



REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL

February 1, 2016 at 2:30 p.m.
With immediate adjournment to Closed Meeting
Regular Council reconvenes at 5:30 p.m.
Council Chamber, City Hall

MINUTES

PRESENT:

Mayor Jonathan Coté
Councillor Bill Harper
Councillor Patrick Johnstone
Councillor Jaimie McEvoy
Councillor Chuck Puchmayr
Councillor Mary Trentadue

ABSENT:

Councillor Lorrie Williams

STAFF:

Ms. Lisa Spitale	- Chief Administrative Officer
Ms. Jan Gibson	- City Clerk
Mr. Dean Gibson	- Director of Parks, Culture and Recreation
Mr. Gary Holowatiuk	- Director of Finance & Information Technology
Mr. Jim Lowrie	- Director of Engineering Services
Ms. Bev Grieve	- Director of Development Services
Ms. Colleen Ponzini	- Manager of Finance
Mr. Rob McCullough	- Manager of Museums & Heritage Services
Ms. Biliana Velkova	- Arts Coordinator
Mr. Jason Haight	- Parks Manager of Business Operations
Mr. Philip Lo	- Council and Committee Clerk

The meeting was called to order at 5:35pm.

EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC

1. **MOTION:**

THAT pursuant to Section 90 of the Community Charter, members of the public be excluded from the Closed Meeting of Council immediately following the Regular Meeting of Council on the basis that the subject matter of all agenda items to be considered relate to matters listed under Sections 90(1)(a), 90(1)(e), 90(1)(j), 90(1)(k) and 90(1)(l) of the Community Charter:

- (a) personal information about an identifiable individual who holds or is being considered for a position as an officer, employee or agent of the municipality or another position appointed by the municipality;*
- (e) the acquisition, disposition or expropriation of land or improvements, if the council considers that disclosure could reasonably be expected to harm the interests of the municipality;*
- (j) information that is prohibited, or information that if it were presented in a document would be prohibited, from disclosure under section 21 of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act;*
- (k) negotiations and related discussions respecting the proposed provision of a municipal service that are at their preliminary stages and that, in the view of the council, could reasonably be expected to harm the interests of the municipality if they were held in public;*
- (l) discussions with municipal officers and employees respecting municipal objectives, measures and progress reports for the purposes of preparing an annual report under section 98 [annual municipal report];*

Purpose of the meeting:

Personal, property, and negotiations matters

ADJOURNMENT

- ### 2. **MOTION** to adjourn the Council Meeting in open session and proceed to Closed Session.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Regular Council meeting in Open Session be adjourned and proceed to Closed Session.

CARRIED.

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

RECONVENE TO REGULAR COUNCIL

3. **MOTION** to reconvene to the Regular Meeting of Council at 5:30 p.m. in the Council Chamber.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Regular Council meeting be reconvened in the Council Chamber, City Hall.

CARRIED.

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

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

4. **MOVED and SECONDED**

THAT the following item be added to the Agenda:

- *Item 28 – OCP Workshop at Century House, January 30, 2016.*

THAT the Agenda be approved as amended.

CARRIED.

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

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT items 10, 11, 13, 14 and 17 be removed from Consent Agenda

THAT the remaining items in the Consent Agenda be approved.

CARRIED.

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

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

5. **MOTION** to adopt the minutes of the Regular meetings of City Council held:

a. Regular - December 7, 2015

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the December 7, 2015 Regular Minutes be adopted:

CARRIED.

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

PRESENTATIONS

6. Proclamation: Variety - The Children's Charity Week February 8th to 14th, Mayor Coté

Mayor Coté proclaimed the week of February 8th to 14th to be the Children's Charity Week in the City of New Westminster.

7. Draft 2016 – 2020 Financial Plan – Capital Budget, Director of Finance and Information Technology
a. Staff Report
b. Staff Presentation

Colleen Ponzini, Manager of Finance, provided a presentation on the 2016 – 2020 General Fund Capital Budget, and noted the following:

- The draft Financial Plan includes aggressive, multi-year capital programs;
- Unconfirmed grants have not been taken into account in the Financial Plan;
- Funds from the sales of the current animal services property would be going into the City reserves, which could then be used to fund other projects;
- A further report to Council will illustrate the impact of capital programs on the City's reserves; and
- Debt balance is expected to reach \$115 million by 2020.

Discussion ensued, with Council noting the following comments:

- The City has chosen to perform major renovations to the existing City Hall building to improve efficiencies, rather than constructing a new City Hall building;
- Reclaimed water systems at Queens Park Arena have generated cost savings for the City while reducing water demand, and an expansion of the system may be considered to include the City's greenhouses;
- The City has not received sufficient support from senior levels of government for maintaining infrastructure or investing in new capital projects; and
- Usage of school gymnasiums for community purposes and the City's contribution to gymnasium expansion could be addressed as part of an agreement with the School District.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the draft 2016-2020 General Fund Capital Budget be approved in principle.

CARRIED.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

8. No Items

REPORTS FOR ACTION

9. Motion on Notice, Councillor Williams

THAT a letter be written to Port Metro Vancouver asking them to re-consider and reduce the rental fees for marina owners on the Fraser River to make them comparable to the Provincial rates, with copies to the Minister of Transport, MP Peter Julian, MP Fin Donnelly, and Metro Vancouver.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Motion of Notice be tabled and placed on the agenda for the February 15, 2016 Regular Meeting of Council.

CARRIED.

CONSENT AGENDA

12. Proposed Erosion and Sediment Control (ESC) Bylaw 7754, 2016

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council consider the proposed Erosion & Sediment Control Bylaw No. 7754, 2016 for three readings;

THAT “Bylaw Notice Enforcement Amendment Bylaw No. 7819, 2016” be considered by Council for three readings; and

THAT Council direct staff to prepare information guides and forms to help support the bylaw.

CARRIED.

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

15. 205 Clinton Place: Proposed Heritage Revitalization Agreement and Heritage Designation Bylaws

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Land Use and Planning Committee recommend Council consider Heritage Revitalization Agreement Bylaw No. 7800, 2016 to rezone 205 Clinton Place from Single Detached Dwelling District (RS-1) to Single Detached Dwelling District (RS-1)/Heritage Revitalization Agreement and Heritage Designation Bylaw No. 7801, 2016 to heritage designate the property, for First and Second Readings, and forward the bylaws to a Public Hearing on February 29, 2016.

CARRIED.

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

16. 1407 Sixth Avenue Proposed Heritage Revitalization Agreement and Heritage Designation Bylaws

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Land Use and Planning Committee recommend Council:

a. Consider first and second reading of Heritage Designation Bylaw Number 7806, 2016 and forward the Bylaw to a Public Hearing on February 29, 2016; and

b. Consider first and second reading of Heritage Revitalization Agreement Bylaw Number 7807, 2016 and forward the Bylaw to a Public Hearing on February 29, 2016.

CARRIED.

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

ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

10. Anvil Centre - VIBE Update and Programming

In response to questions from Council regarding varying attendance levels at previous VIBE events, Biliana Velkova, Arts Coordinator, noted the following comments:

- VIBE partners with different local community groups for each event to generate new audiences from different segments of the population;
- VIBE may also partner with groups based outside of New Westminster, depending on the event theme;
- VIBE may also draw inspiration for event themes from upcoming art exhibits at the Anvil Centre; and

- Four seasonal VIBE events are scheduled per year.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council receives the report dated February 1, 2016 for information.

CARRIED.

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

11. Upcoming Exhibitions at the Anvil Centre

Rob McCullough, Manager of Museums and Heritage Services, and Biliana Velkova, Arts Coordinator, summarized the staff report dated February 1, 2016, highlighted the four art exhibition spaces currently available at the Anvil Centre:

- The Community Arts Space;
- The New Media Gallery;
- New Westminster Museum galleries; and
- Gallery 7.

Council noted the relevance and historical significance of upcoming exhibits as noted in the staff report.

In response to questions from Council, Mr. McCullough noted the following:

- The May Day exhibition allows the Museum to be a venue where community conversations around the tradition can happen;
- The upcoming Transportation Exhibit could be a timely exhibition for a topic that is currently considered a “top of mind” for residents;
- The Witness Blanket recognizes the atrocities of the Aboriginal Residential School era, and allows the New Westminster Museum to participate in a national exhibit in telling this story.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council receive the report dated February 1, 2016 for information.

CARRIED.

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

13. Investment Report to December 31st, 2015

Colleen Ponzini, Manager of Finance, noted that the Municipal Finance Authority (MFA) investment program offers superior annualized rates of return due to the pooling of funds from participating municipalities, and the

MFA's ability to access higher-level transactions. Ms. Ponzini advised that further information will be available after completion of year-end audit with the MFA.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council receive the report dated February 1, 2016 on the status of the City's investment portfolio for information.

CARRIED.

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

14. Filming Policy Amendment, Film Permit Bylaw No. 7793, 2016 and Bylaw Notice Enforcement Amendment Bylaw No 7814, 2016

Council summarized their review of the staff report dated February 1, 2016 and requested clarification regarding the process, suggesting that the proposed Bylaw may not be required for consideration of this matter, and that the definition of "filming" as contained in the proposed Film Permit Bylaw No. 7793, 2016 may be too broad.

In response, Jason Haight, Parks Manager of Business Operations, and Dean Gibson, Director of Parks, Culture and Recreation, noted the following comments:

- The proposed Bylaw would establish the legal framework, whereas the Filming Policy sets out the procedures and ground rules for filming in the City;
- The use of permits is preferred to define the boundaries of permissible filming activity; and
- The definition of "filming" in the proposed Bylaw intends to capture only *bona fide* productions for commercial purposes, and was drafted with the assistance of City solicitors.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the staff report dated February 1, 2016, Film Permit Bylaw No. 7793, 2016 and Bylaw Enforcement Amendment Bylaw No. 7814, 2016 be tabled and referred to staff to address the scope of "film" and "filming" as defined in Bylaw No. 7793, 2016.

CARRIED.

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

17. Environmental Committee: Universal Metering in Support of Water Conservation

Council discussed the staff report dated February 1, 2016, and noted the following comments:

- New Westminster has a relatively low industrial user base, with a higher proportion of residents living in multi-family dwellings, both of which are currently metered;
- Improvements to water meter technology could allow for innovative business models to be implemented;
- Metro Vancouver may require mandatory water metering by their customers in the future;
- Feedback on the recently adopted Tree Protection and Regular Bylaw could indicate that communities are receptive to conservation efforts;
- Reduction in water usage by the year 2020 could be achievable through the use of water meters;
- The City may consider automatic water restrictions on a seasonal basis.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT in light of water shortage conditions in 2015 and expectations such conditions will continue in ensuing years, that Council and staff consider a water conservation program that includes universal water metering and voluntary implementation of water meters in all single family homes; and

THAT staff provide an updated report assessing the implementation of a citywide water metering program for single family residences.

CARRIED.

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

Council noted some residents' reports of varying lawn conditions within neighbourhoods during water restriction periods over the summer in 2015, and suggested that education may be the first step towards water conservation efforts. Council also suggested that staff determine whether clarifications to the bylaw are necessary to enhance enforcement efforts.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the City consider reviewing its enforcement measures during periods of restrictions, and to review education and restriction based programs.

CARRIED.

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

18. Open Delegations

Kathleen Langstroth, President of the Queen’s Park Residents’ Association (QPRA), announced that a General Meeting of the QPRA will be held on February 21, 2016, 1:30 PM at Centennial Lodge in Queens Park. Ms. Langstroth advised that the agenda will include:

- An Official Community Plan presentation by City Planner Lynn Roxburgh;
- A panel discussion presented by the Queen’s Park Neighbourhood Heritage Study Group; and
- An Open House for a Heritage Revitalization Agreement application for the property at 313 Queens’s Avenue.

Tony Antonias, Special Advisor to the Arts Commission, announced the following arts and culture events in the City:

- The New Westminster Public Library is accepting applications for one-month artist exhibits, which will run from April to December of 2016; Details are available on the Library’s website: <http://www.nwpl.ca>
- Vagabond Players’ first production of the year is “Over the River and Through the Woods”, and runs from February 4 to 27 at the Bernie Legge Theatre;
- Charlotte & Matt Diamond are scheduled to perform on Sunday, February 7 at 2PM at the Massey Theatre;
- “Call Mr. Robeson” will be presented at the Anvil Theatre from February 25 to 28.

Dave Brown , Community Services Manager with the Lookout Society, announced that “Toque Tuesday”, a fundraising event and homelessness awareness campaign organized by Raising The Roof, will take place on February 2.

Andrew Murray and Rick Carswell, of the New West Environmental Partners, provided a presentation on a proposal for water conservation using digital water meters for single family homes, noting the following:

- Water meters reward water conservation, with the Conference Board of Canada reporting in 2011 that metered households record an average of 40% reduction in water use;

- The Cities of Richmond and Surrey have enacted mandatory and voluntary water metering programs;
- Enforcement of water usage restrictions could be increased, with the City issuing one ticket in 2015 while issuing 117 warnings;
- A complaint-driven enforcement model may not be sufficient; and
- The City of Vancouver uses a water surcharge during water restriction periods in the summer months to achieve conservation;

Jim Lowrie, Director of Engineering Services, advised that, for new single family houses, the City currently requires the mandatory installation of “meter sets”, which are the necessary plumbing fixtures to accommodate a future installation of water meters, but not the water meters themselves.

Council noted that the Metro Vancouver/Greater Vancouver Water District is one of the highest usage water utilities in North America, at approximately one billion litres a day;

BYLAWS

19. Heritage Revitalization Agreement (205 Clinton Place) Bylaw No. 7800, 2016

TWO READINGS

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Heritage Revitalization Agreement (205 Clinton Place) Bylaw No. 7800, 2016 be given first reading.

CARRIED.

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

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Heritage Revitalization Agreement (205 Clinton Place) Bylaw No. 7800, 2016 be given second reading.

CARRIED.

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

20. Heritage Designation (205 Clinton Place) Bylaw No. 7801, 2016

TWO READINGS

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Heritage Designation (205 Clinton Place) Bylaw No. 7801, 2016 be given first reading.

CARRIED.

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

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Heritage Designation (205 Clinton Place) Bylaw No. 7801, 2016 be given second reading.

CARRIED.

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

21. Heritage Revitalization Agreement (1407 Sixth Avenue) Bylaw No. 7807, 2016

TWO READINGS

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Heritage Revitalization Agreement (1407 Sixth Avenue) Bylaw No. 7807, 2016 be given first reading.

CARRIED.

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

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Heritage Revitalization Agreement (1407 Sixth Avenue) Bylaw No. 7807, 2016 be given second reading.

CARRIED.

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

22. Heritage Designation (1407 Sixth Avenue) Bylaw No. 7806, 2016

TWO READINGS

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Heritage Designation (1407 Sixth Avenue) Bylaw No. 7806, 2016 be given first reading.

CARRIED.

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

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Heritage Designation (1407 Sixth Avenue) Bylaw No. 7806, 2016 be given second reading.

CARRIED.

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

23. Film Permit Bylaw No. 7793, 2016

THREE READINGS

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Film Permit Bylaw No. 7793, 2016 be tabled.

CARRIED.

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

24. **Bylaw Notice Enforcement Amendment Bylaw No. 7814, 2016** [Adding Schedule A, Part 28]

THREE READINGS

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Bylaw Notice Enforcement Amendment Bylaw No. 7814, 2016 be tabled.

CARRIED.

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

25. **Erosion and Sediment Control Bylaw No. 7754, 2016**

THREE READINGS

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Erosion and Sediment Control Bylaw No. 7754, 2016 be given first reading.

CARRIED.

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

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Erosion and Sediment Control Bylaw No. 7754, 2016 be given second reading.

CARRIED.

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

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Erosion and Sediment Control Bylaw No. 7754, 2016 be given third reading.

CARRIED.

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

26. **Bylaw Notice Enforcement Amendment Bylaw No. 7819, 2016**[Adding Schedule A, Part 29]

THREE READINGS

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Bylaw Notice Enforcement Amendment Bylaw No. 7819, 2016 be given first reading.

CARRIED.

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

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Bylaw Notice Enforcement Amendment Bylaw No. 7819, 2016 be given second reading.

CARRIED.

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

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Bylaw Notice Enforcement Amendment Bylaw No. 7819, 2016 be given third reading.

CARRIED.

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

27. Bylaws for adoption:

a. Community Heritage Commission Amendment Bylaw No. 7808, 2015

ADOPTION

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Community Heritage Commission Amendment Bylaw No. 7808, 2015 be adopted.

CARRIED.

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

NEW BUSINESS

28. Official Community Plan Workshop at Century House, January 30, 2016, Councillor Trentadue

Councillor Trentadue reported that the Official Community Plan (OCP) Workshop on January 30, 2016 at Century House was well-attended, with many residents engaging staff to receive correct information on the OCP process.

Council noted incorrect information being distributed at previous Moody Park Residents' Association meetings, and encouraged residents to attend future OCP workshops to engage staff directly with their questions. It was noted that the City is currently engaged in the most extensive OCP public engagement process in the City's history, and that the consultation process informs Council and staff of residents' perspective in terms of land use issues.

Bev Grieve, Director of Development Services, advised that after the land use plan has been drafted, the OCP consultation process will focus on other components such as park space and industrial uses.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the oral report be received.

CARRIED.

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

CORRESPONDENCE

29. Correspondence for Action

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the following correspondence be received and referred to staff for consideration and response.

- a. Ladner Sediment Group letter dated January 19, 2016 regarding the federal funding for disaster mitigation and infrastructure for the lower Fraser River.

CARRIED.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

Mayor Coté and Council offered their condolences for the passing of Ms. Dorothy Beach, and noted that Ms. Beach was a champion of environmental issues.

Councillor Puchmayr offered his condolences for the passing of former New Westminster City Councillor Yvonne Cocke on January 19, 2016. Councillor Puchmayr noted that Ms. Cocke's work was instrumental in transitioning the City from an industrial base, and that the City continues to benefit from this work.

Councillor Puchmayr announced that Front Street businesses, including Antique Alley, are open for business during the parkade demolition and Front Street Mews construction.

Councillor Puchmayr announced that Family Day activities will be taking place at the Anvil Centre on Monday, February 8, from 11AM to 3PM. Entertainment will include music, arts and crafts, and numerous events on the ground level. Family Day events will also be taking place at the Fraser River Discovery Centre as well as the River Market.

Council wished the residents of New Westminster a Happy Chinese New Year.

NEXT MEETING

February 15, 2016

The proposed Regular Session convenes at 2:30 p.m. and immediately adjourns to Closed Session in Council Chamber on the 2nd Floor at City Hall. The Regular

Meeting of Council reconvenes at 5:30 p.m. in the Council Chamber on the 2nd Floor at City Hall.

ADJOURNMENT

ON MOTION, the meeting was adjourned at 8:10pm.

JONATHAN COTÉ
MAYOR

JAN GIBSON
CITY CLERK