

REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL

May 17, 2010 7:07 p.m.
Committee Room No. 2
City Hall

MINUTES

PRESENT:

Councillor Lorrie Williams, Acting Mayor
Mayor Wayne Wright (assumed the Chair at 8:14 p.m.)
Councillor Jonathan Coté
Councillor Bill Harper
Councillor Bob Osterman
Councillor Jaimie McEvoy

REGRETS:

Councillor Betty McIntosh

STAFF:

Mr. Paul Daminato	- City Administrator
Ms Judi Turner	- 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
Ms. Joan Burgess	- Director of Human Resources
Mr. Dave Jones	- Manager of Emergency Management
Ms. Donna Martin	- Committee Clerk

Council adjourned to Committee of the Whole at 3:13 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 May 3, 2010.](#)

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the minutes of the last regular meeting of the City Council held on May 3, 2010 be received and adopted.

CARRIED.

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

PROCLAMATION AND PRESENTATION

2. **Social Planning and Research Council of BC (SPARC BC)**
 - a) Acting Mayor Lorrie Williams proclaimed Sunday, June 5, 2010 as Access Awareness Day
 - b) Presentation by Emese Szücs, Manager Accessibility Programs

Emese Szucs advised that according to the 2000 Census there are about 13,000 residents of New Westminster with disabilities and 1,932 residents with disabled parking permits. She advised the organization has developed model bylaws for use and encouraged Council to consider the following policies for the City:

- Address disabilities in the overall planning process;
- Build accessible public facilities;
- Make all parks accessible;
- Additional parking for the disabled;
- Accessible cabs;
- Promoting gas stations to be wheelchair accessible;
- Encourage housing that is adaptable to accessibility;
- Density bonusing in exchange for accessibility;
- Adopt Accessibility Policy for City.

3. **Hyack Festival Association**
 - a) Acting Mayor Lorrie Williams proclaimed May 21 to May 29, 2010 as Hyack Week.
 - b) Presentation by Marlene Higgins, President, Hyack Festival Association

Marlene Higgins, Hyack Festival President, acknowledged other board members and ambassadors present. She welcomed all to the 2010 Hyack Festival season and note this year's theme is "Unsung Heroes". The Miss New Westminster Ambassadors distributed invitations and pins to Council.

4. Emergency Preparedness Week - Dave Jones, Manager Emergency Management

Dave Jones presented information on personal preparedness during emergencies. It is important to know the risks in your area, make a plan, designate a family meeting place and escape routes if there are impediments. He urged everyone to get a kit for home and vehicle. Kit information is available on the City's website. New Westminster residents should tune to 88.7 FM for information during a disaster.

Mr. Jones also reported the City now has a mobile command unit, a water purification unit and a trailer which allows the use of foam for bio hazards.

Mayor Wright joined the meeting during the above presentation.

DELEGATIONS / OPPORTUNITY TO BE HEARD

5. Delegations Regarding Proposed Council Remuneration

No one came forward to speak to this issue.

6. Open Delegations

Tania Jarzebiak, resident, on behalf of "Fight HST Campaign", made a request for access to City facilities for the purpose of collecting signatures on the official initiative petition. Currently petitions can be signed at the Coming Home Café and Greens and Beans.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the request from Tania Jarzebiak, representing the New Westminster Fight HST Campaign, for permission to collect signatures at New Westminster facilities be referred to staff to meet with campaign organizers regarding access to City facilities.

CARRIED.

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

David Mendenhall, resident, requested a letter of approval for an amateur boxing event the Pep Boxing and Fitness Centre wishes to hold on July 10, 2010.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the request from Dave Mendenhall for support for sponsorship to hold a boxing event in the City of New Westminster be forwarded to staff to review policy and practice and report back to Council.

CARRIED.

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

Tony Antonias announced the following free upcoming events:

- Yam Jam for teenagers being held on Saturday, June 15, 2010 from 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. and from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. at Hyack Square.
- Arts in the Park – June 12th, Moody Park
- Canada Day – July 1st will have all local entertainment and picnic baskets from local restaurants up for bid.

David MacGrotty, representing Senior Salmonbellies and the Regiment, announced the “Seats for Soldiers” event being held on June 3rd at Queensborough Arena. The festivities begin at 6:00 p.m. with the game at 8:00 p.m. There is no charge for cadets and their families. Wear red in support of Military Family Resource Centre. Veterans will referee games.

BYLAWS CONSIDERED AT PUBLIC HEARING

Mayor Wright assumed the Chair for the balance of the meeting at 8:14 p.m.

7. [Heritage Designation Bylaw \(626 Tenth Street\) No. 7320, 2010](#) [a Bylaw of the Corporation of the City of New Westminster to designate the lands, buildings and structures located at 626 Tenth Street, as protected heritage property]

THIRD READING/ADOPTION

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Heritage Designation Bylaw (626 Tenth Street) No. 7320, 2010 be read for a third time.

CARRIED.

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

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Heritage Designation Bylaw (626 Tenth Street) No. 7320, 2010 be adopted.

CARRIED.

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

8. [Official Community Plan \(Density Bonus Zoning Amendment\) Bylaw No. 7386, 2010](#) [a Bylaw to amend the Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 6476, 1998]

THIRD READING/ADOPTION

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Official Community Plan (Density Bonus Zoning Amendment) Bylaw No. 7386, 2010 be read for a third time.

CARRIED.

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

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Official Community Plan (Density Bonus Zoning Amendment) Bylaw No. 7386, 2010 be adopted.

CARRIED.

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

CORRESPONDENCE

9. **The City of Burnaby resolution of Council from their open meeting of April 19, 2010 regarding Canada and the United States Agreement on the Buy American Provisions of the American Recovery and Investment Act.**

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the correspondence from the City of Burnaby regarding Canada and the United States Agreement on the Buy American Provisions of the American Recovery and Investment Act be received.

CARRIED.

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

COMMITTEE MINUTES AND RECOMMENDATIONS

10. **[Motion to receive and adopt the minutes of a meeting of Council in Committee of the Whole held May 3, 2010.](#)**

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the minutes of a meeting of Council in Committee of the Whole held on May 3, 2010 be received and adopted.

11. **Recommendations from Council in Committee of the Whole meeting held May 17, 2010.**

- a) **[Remedial Action Order - Retaining Wall at 201 Queens Avenue](#)**

MOVED and SECONDED

WHEREAS Sections 72 and 73 of the Community Charter authorizes Council to impose remedial actions in relation to a structure that it considers is in or creates an unsafe condition; and

WHEREAS Council considers the existing retaining wall at 201 Queen's Avenue (legally described as the Southerly 132 Feet Lot 5 Except: Parcel "D" (N4288E), Suburban Block 5 Plan 2620 having a frontage of 132 feet on Queen's Avenue and a Frontage of 132 Feet on Second Street) to be unsafe and a potential risk to the property owner and the public;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. *Pursuant to Sections 72 and 73 of the Community Charter and upon Council finding that it considers that the retaining wall located at 201 Queen's Avenue is in or creates an unsafe condition, the following remedial action be imposed:*
 - a. *The retaining wall along the lane frontage on the north/west side of the above noted parcel of land shall be demolished and replaced with a new retaining wall complete with a 42 inch high handrail on top of the wall. The design of the new wall shall be acceptable to the City's Director of Engineering Services.*
 - b. *The owner must obtain a building permit and street use permit prior to installing the new concrete retaining wall. The design and construction of the wall shall be in accordance with the applicable requirements of the City's Building Bylaw and the British Columbia Building Code. The new retaining wall shall be designed and approved by a qualified structural engineer registered in the Province of British Columbia. The owner shall demolish and replace the retaining wall within 60 days following the service of this Order.*
2. *It is hereby further ordered pursuant to section 77(3)(b) of the Community Charter that:*
 - a. *In the case of default by the owner to comply with this Order, the City, by its employees, contractors, and others, may enter 201 Queen's Avenue and effect the demolition and replacement of the concrete retaining wall on this property at the expense of the owner.*
 - b. *The charges for doing the work under paragraph (a), including all incidental expenses, if unpaid within 60 days of submission of an invoice, shall be added to and form part of the taxes payable on the land or real property at 201 Queen's Avenue.*

CARRIED.

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

b) **Policies Relating to Liquor Establishments**

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the policies pertaining to applications from licensed establishments to extend their hours of liquor service as outlined in the May 17, 2010 report from the Director of Development Services be approved.

CARRIED.

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

c) **Zoning Amendments to Include Bonus Density in Eligible Low Rise and Townhouse Zones** (Bylaw No. 7392, 2010)

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 7392, 2010 be received;

CARRIED.

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

d) **Commercial and Multiple Unit Residential Parking Requirements -**
(Bylaw No. 7374, 2010)

MOVED and SECONDED

*THAT Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 7374, 2010 be received; and
THAT staff research a blanket policy for further reduction of parking in the downtown town centre.*

CARRIED.

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

e) **530 Columbia Street (Burr Theatre) Heritage Alteration Permit**

May 17, 2010 report seeking approval of and Heritage Alteration Permit for 530 Columbia.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT a Heritage Alteration Permit for 530 Columbia Street (Burr Theatre) to allow for rehabilitation of the front façade be approved.

CARRIED.

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

f) **West Nile Virus Response Program 2010**

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Councillor Osterman be appointed to sit on the Local Advisory Committee for adulticiding should the Health Authority deem it necessary to implement this control measure.

CARRIED.

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

g) [Community Grant Request to Change Project New Westminster Amateur Radio Club](#)

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the request from the New Westminster Amateur Radio Club to amend their 2010 grant request to allow a variety of emergency radio equipment to be purchased (instead of a generator for the Radio Club's trailer) be approved; and

THAT staff develop a policy and process for consideration of grant request amendments.

CARRIED.

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

h) [Queensborough All Wheel Park – Status Update & Site Recommendation](#)

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the new All Wheel Park site be developed in the Ryall Park (north) location subject to consultation with adjacent property owners.

CARRIED.

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

i) **Public Art**

MOVED and SECONDED

WHEREAS the need for more public art in the City of New Westminster is a part of the Arts Strategy; and

WHEREAS the picture “Wait for Me Daddy” is the second most recognized photograph in Canada;

***BE IT RESOLVED** that staff is directed to investigate and report back on the feasibility, cost and potential placement of a statue or other form of public art to reflect the picture “Wait for Me Daddy” as a piece of public art for the City.*

CARRIED.

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

Staff was directed to place a copy of the “Wait for Me Daddy” photo on the City’s web site.

j) **District Heating Systems**

MOVED and SECONDED

WHEREAS the City is creating a sustainability program for the downtown district; and

WHEREAS the City desires to reduce greenhouse gas emissions in the City; and

WHEREAS Terasen Gas has a granting program for research and development of green direct heating systems;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT staff be directed to meet with Terasen Gas and report back to Council on the potential application of district heating systems for City projects in particular and the application of a district heating program as it applies to the City in general.

CARRIED.

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

BYLAWS

- 11(a) i. [Zoning Amendment Bylaw \(Parking Regulations\) No. 7374, 2010](#) [a Bylaw to amend Zoning Bylaw No. 6680, 2001 for the City of New Westminster re: Commercial and Multiple Unit Residential Parking Requirements] **TWO READINGS**

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Zoning Amendment Bylaw (Parking Regulations) No. 7374, 2010 be read a first time.

CARRIED.

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

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Zoning Amendment Bylaw (Parking Regulations) No. 7374, 2010 be read a second time.

CARRIED.

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

(A Public Hearing for Zoning Amendment Bylaw (Parking Regulations) No. 7374, 2010 [a Bylaw to amend Zoning Bylaw No. 6680, 2001 for the City of New Westminster re: Multiple Residential Parking and Commercial Parking] has been scheduled for Monday, June 14, 2010 at **7:15 p.m.** in Council Chamber, City Hall).

- ii. [Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 7392, 2010](#) [a Bylaw to provide for density bonuses re: Bonus Density in Eligible Low Rise and Townhouse Zones]

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 7392, 2010 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. 7392, 2010 be read a second time.

CARRIED.

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

(A Public Hearing for Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 7392, 2010 [a Bylaw to provide for density bonuses re: Bonus Density in Eligible Low Rise and Townhouse Zones] has been scheduled for Monday, June 14, 2010 at **7:15 p.m.** in Council Chamber, City Hall).

REPORTS

12. Council Members:

Councillor Osterman

...attended Group of Five luncheon; attended service for Eva Markvoort and suggested looking at a way of honouring her name; attended Treaty Advisory Committee meeting and discussed the Federal initiative regarding treaty negotiations; attended "In My Backyard"; attended Hyack Festival Association meeting on behalf of Councillor McIntosh; visited Boucher Institute; congratulate Keith Coueffin in Licensing for doing a good job; noted Operation Block Watch in the West End also does a good job.

Councillor Williams

...attended Know Presbyterian Church Tea and Bake Sale on behalf of the Mayor; attended the M & M BBQ and fundraiser; attended the Change of Command for the 39th Brigade in Vancouver; attended 150th Anniversary of St. Peter's Church; attended the LMLGA Conference where she was elected 1st Vice President; urged support of the New Westminster Symphony on Mother's Day; participated in hanging basket sale at Royal Columbian Hospital to raise funds for the hospital and the Moody Outdoor Pool; attended Metro Vancouver Energy and Environment Committee meeting; announced a meeting to discuss waste management on June 17th at Fraser River Discovery Centre at 6:00 p.m.

Councillor Cote

...chaired a Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee meeting; chaired a Parks and Recreation Committee meeting; attended Move for Health Week walk at City Hall.

Councillor McEvoy

...attended LMLGA meeting where the emphasis was on the Fraser River and sustainability; chaired a Seniors Advisory Committee meeting; commented the Living Wage initiative has had a positive reaction from residents and media.

Councillor Harper

...chaired an Arts Commission meeting and introduced new Arts Manager; attended a Metro Vancouver Labour Relations Board meeting; attended Rotary Spring Fling fundraising event; attended Youth Awards; announced Multi Cultural Festival on May 22, 2010; announced Hyack Festival opening and fireworks; attended LMLGA meeting, attended the Group of Five luncheon and the Long-Service Awards reception.

Mayor Wayne Wright

...Proclaimed the month of May as Child Care Month, Missing Children's Month and May 25, 2010 as Missing Children's Day, Vision Health Month and May 27, 2010 as

CNIB Day, and May 16 – 22, 2010 as National Public Works Week; attended City of New Westminster Long Service Awards recognition; attended the Westminster Regiment's luncheon where the City's contribution of green berets for the troops was acknowledged; brought greetings to East meets West Concert at Douglas College; received elementary students for annual school tours; worked at McHappy Day 2010; attended Open Chairperson's meeting; attended the Spring Fling event; brought greetings to 2010 Youth Awards; announced the Walk with the Mayor had about 120 participants; wished Bill Clydesdale happy retirement after 36 years of services with the City; invited everyone to the 140th May Day celebration on May 26th; announced the appointment of Janet Grant to the Family Court Committee; and sent condolences to Ron Basran on the passing of his father-in-law.

NEXT MEETING

Monday, June 14, 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.

Public Hearing at 7:15 p.m.

Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 7394, 2010 [a Bylaw to amend Zoning Bylaw No. 6680, 2001 re: Group Daycare Facility at 1408 Fifth Avenue]

ADJOURNMENT

ON MOTION, the meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Certified Correct,

**WAYNE WRIGHT
MAYOR**

**JUDI TURNER
ACTING CORPORATE OFFICER**