



CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF NEW WESTMINSTER

COUNCIL IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

January 14, 2008 1:37 p.m.
Committee Room 2, City Hall

MINUTES

PRESENT:

Mayor Wayne Wright

Councillor Jonathan Cote

Councillor Calvin Donnelly

(Joined a portion of the meeting at 4:00 p.m. via conference call)

Councillor Bill Harper

Councillor Bob Osterman

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

Mr. Allan Woodbury

- Director of Human Resources

Ms. Julie Spurrell

- Chief Librarian

Mr. Dean Gibson

- Director of Parks and Recreation

Chief L. Zapotichny

- Police Services

Ms. Judi Turner

- Assistant Corporate Officer

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the following items be added to the Agenda:

- *Expropriation of 801 Columbia Street, New Westminister – City Administrator (added as Item 5(a))*
- *RoundABOUTs on Ewen Avenue (added as Item 7(a))*
- *Metro Vancouver Recycling (added as Item 7(b)).*

CARRIED.

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

CORRESPONDENCE

1. [Geraldine Harder, President Strata Council, K de K Court, re removal of esplanade boulevard trees along Dockside.](#)

The following additional items of correspondence were circulated on table (and will be added to the Agenda package):

- Letter dated January 10, 2008 from Pat Murray regarding a tree issue at Dockside
- Six letters from residents of 12 K de K Court, Strata Plan NW2439 regarding planting of trees.

Mr. James Crosty was present and requested to be heard on the subject of tree installation at Dockside. The Chair directed him to submit a written request seeking an opportunity to address Council (to be considered at the next meeting of Council). Members supported providing an opportunity to others who may also wish to address Council on the matter – perhaps at the Regular Meeting of Council on January 28, 2007.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the following correspondence be received:

- *Geraldine Harder, President of Strata Council, K de K Court, regarding removal of esplanade boulevard trees along Dockside*
- *Letter dated January 10, 2008 from Pat Murray regarding a tree issue at Dockside*
- *Six letters from residents of 12 K de K Court, Strata Plan NW2439 regarding planting of trees.*

CARRIED.

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

REPORTS FOR ACTION

Director of Finance and Information Technology:

2. [Draft Five Year Financial Plan \(2008 – 2012\) General Capital Program](#)

The Director of Finance and Information Technology presented the January 14, 2008, report providing an overview of the draft General Fund Capital Program for 2008 through 2012. The following spoke independently on their department Capital Budget requests and all responded to questions: Jim Lowrie, Steven Lan, and Dean Gibson. In response to a question regarding energy saving projects which might result in pay backs, Rod Carle, General Manager of the Electrical Utility, agreed to circulate his data on the matter.

- ** MOVED and SECONDED and CARRIED, this Committee recommends**
THAT the \$1.5 million dedicated towards Youth Services space in the City's Five Year Capital Plan be allocated in the 2009 Capital Budget; and
THAT the Parks and Recreation Department report back to Council in 2008 regarding location options and scope of the project that can be completed within the \$1.5M budget.

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

- ** MOVED and SECONDED and CARRIED, this Committee recommends**
THAT \$200,000 be entered into the 2008 Capital Budget for projects identified in the recently completed Energy Audit;
THAT staff identify and prioritize projects in the Energy Audit;
THAT projects of approximately \$5,000 with full pay back in less than five years be considered; and
THAT a report be submitted to council expanding on this proposal.

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

- ** MOVED and SECONDED and CARRIED, this Committee recommends**
THAT a safety audit be conducted of East Columbia Street sidewalks and a report be submitted to Council as to significant issues for 2008 projects.

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

RECESS

MOVED and SECONDED
THAT the Committee of the Whole Meeting of Council recess.

CARRIED.

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

The Committee of the Whole Meeting of Council recessed at 3:50 p.m. and reconvened at 4:00 p.m. with all members of Council present.

REPORTS FOR ACTION

3. [Financing the Moody Park Outdoor Pool Program \(Loan Authorization Bylaw No. 7209, 2008\)](#)

Members discussed the January 14, 2008, report from the Director of Finance and Information Technology, seeking financing for the Moody Park Outdoor Pool Project.

- ** MOVED and SECONDED and CARRIED, this Committee recommends**
THAT Moody Park Outdoor Pool Loan Authorization Bylaw No. 7209, 2008, be forwarded to the Regular Council meeting of January 14, 2008, for consideration of first and second readings;
THAT the City take the necessary steps to conduct an alternative approval process for the bylaw; and
THAT Council direct staff to further investigate the potential of using resources other than property tax revenues to repay the debt.

Opposed: Councillor McIntosh.

4. Community Grants 2008 – Hyack Festival Association Advance

- ** MOVED and SECONDED and CARRIED, this Committee recommends**
THAT an advance in the amount of \$30,000 be approved to the Hyack Festival Association against their 2008 Community Partnership Grant.

All members of Committee voted in favour of the motion.

City Administrator:

5. Engagement Framework – Port Cities and Vancouver Fraser Port Authority

The City Administrator presented the January 14, 2008, report seeking endorsement of New Westminster Council for the Engagement Framework for the Port Cities and Vancouver Fraser Port Authority.

- ** MOVED and SECONDED and CARRIED, this Committee recommends**
THAT the City of New Westminster endorses the Engagement Framework – Port Cities and Vancouver Fraser Port Authority - as the preliminary basis to guide the relationship between Metro Vancouver Port Cities and the amalgamated Vancouver Fraser Port Authority.

All members of Committee voted in favour of the motion.

5(a). Expropriation of 801 Columbia Street, New Westminster

The January 14, 2008, report from the City Administrator regarding the expropriation of 801 Columbia Street, was circulated on table and reviewed by the Administrator. Discussion ensued.

- ** MOVED and SECONDED and CARRIED, this Committee recommends**
WHEREAS Section 8(2) of the Community Charter, S.B.C. 2003, c. 26 authorizes Council to provide any service, which includes the authority to establish, construct, develop and operate a civic square and/or a multi-purpose civic centre.

WHEREAS Section 31 of the Community Charter authorizes Council to expropriate real property or an interest in real property for the purpose of exercising or performing its powers, duties and functions.

AND WHEREAS the Council of the City of New Westminster deems it necessary to expropriate the lands legally described as:

Parcel Identifier: 012-987-662
Lot 7, Block "G"
Merchants Square
Plan 2620
(the "Lands")

The registered owner in fee simple of the Lands is Kyoto Fine Foods Ltd.

THEREFORE the Council of the City of New Westminster hereby resolves:

- **THAT** the City of New Westminster does take and expropriate the fee simple estate in the Lands as defined in the recital of this Resolution and is hereby authorized to enter on and use the Lands to construct, develop and operate a civic square and/or a multi-purpose civic centre.
- **THAT** the work or purpose for which the land is required is for constructing, developing and operating a civic square and/or a multi-purpose civic centre.

All members of Committee voted in favour of the motion.

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MOVED and SECONDED and CARRIED, this Committee recommends

BE IT RESOLVED THAT an Expropriation Notice pursuant to the Expropriation Act be issued in the form attached as Schedule "1" to this Resolution, in respect of Lot 7 Block "G" Merchants Square Plan 2620 (the "Land").

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the City Clerk is authorized and directed to:

- sign and seal the Expropriation Notice;
- cause the Expropriation Notice to be filed in the New Westminster Land Title Office and to execute all documents required in connection with such filing;
- deliver the Expropriation Notice to the registered owner of the Land, to the holders of the charges registered against title to the Land and to any person in legal possession or occupation of the portions to be expropriated, together with a copy of the Expropriation Act;
- cause an expropriation sign to be placed on the Land in accordance with the Expropriation Act; and
- serve the Expropriation Notice on the approving authority for the expropriation.

All members of Committee voted in favour of the motion.

Director of Engineering Services:

6. Assessment of Universal Water Metering for Single Family Residences

John McMahon, Utilities and Special Projects Engineer, responded to questions regarding the January 14, 2008, report from the Director of Engineering Services, reviewing the short and long term benefits and costs associated with implementing a city-wide water metering program for Single Family Residences.

- ** **MOVED and SECONDED and CARRIED, this Committee recommends**
THAT the January 14, 2008, report from the Director of Engineering Services regarding Assessment of Universal Water Metering for Single Family Residences, be received for information; and
THAT the current practice of flat rate billing for Single Family Residences be continued.

All members of Committee voted in favour of the motion.

7. Structural reinforcement and remedial repairs – 453 Canfor Avenue (former Haggerty property)

- ** **MOVED and SECONDED and CARRIED, this Committee recommends**
THAT Council authorize an expenditure from the Facility Maintenance Reserve in the amount not to exceed \$85,700 for remedial repairs and the replacement of an exterior exit stair for the City owned building at 453 Canfor Avenue.

All members of Committee voted in favour of the motion.

7(a). RoundABOUTS on Ewen Avenue

A member raised the issue of a motorcyclist who was killed when using a round about on Ewen at Dawe Street. He requested a staff investigation.

- ** **MOVED and SECONDED and CARRIED, this Committee recommends**
THAT the City Administrator, the Engineering Department and the Police Service investigate all roundabouts on Ewen Avenue regarding safety issues and report back to Council.

All members of Committee voted in favour of the motion.

7(b). Metro Vancouver Recycling

The Engineering Department was directed to report back to Council on the following:

- The Metro Vancouver Recycling initiative and whether those regulations are intended to be expanded into New Westminster; and
- The merits and disadvantages of an annual large pick-up initiative.

Director of Development Services:

8. [Continuum of Housing Targeting the Homeless in New Westminster](#)

John Stark, Social Planner, responded to questions regarding the January 14, 2008, report from the Director of Development Services, detailing recent housing initiatives targeting the homeless and how they contribute to the development of a continuum of housing in New Westminster.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the January 14, 2008 report from the Director of Development Services regarding Continuum of Housing Targeting the Homeless in New Westminster, be received for information.

CARRIED.

All members of Committee voted in favour of the motion.

9. [Proposed Rezoning of 402 East Columbia Street – The Elizabeth Fry Society Proposal for an Emergency Housing Shelter](#)

Jim Hurst, Senior Planner, circulated a revised copy of Zoning Amendment Bylaws No. 7213, 2008 (which will be added to the Agenda). Mr. Hurst and Shawn Bayes, representing the Elizabeth Fry Society, responded to questions regarding an application to rezone 402 East Columbia in order to develop an emergency shelter with 12 units.

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

THAT the revised Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 7213, 2008, be forwarded to the Regular Council meeting of January 14, 2008, for consideration of first and second readings.

All members of Committee voted in favour of the motion.

10. [Early Childhood Development \(ECD\) Hubs in New Westminster](#)

John Stark, Social Planner, responded to questions regarding the January 14, 2008, report from the Director of Development Services, providing information regarding the development of Early Childhood Development Hubs (ECD) in New Westminster.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the January 14, 2008 report from the Director of Development Services regarding Early Childhood Development (ECD) Hubs in New Westminster, be received for information.

CARRIED.

All members of Committee voted in favour of the motion.

The Mayor varied the order of the Agenda to deal with Items 12 and 13 prior to Item 11.

Director of Parks & Recreation:

12. Park Security and Safety Season Summary Report

Diane Perry, Acting Manager of Community Development, responded to questions regarding the January 14, 2008, report from the Director of Parks and Recreation providing a summary of efforts, successes, observation and future suggestions from this past season's enhanced Park Security and Safety program.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the January 14, 2008 report from the Director of Parks & Recreation regarding Park Security and Safety Season Summary Report, be received for information.

CARRIED.

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

13. Parks & Recreation Department Equipment Use Policy

The Director of Parks & Recreation responded to questions regarding the January 14, 2008, report proposing a policy to assist staff in the allocation of City equipment and services for community events not hosted by the City of New Westminster. It was noted that existing relationships, such as for Hyack Week, Fraser Fest and Downtown BIA events will not be affected.

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

THAT Council approves the Parks and Recreation Department's Equipment Use Policy.

Opposed: Councillor McIntosh.
Councillor Donnelly left the meeting.

Director of Development Services:

11. [Downtown Community Plan Process Update](#)

Bev Grieve, Manager of Planning, presented the January 14, 2008, report from the Director of Development Services advising of the progress of the development of the Downtown Community Plan, the proposed work plan for the Public Consultation Program and a summary of the comments received at the Open House held on December 1, 2007.

During discussion, members made the following comments:

- Consider the viability of the 18 hour entertainment district
- Include the following for input during community consultation: North Fraser Perimeter Road, height of waterfront towers, parkade/solutions for parking
- Amend the proposed Terms of Reference as follows: include the Chamber of Commerce in Membership; identify that there will be one representative from each organization excepting individual property owners; indicate that meeting minutes will be distributed to Council.

**** MOVED and SECONDED and CARRIED, this Committee recommends**
THAT the Terms of Reference for the Downtown Community Plan Task Group be approved as discussed and staff be directed to write the organizations and groups identified in the Terms of Reference to submit the names of potential participants for the consideration of Council; and
THAT the work plan public consultation program for the Downtown Community Plan be approved as outlined in the January 14, 2008 report from the Director of Development Services.

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

COMMITTEE MINUTES AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

Councillor Donnelly rejoined the meeting via conference call at 5:39 p.m.

14. [Parks & Recreation Committee meetings held October 3 & October 31, 2007.](#)

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the minutes of the Parks & Recreation Committee meetings held October 3 and October 31, 2007, be received and adopted.

CARRIED.

All members of Committee voted in favour of the motion.

a) **New Westminster Little League Batting Cage**

** **MOVED and SECONDED and CARRIED, this Committee recommends**
THAT work commence on the construction of one batting cage as soon as possible utilizing the available funding sources.

All members of Committee voted in favour of the motion.

b) **Field User Fees for Adult Sport Groups**

** **MOVED and SECONDED and CARRIED, this Committee recommends**
THAT a comparative survey of adult sport group field user fees in neighbouring municipalities be conducted and be made available at an upcoming Parks and Recreation Committee meeting.

All members of Committee voted in favour of the motion.

15. **Emergency Advisory Committee meeting held November 20, 2007**

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the minutes of the Emergency Advisory Committee meeting held on November 20, 2007, be received and adopted.

CARRIED.

All members of Committee voted in favour of the motion.

a) **Westminster Quay Committee Representation**

Members discussed the Committee recommendation that the Terms of Reference be amended to include a representative from the New Westminster Quay. During the ensuing discussion, staff was directed to report back discussing amended Terms of Reference to include representatives from the areas of the City that might be at risk for flooding any year: Queensborough, Braid Industrial and Westminster Quay area.

16. **Electric Utility Commission meetings held October 25 & November 20, 2007**

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the minutes of the Electric Utility Commission meetings held October 25 & November 20, 2007, be received and adopted.

CARRIED.

All members of Committee voted in favour of the motion.

17. [Neighbourhood Traffic Advisory Committee meetings held September 19, 2007 and November 22, 2007](#)

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the minutes of the Neighbourhood Traffic Advisory Committee meetings held September 19, 2007 and November 22, 2007, be received and adopted.

CARRIED.

All members of Committee voted in favour of the motion.

18. [Pedestrian/Bicycle Advisory Committee meetings held September 13, 2007 and November 8, 2007.](#)

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the minutes of the Pedestrian/Bicycle Advisory Committee meetings held September 13, 2007 and November 8, 2007, be received and adopted.

CARRIED.

All members of Committee voted in favour of the motion.

19. [Community Heritage Commission meetings held October 10, 2007 and November 7, 2007.](#)

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the minutes of the Community Heritage Commission meetings held October 10, 2007 and November 7, 2007, be received and adopted.

CARRIED.

All members of Committee voted in favour of the motion.

20. [Downtown Parking Commission meeting held November 21, 2007.](#)

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the minutes of the Downtown Parking Commission meeting held November 21, 2007, be received and adopted.

CARRIED.

All members of Committee voted in favour of the motion.

ADJOURNMENT

ON MOTION, the meeting adjourned at 5:47 p.m.

Certified Correct,

WAYNE WRIGHT
CHAIR

RICK PAGE
CORPORATE OFFICER

** Denotes recommendations referred to Regular Council meeting of January 14, 2008, for ratification.