



CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF NEW WESTMINSTER

COUNCIL IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

September 14, 2009 3:30 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 Lorrie Williams

REGRETS:

Councillor Betty McIntosh

STAFF:

Mr. Paul Daminato	- City Administrator
Mr. Rick Page	- Director of Legislative Services/Corporate Officer
Ms. Lisa Spitale	- Director of Development Services
Mr. Roger Emanuels	- Acting Director of Engineering Services
Mr. Gary Holowatiuk	- Director of Finance and Information Technology
Chief Tim Armstrong	- Director of Fire and Rescue
Ms. Joan Burgess	- Director of Human Resources
Mr. Dean Gibson	- Director of Parks and Recreation
Chief Zapotichny	- Chief Constable NW Police Services
Ms. Donna Martin	- Committee Clerk

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

The following items were added to the Agenda:

- **The Tower at Centre Block** – Item 1, add On-Table Letters received from Paul D. Horn and the Canadian Association for Community Living;
- **New Westminster Olympic Torch Relay Planning** add as Item 15(a);
- **Fraser Health** added as New Business - Item 19;
- **Twelfth Street Sidewalk Construction** added as New Business - Item 20

REPORTS FOR ACTION

Director of Development Services

1. [The Tower at the Centre Block – Update Report](#)

September 14, 2009 requesting the removal of the June 15, 2009 report from the table; to update Council on the consultation process that has taken place since then; and to receive direction on how to proceed.

MOVED and SECONDED and CARRIED, this Committee recommends

THAT the report titled “The Tower at Centre Block, Victoria Hill” dated June 15, 2009 be lifted from the table;

CARRIED.

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

John Stark, Social Planner summarized the staff report and responded to questions. During discussion, the members made the following comments:

- Do not want something commercial on this site;
- Should include ongoing public education on this site;
- Would like to see former residents actively involved;
- Make sure everyone who lived there can be proud of the site; and
- Want resolution rather than demolition.

Letters received from Paul D. Horn and the Canadian Association for Community Living and were circulated as part of the agenda packet.

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

THAT staff be directed to further investigate retaining the Tower as a ruin, possibly in conjunction with a community or reflective garden and the possibility of adapting the Tower for a purpose that benefits former-residents and/or the community; and

THAT staff continue ongoing consultation with key stakeholders and do the due diligence with respect to the related costs and operational considerations of retaining the Tower.

CARRIED.

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

CONSENT AGENDA

MOVED AND SECONDED

THAT the Consent Agenda be amended removing Item 5 – Ewen Avenue and Queensborough Local Street Update for discussion;

THAT the remaining Consent Agenda items be approved; and

THAT staff recommendations arising from Consent Agenda Items be approved as follows:

2. [Rezoning and Development Permit for 501, 503, 505 Twelfth Street - Preliminary Report](#) – Director of Development Services
September 10, 2009 report providing information regarding the receipt of a Rezoning and Development Permit for 501, 503, and 505 Twelfth Street Preliminary Report.

THAT the Director of Development Services' September 10, 2009 report regarding the Rezoning and Development Permit for 501, 503, and 505 Twelfth Street Preliminary Report be received for information.

3. [437 Seventh Street Heritage Revitalization Agreement – Preliminary Report](#) – Director of Development Services
September 14, 2009 report providing information regarding the Preliminary Report for 437 Seventh Street Heritage Revitalization Agreement.

THAT the Director of Development Services' September 14, 2009 report regarding 437 Seventh Street Heritage Revitalization Agreement – Preliminary Report be received for information.

4. [Potable Water Emergency Plan](#) – Director of Engineering
September 14, 2009 report providing information regarding the current status of the Potable Water Emergency Plan.

THAT the Director of Engineering Services' September 14, 2009 report on the status of Potable Water Emergency Plan be received for information.

6. [2009 Schedule of Regular Council Meetings – Additional Proposed Amendments](#) – Director of Legislative Services
September 9, 2009 report proposing amendments to the Council's 2009 Schedule of Meetings.

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

- *Delete the Closed and Committee of the Whole sessions of September 21, 2009, schedule a Working Session for that day, and amend the Regular Council Meeting to commence at 7:00 p.m., and amend the Regular Agenda to include reports;*
- *Schedule a Special Regular Meeting of Council on Tuesday, October 13, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.;*
- *Delete the October 19, 2009 meetings;*
- *Schedule Closed, Committee of the Whole and Regular Meeting of Council for November 16, 2009; and*
- *Schedule a Working Session of Council on Friday, November 30, 2009.*

7. [Road Closing Bylaw for Streets in St. Mary's School Site](#) – Director of Development Services
September 14, 2009 report seeking consideration of the closure of Saint Mary's Street, part of Cunningham Street and part of Royal Avenue.
- ** *THAT Road Closing and Removal of Dedication Bylaw No. 7337, 2009 be given three readings; and
THAT an opportunity to be heard for Road Closing and Removal of Dedication Bylaw No. 7337, 2009 be scheduled for October 5, 2009.*
8. [Proposed Rezoning of 333 and 335 Wood Street and Development Variance Permit for the Temple at 347 Wood Street](#) – **Sukh Sagar Gurdwara (Temple) – Preliminary Report** – Director of Development Services
September 14, 2009 report providing preliminary information regarding the proposed rezoning of 333 and 335 Wood Street and Development Permit for 347 Wood Street.
- ** *THAT staff is directed to bring forward the proposed Rezoning Application for 333 and 335 Wood Street and the Development Variance Permit application for 347 Wood Street for consideration when the normal staff and committee review process is complete.*

CARRIED

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

PROCEDURAL NOTE: Mayor Wright moved to Item 11 – Development Variance Permit 499 for 122 Third Avenue in order to accommodate the applicant.

REPORTS FOR ACTION

Director of Development Services

11. [Development Variance Permit 499 for 122 Third Avenue](#)

Staff distributed On-Table a photocopy of the dwellings on Third Avenue in relationship to 122 Third Avenue.

Discussion rendered the following comments:

- Prefer one process with respect to presenting neighbourhood and Residents' Association support;
- Concerned with size of variance;
- Concerned with integrity of the Bylaw;
- Process should be straightforward.

MOVED AND SECONDED

THAT Council not issue notice that it will consider a resolution to issue Development Variance Permit 499 for 122 Third Avenue to allow a mid-roof height of 33.38 ft/10.17 m. and a peak height of 40.11 ft./12.23 m.

DEFEATED ON A TIE VOTE.

Councillors Cote and Williams and Mayor Wright opposed.

PROCEDURAL NOTE: Council will return to this item later in the meeting.

9. Update on Gas Works Site – Director of Development Services

September 14, 2009 report updating Council regarding the progress regarding whether or not to accept the Province for a Crown Grant and seeking consideration of an extension in time to complete the review process.

Lisa Spitale summarized her report. Further details will be available to Council at the forthcoming workshop to be held on Monday, September 21, 2009.

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

THAT the City of New Westminster request from the province of British Columbia a two month extension of time to resolve all outstanding issues related to the disposition of the Gas Works property; and

THAT a tour of the Gas Works building and site be held on September 17, 2009 at 4:00 p.m.

CARRIED.

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

11. Development Variance Permit 499 for 122 Third Avenue Continued

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

THAT staff be directed to proceed with the public consultation regarding the options outlined in the Director of Engineering Services' September 14, 2009 report on the status of Ewen Avenue Corridor Planning and the Local Streetscape.

CARRIED.

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

ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

5. Ewen Avenue and Queensborough Local Street Update – Director of Engineering

September 14, 2009 report updating Council on the status of Ewen Avenue Corridor Planning and Local Streetscape and Drainage initiative.

Catherine Mohoruk, Transportation Specialist summarized the report. Discussion ensued with the following comments being made:

- Concern that pedestrians using paved shoulder could create a safety issue;
- Disabled access has not been addressed;

- No pedestrian access to Queensborough Landing;
- No bridge access for pedestrians; and
- Suggest investing in bright banners to integrate with street signage.

**** MOVED and SECONDED and CARRIED, this Committee recommends**
THAT staff is directed to proceed with public consultation regarding the options outlined in the Director of Engineering Services' September 14, 2009 report.

CARRIED.

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

REPORTS FOR ACTION

Director of Development Services

10. [Development Permit Application 035 \(UT\) with Variances for 504 and 508 Sixth Avenue](#)

September 14, 2009 report providing advice to Council on Development Permit Application 035 (UT) with variances for 504 and 508 Sixth Avenue.

**** MOVED and SECONDED and CARRIED, this Committee recommends**
THAT notice be issued that Council will consider a resolution to issue Development Permit 035 (UT) with variances for the number of parking spaces, the side setback of the building toward Fifth Street, and the site coverage for the proposed building at 504 and 508 Sixth Avenue.

CARRIED.

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

12. [New Zoning Bylaw – Progress Report and Principles](#)

September 14, 2009 report updating Council on the creation of a new Zoning Bylaw and seeking support for the principles being utilized.

**** MOVED and SECONDED and CARRIED, this Committee recommends**
THAT the principles utilized for the creation of a new Zoning Bylaw as outlined in the Director of Development Services' September 14, 2009 report be supported.

CARRIED.

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

13. [Development Variance Permit No. 502 for 1730 Nanaimo Street](#)

September 14, 2009 report advising of the receipt of an application for a Development Variance Permit for 1730 Nanaimo Street.

**** MOVED and SECONDED and CARRIED, this Committee recommends**
THAT a notice be issued that Council will consider a resolution to issue Development Variance Permit 502 for 1730 Nanaimo Street to allow the construction of a detached garage in the required front yard.

CARRIED.

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

Director of Engineering

14. Seven Day A Week Parking Meters

September 14, 2009 report providing information on the status of the implementation of seven day parking meters and to address the possible exemption for church members and volunteers.

Roger Emanuels summarized the report stating the seven day a week parking meter program is scheduled to begin at the end of September.

During discussion, the members made the following comments:

- The intent of this program is to provide parking, not inconvenience people;
- Meters programmed to take money for a three hour time limit need to be extended in some areas, i.e. churches, Douglas College, etc.

** **MOVED and SECONDED and CARRIED, this Committee recommends**
THAT staff continue with the increased hours of operation for parking meters, and report back to Council at the end of a four month trial period, with no exemptions; and
THAT staff is directed to reprogram the parking meters where feasible to allow patrons to pay for more than three hours at a time on Sundays.

CARRIED.

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

Director of Parks, Culture and Recreation

15. Mann Cup Funding

Dean Gibson, Director of Parks, Culture and Recreation gave an oral report stating the City had hosted a luncheon and provided promotional items for the event. Expenditures were approximately \$8700 with estimated net revenue of \$35,000 - \$38,000.

** **MOVED and SECONDED and CARRIED, this Committee recommends**
THAT expenditures in the amount of \$8700 for the City hosted luncheon and promotional items be approved.

CARRIED.

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

15a) New Westminster Olympic Torch Relay Planning – Jay Young, Parks, Culture and Recreation.

Jay Young, Chair of the Olympic Torch Relay Planning Committee, updated Council on the planning that is underway for the 2010. The City has been awarded a Provincial grant in the amount of \$40,000 for the Torch Relay Celebration.

Chief Constable

16. The Funding for Policing Arrangements For the Arrival of the Olympic Torch Relay & Celebration Site: Tuesday, February 9th 2010.

August 17, 2009 report requesting approval of the cost of policing and security for the arrival of the Olympic Torch Relay & Celebration site.

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

THAT the cost of policing and security for the arrival of the Olympic Torch Relay & Celebration site for Tuesday, February 9, 2010 be approved as outlined in the Chief Constable's August 17, 2009 report.

CARRIED.

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

Councillor Williams

17. Kiwanis Club's 90th Birthday Anniversary

Councillor Williams announced the 90th Birthday Anniversary of the Kiwanis Club and requested a waiver of the facility fee for Centennial Lodge.

MOVED AND SECONDED

THAT the facility fee for Centennial Lodge be waived for the Kiwanis Club's 90th Birthday Anniversary on November 8, 2009.

CARRIED.

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

COMMITTEE MINUTES AND RECOMMENDATIONS

18. MOTION TO ADOPT THE MINUTES OF: Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee meeting of May 7, 2009

MOVED AND SECONDED

THAT the minutes of the Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee meeting held on May 7, 2009 be received and adopted.

CARRIED.

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

MOTION TO ADOPT THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF: Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee meeting of May 7, 2009

- a) Information on Proposed Fast Food Outlet at London / 20th Street
- b) Schools and Bike Facilities

- ** **MOVED and SECONDED and CARRIED, this Committee recommends**
THAT Council direct staff to review the current Zoning Bylaw in the context of drive thru's and develop guidelines relating to drive thru's and their interface with traffic and pedestrians; and
THAT Council encourage the provision of safe and easy access for pedestrians and cyclists (staff and students) to the new schools being built and that end of trip facilities be provided in the new schools that meet or exceed current City Bylaws, and that ample, covered and, secure bicycle parking is provided for students.

CARRIED.

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

NEW BUSINESS

19. Fraser Health Update

This item was deferred to the September Regular Meeting of Council.

20. Twelfth Street Sidewalk Construction

It was reported that the sidewalk construction on Twelfth Street is adversely affecting business in that area.

MOVED AND SECONDED

THAT staff is directed to develop a protocol for contract language with respect to length of time a contractor has for a project and criteria for quality control.

CARRIED

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

ADJOURNMENT

ON MOTION, the meeting adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

Certified Correct,

WAYNE WRIGHT
CHAIR

RICK PAGE
CORPORATE OFFICER

- ** Denotes recommendations referred to Regular Council meeting of September 14, 2009 for ratification.