



REPORT TO COUNCIL

STANDING COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL
ON CITY SERVICES AND BUDGETS

SEPTEMBER 22, 2011

A Regular Meeting of the Standing Committee of Council on City Services and Budgets was held on Thursday, September 22, 2011, at 9:35 am, in the Council Chamber, Third Floor, City Hall.

PRESENT: Councillor Raymond Louie, Chair
Mayor Gregor Robertson*
Councillor Suzanne Anton
Councillor David Cadman
Councillor George Chow*
Councillor Heather Deal
Councillor Kerry Jang*
Councillor Geoff Meggs, Vice-Chair* (Leave of Absence)
Councillor Andrea Reimer*
Councillor Ellen Woodsworth

ABSENT: 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: Pat Boomhower, Meeting Coordinator
Rosemary Hagiwara, Acting Deputy City Clerk/Director of
Council Operations

* Denotes absence for a portion of the meeting.

MATTERS ADOPTED ON CONSENT

MOVED by Councillor Deal

THAT the Committee adopt Item 2 on consent.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Councillors Chow, Meggs and the Mayor absent for the vote)

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VARY THE AGENDA

The Committee agreed to vary the Agenda in order to deal with Item 4 when the required eight members were present. Following the staff presentation regarding Item 1, the Committee dealt with Item 4.

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MATTERS ADOPTED ON CONSENT

MOVED by Councillor Deal

THAT the Committee adopt Item 4 on consent.

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

**1. 2012-2014 Capital Plan: Approval of Final Plan
September 14, 2011**

The Committee had before it a letter dated September 20, 2011, from the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation pertaining to the City of Vancouver 2012-2014 Capital Plan which recommended funding for the renewal of the Kitsilano Beach tennis courts.

The General Managers of Financial Services, Community Services, Parks and Recreation, and Engineering Services presented the report and, along with the Director of Transportation, the Project Manager - Capital Program, City Librarian and the City Manager, responded to questions.

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During the hearing of speakers, it was

MOVED BY Councillor Cadman

THAT, under section 2.3 (a) of the Procedure By-law, the Committee extend the Length of the Standing Committee on City Services and Budgets meeting to 1:00 pm.

*CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AND
BY THE REQUIRED MAJORITY
(Councillors Meggs and Reimer absent for the vote)*

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The Committee heard from 13 speakers; the majority of whom provided comments about community facilities and active transportation infrastructure; two who spoke in support of the Park Board recommendation, and many who expressed a variety of concerns.

MOVED by Councillor Deal

THAT the Committee recommend to Council

A. THAT Council approve the 2012-2014 Capital Plan as outlined in the Administrative Report dated September 14, 2011, entitled "2012-2014 Capital Plan: Approval of Final Plan", consisting of \$702 million in expenditures in the following areas:

- Community Facilities: \$79 million
- Parks and Open Spaces: \$39 million
- Housing: \$60 million
- Public Safety: \$13 million
- Transportation: \$154 million
- Utilities and Public Works: \$228 million
- Civic Infrastructure: \$95 million
- Emerging Priorities, Inflation Contingency and Overhead: \$34 million,

FURTHER THAT \$400,000 be transferred from the Capital Plan for new street trees and be allocated to tennis courts for the renewal of the tennis courts at Kitsilano Beach;

with anticipated funding from the following sources:

- Debenture borrowing and Capital from Revenue: \$391 million, consisting of:
- Plebiscite-approved borrowing authority: \$181 million
- Council-approved borrowing authority: \$142 million
- Capital from Revenue: \$68 million
- Other sources of funds: \$311 million, consisting of:
- Operating Budget that funds capital projects: \$14.5 million
- Special purpose reserves: \$82 million
- Internal loans: \$2.5 million
- Development Cost Levies: \$75 million
- Community Amenity Contributions: \$12 million
- User fees: \$46 million
- Contributions from Senior Governments and other partners: \$79 million.

B. THAT Council instruct the Director of Finance to report back on October 4, 2011, with:

- i. The proposed breakdown of funding sources for each capital program; and
- ii. The proposed wording for the plebiscite borrowing authority questions that will be submitted to the electorate during the November municipal election.

C. THAT Council express its gratitude to the Library, Park and Police Boards for their participation in and contributions to the City's new capital planning process.

carried

AMENDMENT MOVED by Councillor Anton

THAT A be amended by adding the following paragraph as A1:

THAT staff are requested to reallocate \$5 million of the proposed \$702 million capital plan expenditures from non-recreation use to recreation facilities use to be allocated by the Park Board at its discretion during the 2012 - 2014 capital plan period, and report back to Council on October 4, 2011.

LOST

(Councillors Cadman, Chow, Deal, Jang, Louie, Reimer, Woodsworth and the Mayor opposed)
(Councillor Meggs absent for the vote)

The amendment having LOST, the motion was put and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY with Councillor Meggs absent for the vote due to leave of absence.

**2. 2011 Operating Budget and Capital Budget- 2nd Quarter Review
September 14, 2011**

THAT the Committee recommend to Council

- A. THAT Council receive the 2011 Operating Budget and Capital Budget Second Quarter Review for information.
- B. THAT Council approve the reallocation of Capital funding within the 2011 Capital Budget for emerging projects as outlined in Appendix C of the Administrative Report dated September 14, 2011, entitled "2011 Operating Budget and Capital Budget- 2nd Quarter Review".

ADOPTED ON CONSENT

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At 12:50 pm, it was

MOVED by Councillor Cadman

THAT, under section 6.8 of the Procedure By-Law, the Committee suspend section 2.3 (b) of the Procedure By-law pertaining to meeting end time.

*CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AND
BY THE REQUIRED MAJORITY
(Councillors Meggs absent for the vote)*

MOVED by Councillor Reimer

*THAT the Committee extend the meeting time to 2:00 pm in order to deal with Item 3;
and*

*FURTHER THAT if Item 3 is not completed on September 22, 2011, the matter would
be referred to a future Standing Committee meeting.*

amended

AMENDMENT MOVED by Councillor Woodsworth

THAT the motion be amended by adding "and Item 5" after Item 3.

*CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Councillor Meggs absent for the vote)*

*The amendment having carried, the amended motion was put and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
with Councillor Meggs absent for the vote.*

MOVED by Councillor Anton

*THAT the Committee refer Item 6 to a future Standing Committee meeting, with the
date to be determined.*

*CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Councillors Jang, Meggs and Reimer absent for the vote)*

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**3. Vancouver Charter Section 396F "Exemptions for Not-for-profit Corporations"
September 14, 2011**

The Financial Policy and Projects Manager presented the report and responded to questions.

The Committee heard from two representatives of the Royal Canadian Legion branches and Army, Navy, Airforce Veterans units of Vancouver who expressed concerns if property tax exemptions are not permitted.

MOVED BY Councillor Meggs

THAT the Committee recommend to Council

- A. THAT Council continue to support not-for-profit organizations through the existing range of statutory property tax exemptions available under section 396(1) of the *Vancouver Charter* and the City's grant programs.
- B. THAT staff be directed to work with Legion branches and Veteran organizations:
 - to assist and coordinate efforts to possibly attain a statutory property tax exemption,
 - to support and assist efforts to change their legal status in order to access City and other governmental grants,
 - and staff explore additional flexibility in the City grant streams that may improve access; and

FURTHER THAT staff are requested to report back with proposals for helping the Vancouver Veterans organizations to achieve financial stability.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**4. 2011 Homelessness Action Week (HAW) - Action Update and Grants
August 31, 2011**

THAT the Committee recommend to Council

- A. THAT Council champion Vancouver's 2011 Homeless Action Week by supporting the actions and events outlined in the Administrative Report dated August 31, 2011, entitled "2011 Homelessness Action Week (HAW) - Action Update and Grants".
- B. THAT Council approve an allocation of \$25,000 in grants to the following organizations to create awareness and engage citizens on solutions to homelessness through a variety of events and initiatives for the homeless during Homeless Action Week on October 10-16, 2011, and over the coming fall and winter months:
 - 1. Aboriginal Front Door Society: \$2,700
 - 2. Collingwood Neighbourhood House: \$2,250
 - 3. Frog Hollow Neighbourhood House: \$3,000
 - 4. Helping Spirit Lodge Society: \$2,700
 - 5. La Boussole Francophone Community Centre: \$3,000

6. MPA Society: \$2,924
7. Street Corner Media Foundation: \$2,726
8. Vi Fineday Family Shelter Society: \$2,700
9. Watari Youth, Community and Family Services: \$3,000

Source of funds to be the Street Homelessness Project, within the Community Services Group (Housing Policy) 2011 operating budget.

- C. THAT Council direct staff to report back on October 4, 2011, in order to proclaim Homelessness Action Week 2011 and to hear about further actions and events planned for Homelessness Action Week 2011.

ADOPTED ON CONSENT

5. Housing for Adults with Developmental Disabilities

Vancouver City Council, at its meeting on September 20, 2011, referred the following motion to the Standing Committee on City Services and Budgets meeting on September 22, 2011, in order to hear from speakers.

The Committee agreed to separate the vote on the components of the Resolveds.

MOVED by Councillor Meggs
SECONDED by Councillor Jang

THAT the Committee recommend to Council

WHEREAS

1. The Provincial Government is cutting funding and supports for adults with developmental disabilities, resulting in the closure of group homes and mounting waiting lists for services;
2. These group homes form a vital and necessary part of the housing continuum that has won broad support from members of the public at large, families of adults with developmental disabilities and the communities in which they are located;
3. The Parent Support Group for Families of Mentally Handicapped Adults Society have approached the City of Vancouver seeking assistance to create new supportive housing options to provide homes for parents and their adult children with developmental disabilities;
4. The forced relocation of adults with developmental disabilities, against their will and without the support of their families, is causing severe emotional hardship to many families and growing vulnerability in the community, jeopardizing health and safety and increasing the risk of illness or homelessness;

5. The BC Community Living Action Group, which represents more than 65 affected agencies and organizations, thousands of families, and adults with developmental disabilities, has called for an end to service cuts and the closure of group homes.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

- A. THAT Council urge the Provincial Government to end funding cuts, implement a moratorium on the closure of group homes and provide sufficient financial resources both to maintain this vital housing resource and address growing waitlists.
- B. THAT Council direct staff to report to Council on:
 - (i) the impact of these changes on city services, including supportive housing and police services;
 - (ii) the status of group homes in the city of Vancouver;
 - (iii) options to include homes for adults with developmental disabilities in the provision of supported housing in the city; and
 - (iv) options to protect the existing homes.
- C. THAT this motion be circulated to the LMLGA and the UBCM for their consideration.

CARRIED

(Councillor Anton opposed A, B(i) and C)

6. Little Saigon

Vancouver City Council, at its meeting on September 20, 2011, referred the following motion to the Standing Committee on City Services and Budgets meeting on September 22, 2011, in order to hear from speakers. Subsequently, due to time constraints at the September 22, 2011, meeting, this matter was referred to a future Standing Committee meeting.

MOVED by Councillor Jang

SECONDED by Councillor Reimer

WHEREAS

1. Vietnamese communities began arriving in Canada in the mid-1970's as refugees following the end of the war in Vietnam and settled in major urban areas, in particular Vancouver, Montreal, Calgary, and Toronto;
2. The Vietnamese community has become the fifth largest in Vancouver with over 30,000 residents with a significant proportion residing in the Renfrew-Collingwood, Norquay, and Mt. Pleasant neighbourhoods;
3. In Vancouver, many Vietnamese businesses opened throughout Vancouver, especially along Kingsway between Nanaimo and Fraser Street have become a hub of the Vietnamese community across the region by providing a full range of services including food markets, salons, restaurants, physicians, dentists, legal

offices, pharmacies, and travel agents that has been dubbed as Vancouver's "Little Saigon" for decades;

4. The Vietnamese community in 2011 have held Vancouver's first Tet annual Lunar New Year parade on Kingsway;
5. The Vietnamese businesses along Kingsway have recently come together to form a Vietnamese Business Association;
6. The major cities in Canada and the United States have officially recognized such areas as "Little Saigon" with street signs, banners, and commemorative plaques;
7. A community process including newspaper polls and petitions within the Vietnamese community and local business demonstrated overwhelming support for naming an area along Kingsway as "Little Saigon".

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT City staff be directed to conduct community consultations, including members of the Vietnamese community, merchants associations, community groups, and local area residents to designate and promote an area along Kingsway as "Little Saigon".

referred

The Committee adjourned at 2:11 pm

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

SEPTEMBER 22, 2011

A Regular Meeting of the Council of the City of Vancouver was held on Thursday, September 22, 2011, at 2:11 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: 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 Ellen Woodsworth

ABSENT: Councillor Tim Stevenson (Leave of Absence - Civic Business)

CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE: Penny Ballem, City Manager

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE: Pat Boomhower, Meeting Coordinator

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MOVED by Councillor Jang
SECONDED by Councillor Cadman

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Report of Standing Committee on City Services and Budgets
September 22, 2011

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. 2012-2014 Capital Plan: Approval of Final Plan
2. 2011 Operating Budget and Capital Budget- 2nd Quarter Review
3. Vancouver Charter Section 396F "Exemptions for Not-for-profit Corporations"
4. 2011 Homelessness Action Week (HAW) - Action Update and Grants
5. Housing for Adults with Developmental Disabilities
6. Little Saigon

Items 1 -6

MOVED by Councillor Cadman

THAT the recommendations and actions taken by the Standing Committee on City Services and Budgets at its meeting of September 22, 2011, as contained in items 1 to 6, be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AND
BY THE REQUIRED MAJORITY FOR ITEM 4

RISE FROM COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MOVED by Councillor Cadman

THAT the Committee of the Whole rise and report.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADOPT REPORT OF COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MOVED by Councillor Woodsworth
SECONDED by Councillor Jang

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Council adjourned at 2:12 pm

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