

*(These Minutes to be adopted at the Regular Council meeting on April 1, 2008)*



CITY OF VANCOUVER

## REPORT TO COUNCIL

### STANDING COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL ON TRANSPORTATION AND TRAFFIC

MARCH 11, 2008

A Regular Meeting of the Standing Committee of Council on Transportation and Traffic was held on Tuesday, March 11, 2008, at 9:35 a.m., in the Council Chamber, Third Floor, City Hall.

**PRESENT:** Councillor B.C. Lee, Chair  
Mayor Sam Sullivan \*  
Councillor Suzanne Anton  
Councillor Elizabeth Ball, Vice-Chair  
Councillor Kim Capri  
Councillor George Chow \*  
Councillor Peter Ladner  
Councillor Raymond Louie \*  
Councillor Tim Stevenson \*

**ABSENT:** Councillor David Cadman (Leave of Absence - Civic Business)  
Councillor Heather Deal (Leave of Absence - Civic Business)

**CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE:** Judy Rogers, City Manager  
James Ridge, Deputy 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 Transportation and Traffic meeting of February 12, 2008, were adopted.

#### MATTERS ADOPTED ON CONSENT

MOVED by Councillor Capri  
THAT the Committee recommend to Council

THAT agenda item 1 be adopted on consent.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY  
(Councillors Chow, Louie and Stevenson absent for the vote)

1. **Cyclist Pushbuttons for Existing Pedestrian Signals, 2008 Program**  
February 28, 2008 (VanRIMS No. 13-5000-30)

THAT the Committee recommend to Council

THAT Council approve the installation of cyclist buttons at 29 selected pedestrian-activated signals as described in the Administrative Report *Cyclist Pushbuttons for Existing Pedestrian Signals, 2008 Program*, dated February 28, 2008, at a total cost of \$382,500; sources of funding are to be as follows:

- \$156,000 anticipated contribution from the TransLink 2008 Bicycle Infrastructure Capital Cost Sharing Program; and
- \$226,500 from the existing Engineering Capital Budget, A2E Bicycle Network.

ADOPTED BY CONSENT

2. **Review of Pay by Phone Parking Program**  
February 25, 2008 (VanRIMS No. 05-4250-31)

Engineering Services staff responded to questions.

MOVED by Councillor Ladner

THAT the Committee recommend to Council

- A. THAT the existing temporary full time EA III Pay by Phone position be made regular full time (subject to review and classification by the General Manager of Human Resources) to provide technical support and work on potential service enhancements. The estimated \$58,000 cost of this position is funded from increased parking meter revenues.
- B. THAT Council endorse a request to the Provincial Government for a change to the Vancouver Charter to allow Council, by by-law, to charge for parking on streets other than by the use of parking meters, including the exclusive use of Pay by Phone, and to classify vehicles for the purpose of establishing fees for parking on city streets.
- C. THAT staff bring forward the necessary by-law changes to enable the City to use pay stations to regulate on-street parking.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

(Councillors Chow, Louie and Stevenson absent for the vote)

**3. Downtown Streetcar - Report Back on Phase Zero Preliminary Engineering**  
March 4, 2008 (VanRIMS No. 13-1400-20)

Olympic Transportation staff and a consultant from Hatch Mott Macdonald presented the report and, together with Engineering Services staff and a TransLink representative, responded to questions.

The Committee heard from four speakers who spoke in support of the report recommendations and two speakers who spoke in general support, but expressed concerns regarding potential subsidized competition.

MOVED by Councillor Anton  
THAT the Committee recommend to Council

- A. THAT Council approve the replacement of the single-track infrastructure between Granville Island and the 2nd Avenue Canada Line Station to allow continued operation of the Downtown Heritage Railway on the alignment at a cost of \$8.5 million; source of funding to be:
  - i. \$500,000 as a funding contribution from CMHC Granville Island
  - ii. \$4,000,000 from the Southeast False Creek Project
  - iii. \$4,000,000 from existing Engineering Streets 2006-2008 Capital Budget;AND THAT the funding of \$0.8 million to be approved in advance of the 2008 Capital Budget, source of funding to be the 2006-2008 plebiscite approved borrowing authority.
- B. THAT Council instruct staff to seek opportunities to develop the Downtown Streetcar Demonstration Project for the 2010 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games using modern streetcar equipment and infrastructure.
- C. THAT Council approve up to \$1.0M to safeguard the streetcar alignment during the 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue reconstruction for modern streetcar operations including cost sharing with Metro Vancouver for the cost premiums of relocating the regional forcemain between Columbia Street and Quebec Street; source of funding to be provided from the existing Engineering Streets 2006-2008 Capital Budget.
- D. THAT Council request that staff work with partners including TransLink and Partnerships BC to plan for the next stages of the streetcar line after 2010.
- E. THAT Council request that the planning include integration with a possible future streetcar route along the Arbutus corridor.

Council requested the vote on D and E be separated.

A, B, C and E CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY and D CARRIED (Councillors Chow, Louie and Stevenson opposed and the Mayor absent for the vote).

The Committee adjourned at 11:14 a.m.

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## CITY OF VANCOUVER

### REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES STANDING COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL ON TRANSPORTATION AND TRAFFIC

MARCH 11, 2008

A Regular Meeting of the Council of the City of Vancouver was held on Tuesday, March 11, 2008, at 11:14 a.m. in the Council Chamber, Third Floor, City Hall, following the Standing Committee on Transportation and Traffic meeting, to consider the recommendations and actions of the Committee.

**PRESENT:** Deputy Mayor Elizabeth Ball  
Councillor Suzanne Anton  
Councillor Kim Capri  
Councillor George Chow  
Councillor Peter Ladner  
Councillor B.C. Lee  
Councillor Raymond Louie  
Councillor Tim Stevenson

**ABSENT:** Councillor David Cadman (Leave of Absence - Civic Business)  
Councillor Heather Deal (Leave of Absence - Civic Business)  
Mayor Sam Sullivan

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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, Deputy Mayor Ball in the Chair.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS

Report of Standing Committee on Transportation and Traffic  
March 11, 2008

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

1. Cyclist Pushbuttons for Existing Pedestrian Signals, 2008 Program
2. Review of Pay by Phone Parking Program
3. Downtown Streetcar - Report Back on Phase Zero Preliminary Engineering

Items 1 to 3

MOVED by Councillor Louie

THAT the recommendations and actions taken by the Standing Committee on Transportation and Traffic at its meeting of March 11, 2008, as contained in items 1 to 3, be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

#### RISE FROM COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MOVED by Councillor Chow

THAT the Committee of the Whole rise and report.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

#### ADOPT REPORT OF COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MOVED by Councillor Ladner

SECONDED by Councillor Stevenson

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

#### NEW BUSINESS

##### 1. World Refugee Day 2008

MOVED by Councillor Lee

SECONDED by Councillor Louie

WHEREAS:

1. In 2000, the United Nations General Assembly designated June 20<sup>th</sup> as World Refugee Day to recognize and celebrate the courage, strength and contribution of refugees throughout the world, and each year the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees establishes a global theme for World Refugee Day, which in 2008 is "refugee protection", whether it is shelter or fair treatment or the right to seek asylum; and

2. In 2006 there were over 10 million refugees worldwide, most of whom were living in refugee camps, and refugees are individuals with a well-founded fear of persecution or are persons at risk of torture or cruel and unusual treatment or punishment if they were to return to their country of nationality or residence; and
3. Each year Canada provides refugee protection for over 25,000 refugees through its asylum and resettlement programs, and since 2002, Canada has been among the top three resettlement countries in the world, having resettled 10,400 refugees in 2005 who accounted for 13% of the refugees resettled globally that year, and over the past five years Canada has granted permanent residence to more than 147,000 refugees; and
4. In 2007, City Council adopted the following vision and value statement concerning immigrants and refugees, " Vancouver is a city where immigrants and refugees have the best opportunities to become an integral part of the social, economic and cultural fabric of civic life;" and
5. In November 2007, Council adopted the recommendations put forward by the Mayor's Task Force on Immigration which included the City considering sponsoring an annual event commemorating World Refugee Day and in late November 2007 Council adopted evaluation criteria to be applied when considering the sponsoring of additional celebratory days as an annual National or International event, and Council have not yet reviewed World Refugee Day nor the other eleven proposed annual events in terms of the Council approved evaluation criteria;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

THAT Council agrees to commemorate World Refugee Day on June 20, 2008, and provide \$2,000 in funding from contingency fund to support the hosting of this special event.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**2. Request for Leave of Absence - Councillor B.C. Lee**

MOVED by Councillor Anton  
SECONDED by Councillor Louie

THAT Councillor Lee be granted Leave of Absence for personal reasons from the City Services and Budgets 2008 Operating Budget - Interim meetings being held on April 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>, 2008.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Council adjourned at 11:20 a.m.

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