

REPORT TO COUNCIL

STANDING COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL
ON CITY SERVICES AND BUDGETS

MARCH 25, 2010

A Regular Meeting of the Standing Committee of Council on City Services and Budgets was held on Thursday, March 25, 2010, at 9:56 am, in the Council Chamber, Third Floor, City Hall.

PRESENT: Councillor Tim Stevenson, Acting Chair
Councillor Suzanne Anton
Councillor David Cadman
Councillor George Chow
Councillor Heather Deal
Councillor Kerry Jang
Councillor Andrea Reimer
Councillor Ellen Woodsworth

ABSENT: Mayor Gregor Robertson (Leave of Absence – Civic Business)
Councillor Raymond Louie, Chair (Leave of Absence - Civic Business)
Councillor Geoff Meggs, Vice-Chair (Leave of Absence - Medical)

CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE: Penny Ballem, City Manager
Sadhu Johnston, Deputy City Manager

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE: Bonnie Eng, Meeting Coordinator

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

The Minutes of the Standing Committee on City Services and Budgets meeting of March 4, 2010, were adopted.

1. True Sport

At the Regular Council meeting on Tuesday, March 2, 2010, Vancouver City Council referred this matter to a Standing Committee meeting on Thursday, March 25, 2010, in order to hear from speakers.

The Committee heard from three speakers in support of the motion.

MOVED by Councillor Woodsworth
THAT the Committee recommend to Council

WHEREAS:

1. True Sport is a national movement for sport and community. Its core mission is to be a catalyst to help sport live up to its full potential as a public asset for Canada and Canadian society – making a significant contribution to the development of youth, the well-being of individuals, and quality of life in our communities;
2. There is now evidence that sport's benefits go far beyond the positive health effects of physical activity that have long been understood including:
 - A healthier, more active population
 - Improved school enrolment, attendance and achievement
 - More employable youth with transferable life skills
 - Less youth crime and gang involvement
 - Lower rates of teen pregnancy and health risk behaviour
 - More inclusive communities
 - Higher levels of social capital and social trust
 - Faster community integration of newcomers
 - Improved inclusion, health and wellbeing of people with disabilities
 - Strengthened Aboriginal communities and youth
 - Improved workplace skills and productivity
 - Enhanced sport tourism and neighbourhood renewal efforts
 - Attraction of mobile knowledge workers and companies that hire them
 - Improved environmental awareness and social mobilization;
3. No other aspect of community life has demonstrated sport's capacity to connect so many young people to positive adult role models and mentors, opportunities for positive development, and help in acquiring critical life skills;
4. To gain these valuable benefits the sport we do must be good sport, built on the values of excellence, fair play, fun and inclusion; and
5. The Big City Mayors' Caucus has declared itself a True Sport Community.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

THAT the City of Vancouver declare itself a True Sport Community, joining over 1500 other True Sport communities, organizations, clubs, leagues, and teams across Canada; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the City of Vancouver encourages other FCM member municipalities to work towards all of the True Sport principles for communities.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. Film and Special Events Fee Review
March 12, 2010

Staff from Engineering Services reviewed the report and responded to questions.

The Committee heard from three speakers in support and one speaker opposed to the recommendations.

MOVED by Councillor Reimer

THAT the Committee recommend to Council

- A. THAT Council approve an increase in the film schedule fee charged to Film and Television production companies for the work done by the Film Office from \$100 to \$150 per schedule.
- B. THAT Council approve the implementation of a fee schedule, as outlined in the Administrative Report dated March 12, 2010, entitled "Film and Special Events Fee Review", for individuals, companies, other City departments and community organizations wishing to organize special events on city streets and public property.

THAT Council ask the City Manager to eliminate any fees to block parties and rebalance fees through other areas to ensure projected revenues.
- C. THAT Council ask the City Manager to work on a plan to ensure impacts on not-for-profit events are minimized while taking appropriate steps to continue to manage workload.
- D. THAT, subject to the approval of B, Council approve:
 - i. the on-going and annual events in Appendix A of the Administrative Report dated March 12, 2010, entitled "Film and Special Events Fee Review"; and
 - ii. the new events outlined in Appendix B of the above-noted report.
- E. THAT Council ask the City Manager to work with Film and Special Events Office staff to look at the advisability of creating written guidelines regarding the many categories of special events currently supported by the City's Film and Special Events and Cultural Services offices.
- F. THAT Council ask the City Manager to communicate its thanks to staff working on film and special events and to express thanks for their work in animating street life in the city of Vancouver.

carried

AMENDMENT MOVED by Councillor Anton

THAT D be amended by striking the following phrase:

“Subject to the approval of B”

LOST

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

AMENDEMENT MOVED by Councillor Anton

THAT the Motion be amended by adding G as follows:

G. THAT the needed funds to support the Festival Expediting Staff Team office are to come from the contingency reserve.

LOST

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

The amendments having lost, the motion was put and CARRIED. Council agreed to separate the vote on the components of the motion with Councillor Anton opposed to B, C and E.

3. Land Assessment Averaging

Vancouver City Council, at its meeting immediately following the Standing Committee on City Services and Budgets on March 4, 2010, approved in principle the continuation of land assessment averaging. Accordingly, the relevant by-law will be dealt with at the Council meeting immediately following today's Standing Committee on City Services and Budgets.

Staff from Financial Policy and Projects responded to questions.

The Committee heard from one speaker opposed to the by-law and three speakers generally in opposition to the by-law and submitted concerns.

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During the hearing of speakers

MOVED by Councillor Deal

THAT, under Section 2.3 (a) 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*

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The Committee adjourned at 12:33 pm

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

MARCH 25, 2010

A Regular Meeting of the Council of the City of Vancouver was held on Thursday, March 25, 2010, at 12:33 pm, 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: Deputy Mayor Tim Stevenson
Councillor Suzanne Anton
Councillor David Cadman
Councillor George Chow
Councillor Kerry Jang
Councillor Ellen Woodsworth

ABSENT: Mayor Gregor Robertson (Leave of Absence - Civic Business)
Councillor Heather Deal (Leave of Absence - Civic Business)
Councillor Raymond Louie (Leave of Absence - Civic Business)
Councillor Geoff Meggs (Leave of Absence - Medical)
Councillor Andrea Reimer

CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE: Penny Ballem, City Manager

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE: Bonnie Eng, Meeting Coordinator

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MOVED by Councillor Cadman

SECONDED by Councillor Woodsworth

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Report of Standing Committee on City Services and Budgets March 25, 2010

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. True Sport
2. Film and Special Events Fee Review
3. Land Assessment Averaging

Items 1-3

MOVED by Councillor Jang

THAT the recommendations and actions taken by the Standing Committee on City Services and Budgets at its meeting of March 25, 2010, as contained in Items 1-3, be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

RISE FROM COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MOVED by Councillor Woodsworth

THAT the Committee of the Whole rise and report.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADOPT REPORT OF COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MOVED by Councillor Deal
SECONDED by Councillor Jang

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

BY-LAWS

MOVED by Councillor Anton
SECONDED by Councillor Jang

THAT Council enact the by-laws listed on the agenda for this meeting, as numbers 1 and 2 inclusive, and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign and seal the enacted by-laws.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

1. A By-law to Average Land Assessments for 2010
2. A By-law to Contract a Debt by the Issue and Sale of 4.5% Sinking Fund Debentures in the Aggregate Principal Amount of \$125,000,000 for the Objects Set Out in Schedule "B"

The Council adjourned at 12:37 pm

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