

REPORT TO COUNCIL

STANDING COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL ON CITY SERVICES AND BUDGETS

JULY 9, 2009

A Regular Meeting of the Standing Committee of Council on City Services and Budgets was held on Thursday, July 9, 2009, at 9:35 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 Heather Deal Councillor Kerry Jang Councillor Andrea Reimer * Councillor Tim Stevenson Councillor Ellen Woodsworth
ABSENT:	Councillor Geoff Meggs, Vice-Chair (Leave of Absence)
CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE:	Penny Ballem, City Manager
CITY CLERK'S OFFICE:	Terri Burke, Meeting Coordinator (Minutes) Pat Boomhower, Meeting Coordinator

* Denotes absence for a portion of the meeting.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

The Minutes of the Standing Committee on City Services and Budgets meetings of June 11 and 18, 2009, were adopted.

 Award of Request for Proposal (RFP) No. PS09066 for property management services for the City owned residential market rental tower located at 228 East 7th Avenue which forms part of the Mount Pleasant Civic Centre development (1 Kingsway) June 19, 2009

Vancouver City Council, at its meeting on July 7, 2009, referred this matter to the Standing Committee on City Services and Budgets meeting on July 9, 2009, in order to hear from speakers.

The Committee heard from one speaker who expressed concern regarding subsidizing car parking.

MOVED by Councillor Deal

THAT the Committee recommend to Council

A. THAT subject to the conditions set out in B and C below, Council authorize the award of RFP No. PS09066 to Colliers Macaulay Nicholls Inc. doing business as Colliers International offering the best value to the City; and

FURTHER THAT Council authorize City staff to negotiate and settle an agreement with Colliers Macaulay Nicholls Inc., doing business as Colliers International to provide property management services. Source of funds to be the revenues from the property which is owned by the Property Endowment Fund.

- B. THAT the Director of Legal Services be authorized to execute and deliver on behalf of the City all legal documents required to implement these recommendations.
- C. THAT all such legal documents be on terms and conditions satisfactory to the Director of Real Estate Services, the Director of Facilities Design and Management and the Director of Legal Services.
- D. THAT no legal rights or obligations shall arise hereby and none shall arise or be granted hereafter unless and until all legal documentation has been executed and delivered by all parties.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Parking Corporation of Vancouver (EasyPark) 2008 Year End Review and 2009 Operating and Capital Budgets June 23, 2009

Vancouver City Council, at its meeting on July 7, 2009, referred this matter to the Standing Committee on City Services and Budgets meeting on July 9, 2009, in order to hear from speakers.

Parking Management staff provided an overview of the report and, along with the General Manager of Engineering Services and the General Manager of EasyPark, responded to questions.

The Committee heard from three speakers all of whom were opposed to the Capital Budget item C.10 with respect to the installation of noise makers.

MOVED by Councillor Jang

THAT the Committee recommend to Council

A. THAT Council receive for information the summary of EasyPark's 2008 financial and operating results.

- B. THAT Council receive for information the summary of EasyPark's 2009 operating budget.
- C. THAT Council approve EasyPark's 2009 Capital Budget, as contained within the Administrative Report dated June 23, 2009, entitled "Parking Corporation of Vancouver (EasyPark) 2008 Year End Review and 2009 Operating and Capital Budgets", with the exception of item C.10 (noise makers \$147,000), totalling 1,812,000, sources of funding to be 1,803,600 from the Parking Site Reserve and 8,400 from Public Works Canada for lot 27 at Library Square.
- D. THAT EasyPark
 - (i) provide parking discounts for zero admission vehicles; and
 - (ii) phase out existing discounts for hybrid vehicles.

carried

AMENDMENT MOVED by Councillor Anton

THAT D(ii) be struck and substituted with the following:

AND FURTHER THAT Council direct EasyPark to remove the parking discount for hybrid vehicles.

LOST

(Councillors Cadman, Chow, Deal, Jang, Louie, Reimer, Stevenson, and Woodsworth and the Mayor opposed)

AMENDMENT MOVED by Councillor Anton

THAT the phrase "within 6 months" be added to D.

LOST

(Councillors Cadman, Chow, Deal, Jang, Louie, Reimer, Stevenson, and Woodsworth and the Mayor opposed)

The Committee agreed to separate the vote on the components of the motion.

The amendments having lost, the motion was put with A, B and C CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY, D(i) CARRIED with Councillor Anton opposed and D(ii), CARRIED with Councillors Stevenson and Woodsworth opposed.

FINAL MOTION AS ADOPTED

- A. THAT Council receive for information the summary of EasyPark's 2008 financial and operating results.
- B. THAT Council receive for information the summary of EasyPark's 2009 operating budget.

C. THAT Council approve EasyPark's 2009 Capital Budget, as contained within the Administrative Report dated June 23, 2009, entitled "Parking Corporation of Vancouver (EasyPark) 2008 Year End Review and 2009 Operating and Capital Budgets", with the exception of item C.10 (noise makers - \$147,000), totalling 1,812,000, sources of funding to be 1,803,600 from the Parking Site Reserve and 8,400 from Public Works Canada for lot 27 at Library Square.

D. THAT EasyPark

- (i) provide parking discounts for zero admission vehicles; and
- (ii) phase out existing discounts for hybrid vehicles.

3. 2010 Olympic and Paralympic Games

(a) 2010 Olympics and Paralympics Security

Vancouver City Council, at its meeting on July 7, 2009, received a Report Reference on this matter, and agreed to hear from speakers at the Standing Committee on City Services and Budgets meeting on Thursday, July 9, 2009.

The Committee heard from two speakers who expressed concerns regarding displacement of homeless people and individuals being confronted due to their Olympic concerns.

(b) Council Endorsement of Coventry Declaration

Vancouver City Council, at its meeting on July 7, 2009, referred a Motion on Notice on the above-noted matter to the Standing Committee on City Services and Budgets meeting on July 9, 2009, in order to hear from speakers.

The Committee heard from four speakers, three of whom were in support of the motion and one who was opposed.

The Committee agreed to separate the vote on the components of the motion.

The following motion contains revisions to the original Motion on Notice.

MOVED by Councillor Woodsworth THAT the Committee recommend to Council

WHEREAS:

- 1. The following declaration was approved by conference delegates at Play the Game 2009, the sixth world communications conference on sport and society.
- 2. It is crucial for the COV to protect Canada's Charter of Rights and Freedoms.

Coventry Declaration

The expression of ideas through the written or spoken word is fundamental to democracy and the rights of all individuals and groups. The right to express one's self through words is a pillar of a civil and democratic society.

During the first week of June 2009, author Chris Shaw was confronted by two police officers in the city of Vancouver where the 2010 Winter Olympics will be held.

The police told him they wanted to talk to him about his book, "Five Ring Circus", a critical analysis of the Vancouver Games.

They persisted to question him over a period of time.

During the first week of June, twenty individuals who had questioned the Olympic Games were visited by police officers in their homes, workplaces or while going about their business.

Participants at Play the Game condemn, in the strongest manner possible, any action in Canada that in any way, shape, or form harasses, intimidates, or threatens any writers or individuals who express ideas through words.

Participants at Play the Game ask the city of Vancouver, the province of British Columbia, the Canadian government, VANOC, and the Vancouver Integrated Security Unit, to state in unequivocal language, that all Canadians and those who visit Canada, will have their fundamental right to:

- 1. Security of the person
- 2. Freedom of expression

protected, respected and unimpinged as Canada's Charter of Rights and Freedoms guarantees.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

THAT the City of Vancouver endorse the Coventry Declaration as described above.

LOST

(Councillors Anton, Cadman, Chow, Deal, Jang, Louis, Reimer, Stevenson, and the Mayor opposed)

MOVED by Councillor Woodsworth THAT the Committee recommend to Council

- A. THAT the City of Vancouver is committed to ensuring that all Canadians have a fundamental right to security of the person as well as freedom of expression, which are enshrined in Canada's Charter of Rights and Freedoms.
- B. AND THAT Council write a letter to senior levels of government, VANOC and the Vancouver Integrated Security Unit requesting them to publicly reaffirm their commitment to security of the person and freedom of expression, in light of recent concerns from the public about intimidation in the lead-up to the 2010 Winter Olympic and Paralympic Games.

CARRIED

(Councillor Anton opposed to B)

FINAL MOTION AS ADOPTED

- A. THAT the City of Vancouver is committed to ensuring that all Canadians have a fundamental right to security of the person as well as freedom of expression, which are enshrined in Canada's Charter of Rights and Freedoms.
- B. AND THAT Council write a letter to senior levels of government, VANOC and the Vancouver Integrated Security Unit requesting them to publicly reaffirm their commitment to security of the person and freedom of expression, in light of recent concerns from the public about intimidation in the lead-up to the 2010 Winter Olympic and Paralympic Games.

4. Request for Provincial Timeline for Development of 14 Supportive Housing Sites

Vancouver City Council, at its meeting on July 7, 2009, referred a Motion on Notice on the above-noted matter to the Standing Committee on City Services and Budgets meeting on July 9, 2009, in order to hear from speakers.

Housing Policy staff and the City Manager, responded to questions.

There were no speakers present for this item.

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During the hearing of questions it was MOVED by Councillor Cadman

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 Reimer absent for the vote)

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POSTPONEMENT MOVED by Councillor Cadman

THAT the motion pertaining to Request for Provincial Timeline for Development of 14 Supportive Housing Sites, be postponed until September 2009, and staff report back at that time:

- to provide an update on the 6 housing sites which the Province announced funding for, and

- the timeline indicating when funding for the additional 8 sites will be available.

CARRIED (Councillor Anton opposed)

5. Proposed New Board of Variance By-law June 29, 2009

Vancouver City Council, at its meeting on July 7, 2009, referred this matter to the Standing Committee on City Services and Budgets meeting on July 9, 2009, in order to hear from speakers.

Development Services staff reviewed the report and along with the Assistant Director – General Litigation, Legal Services, responded to questions.

The Committee heard from one of ten registered speakers, who spoke in opposition to the report recommendation and requested further consultation regarding third party appeals.

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At this point in the proceedings the Committee agreed the remainder of the speakers would be heard at the Planning and Environment Committee meeting, held later that day, as its first item of business.

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The Committee adjourned at 12:58 p.m.

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

JULY 9, 2009

A Regular Meeting of the Council of the City of Vancouver was held on Thursday, July 9, 2009, at 12:58 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 Andrea Reimer Councillor Tim Stevenson Councillor Ellen Woodsworth
ABSENT:	Councillor Geoff Meggs (Leave of Absence)
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COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE	

MOVED by Councillor Cadman

SECONDED by Councillor Deal

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 July 9, 2009

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. Award of Request for Proposal (RFP) No. PS09066 for property management services for the City owned residential market rental tower located at 228 East 7th Avenue which forms part of the Mount Pleasant Civic Centre development (1 Kingsway)
- 2. Parking Corporation of Vancouver (EasyPark) 2008 Year End Review and 2009 Operating and Capital Budgets
- 3. (a) 2010 Olympics and Paralympics Security
- 3. (b) Council Endorsement of Coventry Declaration
- 4. Request for Provincial Timeline for Development of 14 Supportive Housing Sites
- 5. Proposed New Board of Variance By-law

Items 1-5

MOVED by Councillor Cadman

THAT the recommendations and actions taken by the Standing Committee on City Services and Budgets at its meeting of Thursday, July 9, 2009, as contained in items 1-5, be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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 Cadman SECONDED by Councillor Stevenson

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Council adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

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