

APPROVED BY COUNCIL
November 2, 2006

EXTRACT FROM REPORT TO COUNCIL
STANDING COMMITTEE ON PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT
NOVEMBER 2, 2006

8. Advisory Bodies Review (VanRIMS No.: 08-2200-20)

FINAL MOTION AS AMENDED AND ADOPTED

Therefore be it resolved that:

A. The committees advising council and staff are categorized as follows:

Type A committees are advisory to Council, and include the following and that their mandates remain unchanged:

1. Advisory Committee on Diversity Issues
2. Bicycle Advisory Committee
3. Public Art Committee
4. Vancouver City Planning Commission
5. Vancouver Civic Theatres Board
6. Vancouver Heritage Commission
7. Creative City Task Force
8. Food Policy Council

Type B committees are advisory to staff and include the following and that their mandate remain unchanged:

1. Chinatown Historic Area Planning Committee
2. Fire and Rescue Services Citizens' Advisory Committee
3. First Shaughnessy Advisory Design Panel
4. Gastown Historic Area Planning Committee
5. Vancouver Prevention Task Force
6. Urban Design Panel

Type C committees perform statutory functions and include the following:

1. Board of Variance
2. Building Board of Appeal
2. Development Permit Board and Panel
4. Family Court and Youth Justice Committee
5. Vancouver Athletic Commission

Type D committees perform the duties of providing policy advice and recommendations to the Mayor in his/her capacity as Chief Executive Officer of the City and include the following:

1. Mayor's Task Force on Immigration (formerly Mayor's Working Group on Immigration with the mandate and purpose to remain unchanged).

and the City Manager is authorized to provide input and/or staff support to Type D committees as is necessary.

B. THAT Council establish the following committee as a Type A committee:

1. Accessibility Advisory Committee; (a consolidation of the former Seniors and Disabilities issues committees) The mandate of the committee is to work to enhance access to city services for senior and people who use wheelchairs, people with visual and hearing impairments, and people with all types of disabilities.

C. THAT Council discharge the following committees:

1. Advisory Committee on Disability Issues (on the appointment of the members to the Accessibility Advisory Committee)
2. Advisory Committee on Seniors' Issues (on the appointment of the members to the Accessibility Advisory Committee)
3. Peace and Justice Committee
4. Women's Advisory Committee (no current members)
5. Neighbourhoods Engagement Task Force (no current members)
6. Pedestrian Safety Task Force (no current members)
7. Sustainable Purchasing Task Force (no current members)

D. THAT Council request all committees to Council to consider the following priorities when developing their respective 2006-2008 workplans:

1. Support for economic development as means of keeping our city competitive into the future
2. Protect our local, regional and global ecology through a commitment to sustainability
3. Reduce the city's ecological footprint and increase housing affordability and choice through the support and implementation of EcoDensity principles
4. Reduce the incidents of street disorder and the impacts of crime
5. Enhance our vibrant arts and cultural community
6. Secure additional housing for our homeless or those at risk of homelessness
7. Increase the level of accountability of our city government
8. Improve the movement of goods and people throughout our City
9. Play host to the most inclusive and sustainable Olympic and Paralympic Games celebration in 2010
10. A commitment to citizen input into transparency

E. THAT Council may assign a non-voting Councillor Liaison to each Type A and Type D committee and that no Council liaisons are appointed to other committees.

- F. THAT Council direct the City Manager to assign a staff liaison to each Type A and Type D committee for the purpose of providing information and advice on City programs and work that is relevant to the mandate and workplan of the assigned advisory body.
- G. THAT Council approve \$10,000 in the Operating Budget to establish a new Advisory Committee Outreach Fund, for use by all Type A and Type D committees that do not currently have a specifically assigned budget, for community outreach events. Source of funding will be \$6,000 previously approved for the exclusive use of three existing committees, with the remaining \$4,000 subject to approval in the 2007 Budget process.
- H. That where appointments are currently on a staggered two year basis they be amended to two years and one year, with the option that a new Council may reappoint the one year appointments for a further one year in the new term, at its discretion.
- I. THAT Council direct staff to proceed with advertising for all committees requiring appointments with the goal that all committee members be appointed by Council no later than February, 2007.
- J. THAT Council direct staff to prepare mandate letters for all committees as the new members take office.
- K. THAT Council acknowledge the dedication of all committee members and that Council instruct staff to organize a recognition event for individuals who have served on City of Vancouver committees during the past three years.
- L. THAT Council request City staff prepare acknowledgement letters for the Mayor to sign on behalf of Council to the volunteers who have dedicated their time and efforts to support the various committees. This volunteer acknowledgment program will come into effect in 2007 with letters being provided on an annual basis or such time as a volunteer ceases to be a member of the committee.
- M. That Council instruct the Director of Legal Services to bring forward any necessary by-laws to reflect the changes arising from this resolution.