



**CITY OF VANCOUVER**  
**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**  
**OCTOBER 30, 2007**

A Regular Meeting of the Council of the City of Vancouver was held on Tuesday, October 30, 2007, at 2:00 p.m., in the Council Chamber, Third Floor, City Hall.

**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

**ABSENT:** Councillor David Cadman (Leave of Absence - Civic Business)

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

**CITY CLERK'S OFFICE:** Marg Coulson, Deputy City Clerk  
 Tarja Tuominen, Meeting Coordinator

\* Denotes absence for a portion of the meeting.

**PRAYER**

The proceedings in the Council Chamber were opened with a prayer read by the Deputy City Clerk.

**"IN CAMERA" MEETING**

MOVED by Councillor Deal  
 SECONDED by Councillor Ball

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):

- (a) personal information about an identifiable individual who holds or is being considered for a position as an officer, employee or agent of the city or another position appointed by the city;

- (c) labour relations or other employee relations;
- (d) the security of the property of the city;
- (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;
- (j) information that is prohibited, or information that if it were presented in a document would be prohibited, from disclosure under section 21 [*disclosure harmful to business interests of a third party*] of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*;
- (k) negotiations and related discussions respecting the proposed provision of an activity, work or facility that are at their preliminary stages and that, in the view of the Council, could reasonably be expected to harm the interests of the city if they were held in public.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY  
(Councillors Chow and Lee absent for the vote)

#### ADOPTION OF MINUTES

##### 1. Special Council - October 10, 2007

MOVED by Councillor Louie  
SECONDED by Councillor Capri

THAT the foregoing Minutes be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY  
(Councillor Chow absent for the vote)

##### 2. Regular Council - October 16, 2007

MOVED by Councillor Anton  
SECONDED by Councillor Stevenson

THAT the foregoing Minutes be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY  
(Councillor Chow absent for the vote)

## 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  
(Councillor Chow absent for the vote)

## MATTERS ADOPTED ON CONSENT

MOVED by Councillor Deal

THAT Council adopt Communications 1 and Administrative Reports A1 to A3, on consent.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. **Roadway Modifications at Boundary Road and Grandview Highway and the Highway 1 off ramp at Boundary Road (VanRIMS No. 13-1400-22)**

At the Standing Committee on City Services and Budgets meeting on October 18, 2007, Council considered the Administrative Report *Roadway Modifications at Boundary Road and Grandview Highway and the Highway 1 off ramp at Boundary Road*, dated July 9, 2007.

Council heard from speakers, approved two geometric roadway modifications proposed by staff and referred the third one on High Occupancy Vehicle queue jumper lanes to the next Regular Council meeting on October 30, 2007, as Unfinished Business. Council also requested additional information on the implications of greenhouse gas and particulate emissions.

Jerry Dobrovolny, Assistant City Engineer, Transportation, provided the requested additional information, and responded to questions.

MOVED by Councillor Lee

THAT Council approve the following geometric roadway modification, subject to approval of its final cost:

The addition of High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) queue jumper lanes on Grandview Highway.

amended

AMENDMENT MOVED by Councillor Anton

THAT the motion be struck and replaced with the following:

THAT staff consider other modifications to the eastern approaches to the city which do not add to the number of vehicles coming into the city.

AND FURTHER THAT those modifications do not encourage traffic to shift off the arterial grid.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The amendment having carried, the motion, as amended, was put and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

**1. 2008 Council Meetings Schedule (VanRIMS No. 08-2000-01)**

THAT the following schedule of Council meetings for 2008 be approved:

9:30 am (Tuesday)	Standing Committee on Transportation & Traffic (T&T)
9:30 am (Thursday)	Standing Committee on City Services & Budgets (CS&B)
9:30 am or 7:30 pm (Tuesday Wednesday or Thursday)	Business License Hearing
2:00 pm (Tuesday)	Regular Council
2:00 pm (Thursday)	Standing Committee on Planning & Environment (P&E)
7:30 pm (Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday)	Public Hearing; Court of Revision

<b>JANUARY</b>		
	1	Skip (New Year's Day)
	8	Skip
	15	T&T Committee; Regular Council; Public Hearing
	17	CS&B and P&E Committees
	23	Business License Hearing (9:30 am)
	29	Business License Hearing (9:30 am); Regular Council
	31	CS&B and P&E Committees; Business License Hearing (7:30 pm)
<b>FEBRUARY</b>		
	5	Court of Revision (BIA)
	12	T&T; Regular Council; Public Hearing
	14	CS&B and P&E Committees
	19	Skip
	26	Business License Hearing (9:30 am); Regular Council
	28	CS&B and P&E Committees; Business License Hearing (7:30 pm)

<b>MARCH</b>		
	5	Business License Hearing (9:30 am)
	11	T&T Committee; Regular Council; Public Hearing
	13	CS&B and P&E Committees
	18	Skip (Spring Break, March 17-25; Good Friday, March 21 )
	25	Skip (Easter Monday, March 24)
<b>APRIL</b>		
	1	Business License Hearing (9:30 am); Regular Council
	3	CS&B and P&E Committees; Business License Hearing (7:30 pm)
	9	Special CS&B (2008 Operating Budget - Interim Estimates (7:30 pm)
	15	T&T Committee; Regular Council; Public Hearing
	17	CS&B and P&E Committees
	23	Business License Hearing (9:30 am)
	29	Business License Hearing (9:30 am); Regular Council
<b>MAY</b>		
	1	CS&B and P&E Committees
	7	Business License Hearing (9:30 am); (LMLGA in Whistler, May 7-9)
	13	T&T Committee; Regular Council; Public Hearing
	15	CS&B and P&E Committees
	19	Victoria Day
	20	No Council meetings
	22	CS&B and P&E Committees; Business License Hearing (7:30 pm)
	27	Business License Hearing (9:30 am); Regular Council
	29	No CS&B and P&E Committees (FCM in Quebec City, May 30-June 2)
<b>JUNE</b>		
	3	Skip
	10	T&T Committee; Regular Council; Public Hearing
	12	CS&B and P&E Committees; Court of Revision - Eng
	18	Business License Hearing (9:30 am)
	24	Business License Hearing (9:30 am); Regular Council
	26	CS&B and P&E Committees; Business License Hearing (7:30 pm)
<b>JULY</b>		
	1	Skip (Canada Day)
	8	Business License Hearing (9:30 am); Regular Council; Public Hearing
	10	CS&B and P&E Committees
	16	Business License Hearing (9:30 am)
	22	T&T Committee; Regular Council
	24	CS&B and P&E Committees; Business License Hearing (7:30 pm)
<b>AUGUST</b>		
	1-31	Summer Recess (BC Day, August 4)
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>		
	2	Skip (Labour Day, September 1)
	9	Skip
	16	T&T Committee; Regular Council; Public Hearing
	18	CS&B and P&E Committees
	23	Skip (UBCM in Penticton, September 22-26)
	30	Business License Hearing (9:30 am); Regular Council

OCTOBER		
	2	CS&B and P&E Committees; Business License Hearing (7:30 pm)
	8	Business License Hearing (9:30 am)
	13	Thanksgiving
	14	Business License Hearing (9:30 am); Regular Council; Public Hearing
	16	CS&B and P&E Committees
	22	Court of Revision (Land Averaging)
	28	T&T Committee; Regular Council; Court of Revision (BIA)
	30	CS&B and P&E Committees
NOVEMBER		
	4	Skip
	11	Skip (Remembrance Day)
	18	Skip (Civic Election, November 15)
	25	Regular Council
	27	No CS&B and P&E Committees
DECEMBER		
	2	Skip
	8	Inaugural Council
	16	T&T Committee; Regular Council; Public Hearing
	18	CS&B and P&E Committees
	23	Skip (Christmas Break, December 25 to January 1)

ADOPTED ON CONSENT

#### ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

1. **Approval to Proceed with Construction Management for Queen Elizabeth Theatre Redevelopment - Audience Chamber Phase 2**  
October 16, 2007 (VanRIMS No. 03-1200-30)
  - A. THAT, subject to approval of B, C and D below, Council approve the entering into of an agreement between the City and Heatherbrae Builders Co. Ltd. ("Heatherbrae") for pre-construction management services for the Queen Elizabeth Theatre Redevelopment - Audience Chamber Phase 2 to a maximum value of \$70,000 (plus applicable taxes), with funding to be provided by the Queen Elizabeth Theatre Redevelopment Capital Budget;
  - B. THAT, subject to approval of A above, and C and D below, Council approve the entering into of an agreement between the City and Heatherbrae for construction of the Queen Elizabeth Theatre Redevelopment - Audience Chamber Phase 2 to a maximum value of \$26,000,000 (plus applicable taxes), with funding to be provided by the Queen Elizabeth Theatre Redevelopment Capital Budget, subject to the competitive tendering of subtrade bids by Heatherbrae as construction manager;

- C. THAT, subject to approval of A and B above, and D below, Council authorize the Director of Facilities Design & Management to issue Change Orders in respect of the services contracted for pursuant to A and B above, provided that in no case will the total value of such services exceed the maximum amounts set out in A and B above, namely \$70,000 and \$26,000,000, respectively; and
- D. THAT, no legal rights or obligations will be created by Council's approval of A, B, and C above, and no funds are to be expended or services to be performed in respect of the matters contemplated by A, B and C above, unless and until all legal documentation required by the Director of Legal Services has been executed and delivered by the Director of Legal Services on terms and conditions satisfactory to her.

ADOPTED ON CONSENT

- 2. **2400 Kingsway - Award of Management Consulting Contract  
October 9, 2007 (VanRIMS No. 03-1200-30)**

THAT the Director of Real Estate Services be authorized to hire Integrated Hospitality Management Ltd. (IHM) to manage the 2400 Motel on a contract which will last up to 5 years on the terms detailed in the Administrative Report *2400 Kingsway - Award of Management Consulting Contract*, dated October 9, 2007. Source of funds to be the revenues from the property which is owned by the Property Endowment Fund.

ADOPTED ON CONSENT

- 3. **Award of Contract - Phase II - Design Development 2010 Winter Games Live Site  
October 12, 2007 (VanRIMS No. 03-1200-30)**

- A. THAT subject to the conditions set out in B, C, D and E below, Council authorize a contract with Fireworks Marketing Group Inc. for Phase II - Design Development 2010 Winter Games Live Site at a maximum cost of \$214,932 plus applicable taxes.
- B. THAT the source of funds for Phase II - Design Development 2010 Winter Games Live Site be the \$200,000, approved by Council from the Olympic Legacy Reserve with interim funding from the 2007 Olympic and Paralympic Operations Budget plus \$14,932 to be funded from 2007 Olympic and Paralympic Operations Budget.
- C. THAT all necessary legal documents be on terms and conditions satisfactory to the General Manager of Olympic and Paralympic Operations, Managing Director, Cultural Services and the Director of Legal Services.

- D. THAT, upon approval as to terms pursuant to C above, the Director of Legal Services be authorized to execute on the City's behalf all such legal documents.
- E. THAT no legal rights or obligations will be created by Council's adoption of A, B, C, D above until such legal documents are executed and delivered by the Director of Legal Services.

ADOPTED ON CONSENT

**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 Lee  
SECONDED by Councillor Ball

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**BY-LAWS**

MOVED by Councillor Deal  
SECONDED by Councillor Chow

THAT Council, except for those members excused as noted in the agenda, enact the by-law listed on the agenda for this meeting as number 1, and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign and seal the enacted by-law.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

1. A By-law to amend License By-law No. 4450 regarding 2008 fee increases (By-law No. 9542)



## MOTIONS

### A. Administrative Motions

None

### B. Motions on Notice

#### 1. Campaign Finance Reform (VanRIMS No. 08-1000-01)

MOVED by Councillor Chow  
SECONDED by Councillor Deal

WHEREAS approximately \$4 million was spent in the 2005 municipal campaign by the three political parties on Council;

WHEREAS the Government of British Columbia has not passed new financial reporting legislation in response to Vancouver City Council having voted in favour of requesting specific changes to legislation on March 15, 2005;

WHEREAS there are currently no requirements to publicly disclose donations of any sum to a municipal elector organization outside of the election campaign period;

WHEREAS the Vancouver Charter recognizes the unique position of the City of Vancouver among British Columbia municipalities;

WHEREAS large financial contributions to political parties and elected officials, both anonymous and public, erode public confidence in our elected officials as well as the political process;

WHEREAS it is well-known that the Mayor, individual Councillors, and Vancouver civic elector organizations are actively fundraising for the next civic election;

WHEREAS the City of Vancouver has requested the provincial government to amend the charter to provide more transparency around financial contributions, yet after two years there has been no movement on this front;

WHEREAS without ongoing public disclosure of donations to elected officials, there is no way to determine if they are in a conflict-of-interest;

WHEREAS City staff are dealing with a large backload of work following the three-month strike;

AND WHEREAS in the Mayor's State of the City Address, he declared that one of his "5 goals for a Better Vancouver" included making our city the most accountable and accessible in Canada;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council appoint an independent expert to:

1. Conduct a public consultation on:
  - a) Banning union and corporate donations to civic elector organizations and individual councillors;
  - b) Continuous public disclosure of all donations;
  - c) Limits on campaign spending;With the consultations to be completed by February 2008;
2. Provide recommendations to Council in March 2008.

Referred

The Chair noted several requests to speak on Motion B.1 have been received. Council agreed to refer consideration of the motion to a future Standing Committee meeting in order to hear the speakers.

#### NOTICE OF MOTION

1. **Urgent Housing Repairs and Strengthening Standards of Maintenance By-law**  
(VanRIMS No. 08-1000-01)

The following Notice of Motion was submitted by Councillor Stevenson and recognized by the Chair. The Motion will be placed on the agenda of the next Regular Council meeting on November 13, 2007.

WHEREAS:

- there are landlords in Vancouver who routinely fail to maintain their properties to code;
- this ongoing pattern of neglect wastes considerable time and money by City staff, as well as causing extensive suffering to the tenants who live in these buildings;
- some of Vancouver's most disadvantaged citizens are forced to live in these properties, as there is a well-known shortage of safe, affordable housing in Vancouver;
- there has been difficulty in relocating the displaced tenants of the apartment on 2131 Pandora;
- the City has the ability, through the Standards of Maintenance by-law, to repair these buildings and charge the costs to the owner, if the owner has not remedied the problems within 60 days of receiving an order (Section 23.9);

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT

1. Staff immediately apply the full powers of the Standards of Maintenance by-law to 2131 Pandora Street and report back in 60 days on the status of repairs and renovations;

2. The City of Vancouver undertake any repairs or renovations required to ensure 2131 Pandora is fit for human habitation after the 60 days of the initial order has passed;
3. The City inspect and report back to council in 30 days all properties owned by the owner of 2131 Pandora, as well as any serious repeat offenders of the Standards of Maintenance by-law;
4. That staff report back in 60 days on enforcement mechanisms, including increased fines, ticketing, receivership, and expropriation, to strengthen the Standards of Maintenance by-law to ensure that Vancouver's rental housing stock is kept in good repair; and
5. That staff report back in 60 days on legislation and by-laws used in other jurisdictions to prevent rental housing from becoming vacant

Notice

#### ENQUIRIES AND OTHER MATTERS

1. **Electoral/Campaign Finance Reform (VanRIMS 08-1000-01)**

Councillors Ladner, Capri, Chow, and Louie requested clarification around a number of electoral and campaign financing issues, including: the rules around supplementary campaign disclosures; penalties related to disclosure; candidates or elector organizations that may have had a deficit following the last election; and rules around surplus funds.

Paul Hancock, Deputy Chief Elections Officer, responded to questions and provided clarification.

2. **Concerns with Rock Band Thompson (VanRIMS No. 11-2200-01)**

Councillor Stevenson reported that the rock band Thompson is scheduled to perform in the city. Because of strong anti-Semitism concerns, the band's concert in Toronto was cancelled and the band has been banned in parts of Europe. Councillor Stevenson requested the City Manager to ensure the police would be present at the concert.

The City Manager agreed to follow up on the request.

3. **City's Contract with Ken Dobell (VanRIMS No. 03-1200-30)**

Councillor Stevenson enquired whether Ken Dobell's association with the City will continue during the investigation by the Special Prosecutor for the province on the alleged conflict of interest issues.

The Chair noted as this is a personnel matter, the discussion will continue as an In-Camera meeting of Council.

4. **Task Force Report on Fireworks (VanRIMS No. 13-4800-10)**

Councillor Capri enquired on the status of the task force report on fireworks, with recommendations on use of fireworks at family functions, city hosting events, etc.

The City Manager advised the report is expected to come forward at the end of November. The Fire Department has done some educational work with people selling fireworks for this Halloween, and additional fire inspectors will be monitoring on Halloween evening.

5. **Status of Staff on Rezoning Issues (VanRIMS No. 11-3600-01)**

The Mayor requested staff to provide a memo on the status of staff working on rezoning issues.

The City Manager advised staff are in the midst of that analysis and will be reporting back shortly.

6. **Policy on Consultants Attending Party Fundraisers (VanRIMS No. 08-1000-01)**

Councillor Louie enquired on policy related to consultants attending party fundraisers.

The City Manager agreed to look into the matter.

The Council adjourned at 3:17 p.m.

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