



CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF NEW WESTMINSTER

REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL

October 1, 2007 3:10 p.m.
Committee Room No. 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
Ms. Judi Turner	- Assistant City Clerk

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.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

1. Motion to adopt the minutes of the last regular meeting of the City Council held September 17, 2007.

An amendment to the minutes of the September 17, 2007 minutes of Regular Council was requested in Item 9 Council Members Reports, Page 5, under Councillor McIntosh's report:

Added as the last sentence:

- As Acting Mayor, attended a celebration dinner at St. Peters Church both for completion of expansion and Father's 40 years of priesthood.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council, held September 17, 2007, be received and adopted, as amended.

CARRIED.

All members of Council voted in favour of the motion.

PRESENTATION

- 2. Mayor Wright to proclaim October 7th – 13th, 2007 as “Fire Prevention Week” in the City and present the proclamation to Inspector John McKnight, New Westminster Fire and Rescue Services.**

Mayor Wright proclaimed October 7th – 13th, 2007 as “Fire Prevention Week” in the City and presented the proclamation to Inspector John McKnight, New Westminster Fire and Rescue Services.

DELEGATIONS

- 3. Delegations re Development Variance Permit 466 (1823 Hamilton Street)**

Reg Cairns of 1823 Hamilton Street was present regarding the project to raise the existing house at 1823 Hamilton Street and install an energy efficient basement.

- 4. Open Delegations**

Jaimie McEvoy of 340 Ginger Drive rose on behalf of the Royal City Human Society to support the Notice of Motion proposed by Councillor Williams (Item 14 of these minutes) and to suggest the formation of an Animal Welfare Advisory Committee. He outlined some of the initiatives such a committee could contribute to.

Stacy Ashton of #5, 340 Ginger Drive, representing the Royal City Humane Society, rose to support the Notice of Motion proposed by Councillor Williams. She supported the volunteer program contained in the motion and pointed out that such programs exist in other communities and help to improve services and encourage compassionate care for pets while socializing the animals in care. She added that volunteer programs also open up funding opportunities.

Roslyn Cassels of of 300 Agnes Street submitted correspondence which was circulated to members of Council (and will be added to the Agenda package) Ms. Cassels spoke of the benefits of requiring cats to carry identification but did not support their registration. She urged that Council create a moratorium on killing animals in New Westminster until a

policy can be established in the city. She pointed out that the current animal control bylaw permits the destruction of certain animals and suggested that this is discriminatory. Rather, she urged the rehabilitation of animals. Ms. Cassels made a number of additional suggestions and referred Council to a number of articles for additional information on pets and other matters she raised during her presentation.

Resident representing the Animal Rights Coalition, rose to praise Council for its animal policies. She noted that New Westminster does not have a problem with pet overpopulation. She added that it costs nothing to have a “no kill” policy and noted that punitive legislation costs more and increases killing rates. She outlined a number of concerns if the proposed notice of motion is adopted. She spoke of community volunteers who operate in the community. She suggested an independent consultation to make proposals to deal with the animal population. She asked for a moratorium on all animal killing except in circumstances of mercy. (Resident submitted her October 1, 2007 statement in writing, which will be added to the Agenda package.)

Cheryl Rogers of 1258 Ewen Avenue, representing the Royal City Humane Society, rose to encourage a spay/neuter bylaw for the city especially for cats. However, she urged that a low cost or no cost program be implemented for cat identification. She described the conditions where exemptions would be needed. A spay/neuter bylaw helps to control problems that might occur in the community. Education and public pressure could be used to encourage pet owners to comply. Ms. Rogers noted that the Shelter has been operating a no-kill policy. As well, she noted that Animal Control already has an identification policy. She suggested that more staff is required at the Animal Shelter. Ms. Rogers concluded by supporting all aspects of the Notice of Motion and the suggested amendment for an Animal Welfare Committee.

Carmina Gouch of 4005 Deane Place, North Vancouver, rose on behalf of the Rabbit Advocacy Group of BC and Pets in Need Society, to ask that rabbits be included in the proposed Notice of Motion. Microchips and sterilizing rabbits before their adoption will improve the welfare of the rabbits of New Westminster. She offered to be available to discuss programs for rabbits and referenced a report that has been submitted to the Corporate Officer for circulation to Council.

Judy Stone of 2667 Haywood Avenue, West Vancouver, representing Animal Advocates Society, rose and described the plight of yard animals and the need for humane treatment. She voiced concern that the suffering of these animals has not been relieved over the years in New Westminster despite reports to Animal Control and the SPCA. Ms. Stone referred to problems in other Animal Control Bylaws and urged that the issue of yard dogs be addressed in New Westminster.

Bonnie Lilley, North Vancouver, representing Fur and Feather Rescue, rose and noted that very little is done to protect wildlife. She urged that wildlife be included in any animal mandate adopted by New Westminister. She spoke of the need for volunteers to work as drivers and for training for people to rescue injured wildlife and birds. She offered to meet with anyone interested in such work.

Ms. Lilley noted that bylaws regulating dogs at large are not effective after working hours. Pets at large after hours are struck by vehicles. A network and program with volunteers are required for after hours rescue.

BYLAWS CONSIDERED AT PUBLIC HEARING

5. **Heritage Revitalization Agreement (305/307 Carnarvon Street) Bylaw No. 7166, 2007** [a bylaw to enter into a Heritage Revitalization Agreement with the owner of heritage property] **THIRD READING**

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Heritage Revitalization Agreement (305/307 Carnarvon Street) Bylaw No. 7166, 2007, be read a third time.

CARRIED.

All members of Council voted in favour of the motion.

6. **Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 7177, 2007** [a bylaw to rezone 559 Garfield Street from Single Detached Dwelling Districts (RS-1) to Single Detached Dwelling Districts (Small Lots) (RS-5)] **THIRD READING**

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 7177, 2007, be read a third time.

CARRIED.

Opposed: Councillors Harper and Osterman.

ISSUANCE OF DEVELOPMENT VARIANCE PERMITS

7. **Issuance of Development Variance Permit 469 (559 Garfield Street)**

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Development Variance Permit 469 be issued to allow a rear setback of 10.4 feet (3.2 metres) for the proposed detached garage on the proposed corner lot at 559 Garfield Street.

CARRIED.

Opposed: Councillor Osterman.

**8. Issuance of Development Variance Permit 466 (1823 Hamilton Street)
- to vary the following section of the Zoning Bylaw: side yard**

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Development Variance Permit 466 be issued to vary the total side yard requirement at 1823 Hamilton Street to permit an addition to the house:

- *Total side yards shall be 21.2 % of the frontage.*

CARRIED.

All members of Council voted in favour of the motion.

CORRESPONDENCE

9. District of Maple Ridge re establishment of a program and funding to upgrade the dikes along the Fraser River to the new standards outlined in the Fraser Basin Council 2006 Report.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the correspondence from District of Maple Ridge regarding establishment of a program and funding to upgrade the dikes along the Fraser River to the new standards outlined in the Fraser Basin Council 2006 Report, be received and referred to the Director of Engineering Services for a response and to the Emergency Advisory Committee.

CARRIED.

All members of Council voted in favour of the motion.

RECESS

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Regular Meeting of Council recess.

CARRIED.

All members of Council voted in favour of the motion.

The Regular Meeting of Council recessed at 9:39 p.m. and reconvened at 9:53 p.m. with all members of Council present.

REPORTS

10. Council Members:

Councillor Donnelly

...attended the UBCM Convention; attended the funeral service for Sgt Keith Logan and offered condolences to his family; enjoyed Family Day at Royal City Centre Mall; suggested that the Mall reposition the stage back to the centre core area where it would be better attended; attended the Humane Society fundraiser show on Saturday, the Knox Church thrift sale, and the Queensborough grape stomp.

Councillor Harper

...attended the UBCM Convention where the Trades, Investment and Mobility Agreement was considered and opposed and where the Minimum Wage was endorsed; commented on the suggestion for a four year term for municipalities; viewed many displays on environment, etc.; attended the funeral for Sgt. Keith Logan; enjoyed Family Day; noted the Humane Society fundraiser was successful.

Councillor McIntosh

...attended the Library Board meeting, the Family Court Committee, the tailgate party for the Hyack football, the Queensborough Fall Fair, attended UBCM Conference and a study tour on Vancouver; the memorial service for Sgt. Keith Logan; commented on the Dunwood Auxiliary and a luncheon for volunteers; felt that Family Day at one end of Royal City Centre Mall is not as workable; thanked Dave Creighton of the Parks and Recreation Department who does a great job every year for Family Day, Alana McIntyre for her help, Dorothy Shiu who spent the entire day being table volunteer, and the groups who attended to share information; attended the Royal City Humane Society fundraising event; attended the Knox Church thrift sale; wished a Happy Thanksgiving to all.

Councillor Osterman

...attended the UBCM Conference where the indicators of climate change was a topic of interest; noted that networking at the Convention was helpful, particularly with those from small communities; was proud to receive the Community Excellence Award for Traffic Engineering for the Columbia Street Road Diet; enjoyed Family Day and thanked Councillor McIntosh and her Committee for staging the event.

Councillor Williams

...was proud to see the tribute paid to Sgt. Keith Logan at the memorial; enjoyed the Queensborough Fall Fair, the Royal City Humane Society fundraising event, Family Day; attended the UBCM Conference where the \$10 minimum wage was passed; was pleased to see that the four year cycle for municipal council elections passed – hoped it will be passed by the BC municipal government; heard a talk on the Census at the Conference; attended the tailgate auction for the Hyack football.

Councillor Cote

...attended the Queensborough Fall Fair, Family Day, the Royal City Humane Society Variety Show, the UBCM Conference in Vancouver; noted the theme of the conference was Climate Change; spoke of the TILMA (trade agreement) and the concerns that were raised on how it will impact municipalities; mentioned that the Central Valley Greenway with its back in angled parking won an award.

Mayor Wayne Wright

...Proclaimed October 2 as Mahatma Gandhi Day in the City; thanked Councillor Bob Osterman for helping as Acting Mayor and other Councillors for their assistance during his absence September 11-20th while he was in Italy. Attended the following: New Westminster Secondary School Hyack Football 5th Annual Tailgate Auction; the Dwight Ross farewell party where he acknowledged the 6 years contribution of Mr. Ross to the Police Board; the Urban Farmers Fall Fair; the UBCM Conference at the Vancouver Trade and Convention Centre. Enjoyed the discuss on the Census. Announced that the City of New Westminster received the 2007 UBCM Community Excellence Award in Best Practices, Leadership and Innovation and Partnerships; attended Family Day, the Royal City Humane Society Variety Show, the wine stomp, the track and field meet of the new Spartans.

Commented on the memorial for Sgt. Keith Logan and extended condolences to the family of Sergeant Logan on behalf of Council. Noted that the family asked that donations be made to the Hospice Society at Port Moody in lieu of flowers or other donation.

COMMITTEE MINUTES AND RECOMMENDATIONS

- 11. Motion to receive and adopt the minutes of a meeting of Council in Committee of the Whole held September 17, 2007.**

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the minutes of the meeting of Council in Committee of the Whole, held September 17, 2007, be received and adopted.

CARRIED.

All members of Council voted in favour of the motion.

- 12. Recommendations from Council in Committee of the Whole meeting**

Director of Engineering Services:

- a) Street Naming Convention**

MOVED and SECONDED

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 the October 1, 2007 report from the Director of Engineering Services.

CARRIED

All members of Council voted in favour of the motion.

Director of Finance and Information Technology:

- b) Downtown New Westminster BIA Extension (Bylaw Nos. 7184, 2007 and 7185, 2007)**

MOVED and SECONDED

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 Council voted in favour of the motion.

- c) Exempt Properties – Review of Questionnaire Results (Bylaw No. 7186, 2007)**

A corrected page for Bylaw No. 7186, 2007, was circulated on table (and will be added to the Agenda package).

MOVED and SECONDED

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 received, as amended.

CARRIED

All members of Council voted in favour of the motion.

Director of Development Services:

- d) Downtown Livability and Enforcement Issues**

MOVED and SECONDED

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 Council voted in favour of the motion.

e) Proposed Workplan in Support of New Child Care Strategy

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Option 1 – Commence the Child Care Strategy under the direction of the Task Group and Social Planner - be supported.

CARRIED

All members of Council voted in favour of the motion.

f) Draft City Homelessness Policy

MOVED and SECONDED

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 Council voted in favour of the motion.

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

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Heritage Designation Bylaw No. 7182, 2007, be received.

CARRIED

All members of Council voted in favour of the motion.

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

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 7183, 2007, be received.

CARRIED

All members of Council voted in favour of the motion.

i) Development Variance Permit 473 for 212 Manitoba Street

MOVED and SECONDED

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 Council voted in favour of the motion.

- k) **Seniors Advisory Committee recommendation from September 6, 2007 meeting: IUHPE World Conference – Active Aging and the Built Environment Health for All – Verbal Update**

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT 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 Council voted in favour of the motion.

REFERRED FROM CLOSED COUNCIL:

(For information only; no motion required)

- a) **Vancouver Fraser Port Authority Board of Directors – City Administrator**

THAT the Port Amalgamation Transition Committee be advised that the City does not support the elimination of any of the existing three (3) seats for municipal representation on the new Vancouver Fraser Port Authority Board;

THAT a letter be sent to the Minister of Transport Canada requesting that the Canada Marine Act be amended to allow representation by three (3) municipal appointees on the new Fraser River Port Authority Board.

BYLAWS

13. **Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 7160, 2007** [a bylaw to rezone 316 Fourth Avenue from Single Detached Dwelling Districts (RS-1) to Single Detached Dwelling Districts (Heritage) (RS-6)] **ADOPTION**

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 7160, 2007, be adopted.

CARRIED.

All members of Council voted in favour of the motion

14. **Municipal Heritage Designation Bylaw (774 Columbia Street) No. 7182, 2007** [a bylaw to designate the lands, buildings and structures located at 774 Columbia Street as a protected heritage property]

TWO READINGS

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Municipal Heritage Designation Bylaw (774 Columbia Street) No. 7182, 2007, be read a first time.

CARRIED.

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

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Municipal Heritage Designation Bylaw (774 Columbia Street) No. 7182, 2007, be read a second time.

CARRIED.

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

(A Public Hearing will be held on Monday, October 22, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber, City Hall)

15. **Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 7183, 2007** [a bylaw to amend the Central Business Districts (Restricted) (C-4C) of Zoning Bylaw No. 6680, 2001 re Plaza 88] **TWO READINGS**

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 7183, 2007 be read a first time.

CARRIED.

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

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 7183, 2007, be read a second time.

CARRIED.

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

(A Public Hearing will be held on Monday, October 22, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber, City Hall)

16. **Downtown New Westminster Business Improvement Area (Primary Area) Bylaw No. 7184, 2007** [a bylaw to establish a Business Improvement Area Service] **THREE READINGS**

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Downtown New Westminster Business Improvement Area (Primary Area) Bylaw No. 7184, 2007, be read a first time.

CARRIED.

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

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Downtown New Westminster Business Improvement Area (Primary Area) Bylaw No. 7184, 2007, be read a second time.

CARRIED.

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

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Downtown New Westminster Business Improvement Area (Primary Area) Bylaw No. 7184, 2007, be read a third time.

CARRIED.

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

17. **Downtown New Westminster Business Improvement Area (Secondary Area) Bylaw No. 7185, 2007** [a bylaw to designate a Business Improvement Area Service] **THREE READINGS**

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Downtown New Westminster Business Improvement Area (Secondary Area) Bylaw No. 7185, 2007, be read a first time.

CARRIED.

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

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Downtown New Westminster Business Improvement Area (Secondary Area) Bylaw No. 7185, 2007, be read a second time.

CARRIED.

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

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Downtown New Westminster Business Improvement Area (Secondary Area) Bylaw No. 7185, 2007, be read a third time.

CARRIED.

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

18. **Taxation Exemption and Exempt Properties Bylaw No. 7186, 2007** [a bylaw to authorize the exemption from taxation of certain lands and premises] **THREE READINGS**

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Taxation Exemption and Exempt Properties Bylaw No. 7186, 2007, be read a first time.

CARRIED.

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

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Taxation Exemption and Exempt Properties Bylaw No. 7186, 2007, be read a second time.

CARRIED.

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

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Taxation Exemption and Exempt Properties Bylaw No. 7186, 2007, be read a third time.

CARRIED.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

14. Councillor Williams served the following Notice of Motion on September 17, 2007 re Animal Policy Proposals

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT staff investigate other jurisdictions in order to:

- *Craft a spay and neuter bylaw for all dogs and cats in the City*
- *Formally adopt a no-kill policy unless the animal is terminally ill, deemed vicious by professional assessment or severely injured as determined by a veterinarian*
- *Require that all cats have identification tags, microchips, or tattoos to facilitate the control of stray and feral cats; and*
- *Begin a volunteer program at the City Animal Shelter to help with such needs as walking dogs and the care of cats if this is deemed necessary by the City's animal control staff*
- *Establish an Animal Advisory Committee*
- *Address issues of yard dogs, tethered dogs, domestic animals and wildlife, and*
- *Propose a public consultation process.*

CARRIED.

All members of Council voted in favour of the motion.

NEW BUSINESS

15. Notice of Motion – Councillor Cote – Environmental Advisory Committee

Councillor Cote submitted the following Notice of Motion:

“THAT the City of New Westminster create an Environmental Advisory Committee to start January 2008;

THAT the City's new Environment Coordinator draft Terms of Reference for the new Committee; and

THAT the City immediately advertise for membership to the new Committee.”

NEXT MEETING

Monday, October 15, 2007:

Proposed Closed Session commencing at 1:00 p.m. and the Open Session at 3:00 p.m. in Committee Room No. 2, City Hall, reconvening at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber, City Hall.

Public Hearing:

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

Issuance of Development Variance Permit 472 – 205 & 223 Phillips Street

Issuance of Development Variance Permit 474 – 350 Gifford Street

Issuance of Development Permit 029 (Q) with variances – 518 Ewen Avenue

ADJOURNMENT

ON MOTION, the meeting adjourned at 11:13 p.m.

Certified Correct,

WAYNE WRIGHT
MAYOR

RICK PAGE
CORPORATE OFFICER