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ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

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TO: Vancouver City Council
FROM: General Manager of Engineering
SUBJECT: Local Improvement Flat Rates and Projects to be Cancelled - 2008

RECOMMENDATION

- A. THAT the flat rates shown on the "List of Projects Certified Complete in 2008", a summary of which is attached as Appendix A, be approved (complete list of projects is on file in the City Clerk's Office).
- B. THAT previously approved projects Numbered Court #624, Item #2 and Item #38 as described in detail in the body of this report be cancelled.

COUNCIL POLICY

Policies governing the Local Improvement process are set out in the Vancouver Charter and Local Improvements Procedure By-law.

Clause 51B of the Local Improvement Procedure By-law provides that, by resolution, Council may establish a flat rate per foot frontage with respect to any two or more projects of a like nature, based on the average cost per foot frontage of such projects, as established by Council.

PURPOSE

This report requests Council approval of flat rates to be charged to property owners for their share of local improvement projects certified complete in 2008. These rates will be used for local improvement billing to be sent out in March, 2009.

DISCUSSION

For the Local Improvement projects certified complete in 2008, flat rates have been derived from contract costs and the cost of work done by City forces, together with other general expenses and an allowance for interest over the construction period. In general terms, the

flat rates are the average cost (per foot of frontage of adjacent properties) for similar projects constructed in 2008.

These flat rates have been developed in accordance with the provisions of the Vancouver Charter and the Local Improvement Procedure By-law: they do not exceed by more than the allowable 10% of the estimated rates approved by Council in the respective Second Step reports for each Court of Revision. The applicable rates are shown on the "List of Projects Certified Complete in 2008" on file in the City Clerks office.

This is the final formal step in the Local Improvement process which is done once the projects are complete and that results in the costs being billed to the owners on their next property tax statement.

Projects to be cancelled

These projects were approved at a previous Court of Revision and should be cancelled for the following reason explained below.

1. Court #624, Item #2, for Pavement & Curbs on 10th Avenue from Heather Street to Ash Street except north side of Heather Street to 200 feet east of Heather Street
2. Court #624, Item #38, for Sidewalk Reconstruction on 10th Avenue, Both Sides, from Heather Street to Ash Street except north side from Heather Street to 200 feet east of Heather Street & Ash Street, West Side, from 10th Avenue to 100 feet south of 10th Avenue

These projects were initiated to address the poor street and sidewalk condition. However, after the project was approved expansion of the Hospital Precinct Development Plan incorporated street and sidewalk improvements at this location.

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**LOCAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS CERTIFIED COMPLETE IN 2008
SUMMARY**

TYPE OF IMPROVEMENT	ESTIMATED P.O. SHARE	ACTUAL P.O. SHARE	INTERIM INTEREST INCLUDED	TEMPEST ADJUSTMENT	BILLING TOTAL
Pavement & Curbs, Higher Zoned	\$151,761.49	\$155,136.72	\$3,783.82	\$0.24	\$155,136.96
Pavement & Curbs, Local Residential	\$89,600.81	\$86,951.69	\$2,120.77	-\$0.30	\$86,951.39
Lane Pavement	\$499,733.74	\$481,637.83	\$11,747.27	-\$1.61	\$481,636.22
Speed Humps	\$68,858.58	\$66,790.40	\$1,629.03	-\$4.99	\$66,785.41
P.C. Concrete Sidewalks	\$59,902.31	\$63,567.01	\$1,550.42	\$0.27	\$63,567.28
Lane Lighting	\$38,894.71	\$25,007.79	\$609.95	-\$1.44	\$25,006.35
Street Lighting	\$4,496.50	\$3,478.75	\$84.85	-\$0.11	\$3,478.64
TOTALS	\$913,248.14	\$882,570.19	\$21,526.11	-\$7.94	\$882,562.25

I hereby certify that the parts of the above mentioned projects to be assessed against the rateable real properties benefited thereby are complete.

Certified that the above projects have been completed and were approved by Vancouver City Council on the 3rd day of March, 2009.

City Engineer

Marg Coulson, Acting City Clerk

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