



REPORT TO COUNCIL

STANDING COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL ON CITY SERVICES AND BUDGETS

JULY 26, 2007

A Regular Meeting of the Standing Committee of Council on City Services and Budgets was held on Thursday, July 26, 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
James Ridge, Deputy City Manager
CITY CLERK'S OFFICE: Marg Coulson, Deputy City Clerk
Janice MacKenzie, Deputy City Clerk

* Absent for a portion of the meeting

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

The Minutes of the Standing Committee on City Services and Budgets meeting of June 28, 2007, were adopted.

RECOMMENDATION

1. **Heritage Building Rehabilitation Program (HBRP) and Transfer of Density Program - Current Status and Proposed Strategy (VanRIMS No. 11-2800-01)**

The Committee had before it an Administrative Report dated July 13, 2007, in which the Director of Planning, in consultation with the Directors of Real Estate Services, Finance and Development Services, provided Council with an update on the Heritage Building Rehabilitation Program's (HBRP) achievements and the status of the density market. Staff also sought Council's approval to review the future of the HBRP and the City's heritage incentive tools and priorities, and recommended interim measures for processing HBRP and transfer of density applications during the course of the review. The City Manager and

General Manager of Community Services recommended approval of A, B and C, and presented D for Council's consideration.

The Assistant Director, Current Planning Initiative Branch (Rob Jenkins) made a presentation to Council in which he summarized the content of the report, including the elements of the program review, the terms of reference, the evaluation of the short term priorities, and the status of applications.

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Councillor Stevenson declared a conflict of interest as one of the applicants impacted by the recommendations is his spouse. Councillor Stevenson departed the Chambers at 10:25 a.m. and returned at 4:05 p.m.

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Council heard from eleven speakers, the majority of which opposed staff's recommendation C in which heritage incentive requests for Group 1 projects - as identified in Appendix B of the report - would continue to be processed during the proposed review of the Heritage Building Rehabilitation Program and Transfer of Density Program, while Group 2 and 3 requests as well as any new enquiries would be put on hold until the review is complete and staff report back to Council. The primary reasons given for opposing recommendation C is that the applicants were not made aware of the May 14, 2007 cut off date and many felt that their applications were not appropriately categorized.

MOVED by Councillor Deal
THAT the Committee recommend to Council

- A. THAT Council endorse the undertaking of the Heritage Building Rehabilitation Program and Transfer of Density Program Review generally in accordance with the Terms of Reference attached as Appendix A to the Administrative Report dated July 13, 2007, entitled "Heritage Building Rehabilitation Program (HBRP) and Transfer of Density Program - Current Status and Proposed Strategy";

Carried Unanimously
(Councillors Ball, Louie, and Stevenson absent for the vote)

- B. THAT Council approve the staffing and budget, to undertake the Review, as proposed in the Administrative Report dated July 13, 2007, entitled "Heritage Building Rehabilitation Program (HBRP) and Transfer of Density Program - Current Status and Proposed Strategy", at a total cost of \$100,000 to be funded by \$15,000 from the Planning Department's existing 2007 Operating Budget and the remainder from delaying the start of the Heritage Register Upgrade Program (\$50,000 in 2007 and \$35,000 in 2008);

Carried Unanimously

(Councillors Ball, Louie, and Stevenson absent for the vote)

- C. THAT Council instruct staff to continue processing heritage incentives requests for Group 1, 2, and 3 projects as identified in Appendix B of the Administrative Report dated July 13, 2007, entitled "Heritage Building Rehabilitation Program (HBRP) and Transfer of Density Program - Current Status and Proposed Strategy", and that any new enquiries for the creation of transferable bonus density be put on hold until after the Review and report back.

Not put

POSTPONEMENT MOVED By Councillor Anton

THAT consideration of this matter be postponed until the Standing Committee on City Services and Budgets reconvenes after the lunch break.

CARRIED

(Councillor Cadman opposed)

(Councillor Stevenson absent for the vote due to a declared conflict of interest)

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Note from Clerk: The Committee heard from the speakers on Item 2 prior to recessing at 1:15 p.m. The Committee returned to Item 1 upon reconvening at 2:20 p.m. and completing consideration of Item 2.

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AMENDMENT MOVED By Councillor Anton

THAT the motion be amended to remove Groups 2 and 3 as projects continuing to be processed and add Groups 2 and 3 as projects to be put on hold until after the Review and report back. The wording to be as follows

THAT Council instruct staff to continue processing heritage incentives requests for Group 1 projects as identified in Appendix B of the Administrative Report dated July 13, 2007, entitled "Heritage Building Rehabilitation Program (HBRP) and Transfer of Density Program - Current Status and Proposed Strategy", and that the processing of Group 2 and 3 projects, as well as any new enquiries for the creation of transferable bonus density, be put on hold until after the Review and report back.

Carried

(Councillors Cadman, Chow, Deal and Louie opposed)

(Councillors Stevenson and Ball absent for the vote)

AMENDMENT TO AMENDMENT MOVED by Councillor Louie

THAT the amendment be amended to include Group 2 projects as projects continuing to be processed and remove Group 2 projects as projects to be put on hold until after the Review and report back. The wording to be as follows

THAT Council instruct staff to continue processing heritage incentives requests for Group 1 and 2 projects as identified in Appendix B of the Administrative Report dated July 13, 2007, entitled "Heritage Building Rehabilitation Program (HBRP) and Transfer of Density Program - Current Status and Proposed Strategy", and that the processing Group 3 projects, as well as any new enquiries for the creation of transferable bonus density, be put on hold until after the Review and report back.

LOST

(Councillors Anton, Capri, Ladner, Lee and Mayor Sullivan opposed)
(Councillors Stevenson and Ball absent for the vote)

The amendment to the amendment having LOST, the amendment was put and CARRIED with Councillors Cadman, Chow, Deal, and Louie opposed and Councillors Ball and Stevenson absent for the vote.

The amendment having CARRIED, C of Councillor Deal's motion was not put and A and B were put and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY with Councillors Ball, Louie and Stevenson absent for the vote.

FINAL MOTION AS APPROVED

THAT the Committee recommend to Council

- A. THAT Council endorse the undertaking of the Heritage Building Rehabilitation Program and Transfer of Density Program Review generally in accordance with the Terms of Reference attached as Appendix A to the Administrative Report dated July 13, 2007, entitled "Heritage Building Rehabilitation Program (HBRP) and Transfer of Density Program - Current Status and Proposed Strategy";
- B. THAT Council approve the staffing and budget, to undertake the Review, as proposed in the Administrative Report dated July 13, 2007, entitled "Heritage Building Rehabilitation Program (HBRP) and Transfer of Density Program - Current Status and Proposed Strategy", at a total cost of \$100,000 to be funded by \$15,000 from the Planning Department's existing 2007 Operating Budget and the remainder from delaying the start of the Heritage Register Upgrade Program (\$50,000 in 2007 and \$35,000 in 2008);

- C. THAT Council instruct staff to continue processing heritage incentives requests for Group 1 projects as identified in Appendix B of the Administrative Report dated July 13, 2007, entitled "Heritage Building Rehabilitation Program (HBRP) and Transfer of Density Program - Current Status and Proposed Strategy", and that the processing of Group 2 and 3 projects, as well as any new enquiries for the creation of transferable bonus density, be put on hold until after the Review and report back.

2. Free Range Chicken Eggs (VanRIMS No. 08-4600-01)

The Committee had before it the motion entitled 'Free Range Chicken Eggs' which was submitted by Councillor Capri for consideration at the Regular Council meeting on July 24, 2007. The Chair advised that requests to speak on this matter had been received and Council agreed to refer consideration of the motion to the Standing Committee of City Services and Budgets meeting on July 26, 2007 in order to hear from delegations.

The Committee heard from six speakers, half of whom support the motion and half of whom do not support the motion.

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The Committee recessed at 1:15 p.m. and reconvened at 2:20 p.m. with the same members present except for Mayor Sullivan who was absent.

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MOVED By Councillor Capri
THAT the Committee recommend to Council

WHEREAS

- 1) the City of Vancouver is a municipal leader in the appropriate care and treatment of animals; and
- 2) WHEREAS viable alternatives to the predominant production method for most eggs is widely available;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

- A. THAT Vancouver City Council encourage Vancouver residents:
 - (i) as restaurants and caterers in both private and City operations, to highlight the support for and availability of certified organic, free-range chicken eggs on their menus;

- (ii) as consumers, to request the option of purchasing certified organic, free-range chicken eggs at retail food outlets and restaurants and, where available, choose the certified organic, free-range option;
 - (iii) as wholesalers, to highlight the preference for and availability of certified organic, free-range chicken eggs in their food supply inventories; and
 - (iv) as retailers, to highlight the preference for and availability of certified organic, free-range chicken eggs in their food stores;
- B. THAT the operators and caterers of City-run facilities be requested to use only certified organic, free-range or free-run whole (shell) chicken eggs; and
- C. THAT staff inform Council in one year's time highlighting any challenges which might have arisen.

Council agreed to vote on each of the resolves of the motion separately.

MOVED By Councillor Capri
THAT the Committee recommend to Council

WHEREAS

- 3) the City of Vancouver is a municipal leader in the appropriate care and treatment of animals; and
- 4) WHEREAS viable alternatives to the predominant production method for most eggs is widely available;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

- A. THAT Vancouver City Council encourage Vancouver residents:
- (i) as restaurants and caterers in both private and City operations, to highlight the support for and availability of certified organic, free-range chicken eggs on their menus;
 - (ii) as consumers, to request the option of purchasing certified organic, free-range chicken eggs at retail food outlets and restaurants and, where available, choose the certified organic, free-range option;
 - (iii) as wholesalers, to highlight the preference for and availability of certified organic, free-range chicken eggs in their food supply inventories; and

- (iv) as retailers, to highlight the preference for and availability of certified organic, free-range chicken eggs in their food stores;

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Councillor Stevenson and Mayor Sullivan absent for the vote)

MOVED By Councillor Capri
THAT the Committee recommend to Council

- B. THAT the operators and caterers of City-run facilities be requested to use only certified organic, free-range or free-run whole (shell) chicken eggs;

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Councillor Stevenson and Mayor Sullivan absent for the vote)

MOVED By Councillor Capri
THAT the Committee recommend to Council

- C. THAT staff inform Council in one year's time highlighting any challenges which might have arisen

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Councillor Stevenson and Mayor Sullivan absent for the vote)

FINAL MOTION AS APPROVED:

WHEREAS

- 1) the City of Vancouver is a municipal leader in the appropriate care and treatment of animals; and
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THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

- A. THAT Vancouver City Council encourage Vancouver residents:
 - (i) as restaurants and caterers in both private and City operations, to highlight the support for and availability of certified organic, free-range chicken eggs on their menus;
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- (iii) as wholesalers, to highlight the preference for and availability of certified organic, free-range chicken eggs in their food supply inventories; and
 - (iv) as retailers, to highlight the preference for and availability of certified organic, free-range chicken eggs in their food stores;
 - B. THAT the operators and caterers of City-run facilities be requested to use only certified organic, free-range or free-run whole (shell) chicken eggs; and
 - C. THAT staff inform Council in one year's time highlighting any challenges which might have arisen.
- 3. **Roadway Modifications at Boundary Road and Grandview Highway and the Highway 1 off ramp at Boundary Road**

MOVED by Councillor Cadman
THAT the Committee recommend to Council

THAT consideration of the Administrative Report entitled 'Roadway Modification at Boundary Road and Grandview Highway and the Highway 1 off ramp at Boundary Road be postponed until a Standing Committee meeting in September 2007.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Councillor Stevenson and Mayor Sullivan absent for the vote)

4. **TransLink Governance Review and Related Provincial Legislation**

MOVED by Councillor Louie
THAT the Committee recommend to Council

- A. 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.

Carried Unanimously

- B. THAT the Mayor convene a meeting of Vancouver MLA's and City Councillors to discuss and find solutions to the concerns and negative impacts of Bill 36 on Vancouver's residential/non-residential taxpayers contained in the Administrative Report entitled Translink Governance Review and Related Provincial Legislation dated July 11, 2007.

Not put

AMENDMENT MOVED By Mayor Sullivan

THAT B of the motion be amended to insert the words 'after January 2008' after 'Vancouver MLA's and City Councillors'. The motion to read as follows:

THAT the Mayor convene a meeting of Vancouver MLA's and City Councillors after January 2008 to discuss and find solutions to the concerns and negative impacts of Bill 36 on Vancouver's residential/non-residential taxpayers contained in the Administrative Report entitled Translink Governance Review and Related Provincial Legislation dated July 11, 2007.

Carried

(Councillors Cadman, Chow, Deal, and Louie opposed)
(Councillors Ball and Stevenson absent for the vote)

The amendment having CARRIED, part B of the Councillor Louie' motion was not put. Part A of Councillor Louie's motion was put and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY with Councillors Ball and Stevenson absent for the vote.

FINAL MOTION AS APPROVED

THAT the Committee recommend to Council

- A. 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.

- B. THAT the Mayor convene a meeting of Vancouver MLA's and City Councillors after January 2008 to discuss and find solutions to the concerns and negative impacts of Bill 36 on Vancouver's residential/non-residential taxpayers contained in the Administrative Report entitled Translink Governance Review and Related Provincial Legislation dated July 11, 2007.

The Committee adjourned at 4:08 p.m.

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CITY OF VANCOUVER

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

JULY 26, 2007

A Regular Meeting of the Council of the City of Vancouver was held on Thursday, July 26, 2007, at 4:10 p.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

CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE: Judy Rogers, City Manager

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

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MOVED by Councillor Cadman
SECONDED by Councillor Stevenson

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MATTERS ADOPTED ON CONSENT

MOVED by Councillor Lee

THAT Council adopt Administrative Reports A3 and A4 on consent.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

1. Expropriation of 1990 Seymour Street and 515-585 Davie Street for the expansion of Emery Barnes Park - Approval by Approving Authority

WITHDRAWN BY STAFF

2. Expropriation of 1990 Seymour Street and 515-585 Davie Street for the expansion of Emery Barnes Park - Approval of Advance Payment

WITHDRAWN BY STAFF

3. Expropriation of 6618 Knight Street for the construction of a left turn bay on Knight Street at 49th Avenue - Approval by Approving Authority
July 11, 2007

THAT Council, as the approving authority under the *Expropriation Act*, R.S.B.C. 1996, C. 125 (the "Act"), approve the expropriation of that portion of the lands at 6618 Knight Street, legally described as:

Parcel Identifier: 014-463-954, Lot 16, except the West 7 Feet now Road, Block 9, West 1/2 of District Lot 738, Plan 1681, shown heavily outlined on the plan consisting of approximately 17.6 square metres prepared by Eric I. Kaardal, B.C.L.S. on July 6, 2007, as marginally annotated LB904, a reduced copy of which is attached as a Schedule to Appendix A to the Administrative Report dated July 11, 2007, entitled "Expropriation of 6618 Knight Street for the construction of a left turn bay on Knight Street at 49th Avenue - Approval by Approving Authority" (the "Site") by passing the resolution set out in Appendix "A" to the above-noted report.

ADOPTED ON CONSENT

4. Expropriation of 6618 Knight Street for the construction of a left turn bay on Knight Street at 49th Avenue - Approval of Advance Payment
July 11, 2007

- A. THAT, given that Vancouver City Council, as approving authority under the *Expropriation Act*, R.S.B.C. 1996, C.125 (the "Act"), has approved the expropriation of that portion of the lands at 6618 Knight Street, legally described as:

Parcel Identifier: 014-463-954, Lot 16, except the West 7 Feet now Road, Block 9, West 1/2 of District Lot 738, Plan 1681

shown heavily outlined on the plan consisting of approximately 17.6 square metres prepared by Eric I. Kaardal, B.C.L.S. on July 6, 2007, as marginally annotated LB904, a reduced copy of which is attached as Appendix A to the Administrative Report dated July 11, 2007, entitled "Expropriation of 6618 Knight Street for the construction of a left turn bay on Knight Street at 49th Avenue - Approval of Advance Payment" (the "Site").

Council authorize the Director of Real Estate Services, on behalf of the City as the expropriating authority, to pay Twenty-Nine Thousand Seven Hundred Dollars (\$29,700) to the registered owners of the Site as the advance payment made under the Act.

- B. THAT the source of funding for such payment will be the 2003 Street Basic Capital Budget for Knight and 49th Avenue Left Turn Bay. This funding was approved by Council on April 17, 2007.

ADOPTED ON CONSENT

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Report of Standing Committee on City Services and Budgets July 26, 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. Heritage Building Rehabilitation Program (HBRP) and Transfer of Density Program - Current Status and Proposed Strategy
2. Free Range Chicken Eggs
3. Roadway Modifications at Boundary Road and Grandview Highway and the Highway 1 off ramp at Boundary Road
4. TransLink Governance Review and Related Provincial Legislation

MOVED by Councillor Lee

THAT the recommendations and actions taken by the Standing Committee on City Services and Budgets at its meeting of Thursday, July 26, 2007, as contained in Items 1 - 4, be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

RISE FROM COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MOVED by Councillor Capri

THAT the Committee of the Whole rise and report.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADOPT REPORT OF COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MOVED by Councillor Deal
SECONDED by Councillor Chow

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

NEW BUSINESS

1. Support for Businesses Affected By the Construction of the Canada Line

At the Regular Council meeting following the Standing Committee on City Services and Budgets held July 26, 2007 Councillor Louie gave notice of the following motion. In accordance with Section 5.4(c) of the Procedure By-law, the Motion will be placed on the Agenda for the next Regular Council meeting to be held on July 26, 2007, immediately following the Standing Committee on Planning and Environment meeting.

MOVER: Councillor Raymond Louie
SECONDER: Councillor George Chow

WHEREAS the approval of the Canada Line was driven primarily by the Provincial Government; and

WHEREAS the construction schedule has not proceeded as initially described and far longer than any major road, sewer or water reconstruction; and

WHEREAS businesses adjacent to the Canada Line construction have been severely impacted; and

WHEREAS many businesses have closed as a result of these impacts; and

WHEREAS the Finance Minister Carole Taylor has publicly stated that the construction of the rapid transit line has hurt businesses more deeply than she expected; and

WHEREAS the Finance Minister has doubts that the 3 million dollars for the business marketing program has been effective; and

WHEREAS Seattle with Federal support has created a 50 million fund to help businesses affected by the construction of the 22 km Sound Transit Light Rapid Transit Project.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Vancouver City Council

- 1) request the Mayor send a letter of concern on this issue to the Provincial Government; and
- 2) Request that the Provincial Government create a support program for affected businesses.

Notice given

ENQUIRIES AND OTHER MATTERS

1. Councillor Deal requested that the City Manager write VANOC as soon as possible to get assurance that the City of Vancouver will not have to absorb cost overruns on the security budget.

Councillor Ladner called for a vote on this request.

MOVED By Councillor Anton

THAT consideration of the request be postponed until the City Manager joins the Standing Committee meetings later today.

CARRIED
(Councillors Cadman, Deal, and Louie opposed)

The Council adjourned at 4:25 P.M.

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