



CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF NEW WESTMINSTER

REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL

April 16, 2007 2:15 p.m.
Committee Room No. 2
City Hall

MINUTES

PRESENT:

Mayor Wayne Wright
Councillor Jonathan Cote
Councillor Calvin Donnelly
Councillor Bob Osterman
Councillor Betty McIntosh
Councillor Lorrie Williams

REGRETS:

Councillor Bill Harper

STAFF:

Mr. Paul Daminato	- City Administrator
Mr. Rick Page	- Director of Legislative Services/Corporate Officer
Mr. Jim Lowrie	- Acting Director of Development Services
Mr. Steven Lan	- Acting Director of Engineering Services
Mr. Gary Holowatiuk	- Director of Finance
Mr. Dean Gibson	- Director of Parks and Recreation
Ms. Judi Turner	- Assistant City Clerk

Council adjourned to Committee of the Whole at 2:15 p.m. and reconvened in the Council Chamber at 7:07 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 April 2, 2007.](#)

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held April 2, 2007, be

received and adopted.

CARRIED.

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

2. **Motion to adopt the [minutes of the Parcel Roll Tax Review Panel meeting held April 2, 2007.](#)**

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the minutes of the Parcel Roll Tax Review Panel meeting held April 2, 2007, be received and adopted.

CARRIED.

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

PRESENTATION

3. **[“Walk to Whistler Pedometer Challenge” – Move for Health Day– Dave Creighton, Parks & Recreation](#)**

Dave Creighton of the Parks & Recreation Department circulated an information package and invited Mayor and Council to participate in partnership with the School Trustees in the Walk to Whistler Pedometer Challenge to celebrate “Move for Health Day”.

4. **Mayor Wright to proclaim the week of April 22 to 28, 2007 as “Arts and Culture Week” in the City and present the proclamation to Susan Wandell, President of the Arts Council of New Westminster and Andrée St. Martin, Executive Director.**

Mayor Wright proclaimed the week of April 22 to 28, 2007 as “Arts and Culture Week” in the City and presented the proclamation to Susan Wandell, President of the Arts Council of New Westminster and Lynn Radbourne, Bernie Legge recipient. Ms. Wandell made a statement about the breadth and benefits of the arts. She challenged all citizens to appreciate some form of art each day during Arts and Culture Week.

5. **Kiwanis Pool – staff presentation**

Dean Gibson, Director of Parks and Recreation, made a presentation on the background of the Kiwanis Outdoor Pool and repairs conducted in 2006, the condition of the pool, the intention to replace the pool, and the design process which will include public consultation.

Mr. Terry Barkley, Cannon Design, made a presentation, commenting on the firm’s credentials, the conditional assessment they conducted of the existing facility, and the non-optional repairs and costs which would be required to keep the pool operational for another five years based on life safety issues, protection of the public, and regulatory matters.

The Director announced that the Cannon Consulting report on the condition of Kiwanis Pool will be available on the Parks and Recreation web site by end of the day on April 17th. He went on to review the means by which the City has concluded that no viable options remain to keep the pool open any longer. He noted that the pool will be rebuilt on a fast-track basis and alternate summer programs will be provided.

Mr. Barkley reviewed the draft project schedule for designing a replacement pool with a public consultation process and a process for meeting regulatory requirements. Principles which will guide the process were laid out.

The delegates responded to questions. Copies of the Presentations by Terry Barkley and the Director of Parks and Recreation were circulated on table and will be added to the Agenda package.

The Director circulated the April 16, 2007, report entitled "Moody Park Neighbourhood Leisure Pool – Design Contract Award (which will be added to the Agenda package).

MOVED and SECONDED

***THAT** a contract for the Pre-design and Schematic Design phases of a new outdoor neighbourhood leisure pool in Moody Park in the amount of \$51,600 plus GST and reimbursable expenses be awarded to Cannon Design Architecture Inc., and*

***THAT** staff be directed to facilitate an expedited design process whereby the public is invited to provide input on a proposed final pool design.*

CARRIED.

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

DELEGATIONS

6. Delegations re DVP 450 – 340/360 Columbia Street

J. Martins, owner at #701, 328 Clarkson Street - the neighbouring apartment - advised that he purchased his apartment because of the views then available. Allowing this project to proceed will affect the value of his property through loss of those views, particularly at lower levels.

John Bushby, of #1101, 328 Clarkson Street, also rose to voice concern over loss of views for his building.

Chad Mooney, Architect for the subject project, circulated a drawing which illustrates the impact of their building on views. He explained the conditions of the site and the impact on views.

Edward hall of 201, 328 Clarkson Street, rose to advise that he opposes the proposed development as it will block his view.

Doreen Brox, owner of 330-336 Columbia Street, rose to support the proposed development. She noted this building will set the parameters for development on the rest of the block. She asked whether the building is too massive and will block views. She suggested a plaza area open to the water to lend a different flavour to the development and minimize the impact of a large commercial area. As well, she suggested that the low portions be combined with the high by restricting the height on the western part of the lot.

Mr. Martins rose again to express concern that the proposed building will block views for residents of his building residing at the lower levels.

7. Open Delegations

Christopher Bell of 1006 Nanaimo Street, rose to voice his concern over the City's intention to demolish Kiwanis Pool. He asked whether other projects such as a Youth Centre and plans for 12th Street will now be delayed to allow construction of a new pool. He also asked for a Council commitment that the pool will indeed be built.

Mr. Bell then voiced concern over Council's involvement with the Plaza 88 project and a request for a \$10 million loan. He suggested that Council exceeded its authority by selling three city streets to the subject developer because the bylaw was not current. He spoke of the City's plan to sell Blackie Street to the developer and noted that the street has not been sold to Mr. Degelder. He asked for clarification of this matter.

BYLAWS CONSIDERED AT PUBLIC HEARING

8. **Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 7148, 2007** [a bylaw to rezone 218 Fourth Street from Single Detached Dwelling Districts (RS-1) to Single Detached Dwelling Districts (Heritage) (RS-6) **THIRD READING**

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 7148, 2007, be read a third time.

CARRIED.

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

ISSUANCE OF DEVELOPMENT VARIANCE PERMITS

9. **Issuance of Development Variance Permit 453 (218 Fourth Street)**

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Development Variance Permit 453 to permit a secondary suite with

an area of 1,622 square feet (150.7 square metres) be approved for issuance.

CARRIED.

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

10. Issuance of Development Variance Permit 450 (340-360 Columbia Street) - to vary the following section of the Zoning Bylaw: Height

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the following correspondence be received:

- Baywest Management Corporation, on behalf of owners at Highbourne Towers, 329 Columbia Street, opposing the variance;
- Christopher Bell re report on requirements for Central Business Districts (C-4;
- Fung Yu Ching/Pong Shui Ching, owners of 1002 – 328 Clarkson Street, opposing the variance;
- Email from Noreen Brox, owner of 330-336 Columbia Street, expressing concerns about the variance;
- Monika Horvath, #1001 – 328 Clarkson Street, opposing the variance.

CARRIED.

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

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Development Variance Permit 450 to allow a building height of 117.5 feet (35.8 metres) above the height datum, be approved for issuance.

CARRIED.

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

REPORTS

11. City Administrator re Degelder Construction Proposal to Council – verbal

The City Administrator advised that staff was asked to bring forward information on the matter of the Degelder construction proposal. As a result, a press released was issued. There is no further comment at this time.

12. Council Members:

Councillor McIntosh

...attended the Antique Car Parade; met with the Downtown BIA; chaired a meeting of the Seniors Advisory Committee; mentioned fund raisers for the seniors in May; attended a Trefoil meeting for Girl Guiding in New Westminster; visited with Councillor Harper in Royal Columbian Hospital and noted he is recovering; attended the opening of 42nd Street; announced that Douglas College

baseball will take place with a game on April 21st at 1:00 p.m.; announced that Councillor Osterman's family celebrated his mother in law's 90th birthday; offered condolences to the Val and Neil Reid family on the passing of their mother.

Councillor Osterman

...chaired a meeting of the Arts and Culture Commission; noted that plans for Canada Day are well under way; attended the Royal City Musical Theater Society's production of 42nd Street; hosted a surprise birthday party for his mother in law; enjoyed the Easter Parade; wished a speedy recovery to Councillor Harper; spoke about the Arts Strategy; suggested that Council give some thought on the Burr Theatre so that it can be put to good use for the community – such as the Monday Night at the Movies which has to move out of the New Westminster Cinemas which are closing.

Councillor Williams

...attended 42nd Street and urged citizens to attend; attended Branch 15 of the Seniors Society at Century House and heard an update on heritage projects; sent greetings to Councillor Harper for a speedy recovery; enjoyed the Easter Parade; attended the Labour Relations Bureau meeting for the GVRD; chaired a meeting of the Community Heritage Commission; will travel to Africa for a CBC documentary on her charity that sponsors high school girls and will therefore miss the next meeting of Council.

Councillor Cote

...attended a public consultation process on the Central Valley Greenway; advised that the City will receive a \$2 million Local Motion grant to help with completion of this project which will connect New Westminster to Science World ; attended the Easter Parade and enjoyed Easter in the Park; met with the Downtown BIA to discuss neighbourhood issues and how the city can work with them; attended the opening of 42nd Street.

Councillor Donnelly

...attended a birthday party for Councillor Osterman's mother in law; enjoyed the Easter parade; missed 42nd Street but will help to sell programs as it proceeds; attended the GVRD Water Committee meeting; offered condolences on the passing of George Rumble; wished Councillor Harper a speedy recovery.

Mayor Wayne Wright

...attended a meeting organized by GVTA with Minister Kevin Falcon, Minister of Transportation to discuss the forthcoming changes to TransLink's mandate, financing and governance; as Chair of GVRD Housing Committee, met with Minister Rich Coleman along with GVRD Chair Lois Jackson and CEO Johnny Carline regarding Regional Affordable Housing; participated in an Interview with CTV regarding the show "The Verdict" on the status of prisoner release and plans taken to protect citizens; attended the GVRD Environment Committee meeting; attended the Electric Utility Commission Meeting; chaired the GVRD Housing Committee; asked for two billets for Salmonbelly athletes. Extended condolences the family of George Rumble and to Gordon Gibson, Engineering

Operations, on the passing of his mother. Announced that Jessica Schneider of the Massey Theatre is appointed to the Arts Strategy Task Force.

COMMITTEE MINUTES AND RECOMMENDATIONS

14. Recommendations from Council in Committee of the Whole meeting held April 16, 2007.

a) [2007 Amateur Sports Fund Grant Recommendations - Director of Parks & Recreation](#)

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT \$37,190 in grants for amateur sport development be approved as recommended by the Amateur Sports Fund Committee in the April 16, 2007 report.

CARRIED

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

Director of Engineering Services:

b) [Corporate Fleet Review](#)

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT staff review and prepare an implementation plan and timeline for implementation of the Corporate Fleet Review recommendations; and

THAT a copy of the full Fleet Review be forwarded to the Police Board.

CARRIED

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

c) **Road Closing & Land Disposition Amendment Bylaw No. 7158, 2007** [..\..\CW\Reports\CW4.pdf](#)

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Road Closing and Land Disposition Authorization Amendment Bylaw No. 7158, 2007 be received.

CARRIED

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

Director of Parks & Recreation:

d) [Quayside Esplanade Boulevard Tree Replacement Program](#)

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the trees planted in front of 12 K de K Court be removed, with the exception of the single healthy tree recently planted to replace an original tree.

CARRIED

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

e) [Approval of Contract Award for City Hall Tenant Improvements – Building Management Coordinator](#)

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the contract for City Hall tenant renovations in the amount of \$1,024,650 plus GST be awarded to Omicron Construction Management Ltd., as requested by the tenant; and

THAT the Mayor and Corporate Officer be authorized to execute the document on behalf of the City.

CARRIED

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

Director of Finance and Information Technology:

f) [Lane Paving between Sixth Avenue and Regina Street, immediately west of Second Street, Local Area Service Parcel Tax \(Bylaw No. 7159, 2007\)](#)

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Lane Paving between Sixth Avenue and Regina Street, west of Second Street, Local Area Service Parcel Tax Bylaw No. 7159, 2007, be received.

CARRIED

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

Acting Director of Development Services:

g) [Rezoning of 316 Fourth Avenue \(Bylaw No. 7160, 2007\) & Development Variance Permit 458:](#)

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Zoning Amendment Bylaw 7160, 2007, be received; and
THAT Council give notice that it will consider a resolution to issue Development Variance Permit 458 to allow the following variances to permit construction of a second storey and a windowless room beneath the existing front stairs at 316 Fourth Avenue:

- *A building height of 30.4 feet (9.3 metres), and*
- *A front setback of 13.1 feet (4 metres).*

CARRIED

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

- h) [Removal from the New Westminster Downtown Community Heritage Register- the Windsor Hotel at 738 Columbia Street & Approval for a Demolition Permit – the Windsor Hotel at 738 Columbia Street](#)

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT removal of the Windsor Hotel at 738 Columbia Street from the New Westminster Community Heritage Register and the National Heritage Register be approved; and

THAT issuance of a demolition permit be approved for the Windsor Hotel at 738 Columbia Street.

CARRIED

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

- i) [Plaza 88/Request for Construction Noise Bylaw Exemption](#)

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Degelder Construction Co. B.C. Ltd. be granted an exemption from the Construction Noise Bylaw No. 6063 in order to erect a protective cover over the SkyTrain guide way within the development known as Plaza 88 from 1:00 a.m. to 6:00 a.m. on April 22, 2007 and on April 29, 2007.

CARRIED

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

- j) [Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Sub-Committee meeting of March 1, 2007 - Bike Station Sponsorship - Bike to Work week](#)

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the following recommendation arising from the March 1, 2007 meeting of the Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Sub-Committee be referred to the Finance Department for consideration of a grant:

“THAT the City provide a commuter bike station at Moody Park for Bike to Work Week (May 28 – June 1, 2007).”

CARRIED

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

k) [Family Court Committee meeting of March 14, 2007 - "Stop the Sexual Exploitation of Youth" Awareness Week](#)

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT City of New Westminster become more actively involved in "Stop the Sexual Exploitation of Youth" Awareness Week and that staff in Development Services add this event to the annual work plan; and

THAT this matter be referred to the Youth Advisory Committee for consideration.

CARRIED

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

l) [Emergency Advisory Committee meeting of March 20, 2007 - Flood Preparation for 2007 High Water](#)

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT all immediate steps required be taken to prepare the City for high water; and

THAT the City distribute emergency planning information such as a list of basic home emergency supplies that residents should have in their homes and information on accessing the City's FM radio station.

CARRIED

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

Released from In Camera for information:

m) **Central Valley Greenway - Local Motion Grant**

THAT a letter be sent to the Federal and Provincial Governments thanking them for approving a Local Motion Grant of \$2 million under the Canada BC Municipal Rural Infrastructure Fund (CBCMRIF) for the Central Valley Greenway Project in New Westminster.

13. **Motion to receive and adopt [the minutes of a meeting of Council in Committee of the Whole held April 2, 2007.](#)**

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the minutes of the Council in Committee of the Whole meeting held on April 2, 2007, be received and adopted.

CARRIED.

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

BYLAWS

15. [Road Closing and Land Disposition Authorization Amendment Bylaw No. 7158, 2007 \[a bylaw to amend "Road Closing and Land Disposition Authorization Bylaw No. 7123, 2006"\]](#) **THREE READINGS**

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Road Closing and Land Disposition Authorization Amendment Bylaw No. 7158, 2007, be read a first time.

CARRIED.

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

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Road Closing and Land Disposition Authorization Amendment Bylaw No. 7158, 2007, be read a second time.

CARRIED.

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

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Road Closing and Land Disposition Authorization Amendment Bylaw No. 7158, 2007, be read a third time.

CARRIED.

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

16. [Lane Paving between Sixth Avenue and Regina Street, west of Second Street, Local Area Service Parcel Tax Bylaw No. 7159, 2007 \[a bylaw to impose a parcel tax on the owners of land or real property pursuant to the provisions of Section 200 of the Community Charter\]](#)

THREE READINGS

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Lane Paving between Sixth Avenue and Regina Street, west of Second Street, Local Area Service Parcel Tax Bylaw No. 7159, 2007, be read a first time.

CARRIED.

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

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Lane Paving between Sixth Avenue and Regina Street, west of Second Street, Local Area Service Parcel Tax Bylaw No. 7159, 2007, be read a second time.

CARRIED.

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

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Lane Paving between Sixth Avenue and Regina Street, west of Second Street, Local Area Service Parcel Tax Bylaw No. 7159, 2007, be read a third time.

CARRIED.

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

17. [Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 7160, 2007 \[a bylaw to rezone 316 Fourth Avenue from Single Detached Dwelling Districts \(RS-1\) to Single Detached Dwelling Districts \(Heritage\) \(RS-6\)\]](#) **TWO READINGS**

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 7160, 2007, be read a first time.

CARRIED.

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

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 7160, 2007, be read a second time.

CARRIED.

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

(A Public Hearing will be held on Monday, May 7, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber, City Hall)

NEW BUSINESS

18. **Letter to Vancouver Canucks**

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT a letter be sent to the Vancouver Canucks wishing them well in the 2007 play-offs season.

CARRIED.

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

NEXT MEETING

Monday, April 23, 2007:

Proposed Closed Session commencing at 1:00 p.m. and the 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:

Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw No. 7155, 2007 & Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 7156, 2007 (200 Keary Street)

ADJOURNMENT

ON MOTION, the meeting adjourned at 9:16 p.m.

Certified Correct,

WAYNE WRIGHT
MAYOR

RICHARD L. PAGE
CITY CLERK