



CITY OF VANCOUVER

## REPORT TO COUNCIL

### STANDING COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL ON CITY SERVICES AND BUDGETS

MAY 1, 2008

A Regular Meeting of the Standing Committee of Council on City Services and Budgets was held on Thursday, May 1, 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 Raymond Louie, Vice-Chair
- Councillor Tim Stevenson

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

**CITY CLERK'S OFFICE:** Nicole Ludwig, Meeting Coordinator

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#### ADOPTION OF MINUTES

The Minutes of the Standing Committee on City Services and Budgets meeting of April 17, 2008, were adopted.

1. **2008 Civic Childcare Grants - Allocation 1 of 3**  
**City-wide Child Care Support Services Grant and Administration of City-owned Child Care**  
April 15, 2008 (VanRIMS No. 05-5000-10)

The Committee heard from four representatives of the agencies recommended for grants, who provided additional information on the services and activities of their organizations.

MOVED by Councillor Louie

THAT the Committee recommend to Council

- A. THAT Council approve an Administration of City-owned Childcare Facilities grant of \$110,334 to Vancouver Society of Children's Centres (VSOCC); source of funds: 2008 Civic Childcare Grants Funds, 2008 Operating Budget;
- B. THAT Council approve a City-wide Childcare Support Services grant to Westcoast Child Care Resource Centre totalling \$224,220 to assist with support services as listed in this report; source of funds: 2008 Civic Childcare Grants Funds, 2008 Operating Budget.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

(Councillor Deal absent for the vote)

**2. Report Back on the Review of Childcare Design Guidelines**  
April 17, 2008 (VanRIMS No. 11-2200-20)

Staff from Social Planning reviewed the report and responded to questions.

The Committee heard from 3 speakers, 2 generally in favour of the report recommendations, and one generally opposed (*brief distributed - on file in the City Clerk's Office*).

MOVED by Councillor Capri

THAT the Committee recommend to Council

- A. THAT Council endorse the Childcare Design Guidelines with respect to new construction.
- B. THAT where retro-fit is being proposed for childcare that does not meet the Childcare Design Guidelines, Council direct staff to harmonize the City of Vancouver guidelines with the Provincial guidelines.
- C. THAT Council direct staff to develop and distribute design information for use by designers, architects and Childcare service providers to increase awareness of effective practice in Childcare design at a maximum cost of \$15,000; source of funds to be the existing Social Planning Operating Budget.

carried

AMENDMENT MOVED by Councillor Louie

THAT A, B and C, above be struck and replaced with the recommendations in the Administrative Report *Report Back on the Review of Childcare Design Guidelines* dated April 17, 2008.

LOST

(Councillors Anton, Ball, Capri, Ladner, Lee and the Mayor opposed)

The Committee requested the parts of the motion be separated on the vote. The amendment having lost, the original motion was put and CARRIED with Councillors Cadman, Chow, Deal, Louie and Stevenson opposed to B.

**3. Report Back on Child Care Issues and Endowment Reserve**  
April 17, 2008 (VanRIMS No. 11-2200-20)

The Committee heard from one speaker who spoke in general favour of the report recommendations, and noted some concerns with issues about the endowment fund.

Staff from Social Planning responded to questions.

MOVED by Councillor Anton

THAT the Committee recommend to Council

THAT this report be received for information, and take no action.

carried

AMENDMENT MOVED by Councillor Cadman

THAT the motion to receive for information be struck and replaced with the following:

- A. THAT a feasibility study and impact analysis of a 5% increase in the number of child care spaces be conducted - estimated cost \$15,000.
- B. THAT the supply and demand study be completed, including a consultation with community stakeholders with a view to setting priorities and costing - estimated cost \$15,000.
- C. THAT costs and revenue sources for implementing a universal approach to a sustainable Childcare Endowment Reserve be confirmed, including the development of eligibility criteria, consultation with stakeholders and identifying alternative mechanisms to enhance this Fund - estimated cost \$15,000.

- D. THAT a cost/benefit analysis and recommendations be completed to develop and fund a centralized child care wait-list system and delivery mechanism - estimated cost \$15,000.
- E. THAT a one year planner position be created to manage project work - estimated cost \$75,000. The position is subject to review and classification by the General Manager of Human Resource Services.

Funding for the \$135,000 is to come from the 2008 Contingency Reserve.

lost

AMENDMENT TO THE AMENDMENT MOVED by Councillor Anton

THAT the amendment be struck and replaced with the following:

THAT this report be received for information, and take no action.

Not Put

The Chair ruled the amendment to the amendment out of order as the same result could be achieved by voting against the amendment to the amendment.

The Committee requested the components of the amendment be separated for the vote.

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- C. THAT costs and revenue sources for implementing a universal approach to a sustainable Childcare Endowment Reserve be confirmed, including the development of eligibility criteria, consultation with stakeholders and identifying alternative mechanisms to enhance this Fund - estimated cost \$15,000.
- D. THAT a cost/benefit analysis and recommendations be completed to develop and fund a centralized child care wait-list system and delivery mechanism - estimated cost \$15,000.
- E. THAT a one year planner position be created to manage project work - estimated cost \$75,000. The position is subject to review and classification by the General Manager of Human Resource Services.

Funding for the \$135,000 is to come from the 2008 Contingency Reserve.

A, B, C, D and E LOST

(Councillors Anton, Ball, Capri Ladner, Lee, and Mayor Sullivan opposed)

The amendment having lost, the motion to receive for information was put and CARRIED with Councillors Cadman, Chow, Deal, Louie and Stevenson opposed.

#### 4. Rental Issues

- a. Increase Protection for Renters (VanRIMS no. 01-5500-20)
- b. Affordable Rental Stock in the West End

At its meeting on Tuesday, April 29, 2008, Vancouver City Council referred these items to the Standing Committee on City Services and Budgets meeting on May 1, 2008, in order to hear from speakers.

Staff from the Planning Department, Licenses and Inspections and the Housing Centre provided additional information and responded to questions.

The Committee heard from 8 speakers, all generally in favour of these items.

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*The Committee recessed at 12:39 p.m. in order to convene in Council and reconvened at 12:40 p.m.*

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The Committee agreed to close the speakers list.

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*The Committee recessed at 1:01 p.m. and reconvened at 2:08 p.m.*

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#### **Increase Protection for Renters**

The following motion represents a change agreed to by the Committee from the original submission:

THAT the Committee recommend to Council

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

- A program for twice-yearly standards of maintenance inspections and compliance with orders 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 civic office to include planning at the Carnegie Centre, whose sole responsibility would be to inform local residents of planned developments and other civic issues, and facilitate meaningful community participation in neighbourhood development. Staff to report back on an appropriate schedule

The Committee requested the bullets of the motion be separated for the vote.

MOVED by Councillor Stevenson  
THAT the Committee recommend to Council

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

- A program for twice-yearly standards of maintenance inspections and compliance with orders of all occupied rental housing listed in the City of Vancouver Single Room Accommodation By-law Schedule;

LOST (Tie Vote)

(Councillors Anton, Ball, Capri, Ladner, and Lee opposed)  
(Mayor Sullivan absent for the vote)

- The consideration of past compliance with building standards and owner history when granting new development permits;

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- A DTES civic office to include planning at the Carnegie Centre, whose sole responsibility would be to inform local residents of planned developments and other civic issues, and facilitate meaningful community participation in neighbourhood development and direct staff to report back on an appropriate schedule

LOST  
(Councillors Anton, Ball, Capri, Ladner, and Lee and Mayor Sullivan opposed)

Council requested briefing from Law (In Camera) on this issue.

FINAL MOTION AS ADOPTED

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

- The consideration of past compliance with building standards and owner history when granting new development permits.

### Affordable Rental Stock in the West End

MOVED by Councillor Tim Stevenson  
THAT the Committee recommend to Council

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.

postponed

AMENDMENT MOVED by Councillor Stevenson

THAT part 2 be struck and replaced with the following:

Pending an area-wide planning program for the West End:

- a. All enquiries proposing to develop buildings over 60 feet in height in the West End to compensate for the preservation of a West End heritage building be advised that such projects may only be favourably considered if the heritage building to be preserved would qualify as an 'A' on the City's Heritage registry; and
- b. All enquiries proposing to develop buildings that will result in the loss of rental housing in the West End zones governed by the rental rate of change regulations be advised that such projects may only be favourably considered if the rental housing is replaced unit for unit

postponed

POSTPONEMENT MOVED by Councillor Stevenson

THAT the motion and the amendment on Affordable Rental Stock in the West End be postponed to the Regular Council meeting on July 8, 2008, pending a report back from staff on heritage issues raised by the amendment.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Committee adjourned at 4:27 p.m.

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## CITY OF VANCOUVER

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

MAY 1, 2008

A Regular Meeting of the Council of the City of Vancouver was held on Thursday, May 1, 2008, at 12:39 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
- Councillor B.C. Lee
- Councillor Raymond Louie\*
- Councillor Tim Stevenson

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#### COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MOVED by Councillor Anton  
SECONDED by Councillor Ball

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY  
(Councillor Louie absent for the vote)

## ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

### 1. Award of Contract for Orpheum Theatre Carpet and Handrail Replacement

MOVED by Councillor Deal

- A. THAT, subject to the conditions set out in Recommendations B, C, and D, Parkwood Construction Ltd. be awarded a contract for carpet and handrail replacement at the Orpheum Theatre, for a contract value of \$820,211 plus applicable taxes. Source of funding to be:
- Orpheum Theatre Handrail Replacement Capital Budget - \$50,000
  - Cultural Precinct - Orpheum Restoration and Refurbishment Capital Budget - \$770,211.
- B. THAT the Director of Legal Services be authorized to execute and deliver on behalf of the City all legal documents required to implement Recommendation A.
- C. THAT all such legal documents be on terms and conditions satisfactory to the General Manager of Corporate Services and the Director of Legal Services.
- D. THAT no legal rights or obligations will be created or arise by Council's adoption of Recommendations A, B, and C above unless and until such legal documents are executed and delivered by the Director of Legal Services.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY  
(Councillor Louie absent for the vote)

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*The Council recessed at 12:40 p.m. and reconvened at 4:27 p.m. with all members present.*

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## COMMITTEE REPORTS

### Report of Standing Committee on City Services and Budgets May 1, 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 Civic Childcare Grants - Allocation 1 of 3  
City-wide Child Care Support Services Grant and Administration of City-owned Child Care
2. Report Back on the Review of Childcare Design Guidelines
3. Report Back on Child Care Issues and Endowment Reserve
4. Rental Issues

Items 1 to 4

THAT the recommendations and actions taken by the Standing Committee on City Services and Budgets at its meeting of May 1, 2008, as contained in items 1 to 4 be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AND  
ITEM 1 BY THE REQUIRED MAJORITY

**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 Deal  
SECONDED by Councillor Lee

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. **Request for Leave of Absence - Councillor Cadman (VanRIMS No.: 08-2200-01)**

MOVED by Councillor Louie  
SECONDED by Councillor Deal

THAT Councillor Cadman be granted a Leave of Absence from the following meetings being held on May 13<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, and 27<sup>th</sup>, 2008 due to Civic Business.

- Vancouver City Council Meeting, and the Public Hearing Meeting being held on May 13<sup>th</sup>, 2008
- Standing Committee on City Services and Budgets, and Standing Committee on Planning and Environment meetings, being held on May 15, 2008;
- Proposed Public Hearing back-up scheduled for the evening of May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2008; and
- Vancouver City Council Meeting being held on May 27<sup>th</sup>, 2008.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**2. Request for Leave of Absence - Councillor Chow (VanRIMS No.: 08-2200-01)**

MOVED by Councillor Stevenson  
SECONDED by Councillor Anton

THAT Councillor Chow be granted a leave of absence from the Standing Committee on City Services and Budgets and the Standing Committee on Planning and Environment meetings on May 22, 2008, for personal reasons.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**ENQUIRIES AND OTHER MATTERS**

**1. Granville Street Bridge (VanRims No.: 13-1400-01)**

Councillor Capri reported she had heard commentary on local media regarding lane closures on the Granville Street Bridge and asked if staff is considering this. She requested staff, where possible, provide information on any initiatives, reports, and analysis of implications of this type of decision.

The Deputy City Manager agreed to send Councillor Capri's request to Transportation staff.

**2. Support for CBC Radio Symphony**

Councillor Deal invited Mayor, Council and citizens to send a letter to the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation to reconsider eliminating the CBC Radio Orchestra in Vancouver.

**3. Sunnyhill Hospital**

Councillor Louie reported hearing a report in the media about an announcement the Mayor made regarding Sunnyhill Hospital and requested clarification from the City Manager and the Mayor on this issue.

The Mayor indicated he will be bringing a proposal to Council on this issue.

Councillor Louie requested the City Manager make available information regarding any issues associated with such a proposal.

The Council adjourned at 4:35 p.m.

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