



REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL

February 2, 2015 at 12:00 p.m.
With immediate adjournment to Closed Meeting
Regular Council reconvenes at 7:00 p.m.
Council Chamber, City Hall

MINUTES

PRESENT:

Mayor Jonathan Coté
Councillor Bill Harper
Councillor Patrick Johnstone
Councillor Jaimie McEvoy
Councillor Chuck Puchmayr
Councillor Mary Trentadue
Councillor Lorrie Williams

STAFF:

Ms. Lisa Spitale	- Chief Administrative Officer
Ms. Jan Gibson	- City Clerk
Mr. G. Dean Gibson	- Director of Parks, Culture and Recreation
Mr. Gary Holowatiuk	- Director of Finance & Information Technology
Mr. Jim Lowrie	- Director of Engineering Services
Ms. Bev Grieve	- Director of Development Services
Ms. Stephanie Lam	- Council and Committee Clerk

The meeting was called to order at 12:17pm.

EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC

1. MOVED and SECONDED

THAT pursuant to Section 90 of the Community Charter, members of the public be excluded from the Closed Meeting of Council immediately following the Regular Meeting of Council on the basis that the subject matter of all agenda items to be considered relate to matters listed under Sections 90(1)(a), 90(1)(e), 90(1)(i), 90(1)(j), and 90(1)(k) of the Community Charter:

- (a) *personal information about an identifiable individual who holds or is being considered for a position as an officer, employee or agent of the municipality or another position appointed by the municipality;*
- (e) *the acquisition, disposition or expropriation of land or improvements, if the council considers that disclosure could reasonably be expected to harm the interests of the municipality;*
- (i) *the receipt of advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose;*
- (j) *information that is prohibited, or information that if it were presented in a document would be prohibited, from disclosure under section 21 of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act;*
- (k) *negotiations and related discussions respecting the proposed provision of a municipal service that are at their preliminary stages and that, in the view of the council, could reasonably be expected to harm the interests of the municipality if they were held in public.*

CARRIED.

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

Purpose of the meeting:

Personal, property, legal and negotiations matters

ADJOURNMENT

2. **MOTION** to adjourn the Council Meeting in open session and proceed to Closed Session.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the meeting be adjourned and proceed to Closed Session.

CARRIED.

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

RECONVENE TO REGULAR COUNCIL

3. **MOTION** to reconvene to the Regular Meeting of Council at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Regular Council meeting be reconvened (7:01pm).

CARRIED.

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

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

4. **MOTION** to Add or Delete Items from the Agenda.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the email dated January 26, 2015 from the McBride-Sapperton Residents' Association be received.

CARRIED.

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

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

5. **MOTION** to adopt the minutes of the Regular meeting of City Council held:

- a. **January 19, 2015**

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the January 19, 2015 Regular meeting minutes be adopted.

CARRIED.

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

PRESENTATIONS

6. **Proclamation: National Eating Disorder Information Centre (NEDIC) Week, Mayor Coté**

Mayor Coté proclaimed February 1-7, 2015 as Eating Disorder Awareness week.

7. Proclamation: Heritage Week: Main Street: At the Heart of the Community, Mayor Coté

Mayor Coté proclaimed February 16-22, 2015 as Heritage Week in the City of New Westminster.

Coldest Night of the Year – February 21, 2015

Mayor Coté proclaimed February 21, 2015 as the Coldest Night of the Year.

8. Video: City on the Move, Mayor Coté

Mayor Coté spoke to the Metro Vancouver Alliance Transportation Forum held on January 27, 2015, and presented the video “City on the Move” which was featured at the Forum. The video can be viewed at the following link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ej9CiwK0gQ>

9. Family Day Presentation, Councillor Chuck Puchmayr

Councillor Puchmayr, Chair of the Family Court Committee, announced the Family Day Event to be held this Monday, February 9, 2015 at the Fraser River Discovery Centre, the River Market, and the Anvil Centre.

It was reported that partnerships and sponsorships were established from a variety of local businesses and organizations.

It was reported that the City’s Family Day event is the largest in the Province, and thanked members of the Family Day sub-committee for their hard work towards the event.

10. Sharing KidSport’s Successes, Jen Arbo, Enzo Guerriero and Sandon Fraser , KidSport New West (the Presenters), provided a presentation which highlighted the purpose of the organization, summarized the 2014 achievements, and spoke to the goals and needs for 2015.

The Presenters provided the following information:

- KidSport provides funding for organized sports to kids aged 18 and under;
- Physical activity can provide lifelong skills, celebrates culture, can improve self-esteem, and can contribute to a strong and healthy community;

- The average age of children participating is 11 years old;
- KidSport is in need of volunteers, noting that assistance is also needed at local sporting events, as well as behind the scenes with administration;
- KidSport was able to achieve their 2014 goals through fundraising (Operation Red Nose), and through successful grant applications.

Citizens who wish to access KidSport may visit www.kidsportnewwest.ca, email info@kidsportnewwest.ca, or call 778-338-3930 for further information. It was announced that KidSport will also be hosting a tent at the Family Day celebrations held on February 9, 2015.

DELEGATIONS

11. Open Delegations

Westley Kinna and Danielle Connelley, residents, submitted a petition which requests traffic calming measures be installed on Alberta Street, and provided the following comments:

- The existing traffic issues have created safety concerns in the neighbourhood;
- With respect to the proposed development in the Sapperton Brewery District, it was suggested that a traffic management plan be drafted to address the traffic and safety issues;
- In order to create a safe outdoor play environment, it was reported that many families have erected fences on their properties in order to create an additional safety barrier from their property to the roads.

In response to the delegations concerns, Jim Lowrie, Director of Engineering Services, provided the following comments:

- Staff has commissioned traffic counts at the intersection in Sapperton, including Alberta and Columbia Street, to monitor the volume and speed of vehicles;
- The data will assist staff in formulating options for traffic restrictions. It was noted that staff anticipate reporting back with the results in early March;
- Speed limits are established and regulated by the *Motor Vehicle Act*.

Members of Council spoke to the upcoming Transportation referendum, and suggested that a “yes” vote will assist in the reduction of travelling vehicles.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT correspondence and petition dated February 2, 2015 from the Richard McBride Parent Advisory Committee Co-Chairs be received.

CARRIED.

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

Reverend Emily Smith, St. Barnabas Anglican Church, announced the event “Turn Up the Heat” to raise funds for new furnaces at the Church. Reverend Smith provided the following information:

- The event is a Latino dance party;
- Tickets are \$20 and includes food, raffles, door prizes, and entry to the dance;
- Those unable to attend may also submit a donation to St. Barnabas Anglican Church.

Jeremy Perry, New West Pride Society (the Society) President, provided a written submission regarding the Society’s upcoming plans for 2015. Mr. Perry provided the following information:

- The relocation of the 2014 Pride festival to Downtown New Westminster resulted in a significant increase in attendance;
- The Pride Festival brought patrons to local businesses;
- There were zero police incidences reported as a result of the festival.

Mr. Perry advised that the Society has submitted a grant application to the City requesting funds for the 2015 event. Council advised that the City’s Festival Grants Committee will be addressing each application in the near future.

Moving forward, members of Council suggested that applicants to the grants committee could apply for sponsorship from local and corporate businesses in New Westminster.

Vic Leach, Sapperton Old Age Pensioners, announced that the Sapperton Old Age Pensioners’ will be hosting the event “Reflection for Safety” on Tuesday, February 10, 2015 from 9:00am to 11:00am.

The event will address pedestrian safety and feature presentations from the City and ICBC. Attendees will also receive a free safety reflector.

Procedural Note: item 16 was considered following item 11.

ISSUANCE OF DEVELOPMENT PERMIT

16. Issuance of Development Permit DPS00035 for 200 Nelson's Crescent

Mayor Coté spoke to the procedures of the opportunity for public comments.

Attachments:

- i. Memo confirming all pre-requisites have been met dated January 29, 2015
- ii. Director of Development Services' report dated January 19, 2015 (report only, attachments available on request)

a) Opportunity for public comments

John Hislop, resident and member of the McBride-Sapperton Residents' Association (MSRA), reported that the MSRA is opposed to the proposal for 200 Nelson's Crescent and suggested that the proposed application is significantly different than what was approved by Council in 2007.

Mr. Hislop acknowledged that the applicant has reduced the height of the building from 18 to 15 storeys, noting that the existing proposal is still higher than the 2007 version.

Jim Hurst, Planner, summarized the application for 200 Nelson's Crescent and reported that in response to public feedback at the time the proposal has been amended to include commercial floor space.

Mr. Hurst reported that the density of the project was calculated for a building at 180 feet with a mix of commercial and residential. It was noted that the project was also approved with flexibility to allow for density transfers from one building to another.

With respect to the construction of the project, a Master Development Permit exists for the site which sets out requirements for the project to be constructed in a specific order.

With respect to the height of the project, Mr. Hurst clarified that the height of the building is proposed to be 12 storeys.

Westley Kinna, resident, advised that he is generally in favour of the Brewery District; however, is concerned that the existing proposal is significantly different than what was proposed by Wesgroup in 2007.

Barb Adamski, resident, McBride-Sapperton Residents' Association, reported that citizens residing in McBride-Sapperton are disappointed with the proposal for 200 Nelson's Crescent.

Beau Jarvis, Wesgroup and applicant, provided the following information regarding the Development Permit application for 200 Nelson's Crescent:

- The Development Permit does not propose any variances;
- Businesses featured in the Brewery District have attracted patrons which has supported the local economy;
- The proposal is unique, in that developments often focus on the residential aspect of a project prior to building the commercial. It was noted that in the case of the Brewery District the commercial aspect was constructed prior to the residential development;
- Employees in the Brewery District have expressed support in the proposal, noting that the proposed project provides a housing option where a vehicle is not required to commute to work.

Tanya Bukoski, resident, advised that she attended several of the public consultation events for the 200 Nelson Crescent development. Ms. Bukoski questioned how traffic will be managed, particularly on Hospital Street as it is a feeder route to the development.

Ms. Bukoski reported that she counted 19 vehicles travelling at excessive speeds through a school zones during high traffic periods. Safety concerns were expressed with respect to pedestrians and children living and playing in the neighbourhood.

Danielle Connolley, resident, expressed concerns regarding the proposal for 200 Nelson's Crescent and suggested that the proposed project could exacerbate exiting traffic issues in the neighbourhood.

Mayor Coté called for second-time speakers to the application.

In response to questions of Council, Jim Lowrie, Director of Engineering Services, advised that staff will re-assess the traffic impact study regarding access to Brunette which was conducted in 2006-2007. Staff will investigate if the circumstances impacting the results of that study have changed.

John Hislop, resident and member of the McBride-Sapperton Residents' Association (MSRA), reiterated the MSRAs concerns regarding the increase in traffic and density resulting from the proposal.

Beau Jarvis, Wesgroup and applicant, acknowledged the Community's concerns regarding traffic, and offered to meet with the community to discuss options for mitigation.

Mayor Coté called for speakers a final time. There was no response.

b) ***MOTION to approve/reject issuance of Development Permit DPS00035***

Council thanked residents for expressing their concerns with respect to the proposal for 200 Nelson's Crescent. Discussion ensued, and the following comments were noted:

- If the Development Permit is not approved, staff advised that the City would continue to work with the applicant to address which part of the proposal's character requires amending. Following that work, the application would be brought forward to the New Westminster Design Panel, then to Council for consideration;
- The proposed density for the application would remain the same;
- Council acknowledged that there is a larger issue with respect to local transportation, and suggested that the proposal could reduce the number of vehicles that commute to the Brewery District.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Development Permit DPS00035 (200 Nelson's Crescent) be approved.

CARRIED.

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

Council advised that they would like to discuss the Development Approval Process at a future meeting. It was suggested that the Public Engagement Task Force may wish to comment on the matter.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

12. No Items

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

13. Recommendations from Council in Committee of the Whole meeting held February 2, 2015:

a. 2015 Additional Organization Appointments

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the following appointments be made to Advisory Committees and Commissions:

- *Terry Hewitt as the New Westminster Victim Assistance Association representative to the Family Court Committee, with the term ending January 31, 2016;*
- *Joanne Dawe as the West End Residents' Association representative to the Neighbourhood Traffic Advisory Committee with the term ending January 31, 2016;*
- *Bahadar Dhillion as the Queensborough Community representative to the Railway Community Advisory Panel, with the term ending January 31, 2016;*
- *Richard Desaulniers as the Royal Westminster Regiment representative to the Emergency Advisory Committee and the Remembrance Day Committee, with the terms ending January 31, 2016;*
- *Steven Reed as the British Columbia Ambulance Services representative to the Emergency Advisory Committee with the term ending January 31, 2016;*
- *Calvin Donnelly as the Sapperton Pensioners representative to the Seniors Advisory Committee with the term ending January 31, 2016;*
- *Judith Hockney as the Fraser Health representative to the Community and Social Issues Committee with the term ending January 31, 2016;*
- *Deanna Tan as the Fraser Health Alternate representative to the Community and Social Issues Committee with the term ending January 31, 2016.*

CARRIED.

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

b. Draft 2015 – 2019 Financial Plan – General Fund, Director of Finance and Information Technology

Council summarized their discussion held at the February 2, 2015 Committee of the Whole meeting and encouraged residents to participate in the public consultation process with respect to the City's draft 2015-2019 Financial Plan.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT appendix 3 titled "Additional Funding for New Priorities" be amended as follows:

- *Removing number 6 titled "Greenhouse Operations: Increase Auxiliary Salary".*

THAT Council receives the amended report dated February 2, 2015 for information; and,

THAT staff report back with Council's refinements to the draft Financial Plan.

CARRIED.

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

c. Q2Q Pedestrian/Bicycle Bridge Process, Design and Funding Update

Council spoke in support of the Q2Q Pedestrian/Bicycle Bridge project, and spoke to the community benefits and increased connectivity amongst residents as a result of the project.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the report dated February 2, 2015 be received for information.

CARRIED.

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

d. Application for Amendment to Commercial Vehicle Bylaw by Royal City Taxi and Queen City Taxi

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council direct staff to prepare an amendment to the Commercial Vehicle Bylaw No. 5789, 1988 in order to permit two additional taxi licenses for accessible vehicles to Royal City Taxi; and

THAT Council direct staff to prepare an amendment to the Commercial Vehicle Bylaw No. 5789, 1988 in order to permit two additional taxi licenses for one accessible vehicle and one conventional vehicle to Queen City Taxi.

CARRIED.

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

e. Shops at New West / Request for Construction Noise Bylaw Exemption

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Nu-Westech Engineering Ltd. Be granted an extension to the exemption from Construction Noise Bylaw No. 6063 in order to complete the installation of the glass atrium within the Shops at New West mall between 11:00pm and 7:00am during Mondays to Saturdays from February 3 to March 15, 2015.

CARRIED.

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

f. OUR CITY Neighbourhood Visioning Process – Appointment of Additional Advisory Group Members

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council endorse the following two Residents' Association representatives to serve on the OUR CITY Neighbourhood Visioning Process Advisory Group:

- *Mike Bohn; and*
- *Tim Schmitt.*

CARRIED.

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

g. Proposed Rezoning of 646 Ewen Avenue from (C-1) to (RQ-1) to Permit Construction of a Single Detached Dwelling – Information Report

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council receive the report dated February 2, 2015 for information.

CARRIED.

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

h. Waterfront Vision-Front Street Parkade Project Update and Work Plan

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council direct staff to:

1. *Proceed with the design of the Front Street Mews and a Call for Artists with community engagement for the creation of the parkade mural; and*
2. *Engage community stakeholders, including the Downtown Business Improvement Association, Downtown Residents' Association, building and business owners in the design of the Front Street Mews and development of a construction management plan that addresses local needs.*

CARRIED.

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

i. Fibre Optic Network Business Plan and Next Steps

Council summarized their discussion held earlier in the day at the Committee of the Whole meeting regarding the next steps in the Fibre Optic Network Business Plan and spoke to the evolution of the economy from industrial to technological.

With respect to the future, it was noted that the fibre optic infrastructure will provide residents and business owners with the connectivity required for advanced technology. It was also noted that the network can operate in a manner similar to that of the New Westminster's Electric Utility and has the potential to generate revenue for the City.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council accepts the report dated February 2, 2015 on the Fibre Optic Network Business Plan and next steps.

CARRIED.

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

j. Investment Report to December 31st, 2014

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council receives the report dated February 2, 2015 on the status of the City's investment portfolio for information.

CARRIED.

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

k. Preparation of a Zoning Amendment Bylaw to Limit Plumbing Fixtures in Detached Accessory Buildings

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council authorize staff to prepare a zoning amendment bylaw which would limit plumbing fixtures in detached accessory buildings to one sink and one toilet.

CARRIED.

Councillor Harper voted in opposition.

l. Amendment to the 2015 Schedule of Regular Council Meetings

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the amendments to the 2015 Schedule of Regular Council Meetings, attached as Appendix A, be approved.

CARRIED.

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

BYLAWS

14. Bylaws for adoption:

- a. Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 7625, 2013 for 326 Hospital Street [A Bylaw to Amend Zoning Bylaw No. 6680, 2001]

ADOPTION

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 7625, 2013 be adopted.

CARRIED.

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

15. Bylaws coming forward from the Committee of the Whole meeting held February 2, 2015:

No items.

NEW BUSINESS

17. Motion on Notice – Councillor Puchmayr

Councillor Puchmayr spoke to his notice of motion regarding the implementation of the 2% Hotel Tax, and Council provided the following comments:

- 51% of the hotel rooms in the City must endorse the tax before it can be implemented;
- The motion supports the implementation of a 2% Hotel Tax, and it was noted that the taxes incurred will be directed to Tourism New West;
- Members of Council suggested that Tourism New West would no longer require a City Grant as they would be provided with funds from the tax.

Council suggested that staff report back with revised wording regarding the motion on notice pertaining to the implementation of the 2% Hotel Tax.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT staff report back with revised wording regarding the following Motion on Notice pertaining to the implementation of the 2% Hotel Tax:

- *THAT the City of New Westminster resolves that on implementation of the 2% Hotel Tax, that the full contribution of the tax be allocated to tourism New Westminster and identified tourism related programs, and not go into the general revenue of the City. These revenues will replace any current city grants allocated to Tourism New West.*

CARRIED.

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

CORRESPONDENCE

18. No Items

ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

Councillor Williams announced that national best selling author Carol Shaben will be at the New Westminster Library at 7:00pm on Tuesday, February 3, 2015 to discuss her book “Into the Abyss”. “Into the Abyss” is a book regarding the story of four plane crash survivors.

Councillor Johnstone announced that he will be speaking at the “Reflecting for Safety” Forum at the New Westminster Pensioner’s Hall from 9:00am-11:00am.

Councillor Puchmayr announced that Tuesday, February 3, 2015 is Toque Tuesday, and advised that socks and toques will be on sale at local skytrain stations and at City Hall.

Councillor Trentadue encouraged citizens to sign-up a team to participate in the “Coldest Night of the Year” walk on February 21, 2015. Councillor Trentadue announced that the New Westminster team has been registered as “Council of Champions”.

NEXT MEETING

February 16, 2015

The proposed Regular Session convenes at 12:00 pm and immediately adjourns to closed session in Committee Room 2 on the 2nd Floor at City Hall; the Committee of the Whole commences at 2:30 p.m. in the Council Chamber on 2nd Floor at City Hall.

NOTE: on the following Monday, February 23, an Opportunity to be Heard will be held for two Development Variance Permits:

- Development Variance Permit No. 585 for 700 Sixth Street
- Development Variance Permit No. 586 for 1025 Columbia Street

ADJOURNMENT

ON MOTION, the meeting was adjourned at 10:02pm.

JONATHAN COTÉ
MAYOR

JAN GIBSON
CITY CLERK