



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

NOVEMBER 29, 2007

A Regular Meeting of the Standing Committee of Council on City Services and Budgets was held on Thursday, November 29, 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, Acting Chair (Items 2-4)
*Councillor Elizabeth Ball
Councillor David Cadman
Councillor George Chow
Councillor Heather Deal
Councillor B.C. Lee
Councillor Raymond Louie, Vice-Chair
*Councillor Tim Stevenson

ABSENT: Councillor Kim Capri (Civic Business)

CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE: Judy Rogers, City Manager

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE: Denise Salmon, Meeting Coordinator

*Denotes absence for a portion of the meeting.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

The Minutes of the Standing Committee on City Services and Budgets meeting of November 15, 2007, were adopted.

MATTERS ADOPTED ON CONSENT

MOVED by Councillor Louie

THAT agenda item 5 be adopted on consent.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Councillors Ball and Stevenson absent for the vote)

RECOMMENDATION

1. 2008 Street Cleaning Grants (VanRIMS No. 13-6200-30)

The Committee had before it an Administrative Report dated November 5, 2007, in which the General Manager of Engineering Services sought Council approval for street cleaning grants of to Save Our Living Environment (SOLE) and to Family Service of Greater Vancouver - Street Youth Job Action (SYJA) so they can continue to provide supplementary street cleaning services, and job support and life skills training opportunities for youth and adults with employment barriers in 2008.

Staff from Engineering Services were present.

Council heard from one speaker in favour of the recommendations.

MOVED by Councillor Louie

THAT the Committee recommend to Council

- A. THAT Council approve a grant of \$75,000 to Family Services of Greater Vancouver - Street Youth Job Action for supplementary cleaning of sidewalks, lanes and public spaces in downtown Vancouver, with funding of \$60,000 from the 2008 Street Cleaning Operating Budget and \$15,000 from the 2008 Streets Operations Maintenance Budget.
- B. THAT Council approve a grant of \$115,000 to 'Save Our Living Environment' for supplementary cleaning of sidewalks, lanes and public spaces in Vancouver's Downtown Eastside, with funding of \$75,000 from the Capital Financing Fund (Solid Waste Capital Reserve) and \$40,000 from the 2008 Street Cleaning Operating Budget.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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At this point in the proceedings Councillor Ladner relinquished the Chair to Councillor Anton in order to participate in debate on Items 2, 3 and 4. Councillor Ladner advised the Vice-Chair had declined his request to act as Chair.

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2. Annual Review of Sewer Rates for 2008 under the Sewer and Watercourse By-law (VanRIMS No. 08-4000-11)

The Committee had before it an Administrative Report dated November 7, 2007, in which the General Manager of Engineering Services recommended revised sanitary sewer user fees, Sewer BOD/TSS/Flow rates and public sewer connection fees for 2008.

Staff from Engineering Services and Financial Planning and Treasury responded to questions.

MOVED by Councillor Ladner
THAT the Committee recommend to Council

- A. THAT Council approve the 2008 sanitary sewer user rates as detailed in the Administrative Report dated November 7, 2007, entitled "Annual Review of Sewer Rates for 2008 under the Sewer and Watercourse By-law", with metered rate increased by 4.7%, annual flat fees for single dwelling units increased by \$8 (from \$171 to \$179), and other sanitary sewer user rates as set out in Appendix A, as amended this day (Schedule A).
- B. THAT the 2008 public sewer connection fees included in the Sewer and Watercourse Bylaw as set out in Appendix A (Schedule A) of the Administrative Report dated November 7, 2007, entitled "Annual Review of Sewer Rates for 2008 under the Sewer and Watercourse By-law", be increased as follows:
 - Public sewer connection fees for one or two family dwellings by 8%,
 - Public sewer connection fees for properties other than one and two family dwellings by 15%, and
 - Sewer connection inspection fees by 4%.
- C. THAT 2008 Biochemical Oxygen Demand/Total Suspended Solids / Flow (BOD/TSS/Flow) rates payable by waste discharge permit users ("permitted industrial users") be set as per Appendix A (Schedule B) of the Administrative Report dated November 7, 2007, entitled "Annual Review of Sewer Rates for 2008 under the Sewer and Watercourse By-law".
- D. THAT the Director of Legal Services be instructed to bring forward for enactment amendments to the Sewer and Watercourse By-law, substantially as set out in Appendix A, as amended this day, to give effect to A, B and C of the Administrative Report dated November 7, 2007, entitled "Annual Review of Sewer Rates for 2008 under the Sewer and Watercourse By-law".

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**3. Annual Review of Water Rates for 2008 under the Water Works By-law
(VanRIMS No. 08-4000-11)**

The Committee had before it an Administrative Report dated November 7, 2007, in which the General Manager of Engineering Services recommended increases in water charges for 2008.

Staff from Engineering Services responded to questions.

MOVED by Councillor Louie
THAT the Committee recommend to Council

- A. THAT Council approve an increase of 3.3%, as detailed in the Administrative Report dated November 7, 2007, entitled "Annual Review of Water Rates for 2008 under the Water Works By-law" and as set out in Appendix A, as amended this day, to the following fees under the Water Works By-law:
- Flat rate annual consumption fees for single family dwelling units (increase from \$349 to \$361) (Schedule "B"),
 - Other flat rate water service charges for single family dwelling unit with suite and each strata title duplex (Schedule "B"),
 - Charges for metered water service (Schedule "D"), and
 - Charges for temporary water service during construction (Schedule "F")
- B. THAT fees for other services included in the Water Works Bylaw be increased as follows:
- Flat rate water connection fees for single family and two family dwellings (Schedule "A") by 8%,
 - Flat rate water connection fees for properties other than single family and two family dwellings (Schedule "A") and service pipe removal fees (Schedule "A.1") by 15%,
 - Meter service charge (Schedule "E") and fees for installation of water meters (Schedule "G") by 4%.
 - Cross connection control administration Fees (Schedule "H") "first assembly" by \$5 and "additional assembly" by \$2.50.
- C. THAT the Director of Legal Services be instructed to bring forward for enactment amendments to the Water Works By-law, substantially as set out in Appendix A, as amended this day, of the Administrative Report dated November 7, 2007, entitled "Annual Review of Sewer Rates for 2008 under the Sewer and Watercourse By-law" to give effect to A, B, and C of this report.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. 2008 Solid Waste Utility (SWU) Fees and By-Law Changes (VanRIMS No. 08-4000-11)

The Committee had before it an Administrative Report dated November 16, 2007, in which the General Manager of Engineering Services sought Council authority to:

- set 2008 Solid Waste Utility fees;
- closeout the Automated Cart capital budget; and
- amend the Solid Waste By-law to reflect fee changes and housekeeping issues.

The General Manager also presented for consideration, alternative rate schedules if Council wanted to fully reflect the estimated savings in the 2007 Solid Waste Utility budget as a result of the labour disruption in the 2008 Solid Waste Collection fees. Staff did not recommend Council approve these reduced rates.

Staff from Engineering Services presented the report and, along with staff from Financial Planning and Treasury, responded to questions.

Council heard from one speaker regarding the rate structure.

MOVED by Councillor Deal

THAT the Committee recommend to Council

A.

i) THAT the 2008 garbage collection fees be established as follows:

<u>Cart Size</u>	<u>2008 Fee</u>
75 litres	\$68
120 litres	\$81
180 litres	\$97
240 litres	\$114
360 litres	\$148

ii) THAT the 2008 recycling collection point fee be decreased to \$8, and the 2007 per dwelling unit rate for recycling collection of \$10 remain unchanged for 2008.

iii) THAT the 2008 yard waste collection fees be established as follows:

<u>Cart Size</u>	<u>2008 Fee</u>
120 litres	\$37
180 litres	\$42
240 litres	\$46
360 litres	\$54

B. THAT Vancouver Landfill demolition material tipping fees be increased from \$470 to \$520 for each tandem axle trailer, and from \$570 to \$630 for each tridem axle trailer to reflect market rates.

C. THAT Council approve the Automated Cart capital budget closeout as discussed in the Administrative Report dated November 16, 2007, entitled "2008 Solid Waste Utility (SWU) Fees and By-Law Changes".

D. THAT the garbage disposal fee at the Vancouver Landfill and Vancouver South Transfer Station for loads greater than 900 kilogram be increased effective

January 1, 2008 from \$65/tonne to the new regional rate approved by Metro Vancouver Board's on November 30, 2007.

- E. THAT the Director of Legal Services be instructed to bring forward for enactment the revisions to the Solid Waste By-law substantially as referred to in these A-D above and substantially as set out in Appendix A of the Administrative Report dated November 16, 2007, entitled "2008 Solid Waste Utility (SWU) Fees and By-Law Changes".

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5. Year 2008 Licence Fees for Taxicabs and Dual Taxicab (VanRIMS No. 11-4600-25)

THAT the Committee recommend to Council

- A. THAT the license fee for Dual Taxicabs and Taxicabs, contained in Schedule "A" of Vehicles for Hire By-law No. 6066, be increased from \$340 to \$452, for Year 2008, in keeping with Council Policy of setting fees on a cost recovery basis.
- B. THAT Council approve annual funding of \$5,000 for accessibility training for drivers of dual taxicabs, to be offset by an additional taxicab license fee of \$9 (for a total of \$461).
- C. THAT the Director of Legal Services be instructed to prepare the necessary By-law amendments to the Vehicles for Hire by-law to implement the revised Fee Schedule and other proposed changes, to be effective January 1, 2008.

ADOPTED ON CONSENT

The Committee adjourned at 11:05 a.m.

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CITY OF VANCOUVER

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

NOVEMBER 29, 2007

A Regular Meeting of the Council of the City of Vancouver was held on Thursday, November 29, 2007, at 11:06 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 George Chow
Councillor Heather Deal
Councillor Peter Ladner
Councillor B.C. Lee
*Councillor Raymond Louie
Councillor Tim Stevenson

ABSENT: Councillor Kim Capri (Civic Business)

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COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MOVED by Councillor Stevenson

SECONDED by Councillor Ladner

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 November 29, 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. 2008 Street Cleaning Grants
2. Annual Review of Sewer Rates for 2008 under the Sewer and Watercourse By-law
3. Annual Review of Water Rates for 2008 under the Water Works By-law
4. 2008 Solid Waste Utility (SWU) Fees and By-Law Changes
5. Year 2008 Licence Fees for Taxicabs and Dual Taxicab

Items 1-5

MOVED by Councillor Chow

THAT the recommendations and actions taken by the Standing Committee on City Services and Budgets at its meeting of November 27, 2007, as contained in items 1-5, be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AND
ITEM 1 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 Ball
SECONDED by Councillor Anton

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

NEW BUSINESS

1. Protection of Municipal Assets - Pacific Spirit Park (VanRIMS No. 01-5500-40)

MOVED by Councillor Louie
SECONDED by Councillor Chow

WHEREAS the British Columbia Court of Appeal ruled that the provincial Crown breached its constitutional duty to accommodate the Musqueam Indian Band's aboriginal title rights with respect to the UBC Golf Course.

AND WHEREAS the Province of British Columbia has recently announced a reconciliation agreement with Musqueam Indian Band

AND WHEREAS the agreement includes a transfer of portions of Pacific Spirit Park to the Musqueam.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Mayor and Council send a letter to the Provincial Government to:

1. Express our support for provincial efforts to achieve reconciliation with all First Nations.
2. Advise the Provincial Government that the City of Vancouver does not support the appropriation of local government assets, in this case a portion of Pacific Spirit Park, to achieve the settlement of First Nation claims.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. Education Presentation on Police Use of Tasers (VanRIMS No. 11-2200-01)

MOVED by Councillor Tim Stevenson

THAT Council invite the Police Department to give an education presentation to Council on tasers.

LOST

(Councillors Anton, Ball, Ladner, Lee and the Mayor opposed)
(Councillor Louie absent for the vote)

3. Projects - Use of External Staff (VanRIMS No. 07-3000-01)

The following motion was submitted by Councillor Anton. Councillor Deal called Notice under Section 5.4(c) of the Procedure By-law. The motion will be considered at the Regular Council meeting following the Standing Committee on Planning and Environment meeting on November 29, 2007.

WHEREAS

- (a) Economic conditions are such that many projects capable of delivering needed additional residential and commercial units are seeking development approval in the city;
- (b) City priorities such as Olympics related projects and new supportive housing development are requiring significant staff time; and
- (b) EcoDensity proposals will require significant staff time;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT staff report back on the use of external certified professional staff, including legal staff, in order to allow projects to move more quickly through our City requirements.

Notice

4. Council Meeting Schedule Changes (VanRIMS No. 08-2000-01)

The following motion was submitted by Councillor Anton. Councillor Deal called Notice under Section 5.4(c) of the Procedure By-law. The motion will be considered at the Regular Council meeting following the Standing Committee on Planning and Environment meeting on November 29, 2007.

THAT Council:

1. Cancel the Transportation and Traffic Standing Committee Meeting scheduled for 9:30 a.m. on December 11, 2007.
2. Reschedule the business that would have been on the Agenda of the Transportation and Traffic Standing Committee on December 11, 2007 to the Planning and Environment Committee at 2:00 p.m. on December 13, 2007.
3. Cancel the Special Meeting of the Standing Committee on City Services and Budgets called for December 3, 2007 (Operating Budget related matters) and refer that business to a rescheduled meeting of the Standing Committee on City Services and Budgets at December 11, 2007 at 9:30 a.m. to be continued on December 13, 2007 at 9:30 a.m. along with regular business.

In Summary:

December 3, 2007 Special CS&B	Cancelled
December 11 (9:30 a.m.) and 13 CS&B (9:30 a.m.)	Operating Budget and regular business
December 13, 2007 2:00 p.m. P&E	T&T and P&E business

Notice

The Council adjourned at 11:50 a.m.

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