

REPORT TO COUNCIL

STANDING COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL ON CITY SERVICES AND BUDGETS

MAY 17, 2007

A Regular Meeting of the Standing Committee of Council on City Services and Budgets was held on Thursday, May 17, 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 Kim Capri Councillor George Chow Councillor Heather Deal Councillor B.C. Lee Councillor Raymond Louie, Vice-Chair Councillor Tim Stevenson
ABSENT:	Councillor David Cadman (Leave of Absence - Civic Business)
CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE:	Judy Rogers, City Manager
CITY CLERK'S OFFICE:	Denise Salmon, 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 19, 2007, were adopted.

RECOMMENDATION

1. 2007 Civic Childcare Grants - Allocation 1 of 3 (VanRIMS No. 05-5000-10)

The Committee had before it an Administrative Report dated April 16, 2007, in which the Director of Social Planning recommended approval of one Administration of City-owned Childcare Facilities grant and one City-wide Childcare Support Services grant, including the development and administration funds for the #1 Kingsway Child Development Hub. The General Manager of Community Services recommended approval.

Carol Ann Young, Child Development Coordinator, was present to respond to questions.

The following spoke in support of the 2007 Civic Childcare Grants:

David Gibbons, Treasurer, Board of Directors, Vancouver Society of Children' s Centres Christine Hibbert, Chair, Westcoast Child Care Resource centre Selena Kongpreecha, BCGEU Myra Reyes, Child care worker - Waterside Daycare Lee McArthur, Child care worker - UBC Daycare Pam Best, Executive Director, Westcoast Child Care Resource Centre

Points raised by the speakers included:

- appreciate the City's leadership role in childcare;
- support for staff's recommended 2007 Civic Childcare Grants;
- the recognized benefits of childcare;
- the impacts of Federal and Provincial cutbacks, which include the loss of staff with unique skills and expertise and lengthy waiting lists; and
- support for the valuable programs, knowledge and expertise offered by Westcoast Child Care Resource Centre.

MOVED by Councillor Capri THAT the Committee recommend to Council

- A. THAT Council approve an Administration of City-owned Childcare Facilities grant of \$109,242 to Vancouver Society of Children's Centres (VSOCC); source of funds: 2007 Civic Childcare Grants.
- B. THAT Council approve a City-wide Childcare Support Services grant to Westcoast Child Care Resource Centre totalling \$264,000 to assist with support services as listed in the Administrative Report dated April 16, 2007, entitled "2007 Civic Childcare Grants - Allocation 1 of 3"; and that payment be made in two instalments; source of funds: 2007 Civic Childcare Grants Funds, 2007 Operating Budget.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (Mayor Sullivan absent for the vote)

2. 854 East 16th Avenue - Contravention of License By-law (VanRIMS No. 11-3000-12)

The Committee had before it an Administrative Report dated April 18, 2007, in which the Deputy Chief License Inspector sought Council approval to seek injunctive relief to require that the owner of 854 East 16th Avenue cease the unauthorized renting of this residential building. The General Manager of Community Services and the City Manager recommended approval.

Barb Windsor, Deputy Chief License Inspector, provided an overview of the report, and advised the premises are still being rented out, and that Ms. Mathers has acknowledged rent has been collected for the premises.

VARY THE AGENDA

As Ms. Mathers was not present at this point in the meeting, Council members agreed to Vary the Agenda to deal with Item 3 and postpone this item pending Ms. Mathers' arrival. To ensure clarity, the minutes are recorded in agenda order.

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Ms. Mathers (material distributed and on file), provided Council with before and after picture of work undertaken to date on the premises, noted the expense incurred in this regard, and requested the cottage be excluded from legal action as set out in staff's report.

Ms. Windsor advised the business license held included the cottage which is attached to the house, and in response to questions from Council, Constable Jodyne Keller advised of past criminal activity, and noted police continue to attend the premises.

MOVED by Councillor Capri THAT the Committee recommend to Council

THAT the Director of Legal Services is hereby authorized, in her discretion, to commence a legal action or proceeding in relation to the unauthorized operation of the business at 854 East 16th Avenue in contravention of the License By-law and may, in her discretion, seek injunctive relief in that action or proceeding, in order to have the operation of the business discontinued.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (Mayor Sullivan absent for the vote)

3. 2007 Celebration Grant Recommendations (VanRIMS No. 05-5000-10)

The Committee had before it an Administrative Report dated April 24, 2007, in which the Assistant Director, Office of Cultural Affairs, recommended grants to 41 organizations, outlined the selection process and discussed the applications in more detail. The General Manager of Community Services recommended approval.

Marnie Rice, Cultural Planner, Douglas Durand, Cultural Planner and Margeret Specht, Assistant Director, Office of Cultural Affairs were present and in response to questions from Council provided the rationale for their choice of grant recipients.

Gwendal Castellan, Stanley Park Bike Festival Society, requested Council consider a grant to the Society, noted this event is the highlight of the Bike Month series, and an important cultural event.

Antonio Sanjuan, Colombian Canadian Community of BC, with the assistance of Paola Murillo, noted this, their first application for a grant, had been a learning experience. He advised theirs was the only organized organization representing the Latin community of 40,000 in the City, and the celebration was to promote their culture, through dance, music, etc.

Jeff Gibson, President and Shaira Holman, Vice President, Pride in Art Society, provided an overview of work done by the Society, noted its contribution to building a diverse and inclusive community and expressed appreciation for the recommended grant.

MOVED by Councillor Deal THAT the Committee recommend to Council

THAT Council approve a total of \$200,200 in Celebration Grants to 41 organizations listed in Tables 1 and 2 of the Administrative Report dated April 24, 2007, entitled "2007 Celebration Grant Recommendations". Source of funds to be the 2007 Celebration Grants budget.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (Mayor Sullivan absent for the vote)

4. 2007 Granville Street Redesign (VanRIMS No. 13-1400-22)

The Committee had before it an Administrative Report dated April 24, 2007, in which the General Manager of Engineering Services provided a general outline of the work involved to undertake the detailed design and construction of this major street improvement and sought authorization to award the contract for the streetscape and landscape design of the public realm updating Granville Street between Granville Bridge and Waterfront Station.

Rhys Williams, Manager, Streets Design, provided an overview of the report.

Charles Gauthier, Executive Director, Downtown Vancouver BIA, noted the current bus rerouting from Granville appears to be working well, and suggested this configuration be partially retained, with a focus given to the pedestrian environment, while providing a balance with transit vehicles that would allow all stakeholders to benefit.

Gerry Dobrovolny, Assistant City Engineer, Transportation, in response to questions from Council, noted discussions are ongoing with TransLink in regard to future bus routing opportunities and impact on TransLink efficiency.

MOVED by Councillor Anton THAT the Committee recommend to Council

A. THAT Council receive for INFORMATION the project plan, schedule, and resources required to complete the detailed design and public consultation process.

- B. THAT subject to the conditions set out in C, D and E below, the General Manager of Engineering Services be authorized to enter into a contract with PWL Partnership Landscape Architects Inc. for the provision of landscape architectural consulting services at a maximum contract value of \$373,011.45 plus GST, with funding provided from the 2006 Streets Basic Capital Budget for Granville Mall Reconstruction.
- 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 General Manager of Engineering Services 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.
- F. THAT staff report back on the final design complete with construction cost estimates and funding sources.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (Mayor Sullivan absent for the vote)

The Committee adjourned at 11:05 a.m.

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CITY OF VANCOUVER

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

MAY 17, 2007

A Regular Meeting of the Council of the City of Vancouver was held on Thursday, May 17, 2007, at 11:05 a.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 Kim Capri Councillor George Chow Councillor Heather Deal *Councillor Peter Ladner Councillor B.C. Lee Councillor Raymond Louie Councillor Tim Stevenson
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"IN CAMERA" MEETING

MOVED by Councillor Ball SECONDED by Councillor Capri

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):

- (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

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MOVED by Councillor Stevenson SECONDED by Councillor Anton

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 May 17, 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. 2007 Civic Childcare Grants Allocation 1 of 3
- 2. 854 East 16th Avenue Contravention of License By-law
- 3. 2007 Celebration Grant Recommendations
- 4. Granville Street Redesign

Items 1-4

MOVED by Councillor Chow

THAT the recommendations and actions taken by the Standing Committee on City Services and Budgets at its meeting of May 17, 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 Deal

THAT the Committee of the Whole rise and report.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADOPT REPORT OF COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MOVED by Councillor Ball SECONDED by Councillor Lee

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOTIONS

B. Motions on Notice

At the Regular Council meeting on May 15, 2007, the following motion was submitted by Councillor Deal. Councillor Capri called Notice under Section 5.4(c) of the Procedure By-law.

1. Olympic Accountability (VanRIMS No. 08-8000-10)

MOVER: Councillor Deal SECONDER: Councillor Stevenson

WHEREAS the people of Vancouver voted in favour of the Olympics, in an open and democratic referendum, on the condition that they be transparent, inclusive and socially sustainable;

WHEREAS Vancouver made a commitment to the International Olympic Committee to hold Olympics that were inclusive and accessible, as well as to communicate openly and consult with stakeholders;

WHEREAS VANOC is a corporation established by the three levels of government, and yet while the Federal, Provincial, and Municipal governments are subject to various forms of legislation that require disclosure to the public of key operating information, VANOC is not;

WHEREAS the Inner-City Inclusive Housing Table Report, written by a group of nonprofits, for-profits, and representatives of all three levels of government, provided 20 unanimous recommendations for the Parties to achieve their Housing Commitments, yet many of these recommendations have not been implemented;

WHEREAS commitment "D" under section Civil Liberties and Public Safety in the 2010 Inclusive Inner City Commitment Statement states that VANOC "Commit to a timely public consultation that is accessible to inner-city neighbourhoods, before any security legislation or regulations are finalized, subject to lawful and legitimate confidentiality requirements;"

WHEREAS this commitment has not been met, despite the fact that Games security policy is well under way and may in fact be completed;

AND WHEREAS it is absolutely crucial that the 2010 Olympic Games proceed in a transparent, accountable, and sustainable manner;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

- 1. The City of Vancouver direct its VANOC and 2010 Legacies Now Board Members to resolve that:
 - a) VANOC and 2010 Legacies Now be placed under the jurisdiction of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act;
 - b) VANOC and 2010 Legacies Now adhere to the requirements of the Financial Information Act;
 - c) VANOC and 2010 Legacies Now adhere to the provisions of the Document Disposal Act;
 - d) VANOC and 2010 Legacies Now adhere to the Financial Disclosure Act;
- 2. The City of Vancouver direct its VANOC and 2010 Legacies Now Board Members to support the immediate implementation of the recommendations from the Inner-City Inclusive Housing Table;
- 3. The City of Vancouver work with its partners to immediately establish a table to discuss civil liberties and Games security concerns, so as to fulfill commitment "D" under section Civil Liberties and Public Safety in the 2010 Inclusive Inner City Commitment Statement.
- 4. The City Manager report back on the progress of these initiatives with VANOC, 2010 Legacies Now and other partners, within 30 days.

Not Put

Council was advised that a request to speak on Motion B.1 had been received.

MOVED by Councillor Suzanne Anton

THAT the Motion be received for information and that Council take no action.

Carried

Councillor Deal rose on a point of order that it is a personal insult to refuse to debate an issue raised by a member of this Council. The Mayor ruled that this was not a personal insult and it was not right for the Councillor to impugn motive.

Councillor Deal challenged the decision of the chair.

The Chair then put the question:

Shall the decision of the chair be sustained?

CARRIED (Councillors 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.

REFERRAL MOVED by Councillor Heather Deal

THAT consideration of the Motion be referred to the Standing Committee on City Services and Budgets meeting on May 24, 2007, in order to hear from speakers.

LOST

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

The motion to REFER having LOST, the Motion to receive for information and take no further action was put and CARRIED, with Councillors Chow, Deal, Louie and Stevenson opposed, and Councillor Ladner absent for the vote.

ENQUIRIES AND OTHER MATTERS

1. 2010 Olympics Employment Training: Whistler Collaboration (VanRIMS No. 08-8000-01)

Councillor Heather Deal requested the City Manager provide an update on employment training, as Whistler has expressed an explicit interest in a collaborative plan.

The City Manager advised this matter is currently under assessment.

The Council adjourned at 12:10 p.m.

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