

Refers Item No. 1
Public Hearing of October 16, 2008

MEMORANDUM

October 7, 2008

TO: Mayor Sullivan and Councillors

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FROM: R. Jenkins, Assistant Director of Planning

SUBJECT: CD-1 Plan Amendment - 201 Burrard Street (1001 Canada Place)

This memo provides Council with information regarding the results of the Development Permit Board meeting to consider development permit application DE412140 for the above noted address. As a result of public consultation with neighbours and acknowledgement of their frustration regarding lack of coordination amongst affected jurisdictions and agencies for harbour activities, the DP Board recommended that the Director of Planning prepare a recommendation to Council urging senior levels of government to establish a forum for ongoing discussion regarding harbour activities. This memo brings forward this recommendation for Council's consideration at the time the CD-1 Plan Amendment (Rezoning) application is presented at Public Hearing, scheduled for October 16, 2008.

Development Permit Board meeting - September 22, 2008

On September 22, 2008, the DP Board approved development permit application DE412140 subject to Council approval of the CD-1 plan amendment. The link to DP Board report and minutes is below:

vancouver.ca/commsvcs/planning/dpboard/DPBOARD.HTM

Public concern regarding harbour activities

A number of the conditions of the development permit that the DP Board approved were proposed to address impacts of waterfront activities where the City has jurisdiction. Staff acknowledge the ongoing frustration of neighbours due to lack of coordination regarding harbour activities. As well, staff acknowledge the ongoing neighbourhood concerns about noise, fumes, flight paths and harbour safety. The authority over these issues rests with Transport Canada, who regulate airplane activity and aircraft specifications Canada-wide, and with the Port Harbourmaster, who oversees the movements of vessels and establishes, among other things, the location of the Area Alpha floatplane take-off and landing zone.

The Port Harbourmaster indicated he will, in the coming months, initiate a review of harbour activity with key stakeholders, to ascertain whether the routes or activities of any users need to be adjusted to ensure ongoing safety. Transport Canada is taking measures to make Coal Harbour a certified airport, which would bring with it the ability for a more coordinated approach to regulating floatplane activities.

Recommendation:

- B. THAT Council urge senior levels of government to establish a forum for ongoing discussion regarding harbour activities in Burrard Inlet, and specifically Coal Harbour.

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