



CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF NEW WESTMINSTER

COUNCIL IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

November 16, 2009 3:38 p.m.
Committee Room 2, City Hall

MINUTES

PRESENT:

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

ABSENT:

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 & Information Technology
Mr. Dean Gibson	- Director of Parks and Recreation
Mr. Terry Dunlop	- Recording Secretary

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the naming of the new baby beluga whale be added as agenda Item 13, and the order of the agenda be changed to allow presentations as follows:

- *Douglas College*
- *Ipsos Reid Survey*
- *Welcoming Inclusive Communities*
- *Utility Rates*

CARRIED.

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

PRESENTATIONS

3. Douglas College Presentation – Hazel Postma and Scott McAlpine

Hazel Postma and Scott McAlpine requested the City of New Westminster establish an endowment in the amount of \$20,000 to honour the City's 150th Anniversary and Douglas College's 40th Anniversary. The campus currently serves about 12,000 students and 1200 staff members with about 200 staff members residing New Westminster. This makes the College a major economic driver in the community.

During discussion, members made the following comments.

- Commend relationship with Douglas College;
- Suggest the College take advantage of economic development opportunities with overseas links;
- Mutual interest in developing a stronger linkage and providing access to western education for the City's Sister Cities;
- Encourage expanding international programs.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT staff shepherd through the annual budget process the request from Douglas College for the City to set up a \$20,000 endowment in honour of the City's 150th Anniversary and Douglas College's 40th Anniversary.

CARRIED.

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

PROCEDURAL NOTE: The Committee moved to the Consent Agenda in order to accommodate those making presentations.

CONSENT AGENDA

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Consent Agenda be approved with the removal of the following:

- *Item 7 – Expanding the Sidewalk Café Program*
- *Item 8 – Enforcement Guidelines/Building Bylaw*
- *Item 10 – Motion to adopt Notes of the Youth Advisory Committee meetings of April 23, 2009, May 28, 2009, and September 17, 2009*

CARRIED.

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

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT staff recommendations arising from Consent Agenda items be approved as follows:

5. **Zoning Bylaw Text Amendment – Bicycle Parking Spaces** – Director of Development Services

****** *THAT Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 7357, 2009, be referred to Regular Council for Three Readings.*

6. Proposed Rezoning for Portion of 888 Carnarvon Street – Preliminary Report – Director of Development Services

THAT the November 16, 2009 Preliminary Report from the Director of Development Services regarding the proposed rezoning of a portion of 888 Carnarvon Street be received for information.

9. Motion to Adopt the Minutes of: Emergency Advisory Committee meeting of June 9, 2009.

THAT the minutes of the Emergency Advisory Committee meeting held on June 9, 2009 be received and adopted.

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

PROCEDURAL NOTE: The Committee returned to the remaining presentations

PRESENTATIONS CONTINUED

1. Ipsos Reid 2010 Budget Survey Results – Paul Musca

a) Presentation

Paul Musca provided a detailed account of the issues and concerns regarding the Ipsos Reid 2010 Budget Survey Results which are based on 400 telephone interviews with New Westminster residents.

b) Report

Gary Holowatiuk, Director of Finance and Information Technology reported the City's on-line survey also provided 130+ results. The survey provides good information to Council on where residents stand on community issues and concerns. However there is a concern that the homeowners representation may be over reported in relationship to renters and those with only cell phones are not represented.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the City of New Westminister 2010 Budget Survey Results prepared by Ipsos Reid be received for information.

CARRIED.

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

2. Welcoming and Inclusive Communities – Director of Development Services

John Stark, Social Planner addressed the following areas:

- Changing face of New Westminister (more immigrants and minorities);
- Challenges faced by newcomers;
- Defining what constitutes a welcoming and inclusive community;

- Welcoming and Inclusive Communities and Work Places Program to assist immigrants in realizing their full potential;
- Community Partnership Development engaging a broad range of sectors and stakeholders to develop a common vision.
- Funded projects such as the Welcome Ambassadors Program, Newcomers Guide to New Westminster, the Immigrant Mentorship Program and the Newcomer Youth Popular Theatre Project are used to greet, inform, and connect and educate newcomers.

During discussion the following comments were made:

- Acknowledged strong funding level of multiculturalism in the City;
- Suggested having 125 different communities in national costumes represented in torch relay.

4. Utility Rates – Director of Engineering, General Manager, Electric Utility and Director of Finance and Information Technology

a) Presentation

Gary Holowatiuk provided a budget process update citing the challenges of a growing population and development, significant increases for utility services and replacement of aging infrastructure and facilities.

Rod Carle, General Manager of Electrical Operations presented a financial plan overview for electrical utility pointing out the challenges the City for the future, 2010 – 2014 as follows:

- staff recruiting and succession planning;
- Electrical Utility Commission Strategic Plan;
- Electrical Utility Commission Long Term Business Plan;
- new distribution feeders for Royal Sub-station and Queensborough;
- new transmission line along Eighth Avenue and Twelfth Street;
- two new transformers for 20 year load growth;
- potential Smart Meter Initiative; and
- potential new electric utility billing system.

Catalin Dobrescu reported on the water, sewer, and solid waste utilities. The challenges facing water utility are as follows:

- a significant capital investment in regional water quality will mean increased cost of bulk water;
- renewal of aging infrastructure requires significant capital investment;
- review of rate structure for seasonal rates and declining block rate;
- meeting the requirements of the 2009 Potable Water Emergency Plan.

Sewer utility challenges were outlined as follows:

- meeting the standards set out in the Metro Vancouver Liquid Waste Management Plan;
- aging infrastructure requires a significant investment; and
- need to establish a reasonable reserve balance.

The solid waste utility challenges were reported as follows:

- Metro Vancouver Solid Waste Management Plan and Zero Waste Challenge;
- City move to automated waste collection;
- Clean green waste collection commenced in 2009; and
- future kitchen waste collection.

During discussion the following comments were made:

- target developers to include LEED standards to reduce consumption;
- Twelfth Street transmission lines will be overhead lines;
- water purchase increases will continue over the next several years for major Greater Vancouver Water District infrastructure upgrades

b) Report

The Director of Engineering, General Manager of Electric Utility, and Director of Finance and Information Technology presented a summary of proposed 2010 utility rates.

- ** **MOVED and SECONDED and CARRIED, this Committee recommends**
THAT the 2010-2014 financial plans for the Electrical, Water, Sewer and Solid Waste utilities be approved in principle and that staff prepare the necessary bylaws to amend the City's utility rates for 2010, as outlined in the November 16, 2009 report from the Director of Engineering, General Manager, Electric Utility and Director of Finance and Information Technology.

CARRIED.

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

ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

7. **Expanding the Sidewalk Café Program** – Director of Development Services

During discussion a suggestion was made to consider banning smoking on the premises of any sidewalk café applications coming forward.

- ** **MOVED and SECONDED and CARRIED, this Committee recommends**
THAT staff prepare amendments to the New Westminster Sidewalk Café Encroachment Bylaw as outlined in the November 16, 2009 report from the Director of Development Services.

CARRIED.

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

8. **Enforcement Guidelines / Building Bylaw** – Director of Development Services

During discussion, it was suggested that the six steps highlighted in the November 16, 2009 report from the Director of Development Services be consistent in bylaw enforcement.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the November 16, 2009 report from the Director of Development Services regarding Enforcement Guidelines/Building Bylaw be received for information.

CARRIED.

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

10. MOTION TO ADOPT THE NOTES OF: the [Youth Advisory Committee meetings of April 23, 2009, May 28, 2009, and September 17, 2009.](#)

In response to a question regarding the overdue Youth Advisory Committee Notes, the Director of Legislative Services explained the notes generally come forward with the next meeting minutes. However the Youth Advisory Committee has been lacking a quorum for meetings. Mr. Page assured the members that staff is addressing the issue.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the April 23, 2009, May 28, 2009, and September 17, 2009 notes of the Youth Advisory Committee be adopted.

CARRIED.

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

REPORTS FOR ACTION

Director of Engineering

11. [Corporate Greenhouse Gas Reduction Plan](#) – Implementation Update

November 16, 2009 report from the Director of Engineering Services providing an overview of the status of the City's Corporate Greenhouse Gas Reduction Plan and how allocated capital funds were spent to implement energy reduction initiatives.

Jennifer Lukianchuk provided an updated GHS inventory for 2008, listed a number of energy reduction related initiatives that have been undertaken and suggested a path for future implementation and financial planning

Discussion ensued with the following comments:

- Members would like an annual report with an outline of plans to meet the targets;
- Take statistics from target list of greenhouse gas reductions and prepare a chart for future monitoring;
- Suggest all staff be looking at scaling down to meet reduced emissions on City vehicles;
- Suggest training more in-house staff for HVAC maintenance to cut costs;
- Concerned about the increase in greenhouse gas from the base year which were caused by general growth and anomalies of cold winter/hot summer.

- ** **MOVED and SECONDED and CARRIED, this Committee recommends**
THAT Council receive the November 16, 2009 report from the Director of Engineering Services regarding the Implementation Update on Corporate Greenhouse Gas Reduction Plan; and
THAT funding Option 2 as outlined in the November 16, 2009 report from the Director of Engineering to support future greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions reduction projects be approved.

CARRIED.

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

COMMITTEE MINUTES AND RECOMMENDATIONS

12. **MOTION TO ADOPT THE MINUTES OF:** [Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee meeting of September 3, 2009](#)

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the September 3, 2009 minutes of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee be adopted.

CARRIED.

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

MOTION TO ADOPT THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF: Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee meeting of September 3, 2009:

MOVED AND SECONDED

THAT Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee's resolution of September 3, 2009 regarding connection of Queensborough and downtown New Westminster and the Quay be received for information.

CARRIED.

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

NEW BUSINESS

13. **Naming of New Baby Beluga Whale (Councillor Harper)**

A letter was received from John Banks suggesting Council recommend the new baby Beluga whale at the Vancouver Aquarium be named "Juno" to commemorate Canadian landing on Juno Beach, June 6-7, 1944 (D-Day Normandy landings WWII)

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

THAT a letter be sent to the Vancouver Aquarium recommending the new baby Beluga whale born on June 7, 2009 be named "Juno" in commemoration of the landing of Canadian troops on Juno Beach in World War II, on June 6-7, 1944.

CARRIED.

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

ADJOURNMENT

ON MOTION, the meeting adjourned at 6:53 p.m.

Certified Correct,

WAYNE WRIGHT
CHAIR

RICK PAGE
CORPORATE OFFICER