



ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

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Meeting Date: May 15, 2012

TO: Vancouver City Council
FROM: General Manager of Engineering Services
SUBJECT: Two Laneway Speed Hump Projects - First & Second Step Report, Local Improvements by Petition, Court of Revision June 12, 2012

RECOMMENDATION

- A. THAT the two petition projects for Laneway Speed Humps listed in Appendix I be advanced as Local Improvements and be brought before a Court of Revision on June 12, 2012.
- 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. The two petition projects are 100% funded by the property owners.

CITY MANAGER'S COMMENTS

The City Manager recommends approval of the foregoing.

COUNCIL POLICY

Policies governing the Local Improvement process are set out in the Vancouver Charter and the Local Improvement Procedure By-law #3614.

PURPOSE

A Court of Revision is scheduled for June 12, 2012, at 7:30 p.m. to review two Petition projects for speed humps in lanes that have been advanced through the Local Improvement process. There are no Initiative or Special Grounds projects proposed for this upcoming Court of Revision. At this time, local Improvement projects are only being undertaken where there is a clear willingness from property owners to fund these improvements.

This is the “First and Second Step” report for the Petition projects proposed for this Court of Revision. The purpose of this report is to begin the formal Local Improvement process by advancing the Petition projects to the Court of Revision (first step) and to report on the financial arrangements for the proposed projects (second step). Approval of this report does not commit Council to undertake the projects.

BACKGROUND

In this report only two projects are being advanced. They are for speed humps in lanes which are constructed at 100% property owner cost. However, as an introduction to the Local Improvement process, we offer the following background.

The Local Improvement process is an opportunity for property owners to work with the City to make improvements to streets, lanes and sidewalks. This process is managed through the Vancouver Charter and the Local Improvement Procedures By-law #3614 which outlines the various steps by which owners can vote on improvements in their neighbourhood and the associated sharing of costs between the owners and the City. Projects typically undertaken through the Local Improvement Process include:

- Street and Lane Lighting Projects: provide new lights for City streets or lanes. Street light standard projects are typically 85%-100% funded by the property owners, whereas lane lighting projects are 100% funded by the property owners. Lane lighting projects use LED light fixtures that are attached to new or existing poles in the lane.
- Street Improvement Projects: provide for a combination of the following; new pavements, new curb and gutters, bulges with infiltrating catch basins, curb ramps and new street trees. These projects are undertaken on a cost-share basis with the property owners typically funding 60%-90% of the costs;
- Lane Improvement Projects: provide new pavement structure and necessary drainage improvements. These projects are undertaken on a cost-share basis with the property owners typically funding 70%-90% of the costs;
- Sidewalk Improvement Projects: provide new pedestrian sidewalks and curb ramps. These projects are undertaken on a cost-share basis with the property owners typically funding 25-35% of the costs;
- Lane Speed Hump Projects: provide speed humps in a residential or commercial lane to control vehicle speeds. These projects are 100% funded by property owners.

Local Improvement projects can be advanced in three ways:

- By Petition: When residents would like an improvement project undertaken, they obtain a Local Improvement Petition form from the City and then gather signatures of support for the project. If a majority of the abutting property owners sign the petition (at least two thirds of the properties representing at least 50% of the property value) the project is advanced to Council for approval at a Court of Revision;
- By Initiative: When the City determines that there is a desire for an improvement project to be undertaken, Council approves the initiation of a project and then the City ballots the abutting property owners. As long as a majority of owners do not register objections (more than 50% of the properties representing more than 50% of the property value) the project is advanced to Council for approval at a Court of Revision;

- On Special Grounds: When the City determines that there is a need for an improvement project that would normally be advanced as a Local Improvement project and that, due to the benefits to the greater community, should be undertaken even if there is not sufficient support from the abutting property owners. These projects are advanced to Council for approval at a Court of Revision.

DISCUSSION

First Step

As required by the Local Improvement Procedure By-law, projects shown on the attached schedule (Appendix I) are advanced to Council by Petition for review at a Court of Revision which will be held at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, June 12, 2012.

Second Step

The Director of Finance reports as follows:

In accordance with the Local Improvement Procedure By-law, attached is the City Engineer's "Local Improvements Detailed Second Step Report" (Appendix II). The estimated cost of these projects is \$16,154. The property owners' share of the projects is \$16,154. The City's share is zero.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The total cost of the proposed Local Improvements is estimated at \$16,154 and is 100% funded by the property owners.

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COURT OF REVISION - June 12, 2012

PETITION PROJECTS - COURT #634

I. SPEED HUMPS

1. Lane east of Dunbar Street from 31st Avenue to 32nd Avenue
2. Lane east of Ormidale Street from lane south of Kingsway to 45th Avenue

CITY OF VANCOUVER - LOCAL IMPROVEMENTS DETAILED SECOND STEP REPORT
Summary of Estimated Costs and Certificates to the Attached Local Improvements Estimates
Advanced on the Petition Principle for a Court of Revision on June 12, 2012

Court#634

CATEGORY	ITEM NUMBER	TYPE OF PROJECT	P.O. SHARE	CITY'S SHARE	TOTAL SHARE	SOURCE OF FUNDS
I	1 - 2	Speed Humps	\$ 16,154	\$ 0	\$ 16,154	-
		TOTAL	\$ 16,154	\$ 0	\$ 16,154	-

The estimated costs provide for necessary incidental work. The cost of the property owners' share of the above noted projects and interest is repayable over 15 years, except for lane lighting which is repayable over 5 years.

Certified correct as to measurements

Collector of Taxes

Director of Finance

City Engineer

Certified adopted by the City Council on

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