



CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF NEW WESTMINSTER

REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL WORKING SESSION

January 18, 2010 2:40 p.m.
Committee Room 2, City Hall

MINUTES

PRESENT:

Mayor Wayne Wright
Councillor Jonathan Coté (joined meeting at 3:24 p.m.)
Councillor Bill Harper
Councillor Bob Osterman
Councillor Jaimie McEvoy
Councillor Betty McIntosh
Councillor Lorrie Williams

STAFF:

Mr. Paul Daminato	- City Administrator
Mr. Rick Page	- Corporate Officer/Director of Legislative Services
Ms. Lisa Spitale	- Director of Development Services
Mr. Rod Carle	- Manager of Electrical Utility
Mr. Jim Lowrie	- Director of Engineering Services
Mr. Gary Holowatiuk	- Director of Finance & Information Technology
Chief Tim Armstrong	- Fire Chief
Ms. Joan Burgess	- Director of Human Resources
Ms. Julie Spurrell	- Director of Library Services
Mr. Dean Gibson	- Director of Parks and Recreation
Chief Lorne Zapotichny	- Police Services
Ms. Judi Turner	- Assistant Corporate Officer

BUSINESS

1. **Amendments to 2010 Schedule of Regular Council Meetings** – Director of Legislative Services (Oral)

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the 2010 Schedule of Regular Council Meetings be amended as follows:

- February 8, 2010 - delete the Committee of the Whole meeting, add a Regular Council Working Session during the afternoon, and focus the agenda for the evening Regular Meeting of Council to bylaws and ceremonial activities (oath taking for committee members, Mayor's annual address, CAO annual address)
- February 22, 2010 – meetings cancelled
- April 19, 2010 – Delete Closed, Committee of the Whole and Regular, and insert a Regular Council Working Session; and
- April 26 – delete the Regular Council Working Session and insert Closed, Committee of the Whole and Regular Council meetings.

CARRIED.

All members of Council present voted in favour of the motion.

Also noted: that the Public Hearing for **Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 7365, 2009** [a Bylaw to Amend Zoning Bylaw No. 6680, 2001 re: 1932 Eighth Avenue], recessed at the Public Hearing on January 11, 2010, will be held on February 8, 2010, at 9:00 p.m.

2. **Proposed Bus Operations and Maintenance Facility in Richmond** – Director of Development Services

January 18, 2010 report providing information regarding a proposal for South Coast British Columbia Transportation authority to rezone a site at the northwest corner of Westminster Highway and Boundary Rd. in Richmond to develop a Bus Operations and Maintenance Facility.

Jim Lowrie, Director of Engineering, spoke about the City of Richmond project to rezone property at Westminster Highway and Boundary Road in Richmond to permit development of a 350 bus maintenance depot serviced by 600 staff. He referred to a letter to be sent to the Richmond public hearing on the matter. Bev Grieve, Manager of Planning, reviewed the following:

- Staff have had number of discussions with Richmond staff
- Residents of Queensborough have voiced significant concerns over this proposal and have presented those concerns to Richmond
- The City of New Westminster should express its concerns as part of the public hearing (occurring this evening)
- Regarding the proposed land use – no concerns
- Concerns exist, however, over traffic and transportation – Catherine Mohoruk, Transportation Engineering Specialist, elaborated on concerns: to ensure the emergency access area to the casino is kept clear; to establish where the municipal boundary exists on the road; at the intersection of Boundary Road

and Westminster a traffic signal is proposed – requires coordination as the intersection exists in both municipalities; directing traffic to the municipal road network adds pressure and the City needs to ensure Westminster Highway operates efficiently; the development project at 401 Jardine is taken into consideration for the Westminster Highway intersection and at Howes.

During discussion, members made the following comments:

- What is the air quality impact on New Westminster related to the movement of 350 buses through the community? Staff have passed this comment to Richmond
- Where would traffic go if it were more equitably distributed? Transit will come and go throughout the day and can vary their exit routes depending on the traffic and time of day
- Proximity to New Westminster residential development? Boundary and Ewen
- Ensure information is presented to Richmond at the Public Hearing
- Pressure on the interchange will come from a number of New Westminster developments; serious mitigation will be required
- There will be 350 staff vehicles also traveling to the site
- Is it legal to require left turn and forbid a right turn? (Cannot use a restrictive covenant to restrict movement; only legal authority that can restrict movement on a road is the Transit Authority and they are party to the proposal.)
- The depot will services buses for Surrey, Delta, Richmond and New Westminster
- Will the facility's day care be open to New Westminster residents?
- Will there be an impact from the facility on New Westminster businesses
- Strong concern that the facility is located in Richmond but vehicles to and from the facility must use New Westminster roads - New Westminster cooperation is not assured
- The proposal will also have an adverse impact on East Richmond
- Concern over the lack of consultation by Richmond.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT a senior New Westminster staff member attend the Richmond Public Hearing on their proposed Bylaw No. 8557 for a Bus Operations and Maintenance facility at Westminster Highway and Boundary Road to represent the City and request that Richmond Council defer consideration of the project to allow a second look at the project and consultation with the City of New Westminster.

CARRIED.

All members of Council present voted in favour of the motion.

3. [Update on Draft 2010 – 2014 Financial Plan – General Fund](#) – Director of Finance and Information Technology
January 18, 2010 report providing updates regarding the City's Financial Plan – General Fund.

Gary Holowatiuk, Director of Finance and Information Technology, introduced the plans for a review of the 2010 -2014 Financial Plan. He circulated the Power

Point notes (which will be added to the Agenda package) and commented on the refinements made since his last presentation. The City Administrator and Directors reviewed the high priority initiatives included in the presentation.

Councillor Cote joined the meeting at 3:24 p.m.

The following Council member comments and direction were given.

Administration - for Emergency planning, use the City news page for advertising –
Economic Development and Emergency Planning - zero increase.

Engineering Services – Facilities Management and Works Yard Maintenance – zero increase.

Fire and Rescue Services:

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the following be approved:

Fire Administration – Public safety and education advertising and promotion - \$5,000.

CARRIED.

All members of Council voted in favour of the motion.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the following be approved:

Fire Administration – first aid and education advertising and promotion - \$5,000.

CARRIED.

All members of Council voted in favour of the motion.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the following be approved:

Fire Administration – JEPP grant funding/Urban Centre Rescue Training - \$7,500.

CARRIED.

All members of Council voted in favour of the motion.

No increase was approved for Fire Operations – Overtime; however, the matter will be monitored over the year.

General Government

Legal Fees – staff to recover fees spent wherever possible.

Douglas College Bursary – staff to ensure bursary is kept from the general College bursary fund, that it be designated to meet City objectives – staff to discuss this with the College, that the fund be directed toward New Westminster residents. Staff agreed to fund this from reserves or surplus and to report back to Council on how this can be done.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the following be approved:

General Government – Legal fees - \$200,000.

CARRIED.

All members of Council voted in favour of the motion.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the following be approved:

General Government – Douglas College Bursary - \$5,000.

CARRIED.

All members of Council voted in favour of the motion.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the following be approved:

General Government – Community Gardens Initiative - \$5,000.

CARRIED.

All members of Council voted in favour of the motion.

Human Resources

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the following be approved:

Human Resources – Staff training and development - \$25,000.

CARRIED.

All members of Council voted in favour of the motion.

Legislative Services

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the following be approved:

Legislative Services – Department Receptionist - \$44,853.

CARRIED.

Opposed: Councillors Cote, McEvoy and McIntosh.

Staff to maintain record of services supplied to Councillors through this position.

Library

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the following be approved:

Library Services – Auxiliary staff for increased library usage and community outreach - \$20,000.

CARRIED.

All members of Council voted in favour of the motion.

Parks, Recreation and Culture

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the following be approved:

Parks, Culture and Recreation – Expanded operation of Moody Park Pool - \$2,000.

DEFEATED.

Opposed: Councillors Cote, Harper, Osterman and Williams,

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the following be approved:

Parks, Culture and Recreation – Expanded operations of Moody Park Pool - \$25,479.

CARRIED.

All members of Council voted in favour of the motion.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the following be approved:

Parks, Culture and Recreation – New Youth Centre - \$162,500.

CARRIED.

All members of Council voted in favour of the motion.

The Director of Finance and Information Technology reviewed the tax rate increment data portion of the presentation. Members debated the proposed tax rate increment encouraged a tax increase that is affordable for the residents.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the City alter the current policy regarding the use of casino funds for operating costs, making those funds available for this purpose.

DEFEATED.

Opposed: Councillors McEvoy, McIntosh, Osterman and Williams.

Staff was directed to review strategies to reduce the tax rate increase including reducing expenditures.

PROCEDURAL NOTE: The Regular Council Working Session recessed at 5:12 p.m. and reconvened at 5:22 p.m. with all members of Council present.

The Director of Finance and Information Technology then reviewed the changes to the General Fund Capital Program and followed up with Next Steps.

ADJOURNMENT

ON MOTION, the meeting adjourned at 5:49 p.m.

Certified Correct,

WAYNE WRIGHT
MAYOR

RICHARD L. PAGE
CORPORATE OFFICER