



SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

FEBRUARY 4, 2010

A Special Meeting of the Council of the City of Vancouver was held on Thursday, February 4, 2010, at 7:35 p.m., in the Council Chamber, Third Floor, City Hall.

PRESENT: Deputy Mayor Andrea Reimer
Councillor Suzanne Anton
Councillor David Cadman
Councillor George Chow
Councillor Heather Deal
Councillor Kerry Jang
Councillor Raymond Louie
Councillor Geoff Meggs
Councillor Tim Stevenson
Councillor Ellen Woodsworth

ABSENT: Mayor Gregor Robertson (Civic Business)

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE: Pat Boomhower, Meeting Coordinator

MOVED by Councillor Deal
SECONDED by Councillor Cadman

THAT this Council resolve itself into a Court of Revision, for the purpose of hearing complaints against the accuracy of names of property owners, or any other complaint which persons may desire to make and which is by law cognizable by the Court, Deputy Mayor Reimer in the Chair.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

COURT OF REVISION

Projects by Council Initiative

Chinatown BIA Renewal
Commercial Drive BIA Renewal
Downtown Vancouver BIA Renewal
Strathcona BIA Renewal

Delegations Concerning Errors

Deputy Mayor Reimer called for representations relating only to errors or omissions in the names of property owners, and no one came forward.

RISE FROM COURT OF REVISION

MOVED by Councillor Deal
SECONDED by Councillor Cadman

THAT the Court of Revision rise and report.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

COUNCIL

Adopt the Report of the Court of Revision

MOVED by Councillor Woodsworth
SECONDED by Councillor Jang

THAT the report of the Court of Revision be adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Memorandum from the Coordinator, BIA Program January 25, 2010

Before Council was a memorandum from Peter Vaisbord, Coordinator, BIA Program, dated January 25, 2010, which noted that on December 1, 2009, Council considered applications to re-establish (renew) the following Business Improvement Areas (BIAs).

Chinatown BIA Renewal
Commercial Drive BIA Renewal
Downtown Vancouver BIA Renewal
Strathcona BIA Renewal

The applications were described in the Appendices attached to the above-noted memorandum. Property owners in the BIA areas were given appropriate notifications as required by the Vancouver Charter, and business tenants also received notification according to City Policy.

Also before Council was a memorandum dated February 4, 2010, from the Coordinator, BIA Program, which provided information on objections received for the BIA applications updated to 5:00 pm, February 4, 2010.

Peter Vaisbord, Coordinator, BIA Program, reviewed the agenda and process. Prior to considering the applications, the following speakers were heard:

1. Chinatown BIA Renewal

BIA Program staff reviewed the objections received for the application and responded to questions.

Jordan Eng, Vice-President, Vancouver Chinatown BIA Society, spoke on behalf of local property owners and business owners in support of the application, and responded to questions regarding the BIA's focus.

There were no speakers on this BIA renewal.

MOVED by Councillor Jang
SECONDED by Councillor Louie

THAT the application of the Vancouver Chinatown BIA Society, as described in Appendix A of the Memorandum "BIA Court of Revision Applications - BIA Renewals" dated January 25, 2010, from the Coordinator, BIA Program, be approved and that the Director of Legal Services, in consultation with the Director of Planning, prepare by-laws to re-establish (renew) the Vancouver Chinatown BIA, establish a new funding ceiling, and to remit monies for a business promotion scheme.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. Commercial Drive BIA Renewal

BIA Program staff noted that no objections were received for the application and that the two areas to be merged were working well together.

Michelle Barile, Executive Director, Commercial Drive BIA, thanked Council and responded to a question regarding communication and liaising involved in bringing the BIA together.

There were no speakers on this BIA renewal.

MOVED by Councillor Woodsworth
SECONDED by Councillor Cadman

THAT the application of the Commercial Drive Business Society as described in Appendix B of the Memorandum "BIA Court of Revision Applications - BIA Renewals" dated January 25, 2010, from the Coordinator, BIA Program, be approved and that the Director of Legal Services, in consultation with the Director of Planning, prepare by-laws to merge the Commercial Drive Expansion-Area Business Improvement Area (BIA) with the Commercial Drive BIA, and to re-establish (renew) the Commercial Drive BIA, establish a new funding ceiling, and to remit monies for a business promotion scheme.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. Downtown Vancouver BIA Renewal

BIA Program staff reviewed the objections received for the application.

Ed Furlan and Peter Jackman, DVBIA Board members, outlined BIA projects and community engagement, and submitted declarations of support from members (*on file*).

Charles Gauthier, Executive Director, DVBIA, responded to questions regarding opportunities for members to provide feedback and participate.

Council heard from Arthur Brock, property owner, Peter Raptis, business owner, and Graham Blank, General Manager, Tom Lee Music, who spoke in support of the DVBIA application.

MOVED by Councillor Deal
SECONDED by Councillor Cadman

THAT the application of the Downtown Vancouver Business Improvement Association as described in Appendix C of the Memorandum "BIA Court of Revision Applications - BIA Renewals" dated January 25, 2010, from the Coordinator, BIA Program, be approved and that the Director of Legal Services, in consultation with the Director of Planning, prepare by-laws to re-establish (renew) the Downtown Vancouver BIA, establish a new funding ceiling, and to remit monies for a business promotion scheme.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. Strathcona BIA Renewal

BIA Program staff reviewed the objections received for the application.

Claude Lemay, Chair, together with Toby Barazzuol, Vice-Chair, and Cathy Kwan, Executive Director, Strathcona BIA, outlined programs and initiatives, and responded to questions regarding opportunities for members and non-members to provide feedback to the BIA.

Ann Livingston and Lucie Landry expressed concerns regarding VANDU not being able to become a member of the BIA. They also noted they would like to be part of the Downtown Eastside improvement, communication, and engage in discussion.

MOVED by Councillor Deal
SECONDED by Councillor Cadman

THAT the application of the Strathcona Business Improvement Association, as described in Appendix D of the Memorandum "BIA Court of Revision Applications - BIA Renewals" dated January 25, 2010, from the Coordinator, BIA Program, be approved and that the Director of Legal Services, in consultation with the Director of Planning, prepare by-laws to re-establish (renew) the Strathcona BIA, establish a new funding ceiling, and to remit monies for a business promotion scheme.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Adjournment

MOVED by Councillor Stevenson
SECONDED by Councillor Deal

THAT this Special Council meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Special Council adjourned at 9:00 pm

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