

(These Minutes to be adopted at the Regular Council meeting on April 29, 2008)



CITY OF VANCOUVER

REPORT TO COUNCIL

STANDING COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL ON CITY SERVICES AND BUDGETS

APRIL 17, 2008

A Regular Meeting of the Standing Committee of Council on City Services and Budgets was held on Thursday, April 17, 2008, at 9:30 a.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 Kim Capri
Councillor George Chow *
Councillor Heather Deal
Councillor B.C. Lee*
Councillor Tim Stevenson*

ABSENT: Councillor Raymond Louie, Vice-Chair (Leave of Absence - Civic Business)

CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE: Judy Rogers, 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 City Services and Budgets meeting of April 3, 2008, were adopted.

VARY THE AGENDA

MOVED by Councillor Anton

THAT the Committee vary the agenda order to deal with Item 3 prior to Item 2 to permit time for the City of Vancouver auditor to arrive for Item 2.

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

Following Item 1, the Committee agreed to vary the agenda again to revert to the original order.

1. Property Tax Status of Stratford Hall School
March 31, 2008 (VanRIMS No. 05-4200-10)

The Committee heard from the Head of School, Stratford Hall, who spoke in support of the Consideration and noted a correction on page 3 that the School was at the Italian Cultural Centre in 2000, and that the 3000 Commercial Drive location was acquired in 2005.

Staff from Business Planning and Services responded to questions.

The Committee Chair advised that to approve a grant, it requires eight affirmative votes in the Council meeting immediately following the City Services and Budgets Committee meeting.

MOVED by Mayor Sullivan
THAT the Committee recommend to Council

THAT Council approve an additional grant-in-lieu of general purpose property taxes to the Stratford Hall Foundation (Stratford Hall School) of \$43,316.09 for the period from January 1, 2006 to September 21, 2006.

CARRIED
(Councillors Chow, Deal and Stevenson opposed)

NOTE FROM CLERK: The grant was subsequently not approved by the required majority at the Regular Council meeting immediately following the Standing Committee on City Services and Budgets held later that day.

2. City of Vancouver 2007 Annual Financial Report
April 8, 2008 (VanRIMS No. 05-1000-22)

The Committee also had before it the *Annual Financial Report 2007 (Limited distribution - on file)*.

Staff from Corporate Services, along with the Auditor from KPMG, provided an overview of the report and responded to questions.

MOVED by Councillor Deal
THAT the Committee recommend to Council

THAT Council receive for information the City of Vancouver Financial Statements for the year ended December 31, 2007.

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

3. Proposed Amendments to the Greater Vancouver Regional Solid and Liquid Waste Management Plans

April 11, 2008 (VanRIMS No. 13-6000-10)

Staff from Engineering Services reviewed the report and responded to questions.

The Committee heard from one speaker who spoke in support of the report recommendations.

MOVED by Councillor Deal

THAT the Committee recommend to Council

- A. THAT Council advise the Greater Vancouver Sewerage & Drainage District (GVS&DD) Board and the Minister of the Environment that Vancouver does not support the GVS&DD's process for major amendments to the Solid and Liquid Waste Management Plans (WMPs), or their content, for the following reasons:
- The proposed process does not comply with the Ministry of Environment's (MOE) requirements for major amendments to WMPs in their *Environmental Management Act, Guide to the Preparation of Regional Solid Waste Management Plans by Regional Districts* and *Guidelines for Developing a Liquid Waste Management Plan*.
 - The proposed process provides inadequate opportunity for technical review of waste management options, input by municipal stakeholders, and consideration by municipal Councils within an appropriate timeline.
 - The proposal does not include an evaluation of the financial implications of the waste management options in conjunction with other significant regional capital spending priorities such as drinking water, transportation, and housing.
 - The proposal to prepare a Solid Waste Management Plan (SWMP) that provides only strategic direction, without specific timelines and commitments, may commit the region and its member municipalities to unrealistic and undeliverable programs.
 - There has been no technical, scientific or engineering analyses conducted to support the proposal that waste-to-energy (WTE) is the sole appropriate strategy for handling all of the region's solid waste.
 - There has been no analysis of the sensitivity of the operating costs for WTE to the quantity of waste processed. The significant capital expenditures for WTE facilities also requires consideration.
 - There has been no analysis of costs or benefits to support the proposal to prematurely close the Vancouver Landfill by 2020 and exclude options such as continuing to use its remaining capacity while extending its life through waste reduction initiatives. There are significant differences in the operating cost for the Landfill and those estimated for WTE facilities.

- B. THAT Council advise the GVS&DD Board to work with municipal staff through the Regional Engineers Advisory Committee, Regional Financial Advisory Committee and Regional Administrators Advisory Committee structure to develop appropriate processes for amending the Solid and Liquid WMPs.
- C. THAT Council request that the Minister of the Environment require the GVS&DD Board to seek the MOE's approval of an appropriate process for amending the SWMP which meets the requirements of the MOE's Act and guidelines.
- D. THAT Council forward these resolutions for information to the Councils of all other GVS&DD member municipalities.
- E. THAT Council advise the GVS&DD Board that, in light of the Tripartite Agreement, which has a term ending in 2037 and acknowledges that Vancouver and Delta each require autonomy in the disposal of their solid wastes as a condition of the current SWMP, it is not appropriate for the GVS&DD to carry out public consultation on a draft plan to prematurely close the Vancouver Landfill (except as a residuals facility) in 2020 without any consultation with or input from Vancouver or Delta.
- F. THAT the process for amending the Liquid Waste Management Plan include an exploration of sewage treatment technology options, while maintaining that improved sewage treatment must be expedited.

amended

AMENDMENT MOVED by Councillor Cadman

THAT the following be added as G:

THAT Council request City staff report back on the establishment of a City of Vancouver citizen advisory committee on waste.

amended

AMENDMENT TO THE AMENDMENT moved by Councillor Anton

THAT G be struck and replaced with:

- G. THAT the establishment of a citizen advisory committee on waste be referred to the City Manager for further information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The amendment to the amendment having CARRIED, the Motion as amended was put and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

FINAL MOTION AS ADOPTED

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 - There has been no technical, scientific or engineering analyses conducted to support the proposal that waste-to-energy (WTE) is the sole appropriate strategy for handling all of the region's solid waste.
 - There has been no analysis of the sensitivity of the operating costs for WTE to the quantity of waste processed. The significant capital expenditures for WTE facilities also requires consideration.
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- F. THAT the process for amending the Liquid Waste Management Plan include an exploration of sewage treatment technology options, while maintaining that improved sewage treatment must be expedited.
- G. THAT the establishment of a citizen advisory committee on waste be referred to the City Manager for further information.

The Committee adjourned at 12:33 p.m.

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

APRIL 17, 2008

A Regular Meeting of the Council of the City of Vancouver was held on Thursday, April 17, 2008, at 12:33 p.m. in the Council Chamber, Third Floor, City Hall, following the 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 Kim Capri
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 17, 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. Property Tax Status of Stratford Hall School
2. City of Vancouver 2007 Annual Financial Report
3. Proposed Amendments to the Greater Vancouver Regional Solid and Liquid Waste Management Plans

Council requested the vote on the items be separated.

Item 1

MOVED by Councillor Ball

THAT the recommendations and actions taken by the Standing Committee on City Services and Budgets at its meeting of April 17, 2008, as contained in item 1, be approved.

LOST

NOT HAVING RECEIVED THE REQUIRED MAJORITY
(Councillors Chow, Deal and Stevenson opposed)

Items 2 and 3

MOVED by Councillor Ball

THAT the recommendations and actions taken by the Standing Committee on City Services and Budgets at its meeting of April 17, 2008, as contained in items 2 and 3, be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

RISE FROM COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MOVED by Councillor Anton

THAT the Committee of the Whole rise and report.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADOPT REPORT OF COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MOVED by Councillor Capri
SECONDED by Councillor Ball

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Council adjourned at 12:35 p.m.

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