



CITY OF VANCOUVER

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REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

JANUARY 29, 2008

A Regular Meeting of the Council of the City of Vancouver was held on Tuesday, January 29, 2008, at 2:00 p.m., in the Council Chamber, Third Floor, City Hall.

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
- James Ridge, Deputy City Manager

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE:

- Syd Baxter, 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 City Clerk.

ANNOUNCEMENT - TWO YEAR 2010 COUNTDOWN KICK-OFF

Council welcomed David Guscott and Maureen Douglas, VANOC, who presented an update on the Two Year 2010 Countdown festivities and introduced the 2010 Mascots.

PRESENTATION - 2007 CITY OF VANCOUVER BOOK AWARDS

The Mayor recognized the following 2007 City of Vancouver Book Awards finalists, and announced *Vancouver Remembered* by Michael Kluckner as winner of this year's Book Award:

- *Fred Herzog: Vancouver Photographs* by Grant Arnold and Michael Turner (published by Douglas & McIntyre)

- *Can You Hear the Nightbird Call?* by Anita Rau Badami (published by Random House of Canada)
- *The Age of Cities* by Brett Josef Grubisic (published by Arsenal Pulp Press)
- *Vancouver Remembered* by Michael Kluckner (published by Whitecap Books)

"IN CAMERA" MEETING

MOVED by Councillor Cadman
SECONDED by Councillor Capri

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.
- (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
(Councillor Louie absent for the vote)

ITEMS ARISING FROM THE "IN CAMERA" MEETING OF JANUARY 15, 2008

Council approved appointments to the following Advisory Bodies:

- Vancouver Public Library Board
- Chinatown Historic Area Planning Committee

Names of those appointed can be obtained from the City Clerk's Office.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

1. Regular Council - January 15, 2008

MOVED by Councillor Ladner
SECONDED by Councillor Stevenson

THAT the foregoing Minutes be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Councillor Louie absent for the vote)

2. Special Council (Public Hearing) - January 15, 2008

MOVED by Councillor Deal
SECONDED by Councillor Chow

THAT the foregoing Minutes be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Councillor Louie absent for the vote)

3. Regular Council (City Services and Budgets) - January 17, 2008

MOVED by Councillor Ladner
SECONDED by Councillor Stevenson

THAT the foregoing Minutes be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Councillor Louie absent for the vote)

4. Regular Council (Planning and Environment) - January 17, 2008

MOVED by Councillor Capri
SECONDED by Councillor Ball

THAT the foregoing Minutes be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Councillor Louie absent for the vote)

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MOVED by Councillor Deal
SECONDED by Councillor Chow

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Councillor Louie absent for the vote)

MATTERS ADOPTED ON CONSENT

MOVED by Councillor Cadman

THAT Council adopt Administrative Reports A1, A4, A5 and A7, on consent.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Councillor Louie absent for the vote)

REPORT REFERENCE

1. **A New Culture Plan for Vancouver 2008-2018; and Allocation of the Third Instalment of a Three-phase Strategic Investment Increase to the Cultural Budget**
(VanRIMS No. 11-2600-10)

Sue Harvey, Managing Director of Cultural Services, presented a Report Reference on the final strategic directions and framework for *A New Cultural Plan for Vancouver 2008 - 2018* arising from the Creative City consultation and strategic planning process, steps to continue the Creative City dialogue and recommendations for funding allocations of the third instalment of Council's three-phase strategic investment in arts and culture.

MOVED by Councillor Deal

- A. THAT Council adopt the Creative City Task Force New Culture Plan for Vancouver 2008-2018 to inform the City's future roles, responsibilities and investments in arts and culture.
- B. THAT Council direct staff to report back by June 2008 with an Implementation Plan and identifies resource requirements for restructuring of City cultural programs, services and support systems informed by the New Culture Plan strategic directions and associated planning processes outlined in the Policy Report *A New Culture Plan for Vancouver 2008-2018; and Allocation of the Third Instalment of a Three-phase Strategic Investment Increase to the Cultural Budget*, dated January 7, 2008.
- C. THAT Council thank the members of the Creative City Task Force for their contribution and commitment to the development of the New Culture Plan.
- D. THAT Council approve in principle the creation of a new Council Committee on the Creative Sector and direct staff to report back with terms of reference including scope, membership and relationship to the Civic Theatres Board and Public Art Committee, in the context of the next Council term and Council's Advisory Committee Policy.
- E. THAT Council approve allocation of the unspent \$1 million strategic investment increase contained within the 2007 Operating Budget and disburse these funds as follows:

- i. THAT Council approve an increase of \$200,000 to the Operating Grant program for allocation to current Project Grants recipients to be transferred to the Operating Grants category in 2008; with report back on specific grant recommendations at the conclusion of the 2008 Operating and Project Grant assessment processes.
- ii. THAT Council approve the following one-time supplemental funding allocations:
 - a. \$300,000 for Operating Grants;
 - b. \$100,000 for Project Grants; and
 - c. \$250,000 for Major Institutions Operating Grantswith reports on specific grant allocations as part of the 2008 grant review processes.
- iii. THAT Council approve a second annual Creative City Conversation Day to take place in the spring of 2008 – an opportunity to bring together the community and keynote speakers to further Vancouver’s creative dialogue, at a cost not to exceed \$50,000.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Councillor Louie absent for the vote)

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

1. **2008 Theatre Rental Projects Grants: 1st Deadline
December 17, 2007 (VanRIMS No. 05-5000-10)**

THAT Council approve three (3) Theatre Rental Projects Grants totalling \$18,460 as outlined in Table 1 of the Administrative Report *2008 Theatre Rental Projects Grants: 1st Deadline*, dated December 17, 2007, for uses of the Civic Theatres within the first 6 months of 2008; source of funds to be the 2008 Theatre Rental Projects Grant budget.

ADOPTED ON CONSENT AND
BY THE REQUIRED MAJORITY
(Councillor Louie absent for the vote)

2. **Olympic and Paralympic Public Art Plan and Project Management - Award of Contract
January 2, 2008 (VanRIMS No. 08-8000-20)**

MOVED by Councillor Ball

- A. THAT Council approve the Olympic and Paralympic Public Art Program as outlined in the Administrative Report *Olympic and Paralympic Public Art Plan and Project Management - Award of Contract*, dated January 2, 2008, and direct staff to work with VANOC and other Olympic partners to enter into such agreements as are necessary to deliver a comprehensive program.

- B. THAT Council approve the following allocation of funding for the Olympic and Paralympic Public Art Program:
- \$1.5 million from the Public Art Reserve;
 - \$1.5 million from the Olympic Legacies Reserve Fund;
 - \$750,000 secured from the Olympic Village developer public art contribution;
- AND THAT staff report on additional funding opportunities.
- C. THAT, subject to the conditions set out in E, F, and G below, Council authorize staff to enter into a consultancy contract with Karen Mills Public Art Management, at a cost of \$250,000, plus GST, with funding from the City's Public Art Reserve as outlined in B above, for commissioning and project management of the legacy components of the comprehensive Olympic and Paralympic Public Art Plan (OPPAP).
- D. THAT, subject to the conditions set out in E, F, and G below, Council authorize staff to enter into a consultancy contract with VIA Public Art Management, at a cost of \$125,000, plus GST, with funding from the City's Public Art Reserve as outlined in B above, to launch and project manage an artist-initiated program as part of the comprehensive Olympic and Paralympic Public Art Plan.
- E. THAT the Director of Legal Services be authorized to execute and deliver on behalf of the City all legal documents including artists contracts and funding agreements required to implement A, B, C, and D above.
- F. THAT, all such legal documents be on terms and conditions satisfactory to the Managing Director of Cultural Services, the Director of Legal Services, and the Manager, Materials Management.
- G. THAT no legal rights or obligations will be created by Council's adoption of the recommendations contained in the Administrative Report *Olympic and Paralympic Public Art Plan and Project Management - Award of Contract*, dated January 2, 2008, unless and until such legal documents are executed and delivered by the Director of Legal Services.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Councillor Louie absent for the vote)

3. License By-law Amendments: 2008 Live-aboard License Fees
January 11, 2008 (VanRIMS No. 08-4000-11)

The Chair advised a request to speak on Administrative Report A3 has been received. Council agreed to refer consideration of the report to the Standing Committee on City Services and Budgets meeting on January 31, 2008 to hear the speaker.

4. **Consulting Contract for Development of Hastings Park Master Signage Plan
January 15, 2008 (VanRIMS No. 03-1200-30)**
- A. THAT, subject to the conditions set out in B, C, and D below, Council authorize a consultancy contract with Karo Group Inc. for the development of a Master Signage Plan for Hastings Park, up to a maximum total cost of \$49,500 inclusive of GST & disbursements, with the source of funds to be from the Hastings Reserve.
 - B. THAT the Director of Legal Services be authorized to execute and deliver on behalf of the City all legal documents required to implement A above.
 - C. THAT, all such legal documents be on terms and conditions satisfactory to the Managing Director of Cultural Services, the Director of Legal Services, and the Manager, Materials Management.
 - D. THAT no legal rights or obligations will be created by Council's adoption of A, B, and C above unless and until such legal documents are executed and delivered by the Director of Legal Services.

ADOPTED ON CONSENT
(Councillor Louie absent for the vote)

5. **Award Code Consultant Contract for Vancouver Police Department Force Options
Training Centre
January 15, 2008 (VanRIMS 03-1200-30)**
- A. THAT, subject to the conditions set out in B, C and D below, Council approve the award of a contract for certified professional code consulting services for the Vancouver Police Department Force Options Training Centre to LMDG Building Code Consultants Ltd. (LMDG), for a value of \$40,000 (plus applicable GST); and THAT Council authorize the Director of Facilities Design & Management to amend the value of the contract, through change orders if and when required, up to the maximum contract value of \$50,000. The cost of this contract has been included in the 2007 Work Stoppage Analysis as an offset to the overall savings.
 - B. THAT, the Director of Legal Services be authorized to execute and deliver on behalf of the City all legal documents required to implement A above.
 - C. THAT, all such legal documents be on terms and conditions satisfactory to the Director of Facilities Design and Management and the Director of Legal Services.

- D. THAT, no legal rights or obligations will be created by Council's adoption of A above until such legal documents are executed and delivered by the Director of Legal Services.

ADOPTED ON CONSENT
(Councillor Louie absent for the vote)

**6. Lease of Gastown Parkade - 142/160 Water Street and 151 Cordova Street
January 15, 2008 (VanRIMS No. 02-3000-13)**

The Chair advised requests to speak on Administrative Report A6 have been received. Council agreed to refer consideration of the report to the Standing Committee on City Services and Budgets meeting on January 31, 2008 to hear the speakers.

**7. Purchase and Lease of the Woodward's Non-Market Housing Air Space Parcels
January 11, 2008 (VanRIMS No. 11-2400-10)**

- A. THAT Council authorize the Director of Real Estate Services to acquire from 101 West Hastings Holding Ltd. for nominal consideration a parcel of land which forms a part of the Woodward's redevelopment at 101 West Hastings Street, which parcel is legally described as Parcel Identifier: 027-339-173, Air Space Parcel 2, Block 4, Old Granville Townsite, Air Space Plan BCP33982 (the "Singles Non-Market Air Space Parcel").
- B. THAT Council authorize the Director of Real Estate Services to lease the Singles Non-Market Air Space Parcel to PHS Community Services Society (Society) by way of a ground lease for a term of 60 years at a nominal (\$10.00) prepaid rent, which ground lease will require that the society construct and operate non-market housing for the benefit of single persons and will otherwise be on the terms and conditions set out in the Administrative Report *Purchase and Lease of the Woodward's Non-Market Housing Air Space Parcels*, dated January 11, 2008.
- C. THAT Council authorize the Director of Real Estate Services to acquire from 101 West Hastings Holding Ltd. for nominal consideration a parcel of land which forms a part of the Woodward's redevelopment at 101 West Hastings Street, which parcel is legally described as Parcel Identifier: 027-339-181, Air Space Parcel 3, Block 4, Old Granville Townsite, Air Space Plan BCP33982 (the "Family Non-Market Air Space Parcel").
- D. THAT Council authorize the Director of Real Estate Services to lease the Family Non-Market Air Space Parcel to Affordable Housing Charitable Association (Association) by way of a ground lease for a term of 60 years at a nominal (\$10.00) prepaid rent, which ground lease will require that the Association construct and operate non-market housing for the benefit of families and will otherwise be on the terms and conditions set out in the Administrative Report

Purchase and Lease of the Woodward's Non-Market Housing Air Space Parcels, dated January 11, 2008.

- E. THAT Council authorize the Director of Real Estate Services to secure the City's financial contribution to the construction of the non-market housing referred to in B and D above by way of a second mortgage charging the tenant's leasehold interest under the ground lease in each case, the terms and conditions of such second mortgage to be as set out in the Administrative Report.
- F. THAT the Director of Legal Services be authorized to prepare and execute the necessary legal documentation for the above transactions on term and conditions to the satisfaction of the Director of Legal Services, noting that no legal rights or obligations shall arise or be created until all documentation is fully executed to the satisfaction of the Director of Legal Services.

ADOPTED ON CONSENT
(Councillor Louie absent for the vote)

8. Interim/Long Term Disposal of Regional Municipal Solid Waste at Vancouver Landfill January 28, 2008 (VanRIMS No. 13-6400-10)

MOVED by Councillor Ladner

- A. THAT the General Manager of Engineering Services issue an RFP for a multi-faceted consulting study to examine and assess the financial, regulatory and environmental implications of the Metro Vancouver Board proposal to make the Vancouver Landfill a possible interim and long term residual waste management facility for the entire region.
- B. THAT Vancouver not participate in a task force with Metro Vancouver and Delta to work towards a possible agreement to establish the Vancouver Landfill as a long-term residual waste management facility for the region until such time as Council has reviewed the results of this study and assessed the implications for the City of Vancouver.
- C. THAT staff inform the Commissioner of the Greater Vancouver Sewerage and Drainage District that:
 - i. Vancouver will not accept Regional Waste quantities in excess of the Solid Waste Management Plan or the Operational Certificate of the Vancouver Landfill, unless those are first amended.
 - ii. Vancouver will not apply for an amendment to the Operational Certificate for the Vancouver Landfill until Council has had the opportunity to assess the implications for the City of Vancouver.

Carried

AMENDMENT MOVED by Councillor Cadman

THAT the motion be amended to read as follows:

- A. THAT the General Manager of Engineering Services work with MetroVancouver to issue an RFP for a multi-faceted consulting study to examine and assess the financial, regulatory and environmental implications of the Metro Vancouver Board proposal to make the Vancouver Landfill an interim residual waste management facility for the entire region.
- B. THAT Vancouver participate in a task force with Metro Vancouver and Delta to work towards a possible agreement to consider the Vancouver Landfill as an interim residual waste management facility for the region.
- C. THAT staff inform the Commissioner of the Greater Vancouver Sewerage and Drainage District that:
 - i. Vancouver will not accept Regional Waste quantities in excess of the Solid Waste Management Plan or the Operational Certificate of the Vancouver Landfill.
 - ii. Vancouver will not apply for an amendment to the Operational Certificate for the Vancouver Landfill.

LOST

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

The amendment having lost, the motion was put and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY, with Councillor Louie absent for the vote.

RISE FROM COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MOVED by Councillor Ladner

THAT the Committee of the Whole rise and report.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

(Councillor Louie absent for the vote)

ADOPT REPORT OF COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MOVED by Councillor Stevenson
SECONDED by Councillor Anton

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Councillor Louie absent for the vote)

BY-LAWS

MOVED by Councillor Cadman
SECONDED by Councillor Capri

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 2, and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign and seal the enacted by-law.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Councillor Louie absent for the vote)

1. **A By-law to amend License By-law No. 4450 regarding 2008 fee increases for marina operators** (Referred to the Council meeting following the Standing Committee on City Services and Budgets meeting on January 31, 2008)
2. **A By-law to amend Parking By-law No. 6059 (By-law No. 9592)**

MOTIONS

A. Administrative Motions

None.

B. Motions on Notice

1. Meetings of Translink Board of Directors

MOVED by Councillor Cadman
SECONDED by Councillor Capri

WHEREAS:

1. TransLink was created in 1999 out of recognition that local government in Greater Vancouver needed to be more directly involved in the management of its transportation system;
2. The entity that was created was accountable to the region's residents through its Board of elected officials, and through its statutory obligations to plan a regional transportation system, and it held regularly scheduled meetings open to the public;
3. The new TransLink governance structure has an appointed Board of Directors who are empowered to plan, build, finance and operate an integrated transportation system in Metro Vancouver, with the possibility of expanding services over a much larger geographic area;
4. Decisions made by TransLink include setting transit fares and service levels, collecting a portion of local property taxes and gasoline taxes;
5. Transportation policy decisions made by TransLink will significantly impact public policy beyond just transportation;
6. Decisions made by TransLink will significantly impact the residents of Vancouver and the Metro region;
7. TransLink's Board oversees an annual budget of nearly \$1 billion, and will be instrumental in funding and implementing the province's just announced \$14 billion transportation vision that includes a new Broadway rapid transit line;
8. The new TransLink Board Chair has stated that Board meetings will no longer be open to the public or the media;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

THAT the City of Vancouver contact the TransLink Board of Directors and request that TransLink board meetings continue to be held in public, in accordance with long-established practise.

FURTHER THAT Vancouver City Council invite the new Chair of TransLink to come before City Council and address the Council regarding TransLink.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Councillor Louie absent for the vote)

2. Equitable Police Funding

MOVED by Councillor Capri
SECONDED by Councillor Anton

WHEREAS on Monday, November 26th, the City of Abbotsford unanimously endorsed a motion calling upon the provincial government to address the issue of equitable police funding for all British Columbia municipalities;

AND WHEREAS Abbotsford Council requests support from all local governments with policing services provided by non-RCMP forces;

AND WHEREAS the City of Vancouver strongly supports the Province of British Columbia in its position that traditional cost sharing formulas from the Federal government need to be updated to reflect the ever-increasing complexity and challenges of police work;

AND WHEREAS with federal and provincial fiscal position greatly improved, it would be appropriate to reconsider this approach;

AND WHEREAS compared to growing provincial and federal surpluses, municipalities across Canada are struggling and changes in social safety nets and senior government funding have placed an ever-growing strain on police forces throughout British Columbia to deal with issues related to gangs, organized crime, addiction, mental health, domestic violence, and a host of other challenges;

AND WHEREAS where senior levels of government are able to reduce taxes, the burden on municipal taxpayers is growing as municipalities take on increasing responsibilities in social housing, child care, arts and culture, social services, transportation and regional policing;

AND WHEREAS to meet these increased service demands and growing infrastructure deficits, municipalities have been left with little choice but to increase property and business taxes and user fees;

AND WHEREAS other revenue sources available to municipalities cannot fill the gap between growing costs to service our citizens and a sustainable level of property taxation, and municipal revenues have not kept up with federal and provincial growth;

AND WHEREAS at the same time, payments from the Provincial and Federal Governments now comprise a smaller portion of the overall revenues of many municipalities; this decline is in contrast to the rate of federal transfer payments to British Columbia;

AND WHEREAS since 2001, our province has benefited from billions of dollars of increases in federal transfer payments (CHST and Equalization entitlements) and in 2008-09, the federal payments to British Columbia are likely to increase even more;

AND WHEREAS for over 50 years, a serious and unjustifiable inequity has existed in many British Columbia communities related to the funding of police resources;

AND WHEREAS the existing Federal/Provincial Agreement entitled "Provincial Police Services Agreement" provides RCMP services to most small towns and rural areas, as well as offering many larger municipalities RCMP policing through the "Municipal Policing Agreement". These agreements provide communities a contribution of federal funds of between 10%-30% depending on the size of the municipality towards policing costs;

AND WHEREAS 12 municipalities in the Province which collectively are home to over 1.2 million British Columbia residents, local policing is provided by a municipal police force instead of the RCMP. This results in the entire cost of local policing falling to the local taxpayer with no funding subsidy. For these communities, policing costs are without exception the single largest annual cost to the local taxpayer;

AND WHEREAS the City of Vancouver believes there must be a level playing field for cost sharing of police services between the Federal/Provincial Governments and all British Columbia communities;

AND WHEREAS the City of Vancouver believes that the senior levels of government should contribute to adequate resources for the higher costs of policing all international points of entry to British Columbia, including airports, borders, and coastlines;

AND WHEREAS the City of Vancouver believes that all provincially mandated systems, including PRIME, should be fully funded by senior government;

AND WHEREAS the City of Vancouver believes that all British Columbia communities, be they RCMP or municipal forces, will benefit from standardized performance measurements and accountabilities. The City believes that all Union of British Columbia Municipalities should be consulted on the development of these important measurements and that a single Provincial set of standards be developed for all police services;

AND WHEREAS the City of Vancouver believes that Federal/Provincial cost sharing formulas for the creation, upgrading, and expansion of all police facilities must be developed for all communities in British Columbia;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City of Vancouver request the Federal Government, Province of British Columbia and Union of British Columbia Municipalities to urgently address the issue of equitable police funding by developing an equitable funding program for all British Columbia municipalities.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Mayor Sullivan, as Chair of the Vancouver Police Board present a copy of this motion, to the Vancouver Police Board along with a request to endorse this call for equitable funding.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Councillor Louie absent for the vote)

3. Fiscal Imbalance

The motion reflects additions to the Motion on Notice.

MOVED by Councillor Ladner
SECONDED by Councillor Ball

WHEREAS this Council has passed a motion requesting the provincial government to bring back the transfer payments that ended in 1997;

AND WHEREAS a campaign to restore fiscal balance between municipalities and senior levels of government needs to be focused, coordinated and sustained;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT staff report back on:

- the fiscal implications of reinstating pre-1997 levels of provincial transfer payments adjusted to present day cost-of-living;
- the current annual costs to the City of Vancouver of financing services that have traditionally been the responsibility of provincial and federal governments, including:
 - social housing
 - child care
 - mental health treatment
 - drug policy
 - port police.
- recent rates of federal transfers to BC compared to the recent rate of provincial transfers to Vancouver;
- the current status of efforts at the local, provincial and national level to address the Municipal Fiscal Imbalance;
- inequities in contributions from City of Vancouver taxpayers to provincial revenues through school taxes.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Councillor Louie absent for the vote)

4. Cut and Cover

The motion reflects an addition to the Motion on Notice.

MOVED by Councillor Ladner
SECONDED by Councillor Lee

WHEREAS cut and cover construction on the Canada Line caused severe financial hardship to businesses along the line due to the uncertainty and duration of street closures, limited access, noise, dust and parking restrictions;

AND WHEREAS the B.C. Government has committed to funding rapid transit extending the Millennium Line to UBC;

AND WHEREAS an underground rail line to UBC is one favoured option;

AND WHEREAS businesses along the likely route are already speaking out about construction disruption from cut and cover construction, generating resistance to a much-desired transportation improvement;

AND WHEREAS the City of Vancouver will be a planning partner in any rapid transit construction;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The City of Vancouver opposes cut and cover construction for the completion of the Millennium Line through commercial, congested or confined rights-of-way.

carried

AMENDMENT MOVED by Councillor Chow

THAT the motion be amended to add the following:

THAT Vancouver City Council write to the provincial government requesting that a business financial support program be created to mitigate any excessive negative impacts of any construction methods chosen.

LOST

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

The amendment having lost, the motion was put and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY, with Councillor Louie absent for the vote.

NEW BUSINESS

1. March 29th Earth Hour Event

MOVED by Councillor Cadman
SECONDED by Councillor Deal

THAT the City of Vancouver participate in the March 29th Earth Hour Event by urging citizens to turn off lights for one hour and get stand-by functioning machines onto power bars which can be turned off.

Postponed

POSTPONEMENT MOVED by Councillor Ladner
SECONDED by Councillor Anton

THAT consideration of the motion be postponed pending the Mayor hearing back from Toronto on their program for the Earth Hour event.

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

The Council adjourned at 6:05 p.m.

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