

DECEMBER 3, 9, and 14, 2009

A Special Meeting of the Council of the City of Vancouver was held on Thursday, December 3, 2009, at 7:41 pm, in the Council Chamber, Third Floor, City Hall, for the purpose of hearing speakers on the 2010 Operating Budget: Interim Estimates. The meeting reconvened at 6:40 pm on Wednesday, December 9, 2009, and at 6:35 pm on Monday, December 14, 2009. The minutes have been consolidated for ease of reference.

**PRESENT:** Mayor Gregor Robertson\*  
Deputy Mayor Chow, Acting Chair (December 14)  
Councillor Suzanne Anton  
Councillor David Cadman\*  
Councillor Heather Deal  
Councillor Kerry Jang  
Councillor Raymond Louie  
Councillor Geoff Meggs  
Councillor Andrea Reimer  
Councillor Tim Stevenson\*  
Councillor Ellen Woodsworth

**ABSENT:** Councillor David Cadman (December 9 and 14)  
Mayor Gregor Robertson (December 14)

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

**CITY CLERK'S OFFICE:** Terri Burke, Meeting Coordinator

\* Denotes absence for a portion of the meeting.

#### COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MOVED by Councillor Stevenson  
SECONDED by Councillor Jang

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

#### 1. 2010 Operating Budget: Interim Estimates November 12, 2009

Vancouver City Council, at its Regular Council meeting on Tuesday, December 1, 2009, received a Report Reference on an Administrative Report dated November 12, 2009, entitled "2010 Operating Budget: Proposed Budget and Public Consultation Update".

Subsequently on December 3, 2009, December 9, 2009, and, December 14, 2009, a Special Council meeting was held in order to hear from members of the public on the proposed 2010 Operating Budget.

The Director of Budget Services, along with the General Manager, Financial Services Group, and the Manager of Corporate Operating Budgets, responded to questions.

At the start of the meeting on December 9, 2009, the following was moved:

MOVED by Councillor Louie

THAT the Speakers List be closed for the Special Council Meeting regarding the 2010 Operating Budget: Interim Estimates, which convened on Thursday, December 3, 2009.

CARRIED

(Councillor Woodsworth opposed)

(Councillor Stevenson absent for the vote)

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*During the hearing of speakers on December 9, 2009, Council agreed to recess at 8:48 pm and reconvened at 9:03 pm with the same members present, except Councillor Stevenson, who was absent until 9:18 pm.*

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*During the hearing of speakers on December 9, 2009, the following motion was moved:*

*MOVED by Councillor Deal*

*THAT, under Section 2.3 (e) of the Procedure By-law, Council extend the length of the Special Council meeting by one hour or less.*

*CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AND  
BY THE REQUIRED MAJORITY*

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*During the further hearing of speakers on December 9, 2009, the following motion was moved:*

*MOVED by Councillor Louie*

*THAT, under Section 2.3 (e) of the Procedure By-law, Council extend the length of the Special Council meeting by one hour or less.*

*CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AND  
BY THE REQUIRED MAJORITY*

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Council heard from the following speakers:

Loretta Woodcock, Vancouver Park Board  
Stuart Mackinnon, Vancouver Park Board, and Vancouver Library Board  
Joan Anderson, Chair, Vancouver Library Board  
Alexandra Youngberg, CUPE 391  
Paul Faoro, President, CUPE 15  
Steve Varty, Business Agent Representing CUPE 1004  
Mike Jackson, CUPE 1004  
Ashley Sorensen  
Bess Wayslow  
Emma Sutherland, The Red Fox Program and Active Communities Vancouver  
Tony Nguyen  
Monique Lye  
Wally Thomas, Orchids Society  
Sahara Brown  
Fiona Anderson and Family  
Elenor Hadley  
Gord Ditchburn, President, Vancouver Firefighters' Union  
Aaron Jasper, Vancouver Park Board  
Raymond Greenwood, Vancouver Fire and Rescue Services Advisory Committee  
Eileen Mosca  
Donna Liberson  
Neil Monckton, Chair, Think City  
Barry Frith, Chair, Grandview Woodlands Community Policing Centre Borad  
Tamara Flick-Parker  
Craig Nelson, Vancouver Public Library  
Sheryl Hamilton, The Friends of the Bloedel  
Edwardo Aragon, Little Mountain Neighbourhood House  
Graham Johnson  
Arman Shroff-Mehrababi  
Dr. Farah Shroff  
Kelly Alm  
Cynthia Low, Britannia Community Services Centre Society

Barbara Shelly, Chair, Street Decoration Committee  
Pax Williamson  
Steve Turner  
Patricia Moir  
Ann Grant  
Brendan Boylan  
Bill McCreeny  
Mavis Hnidy  
Gail Uthoff  
Liza Schwabe  
Fiona Lee  
Keith Jacobson, Killarney Community Centre Society  
Mike Bradley, Thunderbird Community Centre  
John Coupar  
Evelyne Willman, Thunderbird Community Centre  
Ken Davidson, Vice President, Vancouver and District Labour Council  
Bob Laurie, Board of Trade and Vancouver Fair Tax  
Jack Stevens  
Jeffrey Lee  
John Colenutt  
Patricia Canning, Strathcona Community Centre Association  
Diana Geisheimer, Art Works Gallery  
Ed des Roches, Fair Tax Coalition  
Jane Ingman-Baker  
Kimberlee Klein  
Gloria Hershorn  
Barry K Morris, United Church of Canada Minister with the Longhouse  
Council of Native Ministry Church  
James Fletcher  
Bill Hopwood  
Terry Martin  
Greg Taylor  
Ned Jacobs  
Todd Wong  
Mai Kossoff

Council heard from 66 speakers, 65 of whom expressed opposition regarding the 2010 Operating Budget. Areas of concern included financial cuts to the Bloedel Conservatory, the Farmyard at Stanley Park, libraries, community centres, and City Hall staff. Business and residential property tax increases were also discussed. One speaker was neither for nor against the 2010 Operating Budget.

**RISE FROM COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

MOVED by Councillor Jang

THAT the Committee of the Whole rise and report.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**ADOPT REPORT OF COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

MOVED by Councillor Jang  
SECONDED by Councillor Louie

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Special Council Meeting  
recessed at 10:21 pm on December 3, 2009, and  
11:31 pm on December 9, 2009,  
and adjourned at 9:02 pm on December 14, 2009.

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