

REPORT TO COUNCIL

STANDING COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL  
ON CITY SERVICES AND BUDGETS

DECEMBER 18, 2008

A Regular Meeting of the Standing Committee of Council on City Services and Budgets was held on Thursday, December 18, 2008, at 9:30 a.m., in the Council Chamber, Third Floor, City Hall.

**PRESENT:** Councillor Raymond Louie, Chair  
Mayor Gregor Robertson  
Councillor Suzanne Anton\*  
Councillor David Cadman  
Councillor George Chow  
Councillor Heather Deal  
Councillor Kerry Jang  
Councillor Geoff Meggs, Vice-Chair  
Councillor Andrea Reimer  
Councillor Tim Stevenson  
Councillor Ellen Woodsworth

**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.

**MATTERS ADOPTED ON CONSENT**

MOVED by Councillor Meggs  
THAT the Committee recommend to Council

THAT agenda items 2, 3 and 5 be adopted on consent.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOVED by Councillor Stevenson

THAT the motion to Adopt on Consent be reconsidered, and Item 5 be dealt with separately.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AND  
BY THE REQUIRED MAJORITY

1. **Family Court/Youth Justice Committee Annual Report for 2006 and 2007**  
December 2, 2008

The Committee received a report from the Family Court/Youth Justice Committee and heard from one speaker.

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**VARY THE AGENDA**

*MOVED by Councillor Woodsworth*

*THAT the Committee vary the agenda order to deal with Item 5 prior to Item 4.*

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AND  
BY THE REQUIRED MAJORITY**

*NOTE FROM MEETING COORDINATOR: The minutes are set out in agenda order to ensure clarity.*

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**2. Annual Review of Water Rates for 2009 under the Water Works By-law and  
Miscellaneous Amendments  
November 26, 2008**

THAT the Committee recommend to Council

- A. THAT Council approve an increase of 4.9%, as detailed in the Administrative Report dated November 26, 2008, entitled "Annual Review of Water Rates for 2009 under the Water Works By-law and Miscellaneous Amendments" and substantially as set out in Appendix B, to the following fees under the Water Works By-law:
- Flat rate annual consumption fees for single family dwelling units (increase from \$361 to \$379 ) (Schedule "B"),
  - Other flat rate water service charges for single family dwelling unit with suite and each strata title duplex (Schedule "B"),
  - Charges for metered water service (Schedule "D"), and
  - Charges for temporary water service during construction (Schedule "F").
- B. THAT fees for other services included in the Water Works By-law be increased as follows:
- Flat rate water connection fees for single family and two family dwellings (Schedule "A") by 5%,
  - Flat rate water connection fees for properties other than single family and two family dwellings (Schedule "A") and service pipe removal fees (Schedule "A.1") by 5 %,
  - Meter service charge (Schedule "E") and fees for installation of water meters (Schedule "G") by 5%.
- C. THAT the Director of Legal Services be instructed to bring forward for enactment amendments to the Water Works By-law, substantially as set out in Appendix A and B of the Administrative Report dated November 26, 2008, entitled "Annual Review of Water Rates for 2009 under the Water Works By-law and Miscellaneous Amendments", to give effect to A, B, and C of this report.

- D. THAT Council approve the creation of a regular full time Plumbing Inspector 1 and a regular full time Clerk II with salary costs fully recovered by cross connection control fees.
- E. THAT Council approve the creation of two regular full time SCADA (Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition) technicians, subject to classification by the Director of Human Resources, at a total cost of \$209,000, with a net operating cost of \$75,000 shared between the Water, Sewer and NEU utilities.

ADOPTED ON CONSENT

**3. 2009 Sewer Rates and Changes to the Sanitary Sewer Utility**  
December 18, 2008

THAT the Committee recommend to Council

- A.(i) THAT Council approve the implementation of a flow-based charge that will fund all sanitary sewer infrastructure costs effective January 1, 2009, with 50% of the annual costs being distributed in the general purpose tax levy and the balance being distributed as user fees, resulting in a transfer of \$5,200,000 from taxes to user fees in 2009, and THAT 100% of the costs be distributed as user fees beginning January 1, 2010.
- A.(ii) THAT Council approve the 2009 sanitary sewer user rates as detailed in the Administrative Report dated December 18, 2008, entitled "2009 Sewer Rates and Changes to the Sanitary Sewer Utility", with metered rate increased by 13%, annual flat fees for single dwelling units increased by \$16 (from \$179 to \$195), and other sanitary sewer user rates as set out in Appendix A of this report.
- B. THAT the 2009 public sewer connection fees included in the Sewer and Watercourse Bylaw as set out in Appendix A (Schedule A) of the Administrative Report dated December 18, 2008, entitled "2009 Sewer Rates and Changes to the Sanitary Sewer Utility" be increased as follows:
  - Public sewer connection fees for one or two family dwellings by 5%,
  - Public sewer connection fees for properties other than one and two family dwellings by 5%, and
  - Sewer connection inspection fees by 5%.
- C. THAT 2009 Biochemical Oxygen Demand/Total Suspended Solids/Flow (BOD/TSS/Flow) rates payable by waste discharge permit users ("permitted industrial users") be set as per Appendix A (Schedule B) of the Administrative Report dated December 18, 2008, entitled "2009 Sewer Rates and Changes to the Sanitary Sewer Utility".
- D. THAT the Director of Legal Services be instructed to bring forward for enactment all necessary amendments to the Sewer and Watercourse By-law generally in accordance with Appendix A of the Administrative Report dated December 18, 2008, entitled "2009 Sewer Rates and Changes to the Sanitary Sewer Utility".

ADOPTED ON CONSENT

4. York Theatre - 639 Commercial Drive  
December 8, 2008

Heritage staff reviewed the report and along with the Director of Planning , Managing Director of Cultural Services and Senior Cultural Planner responded to questions.

The Committee heard from nine speakers in support of retention of the York Theatre. The owner advised no written offer to purchase has been received, plans proposed for the site have been prepared and the demolition permit can be issued on January 16, 2009.

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*During the hearing of speakers it was  
MOVED by Councillor Deal*

*THAT, under Section 2.3 (c) of the Procedure By-law, Council extend the length of the  
Standing Committee on City Services and Budgets meeting by one hour or less.*

*CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AND  
BY THE REQUIRED MAJORITY  
(Councillor Anton absent for the vote)*  
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MOVED by Councillor Deal  
THAT the Committee recommend to Council

- A. THAT Council support the ongoing efforts to retain the York Theatre; and
- FURTHER THAT Council support in principle a City contribution of up to 100% of capital costs subject to:
1. approval of total capital costs;
  2. confirmation of a funding model including, but not limited to:
    - Transfer of density (including consideration of setting the value of the density at a higher rate);
    - Capital;
    - Property tax exemption;
    - Ownership arrangements (that the City be the ultimate owner of the property and enter into a long-term lease arrangement with the VECC).
- B. THAT the property owners, the Vancouver East Cultural Centre, York advocacy group and their partners be thanked for their continued cooperation and support.
- C. THAT the property owners be requested to not demolish the York Theatre until they are ready to proceed with the property development.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**5. 2009 Operating Budget**  
December 15, 2008

The Committee received a report on the 2009 Operating Budget and the Director of Budget Services, along with the General Manager of Human Resources and the Deputy City Manager responded to questions.

The Committee adjourned at 12:25 p.m.

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

DECEMBER 18, 2008

A Regular Meeting of the Council of the City of Vancouver was held on Thursday, December 18, 2008, at 12:26 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 Gregor Robertson  
Councillor Suzanne Anton  
Councillor David Cadman  
Councillor George Chow  
Councillor Heather Deal  
Councillor Kerry Jang  
Councillor Raymond Louie  
Councillor Geoff Meggs  
Councillor Andrea Reimer  
Councillor Tim Stevenson  
Councillor Ellen Woodsworth

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"IN CAMERA" MEETING

MOVED by Councillor Louie  
SECONDED by Councillor Cadman

THAT Council will go into a meeting on December 18, 2008 which is closed to the public, pursuant to Section 165.2(1) of the *Vancouver Charter*, to discuss matters related to paragraph(s):

- (d) the security of the property of the city;
- (e) the acquisition, disposition or expropriation of land or improvements, if the Council considers that disclosure could reasonably be expected to harm the interests of the city;
- (g) litigation or potential litigation affecting the city;
- (i) the receipt of advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose;
- (j) information that is prohibited, or information that if it were presented in a

document would be prohibited, from disclosure under section 21 [disclosure harmful to business interests of a third party] of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act;

- (k) negotiations and related discussions respecting the proposed provision of an activity, work or facility that are at their preliminary stages and that, in the view of the Council, could reasonably be expected to harm the interests of the city if they were held in public.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

#### COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MOVED by Councillor Louie  
SECONDED by Councillor Cadman

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS

##### Report of Standing Committee on City Services and Budgets December 18, 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. Family Court/Youth Justice Committee Annual Report for 2006 and 2007
2. Annual Review of Water Rates for 2009 under the Water Works By-law and Miscellaneous Amendments
3. 2009 Sewer Rates and Changes to the Sanitary Sewer Utility
4. York Theatre - 639 Commercial Drive
5. 2009 Operating Budget

Items 1 to 5

MOVED by Councillor Stevenson

THAT the recommendations and actions taken by the Standing Committee on City Services and Budgets at its meeting of December 18, 2008, as contained in items 1 to 5 be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**RISE FROM COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

MOVED by Councillor Cadman

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 Jang

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**BY-LAWS**

MOVED by Councillor Cadman  
SECONDED by Councillor Louie

THAT Council enact the by-laws listed on the agenda for this meeting as number 1 and 2 (Appendix A), and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign and seal the enacted by-laws.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

1. **A By-law to amend Water Works By-law No. 4848 regarding 2009 fee increases and miscellaneous amendments (By-law No. 9787)**
  
2. **A By-law to amend Sewer and Watercourse By-law No. 8093 regarding 2009 fee increases (By-law No. 9788)**

The Council adjourned at 12:28 p.m.

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