



CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF NEW WESTMINSTER

## COUNCIL IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

November 30, 2009 3:14 p.m.  
Committee Room 2, City Hall

### MINUTES

**PRESENT:**

Mayor Wayne Wright  
Councillor Jonathan Côté  
Councillor Bill Harper  
Councillor Bob Osterman  
Councillor Jaimie McEvoy  
Councillor Betty McIntosh  
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
Chief Tim Armstrong	- Fire Chief
Mr. Dean Gibson	- Director of Parks and Recreation
Ms. Judi Turner	- Assistant Corporate Officer

#### ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

The Agenda was varied as follows:

- Items 16, 17, and 18 were added to the Consent Agenda
- Items 23 to 26 will be considered following Item 1.

## PRESENTATIONS

1. **Vancouver Airport Authority** – Anne Murray, Vice President, Community and Environmental Affairs and Tony Gugliotta, Senior Vice President Marketing and Commercial Development

Ms. Murray and Mr. Gugliotta made a presentation to Council regarding YVR operations and initiatives.

## REPORTS FOR ACTION

### Director of Parks, Culture and Recreation

23. [2010 Heritage Grant Committee Recommendations](#)

November 30, 2009 report seeking consideration of recommendations from the Heritage Grant Committee for approval of grants for local heritage projects and events.

John Davies, Chair, Heritage Grant Committee, was present and responded to questions from members.

During discussion, members made the following comments:

- Staff was directed to provide additional information to Council regarding the donation of historic materials from the Union-Solomon Masonic Lodge No. 9.

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

*THAT \$20,000 in grants for heritage projects be approved as recommended by the Heritage Grant Committee as outlined in the report from the Heritage Grant Committee Chairperson with the exception that a grant of \$500 is approved for the Hyack Anvil Battery (rather than \$250.00).*

**CARRIED.**

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

24. [Recommendations for 2010 Amateur Sport Fund Grants](#)

November 30, 2009 report seeking consideration of recommendations from the Amateur Sports Fund Committee for approval of grants to local minor sports organizations.

Mac Tyler, Chair of the Amateur Sports Fund Committee, was present.

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

*THAT \$30,750 in grants for amateur sports development be approved as recommended in the November 30, 2009 report from the Secretary of the Amateur Sports Fund; and*

***THAT** the Terms of Reference for the Amateur Sport Fund be amended to include the Amateur Sport Grant Travel Funding Guidelines as outlined in the November 30, 2009 report from the Secretary of the Amateur Sports Fund.*

**CARRIED.**

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

**25. 2010 Arts and Culture Grant Committee Recommendations**

November 30, 2009 report seeking consideration of recommendations from the Arts and Culture Grant Funds Committee for approval of grants for local arts and culture projects and events.

Brian Coates, Chair of the Arts and Culture Grant Committee, was present and responded to questions. During discussion, members made the following comments:

- No cash grants were made to Sapperton and West End Business Associations
- No grant made to the Downtown BIA Music Square
- Remove street festival grants from the Arts and Culture Grant program
- Residents Associations were to receive an equal amount for the neighbourhood festivals; however, it appears that the Business Associations are now making the grant applications
- The New Westminster Elementary Band "Band Program" should be supported by the School District
- The grant to the New Westminster Symphony Society should read \$3000
- The in-kind grant to the Queensborough Old Age Pensioners was made for their Christmas dinner for the use of the Queensborough Community Centre 2009 through the Parks and Recreation Committee
- If grants are never increased they lose value to inflation
- New applications are receiving no grant in every case this year due to limited funds in relation to the amount and size of the requests.
- Many arts and culture organizations are facing cuts to their grants from other levels of government; a broader discussion at Council may be necessary.

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

***THAT** \$71,000 in grants for arts and culture projects and events be approved as recommended by the Arts and Culture Grant Committee as outlined in the November 30, 2009 report from the Arts and Culture Grant Committee Chairperson, and as amended by the following (Note: with the increase for the New Westminster Symphony to \$3,000 and the inclusion of the Queensborough OAP grant, \$73,040 for arts and culture projects and events were approved):*

- *The New Westminster Symphony Society grant is \$3,000*
- *The Downtown New Westminster BIA grant for the Multicultural Festival is an in-kind grant of \$4,000.*

**CARRIED.**

Opposed: Councillor McIntosh.

26. [2010 Community Grant Committee Recommendations](#)

November 30, 2009 report seeking consideration of recommendations from the Community Grant Committee for approval of grants for local community projects and events.

Peter McConville, Chair of the Community Grant Committee, was present.

During discussion, members made the following comments:

- The Royal City Humane Society has not received its usual grant from other governments, yet their work remains a value to the community and is a matter of life and death for animals

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

*THAT an in-kind grant in the amount of \$440 be approved for the Queensborough Old Age Pensioners' Christmas Dinner (Note, this grant application is under Arts and Culture Grants).*

All members of Committee voted in favour of the motion.

**MOVED and SECONDED**

*THAT the Glenbrook Day Care request be tabled and staff report back to Council with further details.*

**CARRIED.**

All members of Committee voted in favour of the motion.

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

*THAT the grant to the Royal City Humane Society be approved at \$5,000.00.*

All members of Committee voted in favour of the motion.

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

*THAT \$36,684 in grants for community projects and events be approved as recommended by the Community Grant Committee as outlined in the November 30, 2009 report from the Community Grant Committee Chairperson (with the deletion of the Glenbrook Day Care request) (Note: with the increase for the New Westminster Humane Society to \$5,000, a total of **\$39,184** for community projects and events was approved).*

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

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**MOVED and SECONDED**

*THAT the Consent Agenda items be approved as indicated on the agenda with the removal of Items 3, 5 and 18.*

**CARRIED.**

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

**MOVED and SECONDED**

**THAT** staff recommendations arising from Consent Agenda items be approved as follows for Items 2, 4, 6 – 13, 16, and 17:

**2. 333 – 335 Wood Street – Draft Results of October 20, 2009 Meeting -**  
Director of Development Services

November 9, 2009 report from the Advisory Planning Commission providing information and a recommendation regarding rezoning application for 333 and 335 Wood Street.

**THAT** the November 9, 2009 report from the Advisory Planning Commission be received for information.

**4. 1932 Eighth Avenue – Draft Results of October 20, 2009 Meeting -**  
Director of Development Services

November 9, 2009 report from the Advisory Planning Commission providing information and a recommendation regarding the rezoning of 1932 Eighth Avenue.

**THAT** the November 9, 2009 report from the Advisory Planning Commission be received for information.

**6. Acting Mayor Appointments for December 2009 to November 2010 –**  
Director of Legislative Services

October 14, 2009 report requesting the designation of Acting Mayor duties for 2010.

**\*\* THAT** Acting Mayors for December 2009 to November 2010 be appointed as set out in the Schedule of Acting Mayors in the October 14, 2009 report from the Director of Legislative Services.

**7. Proposed 2010 Schedule of Regular Council Meetings –** Director of Legislative Services

October 19, 2009 report setting out a Schedule of Regular Council Meetings for 2010.

**\*\* THAT** the Schedule of Regular Meetings for January to December 2010 be approved as set out in the October 19, 2009 report from the Director of Legislative Services.

**8. MOTION TO ADOPT THE MINUTES OF: Electric Utility Commission -**  
**Meeting of September 22, 2009**

**THAT** the minutes of the Electric Utility Commission Meeting of September 22, 2009 be received and adopted.

**9. MOTION TO ADOPT THE MINUTES OF: Community Heritage Commission meetings of September 16, 2009 and October 14, 2009**

*THAT the minutes of the Community Heritage Commission meetings of September 16, 2009 and October 14, 2009 be received and adopted.*

**10. MOTION TO ADOPT THE MINUTES OF: Arts and Culture Commission meeting of October 7, 2009**

*THAT the minutes of the Arts and Culture Commission meeting of October 7, 2009 be received and adopted.*

**11. MOTION TO ADOPT THE NOTES OF: Community and Social Issues meeting of October 15, 2009**

*THAT the notes of the Community and Social Issues meeting of October 15, 2009 be received and adopted.*

**12. MOTION TO ADOPT THE MINUTES OF: Family Court Committee meeting of September 30, 2009**

*THAT the minutes of the Family Court Committee meeting of September 30, 2009 be received and adopted.*

**13. MOTION TO ADOPT THE MINUTES OF: Neighbourhood Traffic Advisory Committee Meeting of June 25, 2009 and September 24, 2009**

*THAT the minutes of the Neighbourhood Traffic Advisory Committee meetings of June 25, 2009 and September 24, 2009 be received and adopted.*

**16. 218 St. Patrick Street Heritage Revitalization Agreement – Preliminary Report**

November 30, 2009 report informing Council of an application for a HRA for 218 St. Patrick Street.

*THAT the November 30, 2009 report from the Director of Development Services with respect to an application for a Heritage Revitalization Agreement for 218 St. Patrick Street be received for information.*

**17. Proposed Group Daycare Facility at 1408 Fifth Avenue – Preliminary Report**

November 30, 2009 report acknowledging receipt of a proposal for a licensed group daycare facility at 1408 Fifth Avenue.

***THAT** the November 30, 2009 report acknowledging receipt of a proposal for a licensed group daycare facility at 1408 Fifth Avenue be received for information.*

**ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA**

**3. Proposed Rezoning of 22 and 26 East Royal Avenue and a portion of 275 Francis Way – Preliminary Report - Director of Development Services**

November 30, 2009 report providing preliminary information on an application to rezone 22 and 26 East Royal Avenue and a portion of 275 Francis Way.

Concern was raised over the process of piece meal amendments to density after an agreement on density was reached on each parcel.

**MOVED and SECONDED**

***THAT** the November 30, 2009 Preliminary Report from the Director of Development Services regarding the rezoning of 22 and 26 East Royal Avenue and a portion of 275 Francis Way be **tabled** to December 14, 2009 committee of the Whole.*

**CARRIED.**

All members of Committee voted in favour of the motion.

**5. Grant Request – Queensborough Old Age Pensioners Organization – Director of Parks, Culture and Recreation**

November 30, 2009 report seeking consideration of an in-kind grant request from Queensborough Old Age Pensioners for a waiver of rental fees for use of the Queensborough Community Centre.

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

***THAT** an in-kind grant be approved in the amount of \$440.00 for the Queensborough Old Age Pensioners Organization to defray rental fee expenses for the use of the Queensborough Community Centre for the 2010 annual Christmas dinner.*

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

## REPORTS FOR ACTION

### Director of Development Services

14. [Heritage Policy for the Use of Heritage Revitalization Agreements](#)  
November 30, 2009 report providing the final draft of the Heritage Policy and seeking direction.

**\*\* MOVED and SECONDED and CARRIED, this Committee recommends**  
*THAT staff proceed with the next steps as outlined in the November 30, 2009 report from the Director of Development Services.*

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

15. [626 Tenth Street – Revised Section 219 Covenant](#)  
November 30, 2009 report advising of recent developments in the HRA adopted in August 2009 for 626 Tenth Street.

Julie Shueck, Heritage Planner, responded to questions from members.

**\*\* MOVED and SECONDED and CARRIED, this Committee recommends**  
*THAT staff is directed to proceed with the revised Section 219 Covenant for 626 Tenth Street as outlined in the November 30, 2009 report from the Director of Development Services.*

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

18. [Multi-Use Civic Facility – Community Meeting December 10, 2009](#)  
November 30, 2009 report providing information regarding an upcoming community meeting for the Multi-Use Civic Facility.

**MOVED and SECONDED**  
*THAT the November 30, 2009 report from the Director of Development Services relating to an upcoming community meeting on December 10, 2009 regarding the Multi Use Civic Facility be received for information.*

**CARRIED.**

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

19. [Downtown Community Plan – Update from Consultation Process](#)

November 30, 2009 report providing an update on the feedback on the Downtown Community Plan and seek direction regarding refinements to the draft Plan that pertain to incentives for employment generating uses in the Downtown.

- \*\* **MOVED and SECONDED and CARRIED, this Committee recommends**  
*THAT the Next Steps as outlined in the November 30, 2009 report from the Director of Development Services be approved.*

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

20. [Gas Works Site – 231 Twelfth Street](#)

November 30, 2009 report providing additional information and seeking consideration of pursuing from the Province a Free Crown Grant of the property at 231 Twelfth Street.

**MOVED and SECONDED**

*THAT the November 30, 2009 report from the Director of Development Services, providing additional information and seeking consideration of pursuing from the Province a Free Crown Grant of the property at 231 Twelfth Street, be tabled.*

**DEFEATED.**

Opposed: Councillors Cote, Osterman, Williams and Mayor Wright.

Concern was voiced over the allocation of funds for 2010 taking place outside of Council's larger budget discussions.

A motion to adopt the staff recommendation from the November 30, 2009 report on the Gas Works site was withdrawn by Mover and Seconder.

**MOVED and SECONDED**

*THAT the following motion be referred to the 2010 budget process:*

*“THAT the City allocate \$536,000 in the 2010 budget process to be considered within the overall capital program for the City to pay for the costs of protecting the heritage building during excavation of the contaminated soil from the site should the City receive the Gas Works site.”*

**CARRIED.**

Opposed: Councillors McIntosh and Osterman and Mayor Wright.

**MOVED and SECONDED**

*THAT the following be referred to a January 2010 meeting for further discussion:*

*“THAT the interest in acquiring the Gas Works site for community/institutional use through a sponsored Crown Grant (Free Crown Grant) be pursued;*

*THAT the City indicate to the Province a willingness to accept responsibility for the Gas Works building should the site be transferred to the City, and to work with the Province to protect the Gas Works building prior to any such transfer;*

*THAT the City indicate a willingness to enter into an Agreement with the Province to allocate an additional 20 non-market housing units to B.C. Housing, if an Agreement is reached to transfer the site to the City;*

*THAT the City indicate a willingness to enter into detailed negotiations with the Province to resolve specific issues listed in Schedule A of the Memorandum of Understanding;*

*THAT the City commence with the preparation of capital budgeting for a fire hall and park on the site should the City receive the site;*

*THAT the City investigate proceeding with the utility work on Twelfth Street in coordination with the excavation of the contaminated soils should the City receive the Gas Works site.”*

**CARRIED.**

Opposed: Councillor Cote.

**Director of Engineering and Director of Finance and Information Technology**

**21. [2010 Water, Sewer and Solid Waste Rates Bylaws](#)**

(Bylaw No. 7360, 2009, Bylaw No. 7361, 2009, Bylaw No. 7362, 2009)  
November 30, 2009 report presenting a Water Works Amendment Bylaw, a Sewerage System User Charge Amendment Bylaw, and a Garbage Amendment Bylaw.

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

*THAT the November 30, 2009 report from the Director of Engineering Services and the Director of Finance and Information Technology be received for information;*

*THAT Water Works Amendment Bylaw No. 7360, 2009 be forwarded to the Regular Council meeting of November 30, 2009 for consideration of three readings;*

*THAT Sewerage System User Charge Amendment Bylaw No. 7361, 2009 be forwarded to the Regular Council meeting of November 30, 2009 for consideration of three readings;*

*THAT Garbage Amendment Bylaw No. 7362, 2009 be forwarded to the Regular Council meeting of November 30, 2009 for consideration of three readings.*

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

## Director of Finance and Information Technology

### 22. [Users Fees and Rates Review](#)

(Bylaw 7363, 2009, Bylaw No. 7349, 2009, Bylaw No. 7354, 2009, Bylaw No. 7355, 2009, Bylaw No. 7352, 2009, Bylaw No. 7353, 2009, Bylaw No. 7359,2009)

November 30, 2009 report updating the bylaws associated with the user fees and rates.

#### \*\* **MOVED and SECONDED and CARRIED, this Committee recommends**

*THAT the following Bylaws be referred to the Regular Council meeting of November 30, 2009, for consideration of three readings:*

- Cemetery Amendment Bylaw No. 7363, 2009;
- Business License Amendment Bylaw No. 7349, 2009;
- Building Amendment Bylaw No. 7354, 2009;
- New Westminster Plumbing Amendment Bylaw No. 7355, 2009;
- Development Approval Procedures Amendment Bylaw No. 7352, 2009;
- Downtown New Westminster Redevelopment Amendment Bylaw No. 7353, 2009; and
- Fees Amendment Bylaw No. 7359, 2009.

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

## COMMITTEE MINUTES AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

### 27. [MOTION TO ADOPT THE MINUTES OF: Emergency Advisory Committee meeting of October 6, 2009.](#)

#### **MOVED and SECONDED**

*THAT the minutes of the Emergency Advisory Committee meeting held on October 6, 2009 be received and adopted.*

**CARRIED.**

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

### [MOTION TO ADOPT THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF: Emergency Advisory Committee meeting of October 6, 2009.](#)

#### \*\*\* **MOVED and SECONDED and CARRIED, this Committee recommends**

*THAT the Emergency Advisory Committee Terms of Reference be amended as set out in Schedule A of the October 6, 2009 meeting minutes of the Emergency Advisory Committee.*

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

28. [A request from the Arts and Culture Commission on behalf of the Vagabond Players to attend to concerns about signage, lighting, parking, compost piles, road conditions, the Vagabond Player's lease with the City and public art policy/Public Art Policy](#)

July 8, 2009 report offering recommendations from the Arts and Culture Commission meeting of April 1, 2009.

It was noted that none of the issues raised in the letter from Vagabond Players relate to arts or culture and the letter should be referred elsewhere for determination of next steps.

**MOVED and SECONDED**

*THAT the correspondence from Vagabond Players, requesting attention to their concerns about signage, lighting, parking and compost piles around the Bernie Legge, Theatre be referred to staff to review and report back to Council.*

**CARRIED.**

All members of Committee voted in favour of the motion.

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

*THAT until a public art policy is implemented in the City it is recommended that all proposed public art initiatives be brought to the Arts and Culture Commission. The Commission will make recommendation to Council about a review and selection process on a case by case basis.*

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

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

29. **Living Wage Policy – Notice of Motion (Councillor McEvoy)**  
(Councillor McEvoy served the following Notice of Motion,  
November 9, 2009)

**MOVED and SECONDED**

*THAT the following proposed motion be referred to staff to determine the legality of the proposed living wage and to report to Council in the new year:*

*“BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City of New Westminster develop a “Living Wage” Bylaw; and*

*BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the resolution be referred to staff for research and the development of options for report back to Council.”*

**CARRIED.**

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

**ADJOURNMENT**

**ON MOTION**, the meeting adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

Certified Correct,

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**WAYNE WRIGHT**  
**MAYOR**

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**RICHARD L. PAGE**  
**CORPORATE OFFICER**

- \*\* Denotes recommendations referred to Regular Council meeting of November 30, 2009, for ratification.
- \*\*\* Denotes recommendations referred to Regular Council meeting of December 14, 2009, for ratification.