



CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF NEW WESTMINSTER

COUNCIL IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

June 22, 2009 3:00 p.m.
Committee Room 2, City Hall

MINUTES

PRESENT:

Mayor Wayne Wright
Councillor Jonathan Coté
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
Mr. Dean Gibson	- Director of Parks and Recreation
Chief Lorne Zapotichny	- New Westminster Police Service
Mr. Terry Dunlop	- Recording Secretary

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the following be added to the agenda:

- *BC Health Coalition Municipal Resolution on For-profit Clinics, as item 21 under New Business*

CARRIED.

All Committee members present voted in favour of the motion.

REPORTS FOR ACTION

Director of Legislative Services

1. [Graphic Standards Guide](#)

June 22, 2009 report presenting the Graphic Standards Guide 2009 for the City of New Westminster.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Graphic Standards Guide 2009 be received for information.

CARRIED.

All Committee members voted in favour of the motion.

Director of Development Services

2. Westminster Pier

(a) [Official Community Plan Amendment for Westminster Pier](#) ([Bylaw No. 7330, 2009](#))

June 22, 2009 report seeking Council's consideration of an amendment to the Downtown Official Community Plan and the New Westminster Official Community Plan with respect to the Westminster Pier property.

**** MOVED and SECONDED and CARRIED, this Committee recommends**

THAT Official Community Plan Designation Amendment Bylaw No. 7330, 2009 be referred to the Regular Council Meeting of June 22, 2009 for first reading;

THAT Official Community Plan Designation Amendment Bylaw No. 7330, 2009 has been examined in accordance with the City's Capital Expenditure Program, the Regional Solid Waste Management Plan and the Regional Liquid Waste Management Plan;

THAT referrals be made to those agencies enumerated in Official Community Plan Designation Amendment Bylaw No. 7330, 2009; and

THAT the Official Community Plan Designation Amendment Bylaw No. 7330, 2009 referred to the Regular Council Meeting of June 22, 2009 for a second reading.

CARRIED.

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

(b) [Rezoning of Westminster Pier \(Bylaw No. 7331, 2009\)](#)

June 22, 2009 report seeking consideration of an amendment to the rezone the Westminster Pier from Multiple Dwelling Districts and Central Business Districts to a new Comprehensive Development District.

**** MOVED and SECONDED and CARRIED, this Committee recommends**

THAT Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 7331, 2009 be referred to the Regular Council Meeting of June 22, 2009 for first and second reading.

CARRIED.

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

3. 230 Third Avenue

(a) APC Report

June 22, 2009 report attaching Advisory Planning Commission recommendations relative to rezoning of 230 Third Avenue and a heritage Revitalization Agreement.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Advisory Planning Commission report dated June 22, 2009 be received.

CARRIED

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

(b) Heritage Revitalization Agreement Bylaw No. 7327, 2009 and Heritage Designation Bylaw No. 7328, 2009

June 22, 2009 report providing information proposing a Heritage Revitalization Agreement and Heritage Designation for 230 Third Avenue.

**** MOVED and SECONDED and CARRIED, this Committee recommends**

THAT Heritage Revitalization Agreement Bylaw No. 7327, 2009 and Heritage Designation Bylaw 7328, 2009 be referred to the Regular Council Meeting of June 22, 2009 for first and second reading.

CARRIED.

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

4. Neighbourhood Historic Context Statements – Final Report

June 22, 2009 report presenting the final report of the first five neighbourhood historic context statements.

**** MOVED and SECONDED and CARRIED, this Committee recommends**

THAT the application process to the Provincial Heritage Branch for funding to complete Neighbourhood Context Statements for the remaining neighbourhoods begin.

CARRIED.

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

5. Temporary Protection of 214 Second Street – Request from Community Heritage Commission

Discussion:

- A committee member supported the Community Heritage Commission recommendation to not approve demolition of the subject property, by placement of a temporary protection order.
- The owner has addressed every possible option and will attempt to salvage as much of the material as possible.
- Council requires the appropriate tools to resolve the issue
- Owners face high costs to preserve or move dwellings; no measures exist to help people preserve such properties

- Owner has the option to subdivide and sell each parcel as an empty.

....**Matt Tyler 211 Queen's Avenue** – owner, addressed the committee at Council request, noting problems of site access and significant costs of relocating the dwelling. Costs of providing new foundations, electrical and other utility updates are prohibitive. The proposal is to create three new lots.

**** MOVED and SECONDED and CARRIED, this Committee recommends THAT the Community Heritage Commission's request to place a temporary protection order on 214 Second Street be denied.**

CARRIED.

Three Committee members opposed

6. a) Report re Proposal to Exempt Heritage Property from the Provisions of the Homeowner Protection Act.

Tabled June 15, 2009 report on a request to the provincial government to exempt heritage buildings recognized or protected for their heritage value from the requirements of the *Homeowner Protection Act*.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Proposal to Exempt Heritage Property from the Provisions of the Homeowner Protection Act report dated June 15, 2009 be lifted from the table and received.

CARRIED

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

b) Request to Exempt Heritage Property from the Provisions of the Homeowner Protection Act

**** MOVED and SECONDED and CARRIED, this Committee recommends**

- *A request be made to the Province of British Columbia to consider an exemption for buildings recognized or protected for their heritage value from the requirements of the Homeowner Protection Act; and*
- *Heritage buildings be defined as: "Buildings recognized or protected for their heritage value, by the Provincial, Federal, or Local Governments, or subject to a covenant or agreement to conserve heritage value"; and*
- *This recommendation be forwarded to the next meeting of Union of British Columbia Municipalities, the Minister of Housing and Social Development, and the Minister of Tourism, Culture and the Arts.*

CARRIED.

All Committee members voted in favour of the motion.

7. Proposed Sale of the Former City Lane Adjacent to 409 Boyne Street
(Bylaw No. 7325, 2009; Bylaw No. 7333, 2009; and Bylaw No. 7335, 2009)

June 22, 2009 report presenting an amended Road Closure Bylaw, removal of dedication, and a Land Sale Bylaw for Council consideration.

- ** MOVED and SECONDED and CARRIED, this Committee recommends**
THAT Road Closing Bylaw No. 7325, 2009 third reading be rescinded by Council at the Regular Council Meeting of June 22, 2009;
THAT Road Closing Bylaw No. 7325, 2009 as amended be referred to the Regular Council Meeting of June 22, 2009 for consideration of third reading;
THAT Highway Dedication Removal Bylaw No. 7335, 2009 be referred to the Regular Council Meeting of June 22, 2009 for first, second and third reading;
THAT Land Sale Authorization Bylaw No. 7333, 2009 be referred to the Regular Council Meeting of June 22, 2009 for a first, second and third reading;
THAT an opportunity to be heard on Road Closing Bylaw No. 7325, 2009 as amended, and on Highway Dedication Removal Bylaw No. 7335, 2009 be scheduled for the Regular Council Meeting on July 13, 2009.

CARRIED.

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

8. Development Cost Charges Bylaw No. 7311, 2009

June 21, 2009 report presenting a Development Cost Charges Bylaw for consideration.

NOTE: For information, staff advised of a correction to delete item “(b)” from page three of the report.

- ** MOVED and SECONDED and CARRIED, this Committee recommends**
THAT Development Cost Charges Bylaw No. 7311, 2009 be referred to the Regular Council Meeting of June 22, 2009 for first, second, and third reading;
and
THAT the Development Cost Charges Bylaw No. 7311, 2009 be forwarded to the Provincial Inspector of Municipalities for approval.

CARRIED.

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

9. Frontage Relaxation for Site One of 401 Jardine Street

June 22, 2009 report requesting a frontage relaxation exemption for one of the lots on Site One of 401 Jardine Street.

- ** MOVED and SECONDED and CARRIED, this Committee recommends**
THAT in accordance with Section 944(2) of the Local Government Act, the proposed Site One located at 401 Jardine Street be exempted from the statutory minimum 10% lot perimeter frontage requirement, provided the frontage is not less than 65.6 feet (19.9) metres)

CARRIED.

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

10. Clancy's Pub – Application for Patio, Royal Towers Hotel – 140 Sixth Street

June 22, 2009 report providing information and a recommendation regarding an application from Royal Towers Hotel for a licensed outdoor patio for Clancy's Pub.

- ** **MOVED and SECONDED and CARRIED, this Committee recommends**
THAT the following resolution be referred to the Regular Council Meeting of June 22, 2009 for consideration:
WHEREAS New Westminster City Council considered a staff report dated June 22, 2009 regarding an application from the Royal Towers Hotel to permit the use of a licensed patio for Clancy's Pub;
WHEREAS several residents in the area have written to the City expressing their concerns or opposition to the proposed licensed patio;
WHEREAS concerns have been expressed by the New Westminster Police Service and the Integrated Services Section of the Development Services Department;
WHEREAS additional changes have been applied for on this property which makes it difficult to gauge the potential relationship between the activities on a licensed patio and the remainder of the property;
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:
THAT the application from Royal Towers Hotel for a licensed patio at Clancy's Pub be denied.

CARRIED.

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

11. Method of Measuring Building Height (Bylaw No. 7334, 2009)

June 22, 2009 report providing recommended changes in which maximum building height is measured.

- ** **MOVED and SECONDED and CARRIED, this Committee recommends**
THAT Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 7334, 2009 be referred to the Regular Council Meeting of June 22, 2009 for first and second reading.

CARRIED.

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

Director of Engineering

12. Construction Noise Bylaw Variance to Allow ABC Pipecleaning Services Ltd to Carry Out City Sewer CCTV Inspections

June 22, 2009 report requesting a variance to allow CCTV inspection of City sewer mains on Brunette Avenue and Braid Street.

- ** **MOVED and SECONDED and CARRIED, this Committee recommends**
THAT a Construction Noise Bylaw Variance to allow ABC Pipecleaning Services Ltd. to carry out CCTV inspection of City sewer mains on Brunette Avenue and Braid Street between July 13th and August 14th, 2009 be granted.

CARRIED.

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

13. Seven Day Operation of Parking Meters

June 22, 2009 report providing information regarding the results of a public consultation on the proposed implementation of parking meters to seven days a week and to propose a solution to the parking problem that exists in specific areas of the City.

**** MOVED and SECONDED and CARRIED, this Committee recommends
*THAT operation of parking meters be increased to seven days a week; and***

THAT comparable additional revenues be directed towards child care and environmental grants.

CARRIED.

One member opposed.

Director of Finance and Information Technology

14. 2008 Annual Report

June 22, 2009 report providing the 2008 Annual Report for the City of New Westminster for consideration.

MOVED and SECONDED
THAT the 2008 Annual Report be received for information.

CARRIED.

All Committee members voted in favour of the motion.

**** MOVED and SECONDED and CARRIED, this Committee recommends
*THAT the 2008 Annual Report for the City of New Westminster be referred to the Regular Council Meeting of June 22, 2009 for consideration.***

CARRIED.

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

15. Statement of Financial Information (SOFI)

On table June 22, 2009 report attaching the 2008 Statement of Financial Information.

**** MOVED and SECONDED and CARRIED, this Committee recommends
*THAT Council receive and approve the 2008 Statement of Financial Information.***

CARRIED.

All Committee members voted in favour of the motion.

Discussion:

- Need full discussion of the way in which expenses are characterized.
- Concern that comparatively low remuneration might deter citizens from running for elected office.

REPORTS FOR INFORMATION

Director of Development Services

16. Proposed Rezoning of 1932 Eighth Avenue – Preliminary Report

June 22, 2009 report providing preliminary information regarding the proposed rezoning of 1932 Eighth Avenue.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the preliminary report proposing rezoning of 1932 Eighth Avenue be received for information.

CARRIED.

All Committee members voted in favour of the motion.

17. Queensborough Community Plan – Workshop Update

On-table June 22, 2009 report providing an update on the Queensborough Community Plan Open House and Workshop held on June 2, 2009.

The Director of Development Services addressed outcomes on the public consultation process and noted the need for more work and analysis on competitiveness and a strategic outlook for the city. Broader, city-wide strategic issues include exploring more defined terms and analyses. Furthermore, Port Metro Vancouver has purchased lands in Queensborough and the designation will remain industrial; this industrial designation remains a concern to a significant number of Queensborough residents who had anticipated a greater residential component. Staff therefore proposed a more *organic* community planning discussion aimed at developing a consistent rationale. The discussion would address issues of sustainability, densification and possible planned transition of industrial and agricultural areas. The city might encourage development of industrial lands in a more community-compatible manner, using positive, clean-industry examples from other parts of the region. Staff acknowledged the need for further work on industrial, economic and community components of the plan.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council endorse the four designations for the draft Land Use Plan and direct staff to seek further input from the resident and business communities; and

THAT staff be directed to proceed with the consultation process as outlined in the staff report.

NO VOTE TAKEN

MOVED and SECONDED

*THAT the motion on the Queensborough draft Land Use Plan be **tabled**.*

CARRIED.

All Committee members voted in favour of the motion.

It was determined that once the relevant sites have been identified, staff undertake the necessary technical work with the aim of report back to Council in September.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT staff be directed to explore options related to introducing a Farmland designation in the Queensborough Community Plan and to consult with property owners, the public, interested organizations and Metro Vancouver.

CARRIED.

All Committee members voted in favour of the motion.

Director of Parks and Recreation

18. Community Sport Field Program

June 22, 2009 report responding to Council's request for information related to plans for future sport field development and updating Council regarding the recent federal grant funding application for the construction of a new artificial turf field.

The Director of Parks and Recreation advised of a 2010 timeline, provided the project can be completed within financial constraints. Development of the Secondary School site will have a significant impact on the project. The aim is to complete one field within the next year, subject to grants and the balance on a 10 year planning horizon. It is proposed to accommodate future population growth by setting aside money each year and establishing a reserve fund.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the June 22, 2009 report from Director of Parks and Recreation regarding plans for future sport field development and status of the federal grant funding application for the construction of a new artificial turf field be received for information.

CARRIED.

All Committee members voted in favour of the motion.

Direction to staff:

THAT staff be directed to report on how the sport field development fits into the capital plan and how the \$3.4 million given by province will be utilized. Furthermore, staff is directed to provide a summary/scope of other sources of funds and alternatives in the absence of grant monies.

COMMITTEE MINUTES AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

19. MOTION TO ADOPT THE MINUTES OF: The Neighbourhood Traffic Advisory Committee meeting of March 26, 2009.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the minutes of the Neighbourhood Traffic Advisory Committee meeting of March 26, 2009 be received and adopted.

CARRIED.

All Committee members voted in favour of the motion.

NEW BUSINESS

20. 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.*

MOVED and SECONDED

***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.*

Amendment:

In discussion, it was proposed to examine community gardens on a neighborhood basis, including possible garden-sharing options, by engaging in workshops to explore all possibilities.

MOVED and SECONDED

***THAT** the motion be amended by deletion of the word “two” and insertion of a period following the words “City property.”*

CARRIED.

All Committee members voted in favour of the motion.

The question was called on the motion, AS AMENDED

CARRIED.

NOTE:

The amended motion now reads as follows:

***THAT** staff study the feasibility of developing community gardens in new locations on City property.*

21. BC Health Coalition – Municipal Resolution on For-Profit Clinics

**** MOVED and SECONDED and CARRIED, this Committee recommends
*THAT:***

WHEREAS health care is a right in that everyone must have the right to high quality, responsive and appropriate health care, which is publicly funded, publicly accountable and publicly controlled.

WHEREAS access to health care must be equitable – regardless of an individual's income, ability, age, cultural heritage, sex, sexual orientation or geographical location.

WHEREAS the provincial government, through the Medical Services Plan of BC, insures medically required services provided by physicians in accordance with the **Medicare Protection Act** and the **Canada Health Act**.

WHEREAS the number of private, for-profit surgical and MRI/CT facilities in BC has more than doubled in the past five years.

WHEREAS a growing number of for-profit facilities are operating in breach of the **Canada Health Act's** criteria requiring universality and accessibility by charging patients privately for medically necessary and MSP insured hospital or physician services.

WHEREAS for-profit clinics represent an increasing and serious threat to British Columbians' health and the financial stability of the health care system. There is clear evidence that such clinics cost more than public facilities, increase wait times by draining scarce health human resources from the public system, and compromise patient safety.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Union of BC Municipalities (UBCM) request that the Province of British Columbia:

- Establish a moratorium on any further expansion of private, for-profit surgical and MRI/CT clinics.
- Require and end to public funding of for-profit clinics, including the contracting-out of day surgeries and the provision of Health Authority contracts to for-profit clinics.
- Require full accountability and transparency on the part of for-profit clinics by ensuring that they submit to all oversight and regulatory mechanisms currently applied to public facilities operating under the **B.C. Hospitals Act**.
- Expand public capacity by requiring the development of publicly funded and administered outpatient facilities.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that UBCM continue to research and monitor the threat to universal public health care posed by the operations of private, for-profit surgical and MRI/CT facilities in its members' communities.

CARRIED.

ADJOURNMENT

ON MOTION, the meeting adjourned to a closed session at 5:55 p.m.

Certified Correct,

WAYNE WRIGHT
CHAIR

RICK PAGE
CORPORATE OFFICER

** Denotes recommendations referred to Regular Council meeting of June 22, 2008, for ratification.