



## REPORT TO COUNCIL

### STANDING COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL ON CITY SERVICES AND BUDGETS

MAY 3, 2007

A Regular Meeting of the Standing Committee of Council on City Services and Budgets was held on Thursday, May 3, 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:** Brent MacGregor, Deputy 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 City Services and Budgets meeting of April 5, 2007, were adopted.

#### RECOMMENDATION

1. **2006 Annual Report on Council Remuneration and Expenses**  
(VanRIMS No.: 08-2200-01)

The Committee had before it an Administrative Report dated April 12, 2007, in which the General Manager of Corporate Services/Director of Finance submitted for Council's information the 2006 Annual Report on Council Remuneration and Expenses in accordance with Section 196A of the Vancouver Charter.

Esther Lee, Director of Financial Services, provided a brief review of the report.

MOVED by Councillor Capri  
THAT the Committee recommend to Council

THAT Council receive for information the Administrative Report dated April 12, 2007, entitled "2006 Annual Report on Council Remuneration and Expenses".

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY  
(Councillor Chow absent for the vote.)

**2. Report Back: Approval of 2007 Street Cleaning Grant (VanRIMS No.: 13-6200-30)**

The Committee had before it an Administrative Report dated April 16, 2007, in which the General Manager of Engineering Services sought Council's approval for a grant of \$60,000 to Family Services of Greater Vancouver - Street Youth Job Action from the 2007 Street Cleaning Operating Budget to support job and life skills training opportunities for youth with employment barriers through supplemental street cleaning services.

Chris Underwood, Solid Waste Management, responded to a question in relation to the program's success.

MOVED by Councillor Anton  
THAT the Committee recommend to Council

THAT Council approve a Street Cleaning Grant of \$60,000 to Family Services of Greater Vancouver - Street Youth Job Action to supplement cleaning of sidewalks, lanes and public spaces by City forces, with previously approved funding from the 2007 Street Cleaning Operating Budget.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY  
(Mayor Sullivan absent for the vote.)

**3. Parking Corporation of Vancouver (EasyPark) 2006 Year End Review and 2007 Operating and Capital Budgets (VanRIMS No.: 13-5500-40)**

The Committee had before it an Administrative Report dated April 16, 2007, in which the General Manager of Engineering Services and General Manager of Corporate Services reviewed the 2006 financial performance of EasyPark, provided information on EasyPark's 2007 Operating Budget and sought Council's approval for the 2007 EasyPark Capital Budget.

Doug Louie, Parking Management Engineer, reviewed the report and explained the rationale for staff's recommendations. Mr. Louie also introduced Doug Mitchell, Director of Business Support Services, Jack Chen, Business Consultant, Ken Bayne, Director of Financial Planning and Treasury, and Mel McKinney, General Manager, EasyPark/Parking Corporation of Vancouver, who were available to respond to questions.

Staff and Mr. McKinney, together with Jerry Dobrovolny, Assistant City Engineer, Transportation, and Brent MacGregor, Deputy City Manager, responded to questions concerning the allocation of parking revenue, the number of off-street stalls operated by EasyPark in the Downtown core and the occupancy of those stalls, incentives for hybrid vehicles and other operational-related questions, including mitigation of deficiencies.

MOVED by Councillor Lee

THAT the Committee recommend to Council

- A. THAT Council receive the summary of the EasyPark 2006 financial results and the summary of the 2007 Operating Budget for information.
- B. THAT Council approve the EasyPark 2007 Capital Budget totalling \$1,879,700; source of funding to be \$1,867,300 from the Parking Site Reserve and \$12,400 from the Property Endowment Fund.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**4. Parking Requirement Standards for Multiple Residential Use  
(VanRIMS No.: 13-5500-20)**

The Committee had before it an Administrative Report dated April 18, 2007, in which the General Manager of Engineering Services sought Council's approval to lower parking requirements for multiple dwellings and that these requirements be made more consistent throughout the city.

The Committee also had before it a Memorandum dated May 3, 2007 (*on file*), from the Assistant City Engineer, Transportation, advising of a correction to the report as follows:

The reference to Parking by-law Sections 4.2.1.2 and 4.2.1.3 on page 1 of Appendix A should read "4.2.1.3 and 4.2.1.4".

Jerry Dobrovolny, Assistant City Engineer - Transportation, and Paul Pinsker, Parking Management, gave a presentation on changes to parking standards and reviewed future initiatives. Messrs. Dobrovolny and Pinsker responded to questions related to the changes in parking policies, initiatives that have led to the reduction in residential parking standards and whether staff are doing comparable work for industrial parking.

MOVED by Councillor Deal

THAT the Committee recommend to Council

THAT the Parking By-law be amended to reduce parking requirements for multiple dwellings generally as contained in Appendix A of the Administrative Report dated April 18, 2007, entitled "Parking Requirement Standards for Multiple Residential Use" ,

as amended to reflect a correction put forward by staff at the Standing Committee on City Services and Budgets meeting on May 3, 2007; and

FURTHER THAT the Director of Legal Services be instructed to prepare and bring forward the necessary amending by-law for enactment generally in accordance with Appendix A of the above-noted report.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5. **Reconsideration of Community Services Grants Applications - 2007**  
(VanRIMS No.: 05-5000-10)

The Committee had before it an Administrative Report dated April 20, 2007, in which the Director of Social Planning provided information on reconsideration requests of five Community Services Grants applicants, and made recommendations on these requests. She also included consideration of a terminating grant for the DERA Seniors' Coordinator. The General Manager of Community Services recommended approval of Recommendations A to D and submitted Consideration E for Council's consideration.

Mary Clare Zak, Director, Social Planning, provided a brief review of the report, and introduced Anne Kloppenborg and Michel Vernooy, Social Planners, who were available to respond to questions.

The following grant applicants spoke in support of their reconsideration requests:

Jocelyne Hamel, Mount Pleasant Neighbourhood House (MPNH)  
Nicky Dunlop, Program Coordinator, Downtown Eastside Residents Association (DERA)  
*(brief distributed - on file)*  
Judy McGuire, Network of Inner City Community Services Society  
Mary Pullen, Atira Women's Resources Society  
Danielle Bisnar, Board Member, Philippine Women Centre of BC

A summary of speakers' comments follow:

- MPNH is poised to play a key role in the Mount Pleasant Planning Process but must achieve a lot with very little resources; therefore, seeking Council's support to increase the grant allocation in order to secure a part-time position to assist with the implementation of this plan;
- DERA is submitting a request for reconsideration of the refusal by Council to renew the funding of the organization for the provision of the DERA Seniors Program for 2007 as the eligibility criteria were misapplied;
- Network of Inner City Community Services Society is seeking reconsideration of the applications by the Vancouver Roving Leaders and Hastings Street Media Lab as these programs are seeing the participation of youth that were becoming lost to the streets and are also helping use City resources in a much better way;

- Atira Women's Resource Society points out that the Enterprising Women Making Art program has been operating since August of 2003 and has been extremely important to participants in the Downtown Eastside community; in addition, Atira has been actively seeking long-term funding which has been very challenging; and
- Philippine Women Centre of BC is requesting support for an additional staff member given the growing needs in this community and growing demand for the programs offered; this is the only women's centre serving the Philippine community in BC.

Jamie Lee Hamilton, The Pendera Tenant's Association, spoke in general opposition to Consideration E in staff's report. She noted that although she is in support of awarding a grant for a Chinese Seniors' Coordinator, she expressed concern with regard to the Downtown Eastside Residents' Association (DERA) administering this grant and highlighted some issues with respect to the services provided by the organization in the past (*related materials distributed - on file*).

Sid Tan spoke in opposition to Consideration E in staff's report and requested Council reconsider its actions in terminating the grant for the DERA Seniors' Coordinator, noting the message being sent to Chinese Seniors is of a political nature. He added that he has worked with Chinese Seniors for 23 years, has been the DERA Seniors' Coordinator for over 6 months and has advocated for this marginalized group, helping them to speak out.

Staff responded to questions in relation to the comments provided by the foregoing speakers, the criteria involved in reconsidering grant applications and whether there are other potential funding sources available for the grant applicants.

MOVED by Councillor Stevenson  
THAT the Committee recommend to Council

- A. THAT Council approve a Community Services Grant of \$15,000 to Network Two Community Services Society - Vancouver Roving Leaders. Source of funding is the 2007 Community Services Grants budget.
- B. THAT Council approve a Community Services Grant of \$58,168 to Mount Pleasant Neighbourhood House. Source of funding is the 2007 Community Services Grants budget.
- C. THAT Council approve a Community Services Grant of \$18,208 to the Philippine Women Centre. Source of funding is the 2007 Community Services Grants budget.
- D. THAT Council NOT approve a Community Services Grant to the following Agencies:

Atira Women's Resources; and  
Network Two Community Services Society - Hastings Street Media Lab.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOVED by Councillor Stevenson  
THAT the Committee recommend to Council

THAT Council approve a six-month grant of \$15,600 to the Downtown Eastside Residents' Association. Source of funding is the 2007 Community Services Grants budget; and

FURTHER THAT Council request staff to review and report back on the success of the program over the six-month period with a view of continuation into the future.

lost

AMENDMENT MOVED by Councillor Cadman

THAT the Motion be amended by striking out the words "approve a six-month grant of \$15,600 to the Downtown Eastside Residents' Association" and replacing with the words "grant the Downtown Eastside Residents' Association the full \$31,200, as recommended by staff".

LOST

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

The amendment having lost, Councillor Stevenson's Motion was put and LOST, with Councillors Anton, Ball, Capri, Ladner, Lee and Mayor Sullivan opposed.

MOVED by Councillor Anton  
THAT the Committee recommend to Council

E. THAT Council approve funding to cover the period of January 1 to April 3, 2007, to the Downtown Eastside Residents' Association. Source of funding is the 2007 Community Services Grants Budgets.

carried

MOVED by Councillor Louie  
THAT the Committee recommend to Council

THAT Council continue debate on Item 5, the Reconsideration of Community Services Grants Applications - 2007.

LOST

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

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*The Committee recessed at 1:05 p.m. and reconvened at 2:00 p.m., all members present with the exception of Councillor Stevenson.*

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AMENDMENT MOVED by Councillor Cadman

THAT Motion E be amended to strike out the words "April 3" and replace with the words "June 30".

LOST

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

AMENDMENT MOVED by Councillor Louie

THAT Motion E be amended by striking out all the words and replacing them with the following:

THAT Council approve a prorated grant to the Downtown Eastside Residents' Association until an alternate service provider can be secured. Source of funding is the 2007 Community Services Grants Budgets.

LOST

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

The amendments having lost, Motion E was put and CARRIED, with Councillors Cadman, Chow, Deal and Louie opposed and Councillor Stevenson absent for the vote.

#### **MOTION AS APPROVED**

THAT the Committee recommend to Council

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- C. THAT Council approve a Community Services Grant of \$18,208 to the Philippine Women Centre. Source of funding is the 2007 Community Services Grants budget.

- D. THAT Council NOT approve a Community Services Grant to the following Agencies:
- Atira Women's Resources; and  
Network Two Community Services Society - Hastings Street Media Lab.
- E. THAT Council approve funding to cover the period of January 1 to April 3, 2007, to the Downtown Eastside Residents' Association. Source of funding is the 2007 Community Services Grants Budgets.

*NOTE FROM CLERK: Motion E subsequently LOST in the Council meeting immediately following this meeting, not having received the required majority.*

The Committee adjourned at 2:25 p.m.

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**CITY OF VANCOUVER**

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

**MAY 3, 2007**

A Regular Meeting of the Council of the City of Vancouver was held on Thursday, May 3, 2007, at 2:25 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

**ABSENT:** Councillor Tim Stevenson

**CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE:** Brent MacGregor, Deputy City Manager

**CITY CLERK'S OFFICE:** Tina Hildebrandt, Meeting Coordinator

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

MOVED by Councillor Ladner  
SECONDED by Councillor Anton

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY  
(Councillor Deal absent for the vote)

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Report of Standing Committee on City Services and Budgets  
May 3, 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. 2006 Annual Report on Council Remuneration and Expenses
2. Report Back: Approval of 2007 Street Cleaning Grant
3. Parking Corporation of Vancouver (EasyPark) 2006 Year End Review and 2007 Operating and Capital Budgets
4. Parking Requirement Standards for Multiple Residential Use
5. Reconsideration of Community Services Grants Applications - 2007

**Items 1 - 4**

MOVED by Councillor Ball

THAT the recommendations and actions taken by the Standing Committee on City Services and Budgets at its meeting of Thursday, May 3, 2007, as contained in Items 1 - 4, be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AND  
ITEM 2 BY THE REQUIRED MAJORITY

**Item 5**

MOVED by Councillor Ball

THAT the recommendations and actions taken by the Standing Committee on City Services and Budgets at its meeting of Thursday, May 3, 2007, as contained in Item 5 below, be approved:

- A. THAT Council approve a Community Services Grant of \$15,000 to Network Two Community Services Society - Vancouver Roving Leaders. Source of funding is the 2007 Community Services Grants budget;
- B. THAT Council approve a Community Services Grant of \$58,168 to Mount Pleasant Neighbourhood House. Source of funding is the 2007 Community Services Grants budget;
- C. THAT Council approve a Community Services Grant of \$18,208 to the Philippine Women Centre. Source of funding is the 2007 Community Services Grants budget;
- D. THAT Council NOT approve a Community Services Grant to the following Agencies:

Atira Women's Resources; and  
Network Two Community Services Society - Hastings Street Media Lab.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AND  
BY THE REQUIRED MAJORITY

MOVED by Councillor Ball

- E. THAT Council approve a six-month terminating grant of \$15,600 to the Downtown Eastside Residents' Association. Source of funding is the 2007 Community Services Grants budget.

LOST NOT HAVING RECEIVED  
THE REQUIRED MAJORITY  
(Councillors Cadman, Chow, Deal and Louie opposed.)

#### RISE FROM COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MOVED by Councillor Chow

THAT the Committee of the Whole rise and report.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

#### ADOPT REPORT OF COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MOVED by Councillor Lee  
SECONDED by Councillor Ball

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

#### MOTIONS

##### A. Administrative Motions

None

##### B. Motions on Notice

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.

not put

The Chair ruled the Motion out of order as this matter has been dealt with at a previous meeting.

Councillor Cadman rose on a point of order concerning the Chair's ruling and challenged the ruling of the Chair.

The Chair then put the question:

Shall the ruling of the Chair be sustained?

(Councillors Cadman, Chow, Deal and Louie 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.

The Council adjourned at 2:35 p.m.

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