



CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF NEW WESTMINSTER

REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL

January 15, 2007 3:08 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	- City Clerk
Mr. Tim Whitehead	- Director of Development Services
Mr. Steven Lan	- Acting Director of Engineering Services
Mr. Gary Holowatiuk	- Director of Finance
Ms. Judi Turner	- Assistant City Clerk

Council adjourned to Committee of the Whole at 3:08 p.m. and reconvened in the Council Chamber at 7:01 p.m. with all those listed earlier present.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

1. Motion to adopt the [minutes of the last regular meeting of the City Council held December 11, 2006.](#)

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council, held December 11, 2006, be received and adopted.

CARRIED.

All members of Council voted in favour of the motion.

DELEGATIONS

2. Opportunity to make Representations – Road Closing and Land Disposition Authorization Bylaw No. 7123, 2006 (roads in the western section of Queensborough between Salter Street and Ewen Avenue)

No persons rose to speak to Road Closing and Land Disposition Authorization Bylaw No. 7123, 2006.

3. Delegations re DVP 446 (1314 Eighth Avenue)

Dave Saville of 1314 Eighth Avenue was present regarding his proposal at 1314 Eighth Avenue. He confirmed that he consulted with his neighbours about the project and there were no major concerns expressed.

4. Open Delegations

Andrew Murray of 707 Belyea Street, representing the Council of Canadians, to comment on the Trade, Investment, and Labour Mobility Agreement that is about to be signed, and that gives corporate interests the right to sue local government, that imposes minimum restrictions for a number of areas, that does not protect agricultural land etc., and incorporates a NAFTA style dispute mechanism. He voiced concern over this Agreement and suggested that New Westminster would be affected in a number of ways. He concluded by asking that the City prepare a report outlining the impacts of the Agreement and recommending a means to convey concerns to the Provincial government.

Gavin Palmer of 603 Salter Street, made the following comments:

- The use of excessive variances to vary guidelines, bylaws and OCP's is not desirable, especially as citizens make life-long investments based on these documents
- requested that Council cease from making such changes through variances
- Urged that bylaws be changed through a considered process.

2. Opportunity to make Representations – Road Closing and Land Disposition Authorization Bylaw No. 7123, 2006 (roads in the western section of Queensborough between Salter Street and Ewen Avenue)

Jeremy Ellis of 262 Hume Street, rose to comment on Schedules E and F of Bylaw No. 7123, 2006. As owner of the house at the corner which borders the lane in question, he suggested removal of the entire lane, and not just the portion identified in the bylaw.

The Acting Director of Engineering Services explained why the bylaw has been presented. He stated there would be no impact on adjoining property owners. He agreed to clarify the matter for Mr. Ellis.

4. Open Delegations, cont'd

David Roppel of #201, 1628 West First Avenue, representing Aragon Development Ltd., rose to clarify some misinformation that has been circulating in the community and in the Record, including: 19 storeys would be allowed on the site, a lower wider tower would reduce visibility to the river, the site is zoned for a 170 foot high rise, Quayside is more than a 1000 feet from the development therefore not affected in the way Queensborough residents area affected, over 150 Queensborough residents signed a petition asking Council to reconsider the proposal, petition signatures were collected by active community residents who went door to door to discuss the matter and seek signatures, Council did not have this petition when it made its decision, the Consultative Design Committee encouraged the developer to design a higher narrower building. Aragon remains committed to strong community consultation and will proceed accordingly on the next step for this development.

Stacy Ashton, representing the Royal City Volunteers, announced the Fifth Annual Festival of Volunteers taking place on January 27, 2007, at Royal City Centre Mall. Over 40 non profit groups will be on display to promote their organizations and be available to new volunteers. The event will include entertainment, prizes and special treats. She thanked the Bank of Montreal for their sponsorship.

ISSUANCE OF DEVELOPMENT VARIANCE PERMITS

5. [Issuance of Development Variance Permit 446 \(1314 Eighth Avenue\) - to vary the following section of the Zoning Bylaw: Detached Accessory Buildings](#)

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Development Variance Permit DVP 446 be issued with the following variance to permit construction of a detached garage at 1314 Eighth Avenue:

- *Site coverage for detached accessory buildings of 20.25 percent of the lot area.*

CARRIED.

All members of Council voted in favour of the motion.

CORRESPONDENCE

6. [Starla Kingston, 426 Cumberland Street, re patrolling of Patullo Bridge.](#)

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the correspondence from Starla Kingston of 426 Cumberland Street, regarding patrolling of Patullo Bridge, be received.

CARRIED.

All members of Council voted in favour of the motion.

Staff was directed to write to Ms. Kingston to suggest that she forward her letter to the Fraser Health Authority.

7. [Daniel Camporese, Captain, & Brian Cox, Co-Captain, Blockwatch Unit C10-01, re vandalism at Herbert Spencer School.](#)

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the correspondence from Daniel Camporese, Captain, & Brian Cox, Co-Captain, Blockwatch Unit C10-01, regarding vandalism at Herbert Spencer School, be received.

CARRIED.

All members of Council voted in favour of the motion.

The matter of a curfew on public grounds and on School District property Staff was referred to the Police Service and to the School Board.

8. [Corporation of Delta re merger of Vancouver Port Authorities.](#)

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the correspondence from Corporation of Delta, regarding merger of Vancouver Port Authorities, be received;
THAT a similar letter, concurring with the three resolutions made by Delta, be sent to the Federal Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure; and
THAT a letter be sent to the Fraser Port Authority inquiring about the process.

CARRIED.

All members of Council voted in favour of the motion.

9. [City of Coquitlam re Kyoto Protocol on Climate Change.](#)

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the correspondence from City of Coquitlam, regarding Kyoto Protocol on Climate Change, be received.

CARRIED.

All members of Council voted in favour of the motion.

10. [Brian Jones re the use of 417 Fifth Street as a Movie Studio.](#)

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the correspondence from Brian Jones, regarding the use of 417 Fifth Street as a movie studio, be received.

CARRIED.

All members of Council voted in favour of the motion.

11. [City of Burnaby re Fraser River Debris Trap Current Status.](#)

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the correspondence from City of Burnaby, regarding the Fraser River Debris Trap Current Status, be received, and a letter of support be forwarded.

CARRIED.

All members of Council voted in favour of the motion.

12. [New Westminster & District Labour Council re the issue of BC's income assistance levels and the support services provided through the Ministry of Employment & Income Assistance.](#)

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the correspondence from New Westminster & District Labour Council, regarding the issue of BC's income assistance levels and the support services provided through the Ministry of Employment & Income Assistance, be received, and referred to the Homeless Coalition report and to the Director of Development Services.

CARRIED.

All members of Council voted in favour of the motion.

13. [Ministry of Community Services and Minister Responsible for Seniors' and Women's Issues re launch of programs – Towns for Tomorrow, LocalMotion and Spirit Squares.](#)

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the correspondence from Ministry of Community Services and Minister Responsible for Seniors' and Women's Issues, regarding launch of programs – Towns for Tomorrow, LocalMotion and Spirit Squares, be received, and referred to staff and to the Special Services and Access Committee.

CARRIED.

All members of Council voted in favour of the motion.

14. [Minister of Employment and Income Assistance & Mayor Sam Sullivan, co-chairs of the Minister's Council on Employment for Persons with Disabilities, re 10 by 10 Challenge, to challenge communities across the Province to increase employment for persons with disabilities by 10% by 2010.](#)

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the correspondence from Minister of Employment and Income Assistance & Mayor Sam Sullivan, co-chairs of the Minister's Council on Employment for Persons with Disabilities, regarding 10 by 10 Challenge, to challenge communities across the Province to increase employment for persons with disabilities by 10% by 2010, be received, and referred to the Director of Human Resources.

CARRIED.

All members of Council voted in favour of the motion.

15. [Jenny Kwan, MLA, Vancouver – Mt. Pleasant re support of application for Kaiping Diaolou to become the first heritage site in Guangdong Province, People's Republic of China, to be named as a World Heritage site.](#)

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the correspondence from Jenny Kwan, MLA, Vancouver – Mt. Pleasant, regarding support of application for Kaiping Diaolou to become the first heritage site in Guangdong Province, People's Republic of China, to be named as a World Heritage site, be received, and a letter of support be forwarded to the World Heritage Centre, UNESCO.

CARRIED.

All members of Council voted in favour of the motion.

REPORTS

16. Council Members:

Councillor Donnelly

...reported that Council has been busy during the break and will continue to be busy in the new year.

Councillor Harper

...thanked staff for their work on the pool slide which is receiving much use by both adults and children; dropped the puck and MC'd an event around minor hockey; noted that this was the first time that a Chinese hockey team has played in Canada; attended a conference where a report on log exports in British Columbia was circulated.

Councillor McIntosh

...thanked Engineering Operations staff for their work in support of the community during inclement weather; reminded the community that sidewalks must be cleared by 10:00 a.m. on the day after snow has fallen; wished a happy new year to all.

Councillor Osterman

...appreciated that electrical service is always available and our streets are well attended to; noted that Kerry Shular, Manager of Royal City Centre Mall, is leaving the Mall to work elsewhere – wished her well in the future.

Councillor Williams

...congratulated the snow removal teams for their work during the recent bad weather; thanked Electrical Service for the lack of service disruptions; represented the City at the GVRD Labour Relations; attended a Ministerial meeting and commented on expectations people have of local churches to handle social issues, despite experiencing diminishing volunteerism and financial support; held a meeting of the Community Heritage Commission; noted that Heritage Week events will also include an auction of items removed from houses scheduled for demolition; toured heritage restoration houses to learn how restoration occurs and what difficulties are encountered; wished a happy new year to all.

Councillor Cote

...hoped everyone in the city had a wonderful holiday season; had a busy past month and is looking forward to working with Council in 2007; thanked all City staff for their work during the recent storms and throughout the year.

Mayor Wayne Wright

...announced that sand, salting and scraper trucks are poised to deal with the expected snowstorm; advised that New Westminster's Electrical Utility suffered no interruptions in service and offered its assistance to other communities in the Lower Mainland; attended the Centenary Celebration of the Sikh Institution, Khalsa Diwan Society; welcomed delegates to the World Religions Conference at Douglas College; commended Councillors Cote and Donnelly for their fire fighting demonstration and thanked the fire fighters for the tree chipping event; thanked the Engineering Operations crews for supporting the tree chipping event; commented on the closure of Western Forest Products; welcomed Provincial Health Services Authority at their meeting in New Westminster; will represent the City on Translink in the coming year.

Announced the appointment of Isabel Gomez-Garcia to the Youth Advisory Committee as a member at large for the balance of the term ending September 2007.

Extended Council's condolences to Sue Byron, Engineering Operations, on the passing of her husband.

COMMITTEE MINUTES AND RECOMMENDATIONS

17. **Motion to receive and adopt the [minutes of a meeting of Council in Committee of the Whole held December 11, 2006](#) and [Special Meeting of Council in Committee of the Whole held January 8, 2007](#).**

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the minutes of Committee of the Whole meeting held on December 11, 2006, and Special Meeting of Committee of the Whole held January 8, 2007, be received and adopted.

CARRIED.

All members of Council voted in favour of the motion.

18. **Recommendations from Council in Committee of the Whole meeting held January 15, 2007.**

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the minutes of the Committee of the Whole meeting held on January 15, 2007, be received and adopted.

CARRIED.

All members of Council voted in favour of the motion.

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

- a) **[Canada-BC Municipal Rural Infrastructure Fund](#)**

MOVED and SECONDED

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 Council voted in favour of the motion.

Director of Engineering:

- b) [Multi Family Recycling Collection & Process Agreement Extension](#)

MOVED and SECONDED

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 Council voted in favour of the motion.

Director of Finance:

- c) [2007 Electrical Utility Rates \(Bylaw No. 7141, 2007\)](#)

MOVED and SECONDED

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 Council voted in favour of the motion.

Director of Development Services:

- d) [Development Variance Permit No. 445 for 442 Wilson Street](#)

MOVED and SECONDED

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 Council voted in favour of the motion.

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

MOVED and SECONDED

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 Council voted in favour of the motion.

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

MOVED and SECONDED

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 Council voted in favour of the motion.

g) [Development Variance Permit No. 449 for 424 Columbia Street](#)

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 with a height of 18-inches (.45 metre) at 424 Columbia Street in the Columbia Street Historic District.

CARRIED.

All members of Council voted in favour of the motion.

h) **Heritage Conservation Workshop – February 16, 2007**

MOVED and SECONDED

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 Council voted in favour of the motion.

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

MOVED and SECONDED

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 Council voted in favour of the motion.

BYLAWS

19. [Road Closing and Land Disposition Authorization Bylaw No. 7123, 2006 \[a bylaw to close and dispose of portions of highway\]](#) **ADOPTION**

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Road Closing and Land Disposition Authorization Bylaw No. 7123, 2006, be adopted.

CARRIED.

All members of Council voted in favour of the motion.

20. [Street Traffic Amendment Bylaw No. 7140, 2006 \[a bylaw to amend Street Traffic Bylaw No. 6027, 1991 re Sec 200, 300, 400 & 800\]](#) **ADOPTION**

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Street Traffic Amendment Bylaw No. 7140, 2006, be adopted.

CARRIED.

All members of Council voted in favour of the motion.

- 20(a). [Electrical Utility Amendment Bylaw No. 7141, 2007 \[a bylaw to amend Electrical Utility Bylaw No. 6502, 1998 re rates\]](#)

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Electrical Utility Amendment Bylaw No. 7141, 2007, be read a first time.

CARRIED.

All members of Council voted in favour of the motion.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Electrical Utility Amendment Bylaw No. 7141, 2007, be read a second time.

CARRIED.

All members of Council voted in favour of the motion.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Electrical Utility Amendment Bylaw No. 7141, 2007, be read a third time.

CARRIED.

All members of Council voted in favour of the motion.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

21. Notice of Motion: Climate Change and the Kyoto Protocol

Councillor Cote proposed the following motion on December 11, 2006:

MOVED and SECONDED

*WHEREAS, climate disruption poses an urgent threat to the environmental, economic and social health of our communities, and
WHEREAS, municipal governments have the ability to implement on a local level policies that will contribute to the reduction of greenhouse gases in our atmosphere and help towards Canada's commitment to the Kyoto Protocol;*

***NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the City of New Westminster support the Kyoto Protocol by introducing policies at a local level that will allow the City and community of New Westminster to reduce climate change pollution;*

***BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** the City of New Westminster place the creation of an environmental sustainable policy as one of its strategic priorities for 2007; and*

***BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** City staff report back to Council within six months regarding the implementation of a comprehensive set of policies using the tabled Green Action Plan as a guide.*

CARRIED.

All members of Council voted in favour of the motion.

NEXT MEETING

Monday, January 22, 2007:

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.

Public Hearing

Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 7118, 2006 (804 Twelfth Street)

ADJOURNMENT

ON MOTION, the meeting adjourned at 8:56 p.m.

Certified Correct,

WAYNE WRIGHT
MAYOR

RICHARD L. PAGE
CITY CLERK