



## **SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING**

**DECEMBER 9, 2015**

A Special Meeting of the Council of the City of Vancouver was held on Wednesday, December 9, 2015, at 9:43 am, in the Council Chamber, Third Floor, City Hall, for the purpose of receiving a presentation from staff and hearing from speakers on the 2016 Capital and Operating Budget.

**PRESENT:** Acting Mayor Raymond Louie  
Councillor George Affleck  
Councillor Elizabeth Ball  
Councillor Adriane Carr  
Councillor Melissa De Genova\*  
Councillor Heather Deal  
Councillor Kerry Jang  
Councillor Geoff Meggs  
Councillor Andrea Reimer  
Councillor Tim Stevenson

**ABSENT:** Mayor Gregor Robertson (Leave of Absence - Civic Business)

**CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE:** Sadhu Johnston, Acting City Manager

**CITY CLERK'S OFFICE:** Rosemary Hagiwara, Deputy City Clerk  
Maria Castro, Meeting Coordinator

\*Denotes absence for a portion of the meeting.

### **CONDOLENCES - BRUCE YORKE**

The Acting Mayor expressed condolences on the passing of former Vancouver City Councillor Bruce Yorke. The Acting Mayor also recognized Mr. Yorke's work and contributions in the community, and noted a memorial gathering will be held on December 20, 2015.

### **COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

MOVED by Councillor Stevenson  
SECONDED by Councillor Deal

THAT this Council resolve itself into Committee of the Whole, Acting Mayor Louie in the Chair.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

## 1. 2016 Capital and Operating Budget

The General Manager of Financial Services/Chief Financial Officer and the General Manager of Engineering Services, provided a presentation on the 2016 Capital and Operating Budget.

Staff presenters, along with the Acting City Manager, Chief Housing Officer, Acting General Manager of Community Services, General Manager of Parks and Recreation, Chief of Fire and Rescue Services, and the Director of Water, Sewers and District Energy, responded to questions.

Council heard from eight speakers. Speakers highlighted the success of the Inspiration Lab at the Vancouver Public Library (VPL) and expressed their appreciation of support for VPL. Others spoke in support of the budget and also commended the realization of a living wage. Concerns were heard regarding decreased staffing and service levels. One speaker expressed concerns about the impacts of a reduced schedule for leaf collection and offered suggestions to address those impacts.

The General Manager of Engineering Services, Chief Librarian and the General Manager of Financial Services/Chief Financial Officer, responded to questions.

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*At 12:01 pm, it was*

*MOVED by Councillor Reimer*

*THAT the length of the meeting be extended in order to complete hearing from all speakers.*

*WITHDRAWN*

*At 12:07 pm, it was*

*MOVED by Councillor Stevenson*

*THAT the length of the meeting be extended in order to complete questions to the current speaker.*

*CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AND  
BY THE REQUIRED MAJORITY  
(Councillor De Genova absent for the vote)*

*Council recessed at 12:10 pm and reconvened at 1:05 pm.*

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Following hearing from speakers, it was

MOVED by Councillor Meggs

THAT discussion and decision on the reports listed below, be referred to the Regular Council meeting on December 15, 2015, as Unfinished Business.

- 2016 Capital and Operating Budget
- Southeast False Creek Neighbourhood Energy Utility ("SEFC NEU") 2016 Customer Rates
- 2016 Annual Review of Water Rates Under the Waterworks By-law
- 2016 Annual Review of Sewer Rates Under the Sewer & Watercourse By-law
- 2016 Annual Review of the Solid Waste Utility and Rates
- 2016 Engineering Fees

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 Stevenson

SECONDED by Councillor Jang

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

#### ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Councillor Stevenson

SECONDED by Councillor Jang

THAT the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Special Council adjourned at 1:44 pm.

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