

(These Minutes to be adopted at the Regular Council meeting on February 12, 2008)



CITY OF VANCOUVER

REPORT TO COUNCIL

STANDING COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL ON PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT

JANUARY 31, 2008

A Regular Meeting of the Standing Committee of Council on Planning and Environment was held on Thursday, January 31, 2008, at 2:00 p.m., in the Council Chamber, Third Floor, City Hall.

PRESENT:

- Councillor Kim Capri, Chair
- Councillor Suzanne Anton, Vice-Chair
- 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
- Mayor Sam Sullivan*

CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE:

- Judy Rogers, City Manager
- James Ridge, Deputy City Manager
- Wendy Au, Assistant City Manager

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE: Pat Boomhower, Meeting Coordinator

* Denotes absence for a portion of the meeting

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

The Minutes of the Standing Committee on Planning and Environment meetings of November 29, 2007 and January 17, 2008, were adopted.

1. **Vancouver Athletic Commission - Annual Report for the year 2006-2007**
November 30, 2007 (VanRIMS No. 08-3000-11)

The Committee also had before it the Vancouver Athletic Commission's Financial Statements for the period September 16, 2006 to September 15, 2007.

MOVED by Councillor Anton
THAT the Committee recommend to Council

THAT the report dated November 30, 2007 entitled *Vancouver Athletic Commission - Annual Report for the year 2006-2007* be received for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Councillors Ball, Chow and the Mayor absent for the vote)

2. **750 Pacific Boulevard - Dock B, Plaza of Nations Marina**
M.V. Queen of Diamonds - Vancouvercruises.com Charters Ltd.
Motor Vessel Liquor Primary Liquor License
December 3, 2007 (VanRIMS No. 11-4600-23)

Staff from the License Office reviewed the report and noted there was an error reflecting the number of seats applied for. The report indicated 610 in total when the actual number was 400 in total capacity.

The Committee heard from two speakers; one opposed and one in support of the report recommendations.

Staff responded to questions.

MOVED by Councillor Deal
THAT the Committee recommend to Council

THAT Council not endorse the request by Vancouvercruises.com for a new 400 seat (total capacity) (Motor Vessel) Liquor Primary Liquor License on board the M.V. Queen of Diamonds as outlined in the Administrative Report dated December 3, 2008 titled "750 Pacific Boulevard - Dock B, Plaza of Nations Marina, M.V. Queen of Diamonds - Vancouvercruises.com Charters Ltd., Motor Vessel Liquor Primary Liquor License".

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Mayor Sullivan absent for the vote)

3. **Northeast False Creek Update and BC Place Stadium Work Request**
January 21, 2008 (VanRIMS No. 11-2000-11)

Staff from the Planning Department reviewed the report and responded to questions.

The Committee heard from seven speakers; three in support of the report recommendations, two which spoke neither for nor against, and two expressed concerns (*brief distributed - on file in the City Clerk's Office*).

MOVED by Councillor Anton
THAT the Committee recommend to Council

- A. THAT Council approve undertaking a process to develop and assess a proposal by the BC Pavilion Corporation to amend the False Creek North Official Development Plan (OPD), in parallel with the Northeast False Creek High Level Review, with the aim of getting to Public Hearing in October 2008, as outlined in the report dated January 21, 2008, entitled *Northeast False Creek Update and BC Place Stadium Work Request*.

- B. THAT Council approve an allocation of \$290,000 for the necessary work to amend the False Creek North ODP, as described in the report dated January 21, 2008, entitled *Northeast False Creek Update and BC Place Stadium Work Request*, source of funding to be:
- \$145,000 as a contribution from B.C. Pavilion Corporation; and
 - \$145,000 from the 2008 Operating Budget to be determined as part of the 2008 Operating Budget process.

carried

AMENDMENT MOVED by Councillor Louie

THAT the motion be struck and substituted with the following:

- A. THAT Council approve undertaking a process to develop and assess a proposal by the BC Pavilion Corporation, as outlined in this report along with any other proposal from the remaining participants in the Northeast False Creek High Level Review, and to amend the False Creek North Official Development Plan (ODP), with the aim of convening a Public Hearing in October 2008.
- B. THAT Council approve an allocation of \$290,000 for the necessary work to amend the False Creek North ODP, as described in this report, source of funding to be: \$145,000 as a contribution from BC Pavilion Corporation; and \$145,000 from the 2008 Operating Budget to be determined as part of the 2008 Operating Budget process.
- C. THAT Council stipulates that the remaining participants in the Northeast False Creek High Level Review can proceed under the same October 2008 timeline as long as they contribute in a 50 percent cost share formula, similar to the BC Pavilion Corporation proposal.

LOST

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

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

FINAL MOTION AS APPROVED

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- B. THAT Council approve an allocation of \$290,000 for the necessary work to amend the False Creek North ODP, as described in the report dated January 21, 2008, entitled *Northeast False Creek Update and BC Place Stadium Work Request*, source of funding to be:
- \$145,000 as a contribution from B.C. Pavilion Corporation; and
 - \$145,000 from the 2008 Operating Budget to be determined as part of the 2008 Operating Budget process.

4. Eliminating Plastic Bags (VanRIMS No. 13-6000-50)

At its meeting on November 27, 2007, Vancouver City Council referred the motion on this matter to a future Standing Committee in order to hear from delegations.

Accordingly, the Committee heard from 18 speakers; the majority of whom spoke in favour of the motion, with a number of them proposing alternative bags; two speakers spoke against a ban (*briefs distributed - on file in the City Clerk's Office*).

During the debate, the City Manager responded to questions.

MOVED by Councillor Stevenson
THAT the Committee recommend to Council

WHEREAS:

1. the City of Vancouver has a duty to protect the natural environment, the economy, and the health of its citizens;
2. plastic grocery bags cannot be composted and are not accepted in Vancouver's curbside recycling program;
3. plastic bags don't biodegrade, they photo-degrade - breaking down into smaller toxic bits that contaminate soil and waterways;
4. plastic bags can take between 15-1,000 years to break down in the environment;
5. In the Mayor's State of the City address, he stated that one of his Five Goals for a Better Vancouver was "*Becoming a world leader in environmental practices and sustainable transportation*"; and
6. the expansive usage of plastic shopping bags and their typical disposal creates an impediment to the GVRD's *Zero Waste* Challenge.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

THAT staff provide a report within 90 days for options on phasing out plastic bags within the City of Vancouver.

amended

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Partway through the hearing of speakers, Council recessed at 6:00 p.m. and reconvened at 6:30 p.m. with Councillor Capri in the Chair.

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Councillor Stevenson rose on a point of order and indicated he was being interrupted by other Councillors. The Chair requested Councillor Stevenson to state his question.

Councillor Stevenson challenged the ruling of the Chair.

The Chair then put the question:

Shall the ruling of the Chair be sustained?

CARRIED

(Councillors Chow and Stevenson opposed)

(Councillors Cadman, Deal and Louie absent for the vote)

A two-thirds majority of those present is required to overrule the ruling of the Chair. Therefore, the ruling of the Chair was SUSTAINED.

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AMENDMENT MOVED by Councillor Ladner

THAT the motion be struck and substituted with the following:

THAT the Metro Vancouver Waste Committee be asked to report back to all member municipalities within 90 days on options for phasing out carry-out shopping bags in Metro Vancouver as part of the Zero Waste Challenge.

carried

AMENDMENT TO THE AMENDMENT MOVED by Councillor Stevenson

THAT the following paragraph be added at the end:

And at the same time, City staff provide a report within 90 days for options on phasing out plastic bags within the City of Vancouver.

LOST

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

(Councillors Cadman, Deal and Louie absent for the vote)

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

FINAL MOTION AS APPROVED

THAT the Metro Vancouver Waste Committee be asked to report back to all member municipalities within 90 days on options for phasing out carry-out shopping bags in Metro Vancouver as part of the Zero Waste Challenge.

The Committee adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

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CITY OF VANCOUVER
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
STANDING COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL ON
PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT

JANUARY 31, 2008

A Regular Meeting of the Council of the City of Vancouver was held on Thursday, January 31, 2008, at 7:39 p.m. in the Council Chamber, Third Floor, City Hall, following the Standing Committee on Planning and Environment meeting, to consider the recommendations and actions of the Committee.

PRESENT: Mayor Sam Sullivan
Councillor Suzanne Anton
Councillor Elizabeth Ball
Councillor Kim Capri
Councillor George Chow
Councillor Peter Ladner
Councillor B.C. Lee
Councillor Tim Stevenson

ABSENT: Councillor David Cadman
Councillor Heather Deal
Councillor Raymond Louie

CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE: Judy Rogers, City Manager

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COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MOVED by Councillor Anton
SECONDED by Councillor Stevenson

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Report of Standing Committee on Planning and Environment
January 31, 2008

Council considered the report containing the recommendations and actions taken by the Standing Committee on Planning and Environment. Its items of business included:

1. Vancouver Athletic Commission - Annual Report for the year 2006-2007
2. 750 Pacific Boulevard - Dock B, Plaza of Nations Marina
M.V. Queen of Diamonds - Vancouvercruises.com Charters Ltd.
Motor Vessel Liquor Primary Liquor License
3. Northeast False Creek Update and BC Place Stadium Work Request
4. Eliminating Plastic Bags

Items 1 - 4

MOVED by Councillor Chow

THAT the recommendations and actions taken by the Standing Committee on Planning and Environment at its meeting of January 31, 2008 as contained in items 1 - 4, be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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 Ladner

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Council adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

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