



CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF NEW WESTMINSTER

## REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL

January 14, 2008 1:37 p.m.  
Committee Room No. 2  
City Hall

### MINUTES

#### PRESENT:

Mayor Wayne Wright  
Councillor Jonathan Cote  
Councillor Calvin Donnelly  
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. Dean Gibson	- Director of Parks and Recreation
Ms. Judi Turner	- Assistant Corporate Officer

Council adjourned to Committee of the Whole at 1:37 p.m. and reconvened in the Council Chamber at 7:01 p.m. with all members of Council present.

#### ADOPTION OF MINUTES

1. **Motion to adopt [the minutes of the last regular meeting of the City Council held December 10, 2007.](#)**

#### **MOVED and SECONDED**

*THAT the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council, held December 10, 2007, be received and adopted.*

**CARRIED.**

All members of Council voted in favour of the motion.

## PRESENTATION

### 2. **Gaming Agreements** – Director of Development Services

The Director of Development Services made a presentation on the new Gaming Agreements entered into by the City, the Province, BC Lotteries Corporation, and the Starlight Casino operator.

The Regular Council meeting recessed at 7:47 p.m. and reconvened at 7:50 p.m. with all members of Council present.

### 3. **Choosing a Sustainable Future – Options for Metro Vancouver's Growth Management Strategy** – Hugh Kellas, Manager, Policy and Planning, Metro Vancouver.

Mr. Hugh Kellas, Manager of Policy and Planning, Metro Vancouver, was present to discuss their strategic plan for regional development entitled *Choosing a Sustainable Future - Options for Metro Vancouver's Growth Management Strategy*. Mr. Kellas circulated his speaking notes and a brochure on the matter (which will be added to the Agenda package).

## DELEGATIONS

### 4. **Open Delegations**

**Rosalind Sadowski of 523 Fifth Street and Kairn Safoya of 3096 Robson Drive, Coquitlam, representing New Westminster Secondary School Environment Club**, were present to urge that the use of plastic bags be mandated or banned in New Westminster, in order to send a strong message that New Westminster supports the environment. The delegation outlined the damage of continued use of plastic bags and made suggestions to facilitate implementation of a ban. They pointed out how a Green Action Plan and a sustainable environment are in the City's best interests.

The delegation was invited to attend a meeting of the City's Environment Advisory Committee to repeat the presentation.

**Bob Perry of 436 Rousseau, General Manager of Royal City Taxi**, advised that Royal City Taxi received approval from the Province for an additional six taxis. Although they contacted the City on October 29<sup>th</sup> with a request to amend Bylaw No. 6839, 2003 to increase the number of licensed taxis in the City by six, no reply has been received from the City. Mr. Perry requested that this request be expedited.

**Robert Jost of 401, 320 Royal Avenue**, was present to praise the Queens Park community and the neighbourly ethic of its residents. As well, he praised their efforts to improve the appearance of their homes and the community in general. He thanked those residents and wished them a happy new year.

**Dave Brown of 13 K de K Court, representing the Lookout Emergency Aid Society**, which is dedicated to seeking out solutions to homelessness, spoke of the growth in homelessness in this community. Mr. Brown applauded the actions of the City and staff for their work in this area.

**Gavin Palmer of 603 Salter Street, representing the Queensborough Residents Association**, thanked the Director of Development Services for her work in the negotiations for the new Gaming Agreement.

Mr. Palmer was present to raise a concern in regards to communications within and amongst the departments of the City. Their Residents Association representative on the Neighbourhood Traffic Advisory Committee has requested removal of the traffic circles in Queensborough, but has not been successful. Mr. Palmer judged that there are breakdowns in communication which has resulted in this inaction and urged that an investigation be conducted. He also urged that a procedure be developed to allow issues raised by concerned residents to be addressed by City Hall.

## CORRESPONDENCE

5. [BC Assessment re 2008 Property Assessment Roll.](#)

**MOVED and SECONDED**

*THAT the correspondence from BC Assessment regarding the 2008 Property Assessment Roll be received.*

**CARRIED.**

All members of Council voted in favour of the motion.

## REPORTS

6. **Council Members:**

**Councillor Harper**

...experienced a wonderful Christmas holiday with his extended family; invited New Westminster residents to visit the Starlight Casino; attended the Seniors Services Volunteer dinner, the Century House Christmas dinner, and the Brain Injury Association Christmas dinner.

### **Councillor McIntosh**

...attended the Senior Services Christmas Dinner and many other events over the season; commented on the flu season; attended a meeting with the Fraser Health Authority – noted that the new CEO hopes to become acquainted with the community and suggested that he be invited to a Monday evening meeting of Council; attended the Homeless Coalition where an announcement about the sale of College Place Hotel was made; offered condolences to those families who have lost a loved one over the holiday.

### **MOVED and SECONDED**

***THAT** Dr. Nigel Murray, CEO of the Fraser Health Authority, be invited to attend a Regular Meeting of Council.*

**CARRIED.**

All members of Council voted in favour of the motion.

### **Councillor Osterman**

...welcomed Councillor Williams back safe from her visit to Kenya; remarked that his 90 year old mother in law had her purse stolen in the Safeway – noted that the Safeway store and the New Westminster Police were very helpful to her in this crisis; thanked the Director of Engineering Services for their work during snow events; attended meetings of the Emergency Advisory and Arts and Culture Committees; thanked those who worked to teach children safety issues and to keep the community safe; announced the Hilda Cliffe became an octogenarian today becoming 80 years of age.

### **Councillor Williams**

...spoke of her trip to Kenya on behalf of her education charity – noted that she remained housebound for two weeks during the recent crisis in that country; advised that the majority of Kenyans were not involved in the riots; thanked all those who were concerned for her safety including Peter Julian and Dawn Black who gave her good advice; explained how the medicines she had brought were delivered to a doctor in the west part of the country; will return to Kenya sometime; wished a happy new year to all.

### **Councillor Cote**

...hoped that all in the community had an excellent holiday season; noted his daughter, Renee, is now two months old; is looking forward to this new year.

### **Councillor Donnelly**

...advised Councillor Williams that many people in the community were very concerned about her safety; experienced a very busy Christmas season; commented on the closing of the United Church on Sixth Street and commended their food program, where hundreds of people were served meals; asked that information be obtained about the closure of this very important service in the community; is suffering with the flu.

### **Mayor Wayne Wright**

...hoped everybody had a great holiday season and wished everyone a Happy New Year; was happy to be able to spend the holiday with his father; wished a happy new year to all; stated that 2008 will be a great year; attended a Metro Vancouver Board meeting with Senator Larry Campbell to discuss the coming flood and to whom he spoke of the leaky condo situation; noted that cities will only receive \$.05 for infrastructure maintenance from the Federal government; Announced that at the Council meeting on January 21<sup>st</sup>, announcements to Committees, Boards and Commissions will be made and appointees will take their oath of office.

Offered condolences to the following: Gary Holowatiuk, on the passing of his mother; Chief Lorne Zapotichny on the passing of his brother; and Ken LaRoy, Finance & Information Technology, on the passing of his mother.

## **COMMITTEE MINUTES AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

### **7. Recommendations from Council in Committee of the Whole meeting held January 14, 2008.**

#### **Director of Finance and Information Technology:**

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

##### **MOVED and SECONDED**

*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.*

**CARRIED.**

All members of Council voted in favour of the motion.

##### **MOVED and SECONDED**

*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.*

**CARRIED.**

All members of Council voted in favour of the motion.

**MOVED and SECONDED**

*THAT a safety audit be conducted of East Columbia Street sidewalks and a report be submitted to Council as to significant issues for 2008 Capital projects.*

**CARRIED.**

All members of Council voted in favour of the motion.

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

**MOVED and SECONDED**

*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.*

**CARRIED.**

Opposed: Councillor McIntosh.

c) [Community Grants 2008 – Hyack Festival Association Advance](#)

**MOVED and SECONDED**

*THAT an advance in the amount of \$30,000 be approved to the Hyack Festival Association against their 2008 Community Partnership Grant.*

**CARRIED.**

All members of Council voted in favour of the motion.

**City Administrator:**

d) [Engagement Framework – Port Cities and Vancouver Fraser Port Authority](#)

**MOVED and SECONDED**

*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.*

**CARRIED.**

All members of Council voted in favour of the motion.

**e) Expropriation of 801 Columbia Street, New Westminster**

**MOVED and SECONDED**

**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, and
- **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.

**CARRIED.**

All members of Council voted in favour of the motion.

**MOVED and SECONDED**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** an Expropriation Notice pursuant to the Expropriation Act be issued in the form set out as Schedule "1" to this Resolution in the January , 2008, report from the City Administrator, 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.*

**CARRIED.**

All members of Council voted in favour of the motion.

**Director of Engineering Services:**

- f) [Assessment of Universal Water Metering for Single Family Residences](#)

**MOVED and SECONDED**

*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.*

**CARRIED.**

All members of Council voted in favour of the motion.

- g) [Structural reinforcement and remedial repairs – 453 Canfor Avenue \(former Haggerty property\)](#)

**MOVED and SECONDED**

*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.*

**CARRIED.**

All members of Council voted in favour of the motion.

**h) RoundABOUTs on Ewen Avenue**

**MOVED and SECONDED**

*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.*

**CARRIED.**

All members of Council voted in favour of the motion.

**Director of Development Services:**

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

**MOVED and SECONDED**

*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.*

**CARRIED.**

All members of Council voted in favour of the motion.

**j) [Downtown Community Plan Process Update](#)**

**MOVED and SECONDED**

*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.*

**CARRIED.**

All members of Council voted in favour of the motion.

**Director of Parks & Recreation:**

**k) [Parks & Recreation Department Equipment Use Policy](#)**

**MOVED and SECONDED**

*THAT the Parks and Recreation Department's Equipment Use Policy be approved.*

**CARRIED.**

All members of Council voted in favour of the motion.

**Arising From Committee Minutes:**

**I) [Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee meeting of October 3, 2007](#)**

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

**MOVED and SECONDED**

*THAT work commence on the construction of one batting cage as soon as possible utilizing the available funding sources.*

**CARRIED.**

All members of Council voted in favour of the motion.

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

**MOVED and SECONDED**

*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.*

**CARRIED.**

All members of Council voted in favour of the motion.

**BYLAWS**

**8. Moody Park Outdoor Pool Bylaw No. 7209, 2008** [a bylaw to authorize borrowing for Construction of Capital Infrastructure] **THREE READINGS**

**MOVED and SECONDED**

*THAT Moody Park Outdoor Pool Bylaw No. 7209, 2008, be read a first time.*

**CARRIED.**

Opposed: Councillor McIntosh.

**MOVED and SECONDED**

*THAT Moody Park Outdoor Pool Bylaw No. 7209, 2008, be read a second time.*

**CARRIED.**

Opposed: Councillor McIntosh.

**MOVED and SECONDED**

*THAT Moody Park Outdoor Pool Bylaw No. 7209, 2008, be read a third time.*

**CARRIED.**

Opposed: Councillor McIntosh.

9. **Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 7213, 2008** [a bylaw to establish the definition of an emergency housing shelter; create the Comprehensive Development Districts (E Fry – 402 East Columbia Street) (CD-16); and rezone 402 East Columbia Street from Community Commercial Districts (Medium Rise) (C-2A) to Comprehensive Development Districts (E Fry – 402 East Columbia Street) (CD-16) **TWO READINGS**

**MOVED and SECONDED**

*THAT Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 7213, 2008, be read a first time.*

**CARRIED.**

All members of Council voted in favour of the motion.

**MOVED and SECONDED**

*THAT Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 7213, 2008, be read a second time.*

**CARRIED.**

All members of Council voted in favour of the motion.

(A Public Hearing will be held on Monday, February 4, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber, City Hall)

**NEXT MEETING**

**Monday, January 21, 2008:**

Proposed Closed Session commencing 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.

**First Order of Business: 2008 Committee Appointments & Oath Taking Ceremony**

**Followed by:**

**Public Hearing**

- **Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 7211, 2007 (343 East Eighth Avenue)**

**Development Permit 032 (UT) with variances (630 Fifth Street)**

**Development Variance Permit 470 (800 McBride Boulevard)**

**Development Permit 001 (TS) with variances (818 Twelfth Street)**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**ON MOTION**, the meeting adjourned at 9:44 p.m.

Certified Correct,

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**WAYNE WRIGHT**  
**MAYOR**

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