

REPORT TO COUNCIL

STANDING COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL ON CITY SERVICES AND BUDGETS

MAY 24, 2007

A Regular Meeting of the Standing Committee of Council on City Services and Budgets was held on Thursday, May 24, 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: Laura Kazakoff, Meeting Coordinator

* Denotes absence for a portion of the meeting.

RECOMMENDATION

1. 2010 Aboriginal Trade Pavilion Memorandum of Understanding - Four Host First Nations Society and City of Vancouver (VanRIMS 01-5500-40)

The Committee had before it an Administrative Report dated April 17, 2007, in which the General Manager, Olympic and Paralympic Operations, and Managing Director, Cultural Services, sought approval for the City Manager to sign the interim 2010 Aboriginal Trade Pavilion MOU between the Four Host First Nations Society and the City of Vancouver, which outlines the terms and conditions for the two organizations to move forward with the planning phase of a 2010 Aboriginal Trade Pavilion on the Queen Elizabeth Theatres Plaza for the duration of the 2010 Winter Games.

Dave Rudberg, General Manager of Olympic and Paralympic Operations, reviewed the background leading up to the proposed Memorandum of Understanding between the City and the Four Host First Nations.

Tewanee Joseph, Executive Director and CEO, Four Host First Nations Society, with the aid of an overhead presentation, provided an overview of the proposed pavilion project and outlined the steps leading up the current proposal and those which would follow the formalizing of

agreements. He advised of the need to showcase First Nations as living and thriving peoples and for the 2010 Winter Games to be one that future Games can learn from.

Sue Harvey, Managing Director, Cultural Affairs, along with Mr. Joseph, and Paul Manning, Senior Consultant and Acting Project Manager, and Al Poettker, President and CEO, UBC Properties Trust, responded to questions regarding the proposed pavilion, such as size, materials, fit with regard to the Queen Elizabeth Theatre plaza and Olympics "live site", and details regarding the demountability of the structure. They also responded to questions concerning tendering and hiring, UBC's involvement and ways of involving Aboriginal peoples from other parts of the world.

MOVED by Councillor Chow
THAT the Committee recommend to Council

- A. THAT Council approve the interim 2010 Aboriginal Trade Pavilion Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Four Host First Nations Society and the City of Vancouver, attached to the Administrative Report dated April 17, 2007, entitled "2010 Aboriginal Trade Pavilion Memorandum of Understanding Four Host First Nations Society and City of Vancouver", which sets out the terms and conditions for the planning phase of a 2010 Aboriginal Trade Pavilion on the Queen Elizabeth Theatre Plaza during the 2010 Winter Games.
- B. THAT once funding from the senior levels of government has been secured by the Four Host First Nations, a final agreement will be proposed regarding the design, construction, operation and post-Games use of the Pavilion for submission to Council for approval.
- C. THAT Council authorize the City Manager to sign the 2010 Aboriginal Trade Pavilion MOU attached to the Administrative Report dated April 17, 2007, entitled "2010 Aboriginal Trade Pavilion Memorandum of Understanding - Four Host First Nations Society and City of Vancouver".
- D. THAT no legal rights or obligations will be created by the adoption by Council of A, B and C above, nor will any legal rights or obligations be created by the execution and delivery by the City Manager of the 2010 Aboriginal Trade Pavilion MOU.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (Mayor Sullivan absent for the vote)

2. Blenheim Street Traffic Calming Plan - Update (VanRIMS 13-1400-30)

The Committee had before it an Administrative Report dated May 4, 2007, in which the General Manager of Engineering Services addressed a number of issues which remained unresolved when Council approved a plan to repave and traffic calm Blenheim Street between West 16th Avenue and Southwest Marine Drive, and recommended approval of a modification to the Plan at the intersection of Blenheim Street and West 39th Avenue, as shown in the report.

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Councillor Anton noted she had previously declared conflict of interest when Council discussed the overall issue of the Blenheim Street Traffic Calming Plan; however, with regard to the specific matter now before Council, she did not feel she was in conflict.

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David Rawsthorne, Greenways and Neighbourhood Transportation, provided an overview of the report and responded to questions regarding the rationale for the proposed modification to the plan.

The following speakers expressed concern with regard to the recommendation and/or the Blenheim Street traffic calming plan in general:

Norm Couttie
Colleen McGuinness
Dennis Steeves, Blenheim Neighbourhood Group
Robert Westendorp
Robert Heyman
Lani Levine
Ellen Hockin

Comments provided by the foregoing speakers included the following:

- during last 7 years most of the effective traffic calming measures have been removed from the original plan, leaving only three traffic circles; now more measures are being removed.
- request Council implement the original approved plan;
- corner bulges do not reduce vehicle speeds;
- one temporary measure approved in the original plan has been installed in the wrong location;
- the whole plan is not an effective traffic calming plan;
- approved traffic calming toolkit is now basically empty;
- Blenheim Street widths should be kept to 4 metres; bulges and right-turn lanes result in wider sections of 5.5 metres;
- concern expressed regarding long stretch of Blenheim with no sidewalk; request alternative funding be considered, such as cost-sharing;
- request items which have been removed from the original plan be replaced with measures of equal or greater value to ensure quality of street is maintained; and
- measures have been removed from original plan (e.g. at 33rd and King Edward) without public consultation.

Mr. Rawsthorne, along with Jerry Dobrovolny, Assistant City Engineer, Transportation, responded to questions regarding neighbourhood consultation, measures removed from the original plan, local improvements process regarding sidewalks, budget and cost estimates for various measures, and other concerns raised by the foregoing speakers.

MOVED by Councillor Capri THAT the Committee recommend to Council

THAT the Blenheim Street Traffic Calming Plan be modified at the intersection of Blenheim Street and West 39th Avenue as shown in Figure 1 of the Administrative Report dated May 4, 2007, entitled "Blenheim Street Traffic Calming Plan - Update".

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Committee adjourned at 11:26 a.m.

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CITY OF VANCOUVER

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

MAY 24, 2007

A Regular Meeting of the Council of the City of Vancouver was held on Thursday, May 24, 2007, at 11:27 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 David Cadman 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 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):

(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 Ball SECONDED by Councillor Lee

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Lease Subsidy Program (VanRIMS 11-2000-14)

Vancouver City Council, at its Regular Meeting following the Standing Committee on Planning and Environment meeting on May 17, 2007, referred discussion and decision on the following motion by Councillor Deal, to this meeting as Unfinished Business:

- A. THAT Council approve the Downtown Eastside Lease Subsidy Program at a total cost of \$670,000, as outlined in the Administrative Report dated March 30, 2007, entitled "Lease Subsidy Program"; source of funds to be \$186,000 carried forward from the 2000-02 Capital Plan, \$100,000 from the 2006 Capital Budget for the Downtown Eastside, and the balance to be provided from the Downtown Eastside Program subject to approval of the 2008 Capital Budget.
- B. THAT the City enter into an agreement with Building Opportunities with Business Inner City Society ("BOB") to administer the Lease Subsidy Program generally in accordance with the terms set out in Appendices A and B of the Administrative Report dated March 30, 2007, entitled "Lease Subsidy Program" and such other provisions as considered appropriate by the Director of Legal Services in consultation with the General Managers of Community Services and Corporate Services, it being understood that no legal relations are hereby created and none shall arise hereunder until the agreement is drawn to the satisfaction of the Director of Legal Services and executed by her on behalf of the City.
- C. THAT staff complete an evaluation of the Lease Subsidy Program in consultation with BOB and community stakeholders, and report to Council by the end of 2010 on the effectiveness of the Program with a recommendation as to whether the Program should be extended, subject to funding availability.

postponed

POSTPONEMENT MOVED by Councillor Deal

THAT Council decision on the above motion regarding the proposed Downtown Eastside Lease Subsidy Program be postponed for six weeks to enable staff to consult with the Board of Trade and other business and community organizations in the Downtown Eastside area.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Report of Standing Committee on City Services and Budgets May 24, 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. 2010 Aboriginal Trade Pavilion Memorandum of Understanding Four Host First Nations Society and City of Vancouver
- 2. Blenheim Street Traffic Calming Plan Update

Items 1-2

MOVED by Councillor Ladner

THAT the recommendations and actions taken by the Standing Committee on City Services and Budgets at its meeting of May 24, 2007, as contained in items 1 and 2, be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

RISE FROM COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MOVED by Councillor Stevenson

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

ENQUIRIES AND OTHER MATTERS

1. Public Safety Near SkyTrain Stations (VanRIMS 01-5500-20)

Councillor Chow advised he recently participated in a public discussion concerning safety around SkyTrain stations and the perception appears to be that Transit Police and the Vancouver Police Department do not work together. He noted that Mayor Sullivan may wish to raise this issue with the Vancouver Police Board.

Mayor Sullivan noted while he had heard of instances of cooperation between the two authorities, he would raise the matter with the Board.

The Council adjourned at 11:55 a.m.

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