



CITY OF VANCOUVER

REPORT TO COUNCIL
STANDING COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL
ON PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT

MAY 1, 2008

A Regular Meeting of the Standing Committee of Council on Planning and Environment was convened on Thursday, May 1, 2008, at 2:06 p.m., reconvened at 4:48 p.m., and reconvened at 7:02 p.m. in the Council Chamber, Third Floor, City Hall.

PRESENT: Councillor Kim Capri, Chair
Mayor Sam Sullivan*
Councillor Suzanne Anton, Vice-Chair
Councillor Elizabeth Ball*
Councillor David Cadman
Councillor George Chow*
Councillor Heather Deal
Councillor Peter Ladner*
Councillor B.C. Lee
Councillor Raymond Louie (Items 1-3 and portion of 4)*
Councillor Tim Stevenson*

ABSENT: Councillor Raymond Louie (portion of 4 and Items 5 and 6)

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

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE: Denise Salmon, Meeting Coordinator

*Denotes absence for a portion of the meeting.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

The Minutes of the Standing Committee on Planning and Environment meeting of April 17, 2008, were adopted.

MATTERS ADOPTED ON CONSENT

MOVED by Councillor Cadman
THAT the Committee recommend to Council

THAT agenda item 1 be adopted on consent.

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

MOVED by Councillor Deal
THAT the Committee recommend to Council

THAT agenda items 2 and 3 be adopted on consent.

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

**1. 6467 Elgin Street - Warning to Prospective Purchasers
April 10, 2008 (VanRIMS No. 11-3000-12)**

THAT the Committee recommend to Council

THAT the City Clerk be directed to file a 336D Notice against the title to the property at 6467 Elgin Street, Lot 23, Block 5, District Lot 662, Plan 1900, PID 014-245-451 in order to warn prospective purchasers that this building has been used as an illegal marijuana grow operation on two occasions and there are contraventions of the Zoning and Development, Building and Electrical By-laws including the Plumbing requirements as set out in the Building By-law and Natural Gas and Propane Installation Code.

ADOPTED ON CONSENT

**2. Vancouver City Planning Commission: Request for Operating Budget 2008
March 12, 2008 (VanRIMS No. 08-3000-11)**

THAT the Committee recommend to Council

- A. THAT Council approve the annual operating grant to the Vancouver City Planning Commission, estimated at \$55,900 for 2008; source of funds to be the 2008 "Other Grants" budget.
- B. THAT Council approve an additional project-specific grant of \$18,100 to the Vancouver City Planning Commission to undertake the two initiatives set out in the Council Report entitled 'Vancouver City Planning Commission: Request for 2008 Operating Budget' dated 'March 12, 2008'. Funding to be provided from Contingency Reserve.
- C. THAT Council approve an additional project-specific grant of \$30,000 to the Vancouver City Planning Commission to undertake neighbourhood amenity mapping of two Vancouver neighbourhoods, and provide a comprehensive digital map of the resulting information, through a cost-sharing partnership with Smartgrowth BC. Funding to be provided from Contingency Reserve.

ADOPTED ON CONSENT

3. Collingwood Neighbourhood House Society Recreation/Gymnasium Operating Funding 2008

February 14, 2008 (VanRIMS No. 05-1000-30)

THAT the Committee recommend to Council

THAT Council approve 2008 funding in the amount of \$230,448 (an increase of 2% from the 2007 approved funding of \$225,930) to the Collingwood Neighbourhood House Society for the delivery of recreation programs and operation of the Collingwood Gymnasium (the "Gymnasium") for the period January 1, 2008 to December 31, 2008; source of funds to be the 2008 Operating Budget.

ADOPTED ON CONSENT

The Committee recessed at 2:08 p.m. and reconvened at 4:48 p.m.

**4. Appeals of Community Services Grants Recommendations - 2008
April 15, 2008 (VanRIMS No. 05-5000-10)**

Social Planning staff responded to questions.

The Committee heard from four speakers in opposition to recommendation E and one speaker in opposition to recommendation B.

MOVED by Councillor Anton

THAT the Committee recommend to Council

- A. THAT Council approve a Direct Social Services Grant of \$45,900 to Battered Women's Support Services. Source of funding is the 2008 Community Services Grants budget.
- B. THAT Council approve a Direct Social Services Grant of \$14,280 to La Boussole. Source of funding is the 2008 Community Services Grants budget.
- C. THAT Council approve an Organizational Capacity Building Grant of \$30,600 to Self Help Resource Association of BC - Kinex. Source of funding is the 2008 Community Services Grants budget.
- D. THAT Council approve a terminating Direct Social Services Grant of \$34,428 to Downtown Eastside Youth Activities Society. Source of funding is the 2008 Community Services Grants budget.

- E. THAT Council approve a terminating Direct Social Services Grant of \$13,260 to South Vancouver Seniors Network Society. Source of funding is the 2008 Community Services Grants budget.

carried

AMENDMENT MOVED by Councillor Louie

THAT E be amended by striking the word "terminating" and inserting the words "and a further \$13,260 from contingency reserve, contingent that the society implements programming to the satisfaction of staff" following the word budget: to read:

THAT Council approve a Direct Social Services Grant of \$13,260 to South Vancouver Seniors Network Society. Source of funding is the 2008 Community Services Grants budget; and a further \$13,260 from contingency reserve, contingent that the society implements programming to the satisfaction of staff.

LOST

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

AMENDMENT MOVED by Councillor Cadman

THAT the figure \$14,280 in B be struck and replaced with \$35,000 to read:

THAT Council approve a Direct Social Services Grant of \$35,000 to La Boussole. Source of funding is the 2008 Community Services Grants budget.

LOST

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

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

The motions to amend having lost, the motion was put and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY, with Councillors Ball, Chow, Ladner, Louie and Stevenson absent for the vote.

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During discussion of the above item Committee recessed for a dinner break at 6:00 p.m., and reconvened at 7:02 p.m.

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5. Homelessness Crisis in Vancouver

At its meeting on April 29, 2008, Vancouver City Council referred this item to the May 1st Standing Committee on Planning and Environment in order to hear from speakers. Accordingly, the Committee had before it the following motion:

MOVED by Councillor Cadman
THAT the Committee recommend to Council

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.

lost

Housing Centre Staff responded to questions.

The Committee heard from two speakers in support of the motion.

The motion was put and LOST with Councillors Anton, Ball, Capri, Chow, Deal, Ladner, Lee and Stevenson and the Mayor opposed and Councillor Louie absent for the vote.

6. Downtown Eastside Oppenheimer District Economic Development

At its meeting on April 29, 2008, Vancouver City Council referred this item to the May 1st Standing Committee on Planning and Environment in order to hear from speakers. Accordingly, the Committee had before it the following motion:

MOVED by Councillor Ladner
THAT the Committee recommend to Council

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.

amended

Housing Centre Staff responded to questions.

The Committee heard from four speakers in opposition to the motion and four speakers in support of the motion (brief filed).

AMENDMENT MOVED by Councillor Deal

THAT the motion be amended by striking the words "as soon as possible" and replacing them with the words "following community consultation" to read:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Director of Planning report back following community consultation 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.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The amendment having carried, the motion as amended was put and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY, with Councillor Louie absent for the vote.

FINAL MOTION AS APPROVED:

THAT the Committee recommend to Council

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;

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The Committee recessed at 2:08 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.
and adjourned at 10:01 p.m.

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CITY OF VANCOUVER

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES STANDING COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL ON PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT

MAY 1, 2008

A Regular Meeting of the Council of the City of Vancouver was held on Thursday, May 1, 2008, at 10:01 p.m., in the Council Chamber, Third Floor, City Hall, following the Standing Committee on Planning and Environment 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 Tim Stevenson

ABSENT: Councillor Raymond Louie

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

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE: Denise Salmon, Meeting Coordinator

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 Planning and Environment
May 1, 2008

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

1. 6467 Elgin Street - Warning to Prospective Purchasers
2. Vancouver City Planning Commission: Request for Operating Budget 2008
3. Collingwood Neighbourhood House Society Recreation/Gymnasium Operating Funding 2008
4. Appeals of Community Services Grants Recommendations - 2008
5. Homelessness Crisis in Vancouver
6. Downtown Eastside Oppenheimer District Economic Development

Items 1-6

MOVED by Councillor Chow

THAT the recommendations and actions taken by the Standing Committee on Planning and Environment at its meeting of May 1, 2008, as contained in items 1-6, be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AND
ITEMS 2 AND 4 BY THE REQUIRED MAJORITY

RISE FROM COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MOVED by Councillor Ball

THAT the Committee of the Whole rise and report.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADOPT REPORT OF COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MOVED by Councillor Lee
SECONDED by Councillor Cadman

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Council adjourned at 10:02 p.m.

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