

OCTOBER 6, 2009

A Regular Meeting of the Council of the City of Vancouver was held on Tuesday, October 6, 2009, at 2:00 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 MANAGER'S OFFICE: Penny Ballem, City Manager

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE: Marg Coulson, Acting City Clerk
Tina Hildebrandt, Meeting Coordinator

* Denotes absence for a portion of the meeting.

PRAYER

The proceedings in the Council Chamber were opened with a prayer read by Councillor Cadman.

PROCLAMATIONS

- **Homelessness Action Week**

The Mayor proclaimed the week of October 11 to 17, 2009, as "Homelessness Action Week".

- **Arts Umbrella Month**

The Mayor also proclaimed the month of October 2009, as "Arts Umbrella Month" and invited Ms. Catherine Van Alstine, Chair, Arts Umbrella Board of Directors, and Ms. Lucille Pacey, Executive Director of Arts Umbrella, to the podium to receive the proclamation and say a few words.

"IN CAMERA" MEETING

MOVED by Councillor Louie
SECONDED by Councillor Cadman

- A. 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:

(e) the acquisition, disposition or expropriation of land or improvements, if the Council considers that disclosure could reasonably be expected to harm the interests of the city.

- B. THAT Council will go into a meeting on Thursday, October 8, 2009, which is closed to the public, pursuant to Section 165.2(1) of the Vancouver Charter, to discuss matters related to paragraph:

(a) personal information about an identifiable individual who holds or is being considered for a position as an officer, employee or agent of the city or another position appointed by the city.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

1. Business License Hearing - May 19, July 21, September 22, 2009

MOVED by Councillor Meggs
SECONDED by Councillor Cadman

THAT the foregoing Minutes be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. Regular Council - September 22, 2009

MOVED by Councillor Deal
SECONDED by Councillor Cadman

THAT the foregoing Minutes be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. Regular Council (City Services and Budgets) - September 24, 2009

MOVED by Councillor Louie
SECONDED by Councillor Cadman

THAT the foregoing Minutes be approved as amended on page 5 to strike "First Shaughnessy Community Plan" and replace with "First Shaughnessy District Official Development Plan".

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MOVED by Councillor Louie
SECONDED by Councillor Cadman

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MATTERS ADOPTED ON CONSENT

MOVED by Councillor Louie

THAT Council adopt Administrative Reports A6 to A11, and Policy Reports P2 and P5, on consent.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

1. Lease of a Portion of 5th Avenue adjacent to 1155 E 6th Avenue
July 17, 2009

MOVED by Councillor Louie

A. THAT Council close, stop-up and lease to Shaw Cablesystems Limited ("Shaw") that portion of 5th Avenue (749 square metres / 8062 square feet) as shown in heavy outline on the plan attached as Appendix "A" to the Administrative Report dated July 17, 2009, entitled "Lease of a Portion of 5th Avenue adjacent to 1155 East 6th Avenue" subject to terms and conditions noted in Appendix "B" of the report as amended under Item 2, to strike "GST" and replace with "plus applicable taxes".

- B. THAT the Director of Legal Services be authorized to execute all documents required.
- C. THAT no legal right or obligation shall be created and none shall arise hereafter, until the documents are executed to the satisfaction of the Director of Legal Services.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**2. Proposed Lease of the Lanes adjacent to 2925 and 2953 East 15th Avenue
August 31, 2009**

MOVED by Councillor Louie

- A. THAT Council close, stop-up and lease to the abutting owners (Roman Catholic Archbishop of Vancouver) those lanes bounded by Nootka and Renfrew Streets and 14th and 15th Avenues as shown in heavy outline and hatched on the plan attached as Appendix "A" to the Administrative Report dated August 31, 2009, entitled "Proposed Lease of the Lanes adjacent to 2925 and 2953 East 15th Avenue" subject to terms and conditions as noted in Appendix "B" of the report as amended under Item 2, to strike "GST" and replace with "plus applicable taxes".
- B. THAT the Director of Legal Services be authorized to execute all documents.
- C. THAT no legal right or obligation shall be created and none shall arise hereafter, until the documents are executed to the satisfaction of Legal Services.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**3. Governance of and Service Provision to Portions of Metro Vancouver (GVRD)
Electoral Area A
June 30, 2009**

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Councillor Jang declared Conflict of Interest on Administrative Report A3 as he is an employee of the University of British Columbia (UBC). He left the Council Chamber at 2:34 p.m. and did not return until conclusion of the vote at 2:55 p.m.

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MOVED by Councillor Reimer

- A. THAT Council advise the Musqueam First Nation, the University of British Columbia (UBC), Metro Vancouver (formerly known as the Greater Vancouver Regional District or GVRD) and the Province of British Columbia that, if requested, the City Manager is authorized to enter into discussion for provision of one or more additional services to all or a portion of their lands.

- B. THAT Council request UBC and the Province of British Columbia to advise their lessees of the above.
- C. THAT Council respect the rights of UBC, the University Neighbourhoods Association and voters within these areas to make autonomous decisions regarding their governance and any boundary restructuring.
- D. THAT the City of Vancouver take no further action regarding boundary restructuring related to UBC lands.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Councillor Jang absent for the vote.)

- 4. **International Association of Peace Messenger Cities General Assembly of the IAPMC 2009 - October 25 to November 1, 2009**
September 24, 2009

This item was withdrawn from the Agenda.

- 5. **Councillor Tim Stevenson's Request to Attend 2009 International Gay & Lesbian Leadership Conference, December 3 - 5, 2009**
September 24, 2009

This item was withdrawn from the Agenda.

- 6. **Municipal Access Arrangements for Rogers Cable Communications Inc. for the Installation of Telecommunications Equipment in Streets**
September 23, 2009

- A. THAT the General Manager of Engineering Services and the Director of Legal Services be authorized to conclude negotiations and execute and deliver interim legal arrangements with Rogers Cable Communications Inc., to permit the company to install and operate a telecommunications network under City streets by installing ducts in various new locations, on terms and conditions generally as described in the Administrative Report dated September 23, 2009, entitled "Municipal Access Arrangements for Rogers Cable Communications Inc. for the Installation of Telecommunications Equipment in Streets, and such other terms and conditions satisfactory to the General Manager of Engineering Services and Director of Legal Services.
- B. THAT no legal rights or obligations will arise or be created by Council's adoption of A above unless and until all legal documentation has been executed and delivered by the respective parties.

ADOPTED ON CONSENT

**7. Grant Request for Dunsmuir House
September 8, 2009**

THAT Council approve a grant of \$500,000 to BC Housing for the renovation and operation of Dunsmuir House (500 Dunsmuir Street) with the source of funds to be the Affordable Housing Reserve.

ADOPTED ON CONSENT AND
BY THE REQUIRED MAJORITY

**8. Grant to Union Gospel Mission, 601 East Hastings
September 10, 2009**

- A. THAT Council approve a capital grant of \$1 million to the Union Gospel Mission to assist in the construction of replacement housing at 601 East Hastings, the source of funds for this Capital Project being levies collected pursuant to the Vancouver Development Cost Levy By-law. The payment of the grant will occur following confirmation by BC Housing of approval of the 10th construction draw.
- B. THAT, subject to A above, the housing agreement with Union Gospel Mission for 601 East Hastings Street be amended to include reference to the City providing a \$1 million grant, with the housing agreement subject to finalization to the satisfaction of the Director of Legal Services and Managing Director of the Social Development Department, provided that this resolution does not create any legal right or obligations and that none shall arise until the agreement as authorized by by-law is amended.
- C. THAT, subject to B above, the Director of Legal Services be instructed to bring forward the by-law to amend the housing agreement.

ADOPTED ON CONSENT AND
BY THE REQUIRED MAJORITY

**9. Award of Contract ITT PS09141- Supply and Installation of Custom Street
Furnishings for Granville Street Downtown
September 14, 2009**

- A. THAT, subject to the conditions set out in B, C and D below, the General Manager of Engineering Services be authorized to enter into a contract with Jacob Bros. Construction for the supply and installation of custom street furniture for Granville Street Downtown at an estimated value of \$519,960.00 plus the applicable 5% Goods and Services Tax (less any municipal rebate received) with funding provided from the 2006-2008 Streets Basic Capital Budgets for the Granville Street Reconstruction.
- B. THAT the Director of Legal Services be authorized to execute and deliver on behalf of the City all legal documents required to implement A above.

- C. THAT all such legal documents be on terms and conditions satisfactory to the General Manager of Engineering Services and the Director of Legal Services.
- D. THAT no legal rights or obligations will be created or arise by Council's adoption of A, B and C above unless and until such legal documents are executed and delivered by the Director of Legal Services.

ADOPTED ON CONSENT

**10. 330 West Pender Street - Facade Grant
September 15, 2009**

- A. THAT Council approve a façade grant of up to \$50,000 for the rehabilitation of the principal façade at 330 West Pender Street as contemplated by Development Application Number DE413260. The source of funding is the 2008 Capital Budget for the Heritage Façade Rehabilitation Program.
- B. THAT Council authorize the City to enter into an agreement with the owner of 330 West Pender Street to be registered in the Land Title Office as a section 219 covenant, which agreement shall require the rehabilitation to be overseen by a qualified Heritage Consultant and will require the owner to maintain the 330 West Pender Street façade in good appearance and good repair for a minimum of fifteen years.
- C. THAT the agreement described above shall be prepared, registered and given priority to the satisfaction of the Director of Legal Services in consultation with the Director of Planning.

ADOPTED ON CONSENT AND
BY THE REQUIRED MAJORITY

**11. 488 Carrall Street - Facade Grant
September 9, 2009**

- A. THAT Council approve a façade grant of up to \$50,000 for the rehabilitation of the principal façade at 488 Carrall Street as contemplated by Development Application Number DE412922. The source of funding is the 2008 Capital Budget for the Heritage Façade Rehabilitation Program.
- B. THAT Council authorize the City to enter into an agreement with the owner of 488 Carrall Street to be registered in the Land Title Office as a section 219 covenant, which agreement shall require the rehabilitation to be overseen by a qualified Heritage Consultant and will require the owner to maintain the 488 Carrall Street façade in good appearance and good repair for a minimum of fifteen years.

- C. THAT the agreement described above shall be prepared, registered and given priority to the satisfaction of the Director of Legal Services in consultation with the Director of Planning.

ADOPTED ON CONSENT AND
BY THE REQUIRED MAJORITY

12. Development Cost Levies Status Report on Collection and Expenditure
September 3, 2009

Council received the Administrative Report dated September 3, 2009, entitled "Development Cost Levies Status Report on Collection and Expenditure" for information.

POLICY REPORTS

1. CD-1 Rezoning of 1201-1215 Bidwell Street and 1702-1726 Davie Street
and Heritage Revitalization Agreement at 1215 Bidwell Street
September 22, 2009

This item was withdrawn from the Agenda.

2. CD-1 Rezoning/Heritage Revitalization Agreement/Heritage Designation: 3205-3221
West 41st Avenue and 5590 Balaclava Street
September 22, 2009

- A. THAT the application by Brook and Associates on behalf of Emaar Canada and the Trustees of the Knox United Church, to rezone 3205-3221 West 41st Avenue and 5590 Balaclava Street (PID 013-006-797, 010-297-723, 007-352-735, 010-297-766, 003-500-233, Lot A, Plan 3269 and Lots 1-4, Plan 7918, of Block 12, DL 2027, NWD and that portion of lane north of 41st Avenue, east from Balaclava Street and dedicated by Plans 4098 and 7918) from RS-5 (One-Family Dwelling) District to CD-1 (Comprehensive Development) District, to allow:

- development of a 4-storey multiple dwelling designed for seniors,
- designation, rehabilitation and long term preservation of the heritage 'B' listed Knox Church, and
- replacement the church annex building,

be referred to a Public Hearing, together with:

- (i) plans, generally as prepared by Adrian Smith and Gordon Gill Architecture and CEI Architecture, received March 13, 2009;
- (ii) draft CD-1 By-law provisions, generally in accordance with Appendix A of the Policy Report dated September 22, 2009, entitled "CD-1 Rezoning/Heritage Revitalization Agreement/Heritage Designation: 3205-3221 West 41st Avenue and 5590 Balaclava Street"; and
- (iii) the recommendation of the Director of Planning to approve the

application, subject to conditions contained in Appendix B of the above-noted Policy Report; and

FURTHER THAT the Director of Legal Services be instructed to prepare the necessary CD 1 By law generally in accordance with Appendix A of the above-noted Policy report for consideration at Public Hearing.

- B. THAT, subject to approval of the rezoning at a Public Hearing, the Subdivision By-law be amended as set out in Appendix C of the Policy Report dated September 22, 2009, entitled "CD-1 Rezoning/Heritage Revitalization Agreement/Heritage Designation: 3205-3221 West 41st Avenue and 5590 Balaclava Street"; and

FURTHER THAT the Director of Legal Services be instructed to bring forward the amendment to the Subdivision By-law at the time of enactment of the CD-1 By-law.

- C. THAT, should the CD-1 rezoning for 3205-3221 West 41st Avenue and 5590 Balaclava Street be approved, Council by by-law designate as municipally-protected heritage property the Vancouver Heritage Register "B" listed building at 5590 Balaclava Street; and

FURTHER THAT the Director of Legal Services bring forward to the Public Hearing the by law to designate as municipally-protected heritage property the Vancouver Heritage Register "B" listed building at 5590 Balaclava Street.

- D. THAT, should the CD-1 rezoning for 3205-3221 West 41st Avenue and 5590 Balaclava Street be approved, Council authorize the Director of Legal Services to enter into a Heritage Revitalization Agreement (HRA) to secure the rehabilitation, protection and on going maintenance of the exterior of the Vancouver Heritage Register "B" listed building at 5590 Balaclava Street; and

FURTHER THAT the Director of Legal Services bring forward to the Public Hearing the by law to authorize the Heritage Revitalization Agreement.

- E. THAT A to D above be adopted on the following conditions:

- (i) THAT the passage of the above resolutions creates no legal rights for the applicant or any other person, or obligation on the part of the City and any expenditure of funds or incurring of costs is at the risk of the person making the expenditure or incurring the cost;
- (ii) THAT any approval that may be granted following the public hearing shall not obligate the City to enact a by-law rezoning the property, and any costs incurred in fulfilling requirements imposed as a condition of rezoning are at the risk of the property owner; and

- (iii) THAT the City and all its officials, including the Approving Officer, shall not in any way be limited or directed in the exercise of their authority or discretion, regardless of when they are called upon to exercise such authority or discretion.

ADOPTED ON CONSENT

3. CD-1 Rezoning – 2304 West 8th Avenue
September 22, 2009

MOVED by Councillor Deal

- A. THAT the application, by Integra Architecture on behalf of the Provincial Rental Housing Corporation, to rezone 2304 West 8th Avenue (PID 014-864-134, 014-864-151, Lots 9 & 10, Block 322, Plan 1058, DL 526, NWD) from RT-8 (Two-Family Dwelling) District to CD-1 (Comprehensive Development) District, to allow development of a four storey multiple dwelling for seniors and individuals with spinal cord injuries, be referred to a Public Hearing, together with:
 - (i) plans, generally as prepared by Integra Architecture, received August 20, 2009;
 - (ii) draft CD-1 By-law provisions, generally in accordance with Appendix A of the Policy Report dated September 22, 2009, entitled “CD-1 Rezoning - 2304 West 8th Avenue”; and
 - (iii) the recommendation of the Director of Planning to approve the application, subject to conditions contained in Appendix B of the above-noted Policy Report; and

FURTHER THAT the Director of Legal Services be instructed to prepare the draft CD-1 By law generally in accordance with Appendix A of the above-noted Policy Report for consideration at the Public Hearing.

- B. THAT A above be adopted on the following conditions:
 - (i) THAT the passage of the above resolutions creates no legal rights for the applicant or any other person, or obligation on the part of the City and any expenditure of funds or incurring of costs is at the risk of the person making the expenditure or incurring the cost;
 - (ii) THAT any approval that may be granted following the public hearing shall not obligate the City to enact a by-law rezoning the property, and any costs incurred in fulfilling requirements imposed as a condition of rezoning are at the risk of the property owner; and
 - (iii) THAT the City and all its officials, including the Approving Officer, shall not in any way be limited or directed in the exercise of their authority or discretion, regardless of when they are called upon to exercise such authority or discretion.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. CD-1 Rezoning - 538-560 West Broadway
September 22, 2009

MOVED by Councillor Anton

- A. THAT the application by Studio One Architecture, to rezone 538-560 West Broadway (Lots 3, 4, 5 and 6, Block 360, D.L. 526, Plan 590; PID:015-183-629, PID:003-723-071, PID:007-723-097, PID:008-899-215) from C-3A to CD-1, to permit development of a six-storey commercial building, over three levels of underground parking, be referred to a Public Hearing, together with:
- (i) plans received February 25, 2009;
 - (ii) draft CD-1 By-law provisions, generally as presented in Appendix A of the Policy Report dated September 22, 2009, entitled "CD-1 Rezoning - 538-560 West Broadway"; and
 - (iii) the recommendation of the Director of Planning to approve, subject to conditions contained in Appendix B of the above-noted Policy Report; and

FURTHER THAT the Director of Legal Services be instructed to prepare the necessary CD-1 By-law generally in accordance with Appendix A of the above-noted Policy Report for consideration at Public Hearing.

- B. THAT, if the application is referred to a Public Hearing, the application to amend Schedule E of the Sign By-law to establish regulations for this CD-1 in accordance with Schedule B (C-3A), as set out in Appendix C of the Policy Report dated September 22, 2009, entitled "CD-1 Rezoning - 538-560 West Broadway", also be referred to the same Public Hearing; and

FURTHER THAT the Director of Legal Services be instructed to prepare the necessary by-law generally as set out in Appendix C for consideration at the Public Hearing.

- C. THAT, subject to approval of the rezoning at the Public Hearing, the Noise Control By-law be amended to include this Comprehensive District in Schedule B, as set out in Appendix C of the Policy Report dated September 22, 2009, entitled "CD-1 Rezoning - 538-560 West Broadway"; and

FURTHER THAT the Director of Legal Services be instructed to bring forward the amendment to the Noise Control By-law at the time of enactment of the CD-1 By-law.

- D. THAT, should the application be referred to a Public Hearing, the registered property owner shall submit confirmation, in the form of "Letter A", that an agreement has been reached with the registered owner of a suitable donor site for the purchase of heritage density as described in this report.

- E. THAT A, B and C above be adopted on the following conditions:
- (i) THAT the passage of the above resolutions creates no legal rights for the applicant or any other person, or obligation on the part of the City and any expenditure of funds or incurring of costs is at the risk of the person making the expenditure or incurring the cost;
 - (ii) THAT any approval that may be granted following the public hearing shall not obligate the City to enact a by-law rezoning the property, and any costs incurred in fulfilling requirements imposed as a condition of rezoning are at the risk of the property owner; and
 - (iii) THAT the City and all its officials, including the Approving Officer, shall not in any way be limited or directed in the exercise of their authority or discretion, regardless of when they are called upon to exercise such authority or discretion.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**5. Improvements to Clarity of Height Limits in Downtown Official Development Plan to Express Council's Original Intent
September 23, 2009**

THAT the Director of Planning be instructed to make application to amend the Downtown Official Development Plan by clarifying the building height limits, generally as set out in Appendix A of the Policy Report dated September 23, 2009, entitled "Improvements to Clarity of Height Limits in Downtown Official Development Plan to Express Council's Original Intent", and that the application be referred to Public Hearing; and

FURTHER THAT the Director of Legal Services be instructed to prepare the amending by-law generally as set out in Appendix A of the Policy Report for consideration at the Public Hearing.

ADOPTED ON CONSENT

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 Cadman
SECONDED by Councillor Louie

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

BY-LAWS

MOVED by Councillor Louie
SECONDED by Councillor Woodsworth

THAT Council, except for those members excused as noted in the agenda, enact the by-laws listed on the agenda for this meeting as numbers 1 and 2 inclusive, and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign and seal the enacted by-laws.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

1. A By-law to amend Subdivision By-law No. 5208 (re 1519 West 33rd Avenue) (By-law No. 9934)
2. A By-law to Authorize Borrowing and Incurring a Debt for the False Creek Neighbourhood Energy Utility (By-law No. 9935)

MOTIONS

A. Administrative Motions

None.

B. Motions on Notice

1. Independence of Vancouver Park Board

MOVED by Councillor Anton
NOT SECONDED

WHEREAS

1. The elected Vancouver Park Board was formed as one of the first acts of the first Vancouver City Council in 1886;
2. The VPB has been an independent advocate for parks since that time;

3. The General Manager of the VPB is hired by the Park Board independently of the City;
4. The current General Manager of the VPB has declared that she will be retiring in the next few months;
5. The independent ability of the current VPB to select the next General Manager is in question.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

- A. THAT Vancouver City Council hereby affirms the independence of the elected Park Board.
- B. THAT Vancouver City Council hereby confirms that the elected Park Board has unfettered jurisdiction to select the next General Manager.

not put

The Motion having not received a Secunder was not put to vote.

2. Scooter and Motorcycle On-Street Parking

MOVED by Councillor Cadman

SECONDED by Councillor Woodsworth

WHEREAS

1. The City of Vancouver should do everything in its power to encourage its residents to use environmentally friendly modes of transportation; and
2. Canada is committed to the Kyoto Protocol; and
3. Vancouver residents are being urged to do their part in the federal government's One-Tonne Challenge (Canada to reduce its annual greenhouse gas emissions by one tonne); and
4. The Greenest City Initiative mandate includes reducing pollution, improving transportation and its action plan will identify best practices from leading cities around the world; and
5. There are greater than 26000 motorcycles and scooters in Vancouver and the rate of growth for usage has been 5 times that of passenger vehicles in BC over the last 5 years; and
6. Motorized scooters use up to 90 percent less gasoline than passenger cars and trucks, and motorcycles use less fuel than cars and trucks; and
7. Scooters and motorcycles are significantly smaller than cars and trucks (often carrying the same number of passengers), use far less road space, thus reduce congestion and gridlock; and
8. Scooters and motorcycles are significantly lighter than other vehicles, thus cause less wear and tear on roadways and thereby leave a small footprint; and
9. Scooters and motorcycles regularly encounter problems when currently parking because other vehicle operators often do not see the cycles thus damaging them which incurs increased costs for all insurance ratepayers; and

10. There is very little on-street parking available on Vancouver roadways, forcing motorized cycle operators to find innovative solutions which are often illegal and sometimes dangerous; and
11. Most tourist destinations worldwide facilitate scooter and motorcycle transportation; and
12. Best practices in neighboring cities with similar transportation challenges to Vancouver's (including San Francisco, Portland and Toronto) all have established free and abundant parking to encourage and accommodate scooter and motorcycle use.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

THAT Vancouver City Council request Parking and Engineering staff to initiate a revenue neutral change to present by-laws to free up street parking by designating free of charge parking for motorized scooters and motorcycles in all 6 meter spaces between pedestrian crosswalks and auto parking AFTER intersections.

referred

REFERRAL MOVED by Councillor Meggs

THAT Vancouver City Council refer Motion B.2 "Scooter and Motorcycle On-Street Parking" to staff to report back on existing initiatives and options for expansion of on-street scooter and motorcycle parking space in the city that:

- support the Greenest City Action Team recommendations through an emphasis on zero emission vehicles;
- include cost-recovery for parking; and
- take into account neighbourhood concerns about noise.

CARRIED

(Councillors Cadman and Woodsworth opposed)

3. Request for Leave of Absence - Mayor Gregor Robertson

MOVED by Councillor Cadman

SECONDED by Councillor Deal

THAT Mayor Robertson be granted Leave of Absence from the Public Hearing to be held Tuesday, October 6, 2009, on a matter of civic business.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. Rental Housing and Harmonized Sales Tax (HST)

MOVED by Councillor Anton
SECONDED by Councillor Jang

WHEREAS

1. Rental housing is an essential element of Vancouver's affordable housing supply;
2. Rents charged for rental housing in Vancouver are not subject to Federal Goods and Services Tax (GST) or Provincial Sales Tax (PST), and will not be subject to the Harmonized Sales Tax (HST);
3. Rental housing operators and landlords pay GST on operating costs such as water, garbage, recycling, service contracts, maintenance, and supplies and can not offset these costs due to no input tax credits and BC Provincial rent control legislation;
4. The operating costs mentioned above are not subject to PST but will be subject to HST; and
5. The HST will increase the operating costs of rental housing operators and landlords by 1.5% - 2.5% with no ability to offset the increases.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

- A. THAT Council requests the Province, in its negotiations with the Federal Government, to seek to "zero rate" the rental apartment industry in order to protect the existing and future rental housing stock.
- B. THAT Council requests the Province to investigate ways to offset the additional cost of the HST as it relates to rental housing.

referred

The Mayor noted a request to speak had been received on Motion B.4 and Council agreed to refer the matter to the Standing Committee on Planning and Environment meeting on Thursday, October 8, 2009, in order to hear from the speaker.

5. Request for Leave of Absence - Councillor Raymond Louie

MOVED by Councillor Chow
SECONDED by Councillor Cadman

THAT Councillor Raymond Louie be granted a Leave of Absence for personal reasons, from the Standing Committees of City Services and Budgets and Planning and Environment meetings to be held November 5, 2009.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

NEW BUSINESS

1. Request for Leave of Absence - Councillor Heather Deal

MOVED by Councillor Louie
SECONDED by Councillor Jang

THAT Councillor Deal be granted Leave of Absence for Civic Business from the Court of Revision meeting to be held October 21, 2009, to attend the LMLGA (Lower Mainland Local Government Association) meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. Home for the Games

The following motion was submitted by Councillor Jang. Councillor Anton called Notice under Section 10.3 (d) of the *Procedure By-law*. Accordingly, the motion will be placed on the agenda of the next Regular Council meeting to be held October 20, 2009, as a Motion on Notice.

MOVED by Councillor Jang
SECONDED by Councillor Anton

WHEREAS

1. Between 2005 and 2008 homelessness increased 22% in the region and 16% in our city.
2. Vancouver will be welcoming the world in 2010 as we host the Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games.
3. The City of Vancouver is a signatory to the Inner City Inclusive Commitment Statement to ensure the Games partners work together to create direct benefits and minimize negative impacts of the Games.
4. The Temporary Accommodation By-law allows homeowners to rent out single bedrooms or an entire home for less than 30 days during the period of January 1 to March 31, 2010, as long as the unit was not occupied by a tenant after June 1, 2009.
5. Home for the Games matches Games visitors and hosts for home stays during the Games with half the nightly rental fee going to charities to reduce homelessness in Metro Vancouver.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

THAT Vancouver City Council endorse the Home for the Games project which will maintain the City's objectives of increasing accommodation opportunities for visitors, while at the same time protecting existing tenants; and

FURTHER THAT Vancouver City Council encourage Vancouver residents to become home stay hosts to Games visitors while at the same time raising money for organizations working to end homelessness.

Notice

ENQUIRIES AND OTHER MATTERS

1. Vancouver 2010 Integrated Security Unit

Councillor Woodsworth expressed concern regarding allegations that the Vancouver 2010 Integrated Security Unit approached a citizen without due cause, and asked the Mayor to look into the matter.

The Mayor agreed to follow-up with the Chief Constable on this matter.

The Council adjourned at 3:45 p.m.

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PROCLAMATION - "DIWALI: FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS DAY"

Mayor Robertson proclaimed Saturday, October 17, 2009, as "Diwali: Festival of Lights Day" and invited Ms. Mita Naidu, Chair, Vancouver Celebrates Diwali, to the podium to receive the proclamation and say a few words.

The proclamation was immediately followed by a reception in the foyer outside Council Chamber.

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