



CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF NEW WESTMINSTER

REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL

June 1, 2009 3:00 p.m.
Committee Room No. 2
City Hall

MINUTES

PRESENT:

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

STAFF:

Mr. Jim Lowrie	- Acting City Administrator
Mr. Rick Page	- Director of Legislative Services/Corporate Officer
Ms. Lisa Spitale	- Director of Development Services
Mr. Gary Holowatiuk	- Director of Finance and Information Technology
Ms. Judi Turner	- Assistant Corporate Officer

Council adjourned to Committee of the Whole at 3:00 p.m. and reconvened in the Council Chamber at 7:03 p.m. with all those listed earlier present.

PRESENTATIONS

1. 2009 Environmental Poster Contest

Assisted by Councillor McEvoy, Mayor Wright announced and presented the 2009 Environment Poster Contest awards.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

2. Motion to adopt the minutes of the last Regular Meeting of the City Council held May 11, 2009

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the minutes of the Regular Meeting of City Council held on May 11, 2009 be adopted.

CARRIED

All members of Council voted in favour of the motion.

3. Motion to adopt the minutes of the Special Open Meeting of Council City Council held May 13, 2009

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the minutes of the Special Open Meeting of City Council held on May 13, 2009 be adopted.

CARRIED

All members of Council voted in favour of the motion.

DELEGATIONS

8. Open Delegations

Carol Martin and Debby Fry representing the Seniors Services Society were present to invite the community to attend a Vagabond Players performance of *The House of Agatha Mystery* at the Bernie Legge Theatre on June 10th. Proceeds from this event will assist to pay for fuel for the bus used to supply Society services.

Rick Janssen of 452 Glenbrook Drive, spoke of a cycle tour from Newfoundland back to British Columbia. The tour is named *Biking for the Cure* and is planned to raise \$100,000 to fight cancer. The tour group will publish their progress on a web site. Donations may be made in a number of ways.

The Rev. Mavis Brownlee and Chuck Puchmayr, representing St. Barnabus Church at 1010 Fifth Avenue, rose to announce a fundraiser to replace the roof on St. Barnabus Church. The event will be a dinner with entertainment and will take place on June 16th.

RECESS

4. Motion to recess to the Public Hearing.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Regular Meeting of Council be recessed to the Public Hearing.

CARRIED

All members of Council voted in favour of the motion.

The Regular Meeting of Council was reconvened at 8:33 p.m. with all members of Council present.

BYLAWS CONSIDERED AT PUBLIC HEARING

5. Zoning Amendment Bylaw 7315, 2009 [a Bylaw to amend Zoning Bylaw No. 6680, 2001] (re: 409 Boyne Street and Adjacent City Lane)

THIRD READING

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 7315, 2009 be read a third time.

CARRIED

All members of Council voted in favour of the motion.

6. Heritage Revitalization Agreement (626 Tenth Street) Bylaw No. 7319, 2009 [a Bylaw to enter into a Heritage Revitalization Agreement under Section 966 of the *Local Government Act* re: 626 Tenth Street]

THIRD READING

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Heritage Revitalization Agreement (626 Tenth Street) Bylaw No. 7319, 2009 be read a third time.

CARRIED

All members of Council voted in favour of the motion.

PRESENTATIONS

7. Downtown Community Plan 3-D Model of Growth Projection-- Director of Development Services

The Director of Development Services, presented an overview of the downtown community planning initiative which is well underway.

Eric Westberg, Planning Analyst, made a presentation on land use precincts to accommodate the projected population growth in the Downtown.

DELEGATIONS

8. Open Delegations

Shawn Cody of 812 Jackson Crescent, representing Royal City Youth Soccer, was present to request an additional artificial turf field for soccer. Soccer is a popular sport that provides 6 – 8 months of fitness, leadership, competition, and fun to participants and keeps them in positive activities. Mr. Cody spoke of Federal funding and asked for feedback from Council.

Tariq Tyar of 331 East Columbia Street, member of the BC Muslim Association and the Pakistan Canada Association, rose to represent the Muslim community regarding a need to have meeting space in Queensborough for weekly prayers. He advised that community meeting rooms at Queensborough Community Centre can be rented, but the Queensborough Community Centre cannot commit to giving them a specific time on an ongoing basis. He has inquired at other halls in the area but has had no success with alternate spaces. Mr. Tyar asked Council to approve an exception to the policy to allow his group to rent a room for one hour each Friday.

The Mayor directed that the matter be referred to Parks and Recreation to report back to Council on the issue and present possible options.

Andrew Murray of 707 Belyea Street, representing the Royal City Farmers Market rose to invite all to a kick off on June 11th event for the Market's 2009 season. He provided an update on the status of the Market which will reopen on June 26th. Mr. Murray mentioned that the Market has been accepted as a member of the Nutrition Coupon Program which will supply fresh fruit and vegetables for 50 young families in need. He thanked the supporters of the Market.

REPORTS

9. Council Members:

Councillor Williams:

As Acting Mayor for May, attended the 513 Hornet Squadron 60th annual ceremonial review, the Shiloh Sixth Avenue United Church fund raiser, St. Aidan's Church fund raiser, the Maple Leaf Singers event, a Translink meeting where the 10 year plan was discussed, the Victims Assistance Volunteer Appreciation dinner, the Urban Development Institute meeting regarding the economic downturn's impact on developers, the Burnaby Village Museum appreciation event for child care providers, the Royal Bank Olympic Torch presentation, the Holbrook Block (former Windjammer) for women and children who are at risk of homelessness, the Red Robinson Theatre provincial honours

performance for the winners of dance competitions in the Province, Queensborough Days, a brunch cruise, a gala, a parade, a friendship city signing, an banquet, May Day events; attended her first meeting of the Lower Mainland Local Government Association executive.

Councillor Cote:

Hyack week this year was very busy along with the 150th Anniversary celebrations events; the Lieutenant Governor participated; attended the 150th celebration gala at Massey Theatre; chaired a meeting of the Community and Social Issues Committee; attended a meeting of the Youth Advisory Committee where the Downtown Plan was presented.

Councillor McEvoy:

Toured the Purpose Society building; met with Headlines Theatre; attended the Mayor's Task Force on the budget, the First Annual Animal Forum, a budget Open House, an employee long service award ceremony, meeting with staff on economic development in the City, the Royal Hudson train trip, Fraser Society's Leaf Sale, the Lower Mainland LGA meeting, the Fraser Health Municipal Advisory Committee meeting, the Seniors Advisory Committee, the Tourism Task Force launch, the consecration of the new plaque for Victoria Cross winners, the Hyack Festival events, May Day, Yun-Fu delegation event, Seniors Festival Committee, the Salmonbellies game, the Police Service Colour Consecration, the Royal City Gala, the Heritage Homes tour. Noted there was a writers' festival in the City and presented a book entitled *A Capital Controversy* written by Terry Julian to Mayor Wright.

Councillor Harper:

Spoke of the need to promote tourism in the city; attended the Multicultural Festival; Victoria Day and the Hyack Anvil Battery; the May Day celebrations; the Chamber networking session; the Salmonbellies opener game; noted the Mann Cup will come west again this year; the Friendship City MOU signing event with Yun-Fu; the Hyack Festival events; the planting of the New Westminster Rose and the Portland Rose; the granting of the colours to the Police Service; the 150th Celebrations gala event; Queensborough Days and a tour of the river; the Victims Services dinner; Arts in the Park; *A Gift of Music* at Shiloh Church with donations going to the Hospitality Project; noted that the work of the 150th Celebrations Committee has produced excellent results – thanked all the staff and volunteers who participated.

Councillor McIntosh:

Spoke of the many volunteers in the City who make the many events possible (Hyack Parade, the Victims Assistance group, May Day, the Heritage House tour; noted that students for Herbert Spencer School viewed the Olympic Torch; went by Arts in the Park; enjoyed the trip on the Native Paddlewheeler – noted they would appreciate more activity on the boardwalk; enjoyed the Royal Hudson trip to Cloverdale; attended the Justice Institute Open House; the Boucher Institute; the 150th Celebrations including the gala event; the signing of the Yun-Fu

friendship agreement; appreciated the visit by the Lieutenant Governor; the Consecration of Colours for the Police Service; chaired a meeting of the Family Court Committee; the Committee is working on plans for Family Day on October 3; attended a tea at Dunwood Place; celebrated her husband's birthday with family; mentioned that the Trolley Tour tickets are available for purchase; mentioned the many events for the 150th anniversary celebrations.

Councillor Osterman:

Enjoyed the 139th May Day celebrations; complimented all the volunteers for Hyack, attended the 150th Committee, the Hyack parade; announced the July 25th heritage picnic on the front lawn at City Hall; announced that June 9th there will be a display of the Flood Management Plan at City Hall; will chair a meeting of the Emergency Advisory Committee on the same day.

Mayor Wayne Wright

Proclaimed the month of June 2009 as Spina Bifida and Hydrocephalus Awareness Month.

...met with Mr. Gerry Salembier, Assistant Deputy Minister of Western Economic Diversification Canada regarding the Westminster Pier project; attended the banquet of Champions Gala organized by BC Sports Hall of Fame where former Fire Chief Paul Parnell (Lacrosse) was inducted; introduced the Honourable Lisa Raitt, Minister of Natural Resources, at the announcement regarding significant federal investments in Canada's Economic Action Plan aimed at creating jobs and supporting economic renewal in communities that have been hard hit by the recession, started the Hyack May Festival Youth Cup race - Hyack Swim Club Finals; attended the inaugural Organization meeting for the Korean War Memorial Community Centre Society, Westminster Club; Royal Westminster Regiment Historical Society's Dedication Ceremony; the Malfa Dinner; the firing of the Ancient and Honourable Hyack Anvil Salute in honour of our late beloved Queen Victoria and the birthday of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth; Metro Vancouver Port Cities Committee; Salmonbellies Opening Night; the rose dedication ceremony; a Royal City gala – Celebrating 150 years of artistic excellence, welcomed a number of school groups who toured City Hall; the Vancouver 2010 Olympic Torch Relay – and met athlete Andrea Holmes; the Italian Mutual Aid Society's 80th Anniversary Banquet.

COMMITTEE MINUTES AND RECOMMENDATIONS

10. Motion to receive and adopt the minutes of a meeting of Council in Committee of the Whole held May 11, 2009

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Committee of the Whole meeting minutes of May 11, 2009 be adopted.

CARRIED

All members of Council voted in favour of the motion.

11. Recommendations from Council in Committee of the Whole meeting held June 1, 2009.

- a) **Downtown Sustainability Action Plan – Framework and Opportunities** - Director of Development Services

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the principle of the framework, structure and goals for the Downtown Sustainability Action plan be approved as identified in the Director of Development Services' report of June 1, 2009.

CARRIED.

All members of Council voted in favour of the motion.

- b) **West Nile Virus Program 2009** - Director of Engineering

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Option 1 as outlined in the Director of Engineering's June 1, 2009 report regarding the City's 2009 West Nile Virus Program, be approved.

CARRIED.

Opposed: Councillors McIntosh and Williams.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Councillors Betty McIntosh and Lorrie Williams be appointed to sit on the Local Advisory Committee for adulticiding should the Health Authority deem it necessary to implement this as a control measure.

CARRIED.

All members of Council voted in favour of the motion.

- c) **City Hall Interior Renovations** – Director of Engineering

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT staff is directed to solicit proposals from up to four qualified firms for the provision of construction management services for the proposed interior renovation program for the City Hall.

CARRIED.

All members of Council voted in favour of the motion.

- d) **Community Grant Program – Addition of Environmental Component**- Director of Engineering

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT a separate Environmental Grant Program be established; and

***THAT** staff report back to Council with recommendations on a selection process for members of a committee for an Environmental Grant Program.*

CARRIED.

All members of Council voted in favour of the motion.

- e) **Draft Metro Vancouver Regional Growth Strategy** - Director of Development Services

MOVED and SECONDED

***THAT** Metro Vancouver Board be advised that a further Draft Regional Growth Strategy that incorporates concerns and comments submitted by local governments, other agencies and the public through the consultation process be released for another round of municipal and public review and consultation with the Fraser Health Municipal Advisory Committee prior to the initiation of the formal bylaw adoption process; and*

***THAT** the June 1, 2009 Director of Development Services report, including Attachment 1 regarding "Preliminary Comments: Draft Regional Growth Strategy" be forwarded to Metro Vancouver's Board.*

CARRIED.

All members of Council voted in favour of the motion.

- f) **Development Permit 026(Q) for Port Royal Rowhouses, Phase 2A** -Director of Development Services

MOVED and SECONDED

***THAT** the Development Permit 026 (Q) for Port Royal Rowhouses, Phase 2A, be approved for issuance.*

CARRIED.

All members of Council voted in favour of the motion.

- g) **Poplar Landing**

MOVED and SECONDED

***WHEREAS** the City has taken a clear policy position on the need for more non market affordable housing in New Westminster;*

***WHEREAS** there is an agreement between the City and GVRD regarding the development of Poplar Landing to develop a park and sustainable affordable housing project on the site; and*

***WHEREAS** there are new opportunities with the Federal and Provincial governments, and private partners to build affordable housing;*

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT staff proceed to review the project and bring to Council a report on the feasibility of building non market affordable housing and development of a park at Poplar Landing.

CARRIED.

All members of Council voted in favour of the motion.

Staff was directed to report back to Council on an affordable housing project at Victoria Hill.

- h) Municipal Heritage Designation of 340 Fifth Street** (Bylaw No. 7329, 2009) – Director of Development Services

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Heritage Designation Bylaw (340 Fifth Street) No. 7329, 2009 be received.

CARRIED.

All members of Council voted in favour of the motion.

- i) 128 Harvey Street – Demolition Application** Director of Development Services

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT a demolition permit be issued for 128 Harvey Street; and ***THAT*** staff work with the applicant to document the building with photographs and drawings.

CARRIED.

All members of Council voted in favour of the motion.

- j) Resolution Arising from the Seniors Advisory Committee meeting of May 14, 2009**

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT funding in the amount of \$4,000 be approved for 2009 for the Celebrating Seniors Festival.

CARRIED.

All members of Council voted in favour of the motion.

- k) Restricting the Sale of Firearms - Updated Zoning Proposal** (Bylaw No. 7276, 2008)

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 7276, 2008, be received.

CARRIED.

All members of Council voted in favour of the motion.

- l) **2009 City Partnership Grants – Update** - Director of Finance and Information Technology

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT a grant in the amount of \$5,000 be approved for the Elizabeth Fry Society

CARRIED.

All members of Council voted in favour of the motion.

- m) **Resolutions Arising from the Minutes of the Community Heritage Commission meeting of April 9, 2009.**

- i) **Demolition Sub-Committee Guidelines**

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the proposed new Demolition Subcommittee Guidelines and the appointment of Jim Hutson as Subcommittee Chair be approved.

CARRIED.

All members of Council voted in favour of the motion.

- ii) **Recommendation to order brochure titled “New Life, Old Buildings” from the Vancouver Heritage Foundation (cost is \$2.00/brochure)**

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the purchase of 200 copies of the brochure titled ‘New Life, Old Buildings’ at \$2.00 per copy, for distribution at City Hall and the Museum be approved.

CARRIED.

All members of Council voted in favour of the motion.

- n) **Resolutions Arising from the Minutes of the Special Services and Access Committee meeting of April 30, 2009.**

- i) **Pruning of Shrubs and Bushes Along City Sidewalks**

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT staff be directed to look into methods of education and enforcement dealing with the growth of shrubs along City Sidewalks to rectify issues of accessibility; and

THAT a request be forwarded through the Federation of Canadian Municipalities and Union of BC Municipalities that an Accessibility Act for Canada be developed that is similar to the Americans with Disabilities Act.

CARRIED.

All members of Council voted in favour of the motion.

BYLAWS

- 12. Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 7295, 2008** [a bylaw to rezone 809 and 815 Second Street from Single Detached Dwelling Districts (RS-1) to Single Detached Dwelling Districts (Small Lots) (RS-5)] **ADOPTION**

MOTION and SECONDED

THAT Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 7295, 2008 be adopted.

CARRIED

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

- 13. Parks and Recreation Fees Amendment Bylaw No. 7313, 2009** [a Bylaw to amend "Parks and Recreation Fees Bylaw No. 6673, 2001"] **ADOPTION**

MOTION and SECONDED

THAT Parks and Recreation Fees Amendment Bylaw No. 7295, 2008 be adopted.

CARRIED

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

- 14. Heritage Designation Bylaw (340 Fifth Street) No. 7329, 2009** [a bylaw to designate the lands, buildings, and structures located at 340 Fifth Street, a protected heritage property]

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Heritage Designation Bylaw (340 Fifth Street) No. 7329, 2009, be read a first time.

CARRIED.

All members of Council voted in favour of the motion.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Heritage Designation Bylaw (340 Fifth Street) No. 7329, 2009, be read a second time.

CARRIED.

All members of Council voted in favour of the motion.

(A Public Hearing will be held on Monday, June 22, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber, City Hall.)

15. **Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 7276, 2009** [a bylaw to amend Zoning Bylaw No. 6680, 2001 restricting the sale of firearms]

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT first and second readings of Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 7276, 2009, given on November 24, 2008, be rescinded.

CARRIED.

All members of Council voted in favour of the motion.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 7276, 2009, be amended (as set out in the June 1, 2009, report from the Director of Development Services); and

THAT Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 7276, 2009, be read a first time as amended.

CARRIED.

All members of Council voted in favour of the motion.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 7276, 2009, be read a second time as amended.

CARRIED.

All members of Council voted in favour of the motion.

(A Public Hearing will be held on Monday, June 22, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber, City Hall.)

NEXT MEETINGS

Monday, June 15, 2009

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 10:45 p.m.

Certified Correct,

WAYNE WRIGHT
MAYOR

RICHARD L. PAGE
CORPORATE OFFICER