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CITY OF VANCOUVER
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 28, 2006

A Regular Meeting of the Council of the City of Vancouver was held on Tuesday, February 28, 2006, at 2:00 p.m., in the Council Chamber, Third Floor, City Hall.

PRESENT: Mayor Sam Sullivan
Councillor Suzanne Anton
Councillor Elizabeth Ball
Councillor Kim Capri
Councillor George Chow
Councillor Heather Deal
Councillor B.C. Lee
Councillor Raymond Louie
Councillor Tim Stevenson

ABSENT: Councillor David Cadman (Leave of Absence - Civic Business)
Councillor Peter Ladner (Leave of Absence - Civic Business)

CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE: Judy Rogers, City Manager

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE: Syd Baxter, City Clerk
Tarja Tuominen, Meeting Coordinator

PRAYER

The proceedings in the Council Chamber were opened with a prayer read by the City Clerk.

"IN CAMERA" MEETING

MOVED by Councillor Louie
SECONDED by Councillor Capri

THAT Council will go into a meeting later this day which is closed to the public, pursuant to Section 165.2(1) of the Vancouver Charter, to discuss matters related to paragraph(s):

(e) the acquisition, disposition or expropriation of land or improvements, if the Council considers that disclosure could reasonably be expected to harm the interests of the city.

(g) litigation or potential litigation affecting the city.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

1. Special Council (Public Hearing) - January 31, 2006

MOVED by Councillor Stevenson
SECONDED by Councillor Anton

THAT the foregoing Minutes be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. Regular Council (City Services and Budgets) - February 2, 2006

MOVED by Councillor Louie
SECONDED by Councillor Lee

THAT the foregoing Minutes be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. Business License Hearing - February 8, 2006

MOVED by Councillor Anton
SECONDED by Councillor Chow

THAT the foregoing Minutes be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. Regular Council - February 14, 2006

MOVED by Councillor Anton
SECONDED by Councillor Stevenson

THAT the Minutes be amended to include the announcement that the campaign to fund the preservation of the Joy Kogawa House in Marpole will be ending on March 31, 2006, and it is extremely important the campaign be successful in order to preserve the house.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOVED by Councillor Louie
SECONDED by Councillor Capri

THAT the foregoing Minutes, as amended, be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MOVED by Councillor Lee
SECONDED by Councillor Ball

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MATTERS ADOPTED ON CONSENT

MOVED by Councillor Louie

THAT Council adopt Administrative Reports A3, A4, A6 to A8, and Policy Report P1, on consent.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

1. **Addition of S.U.C.C.E.S.S. (United Chinese Community Enrichment Services Society) to the List of Approved Sponsor Groups for Non-Market Housing February 10, 2006 (VanRIMS No. 11-2200-21)**

MOVED by Councillor Lee

THAT S.U.C.C.E.S.S. (United Chinese Community Enrichment Services Society) be added to the list of approved sponsor groups for non-market housing.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. **Local Improvements by Initiative - May 4, 2006 - First and Second Step Report February 1, 2006 (VanRIMS No. 13-1200-20)**

MOVED by Councillor Anton

- A. THAT the projects listed in Appendix I of the Administrative Report *Local Improvements by Initiative - May 4, 2006 - First and Second Step Report* dated February 1, 2006, be advanced as Local Improvements on the Initiative and brought before a Court of Revision on May 4, 2006.

- 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 of the Administrative Report *Local Improvements by Initiative - May 4, 2006 - First and Second Step Report* dated February 1, 2006, and Council declare it is desirable that the projects set out in Appendix I of the Administrative Report be undertaken and deems that each will specially benefit the real property abutting it.. Source of funds for the total City share of \$830,277 is subject to approval of the 2006 Streets Basic Capital Budget.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AND
BY THE REQUIRED MAJORITY

Councillor Deal requested staff provide a memorandum on the status of country lanes.

3. Proposed Closure of Vernon Drive Northerly of Powell Street and the Sale of Adjacent City-owned Lands at 1155 Powell Street East of Rogers Street February 10, 2006 (VanRIMS No. 13-2000-30)

- A. THAT Council close, stop-up and convey to The Crown in Right of Canada as represented by the Vancouver Port Authority (VPA), all that portion of Vernon Drive (233.2 m²) lying east of [PID: 023-709-278] Parcel F (Reference Plan 19952) Block 2 District Lot 182 Group 1 New Westminster District Plan 14625, the same as shown hatched on the plan attached as Appendix "A" to the Administrative Report *Proposed Closure of Vernon Drive Northerly of Powell Street and the Sale of Adjacent City-owned Lands at 1155 Powell Street East of Rogers Street* dated February 10, 2006, subject to the terms and conditions described in Appendix "C" to the Administrative Report;
- B. THAT Council close, stop-up and convey to the Canadian Pacific Railway Company (CPR), all that portion of Vernon Drive (389.7 m²) lying east of [PID: 024-605-948] Parcel U Block 2 of Block A District Lot 182 Group 1 New Westminster District Plan LMP43458, the same as shown hatched on the plan attached as Appendix "B" to the Administrative Report *Proposed Closure of Vernon Drive Northerly of Powell Street and the Sale of Adjacent City-owned Lands at 1155 Powell Street East of Rogers Street* dated February 10, 2006, subject to the terms and conditions described in Appendix "C" of the Administrative Report;
- C. THAT Council close, stop-up and convey to The Crown in Right of Canada as represented by the VPA, all that portion of Vernon Drive north of Powell Street (80.1 m²), the same as shown cross-hatched on the plan attached as Appendix "A" to the Administrative Report *Proposed Closure of Vernon Drive Northerly of Powell Street and the Sale of Adjacent City-owned Lands at 1155 Powell Street East of Rogers Street* dated February 10, 2006, in exchange for the conveyance to the City of the south 2.134 metres of VPA lands (62.8 m²), being [PID: 015-366-529, 015-366-537, 015-366-545, and 015-366-561] Lots 25, 26, 27 and 28, Each Except the Canadian Pacific Railway Right of Way, Block 3 of Block A District Lot 182 Plan 355, all consolidated as Lot A, for road purposes, as shown hatched on the plan attached as Appendix "A" to the Administrative Report;

- D. THAT Council approve the establishment as road of the south 2.134 metres of said VPA lands consolidated as Lot A (62.8 m²), as conveyed to the City and described in "C" above;
 - E. THAT Council close, stop-up and convey to The Crown in Right of Canada as represented by the VPA, all that portion of Vernon Drive (155.8 m²) lying east of [PID: 023-918-616] Lot S Except: Firstly: Part Road on Plan LMP35881; Secondly: Part on Plan LMP43457; Block 2 of Block A District Lot 182 Group 1 New Westminster District Plan LMP35311, the same as shown hatched on the plan attached as Appendix "A" to the Administrative Report;
 - F. THAT Council authorize the sale and conveyance of said Lot S to the VPA;
- C, D, E and F above being subject to the terms and conditions described in Appendix "C" of the Administrative Report *Proposed Closure of Vernon Drive Northerly of Powell Street and the Sale of Adjacent City-owned Lands at 1155 Powell Street East of Rogers Street* dated February 10, 2006;
- G. THAT the proceeds from the property transactions be credited to the Engineering Property Acquisition Fund in the Capital Budget (\$150,300) and to the Vernon Drive Phase II Soil Study and Remediation Account (\$100,000) to fund the costs of environmental work;
 - H. THAT the conveyances described in A, B, C, D, E and F above are to complete concurrently and in total in the Land Title Office, with no portion of the conveyances completing independently of the other;
 - I. THAT any agreements are to be to the satisfaction of the Director of Legal Services;
 - J. THAT the purchasers be responsible for all necessary plans, documents and Land Title Office fees; and
 - K. THAT Council authorize the Director of Real Estate Services to execute all transfers and documents required.

ADOPTED ON CONSENT

**4. Closure and Sale of Lane Between 350 Kingsway and 2710 Sophia Street
February 10, 2006 (VanRIMS No. 13-2000-30)**

- A. THAT Council close, stop-up and convey the 284.8 m² lane between 350 Kingsway and 2710 Sophia Street (south west from Kingsway) to the owner of adjacent [PID: 008-764-948] Lot B, Plan 12914, and [PID: 011-699-396] Lot D, Plan 21843, Both of Block 113, District Lot 301, as shown hatched and cross-hatched on the plan attached as Appendix "A" to the Administrative Report *Closure and Sale of Lane Between 350 Kingsway and 2710 Sophia Street* dated February 10, 2006, with the owner to pay \$390,000 plus GST if applicable in accordance with the recommendation of the Director of Real Estate Services, subject to the conditions as noted in Appendix "B" of the Administrative Report; and

- B. THAT the sale proceeds are to be credited to the 2004 Budget and Recoveries Urban Transportation Showcase (UTS) Program - Account No. CB2EA6DX1, and to be used for installation of traffic bulges on Main Street at 10th Avenue and 14th Avenue and a study related to traffic calming in the Mount Pleasant Community.

ADOPTED ON CONSENT

- 5. **Contract 2005-09 Canoe Creek Sanitary Trunk - Tunnel Section Recommendation for Award**
February 8, 2006 (VanRIMS No. 03-1000-11)

MOVED by Councillor Deal

- A. THAT, subject to conditions set out in B, C and D below, the Manager of Engineering Services be authorized to enter into a contract with Dibco Underground Ltd. ("Dibco") for approximately 700 meters of sewer tunnelling work under Contract No. 2005-09, Canoe Creek Sanitary Trunk - Tunnel Section, Contract 2005-09 (Canoe Creek Sanitary Trunk - Tunnel Section) at a maximum total cost of \$3,427,610.00 (no GST) with 2/3 funding provided by both the federal and provincial governments under the Canada-British Columbia Infrastructure Program and 1/3 funding (\$1,142,536.67) provided by City Sewer Capital in advance of the approval of the 2006 Capital Budget.
- B. THAT the Director of Legal Services be authorized to execute and deliver on behalf of the City all legal documents required to implement A above.
- C. THAT all such legal documents be on terms and conditions satisfactory to the Manager of Engineering Services and the Director of Legal Services.
- D. THAT no legal rights or obligations will be created or arise by Council's adoption of A, B and C above unless and until such legal documents are executed and delivered by the Director of Legal Services.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- 6. **Interim Site-Specific Municipal Access Agreement - Bell Canada**
February 14, 2006 (VanRIMS No. 06-3200-10)

- A. THAT the General Manager of Engineering Services and Director of Legal Services be authorized to conclude negotiations, and execute and deliver a legal agreement with Bell Canada to permit it to extend its telecommunications network under City streets at the two locations identified and on terms and conditions generally as described in the Administrative Report *Interim Site-Specific Municipal Access Agreement - Bell Canada* dated February 14, 2006 and such other terms and conditions satisfactory to the General Manager of Engineering Services and Director of Legal Services.

- B. THAT no legal rights or obligations will arise or be created by Council's adoption of A above unless and until all legal documentation has been executed and delivered by the respective parties.

ADOPTED ON CONSENT

**7. VPD's Dog Squad Facility: Award of Consulting Contract
February 15, 2006 (VanRIMS No. 03-1200-11)**

THAT Council approve the appointment of Chernoff Thompson Architects as architects for the relocation of Vancouver Police Department (VPD) Dog Squad facility at a fee of 6.85 percent of construction cost, said fees to be in accordance with the Architectural Institute of British Columbia (AIBC) fee scale, and agreement to be satisfactory to the Director of Legal Services;

FURTHER THAT the above architect be authorized to retain structural, mechanical, electrical and landscape consultants satisfactory to the Director of Facilities Design and Management based on fees set by the Association of Professional Engineers of British Columbia; source of funding to be VPD's Capital Budget for the Dog Squad facility.

ADOPTED ON CONSENT

**8. Business License Hearing Panels for March 2006
February 21, 2006 (VanRIMS No. 08-2000-40)**

THAT Council delegate the holding of the Business License Hearings presently scheduled for March 7, 2006, from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., March 9, 2006, from 7:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., and March 22, 2006, from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., to a panel of three Council Members, pursuant to Section 277.1 of the Vancouver Charter, as follows:

The Business License Hearings pursuant to Section 275 of the Vancouver Charter regarding referrals to Council by the Chief License Inspector for the year 2006 business licenses and the power to make a Council decision in relation to those hearings be delegated to:

March 7, 2006 - 9:30 a.m.
Councillor Peter Ladner, Chair
Councillor David Cadman
Councillor Tim Stevenson
Councillor Kim Capri, Alternate

March 9, 2006 - 7:30 p.m.
Councillor Heather Deal, Chair
Councillor George Chow
Councillor Raymond Louie
Councillor B.C. Lee, Alternate

March 22, 2006 - 9:30 a.m.
Councillor Suzanne Anton, Chair
Councillor Elizabeth Ball
Councillor Kim Capri
Councillor David Cadman, Alternate

Should any of the above Members of Council be unable to attend the hearings, the hearings and the power to make a Council decision in relation to those hearings be delegated to the remaining two Councillors and alternate Councillors.

ADOPTED ON CONSENT

POLICY REPORTS

1. **CD-1 Text Amendment: 201 Burrard Street (Height)**
February 14, 2006 (VanRIMS No. 11-3600-03)

THAT the Director of Current Planning be instructed to make application to amend CD-1 By-law No. 7679 for 201 Burrard Street, generally in accordance with Appendix A of the Policy Report *CD-1 Text Amendment: 201 Burrard Street (Height)* dated February 14, 2006, and that the application be referred to a Public Hearing;

FURTHER THAT the Director of Legal Services be instructed to prepare the necessary amending by-law for consideration at Public Hearing.

ADOPTED ON CONSENT

2. **CD-1 Rezoning and Amenity Bonus: Woodward's Site (101 and 149 West Hastings Street and 150 West Cordova Street)**
February 17, 2006 (VanRIMS No. 11-3600-03)

MOVED by Councillor Anton

A. THAT City Council approves in principle an amenity bonus to facilitate development in a complex mixed-use zoning district and to obtain public open space on the Woodward's Site (defined in C below) as outlined in the Policy Report *CD-1 Rezoning and Amenity Bonus: Woodward's Site (101 and 149 West Hastings Street and 150 West Cordova Street)* dated February 17, 2006, thus realizing the potential of this site as a neighbourhood centre, subject to the execution of legal agreements prior to issuance of a development permit, as set out in Appendix B of the Policy Report, including Section 219 Covenants providing for:

- (i) the provision of outdoor and atrium public amenity spaces by the property owner, with the design to the satisfaction of the Development Permit Board and the construction to the satisfaction of the Director of Facilities Design and Development,

- (ii) the registration of a Statutory Right of Way to secure public access to the outdoor and atrium public amenity spaces for nominal consideration and in perpetuity, to the satisfaction of the Managing Director of Cultural Services, on terms and conditions satisfactory to the Director of Legal Services, and
 - (iii) a Community Use Agreement to allow for the use by the community of the outdoor and atrium public amenity spaces to the satisfaction of the Managing Director of Cultural Services, on terms and conditions satisfactory to the Director of Legal Services;
- B. THAT City Council approves that, as a matter of policy, the amenity bonus can be transferred to more than one receiver site, through the normal Transfer of Density rezoning process, and that such receiver sites can be in different zoning, use, density or height districts than the Woodward's Site.
- C. THAT the Director of Current Planning be instructed to make application to rezone the site at 101 and 149 West Hastings Street (Lot E, Lot 11 E 46 ft., Lot 12 W 25 ft. & Lot 12 E 25 ft. of W 50 ft., Block 4, Old Granville Townsite, Plan 168) and 150 West Cordova Street (Lot B of 5 & 6, Lot 6 W 33 ft. & Lot 7 E Half, Block 4, OGT, Plan 168), (collectively the "Woodward's Site"), from Downtown District to CD-1 District, and also increasing the maximum floor area by 16 630 m² (179,000 sq. ft.) to provide an amenity bonus as outlined in A above, such bonus floor area to be available for transfer off-site only;

THAT the application be referred to a Public Hearing together with:

- (i) draft CD-1 By-law provisions, generally as presented in Appendix A of the Policy Report *CD-1 Rezoning and Amenity Bonus: Woodward's Site (101 and 149 West Hastings Street and 150 West Cordova Street)* dated February 17, 2006 ,
- (ii) development (DE409942) drawings prepared by Henriquez Partners Architects on behalf of Westbank Projects Corp. / Peterson Investment Group Inc., subject to approval by the Development Permit Board, and
- (iii) the recommendation of the Director of Current Planning to approve the application, subject to conditions generally as contained in Appendix B of the Policy Report *CD-1 Rezoning and Amenity Bonus: Woodward's Site (101 and 149 West Hastings Street and 150 West Cordova Street)* dated February 17, 2006; and

FURTHER THAT the Director of Legal Services be instructed to prepare a CD-1 By-law generally in accordance with Appendix A of the Policy Report and a consequential amendment to the Downtown Official Development Plan to remove the site from all map figures, for consideration at the Public Hearing;

- D. THAT, if the application is referred to a Public Hearing, the Director of Current Planning be instructed to make application to amend the Sign By-law, to establish regulations for this CD-1 in accordance with Schedule E (assigned Schedule "B" (DD)); and

FURTHER THAT the Director of Legal Services be instructed to prepare the necessary by-law for consideration at the same Public Hearing;

- E. THAT, subject to approval of the rezoning at a Public Hearing, the Noise Control By-law be amended to include this CD-1 in Schedule A; and

FURTHER THAT the Director of Legal Services be instructed to bring forward the enactment to the Noise Control By-law at or after the time of enactment of the CD-1 By-law.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

RISE FROM COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MOVED by Councillor Louie

THAT the Committee of the Whole rise and report.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADOPT REPORT OF COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MOVED by Councillor Ball
SECONDED by Councillor Lee

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

BY-LAWS

MOVED by Councillor Louie
SECONDED by Councillor Capri

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

1. A By-law to amend Subdivision By-law No. 5208 (re 3111-3187 West 43rd Avenue) (By-law No. 9233)

MOTIONS

A. Administrative Motions

None.

B. Motions on Notice

1. Leave of Absence - Councillor Anton (VanRIMS No. 08-2200-20)

MOVED by Councillor Capri
SECONDED by Councillor Louie

THAT Councillor Suzanne Anton be granted a Leave of Absence from the Standing Committee on City Services and Budgets and Standing Committee on Planning and Environment meetings to be held March 2, 2006 due to her attendance at the FCM Board of Directors' meeting in Bromont, Quebec.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. Exotic Animal By-law (VanRIMS No. 08-4600-01)

The following motion reflects an addition to the Motion on Notice.

MOVED by Councillor Capri
SECONDED by Councillor Anton

WHEREAS the City of Vancouver recognizes that it is prudent and necessary for the protection of persons and animals to prohibit certain animals from being kept, sold or used in performances, within the City of Vancouver; and

WHEREAS the City of Vancouver currently has an animal control bylaw and a bylaw to prohibit performances involving certain wild animals in circuses (No 6940) but has no bylaws dealing with the sale and/or ownership of exotic pets or with exotic animal performances outside circuses; and

WHEREAS virtually all animal protection agencies are against exotic animals being kept as pets, noting that:

- These animals if placed into unnatural conditions will suffer physical and psychological harm;
- Numerous purchasers of exotic animals recognize that they are unable to provide appropriate care for these animals, resulting in many of these animals becoming ill and abandoned in community parks or turned over to refuges; and
- There are issues of public health and safety, including that reptiles carry salmonella and many exotic animals demonstrate behaviour that is unpredictable and dangerous.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Vancouver staff report back recommendations for an exotic animal bylaw, including but not limited to:

1. A definition or appendix listing what constitutes the prohibited animals;
2. Addressing the issues of sale and ownership and use of exotic animals for performances;
3. A proposal regarding how to manage and address the many exotic pets residents already own, such as a "grandfather clause."
4. Issues of expense, recognizing that the experience from other municipalities who have implemented similar bylaws, indicate expenses are minimal, as:
 - most people obey the law;
 - few serious violations occur; however, the bylaw offers Council an opportunity to address the matter, should a serious incident arise
5. Recommendations for public process and education regarding this issue.

Referred

The Chair advised requests to speak have been received on the motion. Council agreed to refer consideration of the motion to a future Standing Committee on Planning and Environment meeting to hear the speakers.

3. Leave of Absence - Councillor Louie (VanRIMS No. 08-2200-20)

MOVED by Councillor Stevenson
SECONDED by Councillor Deal

THAT Councillor Raymond Louie be granted a Leave of Absence from the Standing Committee on City Services and Budgets for all of the following dates due to his attendance at the GVRD Finance Committee meetings:

March 9, 2006
April 20, 2006
May 18, 2006
June 15, 2006
July 13, 2006
September 14, 2006
November 16, 2006

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

NEW BUSINESS

1. Leave of Absence - Councillor Ball (VanRIMS No. 08-2200-20)

MOVED by Councillor Lee
SECONDED by Councillor Capri

THAT Councillor Ball be granted Leave of Absence due to civic business for the Public Hearing on the evening of February 28, 2006.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. Support for Childcare (VanRIMS No. 08-0500-12)

MOVED by Councillor Deal
SECONDED by Councillor Louie

WHEREAS the City of Vancouver has a long tradition of providing leadership in the development and support of licensed, non-profit childcare;

AND WHEREAS, the previous federal government committed almost \$5 billion over 5 years to establish a national childcare program, of which \$633 million was to come to BC;

AND WHEREAS, the current federal government promised to rip up these agreements in March of 2007;

AND WHEREAS the current federal government is replacing the national childcare plan with individual payments to families with children that are in fact taxable family bonuses and will do nothing to further develop a national childcare program;

AND WHEREAS the suggested bonus of \$1200 a year will cover just over one month's cost for children under 18 months;

AND WHEREAS there is a lack of facilities for younger children, including those with parents who can afford to pay for child care;

AND WHEREAS the provincial government has been slow to raise opposition to this plan, despite very public concern expressed by other provinces, families and the childcare community;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City of Vancouver write a letter to the federal government urging that they maintain their commitment to the Federal Early Learning and Childcare Agreement;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the City of Vancouver write a letter to the province encouraging them to be more proactive in opposing the elimination of a national childcare program.

Councillor Capri called Notice under Section 5.4(c) of the Procedure By-law. The motion will be considered at the Regular Council meeting immediately following the Standing Committee on City Services and Budgets meeting of March 2, 2006.

ENQUIRIES AND OTHER MATTERS

1. Sponsorship/Naming Policy (VanRIMS No. 01-0500-11)

Councillor Deal requested staff to provide a memorandum on: (a) the status of the expected report on the City's sponsorship/naming policy; and (b) opportunities for public consultation on the proposed policy.

2. Purchase of Carpets in Councillors' Office (VanRIMS No. 03-1200-01)

Councillor Deal requested staff to report back by memorandum on the purchasing decision regarding the newly installed carpets in the Councillors' offices, and whether non-gas emitting, sustainable ones were considered as an alternate.

3. Southeast False Creek Stewardship Group (VanRIMS No. 08-3000-11)

Councillor Stevenson enquired on the status of the Southeast False Creek Stewardship group and their schedule of meetings. The City Manager advised the steering committee is in the midst of the RFP process.

4. Woodward's and Southeast False Creek Advisory Groups (VanRIMS No. 08-3000-11)

Councillor Louie enquired on the status of the Woodward's and Southeast False Creek internal advisory groups. The City Manager advised the advisory groups are in the midst of the RFP process and reports have gone directly to Council. The structure of the internal advisory groups will be subject to the Triple R Review.

5. Gateway Program (VanRIMS No. 13-1400-10)

Councillor Louie enquired whether: (a) staff are doing an analysis on the accuracy of the assumptions the Gateway Program has made; (b) the City is doing any work on mitigating opportunities on the traffic increase to the City; and (c) the staff review will be available to the public.

The City Manager agreed to follow-up with staff.

6. Status of Vancouver Agreement (VanRIMS No. 01-5500-01)

Councillor Chow requested staff to provide a status report on the Vancouver Agreement, including funding and future direction in dealing with the drug addiction problem. The City Manager advised an update from staff will be coming soon.

7. Bedbugs in Downtown Eastside (VanRIMS No. 08-4000-01)

Councillor Stevenson referred to a recent memorandum providing information on the bedbug issue in the Downtown Eastside. He commended staff on their undertaking in the Downtown Eastside and requested staff continue to provide reports periodically on the issue. The City Manager agreed to the request.

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The Council recessed at 3:00 p.m., and following an In Camera meeting in the Mayor's Office, reconvened in open session at 3:45 p.m. with all members present.

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CIVIC RECOGNITION

The Mayor and Council recognized 11 employees who recently retired from the City with varying lengths of service.

The Mayor presented each employee with a Certificate on behalf of the City, and thanked them for their loyal and dedicated public service to the City of Vancouver.

This was followed immediately by a reception in honour of the retirees.

The Council adjourned at 4:05 p.m.

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