



COUNCIL IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

September 12, 2011 **2:22 p.m.**
Committee Room No. 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	Corporate Officer/Director of Legislative Services
Ms. Lisa Spitale	Director of Development Services
Mr. Jim Lowrie	Director of Engineering Services
Mr. Gary Holowatiuk	Director of Finance & Information Technology
Mr. Dean Gibson	Director of Parks, Culture and Recreation
Mr. Greg Magirescu	Manager, Arts & Cultural Development
Mr. Roger Emanuels	Manager, Design & Construction, Engineering Services
Ms. Louise Payne	Committee Clerk, Legislative Services

GUESTS:

Mr. Tim Barton	Bunt and Associates
Mr. James Lee	Bunt and Associates
Ms. Leslie Gilbert	Heritage Researcher for Westminster Pier Park

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

The Agenda was varied with the addition of the following:

- Location of Royal Columbia Hospital – added as Item 15;
- Urban Noise – referral to Environment Committee – added as Item 16;
- Flood Planning and Dykes – added as Item 17;
- Nematode Coupon Subsidy – added as Item 18;
- Corporate Slogan – added as Item 19;
- On Table Letter received September 12, 2011 from Patrick Johnstone in support of Community Grant for Westcoast Curling Classic – added as part of Item 14;
- On Table Letter dated September 7, 2011 from Canadian Wood Council re: UBCM Conference in Vancouver – added as Item 20;

- On Table Letter dated September 6, 2011 from Hyack Festival Association re: Hyack Christmas Parade of Lights – added as Item 21.

CONSENT AGENDA

MOVED AND SECONDED

THAT the Consent Agenda be approved subject to the removal of the following items to Items Removed from the Consent Agenda: Items 3, 8, 9, 10, 11, and 13.

CARRIED.

All members of Council voted in favour of the motion.

- ** **MOVED AND SECONDED, this Committee recommends**
THAT the recommendations arising from the Consent Agenda be approved as follows:

Director of Development Services

4. Zoning Amendment Bylaw for Landscaped Outdoor Space

(Bylaw No.7480, 2011)

September 12, 2011 report of Zoning Amendment Bylaw 7480, 2011 to remove the requirement for suitably landscaped outdoor space for child care facilities from the Zoning Bylaw

- ** *THAT Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 7480, 2011 be forwarded to the September 12, 2011 Regular Meeting of Council for consideration of First and Second Readings.*

5. 303, 305, and 307 Jardine Street - Adoption of Zoning Amendment Bylaw 7309, 2009 and Issuance of Development Permit

September 12, 2011 report on an application to issue a Development Permit for an 8-unit townhouse development and advise on the adoption of Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 7309, 2009

- ** *THAT Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 7309, 2009 be forwarded to the September 12, 2011 Regular Meeting of Council for adoption; and*
THAT Development Permit DPQ00034 for the properties located at 303, 305 and 307 Jardine Street be considered, following adoption of Bylaw No. 7309, 2009, for issuance.

6. 22 East Royal Avenue, Centre Block Tower – Heritage Alteration Permit to Allow Demolition

September 12, 2011 report seeking support for a Heritage Alteration Permit to allow the demolition of the remainder of the Centre Block, Parcel C

- ** *THAT Heritage Alteration Permit 041, allowing the demolition of the remainder of the Centre Block Tower at 22 East Royal Avenue, be issued.*

7. 22 East Royal Avenue - Tower Task Force Update

September 12, 2011 report to update on formation of Centre Block Tower Task Force and areas of agreement reached

- ** *THAT the areas of agreement reached by the Centre Block Tower Task Force at its meeting held on August 25, 2011, and as outlined in the September 12, 2011 report from the Director of Development Services, be endorsed.*

12. 2010 Annual Water Quality Monitoring Report

September 12, 2011 report presenting the 2010 Annual Water Quality Monitoring Report

THAT the 2010 Annual Water Quality Monitoring Report be received for information.

CARRIED.

All members of Council voted in favour of the motion.

PRESENTATIONS

Director of Parks, Culture and Recreation

2. Westminster Pier Park - Eastern End Programming Opportunities

September 12, 2011 report outlining programming opportunities for the undeveloped eastern end of the Westminster Pier Park site

The Director of Parks, Culture and Recreation made a PowerPoint presentation based on his September 12, 2011 report on programming opportunities for the eastern end of Westminster Pier Park.

Council Comments:

- Should hold an Open House for input from community, including children;
- Involve private company in money-making venture in combination with public opportunities;
- Like to see dollar amounts attached to some of these ideas – hard programming may be expensive;
- Take into consideration “beautification” of this part of the Park site;
- May be funding available from “Experience the Fraser” and from Federal Government.

Director of Development Services

1. Parking in Victoria Hill – Tim Barton and James Lee, Bunt and Associates, Transportation Planners and Engineers.

Mr. Barton made a presentation on the Victoria Hill Parking Review conducted by Bunt and Associates, including the following:

- Concern about lack of visitor and resident parking; however off-street visitor parking stalls are generally not being used;
- On-street parking/visitor parking – 30% exceed the 2-hour limit;
- Conclusion: Visitor parking is adequate and consistent with other cities;
- Issue of parking management – City should step up enforcement of 2-hour on-street parking;
- Suggest that each unit be given two visitor parking passes, and adding more “pockets” to provide more on-street parking spaces.

Mr. Roger Emanuels, Manager of Design and Construction, Engineering Services commented that the report reviewed how parking stalls are allocated; however it does not discuss the cost of parking.

Council comments:

- Suggest go to each strata and educate them about parking complaints and suggest to them the idea of two parking passes per unit for visitor parking;
- Don't want to see "step up of enforcement" as a first measure – a public consultation meeting with strata owners first.

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MOVED AND SECONDED, this Committee recommends

THAT the recommendations of the Victoria Hill Parking Review by Bunt and Associates dated September 8, 2011 be received, and that the recommendations be implemented as necessary following public consultation meetings on the parking study recommendations; and

THAT a copy of the Victoria Hill Parking Review and the September 12, 2011 report from the Director of Development Services be sent to the McBride Sapperton Residents' Association and all strata corporations within Victoria Hill.

CARRIED.

All members of Council voted in favour of the motion.

NEW BUSINESS

16. Urban Noise – Referral to Environment Committee

A member of Council brought up the issue of complaints from surrounding businesses about urban noise. He pointed out that the City needs to review our process with respect to dealing with urban noise issues.

MOVED AND SECONDED

THAT complaints regarding "urban noise" be referred to the Environment Committee to work with surrounding businesses to resolve these complaints.

CARRIED.

All members of Council voted in favour of the motion.

ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

Director of Development Services

[3. Zoning Bylaw Amendment – Drive-In and Drive-Through Restaurants](#)

(Bylaw No. 7478, 2011)

September 12, 2011 report providing information on drive-in and drive-through restaurants in Commercial and Industrial districts and changes proposed to the Zoning Bylaw

A member of Council expressed concern with safety of employees of drive-through restaurants.

MOVED AND SECONDED, this Committee recommends

** *THAT Zoning Bylaw Amendment Bylaw No. 7478, 2011 be forwarded to the September 12, 2011 Regular Meeting of Council for consideration of First and Second Readings; and
THAT the September 12, 2011 report from the Director of Development Services regarding the Zoning Bylaw amendment for Drive-In and Drive-Through Restaurants be referred to all business organizations for input prior to adoption of Bylaw No. 7478.*

CARRIED.

All members of Council voted in favour of the motion.

8. Parking in Victoria Hill

September 12, 2011 report providing the results of a parking study for Victoria Hill

This Agenda item was discussed during the presentation by representatives of Bunt and Associates.

9. 430 Ninth Street DVP 525 Variances Required to Allow Creation of Additional Rental Unit

September 12, 2011 report on an application to vary the Zoning Bylaw regulations regarding required parking spaces, location of windows in relation to parking spaces and the prohibition against locating dwelling units in a basement

A member of Council advised that Metro Vancouver Housing Corporation was putting forward this proposal, and expressed concern about fire safety and lighting on a ground level dwelling.

MOVED AND SECONDED, this Committee recommends

** *THAT the City give notice that it intends to consider a motion to approve and issue Development Variance Permit DVP00525 for 430 Ninth Street to allow the creation of a dwelling unit in a basement, two windows in the dwelling unit to be 2.1 metres (6.83 feet) from a parking space, with sills below the level of the parking space; and 27 off-street parking spaces.*

CARRIED.

All members of Council voted in favour of the motion.

Director of Engineering

10. Amendment to Water Shortage Response Bylaw – Revisions to the Water Shortage Response Plan (Bylaw No. 7475, 2011)

September 12, 2011 report introducing an amendment updating the Water Shortage Response Plan

A member of Council requested more information on installation of sprinklers with mandatory shut-off systems to stop wastage of water, and on how often the various stages are reached. Another member of Council inquired about Metro Vancouver's plan for the regional water supply.

MOVED AND SECONDED

THAT the Water Shortage Response Bylaw 6948, 2004 Amendment Bylaw 7475, 2011 be tabled until staff bring back more information on Metro Vancouver’s plan for water supply and how this ties in with Emergency Preparedness Plan due to recent seismic activity.

CARRIED.

All members of Council voted in favour of the motion.

11. East Eighth Avenue Crosswalks Review

September 12, 2011 report providing information on the safety of three existing pedestrian crossings on East Eighth Avenue

A member of Council commented that the statistics from I.C.B.C. do not include speeds over 60 kmh in posted 50 kmh zones, including crosswalks. The matter of the removal of truck routes on some City streets was also discussed as a high priority item.

MOVED AND SECONDED, this Committee recommends

THAT the September 12, 2011 report from the Director of Engineering Services regarding East Eighth Avenue Crosswalks Review be received for information; and

THAT staff be directed to proceed with the recommended improvement program as outlined in the report; and

THAT a letter be sent to TransLink regarding their consultation process regarding the removal of truck routes; and

THAT the East Eighth Avenue Crosswalks Review report be referred to the Traffic Section of Police Services.

CARRIED.

All members of Council voted in favour of the motion.

Director of Parks, Culture and Recreation

13. Park Naming Recommendation – Westminster Pier Site

September 12, 2011 report recommending an official name for the new city park being developed at 224 Front Street

A member of Council suggested that the name of the park should be “New Westminster Pier Park”. The Director of Parks, Culture and Recreation explained that they were trying to minimize the number of words; also, this had become the familiar name of the park to identify this unique site. Ms. Leslie Gilbert, Heritage Researcher for this Park, advised that the original name “Westminster Pier” was a marketing name developed for a proposed residential development in the late ‘80’s.

MOVED AND SECONDED, this Committee recommends

THAT the name “Westminster Pier Park” be adopted as the official name for the new city park at 224 Front Street, subject to confirmation that there are no ownership disputes related to this name; and

THAT staff undertake appropriate measures to protect this park name for the future benefit of the City.

CARRIED.

OPPOSED: Councillor McIntosh.

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REPORTS FOR ACTION

Director of Parks, Culture and Recreation

14. Royal City Curling Club West Coast Curling Classic 2011 Grant Request

September 12, 2011 report seeking direction regarding a request to provide a Community Grant to the Royal City Curling Club for the Westcoast Curling Classic for 2011

An On Table letter received September 12, 2011 from Patrick Johnstone in support of Royal City Curling Club's grant request was circulated to all members of Council and will be attached to the Agenda package.

MOVED AND SECONDED, this Committee recommends

THAT a 2011 Community Grant in the amount of \$2,000 be approved for Royal City Curling Club to host the 2011 Westcoast Curling Classic.

CARRIED.

All members of Council voted in favour of the motion.

NEW BUSINESS, Continued

15. Location of Royal Columbian Hospital

A member of Council expressed concern about a newspaper article stating that, by unanimous consent, City of Coquitlam Council adopted a resolution recommending that Royal Columbian Hospital be moved to Riverside.

MOVED AND SECONDED, this Committee recommends

THAT staff be directed to issue a press release and sent a letter to the Mayor and Council of the City of Coquitlam, Ministry of Health and the Fraser Health Authority stating the City of New Westminster's opposition to Coquitlam's suggestion to move the Royal Columbian Hospital to Riverview.

CARRIED.

All members of Council voted in favour of the motion.

17. Flood Planning and Dykes

A member of Council commented that the City of Delta was taking a lot of action on flood planning with federal funding for rebuilding dykes.

MOVED AND SECONDED

THAT the issue of flood planning and funding for rebuilding dykes be referred to the Engineering Department for a report to Council.

CARRIED.

All members of Council voted in favour of the motion.

18. Nematode Coupon Subsidy

A member of Council suggested that through the Budget grant process, the Nematode Coupon subsidy should be reduced from two to one in order to subsidize residents in the purchase of a 72-hour Emergency Preparedness kit.

MOVED AND SECONDED

THAT, as part of the Budget Grant process, that the Nematode Coupon Subsidy be reduced from two to one coupon per family, and a 74-hour Emergency Preparedness Kit subsidy be investigated by staff with a report back to Council.

CARRIED.

All members of Council voted in favour of the motion.

19. Corporate Slogan

A member of Council commented that the corporate slogan “Strong in Tradition, Committed to Service” is no longer on the City’s webpage or business cards. It was suggested that if the City is no longer using this slogan, the former City employee who conceived this slogan wished to be formally notified.

MOVED AND SECONDED

THAT the issue of a Corporate Slogan consistent with the new Strategic Plan be referred to the City Administrator.

CARRIED.

All members of Council voted in favour of the motion.

20. On Table Letter from Canadian Wood Council

MOVED AND SECONDED

THAT the On Table letter dated September 17, 2011 from the Canadian Wood Council requesting support for the Wood First Act at this year’s U.B.C.M. conference in Vancouver be received.

CARRIED.

All members of Council voted in favour of the motion.

21. On Table Letter Regarding Hyack Christmas Parade of Lights

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MOVED AND SECONDED, this Committee recommends

THAT the On Table letter dated September 6, 2011 from the Hyack Festival Association regarding the Hyack Christmas Parade of Lights be received; and

THAT the request from the Hyack Festival Association for in kind services for street closures for the annual Hyack Christmas Parade of Lights on Saturday, December 3, 2011 be approved.

CARRIED.

All members of Council voted in favour of the motion.

ADJOURNMENT

ON MOTION, the meeting adjourned at 5:07 p.m.

Certified Correct,

**WAYNE WRIGHT
MAYOR**

**RICHARD L. PAGE
CORPORATE OFFICER**

** Denotes recommendations referred to Regular Council meeting of September 12, 2011, for ratification.