



REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL

April 26, 2010 3:29 p.m.
Committee Room No. 2
City Hall

MINUTES

PRESENT:

Mayor Wayne Wright
Councillor Jonathan Coté
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. Judi Turner	- Assistant Corporate Officer

Council adjourned to Committee of the Whole at 3:29 p.m. and reconvened in the Council Chamber at 7:02 p.m. with all members of Council present.

PROCEDURAL NOTE: Item 5 will be considered following Item 13.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

- 1. Motion to adopt the minutes of the last regular meeting of the City Council held April 12, 2010.**

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the minutes of the last regular meeting of the City Council held April 12,

2010 be received and adopted.

CARRIED.

All members of Council voted in favour of the motion.

2. Motion to adopt the minutes of the Parcel Tax Roll Review Panel meeting of held April 12, 2010.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the minutes of the Parcel Tax Roll Review Panel meeting of held April 12, 2010 be received and adopted.

CARRIED.

All members of Council voted in favour of the motion.

OPPORTUNITY TO BE HEARD / DELEGATIONS

3. Opportunity to Be Heard for 2009 – 2013 Financial Plan Amendments

Bill Zander rose to voice concerns, noting:

FCM's annual report spoken to by Councillor Williams raised a number of issues:

- Failing infrastructure and the vast amounts of money needed to improve them
- Environment issues that must be addressed are costly
- Despite having a \$14 billion surplus the Federal Government has been downloading to municipalities.
- Of revenues, only .08 cents on the dollar goes to municipalities
- 79% of the infrastructure is used up
- New Westminster is an older city and is facing these costs
- Growing policing costs are an issue; does the City recoup monies for seconded policing?
- Tax payers would like to see the circumstances behind these matters and would like also to see UBCM statistics that inform discussions on costs
- The public does not support cuts in supports
- Why are taxes to corporations and the rich being cut while working people are paying more and yet experience no increase in income
- On Page 9 of the 2010-2014 regarding development – property taxes will raise \$62M over 4 years while construction brings very little in taxes
- Bringing residents to help share the tax base is not working to pay for increases in services
- Raised the question of development and whether they are a benefit to residents in light of circumstances and rising policing costs.

4. Open Delegations

Geraldine Mercer rose to speak of the following:

- Upcoming events at Douglas College: a presentation on Living with Schizophrenia and another on Homelessness and Mental Illness

- The HST if passed will not be used to bail out food banks; there will be social implications; spoke of BC living requirements that will be taxes 7% more: basic telephone and cable – necessary to seniors and others; taxi tax – necessary for those who don't drive; basic cable – TV is essential to the quality of life for veterans; urged canvassing against HST; 7% more on entertainment, accounting services, veterinary care, etc.

Carolyn Rice rose to thank Council for their leadership in entertaining the ideas of a living wage policy which will ensure a better standard of living and quality of life for many. This will be an example to many other municipalities.

Dave Brown, Co-Chair of the New Westminster Homelessness Coalition, spoke regarding the work of some of the members to date:

- Committees working Homelessness Action Fund Raising dinner
- Community Connect Days (various service groups report on their activities)
- Eyes on the Street Micro Cleaning day
- Collaborative Service Approach
- Maria Keary Cottages opening
- Rhoda Kaelis Residence will open in the fall
- A resident plants and nurtures flowers on Clarkson
- Membership update: Lower Mainland Purpose and Senior Services Society are experience significant staff cuts which affects their services and the Homelessness Coalition who are losing their representatives
- The Coalition has few members to operate its program
- Support from New Westminster is vital to keep the Coalition viable.

Ken Elmen, owner of a 100 year old house, where he has resided for 20 years, rose to comment on the renovation of 118 First Street, noting the following:

- The residence looks better than the structure of 12 years
- The community was told there would be more opportunity for input and this has not occurred.

David Brett rose to comment on the work continuing at 118 First Street:

Was concerned that the direct neighbours of 118 First Street were not consulted on the renewal of work at 118 First Street

He suggested that any opportunity to make neighbours feel better about the situation ought to be taken.

Terry Hewitt, the immediate neighbour of 118 First Street, rose to make the following comments:

- Initially a full Public Hearing was required on the plans for the property
- The project was supported for the reduction to two living units and for pleasing esthetics and attractive drawings
- This was followed by development that was inconsistent with those plans
- Staff's monitoring of this project was poor but finally resulted in a Stop Work Order

- The owner applied for a variance, supported by Development Services
- The community opposed the variance, which was cancelled
- The community was assured there would be no changes without input from the community
- The owner had to sell the property
- The new owner appeared to be sympathetic to the community concerns
- However, it was learned that no Public Hearing was required for the new work – the Stop Work has been lifted and the design has been allowed to be radically changed
- The changes proposed were not presented to the community: the turret is not incorporate into the roof and is 3 feet higher than it should be; the south gable removed; the front gable makes no sense; the right side view is bothersome and the roof moved to increase the size of the deck and which will remove his privacy; a doorway from the turret faces his home; it will be hideous
- There ought to be a public process because the community was given assurances it would be built according to plan
- Suggested because the owner still needs subdivision into a strata there is still time for community input.

REPORTS

5. Council Members:

Considered following Item 13.

6. Parks and Recreation Departments and Police Service recommending approval of a one day [Special Occasion Permit for the New Westminster Senior Salmonbellies](#) 2010 Regular Lacrosse Season Games and Playoffs for each of the following dates and times: May 20, 27, June 3, 10, 24, July 1, 8, 22, 29 and tentative playoff dates (Aug 3,7,11,16,20,24, 2010) from 7pm to the half way point of the second period with the attached conditions.
7. Parks and Recreation Departments and Police Service recommending approval of a one day [Special Occasion Permit for BUMS Slow-pitch Tournament](#) for Saturday, July 10, 2010 from 11am to 7pm with the attached conditions.
8. Parks and Recreation Departments and Police Service recommending approval of Special Occasion Permits for [Metro Vancouver Organizing Committee 18th Annual Canadian Oldtimers Baseball Championship Tournament](#) for Friday, July 30, 2010 to Monday, August 2, 2010 from 11am to 7pm each day with the attached conditions.
9. Parks and Recreation Departments and Police Service recommending approval of a one day Special Occasion Permit for [EDO Friends of British](#)

Columbia cultural event for Saturday, July 3, 2010 from 1:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. with the attached conditions.

10. Parks and Recreation Departments and Police Service recommending approval of a one day **Special Occasion Permit for Hyack Festival Association Annual Family Days**, East Field Events for Sunday May 23, 2010 from 2:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. with the attached conditions.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the following requests for Special Occasion Permits be approved:

- *New Westminster Senior Salmonbellies 2010 Regular Lacrosse Season Games and Playoffs for each of the following dates and times: May 20, 27, June 3, 10, 24, July 1, 8, 22, 29 and tentative playoff dates (Aug. 3, 7, 11, 16, 20, 24, 2010) from 7:00 p.m. to the half way point of the second period (subject to conditions of use);*
- *BUMS Slow Pitch Tournament for Saturday, July 10, 2010 from 11am to 7pm (subject to conditions of use);*
- *Metro Vancouver Organizing Committee 18th Annual Canadian Oldtimers Baseball Championship Tournament for Friday, July 30, 2010 to Monday, August 2, 2010 from 11am to 7pm each day (subject to conditions of use);*
- *a one day Special Occasion Permit for EDO Friends of British Columbia cultural event for Saturday, July 3, 2010 from 1:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. (subject to conditions of use); and*
- *a one day Special Occasion Permit for Hyack Festival Association Annual Family Days, East Field Events for Sunday May 23, 2010 from 2:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. (subject to conditions of use).*

CARRIED.

All members of Council voted in favour of the motion.

COMMITTEE MINUTES AND RECOMMENDATIONS

11. **Motion to receive and adopt the minutes of a meeting of Council in Committee of the Whole held April 12, 2010.**

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the minutes of a meeting of Council in Committee of the Whole held on April 12, 2010 be received and adopted.

CARRIED.

All members of Council voted in favour of the motion.

12. **Recommendations from Council in Committee of the Whole meeting held April 26, 2010**

Director of Development Services

i. [Chinese Reconciliation Process – Community Consultation Phase](#)

MOVED and SECONDED

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 \$1,500.00 be allocated to cover the cost of translation services and the placement of ads within the Chinese media.

CARRIED.

All members of Council voted in favour of the motion.

ii. [307 Carnarvon Street \(Maria Keary Cottage\) Grant Reconciliation](#)

MOVED and SECONDED

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 Council voted in favour of the motion.

iii. [Centre Block](#)

MOVED and SECONDED

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: Councillor Osterman and Mayor Wright.

Director of Engineering

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

MOVED and SECONDED

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 Council voted in favour of the motion.

v. [Victoria Hill Development Agreement Amendment for Parcel K and the Ravine Works](#)

MOVED and SECONDED

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 26, 2010 report from the Director of Engineering Services.

THAT the Mayor and Corporate Officer be authorized to execute the Section 219 Covenant on behalf of the City as outlined in the April 26, 2010 report from the Director of Engineering Services.

CARRIED.

All members of Council voted in favour of the motion.

Director of Finance and Information Technology

vi. [BIA Parcel Tax Bylaws](#) (Bylaw 7390, 2010 & 7391, 2010)

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the following bylaws be received:

- *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 Council voted in favour of the motion.

vii. [Five Year Financial Plan \(2009-2013\) Amendment Bylaw](#) (Bylaw 7380, 2010)

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Five-Year Financial Plan (2009-2013) Amendment Bylaw No. 7380, be received.

CARRIED.

All members of Council voted in favour of the motion.

viii. [2010 Tax Rates](#) (Bylaw 7381, 2010)

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Tax Rates Bylaw No. 7381, 2010 be received.

CARRIED.

All members of Council voted in favour of the motion.

ix. Living Wage

MOVED and SECONDED

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;

THAT the Living Wage policy will apply to both full time and part time employees;

THAT there be no threshold in terms of dollar value of a contract or number of employees; and

THAT the policy apply to persons that perform physical work on City premises and properties; and

THAT staff bring back information to Council regarding implications of the Living Wage Policy on contracted services.

CARRIED.

All members of Council voted in favour of the motion.

Director of Human Resources

x. Updated Council Remuneration Policy

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the public process and timelines, 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 Council voted in favour of the motion.

Director of Legislative Services

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

MOVED and SECONDED

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 Council voted in favour of the motion.

xii. New Westminster Secondary School Dry Grad 2010 Grant Request

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the New Westminster School Dry Grad 2010 grant request to waive fees for the use of the Queensborough Community Centre be approved; and

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 Council voted in favour of the motion.

xiii. Homeless Coalition – Secretarial Support

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT funding to provide secretarial support for the Homeless Coalition meetings be allocated from the Development Services Department budget.

CARRIED.

All members of Council voted in favour of the motion.

xiv. School District #40 – Financial Support by City

MOVED and SECONDED

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 Council voted in favour of the motion.

BYLAWS

- 12(b) i) Five-Year Financial Plan (2009 – 2013) Amendment Bylaw No. 7380, 2010 [a Bylaw to amend the Five-Year Financial Plan for the years 2009 – 2013, inclusive.] **THREE READINGS****

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Five-Year Financial Plan (2009 – 2013) Amendment Bylaw No.

7380, 2010 be read a first time.

CARRIED.

All members of Council voted in favour of the motion.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Five-Year Financial Plan (2009 – 2013) Amendment Bylaw No. 7380, 2010 be read a second time.

CARRIED.

All members of Council voted in favour of the motion.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Five-Year Financial Plan (2009 – 2013) Amendment Bylaw No. 7380, 2010 be read a third time.

CARRIED.

All members of Council voted in favour of the motion.

- ii) **Tax Rates Bylaw No. 7381, 2010** [a Bylaw for the levying of rates for Municipal, Regional district and other Authority purposes for the year 2010] **THREE READINGS**

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Tax Rates Bylaw No. 7381, 2010 be read a first time.

CARRIED.

All members of Council voted in favour of the motion.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Tax Rates Bylaw No. 7381, 2010 be read a second time.

CARRIED.

All members of Council voted in favour of the motion.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Tax Rates Bylaw No. 7381, 2010 be read a third time.

CARRIED.

All members of Council voted in favour of the motion.

- iii) **Downtown New Westminster Business Improvement Area (Primary Area) Parcel Tax Bylaw No. 7390, 2010** [a Bylaw to impose a tax on frontage on owners of land pursuant to the provision of Section 200 of the Community Charter in the area of the downtown of the City of New Westminster designated as a Business Improvement Area in the “Downtown New Westminster Business Improvement Area (Primary Area) Bylaw No. 7184, 2007”] **THREE READINGS**

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Downtown New Westminster Business Improvement Area (Primary Area) Parcel Tax Bylaw No. 7390, 2010 be read a first time.

CARRIED.

All members of Council voted in favour of the motion.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Downtown New Westminster Business Improvement Area (Primary Area) Parcel Tax Bylaw No. 7390, 2010 be read a second time.

CARRIED.

All members of Council voted in favour of the motion.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Downtown New Westminster Business Improvement Area (Primary Area) Parcel Tax Bylaw No. 7390, 2010 be read a third time.

CARRIED.

All members of Council voted in favour of the motion.

- iv) [Downtown New Westminster Business Improvement Area \(Secondary Area\) Parcel Tax Bylaw No. 7391, 2010](#) [a Bylaw to impose a tax on frontage on owners of land pursuant to the provision of Section 200 of the Community Charter in the area of the downtown of the City of New Westminster designated as a Business Improvement Area in the "Downtown New Westminster Business Improvement Area (Secondary Area) Bylaw No. 7185, 2007. **THREE READINGS**

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Downtown New Westminster Business Improvement Area (Secondary Area) Parcel Tax Bylaw No. 7391, 2010 be read a first time.

CARRIED.

All members of Council voted in favour of the motion.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Downtown New Westminster Business Improvement Area (Secondary Area) Parcel Tax Bylaw No. 7391, 2010 be read a second time.

CARRIED.

All members of Council voted in favour of the motion.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Downtown New Westminster Business Improvement Area (Secondary Area) Parcel Tax Bylaw No. 7391, 2010 be read a third time.

CARRIED.

All members of Council voted in favour of the motion.

NEW BUSINESS

13. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor Lorrie Williams – Sale of Rabbits:

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT staff be directed to prepare a bylaw to prohibit the sale of rabbits in pet stores.

CARRIED.

All members of Council voted in favour of the motion.

REPORTS

5. Council Members:

Councillor McIntosh

...attended the UDI meeting where a presentation about New Westminster took place; a fund raiser for the Raising of the Hoop for the new Youth Centre; the grand opening and ribbon cutting for the opening of the Pharmasave at Columbia Square; the Immigration Services Society ribbon cutting as Acting Mayor; the Child Care Centre at Simon Fraser Society celebration of its first year anniversary; a Senior Services task force noting the IMBY fair will take place at Royal City Centre this coming Saturday; a child foundation fund raiser in Vancouver; the Citizen of the Year where Mona Forsyth was acclaimed; noted Lori Pappajohn received the Bernie Legge Cultural Award for 2009; Cst. Jackie Suchodolski made a presentation at the Family Court Committee on issues facing teenagers and how she deals with them as NWSS School Liaison Officer; attended a Lions Club luncheon fund raising for Monarch Place; the Girl Guides Pacific Coast awards night; the Book Festival and thanked the Arts Council for sponsoring the three-day event; attended the closing ceremonies as Acting Mayor; the sod turning for Honour House, a new facility for first responders; a fund raiser for the Twelfth Street Festival; a fund raiser for laundry and shower facilities for the new Youth Centre.

Councillor Osterman

...attended the opening of Blue Spruce Cottage Honour House; spoke of the history of the Armed Forces in Canada; noted that Long Service awards will take place this coming Wednesday; announced that Traffic Advisory Committee meeting is rescheduled to May 19; noted that his daughter in law was named outstanding Naturopathic Physician.

Councillor Williams

...attended the opening of Honour House for first responders; Earth Day at Spencer School; as Acting Mayor, to the Consulting Engineers of BC Awards Night; as Acting Mayor, the opening of the Book Festival; the Homeless Coalition meeting; the Citizen of the Year event; the LMLGA where she has been asked to run as first vice-president; the opening of the Columbia Square Pharmasave; the Lions fashion show; the UDI meeting where the Mayor and the Director of Development Services spoke of the City.

Councillor Cote

...attended the Chamber of Commerce Citizen of the Year event; the Youth Centre fund raising event to raise funds for laundry and shower facilities; the sod turning event at Honour House; spoke of Earth Day events last week: the fifth grade class installed planters at Herbert Spencer School and Queen Sweep in Queensborough.

Councillor McEvoy

...attended the meeting of the Fraser Health Municipal Advisory Committee where they dealt with deficit issues; where the possibility of a major addition to RCH was discussed; Fraser Health is recognizing it needs to work more closely with municipalities; Fraser Health is mandated to look at ways that childhood diseases can be dealt with; was pleased about Mona Forsyth receiving Citizen of the Year Award for her work at the Food Bank where she works 30 hours a week on a volunteer basis; mentioned the City's presentation to the Urban Development Institute which went over very well; attended the sod turning event for Honour House; mentioned the overpass at McBride which represents a safe crossing for local residents including the residents of the Queens Park Care Facility who can safely reach the park.

Councillor Harper

...attended the open house for the Simon Fraser Society Integrated Child Care Centre and congratulated them on their first year; the UDI New West Open for Business event; the Multicultural festival meetings, the book festival and congratulated the Arts Council on its success; with his four brothers and extended family, spent the last week laying his mother to rest – wished a goodbye to his mother.

Mayor Wayne Wright

...Proclaimed the month of May 2010 as MS Awareness month and May 3 – 9 as Elizabeth Fry Week.

...Attended the Simon Fraser Society Community Living meeting; UDI Meeting where Lisa Spitale made a presentation on New Westminster; the Experience the Fraser Political Steering Committee Meeting; chaired the Metro Vancouver Housing; noted that Honour House was made possible by BC Housing and that the project was very quickly approved; by Remembrance Day, the House will be open; assisted in the ribbon cutting ceremony for the Pharmasave at Columbia Square; attended B.C. Police Board Association Annual General Meeting and Conference and noted that the majority of their budget goes to salaries; attended Opening Day Ceremonies of the New Westminster Lawn Bowling Club; wished a happy retirement after 35 years to Mr. Phil Vallely, Engineering Operations; announced the following appointments to Committees: Hayden Goss to the Youth Advisory Committee as a Glenbrook Middle School representative for the term ending September 30, 2010; Ms. Susan Pearson to the Neighbourhood Traffic Advisory Committee as the Brow of the Hill Residents' Association's representative for the term ending January 31, 2011; and Annie Tseng and Ran Wei to the Youth Advisory Committee as Members at Large for the term ending September 30, 2010:

NEXT MEETING

Monday, May 3, 2010

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.

ADJOURNMENT

ON MOTION, the meeting adjourned at 9:21 p.m.

Certified Correct,

WAYNE WRIGHT
MAYOR

RICHARD L. PAGE
CORPORATE OFFICER