



CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF NEW WESTMINSTER

COUNCIL IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

January 25, 2010 3:00 p.m.
Committee Room 2, City Hall

MINUTES

PRESENT:

Mayor Wayne Wright
Councillor Jonathan Coté
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. Jim Lowrie	- Director of Engineering Services
Mr. Gary Holowatiuk	- Director of Finance & Information Technology
Ms. Joan Burgess	- Director of Human Resources
Mr. Dean Gibson	- Director of Parks and Recreation
Chief L. Zapotichny	- Police Services
Ms. Donna Martin	- Committee Clerk

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

1. Adjustments to agenda:

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the agenda be varied as follows:

- *Item 2a – Westminster Pier Park Development Design Consulting Contract.*

CARRIED.

All members of Committee voted in favour of the motion.

Mayor Wright moved to the Consent Agenda

CONSENT AGENDA

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Consent Agenda be varied as follows:

- *Remove items 9, 10 and 13.*

CARRIED.

All members of Committee voted in favour of the motion.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Consent Agenda and the recommendations arising from the revised Consent Agenda be approved as follows

8. **Heritage Designation (218 Burr Street) Bylaw No. 7373, 2010 – First and Second Reading** - Director of Development Services
January 25 report requesting first and second readings.

** *THAT the proposed Heritage Designation (218 Burr Street) Bylaw No. 7373, 2010 be forwarded to Regular Council for First and Second Reading.*

11. **Proposed Development Permit and Rezoning for 21 & 27 Eighth Avenue – Preliminary Report** - Director of Development Services
January 25, 2010 preliminary report supplying information regarding a development permit and rezoning application fro 21 and 27 Eighth Avenue.

THAT the January 25, 2010 preliminary report from the Director of Development Services regarding a development permit and rezoning application for 21 and 27 Eighth Avenue be received for information.

12. **Proposed Development Permit for 401 Sixth Street** - Director of Development Services
January 25, 2010 preliminary report providing information regarding an application to alter the existing building and surface parking lot at 401 Sixth Street.

THAT the January 25, 2010 preliminary report from the Director of Development Services regarding a development permit application for 401 Sixth Street be received for information.

14. **2010 Schedule of Council Meetings – Revise Schedule to Add Meetings on February 1, 2010 for Closed, Committee of the Whole and Regular Council** – Director of Legislative Services (Oral)

** *THAT the 2010 Schedule of Council Meetings be revised to add meetings on February 1, 2010 for Closed, Committee of the Whole, and Regular Council.*

15. **MOTION TO ADOPT THE MINUTES OF:** [Arts and Culture Commission meeting of November 4, 2009](#)

THAT the minutes of the Arts and Culture Commission meeting held on November 4, 2009 be received and adopted.

16. **MOTION TO ADOPT THE MINUTES OF:** the [Youth Advisory Committee meeting of October 29, 2009](#)

THAT the minutes of the Youth Advisory Committee meeting held on October 29, 2009 be received and adopted.

CARRIED.

All members of the Committee voted in favour of the motion.

REPORTS FOR ACTION

Director of Finance and Information Technology

2. [Update on Draft 2010-2014 Financial Plan – General Fund](#)

January 25, 2010 report providing ongoing deliberations in regard to the 2010 General Fund operating budget and the proposed 2010 property tax rate increment.

Gary Holowatiuk updated Council on the 2010 General Fund operating budget noting a number of adjustments to increase revenues by approximately \$0.29 million on the basis of best-case projections. Staff has reviewed the projected surplus for 2009 and determined it will be in the \$800,000 to \$1.5 million depending on year end accounting accruals still pending. The main driver being a one-time grant-in-lieu of taxes negotiated with Metro Vancouver.

Council discussion:

- Propose using more of surplus this year to bring tax rate to 4%.
- Could the Library cuts be a compromise? *Staff responded if any initiatives are added back, more has to be taken out of the reserve or that taxes be raised.*
- Some were not opposed to adding back the initiatives voted on last time and raising the tax rate.
- Seems like conservative figure would move to 4.27% through taxation.
- Cautioned putting off initiatives because there will be even more requests next year.
- Initiatives voted on at the last meeting are worthy of being included.

**** MOVED and SECONDED and CARRIED, this Committee recommends**

THAT the initiative discussion from the January 18, 2010 Committee of the Whole meeting stand.

CARRIED.

Councillor MacIntosh opposed.

- ** **MOVED and SECONDED and CARRIED, this Committee recommends**
THAT the tax rate be set at 3.98% with the remaining budget monies need to be taken from the prior year's surplus.

CARRIED.

All members of the Committee voted in favour of the motion.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT staff submit a budget review to Council in Committee of the whole tri-annually.

CARRIED.

All members of the Committee voted in favour of the motion.

2a. Westminster Pier Park Development Design Consulting Contract

- ** **MOVED and SECONDED and CARRIED, this Committee recommends**
THAT the contract for design and environmental remediation consulting for the Westminster Pier Park Development Project in the amount of \$2,522,768 (plus taxes) be awarded to Worley Parsons Westmar pending the City completing its due diligence process and finalizing contract negotiations.

CARRIED.

All members of the Committee voted in favour of the motion.

Director of Development Services

3. [Downtown Community Plan Policy Approval](#)

January 15, 2010 report presenting the final copy of the Downtown Community Plan for approval and to introduce next steps in the process.

Council commended staff for the amount of time and effort put into the consultation process and the excellent work done on the Downtown Community Plan Policy document.

- ** **MOVED and SECONDED and CARRIED, this Committee recommends**
THAT the Downtown Community Plan be adopted as a policy document to replace other land use based neighbourhood plans for the Downtown area; and

THAT staff be directed to forward the Downtown Community Plan to the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) for final approval and grant reconciliation, as well as School District #40 and the Public Library.

CARRIED.

All members of Committee voted in favour of the motion.

Director of Engineering

5. [A Safety Review of Left-Turn Facilities](#)

January 25, 2010 report providing Council with the results of a safety review of left-turn facilities.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the January 25, 2010 report from the Director of Engineer Services regarding the results of a safety review of left-turn facilities be received for information.

CARRIED.

All members of Committee voted in favour of the motion.

6. [2010 Environmental Grant Program Recommendations](#)

January 25, 2010 report seeking consideration of recommendations from Environment Advisory Committee for the approval of grants for local environmental projects.

**** MOVED and SECONDED and CARRIED, this Committee recommends**

THAT the recommendation of the Environmental Advisory Committee's to approve grant funding in the amount of \$19,850 for community-based environmental projects as outlined in the January 15, 2010 report from the Director of Engineering Services be approved.

CARRIED.

All members of Committee voted in favour of the motion.

Director of Parks, Culture and Recreation

7. [2010 Arts and Culture Grant Committee Recommendations](#) - Spirit Committee of New Westminster

January 25, 2010 report requesting reconsideration of the Spirit Committee application for project funding through the 2010 Arts and Culture Grant program.

**** MOVED and SECONDED and CARRIED, this Committee recommends**

THAT Spirit Committee of New Westminster's request for reconsideration of their Arts and Culture grant application be received and a grant in the amount of \$5,000 be awarded.

CARRIED.

All members of Committee voted in favour of the motion.

ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

9. [Abandonment of Heritage Revitalization Agreement\(1010 Third Avenue and 1012 Third Avenue\) Bylaw No. 7321, 2009](#) - Director of Development Services

January 25, 2010 report recommending abandonment of Heritage Revitalization Agreement (1010 Third Avenue and 1012 Third Avenue) Bylaw 7321, 2009.

Council requested a status report on the cost of relocating a heritage house and the issues surrounding the City's ability to subsidize that process. It was suggested some public consultation be done to receive residents' suggestions regarding the preservation of heritage buildings in the City of New Westminster.

- **** ***THAT** Heritage Revitalization Agreement (1010 Third Avenue and 1012 Third Avenue) Bylaw 7321, 2009 be abandoned.*

CARRIED.

All members of the Committee voted in favour of the motion.

- 10.** [City of New Westminster Child Care Grant Program](#) - Director of Development Services
January 25, 2010 report outlining Child Care Grant Program.

- **** ***THAT** should Council approve the continuation of seven day parking meters after the three to four month trial period, that part of the revenues be used to fund the Child Care Grant Program.*

CARRIED.

All members of the Committee voted in favour of the motion.

- 13.** [Proposed New Westminster Sidewalk Café Encroachment Amendment Bylaw No. 7375, 2010](#) - Director of Development Services
January 25, 2010 report requesting referral to Council for three readings and outlining the processing of applications for sidewalk cafes from primary liquor establishments.

There was a brief discussion of the guidelines for smoking. It was established that most sidewalk cafes in New Westminster have no smoking on their patios.

- **** ***THAT** the New Westminster Sidewalk Café Encroachment Amendment Bylaw No. 7375, 2010 be referred to Regular Council meeting for three readings; and*

- **** ***THAT** applications for Sidewalk Cafes from liquor primary establishments be processed as outlined in the January 25, 2010 report from the Director of Development Services.*

CARRIED.

All members of the Committee voted in favour of the motion.

COMMITTEE MINUTES AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

17. **MOTION TO ADOPT THE MINUTES OF: Family Court Committee meeting of November 28, 2009**

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the minutes of the Family Court Committee meeting held on November 28, 2009 be received and adopted.

CARRIED.

All members of Committee voted in favour of the motion.

MOTION TO ADOPT THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF: Family Court Committee meeting of November 28, 2009

a) **2009 Family Day Wrap-Up Report**

** **MOVED and SECONDED and CARRIED, this Committee recommends**
THAT a grant in the amount of \$4,000.00 be approved for Family Day 2010.

CARRIED.

All members of the Committee voted in favour of the motion.

18. **The following recommendations arising from the November 4, 2009 meeting of the Pedestrian and Bicycle Committee were deferred at the January 11, 2010 Committee of the Whole meeting:**

MOTION TO ADOPT THE RECOMMENDATIONS ARISING FROM THE ABOVE:

a) **Review of Central Valley Greenway Committee Ride**

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the report from the November 4, 2009 meeting of the Pedestrian and Bicycle Committee be received.

CARRIED.

All members of the Committee voted in favour of the motion.

b) **Update on the City's Snow Removal Plan**

** **MOVED and SECONDED and CARRIED, this Committee recommends**

THAT staff review the pedestrian/bicycle aspect of the Snow and Ice Removal Plan with respect to removal of snow removal on private and public property..

CARRIED.

All members of the Committee voted in favour of the motion.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no New Business.

ADJOURNMENT

ON MOTION, the meeting adjourned at 4:44 p.m.

Certified Correct,

WAYNE WRIGHT
MAYOR

RICK PAGE
CORPORATE OFFICER