

MARCH 3, 2009

A Regular Meeting of the Council of the City of Vancouver was held on Tuesday, March 3, 2009, at 2:00 p.m., in the Council Chamber, Third Floor, City Hall.

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

CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE: Penny Ballem, City Manager

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE: Janice Mackenzie, Deputy City Clerk
Laura Kazakoff, Meeting Coordinator

*Denotes absence for a portion of the meeting.

PRAYER

The proceedings in the Council Chamber were opened with a prayer read by Councillor Reimer.

PROCLAMATION - INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

The Mayor proclaimed Sunday, March 8, 2009, as International Women's Day.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT - UNITED WAY CAMPAIGN

Mike Knapp, Fire Inspector, and Chair of the City's United Way Campaign provided an overview of the 2008 campaign and presented Council with two awards which were received by the City's team.

"IN CAMERA" MEETING

MOVED by Councillor Jang
SECONDED by Councillor Cadman

THAT Council will go into a meeting later this day which is closed to the public, pursuant to Section 165.2(1) of the Vancouver Charter, to discuss matters related to paragraph(s):

(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

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

1. Regular Council (Transportation and Traffic) - February 17, 2009

MOVED by Councillor Cadman
SECONDED by Councillor Louie

THAT the foregoing Minutes be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. Regular Council - February 17, 2009

MOVED by Councillor Deal
SECONDED by Councillor Louie

THAT the foregoing Minutes be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. Special Council (Public Hearing) - February 17, 2009

MOVED by Councillor Louie
SECONDED by Councillor Cadman

THAT the foregoing Minutes be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. Special Council - February 18, 2009

MOVED by Councillor Louie
SECONDED by Councillor Cadman

THAT the foregoing Minutes be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5. Regular Council (City Services and Budgets) - February 19, 2009

MOVED by Councillor Louie
SECONDED by Councillor Cadman

THAT the foregoing Minutes be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6. Regular Council (Planning and Environment) - February 19, 2009

MOVED by Councillor Reimer
SECONDED by Councillor Jang

THAT the foregoing Minutes be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MOVED by Councillor Deal
SECONDED by Councillor Stevenson

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MATTERS ADOPTED ON CONSENT

MOVED by Councillor Jang

THAT Council adopt Administrative Reports A1 to A9 and Policy Reports P1 to P4, on consent.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

1. **Approval for Funding in Advance of the 2009 Basic Capital Budget
February 19, 2009**
 - A. THAT Council approve a budget of \$610,000 for the Capital Maintenance - Building Envelope (Roofing) and that funding be provided in advance of the 2009 Basic Capital Budget.
 - B. That Council approve a budget of \$870,000 for Building Specific Capital Maintenance- Exterior cleaning and painting, and that funding be provided in advance of the 2009 Basic Capital Budget.
 - C. That Council approve a budget of \$850,000 for Building Specific Capital Maintenance- Interior renovations, and that funding be provided in advance of the 2009 Basic Capital Budget.
 - D. That Council approve a budget of \$10,500,000 to replenish funds for the capital upgrades to the Queen Elizabeth Theatre that had been used to remediate unexpected lead contamination, and that funding be provided in advance of the 2009 Basic Capital Budget.

ADOPTED ON CONSENT

**2. Form of Development: 26 SW Marine Drive
February 17, 2009**

THAT the form of development for the CD-1 zoned site known as 26 SW Marine Drive be approved generally as illustrated in the Development Application Number DE412090, prepared by, Kasian Architecture, Interior Design and Planning, and stamped "Received, Community Service Group, Development Services, February 13, 2009", provided that the Director of Planning may approve design changes which would not adversely affect either the development character of this site or adjacent properties.

ADOPTED ON CONSENT

**3. Local Improvements by Petition - April 7, 2009 - First and Second Step Report
February 9, 2009**

- A. THAT petition projects listed in Appendix I of the Administrative Report dated February 9, 2009, entitled "Local Improvements by Petition - April 7, 2009" be advanced as Local Improvements and be brought before a Court of Revision on April 7, 2009.
- B. THAT the reports of the City Engineer and Director of Finance be adopted together with details of the Second Step Report as summarized in Appendix II of the Administrative Report dated February 9, 2009, entitled "Local Improvements by Petition - April 7, 2009 - First and Second Step Report". Source of funds for the total City's share of \$1,116,706 is:
- i. \$217 from the 2008 Street and Lane Lighting Capital Budget;
 - ii. \$392,656 from the 2008 Higher Zoned Pavement & Curbs Capital Budget;
 - iii. \$342,891 from the 2008 Local Residential Pavement & Curbs Capital Budget; and
 - iv. \$380,942 from the 2007 and 2008 Local Residential Lane Pavement Capital Budgets.

ADOPTED ON CONSENT

**4. Local Improvement Flat Rates and Projects to be Cancelled - 2008
February 9, 2009**

- A. THAT the flat rates shown on the "List of Projects Certified Complete in 2008", a summary of which is attached as Appendix A to the Administrative Report dated February 9, 2009, entitled "Local Improvement Flat Rates and Projects to be Cancelled", be approved.
- B. THAT previously approved projects Numbered Court #624, Item #2 and Item #38 as described in detail in the Administrative Report dated February 9, 2009, entitled "Local Improvement Flat Rates and Projects to be Cancelled" be cancelled.

ADOPTED ON CONSENT

**5. Form of Development: 100 West 1st Avenue
February 17, 2009**

THAT the form of development for this site known as 140 West 1st Avenue (100 West 1st Avenue being the application address), be approved generally as illustrated in the Development Application Number DE411503, prepared by GBL Architects Group, and stamped "Received, Community Service Group, Development Services, July 3, 2007", provided that the Director of Planning may approve design changes which would not adversely affect either the development character of this site or adjacent properties.

ADOPTED ON CONSENT

**6. Award of Tender PS08163 - The Supply and Delivery of Tandem Axle Cab and Chassis
February 10, 2009**

- A. THAT, subject to the conditions set out in B, C, and D below, Council authorize the General Manager of Engineering Services and the Manager of Supply Management to award to the low bid meeting specifications and providing best value from First Truck Centre Vancouver Inc. for six (6) 2009 Freightliner M2-106 tandem axle cab and chassis at a total cost of \$599,667, plus applicable taxes (less any municipal rebate received) and the Provincial Environmental Levy; source of funding to be the Truck and Equipment Plant Account.
- B. THAT, the Director of Legal Services be authorized to execute and deliver on behalf of the City all legal documents required to implement A above.
- C. THAT, all such legal documents be on terms and conditions satisfactory to the General Manager of Engineering Services, Manager of Supply Management and the Director of Legal Services.
- D. THAT, no legal rights or obligations will be created by Council's adoption of A, B and C above unless and until such legal documents are executed and delivered by the Director of Legal Services.

ADOPTED ON CONSENT

**7. Form of Development: 3158 Celtic Avenue
February 24, 2009**

THAT the form of development for this portion of the site known as 2950 Celtic Avenue (3158 Celtic Avenue being the application address) be approved generally as illustrated in the Development Application Number DE412459, prepared by Margot Innes Consultants, and stamped "Received, Community Service Group, Development Services, February 16, 2009", provided that the Director of Planning may impose conditions and approve design changes which would not adversely affect either the development character of the site or adjacent properties.

ADOPTED ON CONSENT

**8. Request to Attend Workshop in Harrison Hot Springs, March 6-7, 2009
February 26, 2009**

THAT Council authorize Councillor Woodsworth to attend the workshop "From the Ground up: Using Local Assets to Build Inclusive Sustainable Communities" being held at Harrison Hot Springs, March 6-7, 2009, at an estimated cost of \$425.00 to be funded from the Councillors 2009 Travel and Training Budget.

ADOPTED ON CONSENT

**9. The Orpheum - Audience Chamber Seating Replacement - Award of Contract
February 26, 2009**

- A. THAT, subject to the conditions set out in B, C and D below, the City be authorized to enter into a contract with Centaur Products Inc. ("Centaur") for The Orpheum - Audience Chamber Seating Replacement for a sum of \$1,522,275 (plus applicable taxes), with funding to be provided by the Cultural Precinct - Orpheum Restoration and Refurbishment Capital Budget.
- B. THAT the Director of Legal Services be authorized to execute and deliver on behalf of the City all legal documents required to implement A above.
- C. THAT all such legal documents be on terms and conditions satisfactory to the General Manager of Business Planning and Services and the Director of Legal Services.
- D. THAT no legal rights or obligations will be created or arise by Council's adoption of A, B and C above unless and until such legal documents are executed and delivered by the Director of Legal Services.

ADOPTED ON CONSENT

POLICY REPORTS

**1. CD-1 Text Amendment: 4176 Alexandra Street (York House School)
February 17, 2009**

THAT the application by York House School to amend the land use section of CD-1 #288 (By-law No. 7045) for 4176 Alexandra Street (PID: 007-993-811; Block 670, Lot 526, Group 1, NWD) to increase the limit on enrolment in grades 8 to 12 from 265 students to 325 students be referred to a Public Hearing, together with:

- i) draft CD-1 By-law amendments, generally as presented in Appendix A of the Policy Report dated February 17, 2009, entitled "CD-1 Text Amendment: 4176 Alexandra Street (York House School)"; and
- ii) the recommendation of the Director of Planning to approve;

FURTHER THAT the Director of Legal Services be instructed to prepare the necessary amending by-law generally in accordance with Appendix A of the Policy Report for consideration at the Public Hearing.

ADOPTED ON CONSENT

**2. CD-1 Text Amendment: 2040-2080 West 10th Avenue
February 17, 2009**

THAT the application by Madrona School Society to amend CD-1 By-law No. 6429 (reference No. 234) for 2040-2080 West 10th Avenue (PID 012-496-154, Lot F, Block 365, DL 526, PI 22022 and PID 014-978-016, Lot Air Space Parcel 1, Block 365, Plan 22484, DL 526, EP LMP48610 to EP LMP48613) to add "School - Elementary or Secondary", as a permitted use, be referred to a Public Hearing, together with:

- (i) draft CD-1 By-law amendments, generally as contained in Appendix A of the Policy Report dated February 17, 2009, entitled "CD-1 Text Amendment: 2040-2080 West 10th Avenue";
- (ii) draft consequential amendments to the parking and loading sections of the CD-1 By-law for 2040-2080 West 10th Avenue generally as contained in Appendix A of the Policy Report; and
- (iii) the recommendation of the Director of Planning to approve, subject to conditions contained in Appendix B of the Policy Report.

FURTHER THAT the Director of Legal Services be instructed to prepare the necessary amending By-law generally in accordance with Appendix A for consideration at Public Hearing.

ADOPTED ON CONSENT

**3. CD-1 Rezoning - 2960-2990 Nanaimo Street
February 13, 2009**

THAT, to enable a proposed supportive housing development to proceed, the Director of Planning be instructed to make application to rezone the site at 2960-2990 Nanaimo Street (the Site) (Lots 4, 5 & 6, Block U, Section 45, THSL, Plan 11660; PID:006-913-709, PID:006-913-822, PID:006-915-655) from C-1 (Commercial District) to CD-1 (Comprehensive Development District);

AND THAT the application be referred to Public Hearing, together with:

- i) plans received on January 29, 2009;
- ii) draft CD-1 By-law provisions, generally as presented in Appendix A of the Policy Report dated February 13, 2009, entitled "CD-1 Rezoning - 2960-2990 Nanaimo Street"; and
- iii) the recommendation of the Director of Planning to approve the application, subject to the draft conditions contained in Appendix B of the Policy Report;

FURTHER THAT the Director of Legal Services be instructed to prepare the necessary CD-1 by-law generally in accordance with Appendix A of the Policy Report for consideration at the Public Hearing;

FURTHER THAT the Director of Legal Services be instructed to prepare a consequential amendment to the Sign By-law to establish regulations for this CD-1 in accordance with Schedule B (C-1) as set out in Appendix C of the Policy Report for consideration at the Public Hearing;

AND FURTHER THAT the Director of Legal Services be instructed to prepare a consequential amendment to the Noise Control By-law to establish regulations for this CD-1 in accordance with Schedule B, as set out in Appendix C of the Policy Report, for enactment by Council following approval and enactment of the CD-1 By-law.

ADOPTED ON CONSENT

**4. CD-1 Rezoning - 6511 Granville Street
February 18, 2009**

- A. THAT the application by Neale Staniszki Doll Adams on behalf of Aville Enterprises Ltd., to rezone 6511 Granville Street (PID: 008-138-800, 008-138-826, 008-138-877, Lots 1A, 1B, 1C, all of Lot 1, Block 11, DL 526, Plan 5615) from RS-6 (One-Family Dwelling) District to CD-1 (Comprehensive Development) District, to permit development of a 3-storey Seniors Supportive and Assisted Housing project, be referred to a Public Hearing, together with:
- (i) plans received September 26, 2008;
 - (ii) draft CD-1 By-law provisions, generally in accordance with Appendix A of the Policy Report dated February 18, 2009, entitled "CD-1 Rezoning - 6511 Granville Street"; and
 - (iii) the recommendation of the Director of Planning to approve, subject to conditions contained in Appendix B of the Policy Report.

FURTHER THAT the Director of Legal Services be instructed to prepare the necessary CD-1 By-law generally in accordance with Appendix A of the Policy Report for consideration at Public Hearing.

- B. THAT, subject to approval of the rezoning at a Public Hearing, the Subdivision By-law be amended as set out in Appendix C of the Policy Report dated February 18, 2009, entitled "CD-1 Rezoning - 6511 Granville Street"; and

FURTHER THAT the Director of Legal Services be instructed to bring forward the amendment to the Subdivision By-law at the time of enactment of the CD-1 By-law.

- C. THAT A and B above be adopted on the following conditions:
- (i) THAT the passage of the above resolutions creates no legal rights for the applicant or any other person, or obligation on the part of the City and any expenditure of funds or incurring of costs is at the risk of the person making the expenditure or incurring the cost;
 - (ii) THAT any approval that may be granted following the public hearing shall not obligate the City to enact a by-law rezoning the property, and any costs incurred in fulfilling requirements imposed as a condition of rezoning are at the risk of the property owner; and
 - (iii) THAT the City and all its officials, including the Approving Officer, shall not in any way be limited or directed in the exercise of their authority or discretion, regardless of when they are called upon to exercise such authority or discretion.

ADOPTED ON CONSENT

RISE FROM COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MOVED by Councillor Stevenson

THAT the Committee of the Whole rise and report.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADOPT REPORT OF COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MOVED by Councillor Louie

SECONDED by Councillor Cadman

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

BY-LAWS

Councillor Reimer rose and declared Conflict of Interest on By-law No. 8 as she is a senior decision maker in a business relationship concerning the Gastown Business Improvement Area.

MOVED by Councillor Jang
SECONDED by Councillor Cadman

THAT Council, except for those members excused as noted in the agenda, enact the by-laws listed on the agenda for this meeting as numbers 1 to 18 inclusive, and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign and seal the enacted by-laws.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

1. A By-law to Designate a Business Improvement Area in that area of the City known as Gastown (By-law No. 9803)
2. A By-law to Designate a Business Improvement Area in that area of the City known as Mount Pleasant (By-law No. 9804)
3. A By-law to Designate a Business Improvement Area in that area of the City known as Point Grey Village (By-law No. 9805)
4. A By-law to Designate a Business Improvement Area in that area of the City known as South Granville (By-law No. 9806)
5. A By-law to Designate a Business Improvement Area in that area of the City known as Victoria Drive (By-law No. 9807)
6. A By-law to Designate a Business Improvement Area in that area of the City known as West End (By-law No. 9808)
7. A By-law to Designate a Business Improvement Area in that area of the City known as Yaletown (By-law No. 9809)
8. A By-law to Grant Money for a Business Promotion Scheme in the Gastown Business Improvement Area (By-law No. 9810)
(Councillor Reimer ineligible for the vote due to conflict of interest)
9. A By-law to Grant Money for a Business Promotion Scheme in the Mount Pleasant Business Improvement Area (By-law No. 9811)
10. A By-law to Grant Money for a Business Promotion Scheme in the Point Grey Village Business Improvement Area (By-law No. 9812)
11. A By-law to Grant Money for a Business Promotion Scheme in the South Granville Business Improvement Area (By-law No. 9813)
12. A By-law to Grant Money for a Business Promotion Scheme in the Victoria Drive Business Improvement Area (By-law No. 9814)

13. A By-law to Grant Money for a Business Promotion Scheme in the West End Business Improvement Area (By-law No. 9815)
14. A By-law to Grant Money for a Business Promotion Scheme in the Yaletown Business Improvement Area (By-law No. 9816)
15. A By-law to amend Zoning and Development By-law No. 3575 (regarding fitness use terms) (By-law No. 9817)
(Councillors Anton, Stevenson and the Mayor ineligible for the vote)
16. A By-law to amend License By-law No. 4450 (regarding fitness use terms) (By-law No. 9818)
17. A By-law to amend Parking By-law No. 6059 (regarding fitness use terms) (By-law No. 9819)
18. A By-law to amend Parking By-law No. 6059 (Relaxation and Payment-in-lieu 700 Davie Street) (By-law No. 9820)

MOTIONS

A. Administrative Motions

None.

B. Motions on Notice

1. St. Paul's Hospital

The following motion reflects an amendment to the original Motion on Notice which was accepted by Council.

MOVED by Councillor Meggs
SECONDED by Councillor Deal

WHEREAS St. Paul's Hospital is a vital part of Vancouver's health services and a provincial centre for tertiary and quaternary health care with an international reputation for excellence for research, teaching and care;

WHEREAS patients from all over the province receive tertiary and quaternary care at St. Paul's;

WHEREAS the medical staff of St. Paul's Hospital have learned that the Provincial Government is considering removing key programs from the hospital and transferring them to other hospitals or health authorities;

WHEREAS such transfers would effectively dismantle core services at St. Paul's with a destructive impact on the HIV/AIDs, cardiology, cardiac surgery, renal, geriatric and other programs British Columbians rely on; and

WHEREAS the loss of St. Paul's Hospital as a provincial teaching and research centre would deal a very serious blow to both the health services and economic benefits to the citizens of Vancouver but a renewal of St. Paul's would provide new impetus to provincial services while enhancing the regional economy;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City of Vancouver endorse the call of St. Paul's Hospital physicians for an immediate provincial commitment to invest in the hospital's revitalization and renewal, including:

- assurance that St. Paul's Hospital will not be dismantled and its key tertiary/quaternary programs will not be moved to other organizations in whole or in part;
- commitment that St. Paul's will continue to be an Academic Health Sciences Centre, maintaining its UBC-affiliated research and teaching components in the heart of Vancouver;
- support for Providence Health Care's plan for a "bridging strategy" to meet immediate short-term and medium-term needs; and
- commitment that the Provincial Government will begin the process for St. Paul's Hospital's long-term renewal and redevelopment within four years;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the City of Vancouver declare its readiness to work with all stakeholders, especially Providence Health Care, the Provincial Government and St. Paul's Hospital to achieve these objectives through redevelopment of both the Burrard and Station Street sites; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED THAT Vancouver City Council communicate this motion to the Premier of British Columbia, the Minister of Health and the Leader of the Official Opposition.

referred

The Mayor noted that requests to speak to Motion B.1 have been received. Council agreed to refer the motion to the Standing Committee on Planning and Environment meeting on Thursday, March 5, 2009, in order to hear from speakers.

2. Contract for Communications Support with James Hoggan and Associates

MOVED by Councillor Anton
NOT SECONDED

WHEREAS:

1. The City entered into a contract for communications support with James Hoggan and Associates on December 15, 2008, valued at \$30,000;
2. The City extended this contract on January 5, 2009 for a further \$30,000;
3. Procurement policies require that contracts valued at over \$30,000 be brought to Council for approval;

4. James Hoggan and Associates' assistance was requested on or before December 8, 2008, by Councillor Geoff Meggs but the contract was charged to the Southeast False Creek project office;
5. No request for proposals was made in relation to the contract.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

THAT the City Manager be requested to report back on the following:

- a. Why a politically requested contract was charged to the taxpayers of Vancouver;
- b. Why the contract was let in breach of procurement policies in the City;
- c. The nature of the services provided and to whom;
- d. Who directed the work of the consultant; and
- e. Whether a portion of the \$60,000 should be paid by the Vision Vancouver organization.

not put

In response to a request by the Mayor, the City Manager provided clarification on the process undertaken in regard to this contract.

3. Legalizing Backyard Hens

MOVED by Councillor Reimer
SECONDED by Councillor Deal

WHEREAS Vancouver's current Animal Control By-law (#9433 section 7.2) forbids the keeping of chickens in our City;

AND WHEREAS on July 8, 2003, Council approved a motion supporting the development of a just and sustainable food system for the City of Vancouver that fosters equitable food production, distribution and consumption; nutrition; community development and environmental health;

AND WHEREAS in April 2002 the City adopted a formal position, definition and principles on sustainability;

AND WHEREAS in January 2007, Council adopted the Vancouver Food Charter which sets out the City's commitment to the development of a coordinated municipal food policy that recognizes access to safe, sufficient, culturally appropriate and nutritious food as a basic human right for all Vancouver residents;

AND WHEREAS many cities in North America such as Victoria, BC, Seattle, Washington, and New York City already permit households to keep chickens;

AND WHEREAS urban chicken-keeping can contribute to our City's improved food security, decrease greenhouse gas emissions related to the transportation of food, and the goal of creating a just and sustainable food system for our City;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

- A. THAT Council instructs the Director of Legal Services to bring forward for enactment an amendment to the Animal Control By-law in order to repeal the prohibition against keeping of backyard hens in the City of Vancouver.
- B. THAT Council direct staff to develop policy guidelines for the keeping of backyard hens in the City of Vancouver that both protects the health and welfare of citizens, and ensures the humane treatment of backyard hens.
- C. THAT Council thanks the City's Food Policy Council for their significant investigations into the feasibility of repealing the prohibition on the keeping of backyard hens and advocacy for improved food security in the City of Vancouver.

referred

The Mayor noted requests to speak to Motion B.3 have been received. Council agreed to refer the motion to the Standing Committee on Planning and Environment meeting on Thursday, March 5, 2009, in order to hear from speakers.

4. Welcome Women Ski Jumpers to the 2010 Winter Olympic Games

Prior to the discussion on this matter, Councillor Stevenson declared Conflict of Interest as his son is legal counsel for women ski-jumpers. Councillor Stevenson left the Chamber at 2:37 p.m. and did not return until after the vote on this motion.

MOVED by Councillor Meggs
SECONDED by Councillor Deal

WHEREAS the City of Vancouver is host city for the 2010 Winter Olympic Games and prides itself on its commitment to women's equality; and

WHEREAS the International Olympic Committee has a record of leadership in supporting the development of women's sport; and

WHEREAS the IOC has so far refused to allow the inclusion of women ski-jumpers in the 2010 Winter Olympic Games despite the fact that their participation would be consistent with their technical proficiency, the 114-1 vote of the International Ski Federation, the recent World Championships in the Czech Republic and the recent inclusion in the Games of many new facility-based winter sports enjoyed by women; and

WHEREAS failure to include women's ski-jumping in the 2010 Olympic Games may expose the City, the Province and other Olympic Partners to court rulings finding the ban in violation of Canadian human rights law;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City of Vancouver confirm its unanimous resolution of February 26, 2008, calling for the inclusion of women's ski-jumping in the 2010 Games; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the City of Vancouver call upon the IOC and VANOC to include a women's ski-jumping event during the 2010 Games to ensure that the Games are free of discrimination and organized with full respect for the rights to equality enjoyed by women under Canadian law.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Councillor Stevenson absent for the vote due to Conflict of Interest)

NEW BUSINESS

Councillor Stevenson returned to the Chamber at 2:40 p.m.

1. Request for Policy on Travel and Training Budget

Councillor Deal requested the City Manager provide recommendations on the allocation of the Councillors travel and training budget. The allocation should recognize travel and training related to Council-appointed liaisons to external bodies, for example FCM and UBCM, and potentially include a maximum amount available, with the remainder of the budget to be divided equally among the 10 Councillors.

2. Request for Leave of Absence - Councillor Cadman

MOVED by Councillor Woodsworth
SECONDED by Councillor Reimer

THAT Councillor Cadman be granted Leave of Absence for Civic Business from the following meetings, in order to attend ICLEI meetings:

- Vancouver City Council and Public Hearing meetings to be held March 24, 2009;
- Standing Committee on City Services and Budgets, Standing Committee on Planning and Environment, and proposed Public Hearing back-up meetings to be held on March 26, 2009; and
- Special City Services and Budgets meeting - 2009 Operating Budget meeting to be held on March 31, 2009.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. Request for Leave of Absence - Councillor Stevenson

MOVED by Councillor Reimer
SECONDED by Councillor Chow

THAT Councillor Stevenson be granted Leave of Absence for Civic Business from the Standing Committee on Transportation and Traffic, Vancouver City Council and the Court of Revision meetings to be held April 7, 2009, in order to attend FCM meetings.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. Request for Reimbursement of Travel Expenses - Councillor Jang

MOVED by Councillor Chow
SECONDED by Councillor Cadman

WHEREAS at the Inaugural Meeting of Council held on December 8, 2008, Council approved the appointment of Councillor Kerry Jang to the Executive of the Union of British Columbia Municipalities;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

THAT all travel expenses incurred by Councillor Jang for attending the meetings of the Union of British Columbia Municipalities Executive be authorized for as long as he retains the appointment, subject to the travel policy which has been requested to be brought forward for approval.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ENQUIRIES AND OTHER MATTERS

1. Civil City Commissioner

Councillor Anton noted the Civil City Commissioner has completed his work, and extended her thanks to him for his efforts over the last 18 months.

2. KPMG

Councillor Anton enquired as to when the report from the KPMG would be coming forward and also reiterated her request for the letter of engagement to be distributed to Council members.

The City Manager noted the letter of engagement would be circulated shortly and also noted KPMG were working on their final draft report, which will possibly be submitted by the end of this week.

3. BC Assessment Authority

Councillor Cadman requested the City Manager to contact the BC Assessment Authority to obtain clarification on why commercial and industrial properties are being allowed to downgrade their properties to Class 8 (garden), in light of the Provincial Government's recent decision to freeze all property assessments at 2007 levels.

4. Mayor's Greenest City Action Team

Councillor Anton noted that the Mayor's Greenest City Action Team has a \$60,000 budget attached to it, including \$30,000 from VanCity, and requested that when bodies such as the Mayor's Greenest City Action team are brought to Council for approval, such requests include information regarding any budget amounts which may be required.

The City Manager provided clarification concerning the source of funding for the Team, and Councillors Cadman and Reimer also provided comments clarifying the need for the budget.

The Council adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

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