



CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF NEW WESTMINSTER

REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL

June 15, 2009 2:03 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. Paul Daminato	- City Administrator
Mr. Rick Page	- Director of Legislative Services/Corporate Officer
Ms. Lisa Spitale	- Director of Development Services
Mr. Jim Lowrie	- Director of Engineering Services
Mr. Gary Holowatiuk	- Director of Finance and Information Technology
Ms. Judi Turner	- Assistant Corporate Officer

Council adjourned to Committee of the Whole at 2:03 p.m. and reconvened in the Council Chamber at 7:03 p.m.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

1. [Motion to adopt the minutes of the last Regular Meeting of the City Council held June 1, 2009](#)

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council, held June 1, 2009, be received and adopted.

CARRIED.

All Council members present voted in favour of the motion.

PRESENTATIONS

2. **GVRD Environment and Energy Committee** – Councillor Lorrie Williams

...attended the GVRD Waste Management Committee meeting; Metro Vancouver produces 3.6 million tons of garbage; *reduce, reuse, recycle* – add to that “*refuse*” - extra packaging and urge banning certain items (such as plastic bags or paper plates); legislation on packaging is required and education must reach the public; Cache Creek, where the Region trucks its garbage, will be full next year; the Region is at a crisis stage with its garbage; incinerators have been mentioned; the City is moving toward organic waste and composting; tipping fees are expected to rise dramatically; an alternative to land fill is needed – perhaps waste to energy; eight scenarios have been presented and Metro Vancouver will have to make a decision soon.

...reported on GVRD energy initiative: the Sapperton Pump station proposal to capture the heat and channel it into a development possibly at the Labatts site; idling at the border – cars are to turn off engines while waiting to approach the border kiosk.

DELEGATIONS

3. **Open Delegations**

David Roppell of #201, 1628 West First Avenue, Vancouver, representing Aragon Properties and Port Royal Development, rose to comment on proposed Development Cost Charges, which he described as a tax increase for residents which will double DCC's at Port Royal for parking. Solutions proposed by Aragon Properties have been unaddressed by Council. The increase represents a 100% increase at Port Royal. Mr. Roppell also spoke of “double charging for parkland”. Port Royal dedicated parkland through a Development Agreement for Port Royal. Now the City proposes to double DCC's for parklands. This represents arbitrary changes to a contract which saw the parklands built 10 years ago. The City was asked to consider separate DCC's for Port Royal. Aragon has already the DCC's for the project and now the City is changing the deal. Mr. Roppel asked for further thought on Port Royal DCC's.

Andy Bradshaw of 659 Columbia Street, rose to announce the Royal Tea on June 20th, with 32 businesses involved, free advertising through the News Leader, persons wearing authentic original costumes to present teas, a passport scheme. The Tea will coincide with the 150th Celebrations Trolley Tours and the Spirit Square opening. Mr. Bradshaw invited New Westminster to attend the event. He noted that Waves Coffee Shop did a great job.

Tony Antonias of 805 Fourth Street rose to announce the following events for Canada Day 2009: a double celebration for Canada's 142nd birthday and the Royal City's 150th birthday; he invited all to Queen's Park on July 1st and featured some of the events; announced that MP, Peter Julian, assisted the Province in obtaining extra funding for the evening.

REPORTS

4. Council Members:

Councillor Cote

...attended: the Youth Facilities Task Force noting the City received a significant grant for this project; the grand opening of Waves Coffee House; the Sapperton Festival; walked over the new Golden Ears Bridge at its opening on the weekend.

Councillor McEvoy

...attended: a meeting with Environment Advisory Committee on community and urban gardening; a Community Heritage Commission meeting; announced the Celebrating Seniors Festival at Century House; an Environment. Advisory Committee meeting; a meeting for the Farmers Market; the New Westminster Little League ceremonies; the St. Barnabus Raise the Roof event for a new church roof; Philippines Independence Day event; a presentation on making our streets safe; a session on preventing cancer in the community.

Councillor Harper

...as Acting Mayor, attended: the Sapperton Pensioners 90th birthday event; the Douglas College graduation ceremonies; a Labour Relations Board meeting; the Chamber of Commerce Golf Tournament; the FCM meeting where issues were raised on: Buy USA, the closure of pulp mills across Canada; attended: the NWSS Secondary School Awards ceremony where over \$100,000 was awarded; the Farmers Market fundraiser; the Navy League Cadets annual inspection; the Raise the Roof fundraiser for St. Barnabus; Philippino Independence Day; the Sapperton Days which was well attended; the New Westminster Little League round-up ceremonies – presented a plaque on their behalf to Mayor Wright for the City' support of Little League over the years.

Councillor McIntosh

...attended: a Community Heritage Commission meeting; a Subcommittee meeting for Family Day; Sapperton's over 90's birthday party; a subcommittee meeting for the Builders' Awards; the Seniors Services Society fund raiser for fuel for the Out and About Program; a fund raiser for the Farmers' Market - noted that former MLA Chuck Puchmayr provided music entertainment; spoke about the office building on Columbia Street; the In My Back Yard Seniors Fair where Chuck Puchmayr spoke on organ donation; will attend opening night of Canadians Baseball and the opening of the new square; attended the Dunwood Tea - took her mother to enjoy the tea; wished her mother a happy 91st birthday;

attended the Chamber of Commerce and Hyack hosted dinner; Sapperton Days hosted by the Merchants and Residents Associations; attended the FCM Conference where the following was offered: a True Sports presentation; a seminar on pandemic planning; Building Age Friendly Communities; Livable Communities seminar; commented on the Fair Trade resolution and a Metro Vancouver resolution on "Action on Guns, Gangs, and Violence"; noted that resolutions can be forwarded to FCM throughout the year; a seminar on Federal infrastructure; a seminar on prevention of cancer where a Smoke Free Outdoor Bylaw was urged; the Whistler public library which was built with BC wood.

Councillor Osterman

...attended: an Emergency Advisory Committee meeting and noted there will be no freshet this year; noted the Emergency Command Vehicle will arrive shortly; noted the new Emergency Manager has integrated with the Police Departments; a proposed EOC Operations Centre will soon be ready; is pleased with the emergency plans which are under way including for the 2010 Olympics; noted the Division has a new assistant; attended Sapperton Days; reminded residents who own pets that coyotes have been seen in the community and they are attacking household pets; announced that nematodes may be purchased shortly to combat the European chafer.

Councillor Williams

...commented on a Comparative Analysis on Waste to Energy which can be available to the public; attended the flag raising for the Philippines; attended Sapperton Festival; the St. Barnabus Raise the Roof fund raising event; the Little League Closing ceremonies; the Farmers Market fund raiser; the retirement tea for New Westminster Teachers' Association; the Scholarship ceremonies where \$100,000 was distributed to students; the Sapperton Pensioners 90th birthday party; the Dunwood Place Tea and Strawberries; hoped the City will promote registering for organ donation; supports opposing guns at the political level.

Mayor Wayne Wright:

...attended: Municipal Finance Authority Board; Metro Vancouver Parks Committee meeting; 90's & Over Birthday celebration at Sapperton Pensioners' Hall; Metro Vancouver Regional Planning Committee meeting; Grand opening of Waves Coffee at 715 Columbia Street; attended a wedding in Maui noting the new couple will come to New Westminster to live; acknowledged Councillor Bill Harper and members of Council for their assistance during his absence.

5. The Parks and Recreation Department and Police Service recommend approval for a two day Special Occasion Permit for Saturday, August 1st and Sunday, August 2, 2009 from 12 noon to 8pm with the attached conditions.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT a two day Special Occasion Permit for Saturday, August 1st and Sunday, August 2, 2009 from 12 noon to 8 pm be approved with conditions as recommended by the Parks and Recreation Department and Police Services.

CARRIED.

All Council members present voted in favour of the motion.

COMMITTEE MINUTES AND RECOMMENDATIONS

6. Motion to receive and adopt the minutes of a meeting of Council in Committee of the Whole held June 1, 2009

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the minutes of the Council in Committee of the Whole held June 1, 2009 be received and adopted.

CARRIED.

All Council members present voted in favour of the motion.

7. Recommendations from Council in Committee of the Whole meeting held June 15, 2009.

a) Hyack Square Official Opening and Hyack Square Name - Update

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT "Hyack Square" be retained as the formal name for the Square; and

THAT the construction budget shortfall be reallocated from unused 2009 Capital Project funding

CARRIED.

Opposed: Councillor McIntosh.

b) Olympic Torch Celebration Funding

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT staff be authorized to apply for Olympic Torch Relay Celebration funding through the Department of Canadian Heritage as recommended by the 2010 Olympic Torch Relay Celebration Committee.

CARRIED.

All members of Council voted in favour of the motion.

c) Development Cost Charge Program – Update and Options

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT implementation of the full Development Cost Charges (DCC) Program occur in two phases: January 2011 and January 2012;

THAT rates remain as outlined in the June 15, 2009 report from the Directors of Engineering, Parks and Recreation and Development Services;

THAT staff monitor changes in DCC rates in the Greater Vancouver Regional District (GVRD); and

THAT staff discusses with the three master planned communities, the process and principles that might be used if the City was to consider renegotiation of their Development Agreements.

CARRIED.

All members of Council voted in favour of the motion.

d) Consultation Requirements Relating to Proposed Amendments to the New Westminster Official Community Plan for the Establishment of a Park at Westminster Pier.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT in consideration of Local Government Act Section 879, staff be directed to seek public input on the proposed Official Community Plan amendment relating to Westminster Pier by advising and consulting in the following manner:

- a. the Board of the Metro Vancouver Regional District;
- b. the Council of the Cities of Coquitlam and Surrey;
- c. the Qayqayt First Nation;
- d. the Board of School District No. 40 (New Westminster);
- e. TransLink;
- f. the Greater Vancouver Sewerage and Drainage District Board;
- g. the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure;
- h. Port Metro Vancouver;
- i. Ministry of Environment;
- j. Fraser River Estuary Management Program (FREMP);
- k. Federal Department of Fisheries and Oceans
- l. the Downtown Residents' Association; and
- m. City environmental groups and Environment Advisory Committee.

CARRIED.

All members of Council voted in favour of the motion.

Staff was directed to determine whether consultation is also required with the Burrard Indian Band (Swallowtooth).

- e) **Revision of Information Sign Requirements** (Bylaw No. 7332, 2009)

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Development Approval Procedures Amendment Bylaw No. 7332, 2009 be received.

CARRIED.

All members of Council voted in favour of the motion.

- f) **New Westminster Gas Works Site – 231 Twelfth Street**

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT staff be directed to commence with a land use planning process; and

THAT \$60,000 be authorized for consultant study.

CARRIED.

All members of Council voted in favour of the motion.

- g) **Addition of 1422 London Street to and Removal of 2035 London Street (Connaught Village Green) from the New Westminster Heritage Register**

Councillor Osterman left the meeting at 8:26 p.m. citing a potential conflict of interest as he owns the property at 1422 London Street.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT 1422 London Street be added to the City of New Westminster Heritage Register; and

THAT 2035 London Street (Connaught Village Green) be removed from the City of New Westminster Heritage Register.

CARRIED.

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

- h) **Affordable Housing Resolution for the 2009 UBCM Convention**

Councillor Osterman rejoined the meeting at 8:29 p.m.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Affordable Housing Resolution for the 2009 Union of BC Municipalities Convention, attached to the June 15, 2009 report from the Director of Development Services, be endorsed; and

THAT the foregoing resolution be forwarded to the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) Executive Committee for submission to the FCM Social Policy Committee.

CARRIED.

All members of Council voted in favour of the motion.

i) Street Activity Program – Update to Guidelines

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT staff investigate the possibility of expanding the City's Street Activity Program to other commercial areas of the City; and THAT an amendment to the City's Street Activity Program expanding the locations throughout Downtown and permitting the sale of one perishable food item per vending cart be approved.

CARRIED.

All members of Council voted in favour of the motion.

j) Artificial Turf Fields

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT staff report to Council with options on ways to increase the number and explore locations of artificial turf fields in the City and that staff explore funding options.

CARRIED.

All members of Council voted in favour of the motion.

k) Burr Theatre

Paul Daminato, City Administrator, announced that staff has been directed by Council to sell the Burr Theatre through an RFP process. Staff will draft an RFP for consideration by Council.

BYLAWS

[8. Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 7299, 2009 \[a bylaw to Amend Zoning Bylaw No. 6680, 2001 re: 607 Columbia Street liquor license relocation bylaw\]](#) **ADOPTION**

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 7299, 2009, be adopted.

CARRIED.

All Council members voted in favour of the motion.

9. Development Approval Procedures Amendment Bylaw No. 7332, 2009 [a bylaw to amend Development Approval Procedures Bylaw No. 5658, 1987 with a revision of information sign requirements]

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Development Approval Procedures Amendment Bylaw No. 7332, 2009, be read a first time.

CARRIED.

All Council members voted in favour of the motion.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Development Approval Procedures Amendment Bylaw No. 7332, 2009, be read a second time.

CARRIED.

All Council members present voted in favour of the motion.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Development Approval Procedures Amendment Bylaw No. 7332, 2009, be read a third time.

CARRIED.

All Council members voted in favour of the motion.

NEW BUSINESS

10. Notice of Motion – Councillor McIntosh – Community Gardens

Councillor McIntosh submitted the following Notice of Motion:

THAT staff study the feasibility of developing community gardens in two new locations on City property:

*A portion of land adjacent to Fourth Street on City Hall front lawn; and
At Albert Crescent Park.*

NEXT MEETINGS

Monday, June 22, 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.

Public Hearing

Public Hearings for **Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 7276, 2008** [a Bylaw to amend Zoning Bylaw No. 6680, 2001 re: restricting the sale of firearms] and **Heritage Designation Bylaw (340 Fifth Street) No. 7329, 2009** [a Bylaw of the Corporation of the City of New Westminster to designate the lands, buildings and structures located at 340 Fifth Street, a protected heritage property] commencing at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber, City Hall.

ADJOURNMENT

ON MOTION, the meeting adjourned at 8:44 p.m.

Certified Correct,

WAYNE WRIGHT
MAYOR

RICHARD L. PAGE
CORPORATE OFFICER