



REPORT TO COUNCIL
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

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FEBRUARY 5, 2009

A Special Meeting of the Council of the City of Vancouver was held on Thursday, February 5, 2009, at 7:30 p.m., in the Council Chamber, Third Floor, City Hall.

PRESENT: Mayor Gregor Robertson
Councillor Suzanne Anton*
Councillor David Cadman
Councillor George Chow
Councillor Heather Deal
Councillor Kerry Jang
Councillor Raymond Louie
Councillor Geoff Meggs
Councillor Andrea Reimer*
Councillor Tim Stevenson
Councillor Ellen Woodsworth

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE: Tina Hildebrandt, Meeting Coordinator

* Denotes absence for a portion of the meeting.

MOVED by Councillor Deal
SECONDED by Councillor Stevenson

THAT this Council resolve itself into Court of Revision for the purpose of hearing complaints against the accuracy of names of property owners, or any other complaint which persons interested may desire to make and which is by-law cognizable by the Court, Mayor Robertson in the Chair.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

COURT OF REVISION

Projects by Council Initiative

Gastown BIA
Mount Pleasant BIA
Point Grey Village BIA
South Granville BIA
Victoria Drive BIA
West End BIA
Yaletown BIA

Delegations Concerning Errors

Mayor Robertson called for representations relating only to errors or omissions in the names of property owners, and no one came forward.

RISE FROM COURT OF REVISION

MOVED by Councillor Stevenson
SECONDED by Councillor Cadman

THAT the Court of Revision rise and report.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

COUNCIL

Adopt the Report of the Court of Revision

MOVED by Councillor Cadman
SECONDED by Councillor Jang

THAT the report of the Court of Revision be adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Memorandum from the Coordinator, BIA Program January 30, 2009

Before Council was a memorandum from Peter Vaisbord, Coordinator, BIA Program, dated January 30, 2009, which noted that on November 25, 2008, Council considered applications to re-establish (renew) the following Business Improvement Areas (BIAs):

Gastown BIA
Mount Pleasant BIA
Point Grey Village BIA
South Granville BIA
Victoria Drive BIA
West End BIA
Yaletown BIA

The applications were described in the Appendices attached to the above-noted memorandum. Property owners in the BIA areas were given appropriate notifications as required by the Vancouver Charter, and business tenants also received notification according to City Policy.

Also before Council was a memorandum dated February 5, 2009, from the Coordinator, BIA Program, which provided information on the objections received for the BIA applications, updated to 5:00 p.m., February 5, 2009.

Peter Vaisbord, Coordinator, BIA Program, reviewed the agenda and process with Council, and reviewed the objections received for the applications. Prior to considering the applications, the following speakers were heard:

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At 7:52 p.m. Councillor Reimer declared Conflict of Interest as she is the Executive Director of an organization in the Gastown BIA area and determines the organization's relationship with the BIA. She left the Chamber and did not return until the conclusion of the vote at 7:55 p.m.

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Gastown BIA Renewal

Leanore Sali, Executive Director, Gastown Business Improvement Society, was available to respond to questions.

There were no speakers on this BIA renewal.

MOVED by Councillor Deal
SECONDED by Councillor Meggs

THAT the application of the Gastown Business Improvement Society, as described in Appendix A, of the Memorandum "*BIA Court of Revision Applications - BIA Renewals*" dated January 30, 2009, be approved and that the Director of Legal Services, in consultation with the Director of Planning, prepare by-laws to re-establish (renew) the Gastown BIA, establish a new funding ceiling, and to remit monies for a business promotion scheme.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Councillor Reimer absent for the vote.)

Mount Pleasant BIA Renewal

Lynn Warwick, Executive Director, Mount Pleasant Commercial Improvement Society, was available to respond to questions.

There were no speakers on this BIA renewal.

MOVED by Councillor Deal
SECONDED by Councillor Jang

THAT the application of the Mount Pleasant Commercial Improvement Society, as described in Appendix B, of the Memorandum *"BIA Court of Revision Applications - BIA Renewals"* dated January 30, 2009, be approved and that the Director of Legal Services, in consultation with the Director of Planning, prepare by-laws to re-establish (renew) the Mount Pleasant BIA, establish a new funding ceiling, and to remit monies for a business promotion scheme.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Point Grey Village BIA Renewal

Cheryl Easton, Manager, Point Grey Village Business Association, was available to respond to questions.

There were no speakers on this BIA renewal.

MOVED by Councillor Woodsworth
SECONDED by Councillor Cadman

THAT the application of the Point Grey Village Business Association, as described in Appendix C, of the Memorandum *"BIA Court of Revision Applications - BIA Renewals"* dated January 30, 2009, be approved and that the Director of Legal Services, in consultation with the Director of Planning, prepare by-laws to re-establish (renew) the Point Grey Village BIA, establish a new funding ceiling, and to remit monies for a business promotion scheme.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

South Granville BIA Renewal

Sharon Townsend, Executive Director, South Granville Business Improvement Association, provided a brief history and spoke in support of the application.

There were no speakers on this BIA renewal.

MOVED by Councillor Cadman
SECONDED by Councillor Reimer

THAT the application of the South Granville Business Improvement Association, as described in Appendix D, of the Memorandum *"BIA Court of Revision Applications - BIA Renewals"* dated January 30, 2009, be approved and that the Director of Legal Services, in consultation with the Director of Planning, prepare by-laws to re-establish

(renew) the South Granville BIA, establish a new funding ceiling, and to remit monies for a business promotion scheme.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Victoria Drive BIA Renewal

Rania Hatz, Coordinator, Victoria Drive Business Improvement Association, provided a brief history and spoke in support of the application. Ms. Hatz, together with Bob Rai, President, Victoria Drive Business Improvement Association, responded to questions.

Council heard from Mike Colombo, business owner, who spoke in opposition to the annual BIA levy (*submission on file*).

MOVED by Councillor Deal
SECONDED by Councillor Chow

THAT the application of the Victoria Drive Business Improvement Association, as described in Appendix E, of the Memorandum "*BIA Court of Revision Applications - BIA Renewals*" dated January 30, 2009, be approved and that the Director of Legal Services, in consultation with the Director of Planning, prepare by-laws to re-establish (renew) the Victoria Drive BIA, establish a new funding ceiling, and to remit monies for a business promotion scheme.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Councillor Anton absent for the vote.)

West End BIA Renewal

Lyn Hellyar, Executive Director, Davie Village Business Improvement Association, spoke in support of the application and responded to questions.

There were no speakers on this BIA renewal.

MOVED by Councillor Stevenson
SECONDED by Councillor Cadman

THAT the application of the Davie Village Business Improvement Association, sponsor of the West End BIA, as described in Appendix F, of the Memorandum "*BIA Court of Revision Applications - BIA Renewals*" dated January 30, 2009, be approved and that the Director of Legal Services, in consultation with the Director of Planning, prepare by-laws to re-establish (renew) the West End BIA, establish a new funding ceiling, and to remit monies for a business promotion scheme.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Yaletown BIA Renewal

Annette O'Shea, Executive Director, Yaletown Business Improvement Association, spoke in support of the application and reviewed accomplishments over the past 12 years.

There were no speakers on this BIA renewal.

MOVED by Councillor Cadman
SECONDED by Councillor Woodsworth

THAT the application of the Yaletown Business Improvement Association, as described in Appendix G, of the Memorandum "*BIA Court of Revision Applications - BIA Renewals*" dated January 30, 2009, be approved and that the Director of Legal Services, in consultation with the Director of Planning, prepare by-laws to re-establish (renew) the Yaletown BIA, establish a new funding ceiling, and to remit monies for a business promotion scheme.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Special Council adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

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