



REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL

January 11, 2016 at 2:30 p.m.
With immediate adjournment to Closed Meeting
Regular Council reconvenes at 5:30 p.m.
Council Chamber, City Hall

MINUTES

PRESENT:

Mayor Jonathan Coté
Councillor Bill Harper
Councillor Patrick Johnstone
Councillor Jaimie McEvoy
Councillor Chuck Puchmayr
Councillor Mary Trentadue
Councillor Lorrie Williams

STAFF:

Ms. Lisa Spitale	- Chief Administrative Officer
Ms. Jan Gibson	- City Clerk
Mr. Dean Gibson	- Director of Parks, Culture and Recreation
Mr. Gary Holowatiuk	- Director of Finance & Information Technology
Mr. Jim Lowrie	- Director of Engineering Services
Ms. Bev Grieve	- Director of Development Services
Ms. Erika Mashig	- Parks and Open Space Planner
Mr. Philip Lo	- Council and Committee Clerk

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m.

EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC

1. **MOTION:**

THAT pursuant to Section 90 of the Community Charter, members of the public be excluded from the Closed Meeting of Council immediately following the Regular Meeting of Council on the basis that the subject matter of all agenda items to be considered relate to matters listed under Sections 90(1)(a), 90(1)(e), 90(1)(g), 90(1)(j), and 90(1)(k) of the Community Charter:

- (a) personal information about an identifiable individual who holds or is being considered for a position as an officer, employee or agent of the municipality or another position appointed by the municipality;*
- (e) the acquisition, disposition or expropriation of land or improvements, if the council considers that disclosure could reasonably be expected to harm the interests of the municipality;*
- (g) litigation or potential litigation affecting the municipality;*
- (j) information that is prohibited, or information that if it were presented in a document would be prohibited, from disclosure under section 21 of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act;*
- (k) negotiations and related discussions respecting the proposed provision of a municipal service that are at their preliminary stages and that, in the view of the council, could reasonably be expected to harm the interests of the municipality if they were held in public;*

Purpose of the meeting:

Personal, property, and negotiations matters

ADJOURNMENT

- ### 2. **MOTION** to adjourn the Council Meeting in open session and proceed to Closed Session.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Regular Council meeting in Open Session be adjourned and proceed to Closed Session.

CARRIED.

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

RECONVENE TO REGULAR COUNCIL

3. **MOTION** to reconvene to the Regular Meeting of Council at 5:30 p.m. in the Council Chamber.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Regular Council meeting be reconvened in Council Chamber.

CARRIED.

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

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

4. **MOVED and SECONDED**

THAT the following item be added to the Agenda:

- *Item 27 a. – Provincial Eating Disorders Awareness Week;*
- *Item 27 b. – January 9, 2016 Pedestrian incident on East Columbia Street;*

THAT the Agenda be approved as amended.

CARRIED.

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

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT items 10, 11, 12 and 14 be removed from Consent Agenda

THAT the remaining items in the Consent Agenda be approved.

CARRIED.

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

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

5. **MOTION** to adopt the minutes of the Regular meetings of City Council held:

- a. **Special Regular – April 8, 2015**
- b. **Public Hearing – October 26, 2015**
- c. **Regular – November 2, 2015**
- d. **Regular – November 16, 2015**

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the following Regular Minutes be adopted:

- a. *Special Regular – April 8, 2015*
- b. *Public Hearing – October 26, 2015*
- c. *Regular – November 2, 2015*
- d. *Regular – November 16, 2015*

CARRIED.

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

PRESENTATIONS

6. Proclamation: Alzheimer’s Awareness Month – January 2016, Mayor Coté

Maria Przydatek, Advocacy and Education Coordinator at the Alzheimer’s Society of BC, provided a presentation on the Society’s work and Alzheimer’s Awareness Month. Ms. Przydatek noted the following:

- In 2015, New Westminster City Council became the first dementia-friendly council in B.C., resulting in the development of the Dementia-Friendly Community Action Plan;
- The importance of dementia awareness and building community capacity to support people living with dementia; and,
- The goal of Alzheimer’s Awareness Month is “advocate to educate”.

Mayor Coté proclaimed January 2016 to be Alzheimer’s Awareness Month.

7. Douglas College New Strategic Plan, Kathy Denton, Douglas College President and Dave Taylor, VP Public Affairs

Kathy Denton, Douglas College President, provided a presentation on the Douglas College Strategic Plan, noting the following:

- Douglas College has been more focused on Applied Degree programs than traditional academic or university degree programs;
- The Vice President of Academics has been leading province-wide fundraising initiatives to support the establishment of an applied research and innovation network, which could be accessible to businesses and industries seeking research partners; and,
- The college provides a full and supportive university experience for students.

Council noted the following comments in response:

- Douglas College is an important institution and employer in the City and for the region;
- The City's dark fibre network may be an asset to Douglas College's research focus; and,
- The City may welcome opportunities to collaborate with Douglas College.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

8. No Items

REPORTS FOR ACTION

9. Urban Forest Management Strategy

- a. Presentation: Urban Forest Management Strategy**, Edward Porter, Diamondhead Consulting
- b. Staff Report: Urban Forest Management Strategy, Tree Protection Bylaw No. 7799, 2016, Bylaw Notice Enforcement Amendment Bylaw No. 7812, 2016 and Development Approval Procedures Amendment Bylaw No. 7815, 2016**, Director of Parks, Culture and Recreation
- c. Staff Report: Repeal of "Street Tree Bylaw No. 5685, 1987"**, Director of Parks, Culture and Recreation

Erika Mashig, Parks and Open Space Planner, provided background information on the development of the Urban Forest Management Strategy.

Edward Porter and Trevor Cox, from Diamondhead Consulting, provided a presentation, noting the following comments:

- New Westminster's urban forest canopy has been shrinking at a rate of 1.5% annually since 2004;
- Trees are often managed at the periphery of city policy, rather than being treated as a service provider, public resource and an aggregate asset;
- Development of the Strategy involved consultation with Council, advisory committees, staff and over 200 community members; and
- The Strategy includes 38 actions and 12 priority action items to reach a city-wide canopy target of 27% over a 20-year period;

- Different species of trees could be considered for maintaining optimal air quality;
- Achieving density and growing the urban forest does not have to be an antagonistic relationship; and,
- Education and public engagement may be necessary aspects for public support.

Discussion ensued, with Council noting the following:

- Community feedback has been that the City needed to take steps regarding tree protection;
- Green space and urban forest canopy may be a consideration in OCP discussions;
- Tree canopy could be negatively impacted through lot-splitting developments and large homes built to the maximum allowable size;
- Future maintenance costs may have to be taken account, and the City may seek partnerships with businesses and non-profits in this regard;
- Wildlife habitat may be a consideration in the urban forest discussion; and,
- The City could take a leadership role by educating the public on the Strategy and its goals;

In response, Dean Gibson, Director of Parks, Culture and Recreation, noted the following:

- The Urban Forest Management Strategy represents common values regarding the protection of resources;
- The proposed bylaws recognize private development rights, and includes provisions for “status quo” replacement of trees that cannot be retained or preserved, or security payments to help the City replace the trees at another location;
- Application for a permit from the Building Department is necessary to remove a tree, with an assessment process as outlined in the bylaw; and
- The bylaws consider the removal of hazardous trees that pose imminent safety risks.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Urban Forest Management Strategy included as Attachment I to this report be adopted;

THAT “Tree Protection and Regulation Bylaw No. 7799, 2016” be considered by Council for three readings;

THAT “Development Approval Procedures Amendment Bylaw No. 7815, 2016” be considered by Council for three readings;

THAT “Bylaw Notice Enforcement Amendment Bylaw No. 7812, 2016” be considered by Council for three readings;

THAT Council adopt in principle the new tree planting program “10,000 Trees in 10 Years”, and direct staff to further develop the program and report back to Council; and

THAT the City seek partnerships with regards to the tree planting program
CARRIED.

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

CONSENT AGENDA

13. Proposed Filming Policy Amendment and New Bylaw Adoption

This item was withdrawn from the agenda.

15. Queen’s Park Neighbourhood Heritage Study – Update on “Speak Out About Heritage” Public Consultation

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council receive the report dated January 11, 2016 for information.

CARRIED.

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

16. 335 Buchanan Avenue - Consideration of First and Second Readings Proposed Heritage Revitalization Agreement and Heritage Designation

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Land Use and Planning Committee recommend Council consider Heritage Revitalization Agreement Bylaw No. 7802, 2016 to rezone 335 Buchanan Avenue from Single Detached Dwelling District (RS-1) to Single Detached Dwelling District (RS-1)/Heritage Revitalization Agreement and Heritage Designation Bylaw No. 7803, 2016 to designate the property heritage, for First and Second Readings, and forward the bylaws to a Public Hearing on February 29, 2016.

CARRIED.

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

ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

10. Request for New and Improved Pedestrian and Bicycle Access Across Tenth Avenue Between New Westminster and Burnaby

Councillor Johnstone, Chair of the ACTBiPed committee, summarized the report dated January 11, 2016, and noted that the current road alignment across Tenth Avenue could present engineering challenges for creating safe pedestrian and bicycle crossings.

MOVED and SECONDED

WHEREAS the City of Burnaby is engaged in planning and developing its fourth town centre – the Edmonds Town Centre;

And WHEREAS the Edmonds Town Centre will increasingly become a magnet destination for New Westminster pedestrians and cyclists;

And WHEREAS accessing the Edmonds Town Centre area will also allow pedestrians and cyclists to better connect with Burnaby's extensive network of trails, parks, and greenways, and will equally improve access to New Westminster for Burnaby residents;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT ACTBiPed ask Council to direct City staff to liaise with Burnaby City staff in order to increase and improve pedestrian and bicycle access across Tenth Avenue between the Edmonds Town Centre development area and New Westminster's west end.

CARRIED.

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

11. New Westminster Lawn Bowling Club Lease

Council enquired regarding the term of the lease for the New Westminster Law Bowling Club, wondering if the lease could be made for longer than three years.

Council directed staff to provide additional information regarding the term limits for lease agreements of City facilities to non-profit organizations.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council received the report dated January 11, 2016 for information.

CARRIED.

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

12. 2016 Capital Budget Early Project Approval

Council noted that the currency exchange for purchasing synthetic turf from the United States translated to approximately \$300,000 in extra costs, and suggested that the City develop a purchasing strategy with regards to purchases that are required to be made from U.S. suppliers.

Dean Gibson, Director of Parks, Culture and Recreation, suggested that, due to safety concerns, the replacement of the synthetic turf at Mercer Stadium should not be deferred. Mr. Gibson also advised that turfs from Europe come at a premium cost and are not considered.

In response to questions from Council, Diane Perry, Manager of Community Development, noted that the requested lounge chairs for the Hume Park Outdoor Pool were selected for their durability and ease of storage.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT funding for 2016 capital projects as referenced in this report to be approved in advance of the adoption of the 2016 – 2020 Financial Plan.

CARRIED.

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

14. New Westminster Street Food Policy

Julia Dykstra, Planning Assistant, summarized the staff report dated January 11, 2016.

Discussion ensued, with Council noting the following comments:

- Consultation with the business community and food-based businesses may not have been adequate, as some businesses had no knowledge of the Business Community Survey, and many restaurants are not members of the business groups which were sent the survey;
- A successful Street Food Policy may increase the number of eating opportunities in the city, draw more people into the city's commercial areas and increase foot traffic;
- Attendance at Food Truck Festivals on Columbia Street demonstrate the appeal of food trucks to the general public; however, this may need to be balanced against potential impact to local restaurants and small businesses;
- The Westminster Pier Park may be a good potential location for food trucks; and,

- Staff could revisit the Front Street Parkade as a potential food truck location.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT staff proceed with public consultation and present the resulting Street Food Policy to Council for endorsement.

THAT staff revisit the Westminster Pier Park and the Front Street Parkade as possible locations for food trucks and report back to Council.

CARRIED.

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

DELEGATIONS – 7:00 p.m.

17. Open Delegations

Mr. Tony Antonias, Special Advisor to the Arts Commission, congratulated the Mayor, Council and City staff on the completion of Council Chamber renovations. Mr. Antonias also noted that MP Peter Julian praised the Royal City Musical Theatre in the House of Commons.

Mr. Mohan Kang, President of the B.C. Taxi Association, delivered a statement expressing various concerns regarding Uber’s operations, including safety, qualifications of drivers, service levels, and lack of community contributions.

Discussion ensued, with Council expressing support for the B.C. Taxi Association and for a safe and transparent transportation system. In addition, Council noted the following issues with Uber’s operations:

- Inadequate training, and lack of transparency of training, which is inconsistent with Provincial requirements for safety;
- Chauffeur permit requirements not met;
- Insufficient identification of Uber vehicles;
- No accessible vehicle inspection records;
- No mandatory requirements for Uber safety cameras;
- No ability for police to conduct criminal background checks on Uber drivers;
- Loss of tax revenue to offshore corporation;
- No mandatory number of Uber vehicles available;
- No mandatory accessible/handicapped service available; and,
- Discrepancy between what is paid by the taxi industry for their vehicles and what is used by Uber contractors.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT a letter be sent to the BC Ministry of Transportation and the BC Ministry of Jobs, Tourism and Skills Training expressing the City's opposition to the operations of Uber and similar services; and

THAT the City request the Provincial Government to clarify the current laws and regulations with respect to taxi services and their applicability to Uber and similar services.

CARRIED.

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

BYLAWS

18. New Westminster Tree Protection and Regulation Bylaw No. 7799, 2016

THREE READINGS

MOVED and SECONDED

That New Westminster Tree Protection and Regulation Bylaw No. 7799, 2016 be given first reading.

CARRIED.

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

MOVED and SECONDED

That New Westminster Tree Protection and Regulation Bylaw No. 7799, 2016 be given second reading.

CARRIED.

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

MOVED and SECONDED

That New Westminster Tree Protection and Regulation Bylaw No. 7799, 2016 be given third reading.

CARRIED.

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

19. Bylaw Notice Enforcement Amendment Bylaw No. 7812, 2016 [the replacement of Schedule A, part 23]

THREE READINGS

MOVED and SECONDED

That Bylaw Notice Enforcement Amendment Bylaw No. 7812, 2016 be given first reading.

CARRIED.

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

MOVED and SECONDED

That Bylaw Notice Enforcement Amendment Bylaw No. 7812, 2016 be given second reading.

CARRIED.

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

MOVED and SECONDED

That Bylaw Notice Enforcement Amendment Bylaw No. 7812, 2016 be given third reading.

CARRIED.

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

**20. Development Approval Procedures Amendment Bylaw No. 7815, 2016
THREE READINGS**

MOVED and SECONDED

That Development Approval Procedures Amendment Bylaw No. 7815, 2016 be given first reading.

CARRIED.

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

MOVED and SECONDED

That Development Approval Procedures Amendment Bylaw No. 7815, 2016 be given second reading.

CARRIED.

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

MOVED and SECONDED

That Development Approval Procedures Amendment Bylaw No. 7815, 2016 be given third reading.

CARRIED.

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

21. Street Tree Repeal Bylaw No. 7813, 2016

THREE READINGS

MOVED and SECONDED

That Street Tree Repeal Bylaw No. 7813, 2016 be given first reading.

CARRIED.

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

MOVED and SECONDED

That Street Tree Repeal Bylaw No. 7813, 2016 be given second reading.

CARRIED.

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

MOVED and SECONDED

That Street Tree Repeal Bylaw No. 7813, 2016 be given third reading.

CARRIED.

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

22. Film Permit Bylaw No. 7793, 2016

This item was withdrawn from the agenda.

23. Bylaw Notice Enforcement Amendment Bylaw No. 7814, 2016 [the addition of Schedule A, Part 28]

This item was withdrawn from the agenda.

24. Heritage Revitalization Agreement (335 Buchanan Avenue) Bylaw No. 7802, 2016

TWO READINGS

MOVED and SECONDED

That Heritage Revitalization Agreement (335 Buchanan Avenue) Bylaw No. 7802, 2016 be given first reading.

CARRIED.

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

MOVED and SECONDED

That Heritage Revitalization Agreement (335 Buchanan Avenue) Bylaw No. 7802, 2016 be given second reading.

CARRIED.

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

25. Heritage Designation Bylaw (335 Buchanan Avenue) No. 7803, 2016

TWO READINGS

MOVED and SECONDED

That Heritage Designation Bylaw (335 Buchanan Avenue) No. 7803, 2016 be given first reading.

CARRIED.

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

MOVED and SECONDED

That Heritage Designation Bylaw (335 Buchanan Avenue) No. 7803, 2016 be given second reading.

CARRIED.

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

26. Bylaws for adoption:

a. Community Heritage Commission Amendment Bylaw No. 7808, 2015

This item was withdrawn from the agenda.

b. Arts and Commission Amendment Bylaw No. 7809, 2015

ADOPTION

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Arts Commission Amendment Bylaw No. 7809, 2015 be adopted.

CARRIED.

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

NEW BUSINESS

27a. Provincial Eating Disorders Awareness Week

Councillor Johnstone reported receiving a request from the Provincial Eating Disorders Awareness Campaign to light up the Anvil Centre in purple on February 5, 2016 in support of the campaign.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT staff investigate the cost and feasibility of changing the Anvil Centre lights to purple on February 5, 2016 in support of Provincial Eating Disorders Awareness Week; and,

THAT staff develop policies and procedures around requests for Anvil Centre light dedications.

CARRIED.

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

27b. January 9, 2016 Pedestrian incident on East Columbia Street

Council requested information from Police services regarding the pedestrian incident on East Columbia Street on January 9, 2016.

CORRESPONDENCE

28. Correspondence for Information

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the following correspondence be received for information:

- a. City of Langley letter dated December 15, 2015 regarding 2016 FCM Resolution – Build Canada Grant Funding.
- b. City of Burnaby letter to The Honourable Peter Fassbender regarding Anticipated Property Assessment Changes in 2016.
- c. Ministry of Children and Family Development letter dated December 18, 2015 regarding resources for supporting child care programs.
- d. Ministry of Environment letter dated December 21, 2015 regarding the world class spill response regime.

CARRIED.

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

- e. Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure letter dated December 14, 2015 regarding thank you for meeting at UBCM.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT staff follow-up on the letter dated December 14, 2015 from the Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure to arrange a meeting with the Minister regarding the Q2Q Bridge Project.

CARRIED.

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

29. Correspondence for Action

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the following correspondence be received and referred to staff for consideration and response:

- a. Email from Gary Milne, on behalf of Northern Native Broadcasting, requesting support for an application to provide Vancouver and area with its first aboriginal radio station.
- b. Metro Vancouver letter dated Jan 4, 2016 regarding Draft Regional Food System Action Plan

CARRIED.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

Councillor Harper noted that January 11, 2016 marks the 200th birthday of Sir John A. MacDonald, the first Prime Minister of Canada.

Councillor Puchmayr advised that the City's Official Community Plan (OCP) process is transparent and open to all residents of New Westminster. Councillor Puchmayr noted that staff are currently engaging with and soliciting feedback from residents, and that all communities in New Westminster are invited to full input on the OCP process.

Bev Grieve, Director of Development Services, noted the following upcoming OCP workshops, with food trucks and daycare available:

- Saturday, January 30 at Century House, from 12:30 PM to 3:30 PM;
- Saturday, February 6 at the Richard McBride School gym, from 11:30 AM to 2:30 PM; and
- Saturday, February 13 at the Connaught Heights School gym, from 11:30 AM to 2:30 PM.

NEXT MEETING

January 18, 2016

The proposed Regular Session convenes at 2:30 p.m. and immediately adjourns to closed session in Council Chamber on the 2nd Floor at City Hall. The Regular meeting of Council reconvenes at 5:30 p.m. in the Council Chamber on the 2nd Floor at City Hall. Note that Open Delegations will begin at 7:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

ON MOTION, the meeting was adjourned at 8:43 p.m.

JONATHAN COTÉ
MAYOR

JAN GIBSON
CITY CLERK

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