



CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF NEW WESTMINSTER

REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL

February 1, 2010 2:00 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
Ms. Judi Turner	- Acting Corporate Officer
Ms. Lisa Spitale	- Director of Development Services
Mr. Jim Lowrie	- Director of Engineering Services
Mr. Gary Holowatiuk	- Director of Finance & Information Technology

Council adjourned to Committee of the Whole at 2:00 p.m. and reconvened in the Council Chamber at 7:02 p.m. with all those listed earlier present.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

1. [Motion to adopt the minutes of the last regular meeting of the City Council held January 25, 2010.](#)

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the minutes of the last regular meeting of the City Council held on January 25, 2010 be received and adopted.

CARRIED.

All members of Council voted in favour of the motion.

2(a) Amendment to Regular Council Working Session Minutes of January 18, 2010 (Page 6)

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the January 18, 2010, minutes of Regular Council Working Session be amended on Page , to replace the recommendation with the following recommendation:

“THAT the City continue the current policy regarding the use of Casino Funds for operating costs.”

CARRIED.

All members of Council voted in favour of the motion.

2(b) Motion to adopt the Regular Council Working Session Minutes of January 18, 2010 as amended.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Regular Council Working Session minutes of January 18, 2010 be adopted as amended.

CARRIED.

All members of Council voted in favour of the motion.

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

The Agenda was varied by the addition of the following:

- Amendment to 2010 Schedule of Council Meetings (added as Item 11)
- Motion to UBCM via Lower Mainland Local Government Association (LMLGA) (added as Item 12)

PRESENTATIONS

3. Draft 2010-2014 Financial Plan Presentation – Director of Finance and Information Technology

Gary Holowatiuk, Director of Finance and Information Technology, made a presentation on the City's draft Financial Plan for 2010-2014, reviewing the following:

- Budget challenges
- Budget strategies
- General fund overview
- Utility fund overview
- Impact of 2010 taxes and utility rates.

DELEGATIONS

4 **Open Delegations for Public Consultation on Draft 2010-2014 Financial Plan**

Mr. John Ashdown, owner of the Village Coffee Lounge, was present to ask that businesses be given the opportunity to be more involved in the City's budget process. Although tax increases are not of themselves excessive, this amount is on top of other increasing costs. Businesses are interested in economic development and are asking what benefit they receive for their tax costs. The appearance is that residents get most of the benefits. Mr. Ashdown made suggestions to enhance communications, including amending the public survey to give businesses specific input. Perhaps tax incentives could be offered to open businesses in the city.

5. **Open Delegations**

Allan Crook, representing the Atchelitz Threshermen's Association in Chilliwack, British Columbia, commented on the steam roller in their possession, noting the vehicle is in need of restoration. It is believed to be owned by the City of New Westminster. As restoration is needed and will require hundreds of hours of work, the Board of Directors of the Association is seeking to clarify the ownership of the machine. Mr. Crook asked how this can be facilitated and offered to respond to questions. Mr. Crook raised concern over insurance and liability – these cannot be covered by the Association as the machine is not their asset.

REPORTS

6. **Council Members:**

Councillor Williams

...attended the Hyack President's Tea where Ambassador candidates were introduced, the Festival of Volunteers, a sub-committee meeting on the redevelopment of the High School, a press conference given by Plaza 88 regarding a movie theatre tenant.

Councillor Cote

...attended a meeting of the Youth Advisory Committee, the Volunteer Fair, Family Day at Canada Games Pool for \$1.00.

Councillor McEvoy

...attended the Canadian Club of New Westminster where the president of Douglas college spoke of future demographics, the Fraser Health Municipal Advisory Committee where endorsement was sought for user fees for

Emergency Rooms and a presentation was made on the potential expansion of RCH, the Downtown Business Improvement Association (BIA) event, the announcement over the theatre tenant at the Degelder site, the New Westminster Volunteer Festival, the Hyack President's Tea.

Councillor Harper

...attended the Canada Club speech by the Douglas College President, a meeting of the Multicultural Advisory Committee where the Multicultural Festival was discussed, the BIA Open House, the Farmers' Market AGM where it was noted they are almost reaching capacity in their present location, the Festival of Volunteers, the Hyack President's Tea.

Councillor McIntosh

...attended the AGM of the Quayside Residents' Board where Mark Shay from the River Market advised they hope to re-open the Market in the summer of 2010 and where Virginia Bremner of the Downtown BIA was present, the Fraser River Discovery Centre where a boat building project will be under way assisted by the Quayside Residents' Association, the Downtown BIA Open House and mentioned their directory which lists what services are available in the downtown, attended the Fraserside Community Services monthly Board meeting, the Volunteer Festival; noted there will be an event on February 27 at Royal City Centre for the Ambassadors program; attended a High Tea at Village Coffee Lounge where a special guest pianist performed; noted that Tony Antonias is attending the Symphony this evening; spoke of a recent announcement from Fraser Health on the downsizing of the neo-natal unit at RCH – this is a major concern for the health of the babies in need and for the economics of the City.

Councillor Osterman

...attended at the Canadian Club where Scott McAlpine, Douglas College President, spoke; attended a meeting of the Lower Mainland Treaty Advisory Committee, a meeting of the Neighbourhood Traffic Advisory Committee, the Volunteer Fair; suggested that City staff consider an Olympic legacy and made suggestions.

Mayor Wayne Wright

...received a courtesy visit from Consul General Hideki Ito and Consul Nozomi Nakamura of Japan; attended the Downtown New Westminster BIA Open House Social; assisted in the Opening Ceremonies of Festival of Volunteers, Royal City Centre Mall; attended the Royal City Yacht Club's Annual Commodore's Ball; brought greetings to the 10th Anniversary Celebration of Marinduque Association of BC; brought greetings to the Hyack Festival President's Tea; noted that a delegation of the Mayor and two Council members were designated to attend a meeting with the School Board on the redevelopment of NWSS; invited residents to the Olympic Torch Relay Celebration at Queen's Park on Tuesday, February 9th, 2010, at 10:00 a.m. when the Olympic Torch will proceed through New Westminster – encouraged that residents attempt to attend this unique event; noted that Justin Morneau will be running in the City of Vancouver; noted that the

anvils will be fired when the torch has arrived in New Westminster; noted also that a New Westminster Police car will participate in the parade and a New Westminster Police officer will participate in the run.

COMMITTEE MINUTES AND RECOMMENDATIONS

7. [Motion to receive and adopt the minutes of a meeting of Council in Committee of the Whole held January 25, 2010](#)

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the minutes of a meeting of Council in Committee of the Whole held January 25, 2010 be received and adopted.

CARRIED.

All members of Council voted in favour of the motion.

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

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the minutes of a meeting of Council in Committee of the Whole held on January 11, 2010 be received and adopted.

CARRIED.

All members of Council voted in favour of the motion.

9. **Recommendations from Council in Committee of the Whole meeting held February 1, 2010**

Referred from Closed Council for information:

- a) **Metro Vancouver Regional Growth Strategy: Metro Vancouver 2040: *Shaping Our Future* – Braid Street Site Designation –**
Director of Development Services

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Metro Vancouver be requested to designate the 38 acre site located at the Braid Street SkyTrain station as General Urban in the next draft Regional Growth Strategy, to facilitate the planning of this strategic site using sustainable transit oriented planning principles.

CARRIED.

All members of Council voted in favour of the motion.

Director of Finance and Information Technology

b) [2010 City Partnership Grants - Update](#)

Councillor Cote left the meeting at 9:05 p.m. citing a potential conflict of interest as his wife is a member of the Board of Directors of the Royal City Farmers Market Association.

MOVED and SECONDED

***THAT** a grant in the amount of \$10,000 be approved for the Royal City Farmers Market Association.*

CARRIED.

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

Director of Development Services

c) [Affordable Housing Strategy – Final Approval as a Policy Document and 2010-2011 Implementation](#)

Councillor Cote rejoined the meeting at 9:06 p.m.

MOVED and SECONDED

***THAT** the Affordable Housing Strategy (as set out in the February 1, 2010, report from the Director of Development Services) be amended as follows:*

- *Page 1 of Summary under the title “Roles” – delete the words “not a builder or landlord”*
- *Page 22, Item 5, entitled “Priorities for Implementation” in the first paragraph – delete the words “rather than a builder or landlord”.*

CARRIED.

Opposed: Councillor McIntosh.

Director of Engineering

d) [Multi-Use Civic Centre Project – Approval for Expropriation](#)

MOVED and SECONDED

***THAT** the expropriation of properties in the 700 block Columbia Street pursuant to Section 18 of the Expropriation Act be approved; **THAT** staff be directed to take steps necessary to complete appropriations in accordance with the resolutions contained in Attachment “A” of the February 1, 2010 report from the Director of Engineering Services; and*

BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Corporation of the City of New Westminster, pursuant to Section 18 of the Expropriation Act, R.S.B.C. 1996, c. 125, as the approving authority for the expropriation contemplated in the Amended Expropriation Notice dated December 15, 2009 registered in the Lower Mainland Land Title Office under number BB1132355, with no inquiry having been requested pursuant to that Act, does approve that expropriation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Corporate Officer is authorized and directed to:

- a) sign and seal the Certificate of Approval in the form attached to this resolution as Schedule A;
- b) notify or cause to be notified the expropriating authority and each owner (as defined in the Expropriation Act) of the City's approval of the expropriation;
- c) make the advance payment or payments as required under Section 20(1)(d) of the Expropriation Act and serve a Notice of Advance Payment in Form 8 along with copies of the appraisal reports on which each advance payment is made;
- d) file or cause to be filed in the Land Title Office Vesting Notice in Form 9 under Section 23 of the Expropriation Act;
- e) sign and seal the Notice of Advance Payment and Vesting Notice.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Corporation of the City of New Westminster, pursuant to Section 18 of the Expropriation Act, R.S.B.C. 1996, c. 125, as the approving authority for the expropriation contemplated in the Amended Expropriation Notice dated December 15, 2009 registered in the Lower Mainland Land Title Office under number BB1132358, with no inquiry having been requested pursuant to that Act, does approve that expropriation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Corporate Officer is authorized and directed to:

- (a) sign and seal the Certificate of Approval in the form attached to this resolution as Schedule A;
- (b) notify or cause to be notified the expropriating authority and each owner (as defined in the Expropriation Act) of the City's approval of the expropriation;

- (c) *make the advance payment or payments as required under Section 20(1)(d) of the Expropriation Act and serve a Notice of Advance Payment in Form 8 along with copies of the appraisal reports on which each advance payment is made;*
- (d) *file or cause to be filed in the Land Title Office Vesting Notice in Form 9 under Section 23 of the Expropriation Act;*
- (e) *sign and seal the Notice of Advance Payment and Vesting Notice.*

BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Corporation of the City of New Westminster, pursuant to Section 18 of the Expropriation Act, R.S.B.C. 1996, c. 125, as the approving authority for the expropriation contemplated in the Amended Expropriation Notice dated December 15, 2009 registered in the Lower Mainland Land Title Office under number BB1132357, with no inquiry having been requested pursuant to that Act, does approve that expropriation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Corporate Officer is authorized and directed to:

- (a) *sign and seal the Certificate of Approval in the form attached to this resolution as Schedule A;*
- (b) *notify or cause to be notified the expropriating authority and each owner (as defined in the Expropriation Act) of the City's approval of the expropriation;*
- (c) *make the advance payment or payments as required under Section 20(1)(d) of the Expropriation Act and serve a Notice of Advance Payment in Form 8 along with copies of the appraisal reports on which each advance payment is made;*
- (d) *file or cause to be filed in the Land Title Office Vesting Notice in Form 9 under Section 23 of the Expropriation Act;*
- (e) *sign and seal the Notice of Advance Payment and Vesting Notice.*

BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Corporation of the City of New Westminster, pursuant to Section 18 of the Expropriation Act, R.S.B.C. 1996, c. 125, as the approving authority for the expropriation contemplated in the Amended Expropriation Notice dated December 15, 2009 registered in the Lower Mainland Land Title Office under number BB1132356, with no inquiry having been requested pursuant to that Act, does approve that expropriation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Corporate Officer is authorized and directed to:

- (a) sign and seal the Certificate of Approval in the form attached to this resolution as Schedule A;
- (b) notify or cause to be notified the expropriating authority and each owner (as defined in the Expropriation Act) of the City's approval of the expropriation;
- (c) make the advance payment or payments as required under Section 20(1)(d) of the Expropriation Act and serve a Notice of Advance Payment in Form 8 along with copies of the appraisal reports on which each advance payment is made;
- (d) file or cause to be filed in the Land Title Office Vesting Notice in Form 9 under Section 23 of the Expropriation Act;
- (e) sign and seal the Notice of Advance Payment and Vesting Notice.

CARRIED.

All members of Council voted in favour of the motion.

- e) [Development Variance Permit No. 508 for 233 Eleventh Street](#) – Director of Development Services

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the City of New Westminster issue notice that it will consider a resolution to issue Development Variance Permit No. 508 to allow the creation of a secondary suite at 233 Eleventh Street without a designated off-street parking space and with a front entry on the main building façade.

CARRIED.

All members of Council voted in favour of the motion.

- f) [MOTION TO ADOPT THE RECOMMENDATIONS ARISING FROM THE DECEMBER 2, 2009 MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY HERITAGE COMMISSION:](#)

- i. **Community Heritage Commission Networking Conference**

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the New Westminster Community Heritage Commission host the 2010 Community Heritage Commission Networking Conference; and

THAT the City grant up to \$2,000 to cover related costs.

CARRIED.

All members of Council voted in favour of the motion.

g) MOTION TO ADOPT THE RECOMMENDATIONS ARISING FROM THE JANUARY 20, 2010 MEETING OF THE DOWNTOWN PARKING COMMISSION:

i. Parking Fee Increase

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT effective March 1st, 2010 the Front Street Parkade hourly rate be increased to \$1.25/hour up to and including four hours, and a daily rate of \$7.00 be charged thereafter.

CARRIED.

All members of Council voted in favour of the motion.

BYLAWS

10. **New Westminster Sidewalk Café Encroachment Amendment Bylaw No. 7375, 2010** [a bylaw to amend New Westminster Sidewalk Encroachment Bylaw No. 6370, 1997] **ADOPTION**

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT New Westminster Sidewalk Café Encroachment Amendment Bylaw No. 7375, 2010 be adopted

CARRIED.

All members of Council voted in favour of the motion.

NEW BUSINESS

11. **Amendment to 2010 Schedule of Council Meetings**

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the 2010 Schedule of Regular Council meetings be amended for February 8, 2010, by scheduling the following meetings:

- *Closed Meeting*
- *Committee of the Whole*
- *Regular Meeting.*

CARRIED.

All members of Council voted in favour of the motion.

12. **Motion to UBCM via Lower Mainland Local Government Association (LMLGA)**

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the following motion be forwarded to the Lower Mainland Local Government Association for submission to the UBCM:

*“WHEREAS elections are expensive for both candidates and the City;
WHEREAS a majority of provinces have switched to four-year terms;
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the the Provincial Government
extend the municipal term to four years.”*

CARRIED.

Opposed: Councillor McEvoy.

13. Multicultural Festival

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the City participate as a partner in the 2010 Multicultural Festival.

CARRIED.

All members of Council voted in favour of the motion.

NEXT MEETING

Monday, February 8, 2010

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

Public Hearing - 9:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber, City Hall

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 9:34 p.m.

Certified Correct,

WAYNE WRIGHT
MAYOR

RICHARD L. PAGE
CORPORATE OFFICER