

REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL WORKING SESSION

May 16, 2011 3:13 p.m.
Committee Room No. 2
City Hall

MINUTES

PRESENT:

Mayor Wayne Wright
Councillor Bill Harper
Councillor Bob Osterman
Councillor Betty McIntosh
Councillor Jaimie McEvoy
Councillor Lorrie Williams

REGRETS:

Councillor Jonathan Côté

STAFF AND GUESTS:

Mr. Paul Daminato	- City Administrator, Acting Corporate Officer
Ms. Lisa Spitale	- Director of Development Services
Mr. Jim Lowrie	- Director of Engineering Services
Mr. Gary Holowatiuk	- Director of Finance & Information Technology
Mr. Dean Gibson	- Director of Parks, Culture and Recreation
Ms. Louise Payne	- Committee Clerk, Legislative Services
Mr. Roger Hughes	- HCMA Architect
Ms. Cariad Garratt	- Stantec Engineering
Mr. Ron MacDonald	- Stantec Engineering
Mr. Richard Babcock	- Harvest Power Inc.
Mr. Wayne Davis	- Harvest Power Inc.

AGENDA CONTENT

The Agenda was varied with the addition of Item 5 – Endorsement for Director on Federation of Canadian Municipalities’ Board of Directors.

REPORTS & PRESENTATIONS

Director of Development Services

1. Multi Use Civic Facility Design Update

a) Presentation – Roger Hughes, HCMA Architect

Mr. Roger Hughes presented Council with three (3) models for the Multi Use Civic Facility, noting the following:

- Model 1 – issue of signage not addressed;
- Model 2 – issue of landscaping – existing trees in front of site;
- Model 3 – creates a façade up to the SkyTrain.

Mr. Hughes presented Council with a display of sample materials – stone, brick, zinc, limestone and basalt – for the exterior of the Civic Facility.

Council comments:

- Model 3 is more artistic looking – like “nautical theme”;
- Basalt is interesting material, and found locally;
- Like natural product vs. brick;
- Reconsider glass canopy on Columbia Street vs. solid canopy
- Suggest “light pipe” for architectural lighting at night;
- Limestone is light and bright and would offset office tower;
- Like idea of “green roofing”;
- Theatre needs some kind of identity;
- Would like to see the exterior ‘band’ continue along the entire 8th Street side of the building.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the oral report on the Multi Use Civic Facility Design Update by Architect Mr. Roger Hughes be received;

THAT the option of a glass roof over the entrance to the facility be costed; and

THAT the architect provide the City with a list of buildings that display use of the different building facade materials so that Council can view these buildings.

CARRIED.

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

b) Report “777 Columbia Street – Multi Use Civic Facility Update”

MOVED AND SECONDED

THAT the May 16, 2011 report from the Director of Development Services and the Director of Engineering Services regarding 777 Columbia Street – Multi Use Civic Facility Design Update be received for information.

CARRIED.

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

Director of Engineering

2. Community Energy and Emissions Plan

a) Presentation – Cariad Garratt and Ron MacDonald, Stantec

Mr. Ron MacDonald of Stantec Engineering presented an overview of the development of the Community Energy and Emissions Plan and answered questions from Council.

Council comments (*Stantec's response in italics*):

- Issue of rental apartment buildings needing retrofitting, and looking at solar hot water heating – will costs of solar technology come down? *Rental stock is a unique challenge for retrofit because the tenants get the benefit of lower utility rates; Solar BC initiative to address high costs of solar technology;*
- Staff requested to report back with recommendations to the Provincial and Federal Governments on a solar hot water heating retrofit program, making sure the program would be non-taxable.

b) Report “Community Energy and Emissions Plan (CEEP) Draft”

MOVED AND SECONDED

THAT the May 16, 2011 draft report from the Director of Engineering and the Director of Development Services regarding Community Energy and Emissions Plan (CEEP) be endorsed;

THAT a 15% community greenhouse gas reduction target, with an aspirational target to achieve 30% by 2030 be adopted; and

THAT staff be directed to report back to Council on a funding strategy for the implementation of the CEEP.

CARRIED.

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

Director of Parks, Culture, Recreation

3. Westminster Pier Public Art Proposal

MOVED AND SECONDED

THAT the public art elements for Westminster Pier Park Historic Photo Panels and Memory Band be endorsed as outlined in the May 16, 2011 report from the Director of Parks, Culture and Recreation; and

THAT staff be directed to continue the investigation into the proposed Video Mapping project for the eastern end of the park.

CARRIED.

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

Agenda Addition

5. Endorsement for Director of Federation on Canadian Municipalities' Board of Directors

A member of Council brought forward the following resolution because of its time-sensitive nature:

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the City of New Westminster endorse Councillor Lorrie Williams to seek a position as a director on the Federation of Canadian Municipalities' Board of Directors.

CARRIED.

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

4. Harvest Power Canada Ltd.

[a\) Presentation – Richard Babcock, Harvest Power Inc. – Letter of Support for Green Fund Grant](#)

Mr. Richard Babcock of Harvest Power Inc. presented an overview of Harvest Power's current operation and plans for building a state of the art construction and demolition (C&D) waste recycling facility.

Council comments (and response from Harvest Power in italics):

- Air quality a concern, from truck traffic; *recycled material will be transported out by barge; Harvest Power under Pollution Prevention Order and has taken steps to solve dust problem;*
- Concern about reformulating "dirty plastic"; *is a manufacturing process using chemicals to convert "dirty plastic" to crude oil, with no emissions from this process;* Council requested that Harvest Power Inc. provide more information on this process; also requested more information on environmental issues, their relationship with the Fraser River, neighbouring properties in this industrial area and the Sapperton Residents' Association, and the number of people C&D waste companies employ; *We are committed to meeting with the Sapperton Residents' Association.*

MOVED and SECONDED

MOVED a letter of support be approved for Harvest Power Inc./Urban Wood Waste Recyclers Ltd.'s Green Fund grant application for building a state of the art facility for the efficient reclamation, reuse and recycling of construction and demolition (C&D) waste.

CARRIED.

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

ADJOURNMENT

ON MOTION, the meeting adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

Certified Correct,

WAYNE WRIGHT
MAYOR

PAUL DAMINATO
ACTING CORPORATE OFFICER