

*(These Minutes to be adopted at the Regular Council meeting on June 12, 2007)*



## REPORT TO COUNCIL

### STANDING COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL ON TRANSPORTATION AND TRAFFIC

MAY 15, 2007

A Regular Meeting of the Standing Committee of Council on Transportation and Traffic was held on Tuesday, May 15, 2007, at 9:30 a.m., in the Council Chamber, Third Floor, City Hall.

**PRESENT:** Councillor B.C. Lee, Chair  
\*Mayor Sam Sullivan  
Councillor Suzanne Anton  
Councillor Elizabeth Ball, Vice-Chair  
Councillor Kim Capri  
Councillor George Chow  
Councillor Peter Ladner  
Councillor Raymond Louie  
Councillor Tim Stevenson

**ABSENT:** Councillor David Cadman (Leave of Absence - Civic Business)  
Councillor Heather Deal (Leave of Absence - Civic Business)

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

**CITY CLERK'S OFFICE:** Pat Boomhower, Meeting Coordinator

\* Denotes absence for a portion of the meeting.

### RECOMMENDATION

1. 2007 Traffic Signal Program (VanRIMS No. 13-5000-30)

The Committee had before it an Administrative Report dated May 1, 2007, in which the General Manager of Engineering Services sought approval of the 2007 Traffic Signal Program.

Sarah Tardiff, Traffic Management Branch, reviewed the report and locations for pedestrian-controlled signals, a signal retrofit and signal modifications. Ms. Tardiff also noted partner agency representatives from the Vancouver Police Department and ICBC present to respond to questions.

Ms. Tardiff, along with Tom Timm, General Manager of Engineering Services, and Jerry Dobrovolny, Assistant City Engineer - Transportation, responded to questions regarding plans for SW Marine Drive, design and future funding requirements, number of signal requests and priority lists, traffic after Canada Line completion, ticketing to address driver behaviour, and power connections for signals.

Heather Gascoigne, Principal, Sir Sandford Fleming School, spoke in favour of a pedestrian-activated signal for crossing 49<sup>th</sup> Avenue at Dumfries Street, and presented a petition on behalf of the Parents Advisory Committee (*250 signatures submitted - on file*). Ms. Gascoigne cited safety concerns for students crossing at 49<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Knight Street, problems of motorists not yielding to pedestrians, pedestrian congestion at the Knight Street corner, and the number of accidents and near misses.

Diane King, Acting Chair, Southwest Marine Drive Ratepayers Association, expressed disappointment that the main part of SW Marine Drive was not on the 2007 list for signal improvements, noting length of time they have lobbied for improvements, not knowing about locations selected until it is reported, traffic volume, trucks and buses using the street and liveability issues. She recommended changes to the evaluation process and the list criteria be expanded to factor distance between crosswalks, and streets used as truck routes.

Staff responded to questions on criteria and consultation, monitoring SW Marine Drive and 49<sup>th</sup> Avenue, block length, and intersection improvements requiring less capital investment.

MOVED by Councillor Anton

THAT the Committee recommend to Council

- A. THAT Council approve the 2007 Traffic Signal Program and that the General Manager of Engineering Services be authorized to install and modify the pedestrian and traffic signals, as described in the Administrative report dated May 1, 2007, entitled *2007 Traffic Signal Program*; the total program cost is \$1,939,000 with funding sources as follows:
  - \$1,365,000 from 2007 Street Capital Budget for Traffic Signals
  - \$39,500 from Street Capital Budget for the Bicycle Network
  - \$475,000 contribution from ICBC
  - \$59,500 contribution from TransLink; and
- B. THAT additional annual costs of \$25,000 related to ongoing maintenance be reflected in future Operating Budgets, subject to the 2008 budget review process.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## 2. Alberni Bike Route Connector (VanRIMS No. 13-5000-20)

The Committee had before it an Administrative Report dated May 1, 2007, in which the General Manager of Engineering Services sought approval for funding to proceed with the implementation of a bike route on Alberni Street connecting the Chilco Bikeway and the Cardero Bikeway.

Genevieve Tokgoz, Greenways and Neighbourhood Transportation Branch, reviewed the report and along with Jerry Dobrovolsky, Assistant City Engineer - Transportation, and Scott Edwards, Manager - Greenways and Neighbourhood Transportation, responded to questions regarding painted bike lanes study and trial areas, and bike lane options on the south side of Alberni Street.

Monique Haziza, Pilates Unlimited Inc. and 735 Bidwell Strata Council Member, expressed concern about loss of parking in the 1700 block of Alberni Street for businesses, residents and visitors to the strata building. She recommended a bike lane along this section was not necessary and that instead, money should be spent to improve transit and a bicycle facility at the corner of Denman and Alberni similar to Quebec Street at Science World.

MOVED by Councillor Louie  
THAT the Committee recommend to Council

- A. THAT the Alberni Bike Route Connector be implemented as described in the Administrative Report dated May 1, 2007, entitled *Alberni Bike Route Connector*, at an estimated cost of \$185,000 with funding from the following sources:
- \$75,500 from the 2007 Streets Basic Capital Budget for the Bicycle Network,
  - \$39,500 from the 2007 Streets Basic Capital for Traffic Signals as requested in the "2007 Traffic Signal Program report" (RTS 6234) currently submitted to Council for approval,
  - ICBC Funding of \$70,000 for the traffic signal at Denman Street and Alberni Street.
- B. THAT commencing in 2008, the Traffic Operating Budget be increased by \$2,500, without offset, subject to annual budget review.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

### 3. Heather Bikeway Extension (VanRIMS No. 13-5000-20)

The Committee had before it an Administrative Report dated May 1, 2007, in which the General Manager of Engineering Services sought approval for funding to proceed with construction of the Heather Bikeway Extension as shown in the report.

MOVED by Councillor Capri  
THAT the Committee recommend to Council

- A. THAT the Heather Bikeway Extension be implemented as described in the Administrative Report dated May 1, 2007, entitled *Heather Bikeway Extension*, at an estimated cost of \$705,000 with funding from the following sources:
- \$250,000 from TransLink, secured through the 2007 Bicycle Infrastructure Capital Cost Sharing Program,
  - \$455,000 from the 2007 Streets Basic Capital Budget for the Bicycle Network.
- B. THAT, subject to the 2008 Budget review, the Traffic Operating Budget be increased by \$11,000, without offset, commencing in 2008.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**4. Construction of an Eastbound Left Turn Bay on 12th Avenue at Heather Street (VanRIMS No. 13-1400-22)**

The Committee had before it an Administrative Report dated May 3, 2007, in which the General Manager of Engineering Services sought approval for the construction of an eastbound left turn bay on 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue at Heather Street.

The Committee also had before it a Memorandum from the General Manager of Engineering Services dated May 11, 2007, regarding *Modification to Report Entitled "Construction of an Eastbound Left Turn Bay on 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue at Heather Street"* which provided a revision to recommendation C to reflect the recommendation's intent to explore a potential access west of the Willow Corridor.

Paul Storer, Strategic Transportation Planning Branch, reviewed the report and the revised recommendation C, and together with Jerry Dobrovolny, Assistant City Engineer - Transportation, and Tom Phipps, Planner - Major Projects Group, responded to questions regarding consultation with VGH and advisory committees, hospital access, and green space.

Marguerite Ford, Heather Heritage Society, expressed concern about potential loss of green space and the impact on the public walkway, noting it is integral to the Heather Heritage Precinct. She recommended the extensive public planning process and consultation should not be ignored, and suggested a specific exclusion to ensure the green space and walkway is protected.

Ron Yuen, VGH Project Planner, Davidson Yuen Simpson Architects, raised concern about 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue as a bicycle route where access for service and emergency vehicles and the spinal cord injury facility is needed and extensive planning has been done based on having access off 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue. He also noted access requirements to the Heather Commons Parkade impacted by the drop in elevation between 12<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> Avenues.

Following delegations, staff along with Scott Edwards, Manager - Greenways and Neighbourhood Transportation, responded to questions regarding access and cycling improvement options on 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue, parking, traffic volume, utility changes, development and report back time line.

MOVED by Councillor Stevenson  
THAT the Committee recommend to Council

- A. THAT an eastbound left-turn bay on 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue at Heather Street be approved for construction at a cost of \$665,000 with funding from the following sources:
  - \$100,000 from the 2007 Streets Basic Capital Budget for Geometric and Safety Improvements on Arterials
  - \$70,000 from City Wide Development Cost Levies (DCL) allocated to the 2007 Streets Basic Capital Budget for Geometric and Safety Improvements on Arterials
  - \$450,000 from developer-funded contributions from Vancouver General Hospital
  - \$45,000 from ICBC in cost-shared funding contributions.
  
- B. THAT the Streets Operating Budget be increased by \$4500 for Horticulture and by \$200 for Signage and Pavement Marking without offset commencing in 2008, subject to annual Budget Review.
  
- C. THAT staff pursue alternative access options for the proposed Heather Commons Parkade when the affected sites redevelop, including an access from 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue, west of the Willow corridor; and

FURTHER THAT such actions will in no way impact upon the green areas and open spaces already approved for the VGH area.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY  
(Mayor Sullivan absent for the vote)

The Committee adjourned at 10:50 a.m.

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## CITY OF VANCOUVER

### REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES STANDING COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL ON TRANSPORTATION AND TRAFFIC

MAY 15, 2007

A Regular Meeting of the Council of the City of Vancouver was held on Tuesday, May 15, 2007, at 10:51 a.m., in the Council Chamber, Third Floor, City Hall, following the Standing Committee on Transportation and Traffic meeting, to consider the recommendations and actions of the Committee.

**PRESENT:** Mayor Sam Sullivan  
Councillor Suzanne Anton  
Councillor Elizabeth Ball  
Councillor Kim Capri  
Councillor George Chow  
Councillor Peter Ladner  
Councillor B.C. Lee  
Councillor Raymond Louie  
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#### COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MOVED by Councillor Lee  
SECONDED by Councillor Stevenson

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS

Report of Standing Committee on Transportation and Traffic  
May 15, 2007

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

1. 2007 Traffic Signal Program
2. Alberni Bike Route Connector
3. Heather Bikeway Extension
4. Construction of an Eastbound Left Turn Bay on 12th Avenue at Heather Street

Items 1 - 4

MOVED by Councillor Anton

THAT the recommendations and actions taken by the Standing Committee on Transportation and Traffic at its meeting of May 15, 2007, as contained in items 1 - 4, be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

#### RISE FROM COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MOVED by Councillor Ladner

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 Ball

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

#### NEW BUSINESS

1. Exotic Animal Amendments to Wildlife Act (VanRIMS No. 01-5500-20)

The following motion was submitted by Councillor Capri. Councillor Stevenson called Notice under Section 5.4 (c) of the *Procedure By-law*. The motion will be considered at the Regular Council meeting to be held later that day.

WHEREAS many BC municipalities, including Vancouver, have enacted by-laws prohibiting the sale and ownership of exotic animals for reasons of public safety, health and animal welfare, there is no harmonized province-wide approach;

WHEREAS the Wildlife Act does not recognize exotic animals as "wildlife" and thus provides inadequate legislative authority for government to regulate;

AND WHEREAS the Ministry of Environment is currently considering amendments to the Wildlife Act to address the issue of alien and exotic species:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Union of BC Municipalities request that when making amendments to the Wildlife Act, the Ministry of Environment specifically regulate the keeping and sale of exotic animals in BC by including a list of exotics animals that are prohibited for keeping or sale in BC;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be forwarded to other UBCM member municipalities and be forwarded to UBCM convention in September for endorsement.

Notice

**2. 2007 Pride Parade - City of Vancouver Entry (VanRIMS No. 13-4800-10)**

The following motion was submitted by Councillor Ball. Councillor Stevenson called Notice under Section 5.4 (c) of the *Procedure By-law*. The motion will be considered at the Regular Council meeting to be held later that day.

WHEREAS:

1. the City of Vancouver promotes a diverse and inclusive community;
2. the Pride Parade and Festival contributes to the economic and social well-being of the City;
3. the Pride Parade and Festival contributes to the vibrant entertainment and cultural life of the City.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT

1. Council direct City staff to work in partnership with the Park Board to organize a City of Vancouver entry in the 2007 Pride Parade.

Notice

The Council adjourned at 10:55 a.m.

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