

REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL

December 12, 2011 7:00 p.m.
Council Chamber
City Hall

MINUTES

PRESENT:

Mayor Wayne Wright
Councillor Jonathan Coté
Councillor Bill Harper
Councillor Jaimie McEvoy
Councillor Betty McIntosh
Councillor Chuck Puchmayr
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. Gary Holowatiuk	- Director of Finance & Information Technology
Mr. Jim Lowrie	- Director of Engineering Services
Mr. Terry Dunlop	- Recording Secretary

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

1. [**Motion to adopt the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the City Council held November 28, 2011.**](#)

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the City Council held November 28, 2011 be received and adopted.

CARRIED.

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

2. [Motion to adopt the minutes of the Inaugural Meeting of the City Council held December 5, 2011.](#)

Note:

The Corporate Officer advised of correction of a typographical error on page one, noting that the starting time of the meeting should be recorded at 7:00 p.m.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the corrected minutes of the Inaugural Meeting of the City Council held December 5, 2011 be received and adopted.

CARRIED.

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

PRESENTATION

3. **Mr. Lenny Moy representing Aragon Development Corporation to present a cheque to the City representing a voluntary amenity contribution for Port Royal Lot 5 to support an early childhood development hub at the Queensborough Community Centre.**

His Worship, Mayor Wayne Wright welcomed Mr. Lenny Moy of Aragon Development Corporation and praised the company's record of generous enhancements to the City of New Westminster.

Mr. Moy then presented a cheque in the sum of \$100,000 as a voluntary amenity contribution for Port Royal Lot 5 to support an early childhood development hub at the Queensborough Community Centre.

John Stark, Senior Social Planner, advised of the following four projects in support of early childhood development in Queensborough that will benefit from Aragon's community amenity contribution:

- Meagan's Place Playground Enhancements – New Equipment (\$50,000)
- Furnishings and Equipment for Child Care Facility and Pre-School Program at Queensborough Community Centre (QCC) (\$40,000)
- Outdoor Storage for Child Care Facility at QCC (\$5,000)
- Resource Materials on Early Childhood Development – Community Reading Room and Library at QCC (\$5,000)

Comments from Council

All members of Council thanked Aragon for its generous community contributions and enhancement of the city with its various development projects.

DELEGATIONS

4. [Delegations for Highway Dedication Removal Bylaw No. 7335 Amendment Bylaw No. 7488, 2011](#)

No delegations appeared.

5. Open Delegations

a) **Tony Antonias, resident**, addressed the following items:

- i) Arts Council Christmas Treasure Room – now open 1 - 5pm, daily except Mondays and, by appointment, for evening groups (tel. 604 525 3244). The Treasure Room offers excellent handmade gifts by local artisans to please all budget and purchasers, with no tax added.
- ii) Announcement of opening of the *Hello Dolly* musical at the Massey Theatre in April 2012. Tickets at \$25, less \$3 when purchased in advance. On-line at Massey Theatre.com or tel: 604 521 5050.
- iii) Announcement of staging of the Royal City Youth Ballet performance of *The Nutcracker*, a favourite holiday treat, commencing December 18, 2011 with two matinées at 1 pm and 4:30 pm

COMMITTEE MINUTES AND RECOMMENDATIONS

6. [Motion to receive and adopt the minutes of a meeting of Council in Committee of the Whole held November 28, 2011.](#)

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council receive and adopt the minutes of a meeting of Council in Committee of the Whole held November 28, 2011.

CARRIED.

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

7. Recommendations from the Council in Committee of the Whole meeting held December 12, 2011:

a) **[Royal City Curling Club / Application to Amend Liquor License](#)**

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the following resolution be approved:

WHEREAS New Westminster City Council considered a staff report dated December 12, 2011 regarding an application from the Royal City Curling Club located at 75 East Sixth Avenue to amend its liquor service hours; and

WHEREAS the application is supported by the New Westminster Police Service; and

WHEREAS the club has not generated noise complaints or negative community impacts and the proposed changes are not expected to result in noise or other negative impacts to the community; and

WHEREAS the applicant placed a site sign in front of the premises for 30 days providing details of the application and inviting comments on the application and no objections to the application have been received;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT New Westminster City Council approve the application from the Royal City Curling Club to change its opening time to 9:00 a.m.

CARRIED.

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

b) 832 Royal Avenue – Demolition Application

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council direct staff to issue a demolition permit for 832 Royal Avenue subject to the submission of as-found architectural drawings of the exterior of the house to the City's Museum and Archives and the installation of an interpretive panel designed to the satisfaction of the City on the Royal Avenue edge of the property; and

THAT Council remove 832 Royal Avenue from the Heritage Register.

CARRIED.

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

c) Amendment to Zoning Bylaw for Trapp Block (Bylaw 7470, 2011)

[Zoning Bylaw Part 1 of 2](#)

[Zoning Bylaw Part 2 of 2](#)

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council rescind third reading of Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 7470, 2011;and

THAT Council rescind second reading of Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 7470, 2011;and

THAT Council substitute Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 7470, as amended and attached to the December 12, 2011 report from the Director of Development Services; and

THAT Council give second reading to Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 7470, 2011;and

THAT Council convene a Public Hearing to consider Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 7470, 2011.

CARRIED.

d) [Introduction of Bylaw to Adopt the City's Official Community Plan Pursuant to the Bylaw Consolidation and Revision Bylaw](#)

PDF [Bylaw No. 7435, 2011 Schedule A City Wide OCP](#)

PDF [Bylaw No. 7435, 2011 Schedule B Downtown Community Plan](#)

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council give First, Second and Third readings to Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 7435, 2011.

CARRIED.

e) [Extreme Weather Plan for New Westminster](#)

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council endorse the development of an Extreme Weather Plan for New Westminster; and

THAT Council endorse the proposed approach, as outlined in the Director of Development Services' report, in developing the plan.

CARRIED.

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

f) [Development Variance Permit No. 533 for 555 Columbia Street](#)

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council issue notice that it will consider a resolution to issue Development Variance Permit 533 to allow two signs with a clearance of 1.5 feet (0.46 metres) at 555 Columbia Street, the New Westminster Police Services Building.

CARRIED.

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

g) [22 East Royal Avenue – Tower Task Force Update #3](#)

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council endorse the areas of agreement as reached by the Tower Task Force at its meeting of November 29, 2011.

CARRIED.

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

h) [Naming Recommendations – Queensborough & Downtown Parks and Trails](#)

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the names for parks, trails and lookout points in the Queensborough and Downtown Neighbourhoods be adopted as outlined in the Director of Parks, Culture and Recreation's report.

CARRIED.

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

i) [Grade 6 STAY ACTIVE Program](#)

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Grade Six Stay Active Program be adopted for implementation in January, 2012.

CARRIED.

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

j) [Recommendations from the Environment Advisory Committee meeting of November 30, 2011:](#)

i) **Carbon Neutrality and Implications to Municipalities**

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT carbon neutrality be achieved in the City of New Westminster without payment of carbon offsets; and

THAT in the event carbon offsets are unavoidable, an investigation be undertaken to determine the feasibility of retaining all carbon offsets in New Westminster projects; and

THAT changes in provincial legislation be sought such that offset funds may be reinvested in greenhouse gas reduction within the City.

CARRIED.

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

ii) **Environmental Grant Program Allocations**

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the funding recommendations made by the Environmental Grant Program Sub-committee be accepted by the Committee and forwarded to Council for approval.

CARRIED.

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

iii) **Correspondence from Canadian Cancer Society**

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council support the Canadian Cancer Society's provincial efforts to ban the use and sale of cosmetic chemical pesticides; and that a letter of support be sent to the Environment Minister.

CARRIED.

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

iv) **Master Transportation Plan Update**

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Master Transportation Plan Advisory Committee include taxi companies and Metro Vancouver as stakeholders.

CARRIED.

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

k) **2012 City Partnership Grants**

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council approve the 2012 City Partnership Grants as set out in the amended Schedule to Attachment 1 of the report from the Director of Finance & Information Technology.

CARRIED.

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

l) **MetroVancouver: appointment of one municipal director and one alternate Director to the Greater Vancouver Regional District (GVRD) Board.**

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council appoint His Worship, Mayor Wayne Wright as the City of New Westminster's Director on the Metro Vancouver Board of Directors; and further

THAT Council appoint Councillor Jonathan Coté as the Alternate Director.

CARRIED.

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

m) **MetroVancouver: appointment of a member and an alternate member to the Greater Vancouver Regional Labour Relations Bureau (LRB).**

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council appoint Councillor Bill Harper as the City of New Westminster's Director on the Greater Vancouver Regional Labour Relations Bureau; and further

THAT Council appoint Councillor Jonathan Coté as the Alternate Director.

CARRIED.

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

n) **Library Board Appointments**

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council appoint the following five members to the Library Board for a two-year term, commencing January 1, 2012 and that the names of the appointees be publicly released:

1. Gail Cooper
2. Erum Khalid
3. Dale Lauber
4. Nicole Mate
5. Susan Yeung

CARRIED.

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

BYLAWS

- 8. Highway Dedication Removal Bylaw No. 7335 Amendment Bylaw No. 7488, 2011 [a Bylaw to amend “Highway Dedication Removal Bylaw No. 7335, 2009” re: former City land adjacent to 409 Boyne Street]**

**RESCIND FOURTH READING (Nov 28, 2011)
FINAL ADOPTION**

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT fourth reading of Bylaw No. 7335 Amendment Bylaw No. 7488, 2011 be rescinded.

CARRIED.

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

- 9. Soil Deposit Regulation Amendment Bylaw No. 7469, 2011 [a Bylaw to amend the Soil Deposit Regulation Bylaw No. 7102, 2006]** **ADOPTION**

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Soil Deposit Regulation Amendment Bylaw No. 7469, 2011 be adopted.

CARRIED.

All members of Council voted in favour of the motion.

- 10. Development Cost Charge Reserve Funds Expenditure Bylaw No. 7502, 2011 [a Bylaw to authorize the expenditure of moneys from the Development Cost Charge Reserve Fund(s) for 2011 Capital Budget Expenditures]**

ADOPTION

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Development Cost Charge Reserve Funds Expenditure Bylaw No. 7502, 2011 be adopted.

CARRIED.

All members of Council voted in favour of the motion.

- 11. Revenue Anticipation Borrowing Amendment Bylaw No. 7503, 2011 [a Bylaw to amend New Westminster Revenue Anticipation Borrowing Bylaw No. 7412, 2010]** **ADOPTION**

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Revenue Anticipation Borrowing Amendment Bylaw No. 7503, 2011 be adopted.

CARRIED.

All members of Council voted in favour of the motion.

12. Electric Utility Commission Amendment Bylaw No. 7505, 2011 [a Bylaw to amend "Electric Utility Commission Bylaw No. 7125, 2006]

ADOPTION

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Electric Utility Commission Amendment Bylaw No. 7505, 2011 be adopted.

CARRIED.

All members of Council voted in favour of the motion.

13. Bylaws coming forward from the Council in Committee of the Whole meeting held December 12, 2011:

- a) **Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 7470, 2011**[a Bylaw to amend Zoning Bylaw No. 6680, 2001 re: Amendment to Zoning Bylaw for Trapp Block 660 – 700 Columbia Street] **TWO READINGS**

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council substitute Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 7470, as amended and attached to the December 12, 2011 report from the Director of Development Services.

CARRIED.

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

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 7470, 2011 be read a first time.

CARRIED.

All members of Council voted in favour of the motion.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 7470, 2011 be read a second time.

CARRIED.

All members of Council voted in favour of the motion.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council convene a Public Hearing to consider Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 7470, 2011.

CARRIED.

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

(A Public Hearing has been scheduled for January 23, 2012 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber, City Hall)

b) Introduction of Bylaw to Adopt the City's Official Community Plan Pursuant to the Bylaw Consolidation and Revision Bylaw

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 7435, 2011 be read a first time.

CARRIED.

All members of Council voted in favour of the motion.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 7435, 2011 be read a second time.

CARRIED.

All members of Council voted in favour of the motion.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 7435, 2011 be read a third time.

CARRIED.

All members of Council voted in favour of the motion.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

No unfinished business was brought forward.

NEW BUSINESS

No new business items were submitted.

REPORTS

14. Council Members

Councillor Puchmayr... commended family and friends for their support in overcoming a serious health issue and providing the opportunity for his return to elected office; thanked all people at BC transplant for their role in his recovery; delighted to return to council; is pleased with City's direction; noted vast improvements since 1996 after the waterfront's first park was established and offered potential to connect with the newest waterfront park; Trans Canada Trail is almost connected to the area. Traffic has one of most serious impacts on small businesses due to city gridlock; need to move effectively on traffic issues – will be a great challenge to make New Westminster more livable. Looks forward to accomplishing schools projects – city has gone to great effort to achieve results. Look forward to working with province.

Noted Prime Minister recent visit to the city's Lacrosse Hall of Fame; will continue working with federal government to seek funds; Locally, noted West End Business Association's Christmas decorations at 950-12th Street. Expressed condolences on the recent loss of Christiane Boyd on December 3 at age 47; advised of 2pm Wednesday, December 14, 2011 *Celebration of Life* at the Columbia Theatre.

CARRIED.

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

Councillor Coté...welcomed Councillor Chuck Puchmayr back to City Council. Holiday Season underway in New Westminster – attended Santa Claus parade; spoke to Grade 3 class at John Robson School where students followed elections closely; attended opening of new Safeway store on December 9 as a part of Plaza 88 retail project; Century House Christmas Dinner.

Councillor Williams...attended Emanuel Pentecostal Church choral concert December 8; December 9 Safeway store opening; Labour Appreciation Dinner at MetroTown; Christmas Dinner at Century House; Christmas Pancake Breakfast at *Paddlewheeler*; noted Arts Council Treasure Room, Queens Park – excellent choice of locally crafted gifts.

Councillor McEvoy...attended Japanese Consulate celebration of Emperor's birthday – received debriefing reports on 2011 tsunami and national after-effects Japan is still looking for international support; Community Heritage Commission - met to assist developer with an application ; thanked volunteers; United Way Labour appreciation dinner; noted TransLink's call for input on future Patullo Bridge alignment – will seek to divert traffic to periphery of the city; met with Education Minister at UBCM and consultations are now bearing fruit. Congratulated to all members of Council on election victories and thanked all who put names forward to stand for office; urged strong attendance at Saturday, December 14, 2011 6th & 6th location for the Salvation Army's annual *Kettle Drive*.

Councillor Harper...welcomed Councillor Puchmayr back to Council; noted David McLelland's Brain Injury Marathon included stop at River Market – cross-country run to raise funds for brain injury sufferers; invited him to make a presentation to Council when back in the city; attended: MLA Dawn Black's Open House; City Gymnastics Open House; Christmas Parade; Tourism Tuesday – partnered with another organization – Crafts Fair and Arts Sale; School Board inauguration on December 6; Chamber of Commerce Toy Drive at *Paddlewheeler*; Century House Christmas Dinner; Safeway store opening December 9; Labour Appreciation Dinner at MetroTown; Honour House Open House; wished all Councillors and citizens a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Councillor McIntosh ... attended: Crossroads Hospice fundraiser in support of end of life patients; Justice Institute's fundraiser and awards night; Caps Cycle

fundraiser for a rider seeking to cycle to the North Pole; Sapperton Seniors and Century House dinner and lunch, respectively; *Parade of Lights* and tree lighting at Hyack Square; Tourism Tuesday; River Market including Farmers Market on first Saturday of each month –many different food venues now open; Girl Guide fundraisers; lunch at *Moonraker's Pub* on December 15 to benefit Seniors in the City; urged attendance Saturday, December 14, 2011 6th & 6th location for the Salvation Army's annual *Kettle Drive*, which New Westminster won for highest contributions in 2010; noted annual *Tree Chipping* by local Firefighters during the first week of January. Wished all Councillors and citizens a Merry Christmas. On behalf of all Council, offered condolences to family of Marlene Blair – a volunteer at Irving House; much valued for her knowledge – memorial at Century House during the forthcoming weekend.

Mayor Wayne Wright...attended: Tuesday, November 8, 2011 - brought greetings to the Opening of Rhoda Kaellis Residence; chaired the New Westminster Police Board meeting; Wednesday, November 9 - Canadian Rental Housing Coalition Media Event, at Robson Square, Vancouver; Metro Vancouver Waste Management Committee Meeting; speaker at the *Angel in the Night* Homelessness Fundraiser re Homeless situation; Friday, November 11: Remembrance Day Ceremonies; Sunday, November 13 - Opening of *Honour House* facility; Monday, November 14 - Council Workshop; Tuesday, November 15 - Electric Utility Commission; Gala Opening of the Columbia Theatre; Thursday, November 17- Spencer School Tree Lighting Ceremony; Police Fall Social; Tuesday, November 22: - General Meeting of Canadian Club, Justice Institute; Wednesday, November 23 - brought greetings to the COBE Awards; Thursday, November 24 - 100th anniversary celebration of Cassidy & Company in New Westminster; Friday, November 25 - New Westminster Artists Show – congratulated local poet, Candace James on recent honours; attended *Tie Day* at Royal City Jewellers, which raised \$10,000 for charity; advised:

List of 2012 appointees to various commissions, committees, task forces, etc., is available from the Corporate Officer's department.

NEXT MEETING

Monday, January 9, 2012

Proposed Closed Session commences 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.

ADJOURNMENT

ON MOTION, the meeting adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

Certified Correct,

WAYNE WRIGHT
MAYOR

RICHARD PAGE
CORPORATE OFFICER