

REPORT TO COUNCIL

STANDING COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL
ON CITY SERVICES AND BUDGETS

APRIL 5, 2007

A Regular Meeting of the Standing Committee of Council on City Services and Budgets was held on Thursday, April 5, 2007, at 9:30 a.m., in the Council Chamber, Third Floor, City Hall.

PRESENT:

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

CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE: Judy Rogers, City Manager

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE: Denise Salmon, Meeting Coordinator

*Denotes absence for a portion of the meeting.

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Prior to the start of the regular meeting the Chair made an introductory statement regarding a motion made by him at the April 3, 2007, regular Council meeting regarding Council's position denying a social services grant to DERA. Councillors enquired if the Chair had been privy to legal advice not conveyed to other Councillors.

Councillor Deal rose on a Point of Order to question the validity of the Chair's ruling that he can make a statement while the rest of Council cannot respond.

Councillor Louie challenged the decision of the Chair.

The Chair then put the question:

Shall the ruling of the Chair be upheld?

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

A two-thirds majority of those present is required to overrule the decision of the chair, therefore, the decision of the Chair was UPHELD.

Council agreed on the need to go In Camera later this day in advance of any advice the City Manager might make on this matter.

NOTE FROM CLERK: A motion to go In Camera was made in the New Business portion of the Council meeting immediately following the City Services and Budgets meeting.

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ADOPTION OF MINUTES

The Minutes of the Standing Committee on City Services and Budgets meetings of March 1 and March 15, 2007, were adopted.

RECOMMENDATION

1. 2009 Juno Awards - Request for Funding (VanRIMS No. 05-5000-10)

The Committee had before it an Administrative Report dated March 10, 2007, in which the Managing Director, Cultural Services, in response to Council's direction to review and report back on a request from Music BC/Pacific Music Industry Association (PMIA) for Host City endorsement and civic funding in support of the proposed 2009 Juno Awards, provided a series of options for Council's consideration, including City and non-City sources of support. The City Manager advised it would be prudent to look at City support in the context of a Cultural Tourism Strategy, and noted a companion report which outlines a planning process to undertake development of this strategy is anticipated to be completed by December 2007.

Sue Harvey, Managing Director of Cultural Services, provided a brief overview of the report.

Bob D'Eith, Executive Director, Music BC, with the aid of an overhead presentation, described the awards, which is the number one music event in Canada, and noted Vancouver would be the perfect location for the 2009 event. Mr. D'Eith also recognized the City's contribution is essential to this bid and noted the benefits to the economy, the public, the local arts community and the Vancouver music industry, in addition to the big tourism impact the event would provide.

MOVED by Councillor Ball

THAT the Committee recommend to Council

- A. THAT Council endorse the Pacific Music Industry Association's bid to host the 2009 Juno Awards in Vancouver.
- B. THAT Council approve a grant in the amount of \$350,000 to the Pacific Music Industry Association (PMIA), subject to PMIA securing matching funds from other sources; grant funds to be allocated in three instalments - \$100,000 in 2007, \$150,000 in 2008 and \$100,000 in 2009; source of funds to be Contingency Reserve in 2007 and through an increase to the 2008 and 2009 Operating Budget.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. Review of Parking Meter Exemptions (VanRims No. 08-4100-20)

The Committee had before it an Administrative Report dated March 15, 2007, in which the General Manager of Engineering Services reviewed the parking meter exemption program in light of the new pay-by-phone system implemented in 2006, and recommended the

replacement of the parking meter exemption decals with the pay-by-phone system for all news media and senior government agencies. The City Manager recommended approval.

Also before Council was a memorandum dated March 29, 2007, in which the General Manager of Engineering Services noted there is a legal agreement with the Vancouver Coastal Health Authority for the City to provide 50 parking meter exemption decals at no cost to their Environmental Health Services staff only, and given these exemption decals are used for direct City-related operations, recommended the agreement be honoured, and recommended amendments to the report's recommendations in this regard.

Doug Louie, Parking Management Engineer, provided an overview of the report, referenced the March 29th memorandum from the General Manager of Engineering Services and circulated to Council suggested wording for an additional recommendation "D" related to the extension of parking meter exemption decals issued to Vancouver Coastal Health Authority.

Mr. Louie, along with Jerry Dobrovlny, Assistant City Engineer, Transportation, Ralph Yeomans, Manager, Parking Operations and Enforcement, and Tom Timm, General Manager of Engineering Services, responded to questions from Council which included the advantages of pay-by-phone, equity issues related to the distribution of decals in the media, misuse of decals by various media, the lack of decals provided by other municipalities surveyed, and issues associated with electronically monitoring decal vehicles.

Domenic Losito, Vancouver Coastal Health, on behalf of Dr. Blatherwick, spoke in support of staff's new recommendation "D" that would extend the expiry of the exemption decals to facilitate further consultation on a transition to the pay-by-phone system.

Barb Stackhouse, Operations Director of Community Health Centres in Vancouver, Vancouver Coastal Health, spoke in support of recommendation "D" and advised the decals are essential to the delivery of home based care to clients, some of whom require extended care. Ms. Stackhouse also noted the loss of efficiency if decals are replaced by pay-by-phone and not all home care staff have cell phones.

Alan Wright, Operations Manager, Global TV, noted the service his company provides to the city and expressed concern with the two hour parking limit, as their live satellite trucks take time to set up, and their over-height vehicles cannot park in some areas. Mr. Wright requested the current system be kept in place.

Dave Alexander, CTV, echoed points raised by Mr. Wright and spoke in support of further review by staff - especially in regard to their live satellite trucks and large camera fleet.

Mr. Dobrovlny, in response to questions from Council, confirmed the nine large media satellite trucks could be registered to allow for extended parking times.

MOVED by Councillor Stevenson
THAT the Committee recommend to Council

- A. THAT parking meter exemption decals be issued by the General Manager of Engineering Services to the following recipients only:
 - i. City/Park Board staff vehicles on City/Park Board business with a three hour time limit,
 - ii. City and Park Board elected officials,
 - iii. People with severe disabilities (who are unable to handle coins or a cell phone) for which they are the principal operator of a vehicle with a three hour time limit,
 - iv. Freedom of the City recipients for one vehicle registered to them with no time limit.
 - v. Members of Parliament and Members of the Legislative Assembly who hold seats in Vancouver ridings for one vehicle registered to them with a three hour time limit.
 - vi. Environmental Health Services staff of the Vancouver Coastal Health Authority with a three hour time limit.

- B. THAT the provision of parking meter exemption decals to all other previous recipients be discontinued and replaced by the pay-by-phone system which provides similar conveniences.

- C. THAT the net increase in parking meter revenues estimated at approximately \$25,000 in 2007 be added to Contingency Reserve, and that the net increase in parking meter revenues estimated at approximately \$127,000 in 2008 be added to the operating budget without offset.

- D. THAT the parking meter exemption decals issued to the Vancouver Coastal Health Authority staff expiring April 30, 2007, as well as the media, be extended as necessary, to facilitate further discussion with all parties on a transition to the pay-by-phone system.

Amended

AMENDMENT MOVED by Councillor Anton

THAT the words "as well as the media" and "discussion with all parties" be struck from "D" above and replaced with staff's original recommended wording to read:

- D. THAT the parking meter exemption decals issued to the Vancouver Coastal Health Authority staff expiring April 30, 2007, be extended as necessary, to facilitate further consultation on a transition to the pay-by-phone system.

CARRIED

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

AMENDMENT MOVED by Councillor Louie

THAT the word "only" be struck from "A" above, to read:

- A. THAT parking meter exemption decals be issued by the General Manager of Engineering Services to the following recipients:

LOST

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

Councillor Anton's amendment having carried and Councillor Louie's amendment having lost, the motion, as amended, was put and CARRIED with Councillors Cadman, Chow, Deal, Louie and Stevenson opposed to B.

FINAL MOTION AS APPROVED:

THAT the Committee recommend to Council

- A. THAT parking meter exemption decals be issued by the General Manager of Engineering Services to the following recipients only:
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 - ii. City and Park Board elected officials,
 - iii. People with severe disabilities (who are unable to handle coins or a cell phone) for which they are the principal operator of a vehicle with a three hour time limit,
 - iv. Freedom of the City recipients for one vehicle registered to them with no time limit.
 - v. Members of Parliament and Members of the Legislative Assembly who hold seats in Vancouver ridings for one vehicle registered to them with a three hour time limit.
 - vi. Environmental Health Services staff of the Vancouver Coastal Health Authority with a three hour time limit.
- B. THAT the provision of parking meter exemption decals to all other previous recipients be discontinued and replaced by the pay-by-phone system which provides similar conveniences.
- C. THAT the net increase in parking meter revenues estimated at approximately \$25,000 in 2007 be added to Contingency Reserve, and that the net increase in parking meter revenues estimated at approximately \$127,000 in 2008 be added to the operating budget without offset.
- D. THAT the parking meter exemption decals issued to the Vancouver Coastal Health Authority staff expiring April 30, 2007, be extended as necessary, to facilitate further consultation on a transition to the pay-by-phone system.

**3. Report Back on Child Care Capital Projects - Simon Fraser/Mt. Pleasant
(VanRims No. 05-5000-10)**

The Committee had before it an Administrative Report dated March 26, 2007, in which the Deputy General Manager, Community Services Group, in consultation with the General Manager of the Vancouver Park Board, sought Council approval in principle for the Mt. Pleasant Community Centre Association to be the operator of the new facility, and to allocate Capital funding from the 2006 Childcare Capital to:

- i. develop a conceptual design;
- ii. determine costing for a modular child care facility;
- iii. development a capital funding plan; and
- iv. leverage additional capital funds.

The City Manager acknowledged that a solution to pre school and after school care needs of children and families in the neighborhood should be found, but noted this is not a City responsibility, and therefore recommended approval of the report's recommendations, but with respect to the consideration item D, noted approval in principle of the additional \$720,000 capital grant should be considered a maximum City contribution, and it should not be expected that additional funds from the City will be forthcoming.

Carol Ann Young, Child Development Coordinator, provided a brief overview of the report. Booth Palmer, Child and Neighbourhood Services Coordinator, Park Board responded to questions from Council regarding the scheduled opening of the #1 Kingsway facility, plans for the pool in regard to the closure of Mt. Pleasant Community Centre and the expected opening date for Riley Park. Council discussed the Mt. Pleasant pool closure, opening of the Riley Park facility, and loss of the 2009 pool season; a memorandum back from staff on this matter was requested.

The following speakers addressed Council:

Phalgun Joshi, Co-Chair, Simon Fraser Elementary PAC
Nancy Chiavario, President, Mount Pleasant Community Centre Association
Caroline Abramson, Simon Fraser Elementary PAC

Points raised included:

- due to inflation, the amount recommended for release may now not be adequate;
- the lag between the completion of the new facility and closure of the existing facility (about a year) has caused much anxiety in the community;
- the existing Mt. Pleasant child care program has nothing to do with the Westcoast Child Care Resource Centre, and that needs to be clarified in staff's recommendations;
- staff's recommendation 'A' should refer to replacement of the existing facility and program - this is not clear; and
- suggest modification to additional capital allocation of \$720,000 as this is no longer 50% of the project and the MPCCA is still faced with raising \$1 million, even with money from the Province.

MOVED by Councillor Capri

THAT the Committee recommend to Council

- A. THAT Council approve up to \$25,000 for Facilities Design and Management to complete a site feasibility study, conceptual design and costing of a stand-alone modular child care facility to replace the existing facility and child care program, on the lands of the Vancouver School Board at Simon Fraser Elementary School with a report back on costs in 2007. Source of funds: 2006 Childcare Capital.
- B. THAT Council approve a grant of \$5,000 to the Mount Pleasant Community Centre Association, to be matched by the Association/Simon Fraser Elementary School-Parent Advisory Committee, to develop a fund-raising strategy to secure capital contributions towards the construction of a new child care facility. Source of funds: 2006 Childcare Capital.
- C. THAT Council approve, in principle, the Mount Pleasant Community Centre Association as the non-profit society to be the operator of the new child care facility and develop terms and conditions within a Memorandum of Understanding between Westcoast Child Care Resource Centre as a collaborative resource, Park Board, Vancouver School Board, City of Vancouver and Mount Pleasant Community Centre Association, for the development and operation of the new child care facility within the #1Kingsway/Mt. Pleasant Child Development Hub, and report back in 2008.
- D. Council approve in principle an additional capital allocation of \$720,000 in 2008 from the Childcare Capital, subject to the following conditions:
 - completion of a Memorandum of Understanding, to the satisfaction of Council;
 - a report back on the conceptual design and costing based on a feasibility study;
 - demonstration of successful fundraising of 50% of the project costs by the MPCCA;
 - approval of 2008 Capital Budget.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

(Councillor Stevenson absent for the vote)

4. Advisory Committee on Disability Issues - Annual Report for the Year 2006
(VanRIMSNo.08-3000-11)

The Committee had before it an Other Report dated January 17, 2007, in which the Advisory Committee on Disability Issues presented for information their annual report on the activities of the Committee. The City Manager submitted the report for information.

Larry Cantrell, Vice Chair, Advisory Committee on Disability Issues, was present to respond to questions from Council.

MOVED by Councillor Deal
THAT the Committee recommend to Council

THAT Council thank the Advisory Committee on Disability Issues for their work and receive their Other Report dated January 17, 2007, entitled Annual Report for the Year 2006, for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Committee adjourned at 1:06 p.m.

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CITY OF VANCOUVER

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES STANDING COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL ON CITY SERVICES AND BUDGETS

APRIL 5, 2007

A Regular Meeting of the Council of the City of Vancouver was held on Thursday, April 5, 2007, at 1:07 p.m., in the Council Chamber, Third Floor, City Hall, following the Standing Committee on City Services and Budgets 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 Raymond Louie
- Councillor Tim Stevenson

CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE: Judy Rogers, City Manager

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COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MOVED by Councillor Anton
SECONDED by Councillor Chow

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Report of Standing Committee on City Services and Budgets
April 5, 2007

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

1. 2009 Juno Awards - Request for Funding
2. Review of Parking Meter Exemptions
3. Report Back on Child Care Capital Projects - Simon Fraser/Mt. Pleasant
4. Advisory Committee on Disability Issues - Annual Report for the Year 2006

Items 1-4

MOVED by Councillor Deal

THAT the recommendations and actions taken by the Standing Committee on City Services and Budgets at its meeting of April 5, 2007, as contained in items 1-4, be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AND
ITEMS 1 AND 3 BY THE REQUIRED MAJORITY

RISE FROM COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MOVED by Councillor Ball

THAT the Committee of the Whole rise and report.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADOPT REPORT OF COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MOVED by Councillor Capri
SECONDED by Councillor Cadman

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

NEW BUSINESS

1. "IN CAMERA" MEETING (VanRIMS No. 08-2000-21)

MOVED by Councillor Louie

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):

- (i) the receipt of advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Council adjourned at 1:10 p.m.

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