



COUNCIL IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

April 26, 2010 3:28 p.m.
Committee Room 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. Joan Burgess	- Director of Human Resources
Mr. Dean Gibson	- Director of Parks and Recreation
Ms. Judi Turner	- Assistant Corporate Officer

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

The agenda was varied as follows:

- Items 3 and 4 were removed from the Consent Agenda and added to Reports for Action
- Homeless Coalition Clerical Support (added as Item 17)
- School District #40 – Financial Support by City (added as Item 18)

PRESENTATION

1. Electrical Utility Budget Presentation – General Manager, Electric Utility

Rod Carle, General Manager of the Electric Utility, made a Power Point presentation on the Utility's 2010 budget. He circulated additional slide pages which will be added to the Agenda package. Mr. Carle responded to questions from members.

CONSENT AGENDA

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Consent Agenda be approved; and

THAT the recommendations arising from the Consent Agenda be approved as follows:

2. **Transit Changes – Plaza 88**

April 26, 2010 report providing information regarding temporary transit routing changes.

THAT the April 26, 2010 report from the Director of Engineering relating to temporary transit routing changes around New Westminster Skytrain Station and the relocation of associated transit stops be received for information.

5. **307 Carnarvon Street (Maria Keary Cottage) Grant Reconciliation**

April 26, 2010 report requesting approval of previously approved payment to Westcoast Genesis Society.

** *THAT the payment of \$50,000 to the Westcoast Genesis Society (Maria Keary Cottage) as part of the Columbia Street Financial Incentive Program be authorized.*

CARRIED.

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

ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

3. **Chinese Reconciliation Process – Community Consultation Phase**

April 26, 2010 report seeking endorsement of proposed consultation process and budget in support of reconciliation with Chinese community.

Members requested that the consultation period be shortened to the end of the first week of June 2010.

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

THAT the consultation process as outlined in the April 26, 2010 report from the Director of Development Services be endorsed as amended; and

THAT funds in the amount of \$1,500 be allocated to cover the cost of translation services and the placement of ads within the Chinese media.

CARRIED.

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

4. **118 First St. – Compliance with DVP 358**

April 26, 2010 report advising of the compliance of recently submitted building permit drawings.

Dave Guiney, Planning Analyst, reviewed the April 26, 2010 report from the Director of Development Services. He responded to questions. Although staff felt that recent drawings are sufficiently like the plans originally approved to allow staff to process them to a permit, some members commented on community expectations for an additional opportunity for input.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the April 26, 2010 report from the Director of Development Services advising of the compliance of recently submitted building drawings with drawings registered with DVP 358 for 118 First Street be received for information.

CARRIED.

Opposed: Councillors McEvoy and McIntosh.

REPORTS FOR ACTION

City Administrator

6. Meeting Schedule (oral)

Paul Daminato, City Administrator, asked whether Council would be available on June 7, 2010 for a Working Session should the need arise. The majority of Council agreed this day was available if required.

Director of Development Services

7. [Centre Block Tower Options](#) (Circulated Separately)

Julie Schueck, Heritage Planner, and John Stark, Social Planner, reviewed the April 26, 2010 report from the Director of Development Services. Members debated the merits of the options proposed in the report. Discussion ensued on the value of the heritage and history of the site and the desires of some of the community for demolition of the Centre Block.

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

THAT staff be authorized to pursue Option 1 – retain the Centre Block tower as a commemorative ruin; and

THAT staff be authorized to pursue Option 3 – reuse the Centre Block tower for a purpose that benefits former residents and/or the community – should the developer seek changes to the existing agreement.

CARRIED.

Opposed: Councillors McIntosh and Osterman and Mayor Wright.

Director of Engineering

8. [Pay Parking Stations Trial Implementation – East Columbia Street](#)

April 26, 2010 report providing information on centralized pay parking stations and requesting approval to implement a pilot program.

- ** MOVED and SECONDED and CARRIED, this Committee recommends**
THAT staff be authorized to pursue a centralized Pay Station Parking System pilot program as part of the East Columbia streetscape improvements.

CARRIED.

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

9. Victoria Hill Development Agreement Amendment for Parcel K and the Ravine Works

April 26, 2010 report seeking approval for the execution of a Section 219 Covenant.

- ** MOVED and SECONDED and CARRIED, this Committee recommends**
THAT a Section 219 Covenant to amend the Development Agreement for Victoria Hill be drafted according to the terms and conditions outlined in the April 16, 2010 report from the Director of Engineering Services; and
THAT the Mayor and Corporate Officer be authorized to execute the Section 219 Covenant as outlined in the April 16, 2010 report from the Director of Engineering Services on behalf of the City.

CARRIED.

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

Director of Finance and Information Technology

10. BIA Parcel Tax Bylaws (Bylaw 7390, 2010 & 7391, 2010)

April 26, 2010 report establishing the tax rate for the imposition of the Parcel Tax levy.

- ** MOVED and SECONDED and CARRIED, this Committee recommends**
THAT the following bylaws be forwarded to the April 26, 2010 Regular Council meeting for consideration of three readings:
- *Downtown New Westminster Business Improvement Area (Primary Area) Parcel Tax Bylaw No. 7390, 2010.*
 - *Downtown New Westminster Business Improvement Area (Secondary Area) Parcel Tax Bylaw No. 7391, 2010.*

CARRIED.

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

11. Five Year Financial Plan (2009-2013) Amendment Bylaw (Bylaw 7380, 2010)

April 26, 2010 report seeking approval to amend the Five-Year Financial Plan.

- ** MOVED and SECONDED and CARRIED, this Committee recommends**
THAT Five-Year Financial Plan (2009-2013) Amendment Bylaw No. 7380, be forwarded to the April 26, 2010 Regular Council meeting for consideration of three readings.

CARRIED.

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

12. 2010 Tax Rates (Bylaw 7381, 2010)

April 26, 2010 report seeking approval of the City's 2010 Tax Rates Bylaw.

- ** MOVED and SECONDED and CARRIED, this Committee recommends
*THAT Tax Rates Bylaw No. 7381, 2010 be forwarded to the April 26, 2010 Regular Council meeting for consideration of three readings.***

CARRIED.

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

- 13. Living Wage – Director of Finance and Information Technology and Director of Human Resources**

April 26, 2010 report providing research and options on the matter of Living Wage.

Members debated the merits of the options proposed in the report and its potential impacts.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT further consideration of a Living Wage Policy be tabled pending receipt of clarifying information from staff.

DEFEATED.

Opposed: Councillors McEvoy, McIntosh, and Williams and Mayor Wright.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Option 3 as set out in the April 26, 2010 report from the Director of Finance and Information Technology be approved.

DEFEATED.

Opposed: Councillors Cote, Harper, McEvoy and Williams.

- ** MOVED and SECONDED and CARRIED, this Committee recommends
*THAT the City establish a Living Wage Policy that is tied to an hourly rate established each year by the Living Wage for Families Campaign.***

CARRIED.

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

- ** MOVED and SECONDED and CARRIED, this Committee recommends
THAT the Living Wage policy include full time and part time employees;
THAT there be no threshold in terms of dollar value; and
*THAT the parameters be that the policy be developed for people that perform physical work on City premises and properties.***

CARRIED.

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

- ** MOVED and SECONDED and CARRIED, this Committee recommends
*THAT staff bring back information to Council regarding implications of the Living Wage Policy on contracted services.***

CARRIED.

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

Director of Human Resources

14. [Updated Council Remuneration Policy](#)

April 26, 2010 report providing an updated review of the Council Remuneration Policy.

Joan Burgess, Director of Human Resources was present to respond to questions.

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

THAT the public process and timelines for the public process, as outlined in the April 26, 2010 report from the Director of Human Resources relating to changes in the Council Remuneration Policy be adopted.

CARRIED.

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

Director of Legislative Services

15. **Proposed Motion to the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) - Election to the National Board of Directors.**

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

WHEREAS the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) represents the interest of municipalities on policy and program matters that fall within federal jurisdiction;

WHEREAS FCM's National Board of Directors is comprised of elected municipal officials from all regions and sizes of communities to form a broad base of support and provide FCM with the prestige required to carry the municipal message to the federal government; and

WHEREAS the 73rd FCM Annual Conference is from May 28 to 31, 2010, during which the Annual General Meeting will be held and followed by the election of FCM/s National Board of Directors;

***BE IT RESOLVED** that Council of the Corporation of the City of New Westminster endorse Councillor Lorrie Williams to stand for election on FCM/s National Board of Directors; and*

***BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that Council assume all costs associated with Councillor Lorrie Williams attending FCM's National Board of Directors meetings.*

CARRIED.

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

Director of Parks, Culture and Recreation

16. [New Westminster Secondary School Dry Grad 2010 Grant Request](#) (Circulated Separately)

- ** MOVED and SECONDED and CARRIED, this Committee recommends**
THAT the New Westminster School Dry Grad 2010 grant request to waive fees for the use of the Queensborough Community Centre be approved.

CARRIED.

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

- ** MOVED and SECONDED and CARRIED, this Committee recommends**
THAT the City send a letter to the School Board requesting they match the City's funds for the New Westminster Secondary School Dry Grad 2010 event.

CARRIED.

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

NEW BUSINESS

17. Homeless Coalition Clerical Support

- ** MOVED and SECONDED and CARRIED, this Committee recommends**
THAT funding to provide secretarial support for the Homeless Coalition meetings be allocated from the Development Services Department budget.

CARRIED.

All members of Committee voted in favour of the motion.

18. School District #40 – Financial Support by City

- ** MOVED and SECONDED and CARRIED, this Committee recommends**
THAT staff create a report on all funding support or in kind support allocated to School District #40 New Westminster annually.

CARRIED.

All members of ommittee voted in favour of the motion.

ADJOURNMENT

ON MOTION, the meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

Certified Correct,

WAYNE WRIGHT
MAYOR

RICHARD L. PAGE
CORPORATE OFFICER

- **** Denotes recommendations referred to Regular Council meeting of April 26, 2010 for ratification.