

REPORT TO COUNCIL

STANDING COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL  
ON CITY SERVICES AND BUDGETS

OCTOBER 22, 2009

A Regular Meeting of the Standing Committee of Council on City Services and Budgets was held on Thursday, October 22, 2009, at 9:35 am, in the Council Chamber, Third Floor, City Hall.

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

**ABSENT:** Mayor Gregor Robertson (Leave of Absence - Civic Business)

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

**CITY CLERK'S OFFICE:** Bonnie Eng, Meeting Coordinator (Minutes)  
Lori Isfeld, Meeting Coordinator

\*Denotes absence for a portion of the meeting.

**ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Standing Committee on City Services and Budgets meeting of September 24, 2009, were adopted.

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*MOVED by Councillor Deal*

*THAT items 5 a & b entitled "Closure and Sale of a Portion of Road Adjacent to 3410 Lougheed Highway", from the Standing Committee on Planning and Environment agenda for October 22, 2009, be dealt with at this meeting as the first item of business.*

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

*NOTE FROM THE MEETING COORDINATOR: For clarity, the minutes are recorded in numerical order.*

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**MATTERS ADOPTED ON CONSENT**

MOVED by Councillor Cadman  
THAT the Committee recommend to Council

THAT Items 3 and 4 be adopted on consent.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**1. 2009 Operating Budget - September Review  
October 6, 2009**

Budget Services staff responded to questions.

**2. Year 2010 Zoning, Building and Trade Permit Fee Increases  
October 6, 2009**

Development Services staff responded to questions.

MOVED by Councillor Woodsworth  
THAT the Committee recommend to Council

- A. THAT Council approve an across-the-board 4% increase in all Zoning and Development, Subdivision, Sign, Tree Removal, Secondary Suite Inspection, Electrical, Building, Gas and Miscellaneous fees to compensate for inflationary increases to the City's costs.
- B. THAT Council approve an additional increase to the Board of Variance fee to equal \$380.
- C. THAT the Director of Legal Services bring forward for enactment the necessary amendments to By-law Numbers 5585, 5208, 5563, 6553, 3507, 6510, 7347, 5644 and 9419, generally in accordance with the fee schedules attached to the Administrative Report dated October 6, 2009, entitled "Year 2010 Zoning, Building and Trade Permit Fee Increases", to be effective January 1, 2010; and

FURTHER THAT the Director of Development Services and the Chief Building Official advise the development and building community of these changes.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY  
(Councillor Meggs absent for the vote)

3. **Development Cost Levies: January 2010 Rate Adjustment for the Vancouver (City-wide) DCL By-law & Annual Inflationary DCL Rate Adjustment System October 14, 2009**

- A. THAT due to the recent, significant changes in market conditions Council not implement the full inflation adjusted Vancouver (City-wide) Development Cost Levy (DCL) By-law rates in January 2010, as previously approved on July 10, 2008, but approve a reduced, interim inflation adjustment for the Vancouver (City-wide) DCL By-law rates, as follows:
- i. from \$6.00/square foot (\$64.59/m<sup>2</sup>) to \$7.70/square foot (\$82.88/m<sup>2</sup>) for residential development at a density greater than 1.2 FSR and for non-residential (e.g. commercial and industrial) development;
  - ii. from \$1.75/square foot (\$18.84/m<sup>2</sup>) to \$2.20/square foot (\$23.68/m<sup>2</sup>) for residential development with an FSR of 1.2 or less and for a laneway house; and
  - iii. from \$2.40/square foot (\$25.83/m<sup>2</sup>) to \$3.10/square foot (\$33.37/m<sup>2</sup>) for development in an industrial zone.

AND FURTHER THAT Council hold unchanged the nominal Vancouver DCL By-law rates for school use, parking garage, child care use, temporary building and community energy centre.

- B. THAT for further DCL rate adjustments, Council adopt the annual inflationary DCL rate adjustment system, as described in the Administrative Report dated October 14, 2009, entitled "Development Cost Levies: January 2010 Rate Adjustment for the Vancouver (City-wide) DCL By-law & Annual Inflationary DCL Rate Adjustment System", for the Vancouver (City-wide) DCL By-law; and that staff's first annual report back occur by July 2010 with recommended inflation adjusted rates to be effective September 1, 2010.
- C. THAT Council instruct staff to undertake further consultation and notification with stakeholders on applying the annual inflationary DCL rate adjustment system to the ten DCL districts within the Area Specific DCL By-law; and that staff first report back in July 2010 on application of the system and inflation adjusted rates to be effective September 1, 2010.
- D. THAT Council instruct staff to report back on additional options for the DCL payment by installment process for all DCL By-laws, after further discussion with industry stakeholders.
- E. THAT Council instruct the Director of Legal Services to amend the Vancouver DCL By-law to implement the adjusted DCL rates for January 1, 2010, as described in the Administrative Report dated October 14, 2009, entitled "Development Cost Levies: January 2010 Rate Adjustment for the Vancouver (City-wide) DCL By-law and Annual Inflationary DCL Rate Adjustment System".

ADOPTED ON CONSENT

**4. 2010 Business Licence, Vehicles for Hire and Animal Control Fees Report  
October 6, 2009**

At its meeting on Tuesday, October 20, 2009, Vancouver City Council referred this item to the Standing Committee on City Services and Budgets meeting on Thursday, October 22, 2009, in order to receive further clarity from staff regarding the process and timelines involved in implementing the proposed fee increases.

The Committee also had before it a memorandum dated October 22, 2009 from the General Manager of Community Services.

**A. THAT Council approve amendments to the License By-Law, Vehicles for Hire By-Law and Animal Control By-Law to approve:**

- (a) increases in business licence, vehicles for hire licence, dog licence, and service fees;
- (b) increases in business license fees for marina operators who host live-aboard boats, reflecting an increase in residential property taxes in 2009; and
- (c) housekeeping and miscellaneous amendments;

generally in accordance with Appendix A of the Administrative Report dated October 6, 2009, entitled "2010 Business Licence, Vehicles for Hire and Animal Control Fees Report".

**B. THAT Council request the Director of Legal Services to bring forward for enactment the necessary amendments to the License By-Law, Vehicles for Hire By-Law, and Animal Control By-Law, generally in accordance with Appendix A of the Administrative Report dated October 6, 2009, entitled "2010 Business Licence, Vehicles for Hire and Animal Control Fees Report", to take effect from and after January 1, 2010, except for the new food primary licence application fee which is to take effect on the date of enactment of the by-law.**

ADOPTED ON CONSENT

**5. Closure and Sale of a Portion of Road Adjacent to 3410 Lougheed Highway  
September 16, 2009**

At its meeting on October 20, 2009, Vancouver City Council referred the Administrative Report and Resolution regarding "Closure and Sale of a Portion of Road Adjacent to 3410 Lougheed Highway" to the Standing Committee on Planning and Environment meeting on Thursday, October 22, 2009, in order to receive further information from staff.

Transportation and Land Survey staff reviewed the matter and responded to questions.

MOVED by Councillor Cadman

THAT the Committee recommend to Council

THAT the portion of Cassiar Street adjacent to 3410 Lougheed Highway (hereinafter, the "Road Portion"), the same as generally shown bold outlined and hatched on the plan attached as Appendix A of the Administrative Report dated September 16, 2009, entitled "Closure and Sale of a Portion of Road Adjacent to 3410 Lougheed Highway", not be sold.

LOST (Tie Vote)

(Councillors Deal, Jang, Meggs, Reimer, and Stevenson opposed)

MOVED by Councillor Meggs

THAT the Committee recommend to Council

- A. THAT Council close, stop-up and convey to the abutting owner the 3743 square foot (347.7m<sup>2</sup>) portion of Cassiar Street adjacent to 3410 Lougheed Highway (hereinafter, the "Road Portion"), the same as generally shown bold outlined and hatched on the plan attached as Appendix A of the Administrative Report dated September 16, 2009, entitled "Closure and Sale of a Portion of Road Adjacent to 3410 Lougheed Highway", subject to the terms and conditions noted in Appendix B of that report.
- B. THAT the \$163,000 proceeds from the sale of the property be held in the Capital Fund.
- C. THAT any agreements are to be to the satisfaction of the Director of Legal Services.
- D. THAT the Director of Legal Services or the Director of Real Estate Services, as applicable, be authorized to execute all plans, transfers, and documents as required.
- E. THAT no legal right or obligation shall be created and none shall arise hereafter until the documents are executed by the parties thereto.

CARRIED

(Councillors Cadman, Chow, Louie and Woodsworth opposed)

*Note from Meeting Coordinator: Due to an oversight, the Administrative Resolution was not dealt with at this meeting. It will be placed on the Agenda of the Regular Council meeting to be held Tuesday, November 3, 2009.*

The Committee adjourned at 10:47 am

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

OCTOBER 22, 2009

A Regular Meeting of the Council of the City of Vancouver was held on Thursday, October 22, 2009, at 10:47 am 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:** Deputy Mayor Raymond Louie  
Councillor Suzanne Anton  
Councillor David Cadman  
Councillor Heather Deal  
Councillor Kerry Jang  
Councillor Geoff Meggs  
Councillor Andrea Reimer  
Councillor Tim Stevenson  
Councillor Ellen Woodsworth

**ABSENT:** Mayor Gregor Robertson (Leave of Absence - Civic Business)  
Councillor George Chow

**CITY CLERK'S OFFICE:** Bonnie Eng, Meeting Coordinator (minutes)  
Lori Isfeld, Meeting Coordinator

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

MOVED by Councillor Cadman  
SECONDED by Councillor Stevenson

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

### Report of Standing Committee on City Services and Budgets October 22, 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. 2009 Operating Budget - September Review
2. Year 2010 Zoning, Building and Trade Permit Fee Increases
3. Development Cost Levies: January 2010 Rate Adjustment for the Vancouver (City-wide) DCL By-law & Annual Inflationary DCL Rate Adjustment System
4. 2010 Business Licence, Vehicles for Hire and Animal Control Fees Report
5. Closure and Sale of a Portion of Road Adjacent to 3410 Lougheed Highway

#### Items 1 - 5

MOVED by Councillor Stevenson

THAT the recommendations and actions taken by the Standing Committee on City Services and Budgets at its meeting of October 22, 2009, as contained in items 1-5, be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

#### RISE FROM COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MOVED by Councillor Deal

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 10:48 am

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