



CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF NEW WESTMINSTER

## COUNCIL IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

January 15, 2007 3:08 p.m.  
Committee Room 2, City Hall

### MINUTES

#### PRESENT:

Mayor Wayne Wright  
Councillor Jonathan Cote  
Councillor Calvin Donnelly  
Councillor Bill Harper  
Councillor Bob Osterman (joined the meeting at 3:13 p.m.)  
Councillor Betty McIntosh  
Councillor Lorrie Williams

#### STAFF:

Mr. Paul Daminato	- City Administrator
Mr. Rick Page	- City Clerk
Mr. Tim Whitehead	- Director of Development Services
Mr. Rod Carle	- General Manager, Electrical Utility
Mr. Steven Lan	- Acting Director of Engineering Services
Mr. Gary Holowatiuk	- Director of Finance
Chief Carl Nepstad	- Director of Fire and Rescue
Mr. Dean Gibson	- Director of Parks and Recreation
Ms. Judi Turner	- Assistant City Clerk

#### ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

The following items were added to the Agenda:

- The Challenge of Sustainable Development for Heritage Conservation Workshop – February 16, 2007 (added as Item 11)
- Letter from Dr. Bertrand H. Perey, Department of Orthopaedic Surgery, Royal Columbian & Eagle Ridge Hospital, re current state of affairs at Royal Columbian Hospital (added as Item 12)
- Street Naming Convention – Directors of Engineering & Finance and Information Technology (added as Item 13).

## REPORTS FOR ACTION

### Directors of Engineering/Parks & Recreation & General Manager Electrical Utility:

#### 1. [Canada-BC Municipal Rural Infrastructure Fund](#)

Members discussed the January 15, 2007, report from the Directors of Engineering/Parks & Recreation and the General Manager of the Electrical Utility, seeking approval of the ranked projects to be submitted as a grant application to the Canada – British Columbia Municipal Rural Infrastructure Fund.

- \*\* MOVED and SECONDED and CARRIED, this Committee recommends**  
*THAT staff make an application to the Canada BC Municipal Rural Infrastructure Fund; and*  
*THAT the project rankings contained in the report from the Directors of Engineering/Parks & Recreation and the General Manager Electrical Utility dated January 15, 2007, be approved; and*  
*THAT Council commit to approve the City component of the funding for the four projects identified in this report and outlined in the proposed five-year capital plan.*

**CARRIED.**

All members of Committee voted in favour of the motion.

### Director of Engineering:

#### 2. [Multi Family Recycling Collection & Process Agreement Extension](#)

- \*\* MOVED and SECONDED and CARRIED, this Committee recommends**  
*THAT a two-year extension be approved to the existing contract with Waste Management of Canada Corporation for the collection and processing of multi-family recyclable materials.*

**CARRIED.**

All members of Committee voted in favour of the motion.

### General Manager – Electric Utility:

#### 3. [Local Government Grants](#)

Members discussed the January 15, 2007, report from the General Manager of Electric Utility, advising that the City of New Westminster was the successful proponent on two local government grant applications relating to energy efficiency of City facilities.

**MOVED and SECONDED**

*THAT the report from the General Manager of Electric Utility, dated January 15, 2007, regarding Local Government Grants, be received for information.*

**CARRIED.**

All members of Committee voted in favour of the motion.

It was agreed that Council be represented on the Energy Management Committee by Councillor Cote.

**Director of Finance:**

4. [Follow-up Notification of Contract Award\(s\) in Council absence](#)

**MOVED and SECONDED**

*THAT the report from the Director of Finance and Information Technology, dated January 15, 2007, regarding Follow-up Notification of Contract Award(s) in Council Absence, be received for information.*

**CARRIED.**

All members of Committee voted in favour of the motion.

5. [2007 Electrical Utility Rates \(Bylaw 7141, 2007\)](#)

The General Manager, Electric Utility, responded to questions regarding the January 15, 2007, report from himself and the Director of Finance and Information Technology, seeking approval for a revised electrical utility rates.

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

*THAT electrical utility rates be revised to reflect a decrease (from 4.65% to 1.54%) effective July 1, 2006;*

*THAT electrical utility rates be increased by 0.10%, plus a 2.00% rate-rider, effective February 1, 2007;*

*THAT Electrical Utility Amendment Bylaw No. 7141, 2007, be forwarded to the Regular Council meeting of January 15, 2007, for consideration of three readings;*

*THAT the calculation of amounts to be rebated for the period July 1, 2006 to February 1, 2007, and interest on those amounts, be applied to customer accounts in the months of March and April 2007.*

**CARRIED.**

All members of Committee voted in favour of the motion.

Members commended staff from Electrical, Engineering and Parks Departments for their work in keeping services operational and roads passable.

**MOVED and SECONDED**

*THAT a letter be sent to the Electrical, Engineering, and Parks Departments to thank them for remaining vigilant and maintaining services during recent inclement weather.*

**CARRIED.**

All members of Committee voted in favour of the motion.

**Director of Development Services:**

**6. [Development Variance Permit No. 445 for 442 Wilson Street](#)**

In response to a member's comment that graphic material would help to demonstrate the impact of variances, the Director of Development Services advised that he will report to Council on the subject of large garages.

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

*THAT the City give notice of its intention to consider issuance of Development Variance Permit 445 to permit construction of a 1,064 square foot (98.85 square metre) detached garage at 442 Wilson Street covering 20.8 percent of the property.*

**CARRIED.**

All members of Committee voted in favour of the motion.

**7. [Development Variance Permit No. 447 for 308 Durham Street](#)**

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

*THAT the City give notice of its intention to consider issuance of Development Variance Permit 447 to permit construction of a porch that will extend 10.7 feet (3.26 metres) into the required front yard at 308 Durham Street.*

**CARRIED.**

All members of Committee voted in favour of the motion.

**8. [Development Variance Permit No. 448 for 824 Fifth Street](#)**

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

*THAT the City give notice of its intention to consider issuance of Development Variance Permit 448 to permit site coverage of 13.6 percent of the site to allow construction of a 924 square foot (85.84 sq. metre) detached garage/recreational vehicle carport at 824 Fifth Street.*

**CARRIED.**

All members of Committee voted in favour of the motion.

9. **Development Variance Permit No. 449 for 424 Columbia Street**

Dave Guiney, Planning Technician, responded to questions regarding the January 11, 2007, report from the Director of Development Services, advising of an application to vary the vertical dimension of a canopy sign in the Columbia Street Historic District at 424 Columbia Street. He agreed to research other options for heritage appearing treatments.

**MOVED and SECONDED**

*THAT the City give notice of its intention to consider issuance of Development Variance Permit 449 to allow the erection of a canopy signage to a height of 18-inches (.45 metre) at 424 Columbia Street in the Columbia Street Historic District.*

**CARRIED.**

All members of Committee voted in favour of the motion.

**REQUESTS FOR PRESENTATIONS**

10. **12<sup>TH</sup> Street Neighborhood Society requesting a presentation to Council re update on activities and progress of Society**

The 12<sup>th</sup> Street Neighbourhood Society requested an opportunity to present an update on activities and progress of the Society.

**MOVED and SECONDED**

*THAT the 12<sup>th</sup> Street Neighbourhood Society be approved to meet with Council on February 5, 2007, to present an update on activities and progress of the Society.*

**CARRIED.**

All members of Council voted in favour of the motion.

**NEW BUSINESS**

11. **The Challenge of Sustainable Development for Heritage Conservation Workshop – February 16, 2007**

The January 15, 2007 email regarding the Heritage Conservation Workshop on February 16, 2007 was circulated on table (and will be added to the Agenda).

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

*THAT two members of the Community Heritage Commission be approved to attend The Challenge of Sustainable Development for Heritage Conservation Workshop on February 16, 2007, at a total cost of \$195.*

**CARRIED.**

All members of Committee voted in favour of the motion.

**12. Dr. Bertrand H. Perey, Department of Orthopaedic Surgery, Royal Columbian & Eagle Ridge Hospital, re current state of affairs at Royal Columbian Hospital.**

The November 6, 2006, letter from Bertrand Perey of the Department of Orthopaedic Surgery was circulated on table and will be added to the Agenda package.

**\*\* MOVED, SECONDED and CARRIED, this Committee recommends**  
*THAT the Fraser Health Authority be invited to meet with Council to discuss concerns raised about the lack of services to the local community at Royal Columbian Hospital and changes and funding needed to address the concerns.*

**CARRIED.**

All members of Committee voted in favour of the motion.

**13. Street Naming Convention – Directors of Engineering & Finance and Information Technology**

The joint January 15, 2007, report from the Directors of Engineering Services and Finance and Information Technology, providing analysis and costing implications regarding legally naming the historic streets with an “east” designation, was circulated on table (and will be added to the Agenda package). The Acting Director reviewed its contents and responded to questions. Members raised questions about Residents’ Association input and consultation with the Police Service.

**MOVED and SECONDED**

*THAT the report from the Director of Engineering Services and Finance and Information Technology, dated January 15, 2007, be received for information; and*

*THAT staff be directed to prepare a street naming bylaw in accordance with Option B as described in the above referenced report (East designation as a suffix).*

Before the question on the motion was called, it was...

**MOVED and SECONDED**

*THAT the foregoing motion be tabled to permit consultation with the Police Service on the impact of the options proposed in the Development Services report.*

**CARRIED.**

All members of Committee voted in favour of the motion.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**ON MOTION**, the meeting adjourned at 4:08 p.m.

Certified Correct,

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**WAYNE WRIGHT, CHAIR**

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**RICK PAGE, CITY CLERK**

\*\* Denotes recommendations referred to Regular Council meeting of January 15, 2007, for ratification.