



REPORT TO COUNCIL

STANDING COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL ON TRANSPORTATION AND TRAFFIC

JULY 24, 2007

A Regular Meeting of the Standing Committee of Council on Transportation and Traffic was held on Tuesday, July 24, 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
Councillor David Cadman
Councillor Kim Capri
Councillor George Chow
Councillor Heather Deal
Councillor Peter Ladner
Councillor Raymond Louie
Councillor Tim Stevenson

CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE: Judy Rogers, City Manager

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE: Janice MacKenzie, Deputy City Clerk

* Denotes absence for a portion of the meeting.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

The minutes of the meetings of May 15 and June 12, 2007, were adopted.

Holding Council and Committee Meetings during CUPE Job Action

Councillor Deal rose on a question of privilege to address the Committee on the matter of holding Council and Standing Committee meetings during the CUPE job action as members of the public may be reluctant to cross the CUPE picket lines at City Hall to address Council on items of business.

The following motion was moved:

MOVED By Councillor Deal

THAT the Committee recommend to Council

THAT Council communicate with CUPE Local 15 to ascertain their willingness to provide full access to City Hall and that if CUPE is unwilling to facilitate this request by removing the picket lines then Council agree to review the Standing Committee

agendas for the purpose of holding an off-site Standing Committee meeting for those agenda items where citizens have expressed an interest in speaking, while continuing with the on-site Standing Committee meetings for those items where citizens do not wish to speak to Council.

LOST

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

AMENDMENT MOVED By Councillor Ladner

THAT the motion be replaced with the following:

THAT Council communicate with CUPE to request that CUPE inform the general public that there will be no obstruction to City Hall for the purpose of attending Council and Standing Committee meetings.

CARRIED

(Councillors Cadman, Louie, Deal, Chow and Stevenson opposed)

FINAL MOTION AS APPROVED

THAT the Committee recommend to Council

THAT Council communicate with CUPE to request that CUPE inform the general public that there will be no obstruction to City Hall for the purpose of attending Council and Standing Committee meetings.

RECOMMENDATION

1. Bus Lanes on Broadway - Progress Report

The Committee had before it an Administrative Report dated May 31, 2007 in which staff provided an overview and responded to questions.

A Translink staff member addressed the Committee and responded to questions.

MOVED By Councillor Chow

THAT the Committee recommend to Council

THAT Council receive for information the Administrative Report dated May 31, 2007, entitled Bus Lanes on Broadway - Progress Report.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. **Building Line Review of 41st Avenue, 49th Avenue, and SW Marine Drive west of Granville**

The Committee had before it an Administrative Report dated May 31, 2007 and a memorandum to Council dated June 24, 2007. Staff provided an overview of the report and recommendation, and responded to questions.

The Committee heard from two speakers, both of whom spoke against the staff recommendation.

MOVED By Councillor Anton
THAT the Committee recommend to Council

THAT any further work on the building line review of SW Marine Drive, West 41st Avenue and West 49th Avenue be postponed until after the development of a new long range transportation plan, noting that the principles of the 1997 Transportation Plan, including no increase in arterial network capacity and giving priority to pedestrians, bikes, transit and good movements over private automobiles will continue to be applied to these streets and that staff pursue improvements for pedestrian, bike and transit modes as opportunities arise.

Carried

AMENDMENT MOVED By Councillor Chow

THAT the motion be amended to insert 'or July 2012, whichever comes first' after 'the development of a new long range transportation plan'. The motion to read as follows:

THAT any further work on the building line review of SW Marine Drive, West 41st Avenue and West 49th Avenue be postponed until after the development of a new long range transportation plan or July 2012, whichever come first, noting that the principles of the 1997 Transportation Plan, including no increase in arterial network capacity and giving priority to pedestrians, bikes, transit and good movements over private automobiles will continue to be applied to these streets and that staff pursue improvements for pedestrian, bike and transit modes as opportunities arise.

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

The amendment having LOST, the motion was put and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

FINAL MOTION AS APPROVED

THAT the Committee recommend to Council

THAT any further work on the building line review of SW Marine Drive, West 41st Avenue and West 49th Avenue be postponed until after the development of a new long range transportation plan, noting that the principles of the 1997 Transportation Plan, including no increase in arterial network capacity and giving priority to pedestrians, bikes, transit and good movements over private automobiles will continue to be applied to these streets and that staff pursue improvements for pedestrian, bike and transit modes as opportunities arise.

3. Roadway Modifications at Boundary Road and Grandview Highway and the Highway 1 off ramp at Boundary Road

THAT Council approve the following geometric roadway modifications, subject to approval of their final costs:

- i. The addition of High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) queue jumper lanes on Grandview Highway;
- ii. The construction of left turn bays to allow left turns from Grandview Highway to Boundary Road; and,
- iii. Closure of the median on Boundary Road at 11th Avenue to improve safety near the Highway 1 off ramp at Boundary Road.

Referred

REFERRAL MOVED By Councillor Anton

THAT the item be referred to the Standing Committee on City Services and Budgets on July 26, 2007 due to time restriction in the current meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. TransLink Governance Review and Related Provincial Legislation

THAT the Mayor write the provincial Minister of Transportation outlining concerns about the following aspects of Bill 36:

- 1) The need to defray related property tax increases that would inequitably impact Vancouver business and residential property owners, and pursue a balanced distribution of TransLink revenue sources throughout the region's geographic area, using sources such as fuel taxes, tolls or other vehicle user charges.
- 2) The need to review whether it provides adequate sustainable funding to support transit services needed in the region for the period of TransLink's next

10-Year Plan (2009-2018), and beyond to the last year of TransLink's proposed 30-Year Vision.

Referred

REFERRAL MOVED By Councillor Anton

THAT the item be referred to the Standing Committee on City Services and Budgets on July 26, 2007 due to a time restriction in the current meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Committee adjourned at 12:45 P.M.

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CITY OF VANCOUVER

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

JULY 24, 2007

A Regular Meeting of the Council of the City of Vancouver was held on Tuesday, July 24, 2007, at 12:45 p.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 David Cadman
- Councillor Kim Capri
- Councillor George Chow
- Councillor Heather Deal
- Councillor Peter Ladner
- Councillor B.C. Lee
- Councillor Raymond Louie
- Councillor Tim Stevenson

CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE: James Ridge, Deputy City Manager
CITY CLERK'S OFFICE: Janice MacKenzie, Deputy City Clerk

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MOVED by Councillor Anton
SECONDED by Councillor Chow

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
July 24, 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. Holding Council and Committee Meetings during CUPE Job Action
2. Bus Lanes on Broadway - Progress Report
3. Building Line Review of 41st Avenue, 49th Avenue, and SW Marine Drive west of Granville
4. Roadway Modifications at Boundary Road and Grandview Highway and the Highway 1 off ramp at Boundary Road
5. TransLink Governance Review and Related Provincial Legislation

MOVED by Councillor Ladner

THAT the recommendations and actions taken by the Standing Committee on Transportation and Traffic at its meeting of July 24, 2007, as contained in items 1 - 5, be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

RISE FROM COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MOVED by Councillor Ball

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. 2007 Labour Disruption Savings

The following motion was submitted by Councillor Louie with notice that the motion would be on the agenda of the next regular meeting. As per s.5.4(c) of the Procedure By-law No. 8554, the motion is to be placed on the agenda of the Regular Council meeting on July 24, 2007 at 2:00 p.m.

WHEREAS the City of Vancouver saved \$1.3 million during the course of a seven week labour disruption in year 2000; and

WHEREAS homeowners have seen property taxes increase by almost 15% over the past two years; and

WHEREAS a labour disruption, with more than 6000 workers, has just begun and could continue for an indefinite period of time; and

WHEREAS homeowners and businesses pay property taxes in exchange for the city providing services to them;

THERE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Any savings incurred during this labour dispute be rebated to city taxpayers.

Notice given

The Council adjourned at 12:50 p.m.

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