



CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF NEW WESTMINSTER

COUNCIL IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

January 22, 2007 3:10 p.m.
Committee Room 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. Jim Lowrie	- Director of Engineering Services
Mr. Gary Holowatiuk	- Director of Finance
Dep. Chief J. Cook	- Acting Director of Fire and Rescue
Mr. Dean Gibson	- Director of Parks and Recreation
Dep. Chief Cst. M. Judd	- Police Service
Ms. Judi Turner	- Assistant City Clerk

DELEGATIONS/SUBMISSIONS

1. Presentation by Mr. Bill Wong, Manager, Union Gospel Mission

Mr. Bill Wong, Manager of the Union Gospel Mission, presented a new schedule of activities for the Mission, to address concerns raised in the community and by Council. The schedule will include:

- Opening the facility at 7:30 with patrons expected to be inside the building
- Breakfast and lunch meals and drop in to be completed by 1:30 p.m.
- From 2 – 4:30 p.m. - office and administration time; attendees will need an appointment or will attend programs within the structure

- Closed by 4:30 p.m. (no supper service, however, groceries are supplied for supper).

Mr. Wong responded to questions from members and was commended for this work in and for the community.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the verbal report by Mr. Wong of the Union Gospel Mission be received.

CARRIED.

All members of Committee voted in favour of the motion.

2. Helen Sparkes Amalgamation of Port Authorities

Ms. Helen Sparkes circulated a Power Point presentation (added to the Agenda package) discussing the Federal request of Port Authorities (including the Fraser River Port Authority, the North Fraser Port Authority and the Vancouver Port Authority to explore amalgamation. In exploring the matter, a goal has arisen for the amalgamated Port to become more globally competitive and to capture a larger share of the Pacific market. During the presentation, Ms. Sparkes reviewed the amalgamation timing, setting direction, establishing a vision and plan, business case, consultations, results of interviews, benefits and concerns, recommendations, transition, and amalgamated project structure. Ms. Sparkes and Mr. Allan Domas responded to questions and commented on matters raised during the ensuing discussion.

Deputy Director of Development Services:

3. [Union Gospel Mission](#)

Considered in Item 1 above.

REPORTS FOR ACTION

Director of Engineering:

4. [Approval of Contract Award for Replacement of Unit 124 Service Truck](#)

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

THAT the contract for the replacement of Unit 124, a 1986 International Crew Cab Dump, in the amount of \$133,982, be awarded to Metro Ford Ltd., bidder meeting tender specifications and providing best overall value to the City.

CARRIED.

All members of Committee voted in favour of the motion.

Director of Development Services:

5. [Future Direction for Poplar Landing \(1400 Quayside Drive\)](#)

Members discussed the January 22, 2007, report from the Director of Development Services, seeking support for the proposed land use and density parameters for this site and to proceed with seeking expressions of interest for a sustainable housing demonstration project and City park at Poplar Landing.

During that discussion, members made the following suggestions:

- Support for park, environmental sustainability and affordable housing components
- Consider maximizing density to achieve the above listed three goals
- Note support for mixed use development in the area
- Promote the walkable livable city concept rather than a car dependent development
- Consider a co-op
- Supply services for residents and those wanting to use the park (e.g. grocery store)
- Provide accessibility
- Supply more information on number of units per acre, height of buildings, design
- Reconsider the minimum standards
- Investigate the alternative to selling the property (leasing? Etc?)
- Waterfront access
- Explore option of a marina for the future
- Review parking standards
- Consider scooter storage area
- Consider feasibility of an access ramp for Police or Fire Services
- Permit no construction that might harm Poplar Island
- Celebrate our history as a fishing centre in the early years (ensure historical accuracy)
- Consider a public meeting to facilitate a general discussion and input on the site
- This desirable piece of property will attract much interest
- Proceed with obtaining expressions of interest.

The Director of Development Services agreed to explore the issues relating to the City remaining a landlord on the property and other options and report back to Council. He will also report with a history on the project.

The staff recommendation from the January 22, 2007, report was withdrawn by Mover and Secunder.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the January 22, 2007, report from the Director of Development Services, discussing a sustainable housing demonstration project and City park at 1400 Quayside Drive, be referred to staff for review and report back to Council.

CARRIED.

All members of Committee voted in favour of the motion.

COMMITTEE MINUTES AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

6. [Neighbourhood Traffic Advisory Committee meetings held June 8, September 14 & November 23, 2006.](#)
7. [Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Sub-Committee meetings held July 13 & October 12, 2006.](#)

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the minutes of the Neighbourhood Traffic Advisory Committee meetings held on June 8, September 14 and November 23, 2006, be received and adopted; and

THAT the minutes of the Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Sub-Committee meetings held on July 13 and October 12, 2006, be received and adopted.

CARRIED.

All members of Committee voted in favour of the motion.

Staff was directed to review the flashing beacons located throughout the city and report back to Council.

ADJOURNMENT

ON MOTION, the meeting adjourned at 4:54 p.m.

Certified Correct,

WAYNE WRIGHT, CHAIR

RICK PAGE, CITY CLERK

** Denotes recommendations referred to Regular Council meeting of January 22, 2007, for ratification.