



CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF NEW WESTMINSTER

REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL

November 26, 2007 3:14 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	- 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
Ms. Judi Turner	- Assistant City Clerk

Council adjourned to Committee of the Whole at p.m. and reconvened in the Council Chamber at 7:25 p.m. with all members of Council present.

PRESENTATION

1, **Comprehensive Road Safety Plan – Margaret Gibbs, Opus Hamilton Consulting.**

Margaret Gibbs of Opus Hamilton Consulting was present to discuss the New Westminister Comprehensive Road Safety Plan with initiatives such as neighbourhood traffic calming, upgrades of pedestrian signals, bike and pedestrian network establishment and upgrades, and automated enforcement. The intent of the Plan is to develop a strategic integrated multi-stakeholder process and plan to improve the attributes of roads and

road users in New Westminster in order to help users arrive safely at their destinations.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

2. **Motion to adopt [the minutes of the last regular meeting of the City Council held November 19, 2007.](#)**

A correction was requested to Item of the November 19, 2007 Regular Minutes of Council by deleting third reading of Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. , 2007.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the minutes of the Regular Meeting of City Council held on November 19, 2007, be received and adopted, as amended.

CARRIED.

All members of Committee voted in favour of the motion.

DELEGATIONS

3. **Open Delegations**

Chuck Puchmayr, MP, was present regarding the following:

- To thank Council for the position it took on the closure of the Westminster Mill and for its position on industrial land
- To comment on the execution of a Chilcotin Chief Kwantun, who was executed in New Westminster, but whose remains are in an unknown location; the Member of Parliament asked for Council's and the community's assistance in relocating these remains
- To voice concern that Bill 43 will not install a system that gives real opportunity for public authority, input or impact into a transportation plan that will have great effect on New Westminster, its citizens and its region.

Kalev Uustal from Vancouver, Doug Oulds from Aldergrove and Troy Taylor from Vancouver, representing the United Steel Workers 1-3567, and as employees of Canfor - New Westminster Division, were present and advised that they recycle wood waste and refine it. This company is the only company which does this work in Canada or west of the Mississippi in the USA. This work protects rivers, streams, and habitats. Without this activity the materials will reach the landfills and be burnt or buried instead of being processed and recycled. As this work is not part of Canfor's core business and because of rising taxes, the local company has received notice from the parent company of closure of the Mill. The delegates requested Council assistance to head off closure of the Mill.

Neil Powell of 432 Sherbrooke Street, representing the McBride Sapperton Residents' Association, rose and mentioned that he asked on behalf of the residents in January 2006 that the work of the Sapperton Traffic Calming begun in 1999 be completed. This was six years. He is present again to repeat this request and to also ask for completion of the Upper Sapperton traffic study (supported by the formal meeting of the Association) to address:

- Excessive traffic and speed on Cumberland Street
- Improvements to the crosswalk on Seventh Avenue
- Reduced speed on Cumberland and Sixth avenue to 30 km
- Removal of exit lane northbound on McBride Boulevard
- Cars parked on Richmond at Alberta, making it difficulty to exit Alberta Street
- Installation of metal halide lighting at the crosswalk at East Eighth Avenue and Buchanan.

Mr. Powell submitted his letter (which will be added to the Agenda package).

BYLAWS CONSIDERED AT PUBLIC HEARING

4. **Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 7202, 2007** [a bylaw to rezone 1020 – 1032 Ewen Avenue from Queensborough Neighbourhood Residential Dwelling Districts (RQ-1) and Local Commercial Districts (C-1) to Community Commercial Districts (Medium Rise) (C-2A)] **THIRD READING**

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 7202, 2007, be read a third time.

CARRIED.

All members of Council voted in favour of the motion.

ISSUANCE OF DEVELOPMENT VARIANCE PERMITS

5. **Issuance of Development Permit 028 (Q) (1020 – 1032 Ewen Avenue)-**

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Development Permit 028 (Q) (1020 – 1032 Ewen Avenue) be issued.

CARRIED.

All members of Committee voted in favour of the motion.

CORRESPONDENCE

6. [Union of BC Municipalities re Expression of Interest for the 2008 Senior's Housing & Support Initiative – Approval in Principle.](#)

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the letter dated November 13, 2007, from the Union of BC Municipalities regarding an Expression of Interest for the 2008 Senior's Housing & Support Initiative – Approval in Principle, be received.

CARRIED.

All members of Committee voted in favour of the motion.

7. [Downtown New Westminster Business Improvement Society re Creating a Welcoming Environment Downtown.](#)

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the letter dated November 20, 2007, from the Downtown New Westminster Business Improvement Society regarding Creating a Welcoming Environment Downtown, be received.

CARRIED.

All members of Committee voted in favour of the motion.

The following matters were referred to staff for follow up:

- To respond to the letter on the request for installation of tamper proof garbage containers on Front Street; and
- To attend to the matter of garbage strewn around Eighth Street and Tenth Street.

REPORTS

8. **Council Members:**

Councillor Cote

...chaired a meeting of the Museum Advisory Sub-Committee; attended the Youth Advisory Committee, which is developing a radio ad on the issue of eating disorders; was invited to make a presentation to a Grade 3 class at Herbert Spencer School.

Councillor Donnelly

...attended the Starlight Casino tour at their new facility in Queensborough, the Queensborough Ratepayers meeting, a meeting of the New Westminster Tourism Association, the First Presbyterian Church service on leadership, and the Writers Group at Century House.

Councillor Harper

...toured the Starlight Casino; a Child Care Committee meeting, a Homeless Coalition meeting, a Neighbourhood Traffic Advisory Committee, and a Port Authority meeting where means to build communication with communities were discussed; attended the Teddy Bear Picnic, the First Presbyterian Church service on leadership hosted by Pastor Bruneau.

Councillor McIntosh

...attended a Library Board meeting; noted that the 12 week Vancouver strike affected a program called Ask-Away – a program for students to ask tutoring questions; noted that ongoing book sale revenues have almost doubled the annual book sale revenue; noted that Library Christmas closure will be the Christmas, Boxing Day and New Year's Days; noted that Family Day will change in the future; attended the Sapperton Pensioners' regular monthly meeting where members were advised why 80 year old seniors must take annual driving tests for driver and pedestrian safety; visited the Greater Vancouver Credit Union; met with the Pharmasave owner and the pharmacist and walked the historic Downtown; attended at Vagabond Players for a performance of Backroom Humour; attended the Urban Academy Christmas fair, the Royal City Jewelers signed celebrity tie auction noting that funds are donated to the Food Bank, the Presbyterian Church event where a sermon on leadership was given; spoke with the founder of the Kitsilano Farmers Market.

Councillor Osterman

...attended the First Presbyterian Church service on leadership; attended a meeting of the Emergency Advisory Committee; noted that Dave Reid is the new manager of Risk, Safety and Emergency Planning;

Councillor Williams

...lobbied the Members of Parliament in Ottawa for the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) on Bill C303 (for universal child care); noted that comments on railway noise can be submitted to the FCM until February 29th; noted the FCM is addressing the growing municipal infrastructure deficit – will make a presentation next week on this matter; other FCM initiatives included: the one cent campaign on fuel taxes, a meeting on the housing strategy, expediting refugee claims, a nation wide ban on the cosmetic use of pesticides, strengthening the National Building Code of Canada, asking that the Federal Government follow through on their promise for more police officers

Mayor Wayne Wright

...received a delegation of 20 senior administrators from Shanghai Administrative Institute; along with some Councillors and staff, met with the Ombudsman, Kim Carter, who made a presentation on the role and activities of the Ombudsman; attended the celebrity tie auction event; the First Presbyterian Church Service conducted by Pastor Tim Bruneau; commented on additions to staff, including John Stark, the new Social Planner; urged citizens to send information to FCM on train noise; welcomed back the Queens Park Residents' Association which

had an initial meeting yesterday; offered condolences to the family of George Durkovitch, former owner of the Queens Hotel.

COMMITTEE MINUTES AND RECOMMENDATIONS

9. **Motion to receive and adopt [the minutes of a meeting of Council in Committee of the Whole held November 19, 2007.](#)**

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the minutes of the Council in Committee of the Whole meeting held on November 19, 2007, be received and adopted.

CARRIED.

All members of Committee voted in favour of the motion.

10. **Recommendations from Council in Committee of the Whole meeting held November 26, 2007.**

Director of Parks & Recreation:

- a) **[Farmers Market Location](#)**

MOVED and SECONDED

*THAT the Farmers Market Society be invited to the Regular Council meeting of December 3, 2007 to make a 10 minute presentation on the matter of a farmers' market for New Westminster; and
THAT residents be invited to express their opinions on the matter during Open Delegations.*

CARRIED

All members of Council voted in favour of the motion.

Staff was directed to place an advertisement in the local paper about this input opportunity.

Director of Engineering Services:

- b) **[East Columbia Street Improvement Program](#)**

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the proposed streetscape improvement program for East Columbia Street, from Sherbrooke Street to Braid Street, be referred to staff to develop a process for proceeding with the East Columbia Street improvements as soon as possible.

CARRIED

All members of Council voted in favour of the motion.

Director of Legislative Services:

- c) [Renewal of Downtown New Westminster Business Improvement Areas – Results from Notification of Affected Property Owners – Statement of Sufficiency](#)

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT 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 be received.

CARRIED

All members of Council voted in favour of the motion.

City Administrator:

- d) [Regional Collaboration on Economic Development](#)

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the City Administrator be authorized to sign the Memorandum of Understanding for Regional Collaboration on Economic Development.

CARRIED

All members of Council voted in favour of the motion.

Referred From Closed Meeting Of November 19, 2007 (For information only - no motion required)

- e) **Moody Park Outdoor Pool – Project Delivery Approach –**
Director of Parks & Recreation

THAT staff be authorized to issue requests for proposals for Design Team services and Project Management/Construction Management services for the delivery of the Moody Park Outdoor Pool project.

BYLAWS

- 10(a). Downtown New Westminster Business Improvement Area (Primary Area) Bylaw No. 7184, 2007** [a bylaw to establish a Business Improvement Area Service] **ADOPTION**

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Downtown New Westminster Business Improvement Area (Primary Area) Bylaw No. 7184, 2007, be adopted.

CARRIED.

All members of Council voted in favour of the motion.

- 10(b). Downtown New Westminster Business Improvement Area (Secondary Area) Bylaw No. 7185, 2007** [a bylaw to designate a Business Improvement Area Service] **ADOPTION**

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Downtown New Westminster Business Improvement Area (Secondary Area) Bylaw No. 7185, 2007, be adopted.

CARRIED.

All members of Council voted in favour of the motion.

- 11. Council Expense Repeal Bylaw No. 7146, 2007** [a bylaw to repeal Council Expense Bylaw No. 6217, 1994] **ADOPTION**

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council Expense Repeal Bylaw No. 7146, 2007, be adopted.

CARRIED.

All members of Council voted in favour of the motion.

- 12. Street Naming Bylaw No.7199, 2007** [a bylaw to add "East" as a prefix for the seven streets located east of McBride Avenue (Columbia Street, Durham Street, Sixth Avenue, Seventh Avenue, Eighth Avenue, Tenth Avenue and Royal Avenue)] **ADOPTION**

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Street Naming Bylaw No.7199, 2007, be adopted.

CARRIED.

All members of Council voted in favour of the motion.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

13. Announcements

The following were announced:

- An invitation to attend the Downtown OCP Open House to be held on Saturday, December 1 from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. at the Westminster Club at 713 Columbia Street
- An invitation to attend the Santa Claus parade on December 1 at 4:00 p.m. followed by the tree lighting ceremony at Hyack Square.

NEW BUSINESS

14. Letter from Peter Julian, M.P. for Burnaby/New Westminster, proposing legislation to phase out production and import of products containing additive PBDEs

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the City send a letter in support of the following motion proposed by Peter Julian, MP, Burnaby-New Westminster:

THAT, in the opinion of the House, the government should recognize that fire retardants containing polybrominated diphenyl ethers (PBDEs) are proven to be the most dangerous form of flame retardant harmful to people, animals and the environment, and that legislation completely phasing out the production and import of products containing additive PBDEs should be brought forth within a year.

CARRIED.

All members of Council voted in favour of the motion.

15. Canadian Forest Products Mill / Heating Greenhouses with Wood

MOVED and SECONDED

WHEREAS the Canadian Forest Products Mill is closing;

WHEREAS this Mill is a green producer that recycles wood materials from old buildings and other wood products;

***NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council communicate with the management of Canadian Forest Products and the Provincial government, requesting that options be explored for keeping the Mill open; and*

THAT the City send a letter to Metro Vancouver asking why greenhouses are permitted to burn wood as a source of heat in the Metro Region.

CARRIED.

All members of Council voted in favour of the motion.

NEXT MEETING

Monday, December 3, 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 Amendment Bylaw No. 7200, 2007; Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 7201, 2007 (1105 Royal Avenue)
- Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 7203, 2007 (scrap metal dealers)

ADJOURNMENT

ON MOTION, the meeting adjourned at 9:33 p.m.

Certified Correct,

WAYNE WRIGHT
MAYOR

RICHARD L. PAGE
CORPORATE OFFICER