

1. 2009 Interim Budget Estimates Update and Public Consultation Results

Annette Klein, Director of Budget Services, provided an update on the interim budget estimates for the 2009 Operating Budget, including a review of the 2009 budget management strategy, property tax impacts, comparison with other municipalities in the GVRD, and an overview of the public consultation process and feedback received during the consultation.

MOVED by Councillor Louie

THAT Council approve the following motions on the 2009 Operating Budget - Interim Estimates "in principle", refer them to the Special Standing Committee on City Services and Budgets meeting on March 31, 2009, to hear from speakers, and refer confirmation of the 2009 Operating Budget to the April 7th Council meeting:

- A. THAT Council approve the 2009 Operating Budget - Interim Estimates as outlined in the Administrative Report dated March 14, 2009, entitled "2009 Interim Budget Estimates Update and Public Consultation Results" and detailed in Appendix 1 of that report, and instruct the Director of Finance to bring the budget into balance with a 5.74% general purposes tax increase, reflecting an increase of:

- 2.02% related to growth in base City costs
- 2.26% reversal of the One-Time 2007 Work Stoppage Savings carried over into the 2008 Operating Budget
- 1.15% 2008 Program Approvals
- 0.31% cost of outside agencies

AND THAT Council approve the Parking Meter rate and fine increases outlined in Appendices 7 and 8 respectively of the Administrative Report, reflecting \$2.45M revenues incorporated in the 2009 estimates, and instruct the Director of Legal Services to amend the appropriate By-Laws.

AND THAT Council approve the Park Board Global Budget of \$61,366,080 which includes approximately \$856,300 of Added Basic and Appeals in the Park Board estimates.

- B. THAT Council approve the following from Appendix 4 of the Administrative Report dated March 14, 2009, entitled "2009 Interim Budget Estimates Update and Public Consultation Results", increasing property taxes by 0.09%.
1. THAT Council approve one-time funding of \$110,000 for the Crime Free Multi-Housing Program to continue with the work program in 2009, offset by a contribution from the Social Responsibility Fund with no net budget impact subject to staff reporting back on the terms of reference for the Social Responsibility Fund prior to March 24, 2009.

2. THAT Council approve the funding for priorities identified by the Finance Chair - a Mental Health Advocate (\$150K), enhanced Childcare Support (\$150K), creation of a Green Grants Fund (\$100K), and the retention of an external auditor (\$300K) - at an annual cost of \$700,000, offset by one-time funding from the 2008 Operating Budget surplus (\$300,000), with a net amount of \$400,000 as an increase to the 2009 Operating Budget, increasing the 2009 property taxes by 0.08% and that staff will report back on each program for final approval.
3. THAT Council approve the extension of the temporary Planner I position within the Community Services Group Planning division for the BIA program, at an annual cost of \$86,200 (2009 pro-rated cost - \$64,700), including benefits, as an increase to the 2009 Operating Budget, increasing the 2009 property taxes by 0.01%.
4. THAT Council approve the establishment of a Regular Part Time Security Attendant position within the Community Services Group - Evelyne Saller Centre, at an annual gross cost of \$22,400 (with partial offset of \$11,200 by the existing agreement with BC Housing), as an increase of \$11,200 to the 2009 Operating Budget, increasing the 2009 property taxes by 0.002%.
5. THAT Council approve the establishment of a Regular Full Time position within the Business Planning Real Estate division, and another in the Business Planning Building Management division, at an annual cost of \$165,000 (2009 pro-rated cost - \$82,500), including benefits, as an increase to the 2009 Operating Budget, increasing the 2009 property taxes by 0.02%.
6. THAT Council approve the conversion of an existing Regular Full Time Clerk II position within Britannia Services Centre, to a Regular Full Time Communications Coordinator position at an incremental annual cost of \$21,400, including benefits, as an increase to the 2009 Operating Budget, increasing the 2009 property taxes by 0.004%.
7. THAT Council approve the establishment of eight Regular Full Time Parking Enforcement Officers and two Regular Full Time Superintendents for expanded late night parking enforcement within Engineering Parking Enforcement division, at an annual cost of \$580,000, including benefits, offset by increased parking revenues of \$700,000, as a decrease to the 2009 Operating Budget, decreasing the 2009 property taxes by 0.02%.
8. THAT Council approve the regularization of an existing Temporary Full Time Engineering Assistant III within the Engineering Utilities Management division at an annual cost of \$62,000, with benefits, offset by fees from the utility companies with no net budget impact.

9. THAT Council approve the regularization of an existing Temporary Full Time Communications Officer for the Road Ahead program within Engineering Streets Design Branch at an annual cost of \$73,000, including benefits, offset by a contribution from Capital with no net budget impact.
10. THAT Council approve the establishment of a Regular Full Time Office Manager within City Clerk's Corporate Communications division at an annual cost of \$70,000, including benefits, offset by the deletion of one Regular Part Time Clerk III position and one Regular Part Time Clerk IV position with no net budget impact.
11. THAT Council approve the conversion of an existing Regular Full Time Account Clerk position with the Community Services Group Support Services division, to a Regular Full Time Financial Analyst position at an annual cost of \$78,000, including benefits, offset by the existing salaries budget with no net budget impact.
12. THAT Council approve the establishment of a Regular Full Time Assistant Director of Social Infrastructure position within the Community Services Group Social Development division at an annual cost of \$120,000, including benefits, offset by the savings within Community Services Group operating budget with no net budget impact.
13. THAT Council approve the regularization of an existing Temporary Full Time position within the Financial Services SAP Business Support Team at an annual cost of \$75,000, including benefits, offset by a reduction in the existing Temporary Help Budget with no net budget impact.
14. THAT Council approve the establishment of a Regular Full Time Enterprise Data/Applications Architecture position within Business Support Information Technology division at an annual cost of \$110,000, including benefits, offset by a contribution from Capital with no net budget impact.
15. THAT Council approve the establishment of two Regular Full Time IT Security positions within Business Support Information Technology division at an annual cost of \$200,000 without offset, including benefits, to begin in early 2010, with no net 2009 budget impact.
16. THAT Council approve the continued deployment of the Vancouver Police Department's LIMA squad in the Granville Entertainment District at an annual cost of \$253,000 offset by one-time funding from the 2008 Operating Budget surplus with no 2009 net budget impact and that staff report back in mid 2009 on options to increase liquor licence fees in 2010.

All positions in B are subject to classification by the General Manager of Human Resource Services.

- C. THAT Council approve the adjustments identified in Appendix 5 of the Administrative Report dated March 14, 2009, entitled "2009 Interim Budget Estimates Update and Public Consultation Results", including the deletion of regular full time and part time positions identified in Appendix 6 of the Administrative Report, to fund the 2009 311 Consolidated Citizen Service Centre operating costs.

CARRIED
(Councillor Anton opposed to A)