



REPORT TO COUNCIL

STANDING COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL  
ON PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT

MAY 7, 2009

A Regular Meeting of the Standing Committee of Council on Planning and Environment was held on Thursday, May 7, 2009, at 2:00 p.m., in the Council Chamber, Third Floor, City Hall.

- PRESENT:** Councillor Andrea Reimer, Chair  
Mayor Gregor Robertson  
Councillor David Cadman  
Councillor George Chow  
Councillor Heather Deal, Vice-Chair\*  
Councillor Kerry Jang  
Councillor Raymond Louie  
Councillor Geoff Meggs  
Councillor Tim Stevenson  
Councillor Ellen Woodsworth
- ABSENT:** Councillor Suzanne Anton (Leave of Absence - Civic Business)
- CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE:** Penny Ballem, City Manager
- CITY CLERK'S OFFICE:** Pat Boomhower, Meeting Coordinator

\* Denotes absence for a portion of the meeting.

**ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Standing Committee on Planning and Environment meeting of April 23, 2009, were adopted.

**1. Burrard Bridge Lane Re-allocation Trial  
April 29, 2009**

At its meeting on May 5, 2009, Council heard from speakers on this matter, and agreed to continue hearing from previously registered speakers at the Standing Committee on Planning and Environment meeting on May 7, 2009, as the first item of business.

The Committee heard from six speakers who spoke in favour of two lanes re-allocated to cyclists (Report option A1), one of whom suggested phased implementation, and one who recommended provision and incentive for transit use.

Engineering and Communications staff responded to questions.

MOVED by Councillor Jang

THAT the Committee recommend to Council

- A. THAT staff implement a trial re-allocation of the west curb lane of the Burrard Bridge between Cornwall Avenue and Pacific Street to provide a southbound bicycle lane on the bridge, convert the east sidewalk to an exclusive northbound bicycle path and direct all pedestrians to use the west sidewalk, and that staff implement a number of modifications to the configuration and operation of the road network downtown and south of False Creek to accommodate these changes on the Burrard Bridge and to facilitate use of the Granville and Cambie Bridges, as described in the Administrative Report *Burrard Bridge Lane Re-allocation Trial*, dated April 29, 2009.
- B. THAT staff implement a monitoring and evaluation program and provide interim reports to Council regarding the operations and results of the trial with the first report prior to July 31, 2009 and subsequent reports thereafter.
- C. THAT funding for a trial lane re-allocation on the Burrard Bridge, for related modifications to the City's road network, for a communications program and for a monitoring and evaluation program be provided to a maximum amount of \$1,450,000 from Streets Capital - Burrard Bridge Pedestrian & Cycling Improvements.
- D. THAT staff consider the option of installing a handrail or crash barrier system on the east sidewalk during the trial.

AMENDMENT MOVED by Councillor Woodsworth

THAT the motion be amended by striking A and substituting it with:

THAT staff implement a trial re-allocation of the two curb lanes of the Burrard Bridge between Cornwall Avenue and Pacific Street to provide northbound and southbound bicycle lanes on the bridge and that staff implement a number of modifications to the configuration and operation of the road network downtown and south of False Creek to accommodate these changes on the Burrard Bridge and to facilitate use of the Granville and Cambie Bridges, as described in the Administrative Report *Burrard Bridge Lane Re-allocation Trial*, dated April 29, 2009.

LOST

(Councillors Chow, Deal, Jang, Louie, Meggs, Reimer and Stevenson and the Mayor opposed)

The amendment having lost, the main motion was put and CARRIED with Councillors Cadman and Woodsworth opposed.

FINAL MOTION AS ADOPTED

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  - D. THAT staff consider the option of installing a handrail or crash barrier system on the east sidewalk during the trial.
2. **Southeast False Creek Financing Update and Approval of Debenture Program May 1, 2009**

General Manager - Business Planning and Services provided an overview of the report, and along with the City Manager, responded to questions.

MOVED by Councillor Cadman

THAT the Committee recommend to Council

- A. THAT Council approve borrowing authority of \$150 million under authority provided by Section 190.1 of the Vancouver Charter for financing of the Southeast False Creek Area 2A development.
- B. THAT Council empower the Director of Finance to act and instruct the City's Fiscal Agent for the Southeast False Creek financing arrangement to proceed with the proposed \$150 million debenture issue and to set the rate, price and other terms on which the debenture will be issued by the City.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

(Councillor Deal absent for the vote)

**3. SRA Exemption Application for C&N Backpackers Hostel (927 Main)**

Vancouver City Council, at its meeting on May 5, 2009, referred this item to the Standing Committee on Planning and Environment meeting on May 7, 2009, in order to hear from speakers.

Housing Policy staff provided an overview and responded to questions.

The Committee heard from one speaker who expressed concern regarding the percentage of units with daily and weekly rentals in hotels and hostels, and recommended amending the SRA By-law prior to the Olympics and enforcement.

MOVED by Councillor Louie

THAT the Committee recommend to Council

THAT Council grant an exemption from the Single Room Accommodation By-law of all 39 units at 927 Main Street (C&N Backpackers Hostel).

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Committee adjourned at 3:50 p.m.

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REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
STANDING COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL ON  
PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT

MAY 7, 2009

A Regular Meeting of the Council of the City of Vancouver was held on Thursday, May 7, 2009, at 3:51 p.m. in the Council Chamber, Third Floor, City Hall, following the Standing Committee on Planning and Environment meeting, to consider the recommendations and actions of the Committee.

**PRESENT:** Mayor Gregor Robertson  
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

**ABSENT:** Councillor Suzanne Anton (Leave of Absence - Civic Business)

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

**CITY CLERK'S OFFICE:** Pat Boomhower, Meeting Coordinator

**"IN CAMERA" MEETING**

MOVED by Councillor Chow  
SECONDED by Councillor Deal

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):

- (g) litigation or potential litigation affecting the city;
- (i) the receipt of advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MOVED by Councillor Cadman  
SECONDED by Councillor Deal

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS

### 1. Olympic Legacy Fund

Vancouver City Council, at its meeting on May 5, 2009, referred this item to the Regular Council meeting immediately following Standing Committee on Planning and Environment meeting on May 7, 2009, due to time constraints.

The following motion reflects an amendment to the original motion which was accepted by Council.

MOVED by Councillor Woodsworth  
SECONDED by Councillor Reimer

THAT the City Manager report back on whether there is funding available in the Olympic Legacy fund to allocate to a City of Vancouver legacy for the homeless.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

### 1. Report of Standing Committee on Planning and Environment May 7, 2009

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

1. Burrard Bridge Lane Re-allocation Trial
2. Southeast False Creek Financing Update and Approval of Debenture Program
3. SRA Exemption Application for C&N Backpackers Hostel (927 Main)

### Items 1 - 3

MOVED by Councillor Woodsworth

THAT the recommendations and actions taken by the Standing Committee on Planning and Environment at its meeting of May 7, 2009, as contained in items 1 - 3, be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**2. Report of Standing Committee on City Services and Budgets  
May 7, 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. Collingwood Neighbourhood House Society Recreation/Gymnasium Operating Funding 2009
2. Passive Design Toolkit
3. Appeals of Community Services Grants Recommendations - 2009
4. Burn Fund Project: 3891 Main Street
5. Fire Hall No.15 - Restoration, Reuse and Incorporation into a New Fire Facility

**Items 1 - 5**

MOVED by Councillor Louie

THAT the recommendations and actions taken by the Standing Committee on City Services and Budgets at its meeting of May 7, 2009, as contained in items 1 - 5, be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AND  
ITEMS 3 AND 4 BY THE REQUIRED MAJORITY

**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 Cadman  
SECONDED by Councillor Jang

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Council adjourned at 3:59 p.m.

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