



CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF NEW WESTMINSTER

REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL

January 28, 2008 2:20 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
Chief L. Zapotichny	- Police Services
Mr. Ray Young	- Solicitor, Lidstone Young Anderson
Ms. Judi Turner	- Assistant Corporate Officer

Council adjourned to Committee of the Whole at 2:20 p.m. and reconvened in the Council Chamber at 8:08 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 January 21, 2008.](#)

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council, held January 21,

2008, be received and adopted.

CARRIED.

All members of Council voted in favour of the motion.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the order of the Agenda be varied to deal with Items 4 & 5, following Item #1.

CARRIED.

All members of Council voted in favour of the motion.

BYLAWS CONSIDERED AT PUBLIC HEARING

Councillor Donnelly left the meeting at 8:10 p.m.

4. **Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 7208, 2007** [a bylaw to create the Comprehensive Development District (Kelly Street) (CD-9) and rezone 463 Kelly Street from Single Detached Dwelling Districts (RS-1) to Comprehensive Development District (Kelly Street) (CD-9)]

THIRD READING

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 7208, 2007, be read a third time.

CARRIED.

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

5. **Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw No. 7210, 2007** [a bylaw amend Official Community Plan Designation Bylaw No. 6476, 1998 re Residential Development Permit Area Number 3 – Downtown East at Albert Crescent]

THIRD READING

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw No. 7210, 2007, be read a third time.

Councillor Donnelly rejoined the meeting at 8:12 p.m.

CARRIED.

All members of Council voted in favour of the motion.

PRESENTATION

2. **2007 Accomplishments** – City Administrator

The City Administrator presented the highlights and accomplishments of 2007.

DELEGATIONS

3. Open Delegations

Tony Antonias of 805 Fourth Street rose, noted that 2009 is the year of the City's 150th anniversary, and asked that an electronic reader board be installed at the corner of Sixth Avenue and McBride Boulevard for the purposes of promoting the City and its events.

Dave Niessen of #902, 15 Royal Avenue, rose to comment on the following:

- The illegal use of truck engine compression brakes on five streets is causing a noise problem for the residents of Victoria Hill
- A number of trucks move through New Westminster in that area
- Suggested use of a flashing square light identifying a vehicle violation and asking that bylaws be respected
- Asked for fines for infractions in the use of engine brakes.

Jack Hatch of #1804, 15 Royal Avenue, rose to make the following comments:

- Developers are not fulfilling security measure requirements to make Victoria Hill a safe place to live
- Residents are suffering burglaries because of the poor security
- A screwdriver is the only tool necessary to break into storage lockers and other areas
- Even security cameras are stolen
- Doors have no alarms; there are no lights; cameras are not correctly located
- Residents of his building have received a \$40,000 assessment to install a proper security system.

CORRESPONDENCE

Councillor Harper left the meeting at 9:03 p.m.

6. [Downtown New Westminster Business Improvement Society re Densification of Downtown New Westminster.](#)

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the correspondence from Downtown New Westminster Business Improvement Society regarding Densification of Downtown New Westminster be received.

CARRIED.

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

7. [Downtown New Westminster Business Improvement Society re Increase in Commercial Property Assessments.](#)

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the correspondence from Downtown New Westminster Business Improvement Society regarding Increase in Commercial Property Assessments be received and referred to the Director of Finance and Information Technology for review and response..

CARRIED.

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

REPORTS

8. **Council Members:**

Councillor Harper rejoined the meeting at 9:05 p.m.

Councillor McIntosh

...attended a meeting of the New Westminster Library Board; administered flu shots; chaired a meeting of the 2007 Family Court Committee; attended the Hyack Festival Association Annual General Meeting, the President's Tea where 11 candidates came for the Miss New Westminster pageant, the Sapperton Residents Association meeting; encouraged residents to visit and shop at the Quay Market; attended the 125th anniversary for the Chamber of Commerce and congratulated them, the Canadian Club Dinner where Valerie McDonald, Senior Services Society spoke; attended the Youth Advisory Committee and will do so again, the Fraser Society Community meeting, the Seniors Task Force meeting, the New Westminster Festival of Volunteers, a Robbie Burns dinner hosted by the Eagles and the Elks.

Councillor Osterman

...commented on the swearing in ceremony for volunteers last week and commented on the new citizens who are participating; noted that the City will start a Multiculturalism Committee; attended the 125th anniversary celebration of the Chamber of Commerce, a Lower Mainland Treaty Advisory Committee meeting and was elected to the Executive; congratulated Peter Goodwin on completing his year as President; congratulated the incoming President; noted that Hyack will unveil a new float this year.

Councillor Williams

...attended the Hyack President's Tea and was impressed with the candidates, the Volunteer Fair, the installation of the Bethel Officers of Job's Daughters, at Queen Elizabeth Elementary School where they opened a Strong Start Learning Centre, Allan Woodbury's retirement party; chaired meetings of the Special Services and Access and Heritage Advisory Committees.

Councillor Cote

...chaired a meeting of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee meeting where input was offered to the plans for providing bicycle parking in new development; attended a meeting of the Youth Advisory Committee meeting and noted they are thankful for the recent announcement for a Youth Facility and are looking forward to helping to plan for it; attended the Festival of Volunteers.

Councillor Donnelly

...had a flu shot; noted that Sue Sayer will be an excellent President of Hyack; chaired a meeting of the Parks and Recreation Committee meeting.

Councillor Harper

...attended the Chamber anniversary function; attended the Canada Club meeting where Val McDonald spoke, the presentations by senior staff on the new budget, the Community Heritage Commission meeting where a presentation by Donald Luxton was heard, the Open House of the 12th Street Pub and Liquor Store, the Senior Services Task Force which is working to implement recommendations of the Task Force survey last spring, the Allan Woodbury retirement, a Robbie Burns function with the Delta Police Pipe Band, the Volunteer Festival, the President's Tea; thanked Sue Sayer and Jennifer Peyton for their work in planning for this event.

Mayor Wayne Wright

...received a delegation of 8 people from Zhenjiang Municipal Government, China; congratulated to Susan Sayer, President 2008. and thanked Mr. Peter Goodwin for his service as President in 2007; attended a meeting of the MFA Board of Trustees; gave welcoming remarks at the New Employee Orientation; read stories to students at Richard McBride School ; thanked volunteers who participate in the City Committees; attended a GVRD Waste Management Workshop; met and spoke with Her Excellency the Governor General Michaele Jean and discussed homelessness in our city; has invited her to visit the City during the City's 150th anniversary; along with MLA Chuck Puchmayr met with Minister Ida Chong, Minister of Community Services; acknowledge Allan Woodbury's service to the City and the community and wished him well in his new endeavours; attended the Royal City Yacht Club and assisted in presenting awards to three citizens who assisted the City's Fire Service in some way; announced the Mayor's task Force which will meet to plan for the City's 150th anniversary and listed its member groups and individuals.

Mayor Wright announced the following appointments to the Mayor's Task Force – 2008 – 2010 Celebrations Task Force: Rick Carswell, Jennifer Peyton and Dwight Ross.

COMMITTEE MINUTES AND RECOMMENDATIONS

9. **Motion to receive and adopt the minutes of a meeting of Council in Committee of the Whole held January 21, 2008.**

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the minutes of the meeting of Council in Committee of the Whole held January 21, 2008, be received and adopted.

CARRIED.

All members of Council voted in favour of the motion.

10. **Recommendations from Council in Committee of the Whole meeting held January 28, 2008.**

Director of Development Services:

- a) **[Policy Approach to Considering Requests for Variances](#)**

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council approve in principle a policy based approach for the consideration of development variance requests as outlined in the January 28, 2008 report from the Director of Development Services;

THAT staff be directed to explore the following amendments to the Zoning Bylaw and report back to Council:

- i. building heights permitted in single and two family dwelling zoning districts;*
- ii. amendments to the siting regulations of dwellings that are currently non-conforming in order to harmonize the regulation with the existing building; and*
- iii. expand the study of permitted garage heights to include other regulations governing garages; and*

THAT copies of the January 28, 2008 report from the Director of Development Services, recommending a policy based approach to development variance permits, be sent to all residents associations in New Westminster for comment, with staff to report back to Council with a summary of the comments and any recommended adjustments to the policy and the overall approach.

CARRIED.

All members of Council voted in favour of the motion.

b) [Rezoning of 707 – 18th Street & DVP 475](#)

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 7214, 2008, be received; and THAT Council give notice that it will consider a resolution to issue Development Variance Permit 475 with the following variances to allow subdivision of the lot and construction of a new house on each lot:

- *Front yard of 10% (17 ft./5.2 m.); and*
- *Lot frontages of 8.3 percent of the perimeter of the new lots.*

CARRIED.

All members of Council voted in favour of the motion.

c) [Heritage Properties Minimum Maintenance Standards Amendment Bylaw No. 7215, 2008](#)

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Heritage Properties Minimum Maintenance Standards Amendment Bylaw No. 7215, 2008, be received.

CARRIED.

All members of Council voted in favour of the motion.

d) [Adoption of the “Standards and Guidelines for the Conservation of Historic Places in Canada”](#)

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council adopt Parks Canada’s “Standards and Guidelines for the Conservation of Historic Places in Canada, 2003” as the heritage conservation principles utilized for all heritage applications and projects; and

THAT Council write a letter to the Federal Government to encourage the re-instatement of the Federal fund to assist with the renovation of heritage buildings.

CARRIED.

All members of Council voted in favour of the motion.

e) [Metro Vancouver’s Regional Growth Strategy Review - First Phase Consultation](#)

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the January 28, 2008 report from the Director of Development Services, regarding Metro Vancouver’s Regional Growth Strategy Review – First Phase Consultation, be forwarded to the Manager, Regional Development, Metro Vancouver.

CARRIED.

All members of Council voted in favour of the motion.

f) **New Westminster Industrial Land Strategy**

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council approve the New Westminster Industrial Strategy and direct staff to prepare a work plan for the implementation of the Strategy and report back to Council;

THAT the City place a moratorium on commercial and residential uses on property currently zoned industrial in Queensborough until staff completes a new Queensborough plan; and

THAT City staff review the current OCP with the objective of retaining as much industrial lands as possible with an enhanced zoning process to provide for the protection of the City's industrial land.

CARRIED.

All members of Council voted in favour of the motion.

g) **Emergency Advisory Committee – Terms of Reference**

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Terms of Reference of the Emergency Advisory Committee be amended as follows:

- *The Voting Membership be increased in 2008 from 12 to 15 members by adding three representatives from the New Westminster Quay area, the Braid Industrial area, and the Queensborough area; and*
- *The Voting Membership be decreased in 2009 from 15 to 12 members by reducing the community membership from five to two.*

CARRIED.

All members of Council voted in favour of the motion.

h) **Letter from Leah Yallop requesting a revision in definitions in the Business License Bylaw re “massage therapy”**

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the letter from Leah Yallop, 114 Glover Avenue, be received and referred to staff for a review and report on the request to amend the Business License Bylaw to amend the definition of “massage therapy” to permit proponents to obtain a home business license.

CARRIED.

All members of Council voted in favour of the motion.

i) Fire Services Honour Guard

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council formally request the Fire and Rescue Services and the Fire Fighters Union to create a Fire Services Honour Guard for the City.

CARRIED.

All members of Council voted in favour of the motion.

BYLAWS

- 11. Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 7214, 2008** [a bylaw to rezone 707 Eighteenth Street from Neighbourhood Residential Districts (NR-1) to Neighbourhood Residential Districts (Small Lots) (NR-5)]

TWO READINGS

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 7214, 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. 7214, 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 18, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber, City Hall.

- 12. Heritage Properties Minimum Maintenance Standards Amendment Bylaw No. 7215, 2008** [a bylaw to amend Heritage Properties Minimum Maintenance Standards Bylaw No. 6498, 1998] **THREE READINGS**

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Heritage Properties Minimum Maintenance Standards Amendment Bylaw No. 7215, 2008, be read a first time.

CARRIED.

All members of Council voted in favour of the motion.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Heritage Properties Minimum Maintenance Standards Amendment Bylaw No. 7215, 2008, be read a second time.

CARRIED.

All members of Council voted in favour of the motion.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Heritage Properties Minimum Maintenance Standards Amendment Bylaw No. 7215, 2008, be read a third time.

CARRIED.

All members of Council voted in favour of the motion.

NEXT MEETING

Monday, February 4, 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

- **Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 7213, 2008 (402 East Columbia Street – Elizabeth Fry Society)**

ADJOURNMENT

ON MOTION, the meeting adjourned at 9:58 p.m.

Certified Correct,

WAYNE WRIGHT
MAYOR

RICHARD L. PAGE
CORPORATE OFFICER