CITY OF VANCOUVER

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

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VanRIMS No.: 13-1200-20 Meeting Date: June 12, 2008

TO: Vancouver City Council

FROM: General Manager of Engineering Services

SUBJECT: Local Improvement Subsequent Procedure - June 12, 2008

RECOMMENDATION

- A. THAT the projects by "Petition" in Court #625 & Court #627 be approved.
- B. THAT the projects by "Initiative Principle" in Court #626 & Court #628 be approved except for Defeated Items in Court #626, Item #3, Item #8, Item #13, Item #15, Item #23, Item #28, Item #31, Item #34 and Court #628, Item #2 and Special Items in Court #626, Item #11 and #14 as explained in the Administrative Report dated May 21, 2008, entitled "Local Improvement Subsequent Procedure June 12, 2008".
- C. THAT Council approve the formal Special Grounds Resolution for a sidewalk on Ash Street, West Side, from 66th Avenue to 69th Avenue, Court #626, Item #23, attached as Appendix 1 of the Administrative Report dated May 21, 2008, entitled "Local Improvement Subsequent Procedure June 12, 2008".
- D. THAT Council approve the formal Special Grounds Resolution for a sidewalk on Toderick Street, West side, from 45th Avenue to the lane south of 45th Avenue, Court #626, Item #28 attached as Appendix 2 of the Administrative Report dated May 21, 2008, entitled "Local Improvement Subsequent Procedure June 12, 2008".
- E. THAT Council approve the formal Special Grounds Resolution for a sidewalk on 4th Avenue, North Side, from Blanca Street to the east property line of Lot B E1/2 Block 137 DL 540 Plan 229 (4517 West 4th Avenue), Court #626, Item #31, attached as Appendix 3 of the Administrative Report dated May 21, 2008, entitled "Local Improvement Subsequent Procedure June 12, 2008".
- F. THAT Council approve the formal Special Grounds Resolution for a sidewalk on 46th Avenue, North Side, from Oak Street to Tisdall Street except 50 feet

fronting Lot A of D Block 1008 DL 526 Plan 11918 (6019 Tisdall Street), Court #626, Item #34, attached as Appendix 4 of the Administrative Report dated May 21, 2008, entitled "Local Improvement Subsequent Procedure – June 12, 2008".

G. THAT Council approve the formal Special Grounds Resolution for a sidewalk on Manitoba Street, East Side, from King Edward Avenue to 26th Avenue, Court #628, Item #2, attached as Appendix 5 of the Administrative Report dated May 21, 2008, entitled "Local Improvement Subsequent Procedure - June 12, 2008".

COUNCIL POLICY

Policies governing the Local Improvement process are set out in the Vancouver Charter and Local Improvement Procedure By-law. Under the Vancouver Charter and Local Improvement By-law, Council may undertake sidewalk improvement projects under Special Grounds.

The Transportation Plan designates pedestrians as the top priority. On April 8, 2004, Council established an objective of completing the sidewalk network.

PURPOSE

Projects by Petition and on the Initiative Principle have been advanced under the provisions of the Local Improvement Procedure By-law and will come before a Court of Revision on June 12, 2008. Certain sidewalk projects identified in this report are being recommended to proceed on Special Grounds.

The projects are identified as follows:

Petition Court #625	Item		Туре
	1-2 3-12 13-14 15 16-22		Pavement & Curbs, Local Residential Lane Pavement, Local Residential Speed Humps Traffic Circle Lane Lighting
Initiative Court #626	Item	Items Defeated	Туре
	1-5	3	Pavement & Curbs, Higher Zoned
	6-15	8,13,15	Pavement & Curbs, Local Residential
	16,17		Lane Pavement, Local Residential
	18-22		Speed Humps
	23-32,	23,28,31,	Pedestrian Collector Sidewalks
	34-37	34,	

Petition Court #627	Item		Туре
	1-3		Pavement & Curbs, Local Residential
	4-9 10-11		Lane Pavement, Local Residential Lane Lighting Street Lighting
	12		
Initiative Court #628	Item	Items Defeated	Туре
	1-4	2	Pedestrian Collector Sidewalks

SPECIAL ITEMS

Court #626, Item #11, Pavement & Curbs, Local Residential Sasamat Place from 4th Avenue to the dead end north

Objections for the above project have met the minimum number required for defeat, (9 out of 13) but the assessed value represented by these objections has not met the required 50% of total assessed value. Due to the majority of property owners objecting, we recommend this project not proceed.

Court #626, Item #14, Pavement & Curbs, Local Residential 53rd Avenue, North Side, from Arbutus Street to West Boulevard & 53rd Avenue, South Side, from Arbutus Diversion to West Boulevard

Objections for the above project have not met the minimum number of 8 objections required to defeat. However, out of 14 properties 7 objections were received. Since there is not a clear majority for or against, we recommend this project not proceed.

SIDEWALKS TO PROCEED ON SPECIAL GROUNDS

On April 8, 2004, Council approved the recommendations to establish and adopt policy that would expedite the completion of the City sidewalk network:

- on both sides of transit streets:
- on both sides of arterial streets;
- on both sides (as needed) of pedestrian collector routes;
- on both sides of higher-zoned streets; and
- on local residential streets,

The construction of new sidewalks responds to Council's top two priorities for transportation improvements; pedestrians and transit as identified by The Central Area Plan (1991), CityPlan (1995), Transportation Plan (1997), Downtown Transportation Plan (2002) and the report of the Sidewalk Task Force (2002)

To expedite completion of the sidewalk network, Council also approved a recommendation to revise cost sharing such that the City now pays between 65% to 80% of the costs depending on

applicable relief's provided to owners. By reducing the costs to owners, support should increase for sidewalk projects.

Should a majority of owners for a City Initiative project object, the project is normally considered defeated. However, noting Councils priorities, staff will be recommending to Council that all defeated projects proceed immediately on Special Grounds despite property owner objections. Council has the authority to proceed on Special Grounds as specified in Section 506(3) of the Vancouver Charter.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Funding for the City's share of the projects is available from existing 2006 - 2008 Basic Capital Budgets.

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RESOLUTION
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AND WHEREAS the Council deems that the said concrete sidewalk will specially benefit the real property fronting or abutting on the said portion of Ash Street .
AND WHEREAS the Council may by authority contained in section 506 of the Vancouver Charter by resolution passed by two-thirds of all its members undertake and carry out construction of the said concrete sidewalk and assess the cost thereof against the real property so deemed to be specially benefited as a local improvement.
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