



CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF NEW WESTMINSTER

COUNCIL IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

October 1, 2007 3:10 p.m.
Committee Room 2, City Hall

MINUTES

PRESENT:

Mayor Wayne Wright
Councillor Jonathan Cote
Councillor Calvin Donnelly
Councillor Bill Harper
Councillor Bob Osterman
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
Mr. Allan Woodbury	- Director of Human Resources & Corporate Services
Mr. Dean Gibson	- Director of Parks and Recreation
Ms. Judi Turner	- Assistant Corporate Officer

Council adjourned to Committee of the Whole at 3:10 p.m. and reconvened in the Council Chamber at 8:38 p.m. with all those listed earlier present.

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

The following item was added to the Agenda:

- Section 219 Covenant re Maria Keary Cottages - Director of Development Services (added as Item 10(a)).

REPORTS FOR ACTION

Director of Engineering Services:

1. [Street Naming Convention](#)

- ** **MOVED and SECONDED and CARRIED, this Committee recommends**
THAT the report from the Director of Engineering Services, dated October 1, 2007, regarding a proposed street naming convention be received; and
THAT staff be directed to prepare a street naming bylaw with East as a prefix for the seven streets located east of McBride Avenue and identified in this report.
CARRIED.

All members of Committee voted in favour of the motion.

Director of Finance and Information Technology:

2. [Downtown New Westminster BIA Extension \(Bylaw Nos. 7184, 2007 and 7185, 2007\)](#)

Randy Grant, Finance and Information Technology, presented the October 1, 2007, report from the Director of Finance and Information Technology, initiating renewal of the expiring Downtown New Westminster BIA, under the initiative plan as defined in the Community Charter. He responded to questions. Staff was directed to ensure that all property owners and absentee property owners be fully notified of the initiative.

- ** **MOVED and SECONDED and CARRIED, this Committee recommends**
THAT renewal of the Downtown New Westminster Business Improvement Area by Council initiative, at the request of the Downtown New Westminster Business Improvement Society, be commenced; and
THAT the following bylaws be received:
- *Downtown New Westminster Business Improvement Area (Primary Area) Bylaw No. 7184, 2007, and*
 - *Downtown New Westminster Business Improvement Area (Secondary Area) Bylaw No. 7185, 2007.*

CARRIED.

All members of Committee voted in favour of the motion.

3. [Exempt Properties – Review of Questionnaire Results \(Bylaw No. 7186, 2007\)](#)

Randy Grant, Finance and Information Technology, responded to questions regarding the October 1, 2007, report from the Director of Finance and Information Technology, providing the results of the questionnaire distributed to

all property owners to be considered in the annual Property Tax Exemption Bylaw.

On a related matter, the Director of Development Services, agreed to add wording to Item 6 below to encourage additional day care spaces in the City.

- ** **MOVED and SECONDED and CARRIED, this Committee recommends**
THAT the existing permissive tax exemptions continue to be supported subject to an annual completed questionnaire, and
THAT Taxation Exemption and Exempt Properties Bylaw No. 7186, 2007 be forwarded to the October 1, 2007 meeting of Regular Council for consideration of three readings.

CARRIED.

All members of Committee voted in favour of the motion.

Director of Development Services:

4. **[Consultation Process with Residents' Associations for rezoning and development variance permit applications](#)**

The Director of Development Services presented the September 26, 2007, report providing information on the consultation process with Residents' Associations for rezoning and Development Variance Permit (DVP) applications and responded to questions. Members suggested the following:

- That notification also be conducted using email
- That Residents' Association be invited to comment on initiatives which might evolve in the future (e.g. traffic systems on 20th Street; density at 22nd Street Skytrain Station, etc.)
- Add to the General Guide for DVP's that significant applications are submitted to Residents' Associations as well.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the report from the Director of Development Services, dated September 26, 2007, regarding the consultation process with Residents' Associations for rezoning and Development Variance Permit (DVP) applications, be received.

CARRIED.

All members of Committee voted in favour of the motion.

5. **[Downtown Livability and Enforcement Issues](#)** – circulated separately

Members discussed the September 25, 2007, report from the Director of Development Services, providing information on livability and enforcement issues relating to nuisance behaviours and drug activities in the Downtown area of the City. Comments included:

- Note that other cities have preferred daily garbage pick up over dumpsters
- Support no tolerance for criminal and drug behaviours in the City; enforcement is part of the solution
- Repainting parkade is positive
- Consider more lighting for safety
- A larger deposit (\$2.00) for use of grocery carts might reduce their theft
- The public needs to receive the information in this report.

Staff advised that a CPTED audit of the area will be conducted in the near future.

**** MOVED and SECONDED and CARRIED, this Committee recommends**
THAT staff pursue the actions outlined in the report from the Director of Development Services dated September 25, 2007 providing information on livability and enforcement issues relating to nuisance behaviours and drug activities in the Downtown area of the City.

CARRIED.

All members of Committee voted in favour of the motion.

6. Proposed Workplan in Support of New Child Care Strategy

Members discussed the October 1, 2007, report from the Director of Development Services, providing information on the City's existing child care policies and tools; the importance of child care from both a social and economic perspective; and the current context in which child care is regulated, funded and provided. Members commented as follows:

- (See direction to staff under Item 3 above)
- Every institution in the City (such as Kwantlen College) needs a day care
- Before and after school day care is critical to parents
- It is important to encourage the Federal and Provincial governments to resume support for child care in the country and the province; it is regrettable that they have become less active in this area
- A gap analysis to identify needs is necessary followed by policy implementation to address those needs
- Supply information to unlicensed day care providers to improve child care in those environments
- It is desirable to develop a child care practice that would make New Westminster a model in the province
- Develop a focus on early child care.

Councillor Osterman left the meeting at 3:56 p.m. and rejoined the meeting at 3:58 p.m.

- ** **MOVED and SECONDED and CARRIED, this Committee recommends**
THAT Option 1 – Commence the Child Care Strategy under the direction of the Task Group and Social Planner - be supported.

CARRIED.

All members of Committee voted in favour of the motion.

7. **Draft City Homelessness Policy**

Members discussed the October 1, 2007, report from the Director of Development Services, presenting a draft City Homelessness Policy and proposing a consultation process by which the draft policy can be discussed and modified. Members made the following comments:

- Support for the draft policy
- Investigate and develop a response to a recent letter from Minister Ida Chong about a suggestion that rezoning be used as a device to facilitate the development of mental health or addiction facilities/services in the city
- The Helping Hands card needs updating to reflect changes
- Involve the Fraser Health Authority and the Provincial Government, as they control much of the funding
- What will happen with those who need services who are not New Westminster residents
- Consider those who are the working poor and may be one paycheck away from homelessness and who are residents of the City
- Work with other municipalities to encourage them to participate and undertake their share of the responsibility
- There are families and women who are also homeless and services are needed for them
- Maintain good documentation regarding those receiving services who may prefer to remain in their own home communities

- ** **MOVED and SECONDED and CARRIED, this Committee recommends**
THAT the draft City Homelessness Policy be supported and the next steps, as outlined in the report from the Director of Development Services, dated October 1, 2007, be supported.

CARRIED.

All members of Committee voted in favour of the motion.

8. **Heritage Designation for 774 Columbia Street – B.C.E.R. Railway Block (Bylaw No. 7182, 2007)**

Members discussed the October 1, 2007, report from the Director of Development Services seeking Council's consideration of a bylaw to designate the property at 774 Columbia Street as a municipal heritage site. Staff agreed to

investigate whether the subject building can be added to the National Heritage Register and report back to Council.

- ** **MOVED and SECONDED and CARRIED, this Committee recommends**
THAT Heritage Designation Bylaw No. 7182, 2007, be forwarded to the October 1, 2007 meeting of Regular Council for consideration of first and second readings.

CARRIED.

All members of Committee voted in favour of the motion.

9. **Amendment to Central Business Districts (Restricted) (C-4A) – Plaza 88 Development (Bylaw No. 7183, 2007)**

Stephen Scheving, Development Services, responded to questions regarding the October 1, 2007, report from the Director of Development Services, seeking City Council's consideration of amendments to the Central Business Districts (Restricted) (C-4C) to allow accommodation of the present and proposed buildings within the proposed subdivision lots, to remove reference to live-work units in the definition of "residential purposes", and to change the reference in 523.4(d) from Lot 4 to Rem. Parcel A.

- ** **MOVED and SECONDED and CARRIED, this Committee recommends**
THAT Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 7183, 2007, be forwarded to the October 1, 2007 meeting of Regular Council for consideration of first and second readings.

CARRIED.

All members of Committee voted in favour of the motion.

10. **Development Variance Permit 473 for 212 Manitoba Street** (circulated separately)

The Director of Development Services presented her October 1, 2007, report advising that an application has been received to vary the attached accessory structure location and setback requirements of the Single Detached Dwelling Districts (RS-2) zoning schedule for a proposed deck at 212 Manitoba Street.

- ** **MOVED and SECONDED and CARRIED, this Committee recommends**
THAT Council give notice that it will consider a resolution to issue Development Variance Permit 473, with the following variances, to allow the construction of a deck at 212 Manitoba Street:

- *A deck located in the required front yard*
- *The deck located 4 feet (1.2 metres) from the side property line abutting Peele Street.*

CARRIED.

All members of Committee voted in favour of the motion.

10(a). Section 219 Covenant re Keary Cottages

The Director of Development Services circulated the October 1, 2007, report regarding a Section 219 Covenant for the Maria Keary Cottages (which will be added to the agenda package).

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the October 1, 2007, report from the Director of Development Services, clarifying the Section 219 Covenant regarding the Maria Keary Cottages, be received.

CARRIED.

All members of Committee voted in favour of the motion.

COMMITTEE MINUTES AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

11. [Neighbourhood Traffic Advisory Committee meeting held May 22, 2007.](#)

A member requested a correction to the May 22, 2007 minutes of the Neighbourhood Traffic Advisory Committee Minutes as follows:
Page 2 under Questions, first bullet, second sentence: Delete the word "not".

It was agreed that the minutes would be referred back to the Committee for correction as suggested above and resubmission to Council.

12. [Seniors Advisory Committee meeting held September 6, 2007](#)

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the minutes of the Seniors Advisory Committee meeting held on September 6, 2007, be received and adopted.

CARRIED.

All members of Committee voted in favour of the motion.

(a) **IUHPE World Conference – Active Aging and the Built Environment Health for All – Verbal Update**

**** MOVED and SECONDED and CARRIED, this Committee recommends**
THAT the Seniors Advisory Committee request a staff person from Development Services to make a presentation to the Seniors Advisory Committee regarding the Seniors Walking Environmental Assessment Tool, to provide a basis for discussion and reference for providing future input; and

***THAT** the Seniors Advisory Committee invite the Senior Planner from the City of Richmond to the Seniors Advisory Committee meeting to discuss the process they have followed in creating the five urban villages and the new sky train stations, the waterfront and changes to create “a walking place”.*

CARRIED.

All members of Committee voted in favour of the motion.

ADJOURNMENT

ON MOTION, the meeting adjourned at 4:46 p.m.

Certified Correct,

WAYNE WRIGHT
CHAIR

RICK PAGE
CORPORATE OFFICER

** Denotes recommendations referred to Regular Council meeting of October 1, 2007, for ratification.