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REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

FEBRUARY 26, 2008

A Regular Meeting of the Council of the City of Vancouver was held on Tuesday, February 26, 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: 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.

PROCLAMATIONS

- **LYDIA SHUM DIN-HA**

The Mayor expressed Council's condolences on the passing of Lydia Shum Din-Ha, and proclaimed her birthday, June 1, 2008, as Ms. Fei Fei Day in the city of Vancouver.

- **YOUTHPOLITIK DAY IN COUNCIL**

The Mayor proclaimed March 29, 2008 as "YouthPolitik Day in Council".

"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):

(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.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ITEMS ARISING FROM THE "IN CAMERA" MEETING OF FEBRUARY 12, 2008

Council approved appointments to the following Advisory Bodies:

- Vancouver City Planning Commission
- First Shaughnessy Advisory Design Panel
- Family Court/Youth Justice Committee

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

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

1. Special Council (Court of Revision) - February 5, 2008

MOVED by Councillor Capri
SECONDED by Councillor Cadman

THAT the foregoing Minutes be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. Regular Council (Transportation and Traffic) - February 12, 2008

MOVED by Councillor Lee
SECONDED by Councillor Ball

THAT the foregoing Minutes be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. Regular Council - February 12, 2008

MOVED by Councillor Louie
SECONDED by Councillor Cadman

THAT the foregoing Minutes be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. Regular Council (City Services and Budgets) - February 14, 2008

MOVED by Councillor Ladner
SECONDED by Councillor Stevenson

THAT the foregoing Minutes be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Councillor Louie absent for the vote)

5. Regular Council (Planning and Environment) - February 14, 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 Chow

THAT Council adopt Administrative Reports A1 to A3, and Policy Report P1, on consent.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Councillor Louie absent for the vote)

REPORT REFERENCE

1. 2009-2011 Capital Plan Process (VanRIMS 05-1400-21)

Ken Bayne, Director of Financial Planning & Treasury, presented a Report Reference on the background and planning process for the 2009-2011 Capital Plan. Mr. Bayne described the capital expenditure program, how the capital plan is put together, where the funding comes from, limits on the capital expenditure program, and the timeframe for the capital plan

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During the discussion on this item, the Mayor left the Council Chamber and Deputy Mayor Chow assumed the Chair. The Mayor assumed the Chair prior to the consideration of the Unfinished Business items.

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UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Amendments to Vancouver Fire By-law No. 8191 Regarding Fireworks (VanRIMS No. 14-1000-01)

Following the hearing of speakers at the Standing Committee meeting on City Services and Budgets on February 14, 2008, Vancouver City Council referred discussion and decision on the Policy Report *Amendments to Vancouver Fire By-law No. 8191 Regarding Fireworks*, dated January 29, 2008, to the Regular Council meeting on February 26, 2008 as Unfinished Business.

MOVED by Councillor Cadman

THAT the discussion and decision on the Policy Report *Amendments to Vancouver Fire By-law No. 8191 Regarding Fireworks*, dated January 29, 2008, be postponed to the Regular Council meeting on March 11, 2008 as Unfinished Business.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. **March 29th Earth Hour Event (VanRIMS No. 01-5200-40)**

On January 29, 2008, Council postponed consideration of the following motion pending the Mayor hearing back from the City of Toronto on its program for the Earth Hour event. Also before Council was a memorandum dated February 21, 2008, from the Manager, Sustainability Group, informing Council of actions the City can take to support the 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.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

1. **LMLGA Annual Conference - May 7-9, 2008, Whistler, BC
January 24, 2008 (VanRIMS 08-2200-20)**

THAT Council authorize Councillors B.C. Lee, Tim Stevenson, Kim Capri, Heather Deal and Peter Ladner to attend the Lower Mainland Local Government Association Annual Conference from May 7-9, 2008 at Whistler, BC. Expenses are estimated at \$697.00 for each Councillor (total estimated cost for all Councillors = \$3,485.00) and are to be funded from the Councillor's 2008 Travel Budget.

ADOPTED ON CONSENT
(Councillor Louie absent for the vote)

2. **2008 Debenture Program
February 11, 2008 (VanRIMS No. 05-1800-10)**

A. THAT Council approve the issuance of up to \$125 million City of Vancouver debentures utilizing debenture authority approved as part of the 2006 to 2007 Capital Budgets as follows:

Funding Category	Proposed Debenture
Sewers	\$27,800,000
Waterworks	11,900,000
Public Works	31,700,000
Public Safety & Civic Facilities	31,100,000
Parks and Recreation	3,000,000
Community Legacy Facilities	19,500,000
Total	\$125,000,000

- B. THAT, during the next three month period, the Director of Finance be empowered to act and instruct the City's Fiscal Agent to proceed with the issue, after consultation with the Mayor, the Chair of the City Services and Budgets Committee, and the City Manager, or a majority of them, and to set the rate, price, and other terms on which the debentures will be issued by the City.

ADOPTED ON CONSENT
(Councillor Louie absent for the vote)

3. **Mayor's Arts Awards May 26th, 2008**
February 5, 2008 (VanRIMS No. 01-5200-50)

- A. THAT Council approve in principle the 2008 Mayor's Arts Awards as outlined in the Administrative Report *Mayor's Arts Awards May 26th, 2008*, dated February 5, 2008, with an overall budget of \$131,750 as per Appendix A of the Administrative Report, subject to the confirmation of sponsorship necessary to produce the event without loss, by April 25, 2008.
- B. THAT Council approve an award budget of \$50,000 as per Appendix A of the Administrative Report *Mayor's Arts Awards May 26th, 2008*, dated February 5, 2008, to support cash awards of \$2,500 each to be given to:
 - i. the winners of The Mayor's Arts Awards in ten categories to be chosen by a jury of peers in recognition of significant contribution in their fields as well as to Vancouver's position as a Creative City; and
 - ii. ten emerging artists to be chosen by the recipients of The Mayor's Arts Awards.

Source of funds to be the unallocated funds remaining in the Cultural Budget.

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

POLICY REPORTS

1. **Rezoning of 1342 Southwest Marine Drive**
February 11, 2008 (VanRIMS 11-3600-10)

THAT the application by Norm Chin of DYSArchitecture to rezone 1342 Southwest Marine Drive (Lot 8, Block 1, D.L. 318, Plan 2067, P.I.D. 014-052-156) from M-1 Industrial District to C-2 Commercial District, be referred to a Public Hearing, together with the recommendation of the Director of Planning to approve this plan amendment, subject to one condition of approval contained in Appendix A of the Policy Report *Rezoning of 1342 Southwest Marine Drive*, dated February 11, 2008.

FURTHER THAT the Director of Legal Services be instructed to prepare the necessary By-law for consideration at Public Hearing.

ADOPTED ON CONSENT
(Councillor Louie absent for the vote)

RISE FROM COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MOVED by Councillor Cadman

THAT the Committee of the Whole rise and report.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADOPT REPORT OF COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MOVED by Councillor Deal
SECONDED by Councillor Chow

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

BY-LAWS

MOVED by Councillor Chow
SECONDED by Councillor Anton

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, and number 6, and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign and seal the enacted by-laws.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Councillor Lee absent for the vote)

1. A By-law to amend Zoning and Development By-law No. 3575 to rezone an area to CD-1 (re the Pinnacle site) (By-law No. 9600)
2. A By-law to amend Sign By-law No. 6510 (re 2 - 88 West 1st avenue, 2 - 26 East 1st Avenue, and 27 - 99 West 2nd Avenue) (By-law No. 9601)
3. A By-law to amend Noise Control By-law No. 6555 (re 140 West 1st Avenue) (By-law No. 9602)
4. A By-law to authorize Council entering into a Heritage Revitalization Agreement amending agreement with the Owner of Heritage Property (re 53 West Hastings

- Street) (By-law No. 9603)
5. A By-law to authorize Council entering into a Heritage Revitalization Agreement with the Owner of Heritage Property (re 265 Carrall Street) - WITHDRAWN
 6. A By-law to amend Business Prohibition By-law No. 5156 regarding exotic or wild animals (By-law No. 9604)

MOTIONS

A. Administrative Motions

1. Establishing Road at the south east corner of West 4th Avenue at Alma Street, adjacent to 2020 Alma Street, for a corner cut for road purposes

MOVED by Councillor Louie

SECONDED by Councillor Stevenson

THAT WHEREAS the registered owner will be conveying to the City of Vancouver for road purposes lands in the City of Vancouver, Province of British Columbia, more particularly known and described as follows:

All that portion of that portion of Lot 1, Block 27, District Lot 540, Group 1, New Westminster District, Plan BCP33234, as shown heavy outlined on plan of survey completed February 1, 2008, attested to by D.A. Le Patourel, B.C.L.S. and marginally numbered S-11029.

AND WHEREAS it is deemed expedient and in the public interest to accept and allocate the said lands for road purposes.

BE IT RESOLVED that the above described lands to be conveyed are hereby accepted and allocated for road purposes and declared to form and to constitute a portion of a road.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

(Councillor Lee absent for the vote)

B. Motions on Notice

1. Request for Leave of Absence - Councillor Stevenson

MOVED by Councillor Deal

SECONDED by Councillor Chow

THAT Councillor Stevenson be granted Leave of Absence for personal reasons for the evening of March 3, 2008.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

(Councillor Lee absent for the vote)

2. Motion to Establish a Mental Health Advocate in the City of Vancouver

MOVED by Councillor Deal

SECONDED by Councillor Chow

WHEREAS there is a lack of community and consumer input around mental health services in the City of Vancouver;

WHEREAS there is an increasing number of homeless individuals with multiple service needs, and a gap in services for these individuals, in the City of Vancouver and the Lower Mainland;

WHEREAS Project Civil City, the City's primary program to deal with homelessness and addictions, operates in a framework focusing on public disorder and not on the root causes of these problems;

WHEREAS the City of Vancouver is at the forefront of pushing for new, progressive solutions to homelessness and drug addiction, yet has been reluctant to assertively engage in issues of mental health;

WHEREAS a recent report produced by the Vancouver Police Department stated that 31% of police incidents involved at least one mentally ill person;

WHEREAS there is an absence of information sharing among mental health resources within the City of Vancouver and the Lower Mainland;

WHEREAS there are estimates that up to 60-70% of the mentally ill treated at St. Paul's hospital have multiple addictions;

AND WHEREAS there is a severe lack of public accountability with the delivery of mental health services in Vancouver;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The City of Vancouver establish a Mental Health Advocate, with the job of:

- reviewing quality of care issues around mental health services;
- ensuring public consultation and education on new facilities and programs dealing with mental health;
- coordinating the delivery of mental health services with other local, regional, provincial and advocacy organizations;
- developing an information base to inform policy development and planning in the area of mental health;
- advocating within the city and at senior levels of government for people dealing with all aspects of mental illness;
- reporting to Council twice a year on the status of mental health services in the city, with a focus on service deficiencies and providing solutions and recommended courses of action.

referred

The Chair advised a request to speak on Motion B.2 has been received. Council agreed to refer consideration of the motion to the Standing Committee on Planning and Environment meeting on February 28, 2008 in order to hear the speaker.

3. March - Community Social Services Awareness Month

MOVED by Councillor Louie
SECONDED by Councillor Deal

WHEREAS community social services are vital to the quality of life for the citizens of Vancouver; and

WHEREAS community social services in Vancouver include services to families and children; people with disabilities; people and families dealing with substance abuse; people in community justice services, including correction services and victim assistance programs; women and their families in transition houses or sexual assault centres; aboriginal peoples; individuals involved in community projects and employment training programs; as well as child care, multicultural, settlement and immigrant services; and more; and

WHEREAS the availability of these supportive services helps improve the quality of life for everyone, while making our communities stronger and more stable; and

WHEREAS greater recognition and understanding of the critical role these services play in our communities helps to ensure their continued availability and improvement; and

WHEREAS awareness and support for these services begins at the local level;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Vancouver City Council proclaim March 2008 as Community Social Services Awareness Month.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

NEW BUSINESS

1. Women's Ski Jump In 2010 Games

MOVED by Councillor Louie
SECONDED by Councillor Deal

WHEREAS the City of Vancouver is the host city to the 2010 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games; and

WHEREAS the City of Vancouver has worked with other levels of government and members of the community to develop an inclusive and sustainable 2010 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games; and

WHEREAS the International Olympic Committee has decided not to include women's ski jumping as a competitive event in the 2010 Olympic Winter Games.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Vancouver City Council send a letter to the International Olympic Committee, calling on them to include women's ski jumping as a competitive event in the 2010 Olympic Winter Games.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ENQUIRIES AND OTHER MATTERS

1. **Raising of Flag to Mark "Pink Shirt Day"**

Councillor Stevenson enquired on why Council members were not invited to the ceremony on February 25, 2008 at City Hall to raise the pink flag to mark "Pink Shirt Day", a campaign against bullying.

The Mayor agreed to provide the requested information.

2. **Provincial Government Grants to Local Cultural Institutions**

Councillor Ball referred to the infrastructure grants to local cultural institutions awarded by the Provincial Government in its budget. She requested the Mayor to write to the Province to express Council's gratitude.

The Mayor agreed to the request.

The Council adjourned at 4:25 p.m.

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