



CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF NEW WESTMINSTER

COUNCIL IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

September 17, 2007 3:14 p.m.
Committee Room 2, City Hall

MINUTES

PRESENT:

Councillor Bob Osterman, Acting Mayor
Councillor Jonathan Cote
Councillor Calvin Donnelly
Councillor Bill Harper
Councillor Betty McIntosh
Councillor Lorrie Williams

REGRETS:

Mayor Wayne Wright

STAFF:

Mr. Paul Daminato	- City Administrator
Mr. Rick Page	- Corporate Officer/Director of Legislative Services/
Mr. Keith Coueffin	- Acting Director of Development Services
Mr. Jim Lowrie	- Director of Engineering Services
Mr. Gary Holowatiuk	- Director of Finance
Mr. Dean Gibson	- Director of Parks and Recreation
Dep. Chief Mike Judd	- Police Services
Ms. Judi Turner	- Assistant Corporate Officer

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Agenda as circulated be amended to include the following:

- *Item 3 was withdrawn from the Agenda*
- *Item 9 to be tabled (letter from applicant)*

- *Letter from the New Westminster Domestic Violence Response Team, Detective Constable Terry Wilson, New Westminster Police Service (added as Item 12(a))*
- *Amended copy of Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 7178, 2007 (added to Item 7).*

CARRIED.

All members of Committee voted in favour of the motion.

REPORTS FOR ACTION

Director of Engineering Services:

1. [New Westminster Trolley Service](#)

Catherine Mohoruk, Engineering Services, responded to questions regarding the September 17, 2007, report from the Director of Engineering Services, providing an update on the New Westminster Trolley Service. Staff agreed to supply information to Council about standards which govern transit stop sizes. Support was voiced for the proposal, however, a concern was raised that the service is not fully accessible to the mobility challenged.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the September 17, 2007, report from the Director of Engineering Services regarding the New Westminster Trolley Service, be received.

CARRIED.

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

2. [Animal Services – Euthanasia Policy](#)

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the report dated September 17, 2007, from the Director of Engineering Services, regarding the policy and procedure on euthanization of critically injured or terminally ill domestic animals in the City, be received.

CARRIED.

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

Director of Finance and Information Technology:

3. **Development Cost Charges Expenditure Bylaw – Howes Street Watermain (Bylaw No. 7182, 2007)**

This item was deleted from the agenda.

Director of Development Services:

4. [Development Permit Application 004 \(GN\) for 800 McBride Boulevard](#)

Jim Hurst, Senior Planning Analyst, responded to questions regarding an application to upgrade the exterior of the Royal Square Mall at 800 McBride Boulevard. The Director of Engineering Services agreed to ensure that parking meets requirements. Richard Boothwaite, Area Manager for Safeway, was present and also responded to questions. It was suggested that the developer consider metal halide lighting in the project parking lot.

**** MOVED and SECONDED and CARRIED, this Committee recommends *THAT Development Permit 004 (GN) for 800 McBride Boulevard be approved and issued to permit an upgrade to the façade of the existing Royal Square Mall.***

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

5. [Development Variance Permit No. 472 for 205 and 223 Phillips Street](#)

Jim Hurst, Senior Planning Analyst, responded to questions regarding the September 17, 2007, report from the Acting Director of Development Services, regarding an application to vary the minimum site frontage requirements of the Queensborough Neighbourhood Residential Dwelling Districts (RQ-1) zoning schedule for the proposed subdivision at 205 and 223 Phillips Street. The Director of Engineering Services agreed to consider the Council member suggestion for installation of speed bumps at each end to slow motorists.

**** MOVED and SECONDED and CARRIED, this Committee recommends *THAT the City give notice that it will consider a resolution to issue Development Variance Permit 472 to allow frontages of 30.7 feet (9.35 metres), which equals 7.4 percent of the lot perimeter, to permit a proposed subdivision at 205 and 223 Phillips Street.***

CARRIED.

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

6. [Development Variance Permit No. 474 for 350 Gifford Street](#)

Jim Hurst, Senior Planning Analyst, responded to questions regarding the September 17, 2007, report from the Acting Director of Development Services, regarding an application to vary the Sign Bylaw prohibition against flashing lights, the limitation of sign size and freestanding sign height. In response to a member comment, the Acting Director of Development Services advised that staff is aware of the need to review the Sign Bylaw.

**** MOVED and SECONDED and CARRIED, this Committee recommends**
THAT Council give notice that it will consider a resolution to issue Development Variance Permit 474 to vary the Sign Bylaw requirements pertaining to four signs to be erected at the Casino at 350 Gifford Street as follows:

- One freestanding sign at the southeast corner of the property that is 410 square feet (38 square meters) and a second sign that is 508 square feet (47.2 square meters)
- Four signs that include flashing lights
- A freestanding sign by the entrance to the building that is 99.3 feet (30.3 meters) high and a freestanding sign by the southeast entrance to the site that is 35 feet (10.7 meters) high.

CARRIED.

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

7. Proposed Official Community Plan Amendment and Rezoning of 200 & 220 Royal Avenue, 208 Cunningham Street, 201/205/207 Agnes Street and portions of St. Mary's Street and Cunningham Street (Bylaw No. 7178, 2007)

Copies of the revised Official Community Plan Designation Amendment Bylaw No. 7178, 2007, as amended at the earlier Closed Council meeting, were circulated on table (and will be added to the Agenda package).

Jim Hurst, Senior Planning Analyst, reviewed the September 17, 2007, report from the Acting Director of Development Services, regarding an application to amend the OCP to RH – Residential – High Density and to rezone the property addressed as 200 and 220 Royal Avenue, 208 Cunningham Street, 201/205/207 Agnes Street and portions of St. Mary's Street and Cunningham Street to Royal Avenue Comprehensive Development Districts (RM-CD-3).

**** MOVED and SECONDED and CARRIED, this Committee recommends**
THAT Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw No. 7178, 2007 be forwarded to the Regular Council Meeting of September 17, 2007, for consideration of first and second readings.

CARRIED.

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

8. Development Permit Application DP 029 (Q) for the Proposed Mixed Use Development at 518 Ewen Avenue

Jim Hurst, Senior Planning Analyst, reviewed the September 17, 2007, report from the Director of Development Services, regarding an application to construct a two-storey building with two residential units and 2032 square feet of commercial floor space at 518 Ewen Avenue. During discussion, a member suggested that the Smart Growth Check List be completed in full for projects.

**** MOVED and SECONDED and CARRIED, this Committee recommends**
THAT the City give notice that it will consider a resolution to issue Development Permit 029 (Q) with the following variances to permit construction of a two-storey building with two residential units and 2032 square feet (188.7 square meters) of commercial floor space at 518 Ewen Avenue:

- *A side yard of 0.83 feet (0.24 meters) to the easterly side lot line*
- *A side yard of 4.5 feet (1.4 meters) to the westerly side lot line; and*
- *Three parking spaces for the commercial floor space and three for the residential units for a total of six parking spaces for the project.*

CARRIED.

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

9. Development Variance Permit for 625 Fifth Avenue – further information

The Acting Director of Development Services advised that the applicant has submitted a letter requesting to withdraw his application to vary the parking requirement for the existing building addressed as 625 Fifth Avenue.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the September 17, 2007, report from Development Services regarding Development Variance Permit Number 467 for 625 Fifth Avenue, be tabled.

CARRIED.

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

Director of Legislative Services:

10. Motion to amend Terms of Reference of the Community and Social Issues Committee – Councillor Bill Harper

The Director of Legislative Services reviewed the intent behind the request to amend the Terms of Reference of the Community and Social Issues Committee to include a position for a representative from the Interagency Council.

**** MOVED and SECONDED and CARRIED, this Committee recommends**
WHEREAS the Interagency Council of New Westminster encompasses the majority of social service agencies in our city; and
WHEREAS the Interagency Council is involved in many of the policy issues discussed in the Community and Social Issues Committee; and
WHEREAS a formal request has come to Council requesting participation in the Community and Social Issues Committee;
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED *that the terms of reference of the Community and Social Issues Committee be modified to include the Interagency Council of New Westminster as members of the committee.*

Before the question on the motion was called, it was...

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the foregoing motion be amended in the fourth clause to read as follows:

***“THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the terms of reference of the Community and Social Issues Committee be modified to include a representation of the Interagency Council of New Westminster as a member of the committee.”*

CARRIED.

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

The question on the main motion, as amended, was then called and it was...

CARRIED.

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

Director of Parks & Recreation:

11. [New Westminster Arts Strategy Update](#)

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the September 17, 2007 report from the Director of Parks & Recreation regarding the progress of the Arts Strategy, be received.

CARRIED.

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

12. [Parks and Recreation Comprehensive Plan update – community survey results](#)

The Director of Parks & Recreation responded to questions regarding the September 17, 2007, report providing the preliminary results from the recently completed community survey on parks, recreation and cultural issues.

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

THAT the report dated September 17, 2007 from the Director of Parks & Recreation regarding the preliminary results from the recently completed community survey on park, recreation and cultural issues, be received.

CARRIED.

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

12(a). Letter from the New Westminster Domestic Violence Response Team, Detective Constable Terry Wilson, New Westminster Police Service

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the letter from the New Westminster Domestic Violence Response Team, Detective Constable Terry Wilson, New Westminster Police Service, regarding transition homes be referred to the Homelessness Strategy for the City.

CARRIED.

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

COMMITTEE MINUTES AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

13. [Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Sub-Committee meeting held May 10, 2007.](#)

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the minutes of the Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Sub-Committee meeting held on May 10, 2007, be received and adopted.

CARRIED.

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

(a) Pedestrian Charter

The Chair of the Pedestrian and Bicycle Advisory Committee reviewed the Committee's rationale for the following recommendation.

**** MOVED and SECONDED and CARRIED, this Committee recommends *THAT staff be requested to draft a Pedestrian Charter similar to the one in Toronto.***

CARRIED.

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

ADJOURNMENT

ON MOTION, the meeting adjourned at 4:43 p.m.

Certified Correct,

BOB OSTERMAN
CHAIR

RICK PAGE
CORPORATE OFFICER

****** Denotes recommendations referred to Regular Council meeting of September 17, 2007, for ratification.

