



REPORT TO COUNCIL
STANDING COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL
ON CITY SERVICES AND BUDGETS

JUNE 14, 2007

A Regular Meeting of the Standing Committee of Council on City Services and Budgets was held on Thursday, June 14, 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 Tim Stevenson

ABSENT: Councillor Raymond Louie, Vice-Chair (Leave of Absence - Civic Business)

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 meetings of May 3, May 17 and May 24, 2007, were adopted.

RECOMMENDATION

1. 2007 Civic Childcare Grants - Allocation 2 of 3 (VanRIMS No. 05-5000-10)

The Committee had before it an Administrative Report dated May 24, 2007, in which the Director of Social Planning sought Council's approval for 51 Childcare Enhancement Grants to support licensed non-profit child care programs serving children in high need areas. The General Manager of Community Services recommended approval of the foregoing.

Suzy Blown, Social Planner, was available to respond to questions.

MOVED by Councillor Capri
THAT the Committee recommend to Council

THAT Council approve 51 Childcare Enhancement Grants totalling \$698,558 as listed in Appendix A of the Administrative Report dated May 24, 2007, entitled "2007 Civic Childcare Grants - Allocation 2 of 3", with conditions as noted; source of funds: 2007 Childcare Grants Budget, 2007 Operating Budget.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Councillors Ball and Cadman absent for the vote.)

2. Collingwood Neighbourhood House Society Recreation/Gymnasium Operating Funding 2007 and Lease and Operating Agreements (VanRIMS No. 05-1000-30)

The Committee had before it an Administrative Report dated May 29, 2007, in which the General Manager of Corporate Services, in consultation with the General Manager of Community Services, the General Manager of Parks and Recreation, and the Director of Legal Services, sought Council's approval for 2007 operating funds for the delivery of recreation programs and operation of the Gymnasium at Collingwood Neighbourhood House. The City Manager recommended approval of the foregoing.

Doug Mitchell, Director of Business Support Services, was available to respond to questions.

MOVED by Mayor Sullivan
THAT the Committee recommend to Council

THAT Council approve 2007 funding in the amount of \$225,930 (an increase of 2% from the 2006 approved funding of \$221,500) to the Collingwood Neighbourhood House Society for the delivery of recreation programs and operation of the Collingwood Gymnasium (the "Gymnasium") for the period January 1, 2007 to December 31, 2007; source of funds to be the 2007 Operating Budget.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Councillor Ball absent for the vote.)

3. Vancouver East Cultural Centre Capital Allocations (VanRIMS No. 05-5000-10)

The Committee had before it an Administrative Report dated May 29, 2007, in which the Managing Director, Cultural Services, in consultation with the Director of Financial Planning, Director of Facilities Design and Management, and Director of Legal Services, sought Council's approval of a revised funding request from the Vancouver East Cultural Centre to apply the capital allocation of \$750,000 already approved in principle for Phase 2 and apply it to an earlier phase (Phase I). The report also outlined a series of modifications to the general lease terms which Council has previously approved for all non-profit tenants. The City Manager recommended approval, noting the re-development of this City-owned facility will provide much needed improvements to this important cultural venue. She also reviewed the project, financial implications and the rationale for the Society's revised funding request, adding this

approval will enable the Society to demonstrate its ability to complete their first phase of construction and to raise the balance of the funds necessary to complete this project.

Christina Medland, Project Manager, Civic Sponsorship Initiatives, Cultural Services, provided a brief history on the Vancouver East Cultural Centre and reviewed the expansion project as well as related financial implications. Ms. Medland responded to a question concerning the availability of funding.

MOVED by Councillor Anton

THAT the Committee recommend to Council

- A. THAT Council approve the reallocation of a second \$750,000 "challenge" capital grant from Phase 2 to Phase 1A of the capital expansion project of the Vancouver East Cultural Centre (the "Society") at 1885-1895 Venables Street as outlined in the Administrative Report dated May 29 2007, entitled "Vancouver East Cultural Centre Capital Allocations"; subject to the Society securing the balance of funds necessary to complete Phase 1A to the satisfaction of the Managing Director of Cultural Services and the Director of Facilities Design and Management; source of funds to be 2007 Capital Budget.
- B. THAT Council approve a modification of the terms of the agreement between the City and the Society previously approved by Council to modify the terms relating to repair and reconstruction in the event of damage or destruction, insurance, and environmental liability; to include recent Council policy regarding naming and sponsorship rights; and to clarify construction obligation (including construction insurance) provisions relating to the proposed redevelopment of the Premises; and such other modifications as are satisfactory to the Directors of Legal Services, Real Estate and Managing Director of Cultural Services.
- C. THAT no rights or obligations hereby arise or take effect pursuant to any terms hereby approved by Council until the lease is signed by both the Society and the City.
- D. THAT the Director of Legal Services be authorized to sign the lease referred to herein on behalf of the City.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

(Councillors Ball and Capri absent for the vote.)

The Committee adjourned at 9:36 a.m.

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CITY OF VANCOUVER

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

JUNE 14, 2007

A Regular Meeting of the Council of the City of Vancouver was held on Thursday, June 14, 2007, at 9:36 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 Tim Stevenson

ABSENT: Councillor Raymond Louie (Leave of Absence - Civic Business)

CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE: Judy Rogers, City Manager
James Ridge, Deputy City Manager

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE: Tina Hildebrandt, Meeting Coordinator

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
June 14, 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 2 of 3
2. Collingwood Neighbourhood House Society Recreation/Gymnasium Operating Funding 2007 and Lease and Operating Agreements
3. Vancouver East Cultural Centre Capital Allocations

Items 1 - 3

MOVED by Councillor Chow

THAT the recommendations and actions taken by the Standing Committee on City Services and Budgets at its meeting of Thursday, June 14, 2007, as contained in Items 1 - 3, be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AND ITEMS 1
AND 3 BY THE REQUIRED MAJORITY

RISE FROM COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MOVED by Councillor Lee

THAT the Committee of the Whole rise and report.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADOPT REPORT OF COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MOVED by Councillor Capri
SECONDED by Councillor Cadman

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

NEW BUSINESS

1. **Support for Vancouver's Safe Injection Site (InSite) (VanRIMS No. 11-2200-01)**

MOVED by Councillor Deal
SECONDED by Councillor Stevenson

WHEREAS InSite's exemption from the federal government is set to expire this year;

WHEREAS the positive effects that InSite has had on reducing HIV transmissions, property crime, and increasing usage of treatment is well documented;

WHEREAS the Mayor has stated publicly that he has met with the Prime Minister, and discussed the eventual closure of InSite in exchange for his untested CAST program;

WHEREAS the CAST program has never come before Council to be debated as part of the city's drug policy, despite the Mayor openly championing it as a new avenue for the city to pursue;

AND WHEREAS a coherent, unified stance from council on the city's drug policy is the best way to deal with senior levels of government;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

- A) Council support a permanent extension of InSite;
- B) The Mayor write a letter to the Prime Minister outlining his support for InSite, and that he does not advocate closing InSite in exchange for his CAST program;
- C) The Mayor bring a proposal from CAST to council within 30 days.

amended

AMENDMENT MOVED by Councillor Capri
SECONDED by Mayor Sullivan

THAT the Motion be struck and replaced with the following:

WHEREAS

The Vancouver Coastal Health Authority's Safe Injection Site:

- was first formally introduced by former Mayor Philip Owen with Vancouver's Four Pillars strategy to improve conditions in the Downtown Eastside;
- is one element of a drug strategy that also includes prevention, treatment and enforcement;
- has been successfully operating for the last 3.5 years under a federal regulatory exemption which expires this year;
- has been the subject of research studies that support its effectiveness in reducing the harm associated with drug use and addiction;
- supports the City of Vancouver's goal of civility on our streets and finding compassionate solutions to challenging social issues;
- supports Vancouver's objectives as identified in Project Civil City;
- complements the groundbreaking North American Opiate Medication Initiative (NAOMI) heroin assisted treatment trials led by researchers at the University of British Columbia and University of Montreal, and funded by the Canadian Institutes of Health Research;
- will be an important agenda item on Mayor Sam Sullivan's meeting next month with the Four Pillars Coalition;

- has submitted an application to Health Canada for a 3.5 year extension of their federal exemption.

AND WHEREAS

The Inner Change Society's Chronic Addiction Substitute Treatment (CAST) research trial:

- will work with addicted people to change their drug addiction from illegal street drugs to legally available, orally-administered prescription medications;
- will analyze the effects on both the user's health and the community at large;
- will include regular interaction with health professionals and facilitate interventions to help users develop an "exit strategy" to end their drug dependency;
- proposes to help reduce the open drug market and other illegal activity, improve health, increase access to housing and more employment opportunities for individual addicts;
- is being developed by some of the most experienced health researchers in the field of mental health and addiction;
- is based in Vancouver and has garnered support from a broad range of key stakeholders and an experienced Board of Directors;
- is consistent with the drug substitution elements of the Four Pillars strategy;
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- will also require a federal regulatory exemption;
- complements the objectives of Vancouver's safe injection site and NAOMI heroin assisted treatment trials;
- is likely to receive referrals from Vancouver Coastal Health's supervised injection site.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT

Vancouver City Council formally express its support for the Vancouver Coastal Health Authority's federal application for a 3.5 year extension of Vancouver's Safe Injection Site.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT

Vancouver City Council formally express its support for the general principles and objectives of the Inner Change Society's Chronic Addiction Substitute Treatment (CAST) research trial as part of a comprehensive plan with additional effort to support the Four Pillars strategy and request that staff report back on the CAST program and how it would be incorporated into the City's drug policy.

carried

AMENDMENT TO THE AMENDMENT MOVED by Councillor Deal

THAT the amendment be amended in the first Resolve to strike out the words "a 3.5 year" and replace with the words "an indefinite".

not put

The Mayor ruled the amendment to the amendment out of order as it would be equivalent to voting against the amendment.

REFERRAL MOVED by Councillor Stevenson

THAT consideration of the Motion regarding Support for Vancouver's Safe Injection Site (InSite) be referred to the next Regular Council meeting in order to allow time for review of the matter.

LOST

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

AMENDMENT TO THE AMENDMENT MOVED by Councillor Stevenson

THAT the amendment be amended to add at the end of the first Resolve the words "and to lobby the federal government to open a second site as soon as possible".

LOST

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

Council agreed to separate the vote on the Resolves.

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CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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CARRIED

(Councillor Chow opposed.)

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CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

FINAL MOTION AS ADOPTED

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The Council adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

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