



REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL

November 7, 2011 7:00 p.m.
Council Chamber
City Hall

MINUTES

PRESENT:

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

STAFF:

Mr. Paul Daminato	- City Administrator
Mr. Rick Page	- Director of Legislative Services/Corporate Officer
Ms. Lisa Spitale	- Director of Development Services
Mr. Jim Lowrie	- Director of Engineering Services
Mr. Gary Holowatiuk	- Director of Finance & Information Technology
Mr. Terry Dunlop	- Recording Secretary

7:00 p.m.

Reconvene as Council in the Council Chamber.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

1. Motion to adopt the minutes of the last regular meeting of the City Council held October 31, 2011.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held on October 31, 2011 be received and adopted.

CARRIED.

All members of Council voted in favour of the motion.

PRESENTATIONS

2. a) **Mayor Wayne Wright to proclaim November 20, 2011 as National Child Day and to present the proclamation to Marjorie Staal, Executive Director of New Westminster Family Place.**

His Worship, Mayor Wright welcomed Ms. Marjorie Staal, Executive Director of New Westminster Family Place to receive the City's proclamation of November 20, 2011 as National Child Day in the City of New Westminster.

Ms. Stahl addressed Council and outlined the history of National Child Day since its inception following adoption of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child. Family Place in New Westminster holds monthly meetings to work on implementation of the rights of children in the community. Citizens were invited to attend ceremonies at Sapperton Hall to mark National Child Day on November 20, 2011. Further information is available at the website: www.kidsnewwest.ca.

b) **Royal City Gogos - Announcement**

Councillor Williams was pleased to announce results of the Royal City Gogos' *Scrabble* fundraiser event held on Saturday, October 29, 2011 in the CAW offices on Twelfth Street. The special *Scrabble* contest and craft sale was estimated to have raised \$25,000, which will be used to provide aid for projects in Africa. Members of Council commended the organization for its efforts. For further information, contact: royalcitygogos@gmail.com

DELEGATIONS

3. **Open Delegations**

Andy Bradshaw* and **Tanya Baal**, on behalf of the Neighbours of New Westminster Society (*President), addressed Council to introduce the recently established society. Mr. Bradshaw first outlined projects including River City TV, the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Celebration, Steampunk Convention and a Vegetarian Festival. One of the society's goals is to stimulate more economic development in the city. Numerous well-established festivals are held in the City and the society might also help by providing centralised logistical resource coordination.

Tanya Baal provided a detailed explanation of new technology for a digital media station named *River City TV*. The venue will offer a variety of programming for a wide diversity of the citizenry. The society has worked with students in schools, colleges and universities on planning a unique format of program delivery. Part of the programming will come from festivals and events. The society plans to ensure year-round activities that will culminate in a specific festival. One of the goals is to establish a strong community identity. Among other activities and suggestions identified by Ms. Baal was the potential for opening up new venues in addition to the regular inventory of spaces already available in churches, community halls, etc. Individuals will enjoy the possibility of on-line commentary and increased accessibility.

Comments from Council (responses shown in *Italics*):

- The Neighbours of New Westminster Society (NNWS) offers a new and creative approach and should be congratulated on its initiative.
- This is an interesting project reflecting how do people get information and access information - does the website yet have any content? *No yet, still working with the web developer; in process of putting up all the various applications to build membership. E.g., the Vegetarian Festival event is working with the Farmers Market organization with the aim of a spring festival.*
- Many individuals will be striving to get their works into the public eye, e.g., the arts community. What type of programming do you envisage? *A wide variety – on line information would comprise the most recent submissions, then by category, person and organization. Users will be able to customise content for their own interests in New Westminster.*
- Will you partner with existing festivals? *Much of programming we do will lead up to events such as multicultural events, e.g., go into homes and look at recipes from each country leading to eventual festival content.*
- The Queen’s Diamond Jubilee event reflects the status of New Westminster as the “Royal City.” This will present a special opportunity for media to provide insight into who is the Head of State. *This will be an all day and evening event, with street parties – involving possible participation by stars from a well-known British TV series. The event is expected to attract not only local and regional participation but may well draw attendance from Vancouver Island and the United States. A major concern could be finding space to accommodate parking of buses and the society would welcome any assistance the City could offer in this regard.*
- Hyack Festival coordination guidelines could be useful to the society in terms of police and regulatory authorities. *New construction could impact events on Columbia Street and the society has met with every City department to seek collaboration.*
- There are significant opportunities for youth, especially on the technical side. Will they also be involved on the technical side? *Yes, in all aspects, lighting, staging, video, editing, ESL students, this will be community-driven, and must be family oriented, non-discriminatory. Ms. Baal was invited to address the Youth Advisory Committee to further explain the opportunities described.*
- Broadcast of some local sports games, especially during play-offs, would be much appreciated. *This is part of the plan, including possible live-streaming of sports events.*
- Are other communities doing this? *New Westminster is developing a unique approach; in other jurisdictions, the function is usually curated by a city department- often Parks & Rec, whereas New Westminster’s approach is community-driven.*

Tony Antonias, resident announced the following important artistic events in the city:

- a) ***New Westminster Symphony Orchestra***, the fall season, starting under the baton of Conductor/Composer Jack (Jin) Zhang, with an excellent program of classical pops that will have broad appeal, catering to all tastes in classical music. The performance is scheduled for Sunday, Nov 13, 2011 at 2:00 p.m. in the Massey Theatre – admission is by donation, at the door.
- b) ***Arts Council of New Westminster***:
 - i) A new photographic exhibit titled ***Dancing Through Time*** by Allison Kirkley. The exhibition of 34 black and white photographs illustrates dancers in performance and rehearsal and can be viewed daily between 1 and 5 pm at the Arts Council Gallery, located at Centennial Lodge in Queen’s Park.
 - ii) The ***Christmas Treasure Room*** will open December 1 – 23, offering a wide range of seasonal gifts and hand-made items at prices for every budget. The ***Christmas Treasure Room*** will be open daily, except Mondays. By arrangement, people may bring a friend and also shop at night. Contact the Arts Council at 604 525 3244 for further information.

Christopher Bell, resident, addressed Council first thanking them for their service to the community over the last three years. Mr. Bell then spoke regarding the Westminster Pier Park project, noting that he had requested a significant amount of financial and other detail from staff and questioning when he might obtain all the answers he sought. Specifically there was a question regarding the final costs for site remediation and when the province will issue the Certificate of Compliance. Furthermore, Mr. Bell had requested particulars of loans for the Westminster Pier Park project.

Comments from Council (responses shown in *Italics*)

- Councillors noted that senior staff in attendance would take appropriate direction to respond to the questions raised by the delegation; however, they acknowledged that the level of detail requested often involved significant staff time and resources to fully respond. *Staff advised that a number of the delegation’s queries have already been addressed but the most recent questions remain to be answered. Council was informed that staff has completed due diligence on the Westminster Pier Park project and there is both short-term and long-term borrowing in place under respective sections of legislation that authorizes capital funding. The province has already advised that the City has met the site remediation criteria and it is anticipated the Certificate of Compliance will be issued in early 2012. Due to legislative changes requiring a different level of compliance, the cost of site remediation was expected to be about \$6 million.*
- A member of Council commented that the unfinished portion of the project has been surfaced and railings installed along the riverfront. This will allow public access and permit use as an unstructured play area until such time as the balance of landscaping and additional features are constructed.

COMMITTEE MINUTES AND RECOMMENDATIONS

4. Motion to receive and adopt the minutes of a meeting of Council in Committee of the Whole held October 31, 2011.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the minutes of the meeting of Council in Committee of the Whole held October 31, 2011 be received and adopted.

CARRIED.

All members of Council voted in favour of the motion.

5. Recommendations from the Council in Committee of the Whole meeting held November 7, 2011:

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

MOVED and SECONDED

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 voted in favour of the motion.

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

MOVED and SECONDED

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

CARRIED.

All members of Council voted in favour of the motion.

c) Amendment to Bylaw 7488, 2011 for 409 Boyne Street

MOVED and SECONDED

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.

d) [Demolition Process with Respect to 211 Dawe Street](#)

MOVED and SECONDED

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

CARRIED.

All members of Council voted in favour of the motion.

Arising from adoption of the foregoing resolution, a member of Council proposed that copies of the report on the demolition process be made available to all residents associations.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council direct staff to distribute copies of the demolition process report to all Residents' Associations in the City.

CARRIED.

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

e) [Chinese Reconciliation Process Progress Report \(from Oct. 31\)](#)

Comments from Council:

- Members of Council observed that reconciliation was an ongoing process, involving such projects as education, possible park development, placement of historical plaques at significant locations and museum exhibits.
- Members also acknowledged that the City of New Westminster was the first jurisdiction in Canada to recognise and formally apologise for the historical injustices. The City has been acknowledged for having pioneered the process and for providing an example to other jurisdictions and levels of government.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council receive the Chinese Reconciliation Process Progress Report for information.

CARRIED.

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

f) [Update on Emergency Shelter, Longer-Term Transitional and Supported Housing in New Westminster \(from Oct. 31\)](#)

Comments from Council:

- Members of Council praised the City, staff, community groups and citizens for their backing and determination to tackle the important issues involving homelessness and supported housing in the community.
- The City of New Westminster has been recognised for having accomplished better results than any other community in BC. The Federation of Canadian Municipalities has also recognized the City of New Westminster as a leader in this field.

Councillor Harper left the chamber at 8:15 p.m.

- A member of Council noted there are ten facilities in the city. If a need is presented, the community finds a way to support it. The city now has 300 shelter and short-term units and 1600 for supportive senior housing.

Councillor Harper returned to the chamber at 8:18 p.m.

- His Worship, Mayor Wright thanked members of Council, staff and the entire community for their support of all the initiatives involved in the provision of emergency shelter and supported housing in the City of New Westminster.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council receive the Update on Emergency Shelter, Longer-Term Transitional and Supported Housing in New Westminster report for information; and

THAT Council support the principles of the Canadian Rental Housing Coalition Charter.

CARRIED.

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

Direction to staff:

Arising from adoption of the foregoing motion, His Worship, Mayor Wright requested staff to advise Metro Vancouver of the City's support of the principles of the Canadian Rental Housing Coalition Charter.

g) [Proposed Rezoning of 1308 / 1310 Ewen Avenue St. Joseph Demascene Church – Preliminary Report](#)

MOVED and SECONDED

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 voted in favour of the motion.

h) [Construction Noise Bylaw Variance to Allow Ponte Brothers Contracting to Install a Hydro Duct Across Brunette Avenue](#)

MOVED and SECONDED

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 voted in favour of the motion.

i) [Use of Road Grade Warning Signs on Steep Truck Routes](#)

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 voted in favour of the motion.

j) [Construction Noise Bylaw Variance for Queen's Park Artificial Turf Field](#)

MOVED and SECONDED

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 voted in favour of the motion.

k) [Motion to adopt the recommendations from the Special Services and Access Committee meeting of October 20, 2011:](#)

(i) **Accessibility During Construction**

Comments from Council:

- A member of Council advised that Special Services and Access Committee members have volunteered to assist contractors in determining specific access needs.

MOVED and SECONDED

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 voted in favour of the motion.

l) Senior Services Society Letter dated October 11, 2011

MOVED and SECONDED

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 voted in favour of the motion.

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

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 the Council voted in favour of the motion.

BYLAWS

6. [Water Works Amendment Bylaw No. 7498, 2011 \[a Bylaw to amend Water Works Bylaw No. 1837\]](#) **ADOPTION**

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Water Works Amendment Bylaw No. 7498, 2011 be adopted.

CARRIED.

All members of Council voted in favour of the motion.

7. [Sewerage System User Charge Amendment Bylaw No. 7499, 2011 \[a Bylaw to amend Bylaw No. 4525 Sewerage System User Charge Bylaw, 1971\]](#) **ADOPTION**

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Sewerage System User Charge Amendment Bylaw No. 7499, 2011 be adopted.

CARRIED.

All members of Council voted in favour of the motion.

8. [Garbage Amendment Bylaw No. 7500, 2011 \[a Bylaw to amend Garbage Bylaw No. 4111, 1965\]](#) **ADOPTION**

BM what is total per household increase from 2011 – 2012 - about \$63

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Garbage Amendment Bylaw No. 7500, 2011 be adopted.

CARRIED.

All members of Council voted in favour of the motion.

Comments from Council:

- In response to a question regarding the average utility cost increase (2011/12) per household, staff advised a figure of approximately \$63.00

9. Bylaws coming forward from the Council in Committee of the Whole meeting held November 7, 2011:

a) [Bylaw Consolidation and Revision Bylaw \(Bylaw No. 7504, 2011\)](#)

THREE READINGS

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Bylaw Consolidation and Revision Bylaw be read a first time.

CARRIED.

All members of Council voted in favour of the motion.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Bylaw Consolidation and Revision Bylaw be read a second time.

CARRIED.

All members of Council voted in favour of the motion.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Bylaw Consolidation and Revision Bylaw be read a third time.

CARRIED.

All members of Council voted in favour of the motion.

b) [Amendment to Bylaw 7488, 2011 for 409 Boyne Street](#)

**RESCIND THIRD READING
AMEND BYLAW TO REFLECT NEW PLAN
THIRD READING AS AMENDED**

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council rescind third reading of Bylaw 7488, 2011

CARRIED.

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

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council receive Bylaw 7488, 2011, as amended.

CARRIED.

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

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Bylaw 7488, 2011 be read a third time, as amended.

CARRIED.

All members of Council voted in favour of the motion.

- c) **Zoning Bylaw Amendment 7494, 2011** [A Bylaw to Amend Zoning Bylaw No. 6680, 2001] **TWO READINGS**

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Zoning Bylaw Amendment 7494, 2011, be read a first time.

CARRIED.

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

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Zoning Bylaw Amendment 7494, 2011, be read a second time.

CARRIED.

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

(A Public Hearing for Bylaw No. 7494, 2011 [Text Amendment] is scheduled for Mon November 28, 2011 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber, City Hall)

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There were no items of unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS

10. Statement on the School Capital Project

His Worship, Mayor Wayne Wright reported that the City of New Westminster and School District No. 40 have successfully concluded a Land Exchange Agreement that will accommodate construction of new schools in the city. The Ministry of Education supported the terms of the agreement and a formal letter of their support was expected shortly. Mayor Wright expressed thanks to all who worked towards the positive outcome of negotiations.

REPORTS

11. Council Members:

Councillor Osterman...attended: Knox Church for its annual bake sale, Century House bake sale, Group of Five High Tea at Galbraith House on November 6; reminded everyone of Remembrance Day Services– urged early attendance; encouraged families to investigate genealogy, many connections with ancestors and remember those who made our democratic process possible by their sacrifices.

Councillor Williams...attended Grand Opening of new Lowes' Store in Queensborough - this provides 175 local jobs; Lowes' is community-minded and they presented a cheque to the Seniors Service. Society; was invited by Public Broadcasting System (PBS) to their KCTS-9 studio in Seattle to cook personal recipe *Asparagus Splendido* on live television; wished all municipal candidates good luck in forthcoming civic elections on November 19.

Councillor Cote...attended the Royal City Gogos' fundraiser for African projects; Winter Farmers Market now at River Market at the Quay - well attended; the Craft Fair at Century House; thanked various groups and organizations for hosting all-candidates meetings – well organised for residents – wished all municipal candidates good luck on November 19 and urged all citizens to vote.

Councillor McEvoy...welcomed news of the School Capital Project Land Exchange Agreement, which speaks to City's commitment; commented on the November 3 traffic jam due to accidents on two bridges – underscores need for work on the City's Master Transportation Plan; noted Remembrance Day observances and encouraged people to respect the two minutes silence; also, for the first time, Honour House will be represented; noted availability of on-line information at archives.ca where every Canadian who has served in the military is recorded.

Councillor Harper...attended Brewery District opening – major impact on city and on Sapperton Community that is transformative; Lowes' opening, also significant for its contribution to the community; all-candidates meeting at New Columbia Theatre was very well organised; Citizenship Ceremony was impressive; Century House Craft Fair and Tea; Queen's Park all candidates meeting was well organized and attended; Group of Five High Tea – accomplished great fundraising for Royal Columbian Hospital; wished all candidates good luck and urged citizens to vote on November 19.

Councillor McIntosh...attended Canadian Club monthly meeting – guest speaker - Lisa Spitale re Multi Use Civic Facility; Brewery District opening – historical mosaic in front is impressive; Lowes' opening – imposing displays and layouts; Royal City Gogos fundraiser; Fall fairs – Dunwood Place, Sapperton OAP, Century House, Knox Church, Mt. Zion, Winter Market at River Market; all candidates meetings Group of Five High Tea. Remembrance Day observances – provides opportunity to thank and respect veterans; Nov 12 - River Market 2-4pm fundraiser for Senior Services Society.

Mayor Wayne Wright....

Proclamation: proclaimed November 13 – 20, 2011 as *Restorative Justice Week* in the City of New Westminster.

Mayor Wright also announced November 13 Open House at *Honour House* where all would be welcome to view the facilities now available for use by Armed Services members, first responders and veterans. Also attended: Knox Church

bake sale; welcoming for new City employees; ribbon cutting for *Haunted Hall* Halloween at Metro; Mayors' Council on Regional Transportation; officiated at Brewery District Grand Opening; teleconference meeting - Metro Vancouver; Lowes' Grand Opening at Queensborough; Metro Vancouver Park Committee; welcomed children of staff for *Take Your Grade 9 Students to Work Day*; City staff's United Way Bowling fundraiser; Metro Vancouver media event re Homelessness Funding; announced Remembrance Day observances, commencing at the Armoury on November 11 – encouraged early arrival (9:00 a.m.) for seating; closure of Royal Avenue between McBride and 8th Street 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

NEXT MEETING

Monday, November 14, 2011

Proposed Special Closed Meeting of Council Working Session will commence at 1:00 p.m. in Committee Room No. 2, City Hall;

Monday, November 28, 2011

- Proposed Regular Meeting of Council Working Session will commence at 1:00 p.m. in Committee Room No. 2, City Hall;
- Public Hearing re Zoning Amendment Bylaw (Building Encroachments) No. 7494, 2011 [Text Amendment] at 6:00 p.m. in Council Chamber
- Opportunity to be Heard following 6:00 p.m. Public Hearing, in Council Chamber, City Hall; followed immediately by Regular Council in Council Chamber, City Hall.

Opportunity to Be Heard

- **DVP 526 for 221 Jardine Street**
- **DVP 527 for 342 Johnston Street**
- **DVP 529 for 327 East Sixth Avenue**

ADJOURNMENT

ON MOTION, the meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Certified Correct,

WAYNE WRIGHT
MAYOR

RICHARD L. PAGE
CORPORATE OFFICER