



## **COUNCIL IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

January 30, 2012 3:08 p.m.  
Committee Room 2, City Hall

### **MINUTES**

#### **PRESENT:**

Mayor Wayne Wright  
Councillor Jonathan Coté  
Councillor Bill Harper  
Councillor Betty McIntosh (arrived at 3:10 pm)  
Councillor Jaimie McEvoy  
Councillor Chuck Puchmayr (excused from the meeting at 3:27pm; returned at 3:28 p.m.)

#### **ABSENT:**

Councillor Lorrie Williams

#### **STAFF:**

Mr. Paul Daminato	- City Administrator
Mr. Rick Page	- Director of Legislative Services/Corporate Officer
Mr. Jim Lowrie	- Director of Engineering Services
Ms. Lisa Spitale	- Director of Development Services
Ms. Bev Grieve	- Manager of Planning, Development Services
John Stark	- Senior Social Planner, Development Services
Mr. G. Dean Gibson	- Director of Parks, Culture and Recreation
Ms. Joanne Edey-Nicoll	- Assistant Director of Parks, Culture and Recreation
Mr. Gary Holowatiuk	- Director of Finance & Information Technology
Mr. Eugene Wat	- Manager of Infrastructure Planning
Mr. Greg Magirescu	- Manager, Arts & Cultural Development
Mr. Terry Dunlop	- Recording Secretary

Regular Council meeting was called to order at 3:08 p.m.

#### **Motion to adjourn to Committee of the Whole**

#### **MOVED and SECONDED**

*THAT Council adjourn to a meeting as a Committee of the Whole with resumption of the regular meeting of Council immediately following the Committee of the Whole.*

**CARRIED.**

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

## ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

### **MOVED and SECONDED**

*THAT the following item be added to the Agenda:*

*Notice of Motion:*

- *Councillor Chuck Puchmayr re Amateur Sports, as item #18*

**CARRIED.**

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

## REPORTS FOR ACTION

### **Director of Parks, Culture and Recreation**

#### **1. [Recommendations for 2012 Amateur Sport Fund Grants](#)**

Report dated January 30, 2012 seeking consideration of recommendations from the Amateur Sports Fund Committee for approval of grants to local minor sport organizations for 2012.

Councillor McIntosh joined the meeting at 3:10 pm.

#### **Comments from Council** (responses shown in *Italics*)

- What was the rationale in determining grants where some organizations appear to have received substantially more than others? *The Amateur Sport Fund is very project-by-project specific; the committee recommends grants based on the highest priorities established by the guidelines. Rather than targeting individual groups year to year, awards are recommended on the basis of specific initiatives identified in the grant report itself. Also, Some organizations might host provincial or national tournaments and funding levels are adjusted to reflect other contributions accordingly.*

### **MOVED and SECONDED**

*THAT \$34,900 in grants for amateur sport development be approved as recommended by the Amateur Sports Fund Committee.*

**CARRIED.**

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

#### **2. [2012 Community Grant Recommendations](#)**

Report dated January 30, 2012 seeking consideration of recommendations from the Community Grant Committee for approval of grants for local community projects.

**Comments from Council** (responses shown in *Italics*)

- What is being done to commemorate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee? *Events are identified under the Arts & Culture Grant.*
- Why was the Vancouver Area Cycling Coalition not included in the grants? *Staff contacted organizations in December but the Coalition did not submit their receipts. There might be local/regional miscommunication. In future, staff will issue reminders.*
- How are groups informed that they will receive funding? *A letter is sent advising recipients of what has been approved.*
- Does the City work with the Sapperton Pensioners on sharing of their building's maintenance and upkeep costs? *The seniors produced an action plan for their hall and made an application for a grant this year for one of their projects.*
- A Councillor advised that the UFCW (United Food and Commercial Workers) held a fundraiser and provided volunteers for a St. Barnabas Church project. It was likely that the UFCW would be glad to help the Sapperton Seniors with future projects as well.

**MOVED and SECONDED**

*THAT grant funding to support community initiatives in the amount of \$41,000 be awarded as outlined on Appendix "A" attached to the Director of Parks, Culture and Recreation's January 30, 2012 report.*

**CARRIED.**

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

**3. [2012 Heritage Grant Recommendations](#)**

Report dated January 30, 2012 seeking consideration of recommendations from the Heritage Grant Committee for approval of grants for local heritage projects.

**Procedural Note:**

Councillor Puchmayr declared a personal interest in the application for grant funds for the Canadian Lacrosse Hall of Fame and therefore requested that item #2 of the 2012 be removed from the recommendation in order that he be excused to permit a separate vote on the application.

**MOVED and SECONDED**

*THAT grant funding to support Heritage initiatives in the amount of \$17,500 be awarded as outlined on Appendix "A" attached to the Director of Parks, Culture and Recreation's January 30, 2012 report, excluding item #2.*

**CARRIED.**

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

Councillor Puchmayr departed the meeting at 3:27 pm.

**MOVED and SECONDED**

*THAT grant funding to support the Heritage initiative #2 in the amount of \$2,500 as outlined on Appendix "A" attached to the Director of Parks, Culture and Recreation's January 30, 2012 report be awarded to the Canadian Lacrosse Hall of Fame.*

**CARRIED.**

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

Councillor Puchmayr rejoined the meeting at 3:28 pm.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

*Note: Council members may adopt in one motion all recommendations appearing on the Consent Agenda or, prior to the vote, request an item be removed from the Consent Agenda for debate or discussion, voting in opposition to a recommendation, or declaring a conflict of interest with an item.*

**MOVED AND SECONDED**

*THAT Council remove items, 6,8, 10,11,13, and 14 from the Consent Agenda.*

**CARRIED.**

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

**\*\* MOVED and SECONDED and CARRIED, this Committee recommends THAT the following Consent Agenda item recommendations be approved:**

**Director of Development Services**

**4. [Bylaw Notice Enforcement Amendment Bylaw No. 7508 \(Bylaw 7508, 2012\)](#)**

[Report dated January 30, 2012 presenting Bylaw Notice Enforcement Amendment Bylaw No. 7508 for consideration.](#)

*THAT Bylaw Notice Enforcement Amendment Bylaw No. 7508, 2012 be referred to Regular Council for Three Readings.*

**CARRIED.**

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

**5. [Proposed Amendment to Development Permit 025 \(S\) for the Brewery District at 290 East Columbia Street](#)**

[Report dated January 30, 2012 advising of a proposed amendment to Development Permit 025 \(S\) to allow addition of an eighth floor to the building.](#)

*THAT Development Permit 025 (S) Amendment #1 to allow development of the eighth floor on Parcel 1B in the Brewery District project be approved and issued.*

**CARRIED.**

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

**[7. Development Variance Permit No. 530 for 240 Philips Street – Preliminary Report](#)**

[Report dated January 30, 2012 informing of application of a Development Variance Permit relative to the minimum frontage for one of the lots in the two-lot subdivision of 340 Philips Street.](#)

*THAT Council receive the January 30, 2012 preliminary report on Development Variance Permit No. 530 for 240 Philips Street for information.*

**CARRIED.**

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

## **Director of Development Services and Director of Parks, Culture and Recreation**

### **9. City of New Westminster Post – 1846 Historic Artefact Recovery Policy**

[Report dated January 30, 2012 providing draft principle, objectives and goals for a post 1846 historic artefact recovery policy and a series of next steps to develop and implement the policy.](#)

*THAT Council direct staff to implement the next steps for a post 1846 historic artefact recovery policy as outlined in the January 30, 2012 joint report from the Director of Development Services and the Director of Parks, Culture and Recreation.*

**CARRIED.**

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

### **12. Correspondence:**

[THAT Council receive correspondence dated December 5, 2011 from Mayor Ralph Drew, Chair, Lower Mainland Treaty Advisory Committee.](#)

**CARRIED.**

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

**Lower Mainland Treaty Advisory Committee seeks nominees from local government jurisdictions within the respective Katzie and Tsleil-Waututh Statement-of-Intent areas to participate in respective treaty negotiations.**

*THAT Councillor Chuck Puchmayr be appointed to represent the City of New Westminster on the Lower Mainland Treaty Advisory Committee for the year 2012.*

**CARRIED.**

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

## **ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA**

### **6. Child Care Strategy Year 2 Progress Report**

[Report dated January 30, 2012 providing a second of three progress updates on implementation of recommended actions contained in the Child Care Strategy for New Westminster \(February 23, 2009\).](#)

**Comments from Council** (responses shown in *Italics*)

- Council requested that changes to location of daycare facilities in residential areas be implemented in 2011. Why has this not gone ahead? *On the advice of the city solicitor, concerns regarding possible infringement on other owners' rights, e.g. parking issues, building lot sizes, etc. will need to be addressed. Furthermore, the Building Code will be revised in 2012 and changes to the code might have implications for daycare operators. Accordingly, the solicitor recommended waiting until concerns and code changes can be fully addressed, likely during the spring.*
- The City's intention to facilitate more daycare options has not changed. *If facilities are above a certain size, it is likely that operators will have to have a code consultant work with them on possible effects of code changes re fire separation and sprinklers. These changes might apply to all care types and require retrofitting of existing dwellings.*
- Concern at implications of code changes and limitation of categories. Also concerned about parking study requirements – many studies have already been done – why repeat this work? *Parking issues are an Engineering Department requirement that must be addressed.*
- Suggest the parking study requirement be liaised between Development Services and the Engineering Departments. There should be sufficient in-house resources to allow for such liaison. *Staff has worked with operators on adherence to guidelines, which depend on specific locations. Larger facilities need more comprehensive studies. Engineering staff will develop guidelines to cover most applications.*
- Do all neighbourhood daycare applications all come to the City for review? *Yes. Staff engages in detailed discussion to determine neighbourhood concerns, e.g., drop-off and pick-up, parking, reversing into neighbouring driveways, etc.*
- Are any applications currently on hold? *Yes, two. Someone is also contemplating purchase of property for a daycare facility but might delay if code changes impose significant costs.*
- Concerns of immediate neighbours are all well understood by Council. \$5,000 for studies is a considerable amount for a small facility operator to expend. Many of the concerns appear to relate to a policy issue. The City needs to make a decision to support a comprehensive procedure for addressing neighbourhood issues.

**\*\* MOVED and SECONDED and CARRIED, this Committee recommends**  
*THAT Council receive the January 30, 2012 progress update on the Child Care Strategy for New Westminster for information.*

**CARRIED.**

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

## **8. NWCDS Downtown Mosaic Tile Project Update**

Report dated January 30, 2012 updating on the progress of the Downtown Mosaic Tile Project and informing that the New Westminster Community Development Society (NWCDS) Trustees will gift the City with an additional \$37,800 for a future public project in the Downtown.

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

*THAT Council receive the January 30, 2012 update report on the New Westminster Community Development Society Mosaic Tile Project, for information.*

**CARRIED.**

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

## **10. Master Transportation Plan Advisory Committee**

Report dated January 30, 2012 presenting a mandate and membership of the Master Transportation Plan Advisory Committee for approval.

**Comments from Council** (responses shown in *Italics*)

- One more public meeting has been scheduled. It appears that public interest has led to meetings being over attended. Are there plans for additional Open House meetings? *Yes – more are planned. Staff is also pursuing a workshop. Survey responses are being accepted to February 21.*
- Should a consultant's claim that 43 percent of all truck traffic in the city serves New Westminster be challenged? *The consultants provided an example that involved only a small "window" where trucks were monitored. E.g., truck traffic along Front Street might reveal a very different statistic.*

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

*THAT Council receive and approve the mandate and membership of the Master Transportation Plan Advisory Committee.*

**CARRIED.**

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

### **Notice of Motion**

Councillor McEvoy was given leave to introduce the following Notice of Motion for possible consideration at the later Regular meeting of Council:

*THAT the Master Plan Transportation Advisory Committee expand membership by appointing a representative from the local Taxi Drivers Association and from the Fraser Health Authority for consultative purposes.*

## **11. Report on 2011 Local Government Election in the City of New Westminster**

Report dated January 30, 2012 submitting information arising from the 2011 Local General Elections for the City of New Westminster.

**Comments from Council** (responses shown in *Italics*)

- A member of Council requested further details on the content of the report.

- \*\* MOVED and SECONDED and CARRIED, this Committee recommends**  
*THAT Council receive the Director of Legislative Services' report on 2011 Local General Elections for information and refer it back to staff for further report on details.*  
**CARRIED.**

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

**13. Motion to adopt the Recommendations from the Arts Commission meeting of January 10, 2012:**

**Comments from Council** (responses shown in *Italics*)

- On what projects could the \$250,000 be disbursed? - *The grant would be considered as "new money" or in-kind services towards a special celebration – amounts already allocated cannot be used. Staff wishes to go to the community to assess buy-in for an event of this scope but first needs to know if Council agrees to support the application. The working group sees increased capacity and synergies for the City to apply.*
- What is the time, effort and cost of putting together such an application? *Requires significant financial documentation and a lot of work – will be staff-driven.*
- Why not take the City's last application "off the shelf" and use as the basis for a new and more effective bid? *Agreed. This will save a lot of work being done.*

- \*\* MOVED and SECONDED and CARRIED, this Committee recommends**  
*THAT Council approve in principle the Arts Commission recommendation for an application to the department of Canadian Heritage for designation as a Cultural Capital of Canada in 2014 and commit to a \$250, 000 contribution in cash and in kind services in the event of a successful application.*

**CARRIED.**

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

- \*\* MOVED and SECONDED and CARRIED, this Committee recommends**  
*THAT Council authorize staff to apply for Canada Day funding through Heritage Canada.*

**CARRIED.**

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

**14. Motion to adopt the Recommendation from the Public Arts Advisory Commission meeting of January 3, 2012:**

*THAT the Public Arts Advisory Commission recommend to relocate the donated Orca Whale exhibit to Moody Park Pool.*

**Comments from Council** (responses shown in *Italics*)

- A member of Council enquired as to other possible locations such as the waterfront or the New Westminster Pier Park. *The donor expressed the wish that it be located where children and families could appreciate it.*

**MOVED and SECONDED**

**THAT** Council **table** the Public Arts Advisory Commission recommendation regarding the donated Orca Whale exhibit.

**CARRIED.**

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

**REPORTS FOR ACTION**

**Director of Development Services**

**15. [Queensborough Community Plan – Work Plan Update and Community Consultation Program](#)**

Report dated January 30, 2012 advising of progress of development of the Community Plan and providing an outline of the proposed work plan.

**MOVED and SECONDED**

**THAT** Council **table** the report for consideration at the next meeting.

**CARRIED.**

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

**16. [Criteria and Public Consultation for the Consideration of the Disposition of City Properties](#)**

Report dated January 30, 2012 seeking approval of a set of criteria to be utilized in the consideration of disposition of City properties and seeking direction on public consultation processes.

**Comments from Council** (responses shown in *Italics*)

- Is the disposition of land carried out according to the *Community Charter*? *Yes, staff adheres to the Charter.*
- No other municipality uses a public consultation process – how do they handle the issue? *Most municipalities have made decisions based on their Community Plans where use of property has already been determined.*
- Does this proposed course of action slow down the process into a more protracted procedure? *Once property is identified and the City gives 30-days notice for comment, it will inevitably slow down the process.*
- How does this proposal differ from what we do now; might we tie ourselves because we have budgeted on the basis of sale of surplus properties?
- This proposal was brought forward as a result of Council's response to a community concern relating to what is deemed as surplus to the City's needs.

- Full public disclosure and transparency is commendable but there should be more discussion, e.g. long-term leasing options and more creative ways for the City to benefit from its land holdings.

\*\* **MOVED and SECONDED and CARRIED, this Committee recommends**  
*THAT Council adopt the Policy Framework for the disposition of City Owned Lands in appendix “A” of the Director of Development Services’ January 30, 2012 report.*

**CARRIED.**

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

**MOVED and SECONDED**

*THAT Council table the recommendation regarding a public consultation process on the policy framework for the disposition of City owned lands, as outlined in the Director of Development Services’ January 30, 2012 report.*

**CARRIED.**

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

## Director of Engineering

**17. Downtown Business Improvement Association – Transportation and Parking Issues**  
Report dated January 30, 2012 presenting survey information from the Downtown Business Improvement Association (BIA) on several issues, including the configuration of on-street parking, bicycle lanes on Columbia Street and disposition of the Front Street Parkade.

Mr. Jim Lowrie Director of Engineering Services addressed the report and discussed the issues raised by the BIA.

**Comments from Council** (responses shown in *Italics*)

- Councillors commented on the BIA’s Town hall Meeting scheduled for January 31 and the most effective way to respond. *Staff proposed a public consultation process to convey the City’s position on a number of the issues raised by the BIA.*
- A member of Council noted the importance of granting equal status to input received from downtown residents.

\*\* **MOVED and SECONDED and CARRIED, this Committee recommends**  
*THAT Council make no change to the current configuration of back-in angle parking on Columbia Street; and*

*THAT Council maintain bicycle lanes on Columbia Street and refer the existing downtown bicycle network to the Master Transportation Plan for review; and*

*THAT Council direct staff to prepare terms of reference for a long term downtown parking strategy to be prepared in consultation with the BIA, Chamber of Commerce, Downtown Residents Association, and Downtown Parking Commission.*

**CARRIED.**

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

**NEW BUSINESS**

**18. Notice of Motion:**

**Councillor Puchmayr re Amateur Sports**

Councillor Puchmayr was given leave to introduce the following Notice of Motion for possible consideration at the later Regular meeting of Council:

*THAT Parks, Culture and Recreation staff be directed to work with the amateur sports organizations within the City to develop a process that will provide an opportunity for such organizations to advertise team registration events as required, in high volume areas to assist with the increase of team memberships.*

**ADJOURNMENT**

**ON MOTION**, the meeting adjourned at 4:37 p.m.

Certified Correct,

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**WAYNE WRIGHT**  
**MAYOR**

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**RICHARD PAGE**  
**CORPORATE OFFICER**

\*\* Denotes recommendations referred to Regular Council meeting of January 30, 2012 for ratification.