



CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF NEW WESTMINSTER

REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL

January 25, 2010 3:00 p.m.
Committee Room No. 2
City Hall

MINUTES

PRESENT:

Mayor Wayne Wright
Councillor Jonathan Côté
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. Donna Martin	- Committee Clerk

The Committee reconvened as Council in the Council Chamber at 7:05 p.m.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

1. ***Motion to adopt the minutes of the last regular meeting of the City Council held [January 11, 2010](#) and regular meeting of City Council working session held [January 18, 2010](#).***

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the minutes of the last regular meeting of the City Council held January 11, 2010 and regular meeting of City Council working session held January 18, 2010.

CARRIED.

All members of Council voted in favour of the motion.

PRESENTATIONS

2. **2010 Spirit of BC Week**
 - a) **Proclamation**
 - b) **Presentation to Jack McGee, Chair, Karen Baker-MacGrotty, Co-Chair and Don Michiel of the Spirit of BC Committee**

Jack McGee thanked Council for their support. Karen Baker-McGrotty invited everyone to participate in the 2010 countdown to the Olympics events. Check your local newspaper for details.

Mayor Wright proclaimed February 5 – 12, 2010 Spirit of BC Week.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Spirit Committee of New Westminster's request for reconsideration of their 2010 Arts and Culture grant application be received and a grant in the amount of \$5,000 be awarded.

CARRIED.

All members of Council voted in favour of the motion.

3. **2010 Heritage Week – Dan Richardson, New Westminster Salmonbellies and Eric Pattison, representing the Board of Heritage B.C.**

Dan Richardson reviewed a newspaper article from May 1888 and the history of the New Westminster Salmonbellies name.

Eric Pattison announced Heritage Week is February 15 – 21, 2010. He presented heritage slides of the Queens Park Arena, home of the New Westminster lacrosse team and various press shots. The Mayor and Council were presented with a poster "Heritage of Sport and Recreation Community Pride, Active Living" which appeared in Heritage Week magazine put out by Heritage BC.

DELEGATIONS

4. **Open Delegations**

Vance McFadyen, resident of New Westminster, requested that August 7, 2010 be declared New Westminster Pride Day to promote trust, understanding and a means of the gay community connecting for the greater good of all. He urged everyone to read the January 14, 2010 article published in the Xtra West newspaper.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT August 7, 2010 be proclaimed Gay Pride Day in New Westminster with proclamation to follow.

CARRIED.

All members of Council voted in favour of the motion.

Colin Meldrum, Royal City Youth Soccer Club, requested Mercer Stadium be preserved in existing location or that a new stadium be constructed in another location before Mercer is demolished. He also requested an additional artificial turf field be constructed and offered \$300,000 in grant monies from Royal City Youth Soccer Club for that purpose.

Dave Brown, Raising the Roof, requested support of Toque Tuesday on February 2, 2010. Toques will be sold for \$10 on the streets of the City. Funds received will help the homeless.

Stacy Ashton, New Westminster Festival of Volunteers invited everyone to the Volunteer Festival on Saturday, January 30, 2010 from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at Royal City Centre. The emphasis this year is on sports and recreation.

Gavin Hainsworth, New Westminster resident, announced there will be an art show in the library during Heritage Week. Archie Miller and Mr. Hainsworth will be doing heritage presentations on February 7th and March 17th at the Library at 7:30 p.m. He invited everyone to join the City's Facebook and send pictures.

Robert Howie, 625 Hamilton Street, expressed concern regarding the shifting of the New Westminster buses to Hamilton Transit Centre. To reduce the severity of the problem, he suggested the North Vancouver buses remain in North Vancouver and the New Westminster buses be kept at First and Boundary Road.

Andre Klasen, representing strata units at 816 Boyd Street, expressed concern regarding the property tax increase. He feels the cost is astronomical for the services the strata is receiving.

Staff indicated they have had discussions with Mr. Klasen and the issue is not the increase in property tax but the assessed value of the property. It has been suggested that Mr. Klasen file an appeal with BC Assessment by February 1, 2010.

It was suggested the City follow up with the Province to determine what can be done with respect to tax relief for owners of non-residential properties suffering the effect of the recession.

Mayor Wright noted that the City receives only a small portion (8 cents on the dollar) of the assessed property taxes.

Mohamed Hassan, 816 Boyd Street, asked why he is paying more tax than his neighbor even though the assessed property value is the same.

Mr. Holowatuik suggested the properties may be in different classifications and therefore the mill rate may have increased at different rates. BC Assessment determines the classification and the City sets the tax rate.

Tony Antonias, representing the Arts Commission, encouraged everyone to purchase a T.V. Vets tag for their keychains. Mr. Antonias announced the Olympic Arts Festival has begun and encouraged all to participate.

REPORTS

5. Council Members:

Councillor Osterman

. . . attended a party for Councillor MacIntosh's retirement from Royal Columbian Hospital.

Councillor Williams

. . . also attended the retirement party for Councillor MacIntosh, an Open House at News Leader in Burnaby, attended a Uganda Childrens' Choir event, the 150th Celebration recognizing Volunteers, and the Library Committee Meeting.

Councillor Cote

. . . announced the Parks and Recreation Committee received a presentation from a community member; attended a Community and Social Issues Committee who are focusing on youth homelessness this year, and made a presentation to Grade 3 at Herbert Spencer Elementary.

Councillor McEvoy

. . . enjoyed 150th Volunteer celebration, thanked all who volunteered and those on the Committee, attended World Poetry Night to celebrate multiculturalism, announced the Russell Hotel is the beginning of addressing the need for housing for the homeless in the community, Environment Committee met and forwarded grant recommendations to Council, attended the Open House at Newsleader, met with the Homeless Coalition to look at needs to be addressed in the community.

Councillor Harper

. . . offered thanks to staff for work on the 150th celebration, attended Arts Council meeting, UDI meeting, commented on the acceptance the City residents for such projects as the Russell Hotel housing project, acknowledged Councillor McIntosh's retirement, expressed

disappointment that the City of Richmond did not meet with Council on the Hamilton Transit Centre and suggested New Westminster Councillors should make their concerns be known to the Councillors they know in Richmond.

Councillor McIntosh

. . . attended 150th celebration of volunteers, chaired Special Services and Family Court committees, attended Sapperton Old Age Pensioners meeting, Chamber of Commerce networking at Newsleader in Burnaby, attended Homeless Coalition, announced Genises Cottages opening, expressed thanks to the Provincial Government and BC Housing for funding for the shelter at Russell House with storage for possessions, thanked those who attended her retirement party, and wished everyone a happy Robert Burns Day.

Mayor Wayne Wright proclaimed February 15 – February 21 as The Heritage of Sport & Recreation “Community Pride,” Active Living Week and February as Black History Month, attended 11 meetings since last report, chaired the New Westminster Police Board meeting; brought greetings to the official Opening of Russell Housing Centre that will provide 40 units of supportive housing and 15 shelter beds for homeless-at-risk in New Westminster, funded through the Provincial Homelessness Initiative; attended Experience the Fraser Political Steering Committee Meeting, Langley City Hall; announced that appointments to committees, boards and commissions for the term ending January, 2011 will be announced and appointees will take their oath of office at City Council meeting, February 8, 2010.

COMMITTEE MINUTES AND RECOMMENDATIONS

6. Motion to receive and adopt the minutes of a meeting of [Council in Committee of the Whole held January 11, 2010](#)

Staff was asked to clarify the motion on Page 6 of the January 11, 2010 Committee of the Whole meeting minutes with respect to the motion on Casino Policy and bring this item to next Regular Council Meeting on February 1, 2010.

7. Recommendations from Council in Committee of the Whole meeting held January 25, 2010

PROCEDURAL NOTE: Recommendation 3 was removed for discussion. Recommendation 7 was acted upon under Presentations at earlier in the meeting.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the following motions be approved as Consent items::

Director of Finance and Information Technology

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

THAT staff be directed as follows:

- *To retain new initiatives voted on at the January 18, 2010 Committee of the Whole Meeting*
- *Set tax rate at 3.98% with remaining budget monies needed to be taken from the prior year's surplus.*

2a. Westminster Pier Park Development Design Consulting Contract

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 the team of Worley Parsons Westmar pending the City completing its due diligence process and finalizing contract negotiations.

Director of Development Services

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

THAT the recommendation of the Environmental Advisory Committee 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.

**8. [Heritage Designation \(218 Burr Street\) Bylaw No. 7373, 2010](#) –
First and Second Reading - Director of Development Services**

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

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

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

10. [City of New Westminster Child Care Grant Program](#) - Director of Development Services

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.

13. [Proposed New Westminster Sidewalk Café Encroachment Amendment Bylaw No. 7375, 2010](#) - Director of Development Services

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.

14. **2010 Schedule of Council Meetings – Revise Schedule to Add Meetings on February 1, 2010 for Closed, Committee of the Whole and Regular Council**

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.

17. [MOTION TO ADOPT THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF: Family Court Committee meeting of November 28, 2009](#)

THAT a grant in the amount of \$4,000.00 be approved for Family Day 2010.

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:**

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

CARRIED.

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

3. **Downtown Community Plan Policy Approval**

It was suggested the Downtown Community Plan be distributed to New Westminster schools and Residents' Associations.

MOVED and SECONDED

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.

CARRIED.

All members of Council voted in favour of the motion.

BYLAWS

8. [Heritage Designation Bylaw \(218 Burr Street\) No. 7373, 2010](#) [a bylaw of the Corporation of the City of New Westminster to designate the lands, buildings and structures located at 218 Burr Street, as protected heritage property.]

TWO READINGS

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Heritage Designation Bylaw (218 Burr Street) No. 7373, 2010 be read for a first time.

CARRIED.

All members of Council voted in favour of the motion.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Heritage Designation Bylaw (218 Burr Street) No. 7373, 2010 be read for a second time.

CARRIED.

All members of Council voted in favour of the motion.

A Public Hearing has been scheduled for Monday, March 15, 2010 at 7:00 in Council Chamber, City Hall

9. [New Westminster Sidewalk Café Encroachment Amendment Bylaw No. 7375, 2010](#) [a bylaw to amend New Westminster Sidewalk Encroachment Bylaw No. 6370, 1997]

THREE READINGS

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT New Westminster Sidewalk Café Encroachment Amendment Bylaw No. 7375, 2010 be read for a first time.

CARRIED.

All members of Council voted in favour of the motion.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT New Westminster Sidewalk Café Encroachment Amendment Bylaw No. 7375, 2010 be read for a second time.

CARRIED.

All members of Council voted in favour of the motion.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT New Westminster Sidewalk Café Encroachment Amendment Bylaw No. 7375, 2010 be read for a third time.

CARRIED.

All members of Council voted in favour of the motion.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no Unfinished Business

NEW BUSINESS

There was no New Business.

NEXT MEETING

Monday, February 1, 2010

Proposed Closed Session commencing at 1:00 p.m., Regular Council Working Session at 3:00 p.m. in Committee Room No. 2, City Hall, and Regular Council at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber, City Hall.

Public Hearing - 9:00 p.m. – February 8, 2010

Continuation of the Public Hearing recessed on January 11, 2010 for Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 7365, 2009 [a Bylaw to Amend Zoning Bylaw No. 6680, 2001 re: 1932 Eighth Avenue].

ADJOURNMENT

ON MOTION, the meeting adjourned at 9:52 p.m.

Certified Correct,

WAYNE WRIGHT
MAYOR

RICHARD L. PAGE
CORPORATE OFFICER