



REPORT TO COUNCIL

STANDING COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL ON CITY SERVICES AND BUDGETS

MARCH 4, 2010

A Regular Meeting of the Standing Committee of Council on City Services and Budgets was held on Thursday, March 4, 2010, at 9:33 am, in the Council Chamber, Third Floor, City Hall.

- PRESENT:** Councillor Geoff Meggs, Vice-Chair
Councillor Suzanne Anton
Councillor David Cadman
Councillor George Chow
Councillor Kerry Jang
Councillor Andrea Reimer
Councillor Ellen Woodsworth
- ABSENT:** Mayor Gregor Robertson (Leave of Absence - Civic Business)
Councillor Heather Deal (Leave of Absence - Civic Business)
Councillor Raymond Louie, Chair (Leave of Absence - Civic Business)
Councillor Tim Stevenson (Leave of Absence - Civic Business)
- CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE:** Penny Ballem, City Manager
Sadhu Johnston, Deputy City Manager
- CITY CLERK'S OFFICE:** Cobi Falconer, Meeting Coordinator

**1. 2010 Property Taxation: Land Assessment Averaging Program
March 3, 2010**

Staff from Financial Policy and Projects provided a presentation and, along with staff from Business Planning and Services, responded to questions.

MOVED by Councillor Reimer
THAT the Committee recommend to Council

- A. THAT Council approve in principle the continuation of the three-year land assessment averaging program in 2010 for the purpose of property tax calculations for Residential (Class 1) properties.
- B. THAT Council approve in principle the continuation of the three-year land assessment averaging program in 2010 for the purpose of property tax calculations for Light Industrial (Class 5) and Business & Other (Class 6) properties, with the exception of those properties that are impacted by the Downtown Official Development Plan Amendments and relevant zoning changes initiated by the Director of Planning in relation to the Metro Core Jobs and Economy Land Use Plan as outlined in the

Administrative Report dated March 3, 2010, entitled "2010 Property Taxation: Land Assessment Averaging Program".

- C. THAT Council instruct the Director of Legal Services, in consultation with the Director of Finance, to prepare a by-law authorizing the use of three-year land assessment averaging that reflects Council decision on A and B above and bring it forward to Council for consideration on March 25, 2010.
- D. THAT, subject to adoption of the by-law on March 25, 2010, Council instruct the Director of Finance to make appropriate arrangements with the BC Assessment Authority for the production of an Averaged 2010 Assessment Roll at an estimated cost of \$22,000; source of fund to be 2010 Operating Budget.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**2. Residential Food Waste Collection & Composting: Phase 1 Implementation
February 18, 2010**

Staff from Solid Waste Management introduced the report and responded to questions.

The Committee heard from two speakers in support of the recommendations.

MOVED by Councillor Reimer

THAT the Committee recommend to Council

- A. THAT Council approve the implementation of the first phase of a single family residential sector food waste collection and composting program, involving the addition of raw fruit and vegetable scraps to the City's current curbside yard trimmings collection program beginning April 22, 2010, at an estimated cost of \$230,000 for communications and promotions; source of funding is \$50,000 from the existing Solid Waste Division 2010 promotional budget and \$180,000 from the Capital Financing Fund (Solid Waste Capital Reserve).
- B. THAT staff develop an implementation plan for the second phase of a single family residential sector food waste collection and composting program, involving the conversion of garbage collection from weekly to biweekly service and the collection of yard trimmings with all food waste and food soiled paper collected weekly, at an estimated cost of \$20,000 for cart change request research; funding to be provided from the Capital Financing Fund (Solid Waste Capital Reserve), and report back to Council before July 30, 2010, with details and recommendations.
- C. THAT Council approve the allocation of \$75,000 from the Capital Financing Fund (Solid Waste Capital Reserve) to fund the development of a communications plan for the second phase of a single family residential sector food waste collection and composting program.

- D. THAT Council approve the allocation of \$240,000 from the Capital Financing Fund (Solid Waste Capital Reserve) to fund additional local scale composting activities in 2010, including increasing sales of subsidized backyard composters, delivering additional community based social marketing initiatives, and contracting for the development and coordination of one or more neighbourhood scale pilot projects.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. Canadian Coalition of Municipalities Against Racism and Discrimination

Vancouver City Council, at its meeting on March 2, 2010, referred this matter to the Standing Committee on City Services and Budgets meeting on March 4, 2010, in order to hear from speakers.

The Committee heard from seven speakers in support of the motion.

MOVED by Councillor Ellen Woodsworth
THAT the Committee recommend to Council

WHEREAS:

1. The City of Vancouver is one of the most diverse cities in Canada a majority of whom are "visible" minorities or aboriginal;
2. The City's Multicultural Relations Policy recognizes the importance of all residents being able to conduct their daily lives free from evidence of prejudice on the part of their fellow residents and public servants;
3. Addressing the social ill of racism and discrimination is necessary to achieve institutional completeness which is the groundwork for achieving a multicultural society;
4. The exclusion of and making invisible diverse communities that represent the ethnic composition of Vancouver today, was clearly manifest at the opening of the Olympic ceremony which speaks to the urgent need to have greater diversity represented at both structural and decision making levels in our Canadian institutions;
5. More work needs to be done to expose systemic and systematic racism which continue to have adverse effects on minorities in the context of marginalization, alienation and which have depoliticized minorities; and
6. March 21, 2010, is the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City of Vancouver:

1. Express our strong and ongoing commitment to champion equity and respect for all people through the Canadian Coalition of Municipalities against Racism and Discrimination, the endorsement of the Ten Common Commitments Against Racism and Discrimination (See Appendix A) and our municipality's own unique plan of action;
2. Acknowledge that racism and discrimination in Vancouver continue to divide communities, threaten democratic and participatory citizenship and entrench and aggravate inequalities within society;
3. Welcome the ongoing role of the Canadian Commission for UNESCO in the work of the Canadian Coalition and of UNESCO in the international coalition and the regional coalitions;
4. Call upon municipal governments, in partnership with local, municipal, provincial and pan-Canadian organizations, to invest in efforts and recommendations set forth by the Coalition;
5. Further call upon the Federation of Canadian Municipalities to make a strong and ongoing commitment to support the work of the Canadian Coalition of Municipalities Against Racism and Discrimination and to reiterate its call to its members in the Member's Advisory issued March 19, 2009, to join the Coalition; and
6. That this motion be forwarded to the City of Vancouver's Multicultural Advisory Committee and the Equal Employment Opportunity Program to recommend a plan of action to address these serious concerns.

amended

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During debate it was

MOVED by Councillor Jang

THAT, under Section 2.3 (a) 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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AMENDMENT MOVED by Councillor Jang

THAT the Motion be struck and replaced with the following:

WHEREAS:

1. The Multicultural Advisory Committee was re-established on February 17, 2009;

2. Is composed of 12 citizens representing a full range of cultural and ethnic backgrounds, genders and experiences;
3. Whose mandate is to enhance access to full participation in City services for multicultural communities;
4. Whose terms of reference include:
 - Viewing City programs and policies through a variety of lenses including racial origins;
 - Providing input to civic departments in addressing racism and discrimination issues; submits an annual work plan and report to Council;
 - Engages in outreach to the multicultural communities to disseminate information and encourage participation;
 - Acts as a resource for staff doing public involvement processes in multicultural communities, e.g. civic elections and Community Visions;
 - Acts as a conduit for feedback from multicultural communities on civic matters affecting them;
 - Working with City staff on civic events that celebrate diversity such as the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination which falls on March 21, 2010.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. Mayor and Council thank the Multicultural Advisory Committee for their work;
2. Welcome the receipt of any matters identified by the Multicultural Advisory Committee requiring action by the City, such becoming a signatory to CMARD (Canadian Coalition of Municipalities Against Racism and Discrimination).

CARRIED
(Councillors Anton and Woodsworth opposed)

The Amendment having carried, the motion as amended was put and CARRIED with Councillors Anton and Woodsworth opposed.

The Committee adjourned at 12:02 pm

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

MARCH 4, 2010

A Regular Meeting of the Council of the City of Vancouver was held on Thursday, March 4, 2010, at 12:03 pm, 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 Kerry Jang
Councillor Suzanne Anton
Councillor George Chow
Councillor Geoff Meggs
Councillor Andrea Reimer
Councillor Ellen Woodsworth

ABSENT: Mayor Gregor Robertson (Leave of Absence - Civic Business)
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COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MOVED by Councillor Meggs
SECONDED by Councillor Chow

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Report of Standing Committee on City Services and Budgets
March 4, 2010

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. 2010 Property Taxation: Land Assessment Averaging Program
2. Residential Food Waste Collection & Composting: Phase 1 Implementation
3. Canadian Coalition of Municipalities against Racism and Discrimination

Items 1-3

MOVED by Councillor Meggs

THAT the recommendations and actions taken by the Standing Committee on City Services and Budgets at its meeting of March 4, 2010, as contained in Items 1-3, be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

RISE FROM COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MOVED by Councillor Meggs

THAT the Committee of the Whole rise and report.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADOPT REPORT OF COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MOVED by Councillor Meggs
SECONDED by Councillor Chow

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Council adjourned at 12:04 pm

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