



CITY OF VANCOUVER

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REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

APRIL 29, 2008

A Regular Meeting of the Council of the City of Vancouver was held on Tuesday, April 29, 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.

PROCLAMATIONS:

- **Emergency Preparedness Week**

The Mayor proclaimed the week of May 4 to 10, 2008 as Emergency Preparedness Week in Vancouver.

- **Child Care Month and Youth Week**

The Mayor proclaimed the month of May as Child Care Month and the week of May 1 to 7, 2008 as Youth Week.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- **One Book, One Vancouver**

The Mayor announced the One Book, One Vancouver selection for 2008 will be *the Five Books of Moses Lapinsky* by Karen X. Tulchinsky.

- **The Planet is in Your Hands**

The Mayor announced "The Planet is in Your Hands" campaign sponsored by the Tzu Chi Foundation of Canada.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT - RETIREMENT OF CITY CLERK

The Mayor presented a gift to Syd Baxter, retiring City Clerk, and with Council, thanked him for the professionalism and dedication he has displayed in his role as City Clerk.

"IN CAMERA" MEETING

MOVED by Councillor Louie
SECONDED by Councillor Cadman

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;
- (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

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

1. Special Council (Special City Services and Budgets) - April 9, 2008

MOVED by Councillor Ladner
SECONDED by Councillor Stevenson

THAT the foregoing Minutes be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Councillor Louie absent for the vote)

2. Regular Council (Transportation and Traffic) - April 15, 2008

MOVED by Councillor Lee
SECONDED by Councillor Ball

THAT the foregoing Minutes be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Councillor Louie absent for the vote)

3. Regular Council - April 15, 2008

MOVED by Councillor Louie
SECONDED by Councillor Capri

THAT the foregoing Minutes be approved with the following amendment:

Page 6 Record Councillor Louie opposed to the motion on Administrative Report A2.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. Special Council (Public Hearing) - April 15, 2008

MOVED by Councillor Capri
SECONDED by Councillor Ball

THAT the foregoing Minutes be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5. Regular Council (City Services and Budgets) - April 17, 2008

MOVED by Councillor Ladner
SECONDED by Councillor Stevenson

THAT the foregoing Minutes be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6. Regular Council (Planning and Environment) - April 17, 2008

MOVED by Councillor Capri
SECONDED by Councillor Lee

THAT the foregoing Minutes be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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

MATTERS ADOPTED ON CONSENT

MOVED by Councillor Louie

THAT Council adopt Administrative Reports A1, A3, A5 to A11, A13, A14, and Policy Report P1, on consent.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

REPORT REFERENCE

1. 2009 - 2011 Capital Plan Financial Limit (VanRIMS No. 05-1400-30)

Estelle Lo, General Manager of Financial Services/Director of Finance, and Ken Bayne, General Manager, Business Planning & Services, presented a Report Reference on the development of the 2009 - 2011 Capital Plan. Ms. Lo and Mr. Bayne provided an overview of the capital planning process, establishing financial limits, comparison to the 2006 - 2008

Capital Plan, capital funding sources, guiding financial policies and 2009 - 2011 funding strategies.

MOVED by Councillor Anton

A. THAT Council set the financial limit for the tax supported component of the 2009 - 2011 Capital Plan at \$370.0 million as follows:

- \$197.3 million from general borrowing authority;
- \$97.7 million from sewer borrowing authority; and
- \$75.0 million as Capital from Revenue.

This limit to be used for planning purposes and subject to confirmation at the time Council approves the final Capital Plan in September 2008.

B. THAT Council instruct the Capital Plan Staff Review Group to seek expenditure opportunities from City-Wide DCLs to a limit of \$54.3 million.

C. THAT Council set the financial limit for the Water capital program at \$61.0 million, this limit to be used for planning purposes and subject to confirmation at the time Council approves the final Capital Plan in September 2008.

D. THAT the Capital Plan Staff Review Group be instructed to report back with the Draft Capital Plan on the impact that anticipated cost inflation during the 2009 - 2011 Capital Plan could have on the capital expenditure program.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. Metro Vancouver's Options for Growth Management - City Comments (VanRIMS No. 11-2000-14)

Brent Toderian, Director of Planning, and Ronda Howard, Assistant Director, City-wide & Regional Planning, presented a Report Reference on the City's response to Metro Vancouver's discussion paper *Choosing a Sustainable Future for Metro Vancouver - Options for Metro Vancouver's Growth Management Strategy*. Mr. Toderian and Ms. Howard provided an overview of the Options discussion paper and City staff comments on key aspects, for endorsement by City Council, to convey to Metro Vancouver staff for input into preparation of a draft regional growth management strategy.

MOVED by Councillor Ladner

THAT Council endorse staff comments in the Policy Report *Metro Vancouver's Options for Growth Management - City Comments*, dated April 15, 2008, and forward the report to Metro Vancouver staff as input into developing the draft Regional Growth Management Strategy.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Councillor Stevenson absent for the vote)

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Increase Protection for Renters (VanRIMS No. 01-5500-20)

On April 1, 2008, Vancouver City Council considered a motion entitled "Increase Protection for Renters". Council approved a portion of the motion and postponed consideration of the following for two weeks.

THAT City staff report back on a recommendation to proceed on:

- A program for twice-yearly standards of maintenance inspections of all occupied rental housing listed in the City of Vancouver Single Room Accommodation By-law Schedule;
- The consideration of past compliance with building standards and owner history when granting new development permits;
- A DTES planning office, whose sole responsibility would be to inform local residents of planned developments, and facilitate meaningful community participation in neighbourhood development.

The Chair noted that a request to speak on the Unfinished Business item has been received.

MOVED by Councillor Stevenson

THAT Council agree to hear the speaker on the Unfinished Business item.

CARRIED

(Councillors Anton, Ball and the Mayor opposed)

Note: The Unfinished Business item will be considered at the Standing Committee on City Services and Budgets meeting on May 1, 2008.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

1. Information Technology Infrastructure - 2008 Expansion and Replacement Program April 8, 2008 (VanRIMS No. 04-4200-21)

THAT Council approve the 2008 Information Technology Infrastructure Expansion and Replacement Program, as described in the Administrative Report *Information Technology Infrastructure - 2008 Expansion and Replacement Program*, dated April 8, 2008, at a cost of \$4,046,000; source of funding to be the Information Technology Long Term Financing Plan.

ADOPTED ON CONSENT

**2. Heritage Façade Rehabilitation Program - Façade Grant - 157 Water Street
April 7, 2008 (VanRIMS 05-5000-10)**

MOVED by Councillor Cadman

- A. THAT Council approve a façade grant of up to \$50,000 for the rehabilitation of the principal façade at 157 Water Street in association with Development Application Number DE411827. The source of funding is the 2006 Capital Budget for the Heritage Façade Rehabilitation Program.
- B. THAT the Owner shall grant to the City a Section 219 covenant by which professional oversight of the rehabilitation is required and by which the Owner is required to maintain the 157 Water Street façade in good appearance and good repair for a minimum period of fifteen years. The covenant shall be to the satisfaction of the Director of Planning and Legal Services and registered in the Land Title Office in priority over all financial charges.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AND
BY THE REQUIRED MAJORITY

**3. Contract No. 2008-01 Watermain Supply and Installation Recommendation for
Award
April 10, 2008 (VanRIMS No. 03-1200-11)**

- A. THAT Contract No. 2008-01 be awarded to the low bidder meeting the tender specifications, Con West Contracting Ltd., for the supply and installation of distribution watermains for an estimated contract price of \$1,353,003.75 (including applicable taxes); and THAT funding be provided in advance of the 2008 Basic Capital budget for the Waterworks Distribution Main Replacement program (order group CC3EE1A).
- B. THAT the General Manager of Engineering Services, in consultation with the Director of Legal Services, be authorized to enter into a construction services contract with Con West Contracting Ltd. for Contract No. 2008-01 for watermain supply and installation.
- C. THAT no legal rights or obligations will be created by Council's approval of A and B above unless and until all legal documentation required has been executed and delivered on terms and conditions satisfactory to the Director of Legal Services.

ADOPTED ON CONSENT

4. **Award of Construction Contract for Orpheum Theatre Carpet and Handrail Replacement**
April 15, 2008 (VanRIMS No. 03-1200-30)

MOVED by Councillor Louie

THAT Council postpone consideration of Administrative Report A4 to the Regular Council meeting following the Standing Committee on City Services and Budgets meeting on May 1, 2008, to allow staff to provide further clarification.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5. **Award of Environmental Consultant Contract for Queen Elizabeth Theatre Redevelopment - Audience Chamber Phase 2**
April 15, 2008 (VanRIMS No. 03-1200-30)

- A. THAT, Council waive the normal policy of conducting a Request for Quotation procurement process and approve entering into a sole-sourced agreement with EHS Partnerships Ltd. ("EHSP") for environmental consulting services for the Queen Elizabeth Theatre Redevelopment - Audience Chamber Phase 2 to a maximum value of \$100,000 (plus applicable taxes), with the source of funding to be the Queen Elizabeth Theatre Redevelopment Capital Budget.
- B. THAT, no legal rights or obligations will be created by Council's approval of A and B and no funds are to be expended or services to be performed in respect of the matters contemplated by A above unless and until all legal documentation required by the Director of Legal Services has been executed and delivered by the Director of Legal Services on terms and conditions satisfactory to her.

ADOPTED ON CONSENT

6. **City of Vancouver 2007 Statement of Financial Information**
April 18, 2008 (VanRIMS No. 05-2000-11)

THAT Council approve the City of Vancouver 2007 Statement of Financial Information, attached as Appendix A to the Administrative Report *City of Vancouver 2007 Statement of Financial Information*, dated April 18, 2008, for filing with the Ministry of Community Services under the Financial Information Act.

ADOPTED ON CONSENT

7. **2007 Report on Council Remuneration and Expenses
April 10, 2008 (VanRIMS No. 08-2200-01)**

THAT the Administrative Report *2007 Report on Council Remuneration and Expenses*, dated April 10, 2008, be received for information.

ADOPTED ON CONSENT

8. **Great Northern Way Campus - New Structure Plan of Roads, Parcels and Open Space
April 14, 2008 (VanRIMS No. 13-1100-31)**

- A. THAT Council approve the new structure plan of roads, open space and parcel configuration, as shown in Appendix A of the Administrative Report *Great Northern Way Campus - New Structure Plan of Roads, Parcels and Open Space*, dated April 14, 2008.
- B. THAT if Council approves A above, that Council authorize the Director of Legal Services to enter into a new or amended Services and Open Space Agreement, to the satisfaction of the Director of Legal Services and the General Manager of Engineering Services, with the Owners of the Lands, that continues to secure all of the obligations for delivery of infrastructure and open space as per the Council approved conditions for the 1999 enactment of CD-1 402 and that reflects the new phases of development resulting from the application of the No Net Loss guiding principle to the new structure plan.
- C. THAT if Council approves A and B above, that Council authorize the Director of Legal Services to enter into a Section 219 Covenant for "No Development" with the subdivision and against the SW parcel of the new structure plan until such time that the SW parcel has been rezoned to be IC-3 and the new or amended Services and Open Space Agreement is registered.

ADOPTED ON CONSENT

9. **396 and 375 East 1st Avenue - Land Exchange
April 14, 2008 (VanRIMS No. 13-2000-13)**

- A. THAT Council close, stop-up and convey to the owner of Lot 3 District Lots 200A, 264A and 2037 Group 1 New Westminster District Plan LMP50588 ("Lot 3"), that 527± square metre portion, and that 0.106± hectare portion of Prince Edward Street north of Great Northern Way; and that 37.1± square metre portion of lane south of 1st Avenue, east from Scotia Street, each as generally shown in heavy bold outline on the plan attached as Appendix B to the Administrative Report *396 and 375 East 1st Avenue - Land Exchange*, dated April 14, 2008 (the "Old Road and Lane"), subject to the following conditions:
 - 1. The Old Road and Lane to be exchanged for the 0.601± hectare portion of Lot 3 generally shown hatched on plan attached as Appendix C to the

Administrative Report *396 and 375 East 1st Avenue - Land Exchange*, dated April 14, 2008 (the "New Road") such that no money changes hands for the closures or dedications;

2. The owner of Lot 3 (the "Owner") to subdivide the Old Road and Lane with Lot 3, and Lot N District Lot 200A Group 1 New Westminster District Plan LMP46480 ("Lot N") to dedicate the New Road and create three new lots as generally shown on plan attached as Appendix C to the Administrative Report, to the satisfaction of the Director of Legal Services and the Approving Officer.
- B. THAT Council close, stop-up and convey to the City as owner of Lot J Block 4 District Lot 200A Plan 15843 ("Lot J"), that 17.3± square metre portion of lane south of 1st Avenue, east from Scotia Street, as generally shown in heavy bold outline on the plan attached as Appendix B to the Administrative Report (the "Old Lane"), subject to the following condition:
1. The Old Lane to be consolidated with Lot J to form a single lot as generally shown within heavy bold outline on the plan attached as Appendix D to the Administrative Report *396 and 375 East 1st Avenue - Land Exchange*, dated April 14, 2008 to the satisfaction of the General Manager of Engineering Services, the Director of Real Estate Services, and the Director of Legal Services.
- C. THAT A and B above be subject to the additional conditions (the "Additional Conditions") described in Appendix A to the Administrative Report *396 and 375 East 1st Avenue - Land Exchange*, dated April 14, 2008.
- D. THAT any agreements are to be to the satisfaction of the Director of Legal Services.
- E. THAT Council authorize the Director of Legal Services in consultation with the General Manager of Engineering Services to approve minor amendments to the exchange should either field survey or minor and inconsequential road design changes warrant such minor variations.
- F. THAT the Director of Legal Services or the Director of Real Estate Services, as applicable, be authorized to execute all plans, transfers, and documents as required.

ADOPTED ON CONSENT

10. **Award of Construction Contract for the Vancouver Police Department Force Options Training Centre at 2010 Glen Drive
April 15, 2008 (VanRIMS No. 03-1200-30)**
- A. THAT, Council approve entering into an agreement with DGS Construction Company Ltd. ("DGS") for construction of the Vancouver Police Department Force Options Training Centre (the "FOTC") for a value of \$17,695,000 (plus applicable taxes), with the source of funding to be the previously approved FOTC Capital Budget.
 - B. THAT, Council approve entering into agreements considered appropriate by the Director of Legal Services with BC Transit, as the owner of a right of way running through the development site, and the Greater Vancouver Transportation Authority (TransLink) as the operator of the Sky Train service within that right of way, to permit the construction of the FOTC, noting that such agreements will include the granting of indemnities to BC Transit, TransLink and other users of the right of way.
 - C. THAT, no legal rights or obligations will be created by Council's approval of A, B and C, and no funds are to be expended or services to be performed in respect of the matters contemplated by A and B above unless and until all legal documentation required by the Director of Legal Services has been executed and delivered by the Director of Legal Services on terms and conditions satisfactory to her.

ADOPTED ON CONSENT

11. **Award of Contract for Project Management Services - AD/Hansen Implementation
March 31, 2008 (VanRIMS No. 03-1200-30)**
- A. THAT Contract No. RFA PS08012 for Project Management Services - AD/Hansen Implementation be awarded to KLR Consulting Inc. in the amount of \$350,000, with funding from the existing Autodesk/Hansen Implementation project budget.
 - 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 Director of Legal Services.
 - D. THAT no legal rights and obligations will be created by Council's adoption of A, B and C above unless and until such legal documents are executed and delivered to the Director of Legal Services.

ADOPTED ON CONSENT

12. Vancouver Sport Hosting Grant: 2008 Allocations and Changes to the Grant Options April 15, 2008 (VanRIMS No. 05-1000-30)

Also before Council was a letter dated April 29, 2008, from the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation in support of the recommendations in the Administrative Report *Vancouver Sport Hosting Grant: 2008 Allocations and Changes to the Grant Options* dated April 15, 2008.

MOVED by Councillor Louie

- A. THAT Council approve Major Sport Hosting Grants totalling \$13,000 as listed in the body of the Administrative Report *Vancouver Sport Hosting Grant: 2008 Allocations and Changes to the Grant Options* dated April 15, 2008. Source of funds to be the 2008 Sport Hosting Grant Budget.
- B. THAT Council approve changes to the Community Sport Event Grants as noted in the Administrative Report.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AND
BY THE REQUIRED MAJORITY

13. Neighbourhood Energy Utility ("NEU") - Award of Contract for Boiler System Supply April 16, 2008 (VanRIMS No. 03-1200-11)

- A. THAT, subject to the conditions set out in B, C, and D below, that Council authorize a contract with Sterling Combustion Inc. for the supply and delivery of natural gas boilers, in accordance with Invitation to Tender No. PS08035 at an estimated cost of \$777,949 plus GST and PST.
- B. THAT, the contract be on such terms and conditions as are satisfactory to the Director of Legal Services and the General Manager of Engineering Services.
- C. THAT, upon approval of the contract by the Director of Legal Services and the General Manager of Engineering Services, the Director of Legal Services be authorized to execute and deliver the contract on behalf of City Council.
- D. THAT no legal rights or obligations will be created by the adoption of A, B, C, D and E, or at any time after such adoption unless and until the contract and any other required legal documentation has been executed and delivered by the City to Sterling Combustion Inc.
- E. THAT the source of funding for this contract be the NEU Interim Budget.

ADOPTED ON CONSENT

14. **Neighbourhood Energy Utility (“NEU”) - Award of Contract for Energy Transfer Station Installation**
April 18, 2008 (VanRIMS No. 03-1200-30)
- A. THAT, subject to the conditions set out in B, C, and D below, that Council authorize a contract with Division 15 Mechanical Ltd. for the fabrication and installation of Energy Transfer Stations, in accordance with Invitation to Tender No. PS08044 at an estimated cost of \$747,000.
 - B. THAT, the contract be on such terms and conditions as are satisfactory to the Director of Legal Services and the General Manager of Engineering Services.
 - C. THAT, upon approval of the contract by the Director of Legal Services and the General Manager of Engineering Services, the Director of Legal Services be authorized to execute and deliver the contract on behalf of City Council.
 - D. THAT no legal rights or obligations will be created by the adoption of A, B, C, D and E or at any time after such adoption unless and until the contract and any other required legal documentation has been executed and delivered by the City to Division 15 Mechanical Ltd.
 - E. THAT the source of funding for this contract be the NEU Interim Budget.

ADOPTED ON CONSENT

POLICY REPORTS

1. **Special Needs Residential Facilities: Amendments to Definitions and Guidelines**
April 15, 2008 (VanRIMS No. 01-0500-11)
- A. THAT the Director of Planning be instructed to make application to:
 - i) amend the definitions of Special Needs Residential Facilities in Section 2 of the Zoning and Development By-law, and make the necessary consequential changes to the Zoning and Development By-law and to the CD-1 By-laws listed in Appendix A of the Policy Report *Special Needs Residential Facilities: Amendments to Definitions and Guidelines*, dated April 15, 2008, generally in accordance with Appendix A of the Policy Report, and
 - ii) amend references to “Special Needs Residential Facilities” in the Downtown Eastside/Oppenheimer Official Development Plan By-Law and First Shaughnessy Official Development Plan By-law, generally in accordance with Appendix B of the Policy Report *Special Needs Residential Facilities: Amendments to Definitions and Guidelines*, dated April 15, 2008,
- and that the application be referred to a Public Hearing.

- B. THAT Council approve amendments to the Parking By-law, generally in accordance with Appendix C of the Policy Report.
- C. THAT the Director of Legal Services be instructed to prepare the necessary amendments to the Zoning and Development By-law, CD-1 By-laws, and Official Development Plans, generally in accordance with Appendices A and B of the Policy Report , for consideration at the Public Hearing.
- D. THAT the Director of Legal Services be instructed to prepare the necessary amendments to the Parking By-law, generally in accordance with Appendix C of the Policy Report .
- E. THAT if approved at Public Hearing, the by-law be accompanied at the time of enactment by the Guidelines for Community Care Facilities and Group Residences and the Application Procedures for Development Permits for Community Care Facilities and Group Residences, as outlined in Appendix D of the Policy Report.

ADOPTED ON CONSENT

RISE FROM COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MOVED by Councillor Louie

THAT the Committee of the Whole rise and report.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADOPT REPORT OF COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MOVED by Councillor Cadman
SECONDED by Councillor Capri

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

BY-LAWS

MOVED by Councillor Louie
SECONDED by Councillor Ladner

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 5 inclusive, and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign and seal the enacted by-laws.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

1. A By-law to impose fines for breaches of the Vancouver Charter or of by-laws that do not specify fines (By-law No. 9636)
2. A By-law to amend Parking By-law No. 6059 (By-law No. 9637)
3. A By-law to levy rates on all taxable real property in the City of Vancouver to raise a sum which, added to the estimated revenue of the City of Vancouver from other sources, will be sufficient to pay all debts and obligations of the City of Vancouver falling due within the year 2008 and not otherwise provided for (By-law No. 9638)
4. A By-law to levy a rate on property to raise monies required to be paid to the Greater Vancouver Regional District (By-law No. 9639)
5. A By-law to amend By-law No. 9633 regarding modification of fines and related provisions (By-law No. 9640)

MOTIONS

A. Administrative Motions

1. 2008 Tax Levies for Provincial Schools

MOVED by Councillor Ladner

SECONDED by Councillor Ball

THAT WHEREAS pursuant to Section 119(3) of the *School Act*, the Surveyor of Taxes for the Province of British Columbia in each year levies a tax on the net taxable value of all land and improvements in the City of Vancouver;

AND WHEREAS by Orders-in-Council, the Lieutenant-Governor in Council has levied the following tax rates for 2008 on Class 1 - residential, Class 5 - light industry and Class 6 - business and other:

Class 1 - residential	1.50380
Class 5 - light industry	6.80000
Class 6 - business and other	6.80000

being dollars of tax for each one thousand dollars of taxable value, for the 2008 taxation year, which when applied to the net taxable value of all land and improvements in the respective Classes in the City of Vancouver would raise the following sums:

Class 1 - residential	\$ 195,285,038
Class 5 - light industry	3,243,427
Class 6 - business and other	180,017,417

AND WHEREAS on March 13, 2008, pursuant to provisions of the *Vancouver Charter*, Council approved Bylaw 9615 which authorized adjustment of the net taxable value of land in Class 1 - residential, Class 5 - light industry and Class 6 - business and other, within the City of Vancouver;

AND WHEREAS the net taxable value and the adjusted taxable value pursuant to the Council by-law of March 13, 2008, of land in the above-noted Classes subject to taxation under the *School Act* for the year 2008 are as follows:

	<u>Net Taxable Value</u>	<u>Adjusted Taxable Value</u>
Class 1 - residential	\$ 129,861,044,080	\$ 117,312,378,911
Class 5 - light industry	476,974,500	387,627,209
Class 6 - business & other	26,473,149,568	23,198,507,815

AND WHEREAS Council is obliged to vary the rate set by the Lieutenant-Governor in Council in order to produce the same amount of revenue that would have been raised if the net taxable value of the specified land had not been adjusted;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, in the case of Class 1 - residential, the rate of 1.66466 is hereby substituted for the rate of 1.50380; and in the case of Class 5 - light industry, the rate of 8.36739 is substituted for the rate of 6.80000; and in the case of Class 6 - business and other, the rate of 7.75987 is substituted for the rate of 6.80000 for taxation pursuant to the *School Act* within the City of Vancouver for the 2008 taxation year.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. 2008 Tax Levies for British Columbia Assessment Authority

MOVED by Councillor Ladner
SECONDED by Councillor Ball

THAT WHEREAS pursuant to Section 17(2) of the *Assessment Authority Act*, the British Columbia Assessment Authority in each year levies a tax on the net taxable value of all land and improvements in the City of Vancouver (excluding property that is taxable for school purposes only by special act);

AND WHEREAS the Authority by bylaw has levied the following tax rates for 2008 on Class 1 - residential, Class 5 - light industry and Class 6 - business and other:

Class 1 - residential	0.0615
Class 5 - light industry	0.1944
Class 6 - business and other	0.1944

being dollars of tax for each one thousand dollars of taxable value, for the 2008 taxation year, which when applied to the net taxable value of all land and improvements in the respective Classes in the City of Vancouver (excluding property taxable for school purposes only by special act) would raise the following sums:

Class 1 - residential	\$ 7,986,376
Class 5 - light industry	\$ 92,724
Class 6 - business and other	\$ 5,125,173

AND WHEREAS on March 13, 2008, pursuant to provisions of the *Vancouver Charter*, Council approved Bylaw 9615 which authorized adjustment of the net taxable value of land in Class 1 - residential, Class 5 - light industry and Class 6 - business and other, within the City of Vancouver;

AND WHEREAS the net taxable value and the adjusted taxable value pursuant to the Council by-law of March 13, 2008, of land in the above-noted Classes subject to taxation under the *British Columbia Assessment Authority Act* for the year 2008 are as follows:

	<u>Net Taxable Value</u>	<u>Adjusted Taxable Value</u>
Class 1 - residential	\$ 129,859,764,880	\$ 117,311,099,711
Class 5 - light industry	476,974,500	387,627,209
Class 6 - business & other	26,364,059,068	23,102,272,082

AND WHEREAS Council is obliged to vary the rate set by the British Columbia Assessment Authority in order to produce the same amount of revenue that would have been raised if the net taxable value of the specified land had not been adjusted;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, in the case of Class 1 - residential, the rate of 0.06808 is hereby substituted for the rate of 0.0615; and in the case of Class 5 - light industry, the rate of 0.23921 is substituted for the rate of 0.19440; and in the case of Class 6 - business and other, the rate of 0.22185 is substituted for the rate of 0.19440 for taxation pursuant to the *Assessment Authority* within the City of Vancouver for the 2008 taxation year.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. 2008 Tax Levies for Municipal Finance Authority of British Columbia

MOVED by Councillor Ladner
SECONDED by Councillor Ball

THAT WHEREAS pursuant to Section 17 and 18 of the *Municipal Finance Authority Act*, the Municipal Finance Authority of BC in each year levies a tax on the net taxable value of all land and improvements in the City of Vancouver (excluding property that is taxable for school purposes only by special act);

AND WHEREAS on March 27, 2008, the Authority, with the approval of the Lieutenant-Governor in Council, levied the following tax rates on Class 1 - residential, Class 5 - light industry and Class 6 - business and other:

Class 1 - residential	0.00020
Class 5 - light industry	0.00050

Class 6 - business and other 0.00010

being dollars of tax for each one thousand dollars of taxable value, for the 2008 taxation year, which when applied to the net taxable value of all land and improvements in the respective Classes in the City of Vancouver (excluding property taxable for school purposes only by special act) would raise the following sums:

Class 1 - residential	\$ 25,972
Class 5 - light industry	\$ 238
Class 6 - business and other	\$ 2,636

AND WHEREAS on March 13, 2008, pursuant to provisions of the *Vancouver Charter*, Council approved Bylaw 9615 which authorized adjustment of the net taxable value of land in Class 1 - residential, Class 5 - light industry and Class 6 - business and other, within the City of Vancouver;

AND WHEREAS the net taxable value and the adjusted taxable value pursuant to the Council by-law of March 13, 2008, of land in the above-noted Classes subject to taxation under the *Municipal Finance Authority Act* for the year 2008 are as follows:

	<u>Net Taxable Value</u>	<u>Adjusted Taxable Value</u>
Class 1 - residential	\$ 129,859,764,880	\$ 117,311,099,711
Class 5 - light industry	476,974,500	387,627,209
Class 6 - business & other	26,364,059,068	23,102,272,082

AND WHEREAS Council is obliged to vary the rate set by the Municipal Finance Authority in order to produce the same amount of revenue that would have been raised if the net taxable value of the specified land had not been adjusted;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, in the case of Class 1 - residential, the rate of 0.00022 is hereby substituted for the rate of 0.00020; and in the case of Class 5 - light industry, the rate of 0.00062 is substituted for the rate of 0.00050; and in the case of Class 6 - business and other, the rate of 0.00011 is substituted for the rate of 0.00010 for taxation pursuant to the *Municipal Finance Authority Act* within the City of Vancouver for the 2008 taxation year.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. 2008 Tax Levies for Greater Vancouver Transportation Authority

MOVED by Councillor Ladner
SECONDED by Councillor Ball

THAT WHEREAS pursuant to Section 25(9) and Section 25(7.1) of the *Greater Vancouver Transportation Act*, the Greater Vancouver Transportation Authority in each year levies a tax on the net taxable value of all land and improvements in the City of Vancouver (excluding property that is taxable for school purposes only by special act);

AND WHEREAS, on March 28, 2008, the Authority levied the following tax rates Class 1 - residential, Class 5 - light industry and Class 6 - business and other:

Class 1 - residential	0.33810
Class 5 - light industry	2.19640
Class 6 - business and other	1.67700

being dollars of tax for each one thousand dollars of taxable value, for the 2008 taxation year, which when applied to the net taxable value of all land and improvements in the respective classes in the City of Vancouver (excluding property taxable for school purposes only by special act) would raise the following sums:

Class 1 - residential	\$ 43,905,587
Class 5 - light industry	1,047,627
Class 6 - business and other	44,212,527

AND WHEREAS on March 13, 2008, pursuant to provisions of the *Vancouver Charter*, Council approved Bylaw 9615 which authorized adjustment of the net taxable value of land in Class 1 - residential, Class 5 - light industry and Class 6 - business and other, within the City of Vancouver;

AND WHEREAS the net taxable value and the adjusted taxable value pursuant to the Council by-law of March 13, 2008, of land in the above-noted Classes subject to taxation under the *Greater Vancouver Transportation Act* for the year 2008 are as follows:

	<u>Net Taxable Value</u>	<u>Adjusted Taxable Value</u>
Class 1 - residential	\$ 129,859,764,880	\$ 117,311,099,711
Class 5 - light industry	476,974,500	387,627,209
Class 6 - business & other	26,364,059,068	23,102,272,082

AND WHEREAS Council is obliged to vary the rate set by the Greater Vancouver Transportation Authority in order to produce the same amount of revenue that would have been raised if the net taxable value of the specified land had not been adjusted;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, in the case of Class 1 - residential, the rate of 0.37427 is hereby substituted for the rate of 0.3381; and in the case of Class 5 - light industry, the rate of 2.70267 is substituted for the rate of 2.19640; and in the case of Class 6 - business and other, the rate of 1.91377 is substituted for the rate of 1.67700 for taxation pursuant to the *Greater Vancouver Transportation Act* within the City of Vancouver for the 2008 taxation year.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

B. Motions on Notice

1. Affordable Rental Stock in the West End

MOVED by Councillor Stevenson
SECONDED by Councillor Cadman

WHEREAS:

1. 82% of West End Residents rent;
2. there is a 0.2% vacancy rate in the West End;
3. the West End rental housing stock is diminishing;
4. affordable rental stock in the West End is diminishing.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The City of Vancouver undertake a complete review and reworking of the 1989 zoning regulations and other pertinent regulations governing the residential and commercial districts in the West End in consultation with community groups and organizations, property owners, interested West Enders and City staff.
2. Put a moratorium on all requests for rezoning, whether pending or future, until a review and reworking of the current guidelines are completed and new guidelines are adopted and in place.
3. Ensure that all building maintenance standards are enforced throughout the West End so that all buildings remain in good order and habitable and are simply not being held with the view to redevelop at some time in the near or distant future.

Referred

The Chair advised a request to speak on Motion B.1 has been received. Council agreed to refer consideration of the motion to the Standing Committee on City Services and Budgets meeting on May 1, 2008, in order to hear the speaker.

2. Homelessness Crisis in Vancouver

MOVED by Councillor Cadman
SECONDED by Councillor Stevenson

WHEREAS:

1. the number of homeless in Vancouver has increased by 19 percent since 2005, and the actual number of people living on Vancouver's street is up 37 percent since 2005;
2. the City's Housing Centre has determined that for the 2005-2010 period, while 1597 new units of market housing will be built in the Downtown East Side (DTES), only 557 new units of social housing will be built:

3. the City's Planning Department is studying 50 sites in the DTES to determine their suitability for development of new high rise, multi-unit market housing developments;
4. in the last four months at least 250 SRO rooms have been removed from the housing stock of the DTES, and another 91 tenants of the Pacific Hotel and Star Beach Haven have been given notices or letters of eviction;
5. the Carnegie Action Project Hotel Study has found that 1327 rooms in the DTES are unavailable to people with income levels equivalent to provincial social assistance because of closures, imminent risk of closures and rents over \$425 per month; and
6. the Eco-Density policy of development in the DTES would allow developers to overwhelm the DTES with market condos, contrary to the DTES Housing Plan which calls for approximately 25 percent of units in the area to be market housing;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT

Council implement a replacement policy for development in the DTES so that for every unit of market housing that is built, one unit of affordable social housing are also constructed.

Referred

The Chair advised requests to speak on Motion B.2 have been received. Council agreed to refer consideration of the motion to the Standing Committee on Planning and Environment meeting on May 1, 2008 in order to hear the speakers.

3. Downtown Eastside Oppenheimer District Economic Development

MOVED by Councillor Ladner
SECONDED by Councillor Capri

WHEREAS the City's industrial areas provide a vital function to the city, accommodating a diverse range of manufacturing and wholesaling, essential businesses which service other businesses and residents and provide jobs;

AND WHEREAS spaces for light industrial and warehousing activities use in areas such as False Creek Flats and the Clark Drive industrial area are increasingly in demand;

AND WHEREAS the City allows industrial, light industrial, warehousing and commercial uses in the Downtown Eastside Oppenheimer District (DEOD);

AND WHEREAS the City currently has a requirement that in the DEOD any new floor space where the site will be over 1 FSR must provide at least 20% of the area, or 20% of any new residential units, as social housing;

AND WHEREAS this requirement is an impediment to businesses wishing to expand their operations in the DEOD, encouraging them to move away, and has been deemed an

impediment to economic development by the Strathcona Business Improvement Association and others;

AND WHEREAS all three levels of government have made economic development and job creation in the Downtown Eastside a priority;

AND WHEREAS the city's goal of 1:1 replacement of social housing units in the DTES can be met while still allowing flexibility for industrial and commercial expansion;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Director of Planning report back as soon as possible on zoning amendments that would allow existing industrial and commercial developments in the DEOD to expand these uses to over 1FSR without providing the 20% social housing, without pre-empting the overall review of the DEOD zoning slated for 2009.

Referred

The Chair advised requests to speak on Motion B.3 have been received. Council agreed to refer consideration of the motion to the Standing Committee on Planning and Environment meeting on May 1, 2008 in order to hear the speakers.

The Council adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

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