



COUNCIL IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

November 28, 2011 2:00 p.m.
Committee Room 2, City Hall

MINUTES

PRESENT:

Mayor Wayne Wright
Councillor Jonathan Côté
Councillor Bill Harper
Councillor Bob Osterman (arrived at 2:10 p.m.)
Councillor Betty McIntosh
Councillor Jaimie McEvoy
Councillor Lorrie Williams

STAFF:

Mr. Jim Lowrie	- Director of Engineering Services
Mr. Gary Holowatiuk	- Director of Finance & Information Technology
Mr. Dean Gibson	- Director, Parks, Culture and Recreation
Ms. Bev Grieve	- Manager of Planning, Development Services
Mr. Rod Carle	- General Manager, Electric Utility
Mr. Steven Scheving	- Planning Consultant
Mr. Terry Dunlop	- Recording Secretary

Regular Council meeting was called to order at 2:08 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

Councillor Osterman arrived at 2:10 pm

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the following items be added to the Agenda:

- 2012 Schedule of Council Meetings, as 10.1
- Free Veterans Parking, as 10.2

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, 2, 4, 5 and 9 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 and Director of Parks, Culture and Recreation

1. Grant Application In Support of Inclusion Enhancement Strategy for Century House

November 28, 2011 report advising of the City's intention, jointly with the Century House Association Executive and the Seniors Planning and Action Network (SPAN) Governance Committee, to apply for a 2012 Age-Friendly Community project Grant.

THAT Council provide its full support for the Century House Inclusion Enhancement Strategy as included in the Director of Development Services and Director of Parks, Culture and Recreation report; and

THAT the City accept responsibility for providing overall grant and financial management to this project.

CARRIED.

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

Director of Development Services

3. Opening dates for Retail Phase of Plaza 88

November 28, 2011 report informing on details concerning opening of the various components and stores in the retail phase of Plaza 88.

[Staff informed of an error in the report and advised that the Shoppers Drug Mart will not open until January, 2012, rather than December, 2011, as noted]

THAT the report from the Director of Development Services be received for information.

CARRIED.

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

Director of Finance and Information Technology

6. Temporary Borrowing for 2012 (Bylaw No. 7503, 2011)

November 28, 2011 report seeking approval of a bylaw to authorise temporary borrowing under Section 177 of the Community Charter.

THAT Revenue Anticipation Borrowing Amendment Bylaw No. 7503, 2011 be forwarded to Council for consideration.

CARRIED.

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

7. Development Cost Charge Expenditure Bylaw for 2011

(Bylaw No. 7502, 2011)

November 28, 2011 report seeking approval of Development Cost Charge Expenditure Bylaw No. 7502, 2011 to ratify, confirm and authorise expenditures from the City's Development Cost Charge Reserve Funds.

THAT Development Cost Charge Expenditure Bylaw No. 7502 to ratify, confirm and authorise a total expenditure of \$435,400 from the Development Cost Charge Reserve Funds be forwarded to Council for consideration; and

THAT Council approve expending \$316,800 from the Queensborough Drainage DCC Reserve to pay for the costs of the project on behalf of the Mainland Sanitary DCC Reserve. This amount is to be paid from the Queensborough Drainage DCC Reserve no later than when the funds are needed for the purposes of the Queensborough Drainage DCC projects; and

THAT Council approve expending \$118,600 from the Queensborough Transportation DCC Reserve to pay for the costs of Queensborough Transportation Projects (\$15,840) and to pay for the costs of projects on behalf of the Mainland Transportation DCC Reserve (\$102,760). The latter amount is to be repaid to the Queensborough Transportation DCC Reserve no later than the time when the funds are needed for the purposes of the Queensborough Transportation DCC projects.

CARRIED.

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

Director of Legislative Services

8. 2011 General Local Election – Report of Election Results

November 21, 2011 Chief Election Officer's report submitting official results of the 2011 General Local Election for information.

THAT the Chief Election Officer's report dated November 21, 2011, on the election results for the 2011 General Local Election be received for information.

CARRIED.

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

ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

Director of Development Services

2. DVP 526 for 221 Jardine St. – Correction and Advice re. Related Issue

November 28, 2011 supplementary report informing of correction of an error in the original DVP 526 report contained in the Council package for the November 28, 2011 Opportunity to be Heard and advising of an issue in connection with the subject DVP.

Comments from Council (responses shown in *Italics*)

- What is the required dedication for construction of the public trail? *Staff advised that the error in the original report was an omission of the detail that the applicant will be required to dedicate 6.56 ft. (2 m) to complete the balance of the trail abutting 221 Jardine Street.*

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council receive the report from the Director of Development Services for information.

CARRIED.

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

4. Criteria for the Consideration of the Disposition of City Properties

November 28, 2011 report seeking approval of a set of criteria to be utilised in the consideration of the disposition of City properties.

Comments from Council (responses shown in *Italics*)

- A member of Council proposed an amendment by addition of a clause to incorporate Affordable Housing language into the criteria.
- Is there policy consultation with the community as to disposal of surplus lands? *In most cases no, because while negotiations are underway, staff may not disclose property considerations to the general public.*
- Council must always remain mindful of protection of the public good.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the policy framework be amended by incorporating the following wording as item 7 of the criteria:

- *Consider the potential of any surplus City-owned lands (such as streets or lanes abutting a proposed project) to consolidate with others to facilitate affordable housing*
- *Provide assistance to non-market housing providers by leasing City-owned land and making grants available where opportunities arise.*

CARRIED.

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

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MOVED and SECONDED and CARRIED, this Committee recommends

THAT Council adopt the Policy Framework for the disposition of City Owned lands in Appendix A of the report, as amended.

CARRIED.

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

Director of Engineering

5. Eighth Street at New Westminster Station – Interim Mid Block Crossing

November 28, 2011 report advising of proposed removal of the interim mid-block crosswalk on Eighth Street in the area of the New Westminster SkyTrain station, in conjunction with the pending opening of the new Safeway retail outlet at Plaza 88.

Comments from Council (responses shown in *Italics*)

- Will there be adequate signage denoting public access to the new Multi Use Civic Facility for passengers disembarking from the New Westminster SkyTrain station? *There could be signage at the foot of the escalators on Eighth Street and also at the L5 level exit on the Carnarvon Street level, directing pedestrians to the crosswalk at Eight and Carnarvon.*
- Engineers were urged to acknowledge what people actually do, which is to cross via the shortest route, rather than what they are supposed to do.
- Consider reconfiguration of the Eighth Street block to allow for pick-up and drop off of passengers using the SkyTrain station (remove parking meters).
- Ideally, station access would be from the as yet undeveloped “Kyoto” site [Eighth & Columbia]. The staff report makes sense but implementation should wait until April, 2012 when the whole Plaza 88 development is completed and the Carnarvon Street connection (L5 level) is available.
- Will there be restriction of truck offloading and making deliveries through the daytime? *No restrictions have been discussed as yet; Safeway expects about six trucks per day will access via Stewardson, Royal and Eighth Street.*
- It was suggested that staff pursue possible coordination of Safeway deliveries for all their New Westminster locations. *Staff undertook to discuss possible options with Canada Safeway.*

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the report from the Director of Engineering Services be received for information.

CARRIED.

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

General Manager, Electric Utility

9. Electrical Utility Commission: Bylaw Amendment (Bylaw No. 7505, 2011)

November 28, 2011 report seeking three readings of Electrical Utility Commission Amendment Bylaw No. 7505-2011 in order to seek approval for an additional three-year term for Commissioners only at the discretion of Council.

Comments from Council (responses shown in *Italics*)

- Staff was asked if the same recruitment process would be used. *The bylaw provides Council with greater flexibility over appointments and the recruiting process remains unchanged.*

- ** MOVED and SECONDED and CARRIED, this Committee recommends *THAT the Electrical Utility Commission Amendment Bylaw No. 7505-2011 be advanced to Council for consideration of first three readings.***

CARRIED.

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

REPORTS FOR ACTION

No reports were submitted.

NEW BUSINESS

10.1 2012 Council Meeting Schedule

Council was asked to consider a change to the previously approved 2012 meeting schedule.

- ** MOVED and SECONDED and CARRIED, this Committee recommends *THAT Council approve amendment to the 2012 meeting schedule by deletion of the previously scheduled Regular Meeting of Council on January 16, 2012 and substitution of a Regular Meeting of Council on January 30, 2012 therefor.***

CARRIED.

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

10.2 Veterans Free Parking

- ** MOVED and SECONDED and CARRIED, this Committee recommends *THAT Council approve free parking for Canadian Armed Forces Veterans for the period January 1, 2012 to December 31, 2016.***

CARRIED.

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

ADJOURNMENT

ON MOTION, the meeting adjourned at 2:35 p.m.

Certified Correct,

WAYNE WRIGHT
MAYOR

PAUL DAMINATO
ACTING CORPORATE OFFICER

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