



CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF NEW WESTMINSTER

COUNCIL IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

August 31, 2009 3:18 p.m.
Committee Room 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
Ms. Judi Turner	- Acting Corporate Officer
Ms. Lisa Spitale	- Director of Development Services
Mr. Roger Emanuels	- Acting Director of Engineering Services
Mr. Gary Holowatiuk	- Director of Finance & Information Technology
Ms. Joanne Edey-Nicoll	- Acting Director Parks, Culture, and Recreation
Ms. Donna Martin	- Committee Clerk

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

There were no additions to the agenda. Additional On Table information was distributed regarding the following:

- Item 4 – Results of Consultation re: Amendment to OCP for proposed park at Westminster Pier.
- Item 5 – Results of Consultation re: Amendment to OCP for a park/school at 220 Royal Avenue.

PRESENTATIONS

1. Welcoming and Inclusive Communities – John Stark, Social Planner

This item was removed from the agenda.

PROCEDURAL NOTE:

The Chair agreed to consider Item 15 first – Proposed Reconciliation Process with the Chinese Community.

15. Proposed Reconciliation Process with the Chinese Community

August 31, 2009 report proposing a process in support of the Council motion of July 13, 2009 which called for Reconciliation with the Chinese Community in New Westminster.

The reconciliation request from the Chinese Community is the first the City has received. However, there may be other cultural groups that might have an interest in the reconciliation process. All groups should be included. Council members believe this is a good time to get a true picture of the City's past and how to appropriately deal with it.

It was suggested the Multiculturalism Committee be tasked with exploring this topic with staff assistance. John Stark indicated the school curriculum is being looked at to reflect the true history of the City.

**** MOVED and SECONDED and CARRIED, this Committee recommends**
THAT the proposed reconciliation process with the Chinese Community in New Westminster, as outlined in the Director of Development Services' August 31, 2009 report, be endorsed.

CARRIED.

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

CONSENT AGENDA

MOVED and SECONDED

*THAT the consent agenda be amended to remove Item 9 for discussion; and
THAT staff recommendations arising from Consent Agenda items be approved as follows:*

2. Amendment to January 19, 2009 Regular Council Minutes - For Item 8: Development Permit 032 (Q) With Variances for Lot 5 Port Royal -

August 10, 2009 report recommending a correction to the January 19, 2009 Regular Council Minutes.

**** *THAT the final motion listed under Item 8 of the Regular Council minutes of January 19, 2009 be revised to read as follows:***

***“THAT** Development Permit 032 (Q) be approved with the following variances for the proposed 163 unit 21 storey residential project proposed for Lot 5 in the Port Royal Development:*

- *A building height of 198 feet (60.4 metres);*
- *Standard Parking spaces of 8.2 feet (2.5 metres) wide, a length of 18 feet (5.5 metres) and an aisle width of 21.7 feet (6.6 metres); and*
- *Small car parking spaces of 7.25 feet (2.2 metres), a length of 15.1 feet (4.6 metres), and an aisle width of 21.7 feet (6.6 metres).”*

3. 2009 Schedule of Regular Council Meetings – Proposed Amendments - Director of Legislative Services

August 6, 2009 report requesting amendments to Council’s 2009 Schedule of Meetings.

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***THAT** the 2009 Schedule of Regular Council Meetings be amended as follows:*

- *Cancel the October 26, 2009 Council meetings;*
- *Reschedule the November 2, 2009 Working Session of Council to November 30, 2009; and*

***THAT** the agendas for the November 30, 2009 Council meetings be adjusted as recommended in the staff report dated August 6, 2009.*

4. Report on Consultation with Respect to the Comments Received for a Proposed Amendment to the Official Community Plan Regarding the Westminster Pier Park Proposal - Director of Development Services

August 31, 2009 report providing information concerning comments received regarding a proposed amendment to the OCP to designate the Westminster Pier property for a park. [Circulated on table: Results of Consultation re: Amendment to OCP for proposed park at Westminster Pier](#)

***THAT** the Director of Development Services’ August 31, 2009 report regarding information concerning comments received regarding a proposed amendment to the OCP to designate the Westminster Pier property as a park be received for information.*

5. Proposed Amendment to the Official Community Plan for Park and School at the Former Saint Mary’s Hospital Site – Consultation Process – Director of Development Services

August 31, 2009 report providing information concerning the comments received regarding a proposed amendment to the OCP to designate an area in the Downtown for a park and school. [Circulated on table: Results of Consultation re: Amendment to OCP for a park/school at 220 Royal Avenue](#)

***THAT** the Director of Development Services’ August 31, 2009 report regarding information concerning comments received concerning a*

proposed amendment to the OCP to designate an area in the Downtown for a park and school be received for information.

6. Development Variance Permit No. 499 for 122 Third Avenue – Preliminary Report – Director of Development Services

August 31, 2009 report advising of the receipt of an application for a height variance for a house to be built at 122 Third Avenue.

THAT the information as outlined in the Director of Development Services' August 31, 2009 regarding a height variance application for a house to be built at 122 Third Avenue be received.

7. Amendment to Heritage Revitalization Agreement (626 Tenth Street) Bylaw No. 7319, 2009.

August 31, 2009 report requesting a revision to the proposed HRA attached to the HRA Bylaw 7319, 2009.

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THAT third reading of Heritage Revitalization Agreement (626 Tenth Street) Bylaw No. 7319, 2009, given on June 1, 2009, be rescinded;

THAT Heritage Revitalization Agreement (626 Tenth Street) Bylaw No. 7319, 2009 be revised as set out in the August 31, 2009 report from the Director of Development Services;

THAT Heritage Revitalization Agreement (626 Tenth Street) Bylaw No. 7319, 2009 be forwarded to Council for consideration of third and fourth reading, as revised.

8. Bid Results of Proposed Sale of 26 East Royal Avenue

August 31, 2009 report informing the Committee of bids received for the proposed sale of the property at 26 East Royal Avenue.

THAT the Director of Development Services' August 31, 2009 report regarding the bids received for the proposed sale of 26 East Royal Avenue be received for information

10. Construction Noise Bylaw Variance to Allow Metro Vancouver to Carry Out Sewer Interceptor Maintenance

August 31, 2009 report requesting a construction noise bylaw variance for Metro Vancouver to allow scheduled maintenance of the sewer interceptor on Columbia Street.

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THAT a construction noise bylaw variance application from Metro Vancouver be approved to allow scheduled maintenance of the sewer interceptor on Columbia Street from September 8, 2009 to September 18, 2009

CARRIED.

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

ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

9. Construction Noise Bylaw Variance – Fraser River Pile & Dredge Ltd. – North Arm of the Fraser River

August 31, 2009 report requesting a construction noise bylaw variance from Fraser River Pile & Dredge permitting work outside of the permitted hours.

In response to Council, staff reported the timing on the dredging is controlled by the tides and the issue of safety makes it urgent for the work to be completed. Prior to the work taking place, notices will be delivered to residences impacted by the work on Quayside Drive and Port Royal area advising of work hours and times.

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

THAT a construction noise bylaw variance application from Fraser River Pile & Dredge allowing work outside the permitted hours of construction be approved to facilitate dredging of the North Arm of the Fraser River.

CARRIED.

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

REPORTS FOR ACTION

City Administrator

11. Asia Pacific Twinning Initiative – Trade Mission to China, Korea and Japan, October 19 to November 2, 2009

August 31, 2009 report seeking approval and direction for a proposed trade mission to China, Korea, and Japan.

The City Administrator circulated Appendix B of the staff report, consisting of the Sister City Policy for New Westminster (which will be added to the agenda package) and reviewed the report.

During discussion, it was noted that Sister City and Friendship City exchanges have value and should be budgeted for.

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

THAT a trade mission to China, Korea, and Japan in October 2009 be approved; and

THAT a budget of up to \$35,000 be approved (\$25,000 from Community Development Fund and the remaining \$10,000 from the Provincial grant) for the mission to allow a larger official delegation to attend.

CARRIED.

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

Director of Development Services

12. Draft Downtown Community Plan

August 12, 2009 report authorizing staff to release a draft Downtown Community Plan for public consultation, endorsing the process outlined, and authorizing staff to submit a copy of the Plan and the staff report to the Federation of Canadian Municipalities.

Bev Grieve, Manager of Planning and Lil Ronalds, Planner presented the draft Downtown Community Plan noting the vision, guiding principles and goals.

Council members applauded staff for the two years of work that went into the Draft Downtown Community Plan which is a defining document that brings a lot of smaller pieces together. Council requested a workshop to be scheduled at a later date so they have an opportunity to digest the document before discussing any questions or concerns they may have. The workshop should take place prior to public distribution of the Draft Plan so it reflects Council values.

- ** MOVED and SECONDED and CARRIED, this Committee recommends**
THAT the public consultation process as outlined in the Director of Development Services' August 31, 2009 report be endorsed following a workshop with Council; and
THAT a copy of the draft Downtown Community Plan be submitted to the Federation of Canadian Municipalities.

CARRIED.

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

13. Development Permit 031 (Q) for Site 2 – 401 Jardine Street

August 31, 2009 report requesting approval of DV 031(Q) for Site 2 – 401 Jardine Street with conditions.

- ** MOVED and SECONDED and CARRIED, this Committee recommends**
THAT Development Permit 031(Q) for Site 2 – 401 Jardine Street be approved in principle with final issuance of the Development Permit being subject to the rezoning of the site and approval of the subdivision; and
THAT a No Build covenant be endorsed as a condition of subdivision as outlined in the August 31, 2009 report from the Director of Development Services.

CARRIED.

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

14. Request from the City of Coquitlam to Participate in a Joint Planning Process for the Area Bounded by Highway 1, North Road, Braid Street and Brunette Street

August 31, 2009 report advising of a request from the City of Coquitlam to consider participation in a joint planning process for the area bounded by Highway 1, North Road, Braid Street and Brunette Street.

- ** MOVED and SECONDED and CARRIED, this Committee recommends**
THAT Planning Division staff be directed to develop Terms of Reference with the City of Coquitlam Planning staff for a joint planning process affecting the area bounded by Highway 1, North Road, Braid Street, and Brunette Street; and
THAT the draft Terms of Reference be forwarded to Council for endorsement.
CARRIED.

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

Director of Engineering

16. LEED Standard for New Civic Buildings – Director of Engineering

August 31, 2009 report presenting information regarding a LEED standard policy for new civic buildings and encouraging a green building policy.

- ** MOVED and SECONDED and CARRIED, this Committee recommends**
THAT the Leadership in Energy and Environment Design (LEED) Gold Canada Building Rating System be adopted as a standard by which to assess new civic building performance; and
THAT the proposed Green Building Policy, as outlined in the Director of Engineering's August 31, 2009 report, be approved.
CARRIED.

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

17. Bylaw Adjudication System Bylaw and Amendment

August 31, 2009 presenting for consideration a new Bylaw Notice Enforcement Bylaw, Street Traffic Bylaw and a policy providing guidelines to the screening officer.

Dave Cole, Supervisor of Towing, Parking, Animal and Cemetery Services, explained the purpose of the legislation is to enable the creation of a cost effective administration system that provides local government the authority to deal with bylaw contraventions in a less complex process outside of the court system. Roger Emanuels, Acting Director of Engineering Services, agreed to inquire into the role of the organization formerly known as GVTaps.

- ** MOVED and SECONDED and CARRIED, this Committee recommends**
THAT Bylaw Notice Enforcement Bylaw No. 7318, 2009 be referred to Council for three readings;
THAT Street Traffic Amendment Bylaw No. 7317, 2009 be referred to Council for three readings; and
THAT the Screening Officer Policy as outlined in the Director of Engineering's August 31, 2009 report be endorsed.
CARRIED.

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

18. Application for Grant Funding – BC Brownfield Renewal Program

August 31, 2009 report requesting authorization to make application for grant funding for a Remediation Action Plan for Westminster Pier.

The Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FMC) was offered as another possible resource for grant funding.

- ** MOVED and SECONDED and CARRIED, this Committee recommends**
THAT staff be directed to make application for grant funding under the BC Brownfield Renewal Program for the preparation and implementation of a Remediation Action Plan for the Westminster Pier lands.

CARRIED.

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

Director of Finance and Information Technology

19. 2009 City Partnership Grants – Hyack Festival Association Update

August 31, 2009 report providing additional information regarding the 2009 City Partnership Grant to the Hyack Festival Association and seeking approval to release the remaining grant funds.

- ** MOVED and SECONDED and CARRIED, this Committee recommends**
THAT the August 31, 2009 report from the Director of Finance providing additional information regarding the 2009 City Partnership Grant to the Hyack Festival Association be received; and
THAT the remaining balance of \$40,000 of the 2009 Partnership Grant be released to the Hyack Festival Association.

CARRIED.

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

20. Overview of Draft 2010 Budget Survey

August 31, 2009 report providing an overview of the draft 2010 Budget Survey and seeking input and approval to retain Ipsos Reid to conduct a telephone survey and report on the results.

During the discussion, members made the following comments:

- Consider shortening the survey;
- Suggest the survey be re-ordered with the most complex questions at the end of the survey;
- Question 15 – clarify with background statement
- Question 19 - Age categories need a further breakdown, i.e., add 18 – 30, 31 – 44, etc.
- Question 21 - Add a category for homes with assessed value of \$500,000 or more;
- Under Operating Costs, add the category “reduced taxes”;
- Question 13 – delete the word “modest”.

The Director of Finance and Information Technology agreed to revise the survey and recirculate to Council for their information.

- ** **MOVED and SECONDED and CARRIED, this Committee recommends**
THAT the August 31, 2009 report from the Director of Finance and Information Technology regarding the Draft 2010 Budget Survey be received for information; and
THAT Ipsos Reid be retained at an estimated cost of \$17,000 (to be accommodated within the City's existing 2009 operating budget) to conduct an independent telephone survey using the City's 2010 budget questionnaire.

CARRIED.

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

Director of Parks, Culture and Recreation

21. Grants Process - Assistant Director of Parks, Culture and Recreation

Joanne Edey-Nicoll distributed On-Table a list of the City of New Westminster Grant Programs noting there is a new Environmental Grant. The Environmental Grant is designed to support locally-based organizations or non-profit societies in undertaking projects which provide an environmental benefit or promote environmental awareness to the community. The application deadline for all grants is September 30, 2009.

CORRESPONDENCE

- 22. The BC Geographical Names Office requests comments from the City of New Westminster to help them gauge public support for a proposal to adopt the name "Salish Sea" to describe the inland waters adjacent to Washington State and southwest British Columbia rather than to remove or replace any existing place names.**

MOVED AND SECONDED

THAT the June 30, 2009 letter from Washington State Board on Geographical names regarding a proposal to adopt the name "Salish Sea" to describe the inland waters adjacent to Washington and southwest British Columbia be received; and

THAT the name "Salish Sea" be endorsed.

CARRIED

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

- 23. Executive of the Sapperton Pensioners requesting a dialogue with Council concerning the Sapperton Pensioners Hall.**

MOVED AND SECONDED

THAT the August 23, 2009 letter from the President of Sapperton Pensioners requesting a dialogue concerning Sapperton pensioners be received for information; and

THAT staff schedule a meeting with the Sapperton pensioners to discuss a possible partnership concerning Sapperton Pensioners Hall.

CARRIED

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

COMMITTEE MINUTES AND RECOMMENDATIONS

- 24. MOTION TO ADOPT THE MINUTES OF: the Community Heritage Commission meetings of [June 3, 2009](#) and [July 8, 2009](#).**

MOVED AND SECONDED

THAT the Community Heritage Commission meeting minutes of June 3, 2009 and July 8, 2009 be adopted.

CARRIED

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

NEW BUSINESS

- 25. Proclamation of Honey Bee Day**

A member requested proclamation of Honey Bee Day in the City.

ADJOURNMENT

ON MOTION, the meeting adjourned at 5:21 p.m.

Certified Correct,

WAYNE WRIGHT
CHAIR

JUDI TURNER
ACTING CORPORATE OFFICER

** Denotes recommendations referred to Regular Council meeting of August 31, 2009, for ratification.