



CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF NEW WESTMINSTER

PUBLIC HEARING / OPPORTUNITY TO BE HEARD

December 14, 2009 7:00 p.m.
Council Chamber
City Hall

NOTES

PRESENT:

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

STAFF:

Mr. Paul Daminato	- City Administrator
Ms. Judi Turner	- Acting Corporate Officer
Ms. Lisa Spitale	- Director of Development Services
Mr. Jim Lowrie	- Director of Engineering Services
Mr. Gary Holowatiuk	- Director of Finance and Information Technology
Ms. Sylvia Nedila	- Terry Dunlop Consultants

BUSINESS

1. [333, 335, 347 Wood Street](#)
 - a) [Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 7364, 2009](#) (a Bylaw to amend Zoning Bylaw No. 6680, 2001 re: 333 and 336 Wood Street)
 - b) [Development Variance Permit No. 497 for 347 Wood Street](#)
 - i) The Director of Development Services summarized the intent of the bylaw and gave a description of the proposal.

- ii) The Corporate Officer advised of the following written submissions received after distribution of the Public Hearing package.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the following correspondence be received:

- *Email from Dianne McLauchlan, New Westminster, voicing concerns.*

CARRIED.

All members of Council voted in favour of the motion.

- iii) The Mayor invited persons having an interest in the above bylaw to address Council

Mr. Douglas Ramsay, Ramsay Worden Architects, provided a brief historical background to the proposed Khalsa Diwan Temple project additions required because the congregation has grown significantly and to supply accessibility to elderly and handicapped members. He provided an overhead projection, plus slides depicting photos of the original building, the new site plan, sections and proposed works, as well as surrounding neighbourhood demographics. An Open House was held with Queensborough residents and business interests who welcomed the works.

Mr. Gary Pooni, Mr. Nash Singh, Khalsa Diwan Society representative, speaking on behalf of the Society, provided a brief overview of the Sikh community which has been in Queensborough for over 100 years. This site has provided cultural and spiritual support in the past, present and future to its community. The Temple must be made more efficient, be upgraded and modernized to continue this work for a growing population. Mr Pooni invited questions from the gallery which will be replied to by Mr. Singh. No questions were submitted.

Mr. Del Kambo, Queensborough, stated that his family has resided in Queensborough for the past 100 years, and supported the Temple expansion.

Mr. Gavin Palmer, President, Queensborough Residents Association, stated that at their AGM June 9, 2009, many residents were in attendance and the project was well received. They look forward to the parking and building improvements in the community.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the following be referred to Council for consideration:

- *Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 7364, 2009; and*
- *Development Variance Permit No. 497 for 347 Wood Street.*

CARRIED.

All members of Council voted in favour of the motion.

2. [Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 7365, 2009](#) [a Bylaw to Amend Zoning Bylaw No. 6680, 2001 re: 1932 Eighth Avenue]

The Public Hearing on Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 7365, 2009, was deleted from this agenda and rescheduled for 7:00 p.m. on Monday, January 11, 2010, in the Council Chamber at City Hall.

ADJOURNMENT

The Public Hearing concluded at 7:23 p.m.

Certified as being a fair and accurate report of the Public Hearing.

JUDITH TURNER
ACTING CORPORATE OFFICER