



REPORT TO COUNCIL

STANDING COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL ON TRANSPORTATION AND TRAFFIC

MARCH 3, 2009

A Regular Meeting of the Standing Committee of Council on Transportation and Traffic was held on Tuesday, March 3, 2009, at 9:30 a.m., in the Council Chamber, Third Floor, City Hall.

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

ABSENT: Councillor Tim Stevenson (Leave of Absence - Civic Business)

CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE: Penny Ballem, City Manager

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE: Denise Salmon, 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 February 17, 2009, were adopted.

MATTERS ADOPTED ON CONSENT

MOVED by Councillor Louie
THAT the Committee recommend to Council

THAT agenda items 1 and 2 be adopted on consent.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Councillor Reimer and the Mayor absent for the vote)

1. **Emergency Operations Centre Renovations
February 4, 2009**

THAT the Committee recommend to Council

THAT Council approve a budget of \$370,000 for renovations to the Emergency Operations Centre (EOC) and that funding be provided in advance of the 2009 Basic Capital Budget.

ADOPTED ON CONSENT

2. **Report Back on 3-Month Sunday Trial Car-Free Street Initiative
February 10, 2009**

THAT the Committee recommend to Council

- A. THAT staff undertake a consultation process with interested BIAs or business associations, community groups and other stakeholders, regarding the nature and selection of Car-Free initiatives to begin in June 2009.
- B. THAT staff report back to Council before June 2009 on the results of the consultation, recommended initiatives, and the specifics of each initiative including possible cost implications.
- C. THAT staff consider proposals that may be less than three months in duration and on any day of the week.

ADOPTED ON CONSENT

3. **Building Affordable and Rental Housing**

Vancouver City Council at its meeting on February 19, 2009, due to time constraints, agreed to refer this matter to a future Standing Committee in order to hear from speakers.

Social Development, Planning, and Development Services staff responded to questions.

The Committee heard from seven speakers who spoke in general support of the motion, and offered additional recommendations to help address the lack of affordable rental and market housing in the city.

The following motion reflects amendments to the original motion which were accepted by Council:

MOVED by Councillor Meggs
THAT the Committee recommend to Council

WHEREAS buying a home in the City of Vancouver requires an annual family income that is at least double what most families earn in this city; and

WHEREAS a sufficient stock of affordable rental and market housing is necessary for the social, economic and environmental sustainability of the city; and

WHEREAS private sector developers have indicated a strong willingness to work with the City to find solutions to the challenge of creating rental and affordable market housing; and

WHEREAS City action to support private sector investment in the generation of this kind of housing will help the city's economy and lay the foundation for long-term benefits to citizens; and

WHEREAS Vancouver should be a leader in the development of innovative programs to accelerate the construction of affordable housing, both for rental and home ownership;

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT:

1. Council ask the Mayor to convene as soon as practicable, a round-table consultation engaging City staff with housing specialists, developers, real estate consultants, architects and designers, neighbourhood leaders, TRAC Tenant Resource & Advisory Centre, and other stakeholders to seek their advice and input on, but not limited to:
 - short-term measures by which the City can increase the stock of rental and affordable housing;
 - elements of a longer-term strategy that builds on or reshapes existing initiatives;
 - prioritizing and streamlining the development permit processing of rental and affordable housing applications;
 - new initiatives, including consideration of incentives, to create new rental and affordable housing stock;
 - encouraging these new developments at or near rapid transit station locations.
2. Council direct staff to report back to Council as soon as possible following the round table consultation on methods to increase the supply of rental and affordable housing in the immediate term;
3. Council direct staff to report back to Council by the end of September 2009 on the state of rental and affordable housing in the city, including need, existing affordable housing, and the City's role in the development, operation and

funding of affordable housing in the city, as well as affordable housing strategies now being employed in other municipalities, especially those championed by SmartGrowth BC;

4. Council direct staff to report back to Council, by the end of March 2009, on additional measures to protect existing rental housing stock.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Committee adjourned at 11:33 a.m.

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

MARCH 3, 2009

A Regular Meeting of the Council of the City of Vancouver was held on Tuesday, March 3, 2009, at 11:33 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 Gregor Robertson
Councillor Suzanne Anton
Councillor David Cadman
Councillor George Chow
Councillor Heather Deal
Councillor Kerry Jang
Councillor Raymond Louie
Councillor Geoff Meggs
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COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MOVED by Councillor Cadman
SECONDED by Councillor Jang

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Report of Standing Committee on Transportation and Traffic
March 3, 2009**

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

1. Emergency Operations Centre Renovations
2. Report Back on 3-Month Sunday Trial Car-Free Street Initiative
3. Building Affordable and Rental Housing

Items 1-3

MOVED by Councillor Cadman

THAT the recommendations and actions taken by the Standing Committee on Transportation and Traffic at its meeting of March 3, 2009, as contained in items 1-3, be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

RISE FROM COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MOVED by Councillor Cadman

THAT the Committee of the Whole rise and report.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADOPT REPORT OF COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MOVED by Councillor Deal
SECONDED by Councillor Cadman

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Council adjourned at 11:34 a.m.

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