

REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL

September 13, 2010 3:03 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. Randy Grant	- Acting Director of Finance & Information Technology
Chief Tim Armstrong	- Fire Chief
Ms. Judi Turner	- Assistant Corporate Officer

Council adjourned to Committee of the Whole at 3:03 p.m. and reconvened in the Council Chamber at 7:12 p.m. with all members of Council present.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

1. Motion to adopt the minutes of the last regular meeting of the City Council held August 30, 2010

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the minutes of the last regular meeting of City Council held on August 30, 2010 be received and adopted.

CARRIED.

All members of Council voted in favour of the motion.

PRESENTATIONS

2. Fire Prevention Week

- (a) **Mayor Wright to proclaim October 3th to 9th, 2010 as Fire Prevention Week. This year's theme is "Smoke Alarms: A Sound You Can Live With" Mayor Wright will present the proclamation to Brent Joel, Fire Inspector, New Westminster Fire and Rescue Services.**
- (b) **Presentation on Fire Prevention Week and the Fire Department Open House/Safety Fair - Brent Joel, Fire Inspector, New Westminster Fire and Rescue Services.**

Fire Chief Tim Armstrong, Brent Joel, Fire Inspector, and Charles Calogiros, Fire Inspector, were present. Mayor Wright proclaimed October 3 to 9, 2010 as Fire Prevention Week and presented the proclamation to Brent Joel. Mr. Joel spoke of the importance of smoke alarms as an early warning device. Early warning makes a big difference in the saving of lives. Mr. Joel suggested that smoke detectors be checked bi-annually. He announced an Open House at the Fire Department on October 2.

Mr. Joel referred the public to recyclable bags "Smoke Alarms – A Sound you Can Live With" which will be supplied to each school in the City. It is hoped students will do a fire safety plan project and the bag can be awarded as a prize. He outlined the contents of each bag.

Chief Armstrong commented on the valuable work of the fire professionals at the Fire Department. He urged the public to take fire warnings seriously.

3. Downtown New Westminster Business Improvement Association - Mr. Michael S.I. Hwang, President

Mr. Hwang presented a video clip highlighting Downtown BIA activities.

Mr. Hwang outlined two requests for minor bylaw amendments which will improve business in the Downtown:

- He suggested a deterrent is needed for motorists using the streets as park and ride for Skytrain
- Not enough traffic brings workers and customers to the Downtown area
- Too many businesses are vacant; they must compete with malls in the region where workers and customers can park for free
- Reduce the parking fine to \$5.00 if paid on the same day

Consideration was also sought to amend the Downtown Parking Commission Bylaw where currently only one seat is reserved for representatives from the BIA. Mr. Hwang asked that the bylaw be amended to provide for four seats to be made

available for BIA representatives. BIA members notice small things that require attention and which remain unnoticed by others. These demoralize the business community. They could easily be handled by BIA members working directly with Parkade staff. The Parkade is integral to the business of the community. Better information exchange between the Commission and BIA is vital. They need to be heard, acknowledged and included in a meaningful way and this is one way accomplish this.

DELEGATIONS / OPPORTUNITY TO BE HEARD

4. Delegations for Development Permit No. 008 (TS) with Variances for 818 Twelfth Street

Egil Lyngen, Egil Lyngen Architect, was present to represent the project at 818 Twelfth Street, noting the following:

- The site is small and challenging
- The proposal is for a three storey rental building in the Art Moderne style predominantly seen in the area; the building will be in line with others on the street
- The retail store front at the sidewalk level fills in a gap in a vacant lot and will give more continuity
- At the second level there will be six residential levels, which will supply eyes on the street
- Parking is proposed and was based on a traffic study which supported a minor relaxation
- Additional bicycle spaces are provided
- Presentations were made to two Residents' Associations which were both supportive of the project.

Marguerite Collins Olding, neighbor, made the following comments:

- Is excited about the proposed development
- Has concerns over the parking, noting parking is already a problem
- The new building does not provide sufficient parking nor guest parking
- Many cars do u-turns on the street
- The present owner does not maintain the property, leaving her to pick up garbage
- The gate is regularly knocked down
- The owner does not show respect for the community nor has the community at heart.

5. Teen Scene – Celidh Millar

Ms. Millar reported on the following:

- The opening of the new Youth Centre September 15 at 3:30 p.m.;
- Invited youth and seniors to a workshop on communication and understanding fostering mutual respect, trust and understanding

- “Free the Children” is a network of children helping children; more than 2000 youth and action groups have over one million members; We Schools in Action is an upcoming event
- Noted the CBC News Station offers an opportunity to students to experience a session where they will write and pitch their stories for CBC News Day.

6. Open Delegations

Jeremy Ellis, Resident, rose to comment on activities in Queensborough:

- Area on South Dyke Road and Jardine Street – a windstorm overturned trees which knocked over a power line
- There was unauthorized deposit of fill and the area was damaged
- A Stop Work Order was issued by the City of New Westminster but an FOI request did not yield any records; a photograph of a Stop Work Order was supplied to Legislative Services and Mr. Ellis asked for information why the records were not supplied to him in response to his FOI request.

BYLAWS CONSIDERED AT PUBLIC HEARING

7. Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw No. 7396, 2010 [a Bylaw to adopt the Downtown Community Plan as an Official Community Plan]

THIRD READING

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw No. 7396, 2010, be read a third time.

CARRIED.

All members of Council voted in favour of the motion.

ISSUANCE OF DEVELOPMENT VARIANCE PERMITS

8. Issuance of Development Permit No. 008 (TS) With Variances for 818 Twelfth Street to vary the following section of the Zoning Bylaw:

- (a) Building Lines
- (b) Off-Street Parking – Number of Spaces

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the following correspondence be received.

- *Marguerite and Brad Olding opposed.*

CARRIED.

All members of Council voted in favour of the motion.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Development Permit 008 (TS) with the following variances for 818 Twelfth Street be approved for issuance:

- *No front yard setback*
- *9 parking spaces.*

CARRIED.

All members of Council voted in favour of the motion.

COMMITTEE MINUTES AND RECOMMENDATIONS

9. Motion to receive and adopt the minutes of a meeting of Council in Committee of the Whole held August 30, 2010

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the minutes of a meeting of Council in Committee of the Whole held on August 30, 2010 be received and adopted.

CARRIED.

All members of Council voted in favour of the motion.

10. Recommendations from Council in Committee of the Whole meeting held September 13, 2010

Director of Development Services

a) Development Variance Permit No. 514 for 610 Sixth Street – Sign for Safeway Store

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council give notice that it will consider a resolution to issue Development Variance Permit 514 for Safeway at 610 Sixth Street to allow:

- *three fascia signs to be mounted on the Sixth Avenue façade;*
- *one fascia sign to have a sign area of 26.47 m² (284.96 ft²) on the Sixth Avenue façade; and*
- *two fascia signs on the Sixth Avenue façade to exceed the maximum permitted copy area of 50% of the sign area.*

CARRIED.

All members of Council voted in favour of the motion.

b) 101/107 Agnes Street – Rescind Heritage Revitalization Agreement Amendment (101/107 Agnes Street) Bylaw No. 7413, 2010 and refer the revised and attached Heritage Revitalization Agreement Amendment (101/107 Agnes Street) Bylaw No. 7413, 2010 to Regular Council for Third Reading and Adoption.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT third reading of Heritage Revitalization Agreement Amendment (101/107 Agnes Street) Bylaw No. 7413, 2010, be rescinded;

THAT the Bylaw be amended by inserting the name of an additional property owner into the Agreement document attached to the Bylaw; and

THAT the amended Heritage Revitalization Agreement Amendment (101/107 Agnes Street) Bylaw No. 7413, 2010 be received.

CARRIED.

All members of Council voted in favour of the motion.

c) 1109, 1117, 1129 and 1135 Ewen Avenue and 301 and 305 Gifford Street

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 7411, 2010 be received.

CARRIED.

All members of Council voted in favour of the motion.

d) Old Terminal Pub / Application to Amend Liquor License

MOVED and SECONDED

WHEREAS New Westminster City Council considered a staff report dated September 13, 2010 regarding an application from the Old Terminal Pub located at 115 Twelfth Street to change its hours of operations;

WHEREAS the application is not opposed by the New Westminster Police Service;

WHEREAS the business has not generated noise complaints or negative community impacts and the proposed changes are not expected to result in noise or other negative impacts to the community; and

WHEREAS the applicant placed a site sign in front of the premises for 30 days and published two newspaper notices providing details of the application and inviting comments on the application and no objections to the application have been received;

***THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** New Westminster City Council approves the application from the Old Terminal Pub to change its hours of operation to 9:00 am – 12:00 midnight on Sundays to Thursdays and 9:00 am – 1:00 am on Fridays and Saturdays.*

CARRIED.

All members of Council voted in favour of the motion.

e) Electrical Statutory Right of Way for Plaza 88

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council approve the Statutory Right of Way Agreement for Plaza 88; and

THAT the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to sign the Agreement on behalf of the City.

CARRIED.

All members of Council voted in favour of the motion.

Director of Finance and Information Technology

f) Payments in Lieu of Taxes (PILT) Paid by Metro Vancouver

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Mayor write a letter (similar to the DRAFT letter attached to the staff report) directed to the Chair of the Board of Directors of Port Metro Vancouver requesting full payment of unpaid PILT for the years 2000 through 2010.

CARRIED.

All members of Council voted in favour of the motion.

g) 2010 Community Grant to the New Westminster Salmonbellies

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT a community grant consisting of donations in the amount of \$8,600 plus an additional \$3,500 from the City amounting to \$12,100 be approved to the New Westminster Salmonbellies Lacrosse Club.

CARRIED.

All members of Council voted in favour of the motion.

h) New Westminster Amateur Radio Club Lease Agreement

MOVED and SECONDED

*THAT the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to sign the lease agreement between the City and the New Westminster Amateur Radio Club for the use of a section of the Parks and Recreation Administration Building Basement, for the term September 1, 2010 to August 31, 2015, subject to required public notification; and
THAT New Westminster Amateur Radio Club Lease Authorization Bylaw No. 7343, 2010 be received.*

CARRIED.

All members of Council voted in favour of the motion.

i) Respectful Workplace and Human Rights Policy

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Respectful Workplace and Human Rights Policy be adopted.

CARRIED.

All members of Council voted in favour of the motion.

j) Active and Safe Routes to School Program Update

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT expansion of the Active and Safe Routes to School Program be endorsed, including the creation of Best Routes to School maps as well as outreach and engagement, to the City's Middle Schools;

THAT a copy of the September 13, 2010, report entitled "Active and Safe Routes to School Program Update be forwarded to the School Trustees; and

THAT Councillor Osterman attend a School Trustee meeting with staff to make a presentation on the program.

CARRIED.

All members of Council voted in favour of the motion.

Released from Closed Council for information only:

k) Freedom of the City

THAT the HMCS Discovery be awarded 'Freedom of the City' by the City of New Westminster, in recognition of the Canadian Navy's exemplary service in Canada during the last 100 years.

BYLAWS

11. Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 7147, 2007 [a Bylaw to amend Zoning Bylaw No. 6680, 2001 re: 514 Garfield Street] **ADOPTION**

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 7147, 2007, be adopted.

CARRIED.

All members of Council voted in favour of the motion.

12. Revenue Anticipation Borrowing Bylaw No. 7412, 2010 [a Bylaw to authorize borrowing in anticipation of revenue] **ADOPTION**

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Revenue Anticipation Borrowing Bylaw No. 7412, 2010, be adopted.

CARRIED.

All members of Council voted in favour of the motion.

13. Bylaws Coming Forward from the Committee of the Whole meeting held September 13, 2010:

a) Heritage Revitalization Amendment Agreement (101/107 Agnes Street) Bylaw No. 7413, 2010 [a bylaw to authorize the amendment of a Heritage Revitalization Agreement]

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT third reading of Heritage Revitalization Amendment Agreement (101/107 Agnes Street) Bylaw No. 7413, 2010 be rescinded.

CARRIED.

All members of Council voted in favour of the motion.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Heritage Revitalization Amendment Agreement (101/107 Agnes Street) Bylaw No. 7413, 2010 be amended by the addition of another owner name on the Agreement attached to the Bylaw.

CARRIED.

All members of Council voted in favour of the motion.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Heritage Revitalization Amendment Agreement (101/107 Agnes Street) Bylaw No. 7413, 2010 be read a third time as amended.

CARRIED.

All members of Council voted in favour of the motion.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Heritage Revitalization Amendment Agreement (101/107 Agnes Street) Bylaw No. 7413, 2010 be adopted as amended.

CARRIED.

All members of Council voted in favour of the motion.

- b) [New Westminster Amateur Radio Club Lease Authorization Bylaw No. 7343, 2010 \[a bylaw to lease part of the Parks, Culture and Recreation administration Office basement to the New Westminster Amateur Radio Club\]](#)

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT New Westminster Amateur Radio Club Lease Authorization Bylaw No. 7343, 2010 be read a first time.

CARRIED.

All members of Council voted in favour of the motion.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT New Westminster Amateur Radio Club Lease Authorization Bylaw No. 7343, 2010 be read a second time.

CARRIED.

All members of Council voted in favour of the motion.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT New Westminster Amateur Radio Club Lease Authorization Bylaw No. 7343, 2010 be read a third time.

CARRIED.

All members of Council voted in favour of the motion.

- c) [Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 7411, 2010 \[a bylaw to amend Zoning Bylaw No. 6680, 2001 re: 1109, 1117, 1129 and 1135 Ewen Avenue and 301 and 305 Gifford Street\]](#)

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 7411, 2010 be read a first time.

CARRIED.

All members of Council voted in favour of the motion.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 7411, 2010 be read a second time.

CARRIED.

All members of Council voted in favour of the motion.

(A Public Hearing is scheduled for Monday, October 4, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chamber at City Hall).

REPORTS

14. Council Members:

Councillor Harper

...attended meetings re Massey Theatre; Shanghai Expo; the Mayor's lawn bowling tournament; the Labour Day picnic; a meeting of the GVRD Labour Relations Bureau.

Councillor McIntosh

...Fire Department Open House is October 2; Family Day is also on October 2; community is invited to both events; attended Chinese Expo at Royal City Centre; attended a Task Force meeting on the Multi Use Civic Facility; the Downtown clean up event; Westminster House was well represented; summer reading club and 550 qualified for medals; thanked the Lawn Bowling Club for hosting yesterday; look for Hyack Zest Week in October – local papers will carry information; offered condolences to the Hugh Campbell family

Councillor Osterman

...chaired a meeting of the Emergency Advisory Committee where information on the New Zealand earthquake was received; asked whether residents are prepared to handle themselves in an earthquake; suggested they develop an emergency plan for themselves; Council developed a Task Force on the Civic Centre which is a large project; announced the Urban Family Fall Fair this coming Sunday.

Councillor Williams

...attended the Library Reading Club for the medals ceremony; attended the Remembrance Day Committee meeting; the Metro Vancouver energy and Environment Committee – will report next week; announced she will be welcoming a daughter from Africa for a young woman who received a Sprott Shaw scholarship to attend school locally for the next few years; her mother, a registered nurse in Nairobi has been invited to be the keynote speaker in October in Toronto; announced the Royal City Humane Society's Annual Variety Show will take place on September 25 and invited all to participate.

Councillor Cote

...chaired a meeting of the Bicycle Advisory Committee which reviewed a new bike route at London Street; noted challenges remain for cyclists; commented on a motion coming to this year's UBCM regarding cycling amendments; toured the Youth Centre with the Youth Advisory Committee; announced the official opening is next Wednesday at 3:30 p.m.; attended the Mayor's lawn bowling tournament.

Councillor McEvoy

...chaired a meeting of the Environment Advisory Committee where the City's Green Plan was reviewed; will attend the UBCM and will vote for cycling amendments and the City's motion on private medical clinics; announced the September 26 Celebrating Seniors Festival – this year's theme: Seniors and Youth Together.

Mayor Wayne Wright

...Attended the following:

Canadian Naval Centennial Tattoo; announced the Duke of Westminster will attend New Westminster Armistice Day ceremonies; thanked for participating in the Mayor's seventh Annual Charity Lawn Bowling Tournament.

Announced the following appointments:

To the Economic Development Advisory Committee for the term ending January 31, 2012:

- Mayor Wayne Wright – Chair
- Councillor Bill Harper – Council representative
- Maury Kask
- Kirk Moir
- David Moulton
- Mark Shieh
- Chuck Stewart
- Marie Szklarz

Neil Powell to the Neighbourhood Traffic Advisory Committee as a McBride Sapperton Residents' Association representative for the term ending January 31, 2011;

The appointment of Michael Boyarski to the Emergency Advisory Committee as a BC Ambulance Service representative rescinded; Kaoru Bracewell appointed to the Emergency Advisory Committee as a BC Ambulance Service representative for the term ending January 31, 2011;

The appointment of Al Balanuik to the Emergency Advisory Committee as a School District representative rescinded;

Dana Hings to the Neighbourhood Traffic Advisory Committee as a McBride Sapperton Residents' Association representative be rescinded;

Glen Henderson to the Neighbourhood Traffic Advisory Committee as a School District representative for the term ending January 31, 2011;

Trustee Brent Atkinson to the Parks and Recreation Committee as a School Board representative for the term ending January 31, 2011.

Announce that the next Regular Meeting of City Council will be held on Monday, September 20th at 6:15 p.m. and the meeting will start with a formal apology to the Chinese Community.

Announced the first RCH Foundation radio-thon hosted by RJ 1200 and Radio Rhim Jhim on Friday, September 17 & 18. The goal is to raise \$100,000 in support of a new Multipurpose Interventional Suite at RCH. To make your donation please call 604-520-4438.

NEXT MEETING

Monday, September 20, 2010

Proposed Closed Session commencing at 11:00 a.m. and the Open Session at 3:00 p.m. in Committee Room No. 2, City Hall, reconvening at 6:15 p.m. in the Council Chamber, City Hall.

ADJOURNMENT

ON MOTION, the meeting adjourned at 8:36 p.m.

Certified Correct,

WAYNE WRIGHT
MAYOR

RICHARD L. PAGE
CORPORATE OFFICER