



CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF NEW WESTMINSTER

## COUNCIL IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

April 23, 2007 2:00 p.m.  
Committee Room 2, City Hall

### AGENDA

CALL Regular Council meeting called to Order.

ADJOURN the Regular Council Meeting.

CALL the Committee of the Whole meeting to order.

#### ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

*Motion to Add or Delete Items from Agenda*

#### PRESENTATION

1. **Vicki Austad, New Westminster Community Development Society, Jim Storie, President of the Trolley Company, and Dave Donaldson, consultant, to report on the progress of the business plan for trolley service in New Westminister.**

#### REPORTS FOR ACTION

**Mayor Wayne Wright:**

2. **Motion re Translink Governance Review – adopted by Vancouver City Council, on April 3, 2007**

***WHEREAS** the recent TransLink governance changes announced by Transportation Minister Kevin Falcon will have a large impact on Vancouver businesses, home owners and transit users;*

***AND WHEREAS** legislation is in the final stages of drafting, requiring a prompt response from municipalities if they wish to have any impact on the new TransLink structure;*

**AND WHEREAS** the full impact of these changes on the City of Vancouver is still unclear;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Vancouver City Council direct staff to provide a full report to Council as soon as possible on the impacts that the new TransLink structure will have on Vancouver;

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** Council send a letter to the existing TransLink Board asking it to include the following points in its recommendations to the Minister:

**30-year plan:**

- **THAT** the Province's 30-year Transportation Plan
  - adhere to the Greater Vancouver Regional District's Liveable Region Strategic Plan and latest revisions, favouring dense development in compact regional centres;
  - acknowledge the need to expedite the movement of goods to and from the Port of Vancouver;
  - promote walking, transit and cycling as the preferred transportation modes for people movement;
  - achieve the goal of reducing greenhouse gases from transportation by at least 33 per cent by 2020;
  - take into account the expected rise in fuel prices due to peak oil production and its impact on the affordability of automobile use and the volume of freight traffic.

**Accountability to taxpayers:**

- **THAT** the 10-year plans should originate with the Council of Mayors rather than the appointed TransLink Board.
- **THAT** the Council of Mayors approves the three-year plans as well as 10-year plans.
- **THAT** the Council of Mayors should appoint the TransLink Board as well as the independent commissioner based on a process of their choosing and absent any statutory restrictions.
- **THAT** the voting structure of the Council of Mayors should reflect not just population but also financial contributions of individual municipalities' residents through fuel taxes, transit fares, property taxes and other revenues.
- **THAT** the new TransLink board embraces municipal input and accountability to municipalities at an operational level.
- **THAT** TransLink Board meetings be public

**Expanded funding sources:**

- **THAT** fare increases are contrary to the goals of increasing transit mode share and achieving environmental sustainability.

- **THAT** the parking site tax should be replaced by an increase in the fuel tax, not an increase in business property taxes which disproportionately burdens Vancouver businesses.
- **THAT** proposals to raise TransLink funding from increased density at transit stations
  - do not cut into municipal funding sources for community amenities currently collected through density bonuses, development cost levies and community amenity contributions;
  - do not raise the cost of development such that construction of desired density is discouraged;
  - do not result in downloading essential transportation infrastructure costs to developers;
  - do not override municipal land use and zoning decisions;
  - credit existing density that makes transit improvements financially sustainable.
- **THAT** funding options available to TransLink be expanded to include road pricing other than tolls on new bridges.

**Director of Engineering Services:**

3. [Preparations for 2007 Spring Freshet – Part III](#)
4. [Central Valley Greenway - Columbia Street Improvements](#)
5. [Approval of Contract Award for the Replacement of the City's UHF Radio Systems](#)

**Director of Development Services:**

6. **Parcel "K" – Victoria Hill:** (circulated separately)
  - a) **Advisory Planning Commission's report dated April 4, 2007**
  - b) **Development Permit 004 (W) report dated April 23, 2007**
  - c) **Director of Development Services' report dated April 23, 2007**
7. **314 Nootka Street:**
  - a) [Advisory Planning Commission's report dated April 4, 2007](#)
  - b) [Director of Development Services' report dated April 23, 2007](#)
8. [Development Variance Permit No. 456 for 78 Seymour Court](#)
9. **210 Brunette Avenue (former Labatt's site):**
  - a) [Advisory Planning Commission's report dated February 13, 2007](#)
  - b) [Director of Development Services' report dated April 23, 2007](#)
10. [Green Municipal Fund Grant for a Sustainable Downtown Plan](#)

11. [Progress Update on the Livable City Strategy](#)
12. [Business Regulations and Licensing \(Rental Units\) Bylaw/Enforcement Update](#)

Director of Parks & Recreation:

13. [Moody Park Leisure Pool – Preliminary Functional Program and Design Process Involvement](#)

**COMMITTEE MINUTES AND RECOMMENDATIONS:**

MOTION TO ADOPT THE MINUTES OF:

14. [Electrical Utility Commission meetings of February 13, 2007 and March 13, 2007.](#)

MOTION TO ADOPT THE MINUTES OF:

15. [Seniors Advisory Committee meeting held April 5, 2007.](#)

**REQUESTS FOR PRESENTATIONS**

**REPORTS FOR INFORMATION**

**ADJOURNMENT**