



CITY OF VANCOUVER

REPORT TO COUNCIL
STANDING COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL
ON CITY SERVICES AND BUDGETS

JULY 24, 2008

A Regular Meeting of the Standing Committee of Council on City Services and Budgets was held on Thursday, July 24, 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: Judy Rogers, City Manager
Jody Andrews, Deputy City Manager

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE: Nicole Ludwig, 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 July 10, 2008, were adopted.

- 1. Annual Capital Program/Project Status Review as of March 31, 2008**
July 15, 2008

MOVED by Councillor Capri
THAT the Committee recommend to Council

THAT the Administrative Report *Annual Capital Program/Project Status Review as of March 31, 2008* dated July 15, 2008, be received for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Councillors Anton, Deal, Louie and Mayor Sullivan absent for the vote)

**2. Report on Consumer Fireworks Permitting During Halloween
July 8, 2008**

Staff from Fire and Rescue Services responded to questions.

The Committee heard from three speakers who expressed concerns with implementation and enforcement of the report recommendations.

MOVED by Councillor Stevenson
THAT the Committee recommend to Council

- A. THAT Council approve in principle the proposed amendments to the Fire By-law as summarized in the Policy Report *Report on Consumer Fireworks Permitting During Halloween* dated July 8, 2008, such that the purchase and discharge of fireworks in the City be restricted to individuals who hold a permit issued by the Fire Chief.
- B. THAT Council approve in principle the proposed amendments to the Fire By-law to increase the permit fee to retail vendors of Consumer Fireworks to \$250 annually; as offset to increased costs of inspection and system support, with the 2009 operating budget to be adjusted for increased costs of \$18,500 and increased revenues of \$28,000, subject to the annual budget review process.
- C. THAT Council authorize the Director of Legal Services to bring forward the By-law amendments generally as shown in Appendix A of Policy Report *Report on Consumer Fireworks Permitting During Halloween* dated July 8, 2008.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Councillor Anton absent for the vote)

**3. Major Exhibiting Institutions - 2008 Grant Recommendations
July 7, 2008**

Staff from Cultural Services responded to questions.

The Committee heard from 7 representatives from the Major Exhibiting Institutions who provided an overview of their activities and programs and spoke in general favour of the recommendations.

The City Manager agreed to provide an information memo in the fall, on the status of the Maritime Museum.

MOVED by Councillor Ball

THAT the Committee recommend to Council

- A. THAT Council approve 2008 Operating grants for two science education institutions as follows:
 - A1. A.S.T.C. Science World \$ 92,900
 - A2. H.R. MacMillan Space Centre Society \$ 514,100

- B. THAT Council approve 2008 Operating grants for the collecting institutions as follows:
 - B1. Vancouver Art Gallery Association \$ 2,125,000
 - B2. Vancouver Museum Commission \$ 731,900
 - B3. Vancouver Maritime Museum \$ 402,600

- C. THAT Council approve one-time Supplemental grants to the Major Exhibiting Institutions totalling \$250,000 for initiatives outlined in Administrative Report *Major Exhibiting Institutions* dated July 7, 2008 as follows:
 - C1. A.S.T.C. Science World \$ 75,000
 - C2. H.R. MacMillan Space Centre Society \$ 10,000
 - C3. Vancouver Art Gallery Association \$ 75,000
 - C4. Vancouver Museum Commission \$ 90,000

Source of funds for A through C is the 2008 Cultural Grants budget.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

(Mayor Sullivan absent for the vote)

4. Update on Cultural Precinct
July 6, 2008

Staff from Cultural Services reviewed the report, and along with staff from the City Managers Office, responded to questions.

The Committee heard from 3 speakers who spoke in favour of the report recommendations.

MOVED by Councillor Ball

THAT the Committee recommend to Council

- A. THAT Council reaffirm the concept of a downtown cultural precinct which broadly encompasses the Georgia Street ceremonial spine from Stanley Park to False Creek including the existing major cultural sites (Queen Elizabeth Theatre Complex, Orpheum Theatre, Bill Reid Gallery, Vancouver Public Library, CBC, Robson Square); as well as potential cultural sites currently in planning (the former bus depot site, Robson Square, the Georgia and Thurlow Sculpture Garden, renovation of the QE and CBC Plazas and the proposed revitalization of

BC Place Stadium) as well as potential future sites for major cultural facilities that have a significant cultural tourism benefit.

- B. THAT Council withhold from alternate consideration the City-owned site at 150 Dunsmuir for a period of 180 days and direct staff to conduct concurrent planning studies and report back on:
- a proposed Plaza of Nations site for a new Art Gallery;
 - the potential of a "Gallery District" in the context of the ongoing Northeast False Creek High Level Review; and
 - the Vancouver Concert Hall Society's development of their project proposal.
- C. THAT Council authorize the City Manager to retain and execute the necessary agreements to secure temporary staff and consulting expertise to complete the next phase of work in developing the Cultural Precinct including the work set out in B and further outlined in the Administrative Report *Update on Cultural Precinct* dated July 6, 2008, at a cost not to exceed \$598,500; source of funds to be the Cultural Precinct Reserve Fund.
- D. THAT Council approve a grant of up to \$162,000 to the Vancouver Art Gallery Association in support of development of their facility programming, business planning and communications planning; and a further grant in the amount of \$304,000 towards the next phase of work subject to finalization of site studies as outlined in this report for report back within 12 months; source of funds to be the Cultural Precinct Reserve Fund.
- E. THAT Council approve a grant of up to \$180,000 to the Vancouver Concert Hall and Theatre Society in support of development of their organizational and governance planning, and fund raising feasibility studies; and a further grant in the amount of \$145,000 towards the next phase of work subject to finalization of the uses on the 150 Dunsmuir site as outlined in the Administrative Report *Update on Cultural Precinct* dated July 6, 2008, for report back within 12 months; source of funds to be the Cultural Precinct Reserve Fund.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5. Marketing Grant to Tourism Vancouver

At its meeting on Tuesday, July 22, 2008, Vancouver City Council referred this item to the Standing Committee on City Services and Budgets meeting on Thursday, July 24, 2008, in order to hear from speakers.

The Committee heard from 3 speakers, all in favour of the motion (brief distributed - on file in the City Clerk's Office).

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The Committee recessed at 1:04 p.m. and reconvened at 2:05 p.m.

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MOVED by Councillor Stevenson
THAT the Committee recommend to Council

WHEREAS Vancouver is the fourth-most preferred place to travel for gay and lesbian travelers in the US;

WHEREAS Vancouver is the number one international destination for lesbian travelers in the US;

WHEREAS some of the funding used by Tourism Vancouver to focus on the GLBT market comes from Tourism BC's City Stay program, which may soon be mandated to develop mainstream markets for the 2010 Olympic audience;

WHEREAS Toronto and Montreal invest anywhere from three to six times as much in an annual GLBT marketing budget; and

AND WHEREAS Tourism Vancouver's budget commitments to the GLBT market are maximized based on the current funding model, and partner support is also uncertain for the remainder of 2008 and into next year;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT

The City of Vancouver provide a one-time investment of \$25,000 to Tourism Vancouver to undertake a campaign to strengthen our City's positioning around the lesbian tourism market in the United States. Source of funds to be the Contingency Reserve fund.

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

The Committee adjourned at 2:24 p.m.

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CITY OF VANCOUVER

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

JULY 24, 2008

A Regular Meeting of the Council of the City of Vancouver was held on Thursday, July 24, 2008, at 2:00 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 Stevenson
SECONDED by Councillor Anton

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Councillors Lee and Louie absent for the vote)

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

1. Vancouver Museum Commission

MOVED by Councillor Capri

THAT Council approve the change in by-laws of the Vancouver Museum Commission (the "Commission") to those of the Vancouver Museum Society (the "Museum Society"), being an amalgamation of the Commission and the Vancouver Museum Association (the "Association").

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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The Council recessed at 2:01 p.m. and reconvened at 2:25 p.m.

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COMMITTEE REPORTS

Report of Standing Committee on City Services and Budgets July 24, 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. Annual Capital Program/Project Status Review as of March 31, 2008
2. Report on Consumer Fireworks Permitting During Halloween
3. Major Exhibiting Institutions - 2008 Grant Recommendations
4. Update on Cultural Precinct
5. Marketing Grant to Tourism Vancouver

Items 1 to 5

MOVED by Councillor Deal

THAT the recommendations and actions taken by the Standing Committee on City Services and Budgets at its meeting of July 24, 2008, as contained in items 1 to 5, be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AND
ITEM 3 and PARTS "D" AND "E" OF ITEM 4 BY THE REQUIRED MAJORITY

RISE FROM COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MOVED by Councillor Chow

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 Ball

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Council adjourned at 2:26 p.m.

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