



CITY OF VANCOUVER

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REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

FEBRUARY 12, 2008

A Regular Meeting of the Council of the City of Vancouver was held on Tuesday, February 12, 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.

PROCLAMATION - PINK SHIRT DAY

The Mayor proclaimed February 27, 2008 Pink Shirt Day in the city of Vancouver.

"IN CAMERA" MEETING

MOVED by Councillor Chow
SECONDED by Councillor Deal

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;

(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;

(g) litigation or potential litigation affecting the City;

(i) the receipt of advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose;

(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

ITEMS ARISING FROM THE "IN CAMERA" MEETING OF JANUARY 29, 2008

Council approved appointments to the following Advisory Bodies:

- Vancouver Public Library Board

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

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

1. Regular Council - January 29, 2008

MOVED by Councillor Lee

SECONDED by Councillor Ball

THAT the foregoing Minutes be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. Chauffeur's Permit Appeal Hearing - January 29, 2008

MOVED by Councillor Lee

SECONDED by Councillor Anton

THAT the foregoing Minutes be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. Regular Council (City Services and Budgets) - January 31, 2008

MOVED by Councillor Ladner
SECONDED by Councillor Stevenson

THAT the foregoing Minutes be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. Regular Council (Planning and Environment) - January 31, 2008

MOVED by Councillor Capri
SECONDED by Councillor Cadman

THAT the foregoing Minutes be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MOVED by Councillor Chow
SECONDED by Councillor Deal

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MATTERS ADOPTED ON CONSENT

MOVED by Councillor Chow

THAT Council adopt Administrative Reports A1 to A7, A10, and Policy Reports P1 to P4, on consent.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

VARY ORDER OF AGENDA

Council agreed to consider Administrative Report A12 at the same time it considered the Report Reference item. For ease of reference, the items are minuted in the order in which they are placed on the agenda.

REPORT REFERENCE

1. 2008 Operating Budget: Interim Estimates

Estelle Lo, General Manager of Corporate Services, and Annette Klein, Director of Budget Services, presented a Report Reference on the interim estimates for the 2008 Operating Budget. Ms. Lo and Ms. Klein presented the interim budget position, revenue estimates, expenditure estimates, an overview of new funding requests for 2008, proposals to achieve Council's target property tax increase of 2.99% and an overview of the public consultation process. Following the presentation, they, along with the General Managers and Finance staff from the City Departments, responded to questions.

MOVED by Councillor Ladner

THAT Council receive the Administrative Report *2008 Operating Budget: Interim Estimates*, dated February 6, 2008, for information and postpone decision on Recommendations B through E contained in the Administrative Report to the April 1, 2008, Council meeting, to allow for public input.

carried

AMENDMENT MOVED by Councillor Louie

THAT Council direct staff to provide further details of the departmental budget adjustments as they relate to the \$6.3million of refined estimates and to the \$5.6million of efficiencies in a similar fashion to the 2006 and 2007 budget process, prior to April 1, 2008.

LOST

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

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

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

1. 2008 Heather Marina Moorage and Other Fees January 18, 2008 (VanRIMS No. 05-1200-40)

- A. THAT the moorage rates at the Heather Marina be increased by 2.75% effective April 1, 2008 as detailed in Appendix C of the Administrative Report *2008 Heather Marina Moorage and Other Fees*, dated January 18, 2008, reflecting inflationary increases in anticipated expenses.

- B. THAT the fees for electrical services for recreational and liveaboard boaters at Heather Marina be increased by 3.64% effective April 1, 2008 as detailed in Appendix C of the Administrative Report *2008 Heather Marina Moorage and Other Fees*, dated January 18, 2008, reflecting the net increase in rates by BC Hydro in 2007.

ADOPTED ON CONSENT

2. **Grant-in-Lieu of Property Taxes: Greater Vancouver Water District
January 25, 2008 (VanRIMS No. 05-5000-20)**

THAT Council consent to the receipt of a payment-in-lieu of property taxes from the Greater Vancouver Water District of \$6,865 for the 2007 fiscal year.

ADOPTED ON CONSENT

3. **Business License Hearing Panels for February and March 2008
January 24, 2008 (VanRIMS No. 08-2000-40)**

THAT Council delegate the holding of the Business License Hearings presently scheduled for February 28, 2008, from 7:30pm to 10:30pm; and March 5, 2008, from 9:30am to 12:30pm, to a panel of three Council Members, pursuant to Section 277.1 of the Vancouver Charter, as follows:

The Business License Hearings pursuant to Section 275 of the Vancouver Charter regarding referrals to Council by the Chief License Inspector for the year 2008 business licenses and the power to make a Council decision in relation to those hearings be delegated to:

February 28, 2008 - 7:30pm
Councillor Elizabeth Ball, Chair
Councillor Peter Ladner
Councillor BC Lee
Councillor Kim Capri, Alternate

March 5, 2008 - 9:30am
Councillor George Chow, Chair
Councillor David Cadman
Councillor Kim Capri
Councillor Heather Deal, Alternate

Should any of the above Members of Council be unable to attend the hearings, the hearings and the power to make a Council decision in relation to those hearings be delegated to the remaining two Councillors and alternate Councillors.

ADOPTED ON CONSENT

4. **Proposed Amendments to the Heritage Revitalization Agreement for the Paris Block - 53 West Hastings Street**
January 24, 2008 (VanRIMS No. 11-2800-11)
- A. THAT Council authorize the City to amend the Heritage Revitalization Agreement (HRA) and any related legal agreements previously approved and entered into for the Paris Block building at 53 West Hastings Street, to reflect the integration of that designated heritage building with the proposed addition on the adjacent site at 47 West Hastings Street.
 - B. THAT Council instruct the Director of Legal Services to bring forward for enactment a by-law to authorize such amendment to the HRA.
 - C. THAT Council authorize the Director of Legal Services to execute and deliver on behalf of the City all legal documents required to implement A and B above.
 - D. THAT, no legal rights or obligations will be created by Council's adoption of A and B above, until such legal documents are executed and delivered by the Director of Legal Services.

ADOPTED ON CONSENT

5. **Award of Contract for RFP #PS07152 - Structural Engineering Consulting Services for Central Waterfront Hub Study**
January 29, 2008 (VanRIMS No. 03-1000-10)
- A. THAT, subject to the conditions set out in B, C, and D below, Council authorize a contract with CH2M Hill Canada Ltd ("CH2M Hill") to provide professional engineering services to carry out feasibility analysis and develop preliminary structural concepts and construction cost estimates to inform the Central Waterfront Hub Study at a maximum cost of \$79,973 plus applicable taxes, subject to a contract satisfactory to the Director of Legal Services, the General Manager, Engineering Services, and the Manager of Materials Management.

Funding for this contract is provided within the Central Waterfront Hub Study budget approved by Council on February 1st, 2007.
 - 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 General Manager of Engineering Services, Manager of Materials Management, and the Director of Legal Services.
 - 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

6. **United Nations Environment Program - Climate Neutral Network
January 30, 2008 (VanRIMS No. 11-2000-14)**

- A. THAT the City join the United Nations Environment Program's (UNEP) Climate Neutral Network and submit Vancouver's greenhouse gas reduction and carbon neutral targets as our pledge towards significantly reducing our Corporate and Community climate footprints.
- B. THAT staff be directed to prepare and forward summaries of our climate protection activities and plans, along with links to more detailed information, for inclusion on the UNEP Carbon Neutral website that will be launched on February 21, 2008.

ADOPTED ON CONSENT

7. **Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), Union of British Columbia
Municipalities (UBCM) and Lower Mainland Local Government Association (LMLGA -
formerly LMMA) Membership Fees for 2008-2009
January 21, 2008 (VanRIMS No. 07-2400-10)**

- A. THAT grants to the following organizations for the 2008-2009 membership fees be approved, the source of funds being the 2008 Operating Budget:
 - (a) Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) \$68,308.84
 - (b) Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM) \$44,391.24
 - (c) Lower Mainland Local Government Association (LMLGA) \$ 1,000.00
- B. THAT a grant to the FCM be approved in the amount of \$10,115.72, representing an optional contribution to a travel fund, supporting the participation of elected officials from small communities in FCM's National Board of Directors.

ADOPTED ON CONSENT

8. **International Village - Payment-in-Lieu
January 28, 2008 (VanRIMS No. 12-1000-30)**

Also before Council was a letter dated February 12, 2008, from the Board of Parks and Recreation, endorsing the recommendation in the Administrative Report.

MOVED by Councillor Anton

THAT Council receive a payment of \$2.1 million from Henderson Development in lieu of building a community centre space within the International Village development with these funds to be reallocated as follows.

- i. \$1,770,000 for the restoration of the artificial playing fields at Andy Livingstone Park; and

- ii. \$330,000 to expand the proposed childcare at International Village from 45 to 49 spaces.

Carried

POSTPONEMENT MOVED by Councillor Capri

THAT Council postpone consideration of part ii of the motion (\$300,000 to expand the proposed childcare centre) and request staff to look at some of the issues raised and determine other options that would improve the childcare portion.

Withdrawn, with Council's consent

The postponement having been withdrawn, the motion was put and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY with Councillor Lee absent for the vote.

**9. Cultural Amenities - MOU Regarding Disposition of Facility Endowment Funds
January 28 2008 (VanRIMS No. 11-2600-11)**

The item was withdrawn.

**10. Fleet Addition - Rear Loading Refuse Trucks
January 31, 2008 (VanRIMS No. 03-2400-10)**

- A. THAT, Council approves the allocation of \$836,000 from the Truck and Equipment Plant Account to add four rear loading refuse trucks to the Sanitation Operations fleet.
- B. THAT, the capital and operating costs be repaid to the Truck and Equipment Plant account through annual charges of \$295,900; \$221,900 to be provided from the existing Street Cleaning Operating Budget and the Solid Waste Utility Budget, and the remaining \$74,000 be added to the 2009 Solid Waste Utility Budget.

ADOPTED ON CONSENT

**11. Chauffeur's Permit Appeal Panel - February 2008
February 5, 2008 (VanRIMS No. 08-2000-22)**

MOVED by Councillor Anton

THAT Council delegate the holding of a Chauffeur's Permit Appeal presently scheduled for February 26, 2008, from 9:30 am to 12:30pm, to a panel of three Council members, pursuant to Section 277.1(1) of the Vancouver Charter, as follows:

February 26, 2008 - 9:30am
Councillor Heather Deal, Chair
Councillor BC Lee
Councillor Tim Stevenson

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

12. 2007 Work Stoppage Financial Analysis
February 5, 2008 (VanRIMS No. 07-1000-20)

Also before Council was a letter dated February 12, 2008, from the Board of Parks and Recreation forwarding a recommendation from the Board.

MOVED BY Councillor Cadman

THAT staff provide a memo to explain the expenditure of \$8.4million of overtime during the work stoppage broken down by function performed.

LOST

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

MOVED by Councillor Ladner

THAT the Administrative Report *2007 Work Stoppage Financial Analysis*, dated February 5, 2008, be received for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

POLICY REPORTS

1. Miscellaneous Text Amendments: Zoning and Development By-law, Sign By-law and CD-1 By-laws
January 28, 2008 (VanRIMS No. 11-3600-20)

THAT the Director of Planning be instructed to make applications to amend the Zoning and Development By-law, Sign By-law and CD-1 By-laws for miscellaneous amendments generally as presented in Appendix A in the Policy Report *Miscellaneous Text Amendments: Zoning and Development By-law, Sign By-law and CD-1 By-laws* dated January 28, 2008, and that the applications be referred to a Public Hearing; and

FURTHER THAT the Director of Legal Services be instructed to prepare the necessary amending by-laws, generally in accordance with Appendix A of the Policy Report, for consideration at the Public Hearing.

ADOPTED ON CONSENT

2. **CD-1 Text Amendment for 651 Expo Boulevard; and Text Amendment of the False Creek North Official Development Plan: Conversion of an Affordable Housing Site to a Market Housing Site**
January 30, 2008 (VanRIMS No. 11-3600-20)
 - A. THAT the Director of Planning be instructed to make application to amend CD-1 By-law No. 8587 (CD-1 #415) for 651 Expo Boulevard to remove the requirement for Affordable Housing and increase the maximum allowable number of dwelling units from 1,116 to 1,140 generally in accordance with Appendix A of the Policy Report *CD-1 Text Amendment for 651 Expo Boulevard; and Text Amendment of the False Creek North Official Development Plan: Conversion of an Affordable Housing Site to a Market Housing Site* dated January 30, 2008, and also to make application to amend the False Creek North Official Development Plan (FCN ODP) By-law No. 6650, generally in accordance with Appendix B of the Policy Report, and that the applications be referred to the same Public Hearing; and

FURTHER THAT the Director of Legal Services be instructed to prepare the necessary by-laws generally in accordance with Appendix A and Appendix B of the Policy Report for consideration at Public Hearing.
 - B. THAT, pursuant to the City's Option to Purchase for the Affordable Housing site in Area 7B, FCN ODP, and subject to approval of the rezoning application proposed in A above, Council confirm the payment-in-lieu from Concord Pacific Group Inc. for the conversion of the Affordable Housing site to Market Housing, in the amount of \$5,116,320. The payment-in-lieu is to be paid to the City prior to enactment of the amendments to the CD-1 for 651 Expo Boulevard, on terms and conditions to the satisfaction of the City's Director of Legal Services, with the funds to be credited to the City's Affordable Housing Fund.
 - C. THAT, prior to enactment, Concord Pacific Group Inc. shall enter into agreements with the City, drawn to the satisfaction of the Director of Legal Services, in which Concord Pacific Group Inc. agrees that until January 31, 2010, the purchase price by the City for sites 1F and 1T in the Beach neighbourhood and Site 4J in the Quayside neighbourhood, shall be calculated at \$42.64/buildable sq. ft., reflecting the February 2005 price.
 - D. THAT, subject to approval of the rezoning application proposed in A and B above, and to the Province confirming the funding to build and operate the social and supportive housing proposed for 1050 Expo Boulevard, that the Director of Legal Services be authorized to exercise the City's Option to Purchase 1050 Expo Boulevard legally described as Lot 232, PL LMP 13010, New Westminster, DL False Creek, (identified as Site 4J in the CD-1 By-law for 800-1100 Pacific Boulevard [CD-1 #324]), at a price of \$2,670,202, on terms and conditions to the satisfaction of the Director of Legal Services, with the source of funds to be the Affordable Housing Fund.

ADOPTED ON CONSENT

3. **CD-1 By-law Text Amendments and Revised Rezoning Conditions: 2-88 West 1st Avenue, 2-26 East 1st Avenue, and 27-99 West 2nd Avenue January 29, 2008 (VanRIMS No. 11-3600-20)**

A. THAT, subject to enactment of the CD-1 By-law for 2-88 West 1st Avenue, 2-26 East 1st Avenue, and 27-99 West 2nd Avenue, approved by Council on July 18, 2006, Council refer to Public Hearing the application by Pinnacle International (West First) Plaza Inc. to amend the CD-1 By-law to increase the building height for 27-99 West 2nd Avenue together with:

- (i) A revised Form of Development for 27-99 West 2nd Avenue prepared by Howard Bingham Hill Architects, generally as illustrated in Appendix C of the Policy Report *CD-1 By-law Text Amendments and Revised Rezoning Conditions: 2-88 West 1st Avenue, 2-26 East 1st Avenue, and 27-99 West 2nd Avenue* dated January 29, 2008;
- (ii) CD-1 By-law amendments generally as presented in Appendix A of the Policy Report; and
- (iii) The recommendation of the Director of Planning to approve the application.

FURTHER THAT the Director of Legal Services be instructed to prepare the necessary By-law to amend the CD-1 By-law generally in accordance with Appendix A of the Policy Report for consideration at the Public Hearing;

B. THAT subject to the enactment of the CD-1 By-law for 2-88 West 1st Avenue, 2-26 East 1st Avenue, and 27-99 West 2nd Avenue approved by Council along with certain conditions of approval (the "Rezoning Conditions") on July 18, 2006, Council refer to Public Hearing the application by the Director of Planning to amend the Rezoning Conditions generally in accordance with Appendix B of the Policy Report *CD-1 By-law Text Amendments and Revised Rezoning Conditions: 2-88 West 1st Avenue, 2-26 East 1st Avenue, and 27-99 West 2nd Avenue* dated January 29, 2008, together with the recommendation of the Director of Planning to approve the application.

ADOPTED ON CONSENT

4. **CD-1 Text Amendment: 826-848 West Hastings Street January 31, 2008 (VanRIMS No. 11-3600-20)**

A. THAT the application by Walter Francl Architects, on behalf of Jameson House Ventures Ltd., to amend CD-1 By-law No. 9184 for 826-848 West Hastings Street (Parcel A, Block 21, DL 541, PLAN BCP19413; P.I.D. 026-434-555) to increase the maximum residential floor area by 809 m² to 19 437 m² be referred to a public hearing, together with:

- (i) draft CD-1 By-law amendment, generally as presented in Appendix A of the Policy Report *CD-1 Text Amendment: 826-848 West Hastings Street* dated January 31, 2008; and

- (ii) the recommendation of the Director of Planning to approve the application, subject to approval of conditions;

FURTHER THAT the Director of Legal Services be instructed to prepare the necessary by-law generally in accordance with Appendix A of the Policy Report for consideration at Public Hearing;

- B. THAT, should the application be referred to a Public Hearing, the registered property owner shall submit confirmation, in the form of "Letter A", that an agreement has been reached with the registered owner of a suitable donor site for the purchase of heritage bonus density as described in the Policy Report *CD-1 Text Amendment: 826-848 West Hastings Street* dated January 31, 2008; and
- C. THAT A and B above be adopted on the following conditions:
 - (i) THAT the passage of the above resolutions creates no legal rights for the applicant or any other person, or obligation on the part of the City; any expenditure of funds or incurring of costs is at the risk of the person making the expenditure or incurring the cost;
 - (ii) THAT any approval that may be granted following the public hearing shall not obligate the City to enact a by-law rezoning the property, and any costs incurred in fulfilling requirements imposed as a condition of rezoning are at the risk of the property owner; and
 - (iii) THAT the City and all its officials, including the Approving Officer, shall not in any way be limited or directed in the exercise of their authority or discretion, regardless of when they are called upon to exercise such authority or discretion.

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 Anton
SECONDED by Councillor Stevenson

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

BY-LAWS

MOVED by Councillor Chow
SECONDED by Councillor Stevenson

THAT Council, except for those members excused as noted in the agenda, enact the by-laws listed on the agenda for this meeting as numbers 1 to 4 inclusive, and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign and seal the enacted by-laws.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

1. A By-law to amend Zoning and Development By-law No. 3575 to rezone an area to CD-1 (re 102-160 West 1st Avenue [now known as 140 West 1st Avenue]) (By-law No. 9594)
2. A By-law to amend Sign By-law No. 6510 (re 102-160 West 1st Avenue [now known as 140 West 1st Avenue]) (By-law No. 9595)
3. A By-law to amend Zoning and Development By-law No. 3575 to rezone an area to CD-1 (re 4887 Cambie Street) (By-law No. 9596)
(Councillor Chow ineligible to vote on By-law No. 3)
4. A By-law to amend Subdivision By-law No. 5208 (re 4887 Cambie Street) (By-law No. 9597)

MOTIONS

A. Administrative Motions

None.

B. Motions on Notice

1. Request for Leave of Absence - Councillor Tim Stevenson

MOVED by Councillor Anton
SECONDED by Councillor Lee

THAT Councillor Stevenson be granted Leave of Absence for Civic Business from the Standing Committee on Planning and Environment meetings to be held March 13th, April 17th and May 15th, 2008, in order to attend Metro Vancouver Intergovernmental Committee meetings.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. Request for Leave of Absence - Councillor Heather Deal

MOVED by Councillor Lee
SECONDED by Councillor Chow

THAT Councillor Heather Deal be granted a Leave of Absence from the Standing Committee on Transportation and Traffic meetings being held on March 11th and June 10th 2008, due to her attendance at the Metro Vancouver Environment Committee Meetings.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. Public Transit Fares

MOVED by Councillor Cadman
SECONDED by Councillor Louie

WHEREAS:

1. In 2007 one in four Vancouver commuters regularly travelled to work, school and other destinations using the public transit system;
2. efficient and affordable public transit is an important factor in reducing traffic congestion, local air pollution and regional greenhouse gas emissions;
3. TransLink increased transit fares on January 01, 2008;
4. this is the fourth fare increase since TransLink was created in 1999, when basic one-zone fares were \$1.50, which amounts to a 65 percent increase over this period, far exceeding the rate of inflation;
5. current transit fares in Metro Vancouver are the most expensive of any major Canadian city;
6. it has been clearly demonstrated that higher fares discourage public transit use;
7. many public transit users include those on low incomes, students and minimum wage workers for whom high fares may constitute a significant hardship; and
8. many transit riders are asking TransLink to roll fares back to 2007 levels.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

1. THAT the City of Vancouver contact the TransLink Board of Directors and request that the Board repeal the 2008 fare increases and reset fares to 2007 levels;
2. THAT TransLink implement an open and transparent review process to determine future fare rates;
3. THAT TransLink implement a student U-pass system for all Metro Vancouver post secondary students similar to that currently in place for students at UBC and SFU.

Amended

The Chair ruled the third resolve as redundant, noting Council approved a similar motion on October 31, 2006.

AMENDMENT MOVED by Councillor Ladner

THAT the first resolve in the motion be amended by adding the following after the words "reset fares to 2007 levels":

'without jeopardizing capital and operating expansion commitments and that future additional spending on transportation improvements be funded from demand-related revenue sources, such as gas taxes, congestion fees, "pay as you go" insurance, tolls, and not from fare increases and property tax increases'

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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

FINAL MOTION AS AMENDED AND ADOPTED

WHEREAS:

1. In 2007 one in four Vancouver commuters regularly travelled to work, school and other destinations using the public transit system;
2. efficient and affordable public transit is an important factor in reducing traffic congestion, local air pollution and regional greenhouse gas emissions;
3. TransLink increased transit fares on January 01, 2008;
4. this is the fourth fare increase since TransLink was created in 1999, when basic one-zone fares were \$1.50, which amounts to a 65 percent increase over this period, far exceeding the rate of inflation;
5. current transit fares in Metro Vancouver are the most expensive of any major Canadian city;
6. it has been clearly demonstrated that higher fares discourage public transit use;
7. many public transit users include those on low incomes, students and minimum wage workers for whom high fares may constitute a significant hardship; and
8. many transit riders are asking TransLink to roll fares back to 2007 levels.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

1. THAT the City of Vancouver contact the TransLink Board of Directors and request that the Board repeal the 2008 fare increases and reset fares to 2007 levels without jeopardizing capital and operating expansion commitments and that future additional spending on transportation improvements be funded from demand-related revenue sources, such as gas taxes, congestion fees, "pay as you go" insurance, tolls, and not from fare increases and property tax increases.
2. THAT TransLink implement an open and transparent review process to determine future fare rates.

4. Access to Transit U-Pass

MOVED by Councillor Louie
SECONDED by Councillor Chow

WHEREAS the Students' Unions of Vancouver Community College (VCC) have been negotiating with TransLink for a U-Pass since 1994;

WHEREAS the Emily Carr Students' Union has been negotiating with TransLink for a U-Pass since 2001;

WHEREAS the Students' Unions of Vancouver Community College and Emily Carr have been requesting a meeting with TransLink since March of 2007 to discuss the U-Pass program, and TransLink has yet to meet with them;

WHEREAS the Presidents of VCC and Emily Carr have sent letters of support for a fair priced U-Pass at their institutions as well as requested a meeting with TransLink and have declined to receive a response;

WHEREAS VCC has a student population of approximately 9000, with 60% of whom use transit, and Emily Carr has a student population of 1,700, 70% of whom use transit;

WHEREAS VCC's student population has a high proportion of students who are low-income, work full time, are single parents, or First Nations;

WHEREAS UBC students pay \$22/month, SFU students pay \$26.10/month, while VCC and Emily Carr students are forced to pay more than three times that amount for monthly access for transit;

AND WHEREAS TransLink recorded a surplus of \$386.1 million for 2007;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The City of Vancouver contact the TransLink Board of Directors to request that:

1. TransLink meet with Student Union representatives from VCC and Emily Carr before May 1st to discuss a timeline of implementation for the U-Pass program at their institutions; and
2. This U-pass be fairly priced, and comparable to the cost of U-Passes at other Metro Vancouver post-secondary institutions, if at all possible.

not put

The Mayor ruled the motion out of order as Council has no control over the matter. Councillor Louie challenged the ruling of the chair. The Chair then put the question:

Shall the ruling of the Chair be sustained?

(Councillors Cadman, Chow, Deal, Louie and Stevenson opposed)
(Councillor Ball 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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Council recessed at 6:05 p.m., and following an In-Camera meeting in the Mayor's Office, reconvened in open session at 7:00 p.m. with Councillor Louie and the Mayor absent, and Deputy Mayor Chow in the chair.

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NEW BUSINESS

1. **Request for Leave Of Absence - Councillor Cadman**

MOVED by Councillor Deal
SECONDED by Councillor Capri

THAT Councillor Cadman be granted a Leave of Absence due to personal reasons for the Public Hearing to be held February 14, 2008.

CARRIED
(Councillor Ladner opposed)
(Councillor Louie and the Mayor absent for the vote)

ENQUIRIES AND OTHER MATTERS

1. **Grammy Award Winner - Vancouver Symphony Orchestra**

Councillor Deal noted the recent Grammy award win by Bramwell Tovey and the Vancouver Symphony Orchestra and requested the Mayor send a letter of congratulations on behalf of Council. The Deputy Mayor so agreed.

2. **Council Attendance at February 14, 2008 Public Hearing**

Councillor Stevenson requested the City Clerk to review the attendance of Council members for the Public Hearing on February 14, and advise Council on Thursday if there is a problem.

3. Invitation to Chair of TransLink Board

Councillor Stevenson enquired on the status of Council's invitation to the new Chair of the Board of TransLink to attend a meeting of Council.

The Deputy City Manager advised he will follow-up and advise Council.

4. Loss of Gas Service in False Creek

Councillor Anton requested staff to provide a brief verbal report on the issue of Imperial Oil discontinuing gas service in False Creek, including any environmental and safety concerns.

The Deputy City Manager advised staff are meeting on the issue and will be preparing a report back to Council.

The Council adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

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