

REPORT TO COUNCIL

STANDING COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL  
ON CITY SERVICES AND BUDGETS

APRIL 9, 2009

A Regular Meeting of the Standing Committee of Council on City Services and Budgets was held on Thursday, April 9, 2009, at 9:30 a.m., in the Council Chamber, Third Floor, City Hall.

**PRESENT:** Councillor Raymond Louie\*\*, Chair (Items 1, 2 and  
portion of Item 3)  
Mayor Gregor Robertson, Acting Chair (portion of Item 3 and  
Item 4)  
Councillor Suzanne Anton  
Councillor David Cadman  
Councillor George Chow  
Councillor Heather Deal  
Councillor Kerry Jang\*  
Councillor Geoff Meggs, Vice-Chair  
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.

\*\*Denotes absence on civic business for a portion of the meeting.

**ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Standing Committee on City Services and Budgets meeting of March 26, 2009, were adopted.

**1. Approval of 2009 - 2010 Business Improvement Area (BIA) Budgets  
March 30, 2009**

The BIA Coordinator and the City Manager responded to questions.

Council heard from two speakers from the Cambie Village BIA who expressed concerns with aspects of staff's recommendations.

MOVED by Councillor Chow  
THAT the Committee recommend to Council

A. THAT Council approve the 2009-10 fiscal year Budgets for the BIAs listed below as described in the Administrative Report dated March 30, 2009, entitled

"Approval of 2009 - 2010 Business Improvement Area (BIA) Budgets", approve grants to these BIAs in the amounts listed; and

FURTHER THAT Council instruct staff to bring forward the appropriate rating by-laws to recover the amounts of these grants:

<u>BIA</u>	<u>LEVY</u>
Downtown	\$2,100,914
Robson	506,888
Kerrisdale	300,000
Mount Pleasant	240,000
West End	600,000
South Granville	593,000
Yaletown	531,003
Chinatown	248,897
Commercial Drive	248,400
Commercial Drive Exp.	150,000
Marpole	150,000
Strathcona	358,671
Collingwood	182,764
Hastings North	250,000
Kitsilano Fourth Avenue	140,000
Point Grey Village	80,000
Victoria Drive	130,000
Fraser Street	101,000
Dunbar Village	135,000

- B. THAT Council approve the 2009-10 fiscal year Budget for the BIA listed below as described in the Administrative Report dated March 30, 2009, entitled "Approval of 2009 - 2010 Business Improvement Area (BIA) Budgets", approve a grant to this BIA in the amount listed; and

FURTHER THAT Council instruct staff to bring forward the appropriate rating by-law to recover the amounts of this grant:

<u>BIA</u>	<u>LEVY</u>
Gastown	\$501,500

- C. THAT Council approve a commitment of \$250,000 to the Cambie Village BIA and ask the City Manager and General Manager of Community Services to resolve appropriate means of recovering the amount of this grant.

carried

AMENDMENT MOVED by Councillor Anton

THAT the following be added to A above:

<u>BIA</u>	<u>LEVY</u>
Cambie Village	\$100,000

and;

FURTHER THAT the figure \$250,000 in C above be struck and substituted with the figure \$150,000 to read:

THAT Council approve a commitment of \$150,000 to the Cambie Village BIA and ask the City Manager and General Manager of Community Services to resolve appropriate means of recovering the amount of this grant.

LOST

(Councillors Cadman, Chow, Deal, Louie, Meggs, Reimer, Woodsworth and the Mayor opposed)  
(Councillor Jang absent for the vote)

- - - - -

*Councillor Reimer declared Conflict of Interest on Motion B as she is involved in the Gastown BIA.*

- - - - -

The amendment having LOST, the Motion was put. Council agreed to separate the vote on the components of the Motion. A and C were CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY with Councillor Jang absent for the vote. B was CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY with Councillors Jang and Reimer (Conflict of Interest) absent for the vote.

**2. 2010 Winter Games By-law Regarding Relaxation for Temporary Accommodation  
March 26, 2009**

Housing Policy staff provided an overview of the report, and along with the Director, Olympic and Paralympic Operations, the General Manager of Community Services and the City Manager, responded to questions.

Council heard from seven speakers in general support of staff's recommendations, with concerns raised in regard to various aspects of the report, including flexibility of the proposed by-law and the Province's role in regard to amendments to the Residential Tenancy Act.

- - - - -

*During the hearing of speakers it was  
MOVED by Councillor Deal*

*THAT, under Section 2.3 (c) of the Procedure By-law, Council extend the length of the Standing Committee on City Services and Budgets meeting by one hour or less.*

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

- - - - -

MOVED by Councillor Meggs  
THAT the Committee recommend to Council

- A. THAT Council relax the Zoning and Development By-law, generally in accordance with Appendix A of the Administrative Report dated March 26, 2009, entitled "2010 Winter Games By-law Regarding Relaxation for Temporary Accommodation", to allow owners to rent temporary accommodation in a dwelling unit or single bedroom within a dwelling unit for periods less than 30 days, from January 1, 2010 to March 31, 2010, provided that the temporary accommodation would not otherwise have been occupied by a tenant, boarder, or lodger after June 1, 2009, and that an owner renting a dwelling unit for temporary accommodation obtain a business license at the usual \$106 fee; and

FURTHER THAT Council instruct the Director of Legal Services to bring forward for enactment a By-law entitled "2010 Winter Games By-law", generally in accordance with Appendix A, to relax the Zoning and Development By-law and to amend the License By-law, for the purposes set out above.

- B. THAT Council request the Province to amend the Residential Tenancy Act (RTA) to prohibit evictions between June 1, 2009 and March 31, 2010, other than by reason of tenant default.
- C. THAT Council request the Province open a Residential Tenancy Branch full-time staffed office in Vancouver in the downtown core or along the Broadway Corridor for twelve months encompassing the Games, including the pre and post Games period.
- D. THAT Council approve use of the temporary accommodation license revenue to fund additional legal resources to support implementation of the proposed By-law.
- E. THAT staff continue to monitor the impact of the proposed relaxation for temporary accommodation, and report back on additional measures necessary to mitigate negative impacts on tenants.

carried

AMENDMENT MOVED by Councillor Anton

THAT the figure \$106 in A above be struck and substituted with the figure \$150 to read as follows:

THAT Council relax the Zoning and Development By-law, generally in accordance with Appendix A of the Administrative Report dated March 26, 2009, entitled "2010 Winter Games By-law Regarding Relaxation for Temporary Accommodation", to allow owners to rent temporary accommodation in a dwelling unit or single bedroom within a dwelling unit for periods less than 30 days, from January 1, 2010 to March 31, 2010, provided

that the temporary accommodation would not otherwise have been occupied by a tenant, boarder, or lodger after June 1, 2009, and that an owner renting a dwelling unit for temporary accommodation obtain a business license at the usual \$150 fee; and

LOST

(Councillors Cadman, Chow, Deal, Louie, Meggs, Reimer, Woodsworth and the Mayor opposed)

(Councillor Jang absent for the vote)

The amendment having LOST, the motion was put and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY, with Councillor Jang absent for the vote.

**3. Preliminary City Comments on Draft Regional Plan: *Metro Vancouver 2040*  
March 27, 2009**

The Assistant Director, City-Wide & Regional Planning responded to questions.

One speaker expressed concern with the lack of adequate protection for greenspace in the draft plan.

-----

*At 12:30 p.m. Councillor Louie left the meeting on civic business, and the Mayor assumed the Chair for the remainder of the meeting.*

-----

MOVED by Councillor Reimer

THAT the Committee recommend to Council

THAT Council forward the Administrative Report dated March 27, 2009, entitled "Preliminary City Comments on Draft Regional Plan: *Metro Vancouver 2040*" regarding *Draft Metro Vancouver 2040* to the Metro Board in response to Metro's request for preliminary municipal comments for their public consultation materials.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

(Councillor Louie absent on civic business for the vote)

**4. Expansion of the TransLink Universal Pass Program to all Public Post-secondary Students**

Three speakers spoke in support of the motion to expand TransLink's Universal Pass Program to all public post-secondary students.

MOVED by Councillor Meggs

THAT the Committee recommend to Council

WHEREAS TransLink states that the U-Pass is a "way of providing students with affordable access to public transit and reducing vehicle trips to campuses;" and

WHEREAS in order to meet the greenhouse gas emissions set by the premier of British Columbia, transit ridership in the GVRD would have to double by 2020; and

WHEREAS implementation of the U-Pass at SFU and UBC has led to 39% and 53% increases in ridership since 2003; and

WHEREAS the Students' Unions of Vancouver Community College, Douglas Students' Union and the Emily Carr Students' Union have repeatedly requested that TransLink remove the "revenue neutrality" policy (institutions with high ridership prior to U-Pass implementation are assessed a higher U-Pass fee) to allow for the expansion of a fairly priced Universal Pass to all public post-secondary students in Metro Vancouver; and

WHEREAS the Presidents of VCC and Emily Carr have sent letters of support to TransLink for a fairly priced Universal Pass at their institutions; and

WHEREAS UBC students pay \$23.75/month, SFU students pay \$26.10/month, while Vancouver Community College, Emily Carr University and Douglas College students are forced to pay up to five times that amount; and

WHEREAS the BC Select Standing Committee on Finance and Government Services agrees with students that accessible transit services are an important spending priority and has urged government to consider facilitating the implementation of a standard U-Pass, bearing in mind the regional differences in transit services; and

WHEREAS The Students' Unions of Vancouver Community College, Douglas Students' Union and the Emily Carr Students' Union intend to launch a formal complaint against the Ministry of Transportation and TransLink through the BC Ombudsman for U-Pass price discrimination;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City of Vancouver endorse the formal complaint to the BC Ombudsman launched on behalf of students of Emily Carr University, Vancouver Community College and Douglas College seeking an end to this discriminatory policy; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the City of Vancouver endorse the call of the Students' Unions of Vancouver Community College, Emily Carr Students' Union and Douglas Students' Union for a standardized price for the Universal Pass program in Metro Vancouver that will not increase the cost to students already included in the program; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED THAT the City of Vancouver, through the Mayor, communicate this decision to the TransLink Board of Directors and Transport Minister Kevin Falcon and circulate this resolution to other municipalities through the TransLink service area for their consideration and endorsement.

carried

AMENDMENT MOVED by Councillor Anton

THAT in the first resolve, the word "discriminatory" be struck and substituted with the word "unequal" to read:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City of Vancouver endorse the formal complaint to the BC Ombudsman launched on behalf of students of Emily Carr University, Vancouver Community College and Douglas College seeking an end to this unequal policy; and

LOST

(Councillors Cadman, Chow, Deal, Jang, Meggs, Woodsworth and the Mayor opposed)  
(Councillors Louie absent on civic business and Councillor Reimer absent for the vote)

The amendment having LOST, the motion was put and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY, with Councillor Louie absent on civic business and Councillor Reimer absent for the vote.

The Committee adjourned at 12:58 p.m.

\* \* \* \* \*



REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
STANDING COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL ON  
CITY SERVICES AND BUDGETS

APRIL 9, 2009

A Regular Meeting of the Council of the City of Vancouver was held on Thursday, April 9, 2009, at 12:58 p.m., in the Council Chamber, Third Floor, City Hall, following the Standing Committee on City Services and Budgets 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 Geoff Meggs  
Councillor Ellen Woodsworth

**ABSENT:** Councillor Raymond Louie (Civic Business)  
Councillor Andrea Reimer  
Councillor Tim Stevenson (Leave of Absence - Civic Business)

**CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE:** Penny Ballem, City Manager

**CITY CLERK'S OFFICE:** Denise Salmon, Meeting Coordinator

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

MOVED by Councillor Chow  
SECONDED by Councillor Cadman

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Report of Standing Committee on City Services and Budgets  
April 9, 2009

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

1. Approval of 2009 - 2010 Business Improvement Area (BIA) Budgets
2. 2010 Winter Games By-law Regarding Relaxation for Temporary Accommodation
3. Preliminary City Comments on Draft Regional Plan: *Metro Vancouver 2040*
4. Expansion of the TransLink Universal Pass Program to all Public Post-secondary Students

#### Items 1-4

MOVED by Councillor Deal

THAT the recommendations and actions taken by the Standing Committee on City Services and Budgets at its meeting of April 9, 2009, as contained in items 1-4, be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

#### RISE FROM COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MOVED by Councillor Woodsworth

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 Woodsworth

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

#### BY-LAWS

MOVED by Councillor Deal

SECONDED by Councillor Cadman

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

1. A By-law to enact the Vancouver 2010 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games By-law regarding parking on East Fraser Lands (By-law No. 9836)

The Council adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

\* \* \* \* \*