



CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF NEW WESTMINSTER

## SPECIAL OPEN MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL

Monday, May 14, 2007 12:30 p.m.  
Committee Room No. 2, City Hall

### MINUTES

#### PRESENT:

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

#### STAFF:

Mr. Paul Daminato	- City Administrator
Mr. Rick Page	- Director of Legislative Services/Corporate Officer
Mr. Jim Lowrie	- Acting Director of Development Services
Mer. Rod Carle	- General Manager, Electrical Utility
Mr. Steven Lan	- Acting Director of Engineering Services
Mr. Gary Holowatiuk	- Director of Finance
Mr. Allan Woodbury	- Director of Human Resources/Corporate Services
Ms. Mindy Smith	- Assistant Director of Finance
Mr. Jim Cook	- Assistant Fire Chief
Mr. Dean Gibson	- Director of Parks and Recreation
Chief Lorne Zapotichny	- Police Services

#### ADOPTION OF BYLAWS

1. [Tax Rates Bylaw No. 7164, 2007 \[a bylaw for the levying of rates for Municipal, Regional Districts and other Authority purposes for the year 2007\]](#) **ADOPTION**

#### MOVED and SECONDED

*THAT Tax Rates Bylaw No. 7164, 2007, be adopted.*

**CARRIED.**

All members of Council voted in favour of the motion.

2. [Response to Emergency Advisory Committee Recommendation re: Flood Preparation for 2007 High Water – Assistant Director of Fire and Rescue Services](#)

Jim Cook, Assistant Director of Fire and Rescue Services reviewed the May 10, 2007, report responding to a resolution from the April 24, 2007 meeting of the Emergency Advisory Committee regarding the leasing of a jet boat and the purchase of specialized water rescue equipment in light of the 2007 high water situation.

The Assistant Director further responded to a number of questions from the Members. Concern regarding the time being spent of pursuing more information regarding a boat for the Fire Dept was brought forward. The CAO noted that in the very short period of time staff has had to review the proposal, the clothing option is a good idea but whether a boat is required is open to risk, with no training or preparation in place. A study of some kind would be prudent to determine a needs assessment.

Reference was made to the 1999 freshet and that no person was at risk due to the freshet at that time. Concern that there is only a 10-15 day window was discussed. There is no time for a competitive bid.

**MOVED and SECONDED**

*THAT staff explore the rationale, feasibility, options, and costs for amending the mandate of Fire and Rescue Services to include Water Rescue Operations;*

*THAT staff be authorized to spend up to \$75,000 for water rescue protective gear and 3 flat bottomed punts.*

**CARRIED.**

All members of Council voted in favour of the motion.

**MOVED and SECONDED**

*THAT if rescue services, vessels, and/or other specialized equipment are required during the 2007 high water season, the usual emergency procurement process be followed.*

**CARRIED.**

All members of Council voted in favour of the motion.

*Staff was further directed to provide Council with a complete list of vendors and available equipment as soon as it is prepared.*

**ADJOURNMENT**

**ON MOTION**, the meeting adjourned at 1:01 p.m.

Certified Correct,

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**WAYNE WRIGHT**  
**MAYOR**

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**RICK PAGE**  
**CORPORATE OFFICER**