



CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF NEW WESTMINSTER

REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL

September 14, 2009 3:30 p.m.
Committee Room No. 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
Mr. Dean Gibson	- Director of Parks and Recreation
Ms. Donna Martin	- Committee Clerk

Council adjourned to Committee of the Whole at 3:30 p.m. and reconvened in the Council Chamber at 7:00 p.m.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

1. [Motion to adopt the minutes of the last regular meeting of the City Council held August 31, 2009](#)

MOVED AND SECONDED

THAT the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on August 31, 2009 be received and adopted.

CARRIED

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

PRESENTATION

2. **Mayor Wright to proclaim October 4th to 10th, 2009 as Fire Prevention Week.**

Mayor Wright declared October 4th – 10th, 2009 as Fire Prevention Week in the City of New Westminster.

3. **Massey Theatre Society**– Jessica Schneider, Executive Director and Anne Wilson-Unger, Board Vice-Chair

On behalf of the Massey Theatre Society, Anne Wilson-Unger, Board Vice Chair, offered appreciation and thanks to the Council for their support and the work that has been done on the Community Arts Strategy. She noted the Massey Theatre Society is working on a visioning plan that will be compatible to the proposed Civic Centre.

Jessica Schneider, Executive Director outlined the Theatre's achievements, financial structure, vision, goals and programs. Ms. Schneider encouraged the City to play a fundamental role in ensuring the theatre's preservation and direct City staff to engage them to explore areas of common interest and return to Council with recommendations for the City's increased involvement.

An invitation was extended to everyone to participate in the following events:

- Gala on Stage – October 24, 2009; and
- Winter Spectacular – December 16th – 19th, 2009

DELEGATIONS

4. Open Delegations

Geraldine Mercer, 202 Blackman Street, offered the following issues for Council to consider:

- Sandwich boards on public property on Twelfth Street
- Disposal of garbage on vacant lots
- Need for more trees in Hume Park
- Encourage retention of all City properties
- City sponsored trade missions unnecessary – has concern re: labor laws in China/Japan
- Library extension needed at Columbia
- Pedestrian uses along Columbia

Diana Stocco-Serban and Ion Serban, 1214 Edinburgh Street, came forward to ask the Council consider the hardship when making a decision on the height variance application for 122 Third Avenue. Ms. Stocco-Serban presented a petition from neighbours in support of the height variance.

Shana DeConti, 920 Ewen Avenue, representing Queensborough Special Programs Committee, extended an invitation to the Urban Farmers' Fair.

Ethel Field, 127 Queens Avenue, New Westminster Heritage Foundation thanked the City for the grants for residential designated properties.

Daniel St. Jolais, Trow Associates Inc., came forward to clarify some of the issues raised earlier at the Public Hearing regarding the Westminster Pier property. Mr. St. Jolais reported the property was investigated in 2005 to identify areas of concern. Two oil tanks have been removed because the soil tested as a "hot spot". To keep costs down, any other remediation will occur when investigated again at the time of development. If contaminants are identified, steps will be taken at that time to remediate. Mr. St. Jolais is confident the City will work with Fraser River Authority to ensure no contaminants go into the river.

BYLAWS CONSIDERED AT PUBLIC HEARING

5. Westminster Pier

- (a) [Official Community Plan Designation Amendment Bylaw No. 7330, 2009](#) [a Bylaw to amend Official Community Plan Designation Bylaws No. 5647, 1987 and 6476, 1998 re: Westminster Pier]

THIRD READING

MOVED AND SECONDED

THAT Official Community Plan Designation Amendment Bylaw No. 7330, 2009 be read a third time.

CARRIED

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

- (b) [Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 7331, 2009](#) [a Bylaw to amend Zoning Bylaw No. 6680, 2001 re: Westminster Pier]

THIRD READING

MOVED AND SECONDED

THAT Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 7331, 2009 be read a third time.

CARRIED.

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

6. [Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 7334, 2009](#) [a Bylaw to Amend Zoning Bylaw No. 6680, 2001 re: Method of Measuring Building Height]

THIRD READING

MOVED AND SECONDED

THAT Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 7334, 2009 be read a third time.

CARRIED.

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

CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence to report.

REPORTS

7. **Council Members:**

Councillor Osterman

...acknowledged the passing of Linda Young.

Councillor Williams

... attended the Federation of Municipalities Environment Committee; Increasing Women's Interest in Politics; Library Board; Kuljit Dhaliwal Accessible Bus Stop Memorial Ceremony; and the Salmonbellies opening game.

Councillor Cote

... chaired the Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee; the Park and Recreation Committee; as Acting Mayor – awarded reading medals at Library; visited a community garden in Saanich that is located on city land; congratulations to Salmonbellies.

Mayor Wright left the meeting at 9:14 p.m. with Councillor Williams presiding. He returned to preside over the meeting at 9:17 p.m.

Councillor McEvoy

...acknowledged a donation from the Masonic Lodge and Shriner's archives to the City; attended the Bus Stop Memorial Service, Fraser Health Advisory Council and requested a detailed accounting of the cuts; attended Youth Advisory Committee, Parks and Recreation Volunteer Dinner; participated in a tour for the Wheelability Access Project; congratulated Salmonbellies even though they did not win the Mann Cup

Councillor Harper

...attended an Arts Commission meeting regarding budget cuts, GVRD Labour Relations Board meeting, Salmonbellies reunion, river cruise with Masonic Lodge, Labour Day picnic, memorial for Joy Langen, Wheelability Access Project, Navy cadet BBQ, change of command ceremony at Queens Park, and acknowledged the Salmonbellies participation in the Mann Cup.

Mayor Wayne Wright

...proclaimed September 14, 2009 as the Day of the Honey Bee in New Westminster; attended Metro Vancouver Parks Committee meeting, the Fraser Steering Committee Meeting and non-moving Boat Tour Fraser River Discovery Centre, 2009 Mann Cup Media Day and Luncheon, first game Western Lacrosse Association Ceremonies, 150th Anniversary Masonic Union Solomon Lodge No. 9 and 60th anniversary of the Westminster Shrine Club Commemorative Presentation aboard the M.B Edgewater Fortune – take greetings and congratulations, Salmonbellies game, Kuljit Dhaliwal Accessible Bus Stop Memorial Ceremony, offer condolences to the entire Kushnir family on the passing of Coach Bill Kushnir who passed away on August 13, 2009.

Mayor Wright asked Tony Antonias to come forward with an announcement.

Mr. Antonias announced the Celebrating Seniors Festival on September 25, 2009. There will be an insert in the local paper on September 23, 2009 outlining the activities. Everyone is encouraged to attend.

COMMITTEE MINUTES AND RECOMMENDATIONS

- 8. [Motion to receive and adopt the minutes of a meeting of Council in Committee of the Whole held August 31, 2009](#)

MOVED AND SECONDED

THAT the minutes of the meeting of Council in Committee of the Whole held August 31, 2009 be received and adopted.

CARRIED

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

9. Recommendations from Council in Committee of the Whole meeting held September 14, 2009

a) The Tower at the Centre Block

MOVED AND SECONDED

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 Council present voted in favour of the motion.

b) Ewen Avenue and Queensborough Local Street Update

MOVED AND SECONDED

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 Council present voted in favour of the motion.

c) 2009 Schedule of Regular Council Meetings – Additional Proposed Amendments

MOVED AND SECONDED

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.*

CARRIED.

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

d) Road Closing Bylaw for Streets in St. Mary's School Site

MOVED AND SECONDED

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.

CARRIED.

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

e) Proposed Rezoning of 333 and 335 Wood Street and Development Variance Permit for the temple 347 Wood Street

MOVED AND SECONDED

THAT staff be 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 Council present voted in favour of the motion.

f) Update on Gas Works Site

MOVED AND SECONDED

THAT the City of New Westminster requests 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.

CARRIED.

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

g) Development Permit Application 035 (UT) with Variances for 504 and 508 Sixth Avenue

MOVED AND SECONDED

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 Council present voted in favour of the motion.

h) Development Variance Permit 499 for 122 Third Avenue

MOVED AND SECONDED

THAT staff be directed to work with the applicant to resolve the mid-roof height issue for 122 Third Avenue within the parameters of the Bylaw.

DEFEATED.

Councillors Williams, Cote, Osterman, and Mayor Wright opposed.

MOVED AND SECONDED

THAT staff provide notice to issue variance for Development Variance Permit 499 for 122 Third Avenue.

CARRIED.

Councillor Harper opposed.

i) New Zoning Bylaw – Progress Report and Principles

MOVED AND SECONDED

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 Council present voted in favour of the motion.

j) Development Variance Permit No. 502 for 1730 Nanaimo Street

MOVED AND SECONDED

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 Council present voted in favour of the motion.

k) Seven Day A Week Parking Meters

MOVED AND SECONDED

THAT staff continue with the increased hours of operation for parking meters, and report back to Council at the end of 4 months trial period, with no exemptions; and

THAT staff be 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 Council present voted in favour of the motion.

l) Mann Cup Funding

MOVED AND SECONDED

THAT expenditures in the amount of \$8700 for the City hosted luncheon and promotional items be approved.

CARRIED.

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

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

MOVED AND SECONDED

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 Council present voted in favour of the motion.

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

MOVED AND SECONDED

THAT staff be directed 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 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 Council present voted in favour of the motion.

BYLAWS

10. [Street Traffic Amendment Bylaw No. 7317, 2009](#) [a bylaw to amend New Westminster Street Traffic Bylaw 6027, 1991]

ADOPTION

MOVED AND SECONDED

THAT Street Traffic Amendment Bylaw No. 7317, 2009 be adopted.

CARRIED

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

11. [Bylaw Notice Enforcement Bylaw No. 7318, 2009](#) [a bylaw respecting the enforcement of bylaw notices] **ADOPTION**

MOVED AND SECONDED

THAT Bylaw Notice Enforcement Bylaw No. 7318, 2009 be adopted.

CARRIED

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

12. [Housing Agreement Bylaw No. 7336, 2009](#) [a Bylaw to enter into a housing agreement under section 905 of the *Local Government Act* re: rental housing at 190-200 Salter Street] **ADOPTION**

MOVED AND SECONDED

THAT Housing Agreement Bylaw No. 7336, 2009 be adopted.

CARRIED

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

13. **Road Closing and Removal of Dedication Bylaw No. 7337, 2009**

MOVED AND SECONDED

THAT Road Closing and Removal of Dedication Bylaw No. 7337, 2009 be read a first time.

CARRIED.

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

MOVED AND SECONDED

THAT Road Closing and Removal of Dedication Bylaw No. 7337, 2009 be read a second time.

CARRIED.

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

MOVED AND SECONDED

THAT Road Closing and Removal of Dedication Bylaw No. 7337, 2009 be read a third time.

CARRIED.

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

NEW BUSINESS

13. **Notice of Motion served by Councillor Williams on August 31, 2009**

MOVED AND SECONDED

THAT staff investigate the possibility of a pilot project to reduce the amount of garbage collected by using the Zero Waste Challenge.

CARRIED.

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

NEXT MEETING

Monday, September 21, 2009

Special Closed Session commencing at 12:00 p.m.

Council Work Session commencing at 1:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

ON MOTION, the meeting adjourned at 9:54 p.m.

Certified Correct,

WAYNE WRIGHT
MAYOR

RICHARD L. PAGE
CORPORATE OFFICER