



CITY OF VANCOUVER  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

MAY 1, 2007

A Regular Meeting of the Council of the City of Vancouver was held on Tuesday, May 1, 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

**PRAYER**

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

**PROCLAMATION - EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS (EP) WEEK (VanRIMS No. 01-5200-40)**

The Mayor proclaimed the week of May 6 to 12, 2007 as Emergency Preparedness (EP) Week.

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

The Mayor, on behalf of the Governor General, Her Excellency the Right Honourable Michaëlle Jean, presented a Certificate of Commendation to Andrew Choi in recognition of his rescue of his two-year-old brother from drowning in a pool at a resort in Whistler, B.C. on September 1, 2006.

## "IN CAMERA" MEETING

MOVED by Councillor Ball  
SECONDED by Councillor Lee

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;
- (c) labour relations or other employee negotiations;
- (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;
- (g) litigation or potential litigation affecting the city;
- (j) information that is prohibited, or information that if it were presented in a document would be prohibited, from disclosure under section 21 [*disclosure harmful to business interests of a third party*] of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*;
- (k) negotiations and related discussions respecting the proposed provision of an activity, work or facility that are at their preliminary stages and that, in the view of the Council, could reasonably be expected to harm the interests of the city if they were held in public.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## ADOPTION OF MINUTES

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

MOVED by Councillor Ladner  
SECONDED by Councillor Cadman

THAT the foregoing Minutes be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**2. Regular Council (Planning and Environment) - April 5, 2007**

MOVED by Councillor Capri  
SECONDED by Councillor Deal

THAT the foregoing Minutes be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**3. Business License Hearing - April 11, 2007**

MOVED by Councillor Lee  
SECONDED by Councillor Ball

THAT the foregoing Minutes be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**4. Regular Council - April 17, 2007**

MOVED by Councillor Chow  
SECONDED by Councillor Stevenson

THAT the foregoing Minutes be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

MOVED by Councillor Ball  
SECONDED by Councillor Capri

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**MATTERS ADOPTED ON CONSENT**

MOVED by Councillor Ball

THAT Council adopt Administrative Reports A1, and A5 to A8, on consent.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

1. **Queen Elizabeth Theatre Redevelopment - Audience Chamber Phase 1 - Award of Construction Contract**  
April 18, 2007 (VanRIMS No. 03-1200-11)
  - A. THAT, subject to the conditions set out in B, C and D, the General Manager of Corporate Services be authorized to enter into a contract with Heatherbrae Builders Co. Ltd. ("Heatherbrae") for the Queen Elizabeth Theatre Redevelopment - Audience Chamber Phase 1 at an estimated cost of \$12,685,000 (plus applicable taxes), with funding to be provided by the Queen Elizabeth Theatre Redevelopment Capital Budget.
  - B. THAT the Director of Legal Services be authorized to execute and deliver on behalf of Corporate Services all legal documents required to implement A above.
  - C. THAT all such legal documents be on terms and conditions satisfactory to the General Manager of Corporate Services and the Director of Legal Services.
  - D. THAT no legal rights or obligations will be created or arise by Council's adoption of A, B and C above unless and until such legal documents are executed and delivered by the Director of Legal Services.

ADOPTED ON CONSENT

2. **Electronic Records Document Management System Project (ERDMS)**  
April 9, 2007 (VanRIMS No. 04-4000-20)

MOVED by Councillor Lee

- A. THAT Council
  - (i) Approve in principle the phased implementation of a Corporate Electronic Records & Document Management System (ERDMS) at a total one time cost anticipated to be \$7.727 million (2006) and ongoing cost of \$727,000 annually upon completion;
  - (ii) Direct that the compatible records of all departments be included in the implementation; and
  - (iii) Request the Park Board, Library Board, and Police Board to endorse and participate in this initiative.
- B. THAT the first phase of the implementation begin in 2007 at an estimated one time cost of \$1.706 million and ongoing costs of \$48,500 annually beginning in 2009; source of funding for the one time costs to be \$1.0 million from 2006 Capital Budget (ERDMS) and the balance (\$706,000) to be provided from the

2007 Capital Budget (ERDMS) (RTS #06612). Source of ongoing costs to be provided by the operating budget without offset.

- C. THAT Council instruct the ERDMS Project Team to submit a request for the balance of the necessary funding (\$6.021 million) to the 2009 - 2011 Capital Plan process for consideration with other capital expenditure priorities; noting that this implies additional operating costs of \$226,000 in 2010, \$650,600 in 2011, and \$726,800 in 2012 and annually thereafter. These operating cost increases and the addition of two full time sustainment positions in 2011 will be reported to Council for approval concurrent with requests for Capital funding in those years.
- D. THAT Council authorize staff to prepare and issue a Request for Proposals related to the ERDMS software with a report back to Council on the process and project costs in November 2007.
- E. THAT Council approve the creation of a regular full time Project Manager position at an annual cost of \$105,000; source of funding to be the project budget. On completion of the ERDMS project the Project Manager will be deployed to other City Information Technology projects and funded by those projects.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. **Gender Equality Strategy - Status Update**  
**April 3, 2007 (VanRIMS No. 01-5000-12)**

MOVED by Councillor Deal

- A. THAT the Administrative Report *Gender Equality Strategy - Status Update* dated April 3, 2007, be received for information.

carried

- B. THAT staff proceed with the implementation of all the recommendations contained in the City of Vancouver Gender Equality Strategy.

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

- A. THAT the Administrative Report *Gender Equality Strategy - Status Update* dated April 3, 2007, be received for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- B. THAT staff proceed with the implementation of all the recommendations contained in the City of Vancouver Gender Equality Strategy.

LOST

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

4. **One Day One School - Progress Report on the Active and Safe Trips to School Pilot Program**  
April 10, 2007 (VanRIMS No. 11-2000-14)

MOVED by Councillor Louie

THAT the Administrative Report *One Day One School - Progress Report on the Active and Safe Trips to School Pilot Program* dated April 10, 2007 be received for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5. **Community Consultations on 2010 Celebrations**  
March 21, 2007 (VanRIMS No. 08-8000-20)

- A. THAT staff continue with its efforts to solicit community input on Olympic and Paralympic celebrations through the following activities:
- An interactive display at the Pacific Nation Exhibition,
  - Host City kiosks/information booths at community events,
  - A public website to solicit feedback, and
  - A community "Ideas Forum"/open house.
- B. Following the activities outlined in A above, staff report back on the recommended next steps to initiate a program of community celebrations.

ADOPTED ON CONSENT

6. **2007 Vancouver Sport Hosting Grant Allocations**  
April 19, 2007 (VanRIMS No. 05-5000-10)

THAT Council approve Major Sport Hosting Grants totalling \$46,000 as listed in the Administrative Report *2007 Vancouver Sport Hosting Grant Allocations* dated April 19, 2007. Source of funds to be the 2007 Sport Hosting Grant Budget.

ADOPTED ON CONSENT AND  
BY THE REQUIRED MAJORITY

7. **Southeast False Creek and Olympic Village - Award of Contract C107 for Waterfront Construction**  
**April 24, 2007 (VanRIMS No. 05-1000-30)**

- A. THAT a budget of \$14,000,000.00 be approved for the waterfront construction of Southeast False Creek ("SEFC") Area 2A and related work (collectively, "Waterfront Construction"), with funding to be provided by the Property Endowment Fund: Southeast False Creek Development.
- B. THAT, subject to the conditions set out in C, D and E below, the City Manager be authorized to enter into a contract with Wilco Landscape Contractors Ltd. ("Wilco") for the Waterfront Construction of SEFC Area 2A at an estimated cost of \$12,240,208.00 plus GST, with funding to be provided by the budget established pursuant to A above.
- C. THAT the Director of Legal Services be authorized to execute and deliver on behalf of the City all legal documents required to implement B above.
- D. THAT all such legal documents be on terms and conditions satisfactory to the City Manager and the Director of Legal Services.
- E. THAT no legal rights or obligations will be created or arise by Council's adoption of B, C and D above unless and until such legal documents are executed and delivered by the Director of Legal Services.

ADOPTED ON CONSENT

8. **Southeast False Creek: Foreshore Maintenance**  
**April 17, 2007 (VanRIMS No. 05-1000-30)**

THAT starting in 2008, the following budgets be increased, without offset and subject to annual budget reviews, for the added cost of maintaining the new foreshore works being installed in Southeast False Creek (SEFC).

Electrical Operating and Maintenance	\$10,000
Sanitation Operating and Maintenance	\$12,700
Streets Operating and Maintenance	\$ 6,000

ADOPTED ON CONSENT

9. **2007 Property Taxation: Taxation Bylaws and Averaging Resolutions  
April 26, 2007 (VanRIMS 05-4200-10)**

MOVED by Councillor Anton

THAT Council receive the Administrative Report *2007 Property Taxation: Taxation Bylaws and Averaging Resolutions* dated April 26, 2007, for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**RISE FROM COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

MOVED by Councillor Anton

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 Ball  
SECONDED by Councillor Lee

THAT Council, except for those members excused as noted in the agenda, enact the by-laws listed on the agenda for this meeting as numbers 1 to 5 inclusive, and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign and seal the enacted by-laws.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

1. **A By-law to amend Noise Control By-law No. 6555 (re Olympic Village {51, 85, 199 and 215 West 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue; 1599 and 1651 Ontario Street; 1598 and 1650 Columbia Street}) (By-law No. 9466)**
2. **A By-law to amend Noise Control By-law No. 6555 (re Pacific Centre {701 Granville Street, 701 West Georgia Street, 777 Dunsmuir Street, and 700 West Pender Street}) (By-law No. 9467)**



3. A By-law to amend Noise Control By-law No. 6555 (re 360 West 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue) (By-law No. 9468)
4. A By-law to levy rates on all taxable real property in the City of Vancouver to raise a sum which, added to the estimated revenue of the City of Vancouver from other sources, will be sufficient to pay all debts and obligations of the City of Vancouver falling due within the year 2007 and not otherwise provided for (By-law No. 9469)
5. A By-law to levy a rate on property to raise monies required to be paid to the Greater Vancouver Regional District (By-law No. 9470)

### MOTIONS

#### A. Administrative Motions

1. Establishing Road on the west side of Knight Street, between 49<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 51<sup>st</sup> Avenue, adjacent to 6645 Knight Street, for a widening strip for the installation of left turn bays on Knight Street at 49<sup>th</sup> Avenue (VanRIMS No. 13-2000-30)

MOVED by Councillor Anton  
SECONDED by Councillor Deal

THAT WHEREAS the registered owner will be conveying to the City of Vancouver for road purposes lands in the City of Vancouver, Province of British Columbia, more particularly known and described as follows:

All that portion of Amended Lot 28 (See 187312L), Block 2, District Lot 739, Plan 1645, Group 1, New Westminster District, as shown heavy outlined on plan of survey completed March 21, 2007, attested to by Eric I. Kaardal, B.C.L.S. and marginally numbered LB893.

AND WHEREAS it is deemed expedient and in the public interest to accept and allocate the said lands for road purposes.

BE IT RESOLVED that the above described lands to be conveyed are hereby accepted and allocated for road purposes and declared to form and to constitute a portion of a road.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. Tax Levies for Provincial Schools (VanRIMS No. 05-4200-10)

MOVED by Councillor Lee  
SECONDED by Councillor Anton

THAT WHEREAS pursuant to Section 119(3) of the *School Act*, the Surveyor of Taxes for the Province of British Columbia in each year levies a tax on the net taxable value of all land and improvements in the City of Vancouver;

AND WHEREAS on April 25, 2007 by Orders-in-Council, the Lieutenant-Governor in Council levied the following tax rates on Class 1 - residential, Class 5 - light industry and Class 6 - business and other:

Class 1 - residential	1.66850
Class 5 - light industry	7.90000
Class 6 - business and other	7.90000

being dollars of tax for each one thousand dollars of taxable value, for the 2007 taxation year, which when applied to the net taxable value of all land and improvements in the respective Classes in the City of Vancouver would raise the following sums:

Class 1 - residential	\$ 188,559,085
Class 5 - light industry	\$ 2,983,678
Class 6 - business and other	\$ 166,711,400

AND WHEREAS on March 15, 2007, pursuant to provisions of the *Vancouver Charter*, Council approved Bylaw 9449 which authorized adjustment of the net taxable value of land in Class 1 - residential, Class 5 - light industry and Class 6 - business and other, within the City of Vancouver;

AND WHEREAS the net taxable value and the adjusted taxable value pursuant to the Council by-law of March 15, 2007, of land in the above-noted Classes subject to taxation under the *School Act* for the year 2007 are as follows:

	<u>Net Taxable Value</u>	<u>Adjusted Taxable Value</u>
Class 1 - residential	\$ 113,011,138,766	\$ 97,423,541,535
Class 5 - light industry	377,680,800	336,731,129
Class 6 - business & other	21,102,708,804	18,627,552,500

AND WHEREAS Council is obliged to vary the rate set by the Lieutenant-Governor in Council in order to produce the same amount of revenue that would have been raised if the net taxable value of the specified land had not been adjusted;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, in the case of Class 1 - residential, the rate of 1.93546 is hereby substituted for the rate of 1.6685; and in the case of Class 5 - light industry, the rate of 8.86071 is substituted for the rate of 7.90000; and in the case of Class 6 - business and other, the rate of 8.94972 is substituted for the rate of 7.90000 for taxation pursuant to the *School Act* within the City of Vancouver for the 2007 taxation year.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. Tax Levies for British Columbia Assessment Authority (VanRIMS No. 05-4200-10)

MOVED by Councillor Lee  
SECONDED by Councillor Anton

THAT WHEREAS pursuant to Section 17(2) of the *Assessment Authority Act*, the British Columbia Assessment Authority in each year levies a tax on the net taxable value of all land and improvements in the City of Vancouver (excluding property that is taxable for school purposes only by special act);

AND WHEREAS on March 15, 2007, the Authority, levied the following tax rates on Class 1 - residential, Class 5 - light industry and Class 6 - business and other:

Class 1 - residential	0.0677
Class 5 - light industry	0.2227
Class 6 - business and other	0.2227

being dollars of tax for each one thousand dollars of taxable value, for the 2007 taxation year, which when applied to the net taxable value of all land and improvements in the respective Classes in the City of Vancouver (excluding property taxable for school purposes only by special act) would raise the following sums:

Class 1 - residential	\$ 7,650,785
Class 5 - light industry	\$ 84,110
Class 6 - business and other	\$ 4,680,260

AND WHEREAS on March 15, 2007, pursuant to provisions of the *Vancouver Charter*, Council approved Bylaw 9449 which authorized adjustment of the net taxable value of land in Class 1 - residential, Class 5 - light industry and Class 6 - business and other, within the City of Vancouver;

AND WHEREAS the net taxable value and the adjusted taxable value pursuant to the Council by-law of March 15, 2007, of land in the above-noted Classes subject to taxation under the *British Columbia Assessment Authority Act* for the year 2007 are as follows:

	<u>Net Taxable Value</u>	<u>Adjusted Taxable Value</u>
Class 1 - residential	\$ 113,010,113,166	\$ 97,422,515,935
Class 5 - light industry	377,680,800	336,731,129
Class 6 - business & other	21,015,985,004	18,554,949,066

AND WHEREAS Council is obliged to vary the rate set by the British Columbia Assessment Authority in order to produce the same amount of revenue that would have been raised if the net taxable value of the specified land had not been adjusted;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, in the case of Class 1 - residential, the rate of 0.07853 is hereby substituted for the rate of 0.06770; and in the case of Class 5 - light industry, the rate of 0.24978 is substituted for the rate of 0.22270; and in the case of Class 6 - business and other, the rate of 0.25224 is substituted for the rate of 0.22270 for taxation pursuant to the *Assessment Authority* within the City of Vancouver for the 2007 taxation year.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. **Tax Levies for Municipal Finance Authority of British Columbia**  
(VanRIMS No. 05-4200-10)

MOVED by Councillor Lee  
SECONDED by Councillor Anton

THAT WHEREAS pursuant to Section 17 and 18 of the *Municipal Finance Authority Act*, the Municipal Finance Authority of BC in each year levies a tax on the net taxable value of all land and improvements in the City of Vancouver (excluding property that is taxable for school purposes only by special act);

AND WHEREAS on March 15, 2007, the Authority, with the approval of the Lieutenant-Governor in Council, levied the following tax rates on Class 1 - residential, Class 5 - light industry and Class 6 - business and other:

Class 1 - residential	0.00030
Class 5 - light industry	0.00050
Class 6 - business and other	0.00010

being dollars of tax for each one thousand dollars of taxable value, for the 2007 taxation year, which when applied to the net taxable value of all land and improvements in the respective Classes in the City of Vancouver (excluding property taxable for school purposes only by special act) would raise the following sums:

Class 1 - residential	\$ 33,903
Class 5 - light industry	\$ 189
Class 6 - business and other	\$ 2,102

AND WHEREAS on March 15, 2007, pursuant to provisions of the *Vancouver Charter*, Council approved Bylaw 9449 which authorized adjustment of the net taxable value of land in Class 1 - residential, Class 5 - light industry and Class 6 - business and other, within the City of Vancouver;

AND WHEREAS the net taxable value and the adjusted taxable value pursuant to the Council by-law of March 15, 2007, of land in the above-noted Classes subject to taxation under the *Municipal Finance Authority Act* for the year 2007 are as follows:

	<u>Net Taxable Value</u>	<u>Adjusted Taxable Value</u>
Class 1 - residential	\$ 113,010,113,166	\$ 97,422,515,935
Class 5 - light industry	377,680,800	336,731,129
Class 6 - business & other	21,015,985,004	18,554,949,066

AND WHEREAS Council is obliged to vary the rate set by the Municipal Finance Authority in order to produce the same amount of revenue that would have been raised if the net taxable value of the specified land had not been adjusted;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, in the case of Class 1 - residential, the rate of 0.00035 is hereby substituted for the rate of 0.00030; and in the case of Class 5 - light industry, the rate of 0.00056 is substituted for the rate of 0.00050; and in the case of Class 6 - business and other, the rate of 0.00011 is substituted for the rate of 0.00010 for taxation pursuant to the *Municipal Finance Authority Act* within the City of Vancouver for the 2007 taxation year.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5. Tax Levies for Greater Vancouver Transportation Authority (VanRIMS No. 05-4200-10)

MOVED by Councillor Lee  
SECONDED by Councillor Anton

THAT WHEREAS pursuant to Section 25(9) of the *Greater Vancouver Transportation Act*, the Greater Vancouver Transportation Authority in each year levies a tax on the net taxable value of all land and improvements in the City of Vancouver (excluding property that is taxable for school purposes only by special act);

AND WHEREAS, on March 5, 2007, the Authority levied the following tax rates on Class 1 - residential, Class 5 - light industry and Class 6 - business and other:

Class 1 - residential	0.3687
Class 5 - light industry	2.5901
Class 6 - business and other	1.8648

being dollars of tax for each one thousand dollars of taxable value, for the 2007 taxation year, which when applied to the net taxable value of all land and improvements in the respective classes in the City of Vancouver (excluding property taxable for school purposes only by special act) would raise the following sums:

Class 1 - residential	\$41,666,829
Class 5 - light industry	\$ 978,231
Class 6 - business and other	\$39,190,609

AND WHEREAS on March 15, 2007, pursuant to provisions of the *Vancouver Charter*, Council approved Bylaw 9449 which authorized adjustment of the net taxable value of land in Class 1 - residential, Class 5 - light industry and Class 6 - business and other, within the City of Vancouver;

AND WHEREAS the net taxable value and the adjusted taxable value pursuant to the Council by-law of March 15, 2007, of land in the above-noted Classes subject to taxation under the *Greater Vancouver Transportation Act* for the year 2007 are as follows:

	<u>Net Taxable Value</u>	<u>Adjusted Taxable Value</u>
Class 1 - residential	\$ 113,010,113,166	\$ 97,422,515,935
Class 5 - light industry	377,680,800	336,731,129
Class 6 - business & other	21,015,985,004	18,554,949,066

AND WHEREAS Council is obliged to vary the rate set by the Greater Vancouver Transportation Authority in order to produce the same amount of revenue that would have been raised if the net taxable value of the specified land had not been adjusted;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, in the case of Class 1 - residential, the rate of 0.42769 is hereby substituted for the rate of 0.3687; and in the case of Class 5 - light industry, the rate of 2.90508 is substituted for the rate of 2.5901; and in the case of Class 6 - business and other, the rate of 2.11214 is substituted for the rate of 1.8648 for taxation pursuant to the *Greater Vancouver Transportation Act* within the City of Vancouver for the 2007 taxation year.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**B. Motions on Notice**

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

MOVED by Councillor Louie

SECONDED by Councillor Deal

THAT Councillor Cadman be granted a Leave of Absence from the following meetings being held on May 15<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>, 2007 for his attendance at the ICLEI -Clinton Climate Initiative: Large Cities Event Conference to be held in New York.

- Standing Committee on Transportation and Traffic, Council and the Public Hearing meetings to be held on May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2007;
- Standing Committee on City Services and Budgets, Standing Committee on Planning and Environment meetings to be held on May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2007; and
- The proposed Public Hearing back-up scheduled for the evening of May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2007.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## NEW BUSINESS

1. **Greater Vancouver Transportation Authority Amendment Act Bill 36—2007**  
(VanRIMS No. 13-1400-20)

MOVED by Councillor Louie  
SECONDED by Councillor Deal

WHEREAS the new legislation that will change TransLink severely curtails the City of Vancouver's input; and

WHEREAS Vancouver provides over half of the ridership of TransLink, yet will have nowhere near the authority on transit issues relative to its contribution; and

WHEREAS not a single submissions to the TransLink Governance Review Panel, suggested the new structure; and

WHEREAS the goals of regional planning will no longer determine the provision of transit services, which seriously threatens the future livability of the GVRD; and

WHEREAS the Council of Mayors are not given a weighted vote when selecting a Transit commissioner, who has the power to raise transit fares; and

WHEREAS with property tax increases limited to 3% per year, and gas taxes to increase only in proportion to property and fare increases, it appears any transit expansion will rely heavily on transit fare increases, which will affect Vancouver riders the most; and

WHEREAS members of the Transit Board of Directors cannot be removed by the Council of Mayors, but only by the Board itself; and

WHEREAS the granting of planning and decision-making powers into an unelected board is an insult to local business and residential taxpayers, along with transit riders;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Vancouver City Council request the Mayor immediately schedule a meeting with the Minister of Transportation to strongly express and explain Council's opposition and rejection of the changes to Translink.

### Notice

Councillor Ladner called Notice under Section 5.4(c) of the Procedure By-law. The Motion will be considered at the Regular Council meeting immediately following the Standing Committee on City Services and Budgets meeting on May 3, 2007.

On a point of order from Councillor Louie, the Chair ruled that Councillor Louie had moved the motion and had the opportunity to introduce it. Councillor Louie challenged the ruling of the Chair.

The Chair then put the question:

Shall the ruling of the Chair be sustained?

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

A two-thirds majority of those present is required to overrule the ruling of the Chair.  
Therefore, the ruling of the Chair was SUSTAINED.

#### NOTICE OF MOTION

1. "Make School Seismic Safety in Vancouver a Priority" (VanRIMS No. 06-2000-01)

Councillor Louie submitted the following motion, which was recognized by the Chair, for consideration at the Regular Council meeting on May 15, 2007.

WHEREAS in October 2004 a provincial assessment found that 311 schools in BC are "at high risk of sustaining severe damage to structural elements in the event of a moderate to strong earthquake;" and

WHEREAS in November 2004, Premier Campbell made a \$1.5 billion, 15-year commitment to seeing all BC schools meet seismic life safety standards by 2019; and

WHEREAS last year no additional Vancouver schools were approved for seismic upgrading; and

WHEREAS in spring 2005, the government committed to fast-tracking 80 BC schools to be seismically completed within three years; and

WHEREAS as of April 2007, work has been completed on only four of the 80 schools set aside for fast-tracked upgrades;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Vancouver City Council

- 1) request the Mayor send a letter of concern on this issue to the provincial government; and
- 2) request information from the VSB about the state of Vancouver schools needing seismic upgrading, along with their plans to have all Vancouver schools seismically upgraded within 15 years.

Notice



## ENQUIRIES AND OTHER MATTERS

### 1. Ken Dobell's Contract with the City (VanRIMS No. 06-6200-10)

Councillor Deal requested the Mayor to request the City Manager to make all documents pertaining to Mr. Dobell's contract work with the City transparent to the public, including billable hours.

The Mayor agreed to look into the matter.

### 2. Third Stage Grievances (VanRIMS No. 07-1200-20)

Councillor Louie requested the City Manager to provide a memorandum on the number of third stage grievances over the last 5 years: the number which were settled; the total number of arbitrations; who received awards; and the list separated by unions.

The City Manager advised that information was provided to Council a year ago.

MOVED by Councillor Louie  
SECONDED by Councillor Deal

THAT the requested information on third stage grievances be provided to Council.

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

The Council adjourned at 4:55 p.m.

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