



CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF NEW WESTMINSTER

REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL

January 21, 2008 2:00 p.m.
Committee Room No. 2
City Hall

MINUTES

PRESENT:

Mayor Wayne Wright
Councillor Jonathan Cote
Councillor Bill Harper
Councillor Bob Osterman
Councillor Betty McIntosh
Councillor Lorrie Williams

REGRETS:

Councillor Calvin Donnelly

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 and Information Technology
Chief Carl Nepstad	- Director of Fire and Rescue
Chief L. Zapotichny	- Police Services
Ms. Judi Turner	- Assistant Corporate Officer

Council adjourned to Committee of the Whole at 2:00 p.m. and reconvened in the Council Chamber at 7:02 p.m. with all those listed earlier present.

PRAYER FOR THE CITY

1. Prayer – Father Martin Moser, St. Peter’s Church

Father Martin Moser of St. Peter’s Church gave a prayer for the welfare of the City.

RECOGNITION/PRESENTATION

- 2. Mayor Wright to extend congratulations and recognize the New Westminster (Community Team) U17 Field Lacrosse Team for winning the prestigious North American Tournament of Champions Elite Division in Florida, USA.**

Ivan Tuura spoke of the achievement of the New Westminster Field Lacrosse Team in Florida, USA.

Mayor Wright recognized the New Westminster (Community Team) U17 Field Lacrosse Team achievement in winning the prestigious North American Tournament of Champions Elite Division in Florida, USA, recognized the team members and their coaches – Darryl Digby, Ivan Tura, and Travis Gillespie – presented them with a trophy, and congratulated the entire group.

- 3. Annual Address – Mayor Wayne Wright**

Mayor Wright delivered his Annual Address for 2008 which is appended to these minutes.

- 4. 2008 Committee Appointments & Oath Taking Ceremony**

Mayor Wright introduced members of Council and senior staff and announced the 2008 Advisory Committees, Commissions, Boards, Task Forces, Chairs, Appointees, and Nominees. Administration of oaths was carried out by the Corporate Officer and Assistant Corporate Officer.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Regular Meeting of Council recess.

CARRIED.

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

The Regular Meeting of Council recessed at 7:47 p.m. and reconvened at 8:45 p.m. with all members of Council present except Councillor Donnelly.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

5. **Motion to adopt [the minutes of the last regular meeting of the City Council held January 14, 2008.](#)**

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council, held January 14, 2008, be received and adopted.

CARRIED.

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

BYLAWS CONSIDERED AT PUBLIC HEARING

6. **Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 7211, 2007** [a bylaw to create the Comprehensive Development District (East Eighth Avenue) (CD-15) and rezone 343 East Eighth Avenue from Single Detached Dwelling Districts (RS-1) to Comprehensive Development Districts (East Eighth Avenue) (CD-15)] **THIRD READING**

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 7211, 2007, be read a third time.

CARRIED.

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

Staff was directed to investigate and report back to Council regarding:

- The actual measurements of the subject lane, whether it can be widened, and how growth and encroachment is managed
- Options for redirecting traffic in the lane.

DELEGATIONS

7. **Delegations re Development Permit #032 (UT) with variances (630 Fifth Street)**

Eric Pattison, Architect, was present with his client, Wayne Jakeman, to respond to questions. He noted it is a supportable small project and will be a good improvement to the area. Regarding commercial development, Mr. Pattison noted that this project will not preclude other development in the area in the future.

Brad Bayne of 634 Fifth Street rose to voice the following concerns:

- It is already difficult to move vehicles from the rear where his two parking spots are located
- There is not a lot of space in the lane area
- The drive way is narrow
- Their house has two windows close to the lane

- People backing out of the subject property driveway might back into his house
- There is pedestrian traffic and bushes block views creating safety concerns
- The front driveway is in poor condition.

Mr. Pattison rose again and offered to install concrete bollards on the neighbouring property to protect it from traffic hazard.

8. Delegations re Development Variance Permit #470 (800 McBride Boulevard – Royal Square Mall)

Richard Louthwaitte representing Canada Safeway rose and made the following comments:

- The Royal Square Mall will be subdivided and less parking will be located on the side where small shops exist and more by the Safeway side
- A mutual use and access agreement will protect parking.

9. Delegations re DP #001 (TS) with variances (818 Twelfth Street)

This item was recommended to be tabled at the afternoon session (Committee of the Whole).

ISSUANCE OF DEVELOPMENT VARIANCE PERMITS

10. [Issuance of Development Permit #032 \(UT\) with variances \(630 Fifth Street\) - to vary the following sections of the Zoning Bylaw: \(a\) Height and Siting of Buildings, \(b\) Height and Siting of Buildings, \(c\) Number of Compact Parking Spaces](#)

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the City approve and issue Development Permit 032 (UT) with the following variances to permit conversion of the existing house at 630 Fifth Street to a commercial use:

- *Parking located within the building setback area – the first fifteen feet of the property facing Fifth Street*
- *Commercial use fronting Fifth Street within the Building Setback on Site Plan No. 1*
- *All of the required parking space to be provided as compact parking spaces.*

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

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the foregoing motion be tabled to allow staff to consult with the neighbouring property owner.

CARRIED.

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

11. [Issuance of Development Variance Permit 470 \(800 McBride Boulevard\) - to vary the following section of the Zoning Bylaw:](#)
[\(a\) Number of Parking Spaces](#)

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the City approve and issue Development Variance Permit 470 with the following variance to permit subdivision of the property at 800 McBride Boulevard (Royal Square Mall) to permit:

- *Provision of 176 parking spaces.*

CARRIED.

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

12. [Issuance of Development Permit #001 \(TS\) with variances \(818 Twelfth Street\) - to vary the following section of the Zoning Bylaw:](#)
[\(a\) Building Lines](#)

This item was recommended to be tabled at the afternoon session (Committee of the Whole).

COMMITTEE MINUTES AND RECOMMENDATIONS

13. **Motion to receive and adopt the [minutes of a meeting of Council in Committee of the Whole held January 14, 2008.](#)**

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the minutes of the Council in Committee of the Whole held January 14, 2008, be received and adopted.

CARRIED.

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

14. Recommendations from Council in Committee of the Whole meeting held January 21, 2008.

Director of Engineering Services:

a) **[Safety Review of Ewen Avenue Traffic Circles](#)**

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the January 21, 2008 report from the Director of Engineering Services regarding a Safety Review of Ewen Avenue Traffic Circles, be received.

CARRIED.

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

b) **[Animal Services Policies](#)**

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT a mandatory spay and neuter provision be added to the Animal Control Bylaw for unlicensed at large animals and staff investigate and report back to Council on the following:

- *Investigate some form of relief on penalties for seniors*
- *Target unlicensed animals at large*
- *Consider a one time ticket home per licensed animal;*

THAT the City continue with its current practice vis-à-vis a no-kill policy and staff report back to Council on the feasibility of an appeal process;

THAT the City continue with the current practice for identification of cats (tattoos, microchip and tags) and provide public education on the benefits of obtaining microchip identification; and

THAT the City continue its current practice and develop an annual animal forum to discuss issues relative to animal welfare in the city.

CARRIED.

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

Director of Finance and Information Technology:

c) **[Council Remuneration Annual Update](#)**

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council receive the January 21, 2008 report from the Director of Finance and Information Technology as an update to Council's 2008 remuneration, calculated in accordance with the City's Council Remuneration Policy; and

THAT effective January 1, 2008, Council's annual stipend will be:
Mayor \$81,987
Councillor \$30,169.

CARRIED.

Opposed: Councillor Cote.

Director of Development Services:

- d) [Municipal Heritage Designation for 913 Tenth Street \(Bylaw No. 7212, 2008\)](#)

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Heritage Designation Bylaw (913 Tenth Street) No. 7212, 2008 be received.

CARRIED.

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

- e) [818 Twelfth Street/Status of Property](#)

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT a time extension for Development Permit 001 (TS) with variances for the proposed mixed use project at 818 Twelfth Street, be tabled.

CARRIED.

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

Director of Development Services:

- f) [Show Cause Hearing – Vibe Jewellers and Pawn LTD.](#)

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the business licenses (#111650 and 111152) issued to Vibe Jewellers and Pawn LTD. to operate a Pawn Shop and Retail Jewellery Store at 414 Columbia Street are cancelled effectively immediately.

CARRIED.

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

BYLAWS

15. **Heritage Designation Bylaw (913 Tenth Street) No. 7212, 2008** [a bylaw of the Corporation of the City of New Westminster to designate the lands, buildings and structures located at 913 Tenth Street, a protected heritage property] **TWO READINGS**

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Heritage Designation Bylaw (913 Tenth Street) No. 7212, 2008, be read a first time.

CARRIED.

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

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Heritage Designation Bylaw (913 Tenth Street) No. 7212, 2008, be read a second time.

CARRIED.

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

(A Public Hearing will be held on Monday, March 3, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber, City Hall)

NEXT MEETING

Monday, January 28, 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.

Public Hearing

- Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw No. 7210, 2007 (Development Permit Area Number 3 – Downtown East at Albert Crescent)
- Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 7208, 2007 (463 Kelly Street)

ADJOURNMENT

ON MOTION, the meeting adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

Certified Correct,

WAYNE WRIGHT
MAYOR

RICHARD L. PAGE
CORPORATE OFFICER

Mayor Wayne Wright
Annual Address 2008
January 21, 2008

2007 has been another banner year of planning, accomplishments and development in the City of New Westminster. I want to take this opportunity to sincerely thank all members of Council for their hard work, dedication and tough decisions over the past year. These are complex times and a great deal of thought and work goes into the numerous decisions that have to be made at every Council meeting. At the same time our Council participates in endless community activities, celebrations and initiatives.

I would also like to thank all of our community volunteers. Whether it be for City committees, special events, City programs and facilities, neighbourhood activities, or fundraisers, our community is very active and we are so grateful for the participation of so many citizens.

Our staff also deserves a special thanks for their hard work and caring approach to their jobs and the services they provide. You could not find a more dedicated team of employees, from bottom to

top, who are devoted to doing everything they can to make New Westminster the most livable community for its citizens.

At the next meeting of Council Mr. Daminato, our City Administrator will be presenting highlights and accomplishments from 2007 of which there are many.

But, now to the future . . .

For many years the City has discussed how we can sustain and expand our economic base. This Council has taken aggressive steps to kraft an economic development strategy – the Livable City Strategy and has brought an Economic Development Manager (Mitchell Edgar) on board to implement the strategy. We want New Westminster businesses to thrive and grow. We want new jobs, services and opportunities coming to the City. We want New Westminster to have a robust and sustainable economy for years to come.

We have had to deal with some disappointments over the last year with several major, traditional industrial businesses closing down. It

is critical over the next year to plan the rejuvenation of these

precious industrial properties so that jobs come to, and stay in New Westminster.

Getting messages and information to the public, to staff and to outside decision-makers is a major challenge in this sophisticated world of information technology. Council has committed resources to establish a formal communications function within the organization and our new Communications Manager (Blair Fryer) actually started today. We want to make our information easier to understand, easier to access, and available in a timely manner. We see the need for increased interactive services through our website and other technologies.

We look forward to the completion of two very significant planning exercises early in the new year. Both our Parks & Recreation Comprehensive Plan and Arts Strategy are nearing completion and will set the stage for priorities and initiatives to accommodate the recreation and cultural needs of our rapidly growing community.

2008 is a year for beginning to implement critical strategies that have been formulated with input from numerous organizations and residents in our City around environmental concerns, road safety, social issues and homelessness. Council provided resources last year to recruit our first ever social planner (John Stark). We have already made tremendous strides in this area in a very short time and look forward to progressing on many new initiatives in the year to come.

As an example, New Westminster has shown tremendous leadership and has reaped the benefits of its attention to the homelessness issue. As outlined just last week we have three new projects funded by other levels of government that provide a limited number of essential emergency beds, but more importantly provide new transitional housing beds for homeless people. This will have a significant impact on providing not only shelter, but positive programs to help homeless people progress into more stable situations. We have set the example. Now it's time for our neighbouring municipalities to step up to the plate!

Our new casino is open and we have a new deal that has been negotiated with tremendous effort from our staff. As you heard last week we have exciting, new projects to plan and build over the next few years with supplementary casino development funding. To start off we will be planning for new park amenities in Queensborough to the tune of \$5 million and a new multi-purpose civic centre in the downtown pegged at \$35 million. There will be lots more to come on these projects in 2008.

We are also well into the planning and construction of several other major capital projects. The Central Valley Greenway is under construction. Kiwanis Pool has been demolished and preliminary planning for a new Moody Park Pool has been completed.

Construction and design firms are being brought on board to begin building the new pool this spring. Much needed renovations at City Hall will also commence very shortly.

Another major undertaking to turn ground this year is the New Westminster Secondary School project that includes the construction of a new high school, middle school and with the City's contribution, enhanced sports field facilities for our community. We have been

told this is the largest project of its kind on the books in British Columbia.

We are also looking forward to the completion of the expansion, renovations and reopening of the Fraser River Discovery Centre this spring.

Some of the very important work completed last year was the thorough assessment of our infrastructure including roads, pipes, structures, and buildings. What we learned is no surprise – it was what every municipality across the country is learning. Our infrastructure is aging rapidly and we do not have the resources required to keep up with the replacement and maintenance required.

To address this issue Council has looked and will continue to look very carefully at our financial policies and strategies as we move into the future. We will also continue to lobby other levels of government along with all of our colleagues for more resources to deal with this shortfall. But we need your help too. We need you to be sending strong messages to the Provincial and Federal Governments asking

for their help. Municipalities are the backbone of our provincial and national economies. Our citizens cannot effectively contribute to our country if our communities are broken. Five cents out of all taxes collected does not and will not fix it.

Important policies need to be developed and decisions to be made over the next year to deal with the ever-increasing development interest and activity in New Westminster. You can visually see the level of activity now as many of the projects conceived a few years ago are well under construction. And the interest has not stopped. As a matter of fact, we are experiencing even more interest in the City as construction booms at an unprecedented rate.

The review of our downtown OCP which just got under way before Christmas is an important initiative. The redevelopment of the downtown has started and there is more to come. Now is the time to decide on where and how the increased density should be accommodated; what balance of retail, commercial and residential uses is desirable and achievable; and what amenities are needed for the new residents in this neighbourhood. We have begun work on

how the North Fraser River Road can be accommodated along Front Street while at the same time ensuring a physical connection between the downtown and the waterfront; and mitigating the affects of the constant flow of traffic.

New Westminster is a community that likes to celebrate and knows how to celebrate. This coming year marks two important events in our history with more to come in 2009 and 2010. In 2008 we will be participating in British Columbia's 150th anniversary as well as the commemoration of Simon Fraser's journey on the Fraser River. 2009, into 2010 marks the City's 150th birthday with plans already under way to make this a memorable event. Then, of course we are into 2010 and the Winter Olympics with New Westminster enthusiastically planning its participation in this spectacular event.

Finally, we look forward to our municipal election this November. I would encourage everyone to participate. It is your opportunity to get involved in the governance of your community. Whether it is serving on committees, attending meetings, running for office or simply voting, you have an opportunity to be involved.

On behalf of Council and staff may I wish you all a happy, healthy and rewarding 2008. We look forward to serving you and working with you over the next year.

Mayor Wayne Wright