

6. Empire Field

MOVED by Councillor Raymond Louie
SECONDED by Mayor Gregor Robertson

WHEREAS BC Place Stadium is to be renovated in time for the Grey Cup game in late 2011;

AND WHEREAS the professional sports teams currently accommodated at BC Place Stadium represent a significant economic benefit to the City of Vancouver, and will urgently require an alternative venue to be ready by June 2010;

AND WHEREAS PAVCO has only recently come forward with a development proposal, after obtaining funding approval from the Province;

AND WHEREAS the PNE Board has instructed their staff to negotiate the accommodation of a temporary stadium facility at 3311 East Hastings Street (Empire Field) and located where the previous Empire Stadium existed on the basis that:

- PAVCO be responsible for all costs related to a temporary stadium, lights, Washrooms, and associated fixtures, and
- Community access to the playing fields in this location, be replaced or enhanced during the term of the negotiated agreement, and
- The site be returned for community playfield use with a capacity equal to or greater than today unless retention of the artificial turf is successfully negotiated, and
- The PNE being able to accommodate other commercial utilization of the facilities during the term of the negotiated agreement.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT

1. Vancouver City Council endorse the use of the City-owned land located at 3311 East Hastings Street (Empire Field) as the site of a temporary stadium, including the proposed form of development (see attached).
2. Vancouver City Council instruct staff to expedite the processing of development and building permits for the temporary stadium.
3. Vancouver City Council instruct staff to include an appropriate public consultation process within the timetable available, to identify and mitigate, where possible, the operational impacts of the temporary stadium on the surrounding neighbourhood, including those impacts related to traffic, noise, parking, and lighting.

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