

## **REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL**

August 29, 2011 3:29 p.m.  
Committee Room No. 2  
City Hall

### **MINUTES**

#### **PRESENT:**

Councillor Jonathan Coté, Acting Mayor  
Councillor Bill Harper  
Councillor Bob Osterman  
Councillor Jaimie McEvoy  
Councillor Betty McIntosh  
Councillor Lorrie Williams

#### **REGRETS:**

Mayor Wayne Wright

#### **STAFF:**

Mr. Paul Daminato	- City Administrator
Mr. Rick Page	- Corporate Officer/Director of Legislative Services
Ms. Bev Grieve	- Development Services
Mr. Jim Lowrie	- Director of Engineering Services
Ms. Colleen Ponzini	- Finance & Information Technology
Ms. Judi Turner	- Assistant Corporate Officer

The Regular Meeting of Council recessed at 3:29 p.m. and reconvened at 7:08 p.m.

#### **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

**1. Motion to adopt the minutes of the regular meeting of the City Council held July 11, 2011.**

**MOVED and SECONDED**

*THAT the minutes of the last regular meeting of the City Council held July 11, 2011 be received and adopted.*

**CARRIED.**

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

## DELEGATIONS

### 2. Open Delegations

**John Ashdown, resident**, suggested before passing any motion regarding festivals in the City that issues, existing staff and guidelines and festival organizers, be considered and consulted.

**Tony Antonias, resident**, announced the new Seniors and Family Festival at Royal City Centre on September 24 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. This event combines two festivals into one event. Mr. Antonias thanked the Bosa Development Corporation for sponsoring the event.

**Geraldine Mercer, resident**, spoke about the urban forest which was dedicated in the 1980's. She suggested there could be four or five levels of low cost housing developed there if the land was granted for \$1, Planting trees on McBride and Tenth Avenue would result in retaining a sense of trees on the property

**James Crosty, resident**, spoke about the following:

- Requested a replacement letter of support from the City regarding the upcoming court of appeal case about rail noise on July 11<sup>th</sup>; a letter was received from the Mayor's office which did not address the issue (he circulated copies of the letter) and pointed out errors in the letter
- Noted the community has been fighting this issue for ten years and now is a good opportunity to show that all parties are working together. He asked that Council members provide their own individual letters of support
- Spoke of the success of the Quayside Festival which was attended by over 8,000 persons.
- Spoke of Council's motion regarding festivals and asked that the community be consulted on the matter.

**Joshua Pablo, resident**, reported that he attended the Connecting Communities BC Youth Summit for Sustainable Transportation where he attended as one of 45 delegates. He heard keynote speeches on urban planning architecture and solving transportation issues through city design. He proposed to use what he has learned during his future community involvement.

**Christopher Bell, resident**, asked the following questions on processes for development in the City:

- What is the status of the development permit for the Albert Crescent project
- How does the city incorporate new information about projects when there has been a long time between third reading and adoption and changes in neighbourhood and bylaws have occurred
- How and when does the city apply a zoning or land use designation to a piece or property
- When will the road sale bylaws be presented for the Albert Crescent project

- Will the city develop clear and transparent processes before disposing of city lands/assets
- Will the city delay plans for sale of city lands and buildings until these processed are produced

**Lila Wood, resident**, posed the following questions:

- What will council want to be remembered for after the upcoming election
- Sunlight and fresh air, safe streets, adequate parking, emergency exit from neighbourhoods continue to be important issues for residents
- What will become of Albert Crescent Park – don't give away any more of the park
- Concerned that streets in the vicinity are being disposed of and will result in parking issues
- The Gyro Building will be sold – will this be discussed with the residents
- What city needs will be met with this sale – many uses could be made of the building or the land
- Preserve what little space there is left for our children before it is too late.

**Barb Keating** was surprised that there are no written policies in the city that guide sale of city land. Roads are in jeopardy as are parks. Albert Crescent park is zoned residential not park. Ms. Keating asked for assurance that the council will listen to residents and will develop a one page outline of guiding principles for land sales to achieve a livable city.

**Doug Knight, resident**, circulated notes to Council (which will be added to the Agenda package) and spoke to his concerns regarding a building permit taken out by his contractor who has now abandoned the job with it only half completed. Despite being the owner of the property, he was advised that he could not call for an inspection because the permit had been issued to the contractor. He asked for

- Reinterpretation of the existing bylaws 6893, 7278, 7354, and 7432, or
- Amendments to the bylaws.

Both Burnaby and Coquitlam permit the amendments he has suggested above.

The matter raised by Mr. Knight was referred to Development Services to respond to Mr. Knight regarding comments made above and report back to Council.

## COMMITTEE MINUTES AND RECOMMENDATIONS

### [3. Motion to receive and adopt the minutes of a meeting of Council in Committee of the Whole held July 11, 2011.](#)

**MOVED and SECONDED**

*THAT the minutes of a meeting of Council in Committee of the Whole held on*

*July 11, 2011 be received and adopted.*

**CARRIED.**

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

**4. Recommendations from the Council in Committee of the Whole meeting held August 29, 2011.**

**Director of Development Services**

**a) Official Community Plan Amendment to Establish a Greenhouse Gas Emissions Reduction Target and Related Policies and Actions (Bylaw No. 7477, 2011)**

**MOVED and SECONDED**

*THAT Official Community Plan (Greenhouse Gas Emissions Reduction Target, Policies and Actions) Bylaw No. 7477, 2011, be received; and THAT staff be directed to send Official Community Plan (Greenhouse Gas Emissions Reduction Target, Policies and Actions) Bylaw No. 7477, 2011 to the following agencies for their feedback:*

- *TransLink*
- *Board of Metro Vancouver*
- *Board of School District No.40*

**CARRIED.**

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

**b) Adoption of Official Community Plan Designation Amendment Bylaw No. 7350, 2009**

**MOVED and SECONDED**

*THAT Official Community Designation Amendment Bylaw No. 7350, 2009 be received.*

**CARRIED.**

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

**c) WICWP Project Update and Request for Letter of Support**

**MOVED and SECONDED**

*THAT a letter be sent to Welcome BC:*

- i. To thank them for the funding New Westminster has received to date for under the Welcoming and Inclusive Communities and Workplaces (WICWP) Program; and*
- ii. To request they consider sustainable funding for the Community Gateway, Immigrant Mentorship and Nu Yu Popular Theatre Projects; and*

*THAT the August 29, 2011 report from the Director of Development Services on the WICWP Project be forwarded to School District #40; and*

*THAT the Social Planner be invited to make a presentation to Council on the WICWP program.*

**CARRIED.**

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

**d) Temporary Use Permit for Purpose School for Conductive Learning at 318 Keary Street**

**MOVED and SECONDED**

*THAT notice be issued to consider a Temporary Use Permit 008 for the property at 318 Keary Street:*

*THAT the notice be considered at the Regular Council Meeting for September 19, 2011; and*

*THAT either an information meeting be hosted by the applicant in the Sapperton community or the applicant attend a meeting of the Sapperton-McBride Resident's Association prior to Council consideration of issuance of the permit.*

**CARRIED.**

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

**e) Proposed Special Development Permit for 414 – 422 Royal Avenue - Preliminary Report**

**MOVED and SECONDED**

*THAT a voluntary contribution to the Affordable Housing Reserve Fund in the amount of \$150,000 be accepted; and*

*THAT the property owner's relocation plan for existing tenants of 414-422 Royal Avenue be endorsed.*

**CARRIED.**

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

**f) Development Permit 048 (Q) for 220 Salter – Port Royal Phase 3c**

**MOVED and SECONDED**

*THAT notice be issued of the intent to consider Development Permit 048 (Q) with a variance to allow a height of 53.8 feet (16.4 metres) for the project proposed at 220 Salter Street.*

**CARRIED.**

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

**g) Khalsa Diwan Society / Request for Construction Noise Bylaw Exemption**

**MOVED and SECONDED**

*THAT the Khalsa Diwan Society be granted an exemption from Construction Noise Bylaw No. 6063, 1992 in order to carry out construction work on the Gurdwara Sukh Sagar at 347 Wood Street*

*between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. on Sundays until the current expansion project of the facility has been completed.*

**CARRIED.**

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

**h) Expanding the City's Cash In-Lieu of Providing Off-Street Parking Provisions**

**MOVED and SECONDED**

*THAT staff be directed to create an expanded cash-in-lieu of parking program for consideration.*

**CARRIED.**

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

**i) Proposed Rezoning for 702 Salter Street – Preliminary Report**

**MOVED and SECONDED**

*THAT staff be directed to bring forward the rezoning application for 620 and 702 Salter Street for consideration when the normal review process is complete.*

**CARRIED.**

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

**j) Proposed Rezoning and Development Permit for 1110 Ewen Avenue and 240 Salter Street – Preliminary Report**

**MOVED and SECONDED**

*THAT staff be directed to bring forward the rezoning application for a portion of 1110 Ewen Avenue and 240 Salter Street for consideration when the normal review process is complete.*

**CARRIED.**

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

**Director of Engineering**

**k) Community Energy & Emissions Plan Funding Strategy for Implementation**

**MOVED and SECONDED**

*THAT the funding strategy as outlined in the August 29, 2011 report from the Director of Engineering Services relating to Community Energy and Emissions Funding Strategy be forwarded to the 2012 budget process; and THAT the Environmental Grant criteria be reviewed during the 2012 grant process.*

**CARRIED.**

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

**l) East Columbia Street, Crosswalk Update**

**MOVED and SECONDED**

*THAT the August 29, 2011 report from the Director of Engineering providing input from the Special Services and Access Committee with respect to the crosswalk enhancements on East Columbia Street be referred to the Special Services and Access Committee.*

**CARRIED.**

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

**m) Construction Noise Bylaw Variance to Allow Metro Vancouver to Carry Out Sewer Interceptor Maintenance**

**MOVED and SECONDED**

*THAT a construction noise variance application from Metro Vancouver to allow scheduled maintenance of their sewer interceptor on Columbia Street be granted for one night only between September 6, 2011 and September 20, 2011.*

**CARRIED.**

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

**Director of Finance and Information Technology**

**n) Five Year Financial Plan (2011-2015) Amendment Bylaw (Bylaw No. 7476, 2011)**

**MOVED and SECONDED**

*THAT the Five-Year Financial Plan (2011-2015) Amendment Bylaw No. 7476, 2011 be received.*

**CARRIED.**

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

**Director of Finance and Information Technology, and General Manager, Electrical Operations**

**o) New West Substation Operating Agreement Alternative Approval Process**

**On Table Report “New Westminster Substation Agreement”**

**MOVED and SECONDED**

*THAT approval of the electors be sought by alternative approval process in accordance with the Community Charter for financial commitments that may exceed 5 years under the New West Substation Operating Agreement (the Agreement);*

*THAT Wednesday, October 12, 2011 be established as the deadline for receiving elector responses under the Alternative Approval Process;*

*THAT the elector response for the Alternative Approval Process as attached to the August 29, 2011 report from the Director of Finance and Information Technology and the General Manager of Electrical operations, regarding the New West Substation Operating Agreement Alternative Approval be approved as presented; and  
THAT the total number of electors of the area, to which the approval process applies, be established as 49,012.*

**CARRIED.**

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

**p) Recommendations arising from the Community Heritage Commission meeting of June 22, 2011:**

**i) New Westminster's Oldest Homes – Pre-1890 Houses**

**MOVED and SECONDED**

*THAT funding be made available to support the recommendation to conduct research on the houses identified in the June 20, 2011 report to Council from the Director of Development Services.*

**CARRIED.**

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

**ii) A Call to Renew, British Columbia's Heritage Program**

**MOVED and SECONDED**

*THAT the following resolution be supported:*

*WHEREAS all local governments in British Columbia benefit from the funding and expertise of Heritage BC, and other heritage focused organizations and initiatives, to protect unique heritage resources and support community projects; and*

*WHEREAS heritage conservation is vital to maintain a sense of place distinctive to each community that is a positive investment in the local economy and a stimulus to tourism;*

*THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED that the Union of BC Municipalities call on the Provincial Government to restore the Heritage Branch budget, and to implement Heritage BC's call for renewal of provincial heritage programs.*

**CARRIED.**

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

**q) Recommendation arising from the Family Court Committee meeting of June 22, 2011 re Homeless Count Update**

**MOVED and SECONDED**

*THAT the request that a letter be written to the Provincial Government requesting that they adopt policy guidelines for all municipalities in British Columbia to address homelessness issues in their municipality be*

*referred to the Social Planner and the Community and Social Issues Committee for further details.*

**CARRIED.**

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

r) **Coyotes**

**MOVED and SECONDED**

*THAT the City obtain or develop an educational video on urban coyote populations.*

**CARRIED.**

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

Staff was directed to post information about coyote management frequently on City page and web site to keep public informed. As well, it was suggested the local papers be encouraged to public a full article on urban coyotes.

s) **Wait for Me Daddy Memorial Task Force**

**MOVED and SECONDED**

*THAT the Terms of Reference for the Wait for Me Daddy Memorial Task Force be received.*

**CARRIED.**

Opposed: Councillor McIntosh.

t) **Community Festival Guidelines**

**MOVED and SECONDED**

*THAT staff report back to Council with a family oriented and public safety policy on street festivals and parades in New Westminster to include:*

- *The appropriateness of vendors and activities that occur on City streets/property*
- *A financial report of festivals that occur in the city; and*
- *A set of guidelines to govern these activities.*

**CARRIED.**

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

<b>BYLAWS</b>
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5. **126, 128, 130, 132 Agnes Street & 127 and 131 Dickenson Street, a portion of Dickenson Street, all of Sarnia Street and all of Albert Crescent**

- a) **[Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 7264, 2008 \[a bylaw to establish the Comprehensive Development District \(Albert Crescent\)\]](#)**

**MOVED and SECONDED**

*THAT Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 7264, 2008, be adopted.*

**CARRIED.**

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

- b) [Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 7267, 2008 \[a bylaw to rezone 126, 128, 130, 132 Agnes Street & 127 and 131 Dickenson Street, a portion of Dickenson Street, and all of Sarnia Street and Albert Crescent from Single Detached Dwelling Districts \(RS-2\) to Comprehensive Development District \(Albert Crescent\) \(CD-24\) Zone\]](#)

**MOVED and SECONDED**

*THAT Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 7267, 2008, be adopted.*

**CARRIED.**

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

Bev Grieve, Development Services, clarified the convenience definition found in square brackets following the bylaw name in the title of this section (5(b)), noting that the section “a portion of Dickenson Street, and all of Sarnia Street and Albert Crescent” should be described as “unzoned”.

6. [Local Area Service Bylaw No. 7474, 2011 \[a Bylaw to authorize the ditch infill at portion of Wood Street, Boyd Street and Boyne Street\]](#)

**MOVED and SECONDED**

*THAT Local Area Service Bylaw No. 7474, 2011 be adopted.*

**CARRIED.**

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

7. **Bylaws coming forward from the Council in Committee of the Whole meeting held August 29, 2011:**

- a) **Official Community Plan (Greenhouse Gas Emissions Reduction Target, Policies and Actions) Bylaw No. 7477, 2011 [A Bylaw to Amend the Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 6476, 1998 for the Inclusion of a Greenhouse Gas Emissions Reduction Target, Policies and Actions]**

**MOVED and SECONDED**

*THAT Official Community Plan (Greenhouse Gas Emissions Reduction Target, Policies and Actions) Bylaw No. 7477, 2011 be read a first time.*

**CARRIED.**

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

**MOVED and SECONDED**

*THAT Official Community Plan (Greenhouse Gas Emissions Reduction Target, Policies and Actions) Bylaw No. 7477, 2011 be considered in*

*conjunction with the City's Financial Plan and regional Solid Waste Management Plan and Liquid Waste Management Plan.*

**MOVED and SECONDED**

*THAT Official Community Plan (Greenhouse Gas Emissions Reduction Target, Policies and Actions) Bylaw No. 7477, 2011 be read a second time.*

**CARRIED.**

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

[A Public Hearing for Bylaw No. 7477, 2011 has been scheduled for Monday, October 17, 2011 at 6:00 p.m. in Council Chamber, City Hall.]

- b) **Official Community Plan Designation Amendment Bylaw No. 7350, 2009** [a Bylaw to amend Official Community Plan Designation Bylaw No. 6476, 1998]

**MOVED and SECONDED**

*THAT third reading of Official Community Plan Designation Amendment Bylaw No. 7350, 2009 given on November 16, 2009, be rescinded.*

**CARRIED.**

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

**MOVED and SECONDED**

*THAT Official Community Plan Designation Amendment Bylaw No. 7350, 2009 be amended by the deletion of Section 2 of the Bylaw.*

**CARRIED.**

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

**MOVED and SECONDED**

*THAT Official Community Plan Designation Amendment Bylaw No. 7350, 2009 be read a third time as amended.*

**CARRIED.**

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

**MOVED and SECONDED**

*THAT Official Community Plan Designation Amendment Bylaw No. 7350, 2009 be adopted as amended.*

**CARRIED.**

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

- c) **Five-Year Financial Plan (2011-2015) Amendment Bylaw No. 7476, 2011** [A Bylaw to amend the Five-Year Financial Plan for the years 2011-2015, inclusive]

**MOVED and SECONDED**

*THAT Five-Year Financial Plan (2011-2015) Amendment Bylaw No.*

*7476, 2011 be read a first time.*

**CARRIED.**

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

**MOVED and SECONDED**

*THAT Five-Year Financial Plan (2011-2015) Amendment Bylaw No. 7476, 2011 be read a second time.*

**CARRIED.**

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

**MOVED and SECONDED**

*THAT Five-Year Financial Plan (2011-2015) Amendment Bylaw No. 7476, 2011 be read a third time.*

**CARRIED.**

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

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **7(d). City Page - Business Association**

**MOVED and SECONDED**

*THAT advertising for City business associations' annual general meetings be permitted on the City page.*

**CARRIED.**

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

### **7(e). School Project Update**

The City Administrator reviewed actions taken to move forward with the Schools project. He noted that the School District has advised the City they have no further requirements at this time and have made their submission to the Ministry.

## **REPORTS**

### **8. Council Members:**

#### **Councillor Williams**

...attended Christmas in August as a fundraiser for the Food Bank; the casino's new VIP room; welcomed the Chinese delegation at City Hall; announced that four more Chinese students from Li Jiang will attend school in New Westminster – noted that billets are required for two of those students for two months from September 13<sup>th</sup>.

#### **Councillor McEvoy**

...is chairing a new Task Force – the Massey Performing Centre Task Force; Councillors Williams and Osterman are also members; the Task Force will tour the Theatre on September 8; has had a presentation from the School Board and the Massey Theatre Performance Society; attended a meeting with a delegation from Dali, China; noted that

more child care in New Westminster is becoming available – attended the new Montessori Day Care in the city; attended the Moonrakers Pub Food Bank event; commented on the passing of Jack Layton.

### **Councillor Harper**

...enjoyed parenting two of his grandchildren for the month of July; attended a presentation by the Minister Alice Wong regarding a loan for the Pier Park; attended Pride Week and the Heritage Grill Show and the Hills and Heels Show; spent much of two days on the Cultural Crawl; need to find ways for professional quality amateur work to be shown; attended the Quayside garage sale.

### **Councillor McIntosh**

...noted that the arts and festivals have been featured over the summer including among others the 12<sup>th</sup> Street Festival, the Quayside Arts Council opening, a gallery on 12<sup>th</sup> Street; noted that Special Services and Access Committee attended a Builders Award Tour in preparation for Royal City Builders Awards on October 5<sup>th</sup>; met with Chamber of Commerce for the event; met to plan for Seniors and Family Festival at Royal City Centre; attended the Queensborough summer barbeque; attended the Starlight VIP room ribbon cutting; the Cops for Cancer fund raiser was well attended; attended the Fire Fighters 150<sup>th</sup> Celebration; attended the Chinese delegation from Dali; noted the River Market had two new businesses open in their facility; attended the PNE with her son and daughter in law; commented on the Fortis challenge; commented on the many ways the community can be educated to reduce carbon footprints.

### **Councillor Osterman**

...commented on the construction on Sixth Street and urged residents to support the local restaurants/businesses; reported that next Monday is Labour Day followed by the first day of school, which is the first of all day kindergarten in elementary schools – asked the Acting Mayor to convey a message to the Chief Constable to keep traffic slowed to keep children safe; urged that parents who drive children to school not park where it is signed No Parking but to park on side streets and walk the child to the school.

### **Acting Mayor Jonathan Cote**

...hoped that the entire community had a great summer; have been many festivals in New Westminster many of which he attended; as Acting Mayor, attended the opening of the new Montessori Day Care in the West End; greeted the Vice Governor of Dali, China, and his delegation that came to discuss tourism.

Announced the following appointments:

- Brenda Sims as Chief Elections officer
- Jennifer Janzen as Deputy Chief Elections Officer

The membership for the Wait for me Daddy Task Force is appointed as follows:

- Councillor Lorrie Williams (Chair/Council)
- Mayor Wayne Wright
- Director of Legislative Services
- Director of Development Services

- Chief of Police Services
- Chief of Fire & Rescue Services
- Manager, New Westminster Museum and Archives
- Manager, Arts and Cultural Development
- Mr. Herb Hamm, Military representative
- Ms. Freda Hogg, Honorary Member

John Jennings is appointed to the Special Services and Access Committee as the Chamber of Commerce representative for the term ending January 31, 2012

- Proclaimed the following in the City:  
September 5 to 9, 2011 as Union Label Buying Week
- September 11 to 18 as Terry Fox Run Week

Extended congratulations to Rebecca Maurer and Allen Domaas on being reappointed to the New Westminster Police Board for the term ending June 30, 2014.

Commented on the passing of Jack Layton, a fearless advocate for social democracy in Canada.

#### **NEXT MEETING**

#### **Monday, September 12, 2011**

Proposed Closed Session commences 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 9:06 p.m.

Certified Correct,

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**JONATHAN COTÉ**  
**ACTING MAYOR**

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**RICHARD L. PAGE**  
**CORPORATE OFFICER**