



COUNCIL IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

November 7, 2011 1:00 p.m.
Committee Room 2, City Hall

MINUTES

PRESENT:

Mayor Wayne Wright
Councillor Jonathan Coté
Councillor Bill Harper
Councillor Bob Osterman
Councillor Betty McIntosh
Councillor Jaimie McEvoy
Councillor Lorrie Williams

STAFF:

Mr. Rick Page	- Director of Legislative Services/Corporate Officer
Mr. Jim Lowrie	- Director of Engineering Services
Mr. Gary Holowatiuk	- Director of Finance & Information Technology
Mr. Dean Gibson	- Director, Parks, Culture and Recreation
Ms. Lisa Spitale	- Director of Development Services
Mr. John Stark	- Senior Social Planner
Mr. Terry Dunlop	- Recording Secretary

Regular Council meeting called to Order at 1:00 p.m.

Motion to adjourn to Committee of the Whole

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council adjourn to a meeting as a Committee of the Whole with resumption of the regular meeting of Council immediately following the Committee of the Whole.

CARRIED.

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

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the following item be added to the Agenda:

- Zoning Bylaw Amendment 7494, 2011 [A Bylaw to Amend Zoning Bylaw No. 6680, 2001] as New Business No. 12

CARRIED.

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

CONSENT AGENDA

Note: Council members may adopt in one motion all recommendations appearing on the Consent Agenda or, prior to the vote, request an item be removed from the Consent Agenda for debate or discussion, voting in opposition to a recommendation, or declaring a conflict of interest with an item.

MOVED AND SECONDED

THAT Council remove items, 5 and 6 from the Consent Agenda.

CARRIED.

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

- ** MOVED and SECONDED and CARRIED, this Committee recommends
*THAT the following Consent Agenda item recommendations be approved:***

Director of Development Services

1. DVP 529 for 327 E. Sixth Avenue to Allow Front Yard Parking – Notice of Issuance

November 7, 2011 report on an application for a Development Variance Permit to vary the prohibition of front yard parking at 327 East Sixth Avenue.

THAT Council issue notice that it will consider a resolution to issue Development Variance Permit 529 to allow parking in the required front yard at 327 E. Sixth Avenue.

CARRIED.

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

2. Introduction of Bylaw Consolidation and Revision Bylaw (Bylaw No. 7504, 2011)

November 7, 2011 report recommending three readings to a bylaw that authorizes the Corporate Officer to undertake clerical and administrative revisions to and create consolidated versions of bylaws.

THAT Council give First, Second and Third readings to the Bylaw Consolidation and Revision Bylaw No. 7504, 2011.

CARRIED.

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

3. Amendment to Bylaw 7488, 2011 for 409 Boyne Street

November 7, 2011 report advising of discovery of a mistake in the surveyor's plan that was provided by the applicant. Owing to staff concerns that the bylaw might be rejected at the Land Title office due to this discrepancy, an amended plan was now attached to the bylaw.

1. *THAT third reading of Bylaw Number 7488, 2011 be rescinded.*
2. *THAT Bylaw Number 7488, 2011 as amended be received.*
3. *THAT Bylaw Number 7488, 2011 as amended be given third reading.*

CARRIED.

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

4. Demolition Process with Respect to 211 Dawe Street

November 7, 2011 report providing information on the demolition of 211 Dawe Street.

THAT Council receive the report on the demolition process with respect to 211 Dawe Street for information.

CARRIED.

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

7. Proposed Rezoning of 1308 / 1310 Ewen Avenue St. Joseph Demascene Church – Preliminary Report

November 7, 2011 report advising of a rezoning application for the property at 1308 and 1310 Ewen Avenue from Queensborough Neighbourhood Residential Dwelling Districts (RQ-1) to Public and Institutional Districts (Low Rise) (P-1).

THAT Council direct staff to bring forward the rezoning application for 1308/1310 Ewen Avenue for consideration by Council when the normal staff and Committee review process is complete.

CARRIED.

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

Director of Engineering

8. Construction Noise Bylaw Variance to Allow Ponte Brothers Contracting to Install a Hydro Duct Across Brunette Avenue

November 7, 2011 report seeking Council approval of a request to carry out overnight road works on Brunette Avenue.

THAT City Council approve the construction noise bylaw variance application from Ponte Brothers Contracting, as attached to the report, to allow for the installation of a hydro duct across the 400 block of Brunette Avenue; the work to take place over five nights in the month of November.

CARRIED.

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

9. Use of Road Grade Warning Signs on Steep Truck Routes

November 7, 2011 report informing of the use of road grade warning signs on steep truck routes throughout the City of New Westminster.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council receive the Use of Road Grade Warning Signs on Steep Truck Routes report for information.

CARRIED.

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

Director of Parks, Culture and Recreation

10. Construction Noise Bylaw Variance for Queen's Park Artificial Turf Field

November 7, 2011 report seeking a variance to the Construction Noise Bylaw to allow timely completion of the Queen's Park Artificial Turf Field.

THAT City Council approve a construction noise bylaw variance request from AstroTurf West Distributors Ltd. to undertake artificial turf field installation work in Queen's Park during extended work hours from November 7 through December 1 as follows:

- *Weekdays until 11:00 p.m.*
- *Saturdays until 10:00 p.m.*
- *Sundays 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.*

CARRIED.

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

Committee Recommendations

11. Motion to adopt the recommendations from the Special Services and Access Committee meeting of October 20, 2011:

a) Accessibility During Construction

THAT Council request that TransLink ensure each SkyTrain Station within the City has a proper working elevator in place to allow accessibility, or ensure that appropriate signage is in place at all times advising otherwise; and,

THAT Council consider ensuring that developers maintain a standard in which universal access is available at all times during construction.

CARRIED.

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

b) **Senior Services Society Letter dated October 11, 2011**

THAT Council direct staff to install one disabled parking meter in front of 740 Carnarvon Street to service the Senior Services Society; once the move takes place in March 2012, if staff determines that the meter is fully occupied on a regular basis and the need is proven, an additional meter should be installed.

CARRIED.

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

ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

5. Chinese Reconciliation Process Progress Report (from Oct. 31)

October 31, 2011 report updating on the progress made in implementing the steps and actions in support of reconciliation with the Chinese community as contained in the Council Report of June 28, 2010.

Comments from Council (responses shown in *Italics*)

- Will there be some landscaping of the historic site on Agnes Street? *Efforts are underway to find some way to recognize the history of the site, possibly by engaging the services of a landscape architect to work with city staff and the Chinese community.*
- When erecting plaques and signage, staff should keep the Front Street area in mind also. *The area (former Chinatown) is being studied right now.*
- Is there continued engagement of the Chinese community? *Staff still receives enquiries and there is definitely a continuing interest.*
- A member of Council urged that copies of reports be sent to the Chinese Consulate in Vancouver to keep them apprised of the city's initiatives and activities with the Chinese community.
- A member of Council recalled a display at the museum on five prominent local Chinese families and expressed hope there will be another emphasis on the book that was published in conjunction with the exhibit.
- There was a suggestion that the books be obtained for use as gifts to visiting Chinese delegations.
- A member of Council reported that he had visited with Vancouver City Council and School Board members who had requested that copies of the City of New Westminster's Reconciliation Report be sent to each Vancouver City Councillor and School Trustee.
- It was noted that temporary use of the Agnes Street site as a dog park has been highly successful for downtown residents; when the facility is removed, there should be an effort to relocate it in some other accessible downtown area.
- Staff was urged to consult with the New Westminster Police Service for historical data on Chinatown and other locales.
- A member of Council advised of the existence of boxes of historical material that still requires translation for academic use and recommended that staff consult with the Canadian Chinese Historical Association for assistance; also, there are two well-known RCAF World War Two [Chinese- Canadian] veterans whose service

was subject to discriminatory practices and who would be able to provide invaluable first-hand knowledge.

**** MOVED and SECONDED and CARRIED, this Committee recommends**
THAT Council receive the Chinese Reconciliation Process Progress Report for information.

CARRIED.

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

6. Update on Emergency Shelter, Longer-Term Transitional and Supported Housing in New Westminster (from Oct. 31)

October 31, 2011 report informing on the number of extreme weather response mats, emergency shelter beds, and longer-term transitional and supported housing units serving people who are homeless in New Westminster. The report also provides information regarding the number of non-market (subsidized) housing units in New Westminster.

Comments from Council (responses shown in *Italics*)

- With predictions of a severely cold winter, is there specific contact information that people need to know? *The City operates an extreme weather program and places posters around the city; also, relevant information is available at the Salvation Army facility on Columbia Street. In prolonged severe weather, the City collaborates closely with police and other outreach workers to ensure cold weather shelters are available.*
- With discontinuation of the separation of recyclables scheduled for January, some disadvantaged individuals who supplement their income by retrieval of bottles and cans might be at risk if they attempt retrieval from larger dumpsters. The City should investigate this issue and consider alternative plans to protect such persons from possible harm.
- Which demographic has the greatest need? *Currently, youth is at the highest risk because they do not seek so many services and there are limited resources; this is an ongoing issue and there could be later discussion on the needs of youth.*
- There has been recent discussion of the Affordable Housing Society – what is its current status? *The Society manages a number of non-market housing units. Staff will bring forward an update.*
- The *Helping Hands* organization produced a fold-over information card but there are now so many agencies listed, it is necessary to have a leaflet. Is there any possibility of reproducing a more convenient fold-over card once more? *The information is currently being revised and a card displaying other emergency information will be issued.*
- Recently, a shelter installed a dry-room to manage bug infestation problems. Is the still operational and could other agencies use that facility? *Staff will check on availability for other agencies; there is a history of cooperation between shelter providers.*
- Council was informed of an individual who recently came forward to explain how he recovered thanks to the use of shelter services; the person is now well underway to becoming a productive member of society and he wished to acknowledge and thank the City for its role in his recovery.

- Staff was question on the status of the *Pier 660* Columbia Street, which has recently become the subject of numerous disturbance complaints. *Staff advised that it is working through plans with the developer to try to implement adaptive housing and will bring a report to Council shortly.*
- Current *Pier 660* residents' status? *Staff is meeting with BC Housing to explore appropriate transition housing for some and it is hoped the balance of existing residents will vacate by attrition.*
- His Worship, Mayor Wright Mayor discussed the newly formed Canadian Rental Housing Coalition Charter that was presented at Metro Vancouver. The coalition is formed from multiple stakeholders and agencies in housing and it aims to put its principles in place for presentation at the federal level. The City of New Westminster has been the most proactive municipality in promoting housing issues and Mayor Wright urged Council's support of the Coalition's principles.

**** MOVED and SECONDED and CARRIED, this Committee recommends**
THAT Council support the principles of the Canadian Rental Housing Coalition Charter.
CARRIED.

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

**** MOVED and SECONDED and CARRIED, this Committee recommends**
THAT Council receive the Update on Emergency Shelter, Longer-Term Transitional and Supported Housing in New Westminster report for information.
CARRIED.

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

REPORTS FOR ACTION

No reports were brought forward.

NEW BUSINESS

12. Zoning Bylaw Amendment 7494, 2011 [A Bylaw to Amend Zoning Bylaw No. 6680, 2001]

On-table November 7, 2011 report submitting bylaw amendments is to remove a conflict between the City's 1995 policy on encroachments and a Zoning Bylaw regulation that prohibits construction of a house on a lot upon which there is an encroachment. The bylaw amendments contain regulations consistent with the intent of the 1995 policy and are intended to replace the policy.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Zoning Bylaw Amendment 7494, 2011, be forwarded to Council for consideration of First and Second Readings; and

THAT Council rescind the June 5, 1995 Council Resolution regarding Encroachments.

CARRIED.

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

Procedural Note:

His Worship, Mayor Wright left the meeting at 3:52 p.m. and Councillor Harper assumed the Chair.

ADJOURNMENT

ON MOTION, the meeting adjourned at 3:53 p.m.

Certified Correct,

WAYNE WRIGHT
MAYOR

RICHARD PAGE
CORPORATE OFFICER

** Denotes recommendations referred to Regular Council meeting of November 7, 2011 for ratification.