



CITY OF VANCOUVER

REPORT TO COUNCIL

SPECIAL STANDING COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL ON CITY SERVICES AND BUDGETS

APRIL 9, 2008

A Special Meeting of the Standing Committee of Council on City Services and Budgets was held on Wednesday, April 9, 2008, at 6:00 p.m., in the Council Chamber, Third Floor, City Hall.

PRESENT: Councillor Peter Ladner, Chair
Mayor Sam Sullivan
Councillor Suzanne Anton
Councillor Elizabeth Ball
Councillor David Cadman
Councillor George Chow
Councillor Heather Deal
Councillor Raymond Louie, Vice-Chair
Councillor Tim Stevenson

ABSENT: Councillor Kim Capri (Leave of Absence - Civic Business)
Councillor B.C. Lee (Leave of Absence)

CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE: James Ridge, Deputy City Manager

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE: Laura Kazakoff, Meeting Coordinator

1. 2008 Interim Budget Estimates
(VanRIMS No. 05-1000-30)

At its Regular Meeting on April 1, 2008, Vancouver City Council received a Report Reference on the 2008 Interim Budget Estimates Update and Public Consultation Results. At that meeting, Council's decisions "in principle" regarding the 2008 Interim Budget Estimates were referred to a Special Meeting of the City Services and Budgets Committee to be held on April 9, 2008, in order to hear from speakers. Final confirmation of those decisions was referred to the Regular Council Meeting on April 15, 2008.

Accordingly, the Committee had before it the extract from the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of April 1, 2008, as well as the Administrative Report dated March 18, 2008, titled 2008 Interim Budget Estimates Update and Public Consultation Results.

Estelle Lo, General Manager of Corporate Services, provided opening comments and along with Annette Klein, Director of Budget Services, responded to questions.

The Standing Committee heard from the following speakers:

Paul Faoro, President, CUPE 15
Joan Anderson, Chair, Vancouver Public Library Board
Ray Gallagher, President, Britannia Board of Management (brief filed)
Brian Bonney, Canadian Federation of Independent Business
Patricia Moir, President, Friends of Vancouver Public Library
Erica McCollum, Think City (materials filed)
Steve Wansleeben
Anita Romaniuk
Danielle Parish (materials filed)
Jillian Gordon (materials filed)
Dale Wolfe
Sr. Elizabeth Kelliher, DERA
Eileen Mosca, Grandview Woodlands Community Policing Centre
Beverley Acutt, South Vancouver Community Policing Centre
Kerry Bastien, Westside Community Crime Prevention Society

The majority of speakers spoke in opposition to specific budget proposals and/or expressed concern with the operating budget public consultation process. Of those speaking against specific budget proposals, most noted inadequate funding for Parks and Recreation services, or expressed opposition to funding for Project Civil City and the Ambassador Program.

Several speakers spoke in favour of specific budget proposals in regard to funding for Vancouver Public Library, Vancouver Police Department, and Community Policing Centres.

Staff agreed to provide an Information Memorandum in regard to funding for Community Policing Centres prior to Council's decision on the 2008 Operating Budget at its Regular Meeting on April 15, 2008.

The Committee adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

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CITY OF VANCOUVER
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
STANDING COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL ON
CITY SERVICES AND BUDGETS

APRIL 9, 2008

A Special Meeting of the Council of the City of Vancouver was held on Wednesday, April 9, 2008, at 8:10 p.m., in the Council Chamber, Third Floor, City Hall, following the Special Standing Committee on City Services and Budgets meeting, to consider the recommendations and actions of the Committee.

PRESENT: Mayor Sam Sullivan
Councillor Suzanne Anton
Councillor Elizabeth Ball
Councillor David Cadman
Councillor George Chow
Councillor Heather Deal
Councillor Peter Ladner
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COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MOVED by Councillor Stevenson
SECONDED by Councillor Anton

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Report of Standing Committee on City Services and Budgets
April 9, 2008

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

1. 2008 Interim Budget Estimates

MOVED by Councillor Chow

THAT the recommendations and actions taken by the Standing Committee on City Services and Budgets at its meeting of April 9, 2008, as contained in item 1, be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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 Ball
SECONDED by Councillor Cadman

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Special Council adjourned at 8:11 p.m.

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