



REPORT TO COUNCIL

STANDING COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL
ON CITY SERVICES AND BUDGETS

MAY 21, 2009

A Regular Meeting of the Standing Committee of Council on City Services and Budgets was held on Thursday, May 21, 2009, at 9:30 a.m., in the Council Chamber, Third Floor, City Hall.

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

ABSENT: Councillor David Cadman (Leave of Absence - Civic Business)
Councillor Heather Deal (Leave of Absence - Civic Business)
Councillor Tim Stevenson (Leave of Absence - Civic Business)

CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE: Penny Ballem, City Manager
James Ridge, Deputy City Manager

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE: Denise Salmon, Meeting Coordinator

CONDOLENCES

The Chair acknowledged the passing of Arthur Erickson, a significant contributor to the landscape of the City of Vancouver. Council agreed to send condolences to his family and friends.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

The Minutes of the Standing Committee on City Services and Budgets meeting of May 7, 2009, were adopted.

MOVED by Councillor Jang

THAT the Speakers List be closed for this meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MATTERS ADOPTED ON CONSENT

MOVED by Councillor Woodsworth
THAT the Committee recommend to Council

THAT agenda item 2 be adopted on consent.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**1. 2009 Celebration Grant Recommendations
April 24, 2009**

The Committee heard from two speakers who thanked Council for their grant.

MOVED by Councillor Woodsworth
THAT the Committee recommend to Council

THAT Council approve a total of \$208,300 in Celebration Grants to 36 organizations and \$75,000 in one-time only supplemental grants to 17 organizations as listed in Appendix A of the Administrative Report dated April 24, 2009, entitled "2009 Celebration Grant Recommendations" including one conditional grant to the Khalsa Diwan Society as noted. Source of funds to be the 2009 Celebration Grants budget and the unallocated portion of the New Grants Program budget for 2009.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AND
BY THE REQUIRED MAJORITY

**2. Information Technology Infrastructure - 2009 Expansion and Replacement Program
April 8, 2009**

THAT the Committee recommend to Council

- A. THAT Council approve the 2009 Information Technology Infrastructure Expansion and Replacement Program, as described in the Administrative Report dated April 8, 2009, entitled "Information Technology Infrastructure - 2009 Expansion and Replacement Program" report, at a cost of \$5,300,000; source of funding to be the Information Technology Long Term Financing Plan.
- B. THAT Council approve an increase to the Information Technology Operating Budget, without offset and subject to annual Budget Review, of \$101,000 beginning in 2010, \$108,000 in 2011 and \$159,000 in 2012 and thereafter for additional annual operating costs.

ADOPTED ON CONSENT

**3. Chinatown Society Buildings Rehabilitation Strategy Update and Extension of the Society Buildings Planning Grant Program (Phase II)
May 6, 2009**

The Committee heard from the Chair of the Chinatown Society Heritage Buildings Association, who spoke in support of staff's recommendation.

Central Area Planning staff responded to questions.

MOVED by Councillor Chow

THAT the Committee recommend to Council

THAT Council approve Phase II of the Chinatown Society Buildings Planning Grant Program, in accordance with the Program's Policies and Procedures as set out in Appendix A of the Administrative Report dated May 6, 2009, entitled "Chinatown Society Buildings Rehabilitation Strategy Update and Extension of the Society Buildings Planning Grant Program (Phase II)" at a cost of \$500,000; source of funds to be the 2009 Capital Budget (Downtown Eastside), subject to approval of the 2009 Basic Capital Budget. Staff will report back to Council for approval of the grants.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**4. Pacific National Exhibition (the "PNE"): Proposed Changes to the Governance Model
May 7, 2009**

The Deputy City Manager provided an overview of the report, and along with the City Manager responded to questions.

The Committee heard from fifteen speakers, the majority of whom urged deferral of this matter until appropriate consultation has occurred and the Master Plan is in place, with an interim Board appointed to address quorum issues.

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During the hearing of speakers it was

MOVED by Councillor Woodsworth

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*

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The Committee agreed to separate the vote on the components of the motion.

MOVED by Councillor Reimer

THAT the Committee recommend to Council

- A. THAT Council approve the dissolution of the Interim Board of Directors effective upon Council's appointment of these members to the Board of Directors of the PNE:
 - i. One Council member
 - ii. One Park Board Commissioner
 - iii. Four City Staff positions
 - (a) General Manager, Community Services
 - (b) General Manager, Financial Services
 - (c) General Manager, Human Resources
 - (d) General Manager, Vancouver Park Board
- B. THAT Council appoint Councillor Louie as its representative to the PNE Board as Chair.
- C. THAT Park Board nominate a Park Board representative for appointment by Council.
- D. THAT Council extend the term of the Interim Advisory Committee until August 30th, 2009 or until the nomination and appointment process to the Board is concluded for the Community and Business representatives.
- E. THAT Council approve, in principle, the new governance model as described in the Administrative Report dated May 7, 2009 entitled "Pacific National Exhibition (the "PNE"): Proposed Changes to the Governance Model", with the following amendments, subject to compliance with the Business Corporations Act of British Columbia (the "Act") and direct the Director of Legal Services to prepare amendments to the PNE's Corporate By-laws to carry out Council's intentions and to be in compliance with the applicable statutory requirements:
 - Interim Board of Directors:
 - That the Interim Board be dissolved and replaced with a new interim governance model that can further the planning and ongoing governance with a strong link to the Master Planning process for Hastings Park.
 - Number of Directors and Term of Office:
 - Three representatives from the Community appointed by Council for two-year staggered terms through the Council appointment process. The representatives are to include:
 - One local area resident representative from the Hastings Sunrise Community, bound by Boundary Road, Nanaimo Street, Burrard Inlet, and Broadway.

- One resident representative of the City of Vancouver with a labour relations background.
- One resident with an environmental background.
- Three representatives from the Vancouver business community appointed by Council for two-year staggered terms through the Council appointment process.

In order to establish staggered two-year terms of the three business representatives, the initial term for one representative is to be one year. Each subsequent term will be for two years.

- F. THAT the new interim governance model be reviewed with full community and stakeholder consultation when the Master Plan is complete, or by March 31, 2012, whichever comes first; and

FURTHER THAT Council direct the City Manager to investigate other comparable city and external boards and report back with recommendations on possible stipends for board members.

CARRIED

(Councillor Anton opposed to A-F, Councillor Woodsworth opposed to B)

5. Open Data, Open Standards and Open Source

At its meeting on May 19, 2009, Vancouver City Council agreed to refer this matter to Thursday's Standing Committee in order to hear from speakers.

The Director, Information Technology, responded to questions.

The Committee heard from two of twelve registered speakers, who spoke in support of the motion.

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At this point in the proceedings the Chair advised due to time constraints, the remainder of the speakers would be heard at the afternoon's Planning and Environment Committee meeting, as its first item of business.

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The Committee adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

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NOTE FROM MEETING COORDINATOR:

Due to lack of the required 8 Council members to approve the grant in Item 1, the Council meeting to adopt the actions and recommendations of the Committee was held following the afternoon's Standing Committee on Planning and Environment.