPTED

THAT the Mayor raise with Mr. Furlong at their next meeting that this Council is interested in, and requests that, VANOC hold public meetings.

The Council adjourned at 6:05 p.m.

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