



CITY OF VANCOUVER

## REPORT TO COUNCIL

### STANDING COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL ON TRANSPORTATION AND TRAFFIC

OCTOBER 28, 2008

A Regular Meeting of the Standing Committee of Council on Transportation and Traffic was held on Tuesday, October 28, 2008, at 9:30 a.m., in the Council Chamber, Third Floor, City Hall.

**PRESENT:** Councillor B.C. Lee, Chair  
Mayor Sam Sullivan\*  
Councillor Suzanne Anton  
Councillor Elizabeth Ball, Vice-Chair  
Councillor David Cadman  
Councillor Kim Capri  
Councillor George Chow  
Councillor Heather Deal  
Councillor Peter Ladner  
Councillor Raymond Louie  
Councillor Tim Stevenson

**CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE:** Judy Rogers, City Manager

**CITY CLERK'S OFFICE:** Tina Hildebrandt, Meeting Coordinator

\*Denotes absence for a portion of the meeting.

#### ADOPTION OF MINUTES

The Minutes of the Standing Committee on Transportation and Traffic meeting of July 22, 2008, were adopted.

#### 1. **EcoDensity Revised Action C-10 (May 2008): Amendments to the Zoning and Development By-law to Remove Barriers to Green Building Approaches** October 14, 2008

The Committee also had before it a Memorandum from staff dated October 27, 2008, which provided modifications to the language in the proposed amendment to the Zoning and Development By-law in Appendix A of the report to better reflect what is proposed in the body of the report.

Staff from Planning and the Sustainability Office presented the report, made reference to the Memorandum and responded to questions.

MOVED by Councillor Deal

THAT the Committee recommend to Council

- A. THAT the Director of Planning be instructed to make an application to amend the Zoning and Development By-law, generally in accordance with Appendix A to the Administrative Report *EcoDensity Revised Action C-10 (May 2008): Amendments to the Zoning and Development By-law to Remove Barriers to Green Building Approaches*, dated October 14, 2008, as amended at the Standing Committee on Transportation and Traffic meeting on October 28, 2008, to remove certain barriers to using green building approaches in construction, and to similarly amend the Downtown Official Development Plan By-law, Downtown Eastside/Oppenheimer Official Development Plan By-law, First Shaughnessy Official Development Plan By-law, and Southeast Granville Slopes Official Development Plan By-law, generally in accordance with Appendix A; and

FURTHER THAT the Director of Legal Services be instructed to prepare the necessary amendments to the Zoning and Development By-law, generally in accordance with Appendix A, and to the Downtown Official Development Plan By-law, Downtown Eastside/Oppenheimer Official Development Plan By-law, First Shaughnessy Official Development Plan By-law, and Southeast Granville Slopes Official Development Plan By-law, generally in accordance with Appendix A, for consideration at public hearing.

- B. THAT staff be directed to consult with the UDI (Urban Development Institute) and other interested stakeholders in early 2009 to review the existing enclosed balcony exclusion and Guidelines, in light of the addition of new exemptions by Council and evolving City priorities.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**2. Canada Line Station Precinct Improvements  
October 15, 2008**

Staff from Engineering Services and the Rapid Transit Office presented the report and, together with a representative from the Canada Line Project Office responded to questions.

Staff agreed to provide a memorandum on accessibility features in the stations, in particular escalator and elevator provisions.

MOVED by Councillor Ball

THAT the Committee recommend to Council

- A. THAT Council approve the proposed improvements at Canada Line Station precincts, as outlined in Tables 1 through 10, of the Administrative Report *Canada Line Station Precinct Improvements*, dated October 15, 2008, to be

coordinated with the road restoration following construction of Canada Line Rapid Transit Stations. The estimated cost is \$2,392,800 with City funding of \$2,102,450 to be provided from existing capital budgets approved for the Cambie Street Restoration and the Traffic Signals program and the balance from External sources.

- B. THAT Council adopt the Cambie Village Public Realm Guidelines to necessitate future private redevelopments in the Cambie Village area to conform to these streetscape standards creating a consistent look for the area over time.
- C. THAT Council approve an increase of \$3,817 in annual operating budget for maintenance of new signs and pavement markings commencing in 2010 and subject to annual budget review.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY  
(Mayor absent for the vote)

**3. Additional Taxicab and Dual Taxicab Licences for Years 2008/2009  
October 7, 2008**

Staff from Licenses & Inspections provided a brief background and responded to questions.

REFERRAL MOVED by Councillor Louie  
THAT the Committee recommend to Council

THAT Council refer the Administrative Report *Additional Taxicab and Dual Taxicab Licences for Years 2008/2009*, dated October 7, 2008, to staff to allow for further discussions with the Taxi Roundtable in order to resolve outstanding issues.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Committee adjourned at 11:03 p.m.

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CITY OF VANCOUVER

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
STANDING COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL ON  
TRANSPORTATION AND TRAFFIC

OCTOBER 28, 2008

A Regular Meeting of the Council of the City of Vancouver was held on Tuesday, October 28, 2008, at 11:03 a.m., in the Council Chamber, Third Floor, City Hall, following the Standing Committee on Transportation and Traffic meeting, to consider the recommendations and actions of the Committee.

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

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**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

MOVED by Councillor Stevenson  
SECONDED by Councillor Anton

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Report of Standing Committee on Transportation and Traffic  
October 28, 2008**

Council considered the report containing the recommendations and actions taken by the Standing Committee on Transportation and Traffic. Its items of business included:

1. EcoDensity Revised Action C-10 (May 2008): Amendments to the Zoning and Development By-law to Remove Barriers to Green Building Approaches
2. Canada Line Station Precinct Improvements
3. Additional Taxicab and Dual Taxicab Licences for Years 2008/2009

Items 1 - 3

MOVED by Councillor Chow

THAT the recommendations and actions taken by the Standing Committee on Transportation and Traffic at its meeting of Tuesday, October 28, 2008, as contained in items 1 - 3, be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

#### RISE FROM COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MOVED by Councillor Deal

THAT the Committee of the Whole rise and report.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

#### ADOPT REPORT OF COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MOVED by Councillor Ladner  
SECONDED by Councillor Ball

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

#### NEW BUSINESS

##### 1. Identification Requirements for Civic Election

MOVED by Councillor Chow  
SECONDED by Councillor Louie

WHEREAS it is in the interests of all municipal political parties in Vancouver that there be a high voter turnout and no citizen be denied the right to vote;

WHEREAS the recent federal election reflected an all-time low turnout of Canadian voters;

WHEREAS, based on reports from the federal election, there are concerns that immigrant seniors, homeless people, and students may be disenfranchised if restrictive interpretations of election ID requirements are used;

WHEREAS part of the mission of the City of Vancouver is to involve citizens in their city and its governance;

WHEREAS the Vancouver Charter and existing voter regulations are permissive in the classes of ID they permit for registration on voting day;

WHEREAS there is little or no history of identification fraud in Vancouver elections, and that historic concerns have rather been a disproportionately low number of voters given Vancouver's population;

WHEREAS many of the groups who are most likely to be disproportionately disenfranchised are explicitly protected against such disproportional impact by the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms, the B.C. Human Rights Act, and international agreements to which Canada is a party; and,

WHEREAS re-statement of the existing regulations around voting, and how such rules should be interpreted, will assist in expediting the Election Day process and ensure a more consistent practice across the city;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. Staff be instructed to train election day workers (in particular Presiding Election Officials at each polling station) to accept the following types of identification when a voter is registering on election day as the below list of identification requires an individual to prove his or her identity in a verifiable way prior to the identification being issued:
  - Senior and Social Housing Rent Receipt
  - Seniors' Bus Passes,
  - Canadian Passports,
  - Pigeon Park Savings member/debit card,
  - Correctional Services Identification,
  - Pigeon Park Savings VanCity Bank Statement,
  - Photo Copied ID stamped by Ministry of Housing and Social Development or Pigeon Park Savings, and
  - Indian Status cards
2. Election day staff (in particular Presiding Election Officials at each polling station) be instructed that when they are exercising their discretion in response to a voter presenting other kinds of identification that they work towards the enfranchisement of voters.

#### Notice

Councillor Anton called Notice under Section 5.4 (c) of the Procedure By-law. The Motion will be considered at the Regular Council meeting to be held later that day.

**2. Advanced Poll in Strathcona/Downtown Eastside**

MOVED by Councillor Cadman

SECONDED by Councillor Stevenson

WHEREAS advanced voting provides citizens with a larger window of time in which to cast votes;

AND WHEREAS advance voting enhances voter participation, particularly for citizens who are elderly, disabled or have other challenges that may prevent them from voting on election day;

AND WHEREAS many residents of the Downtown Eastside have difficulty proving the electors residency requirements;

AND WHEREAS there is currently no advanced polling location near the Downtown Eastside;

AND WHEREAS the Downtown Eastside and adjoining areas have often registered a lower voter turnout relative to other areas of the city;

AND WHEREAS some of the most pressing issues facing all residents of Vancouver in this election directly impact residents of the Downtown Eastside, including homelessness, crime, and drug addiction;

AND WHEREAS the Strathcona Community Centre could serve as an ideal advance poll location for residents of the Downtown Eastside and adjacent areas;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Vancouver City Council direct the Vancouver Elections Office to schedule an advance poll at a location in the Downtown Eastside, Strathcona, Chinatown districts.

Notice

Councillor Anton called Notice under Section 5.4 (c) of the Procedure By-law. The Motion will be considered at the Regular Council meeting to be held later that day.

The Council adjourned at 11:10 a.m.

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