



CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF NEW WESTMINSTER

## COUNCIL IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

February 2, 2009 3:20 p.m.  
Committee Room 2, City Hall

### MINUTES

**PRESENT:**

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

**STAFF:**

Mr. Paul Daminato	- City Administrator
Ms. Judith Turner	- Acting Corporate Officer
Ms. Lisa Spitale	- Director of Development Services
Mr. Jim Lowrie	- Director of Engineering Services
Mr. Gary Holowatiuk	- Director of Finance
Ms. Donna Martin	- Committee Clerk

#### ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

**MOVED and SECONDED**

*THAT the following additions be made to the agenda:*

- *Assessment of the Impact on the City of the Current Financial Downturn (added as item 9(a))*
- *Memorial to Kuljit Dhaliwal (added as item 12(a))*
- *Animal Forum (added as item 13)*

**CARRIED.**

All members of Committee voted in favour of the motion.

## PRESENTATIONS / REPORTS

### Director of Development Services:

#### 1. Downtown Community Plan – Update and Next Steps

##### (a) Presentation

##### (b) Report

February 2, 2009 report updating Council regarding the progress made on the new Downtown Community Plan and outlining a series of next steps in the process.

Development Services Department staff provided an illustrated overview of the Downtown Community Plan (copy available in City Clerk's Office) highlighting the following areas:

- Growth Management
- Overview of Consultation Process
- Density Initiatives
- Columbia Street
- Land Use Scenarios
- Downtown/Waterfront Plan
- Next Steps

#### Members Comments:

- Concern expressed over capacity projections; is there a point at which the growth can/should be contained?
- Consult with Police, Fire and Ambulance Services and with RCH to determine what is necessary in light of a large influx of residents
- Employment growth is a high priority if New Westminster is to become a regional town centre; this is separate from retail growth
- Change the equation from residential to commercial to produce a more sustainable community.
- Do not exceed height in the Royal Avenue area.
- 20<sup>th</sup> Street precinct height could go to 20 storeys.
- Would like to see a more detailed presentation of what kind of a downtown New Westminster will be in order to move development in the right direction, possibly with computer modelling
- If the downtown area is not a mixed area, it should be considered.
- Would like to see some sort of system around viewscapes.
- Waterfront area is essential to make the Downtown viable.
- North Fraser Perimeter Road is no longer included in Translink's ten-year plan.
- The Parkade is a livability issue
- Would a plinth solve the railway problem?
- With respect to facades, they need to be identified now so they do not fall into disrepair.
- The Heritage district is too small.

- Do not agree that facades can't be used. However facades must be captured in a creative way.
- Heritage aspect is too weak – there are a number of buildings not contained in the district that are deserving of preservation; a more creative solution to achieve that is necessary; identify buildings that must be preserved; discuss preservation with owners.
- Have concerns that affordable housing apartments will be torn down to build high rises.
- A number of processes are proceeding in tandem (e.g. affordable housing, etc.) – which would trump another?
- Need an approach for derelict buildings.
- Downtown appears to be set up for high density
- Need clarity around the height process.
- Do not feel we are protecting the public trust.
- Need to buffer/keep areas with single family homes and greenspaces.
- Preserve areas for walking, cycling, recreating
- Need good quality plans for 12<sup>th</sup> Street, 20<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> Street station
- Consider how to provide for safety and emergency access
- Concerned about school district overload.
- Must be aware of the cost effectiveness
- Like to see facades, theme lighting, discreet awnings and more dining places in the Downtown
- Like to look at the City more holistically with respect to sharing population growth - not just in the downtown.
- Plan for a discussion on Patullo Bridge, its relationship with Burnaby, and relationships with commuter routes to help New Westminster understand changing needs
- Look into bringing more federal and provincial monies to affordable housing.

In response to a member inquiry, the Director agreed to supply information to Council about funding for this project including staff time and the FCM grant, etc.

**\*\* MOVED and SECONDED and CARRIED, this Committee recommends**  
***THAT the Council approve the Downtown Community Plan next steps as outlined in the Director of Development Services February 2, 2009 report.***

**CARRIED.**

Opposed: Councillor McEvoy.

## REPORTS FOR ACTION

### Director of Development Services:

2. [Temporary Use Permit No. 005 for 820 Agnes Street  
\(Located at Legal Address: 823 Victoria Street\)](#)

February 2, 2009 report advising Council of an application for a Temporary Use Permit which would allow Business and Professional Office as permitted use at 820 Agnes Street zoned Multiple Dwelling Districts (Downtown) (RM-6).

- \*\* **MOVED and SECONDED and CARRIED, this Committee recommends**  
*THAT Council give notice that it will consider a resolution to issue Temporary Use Permit 005 on March 2, 2009, to allow Business and Professional Office use as permitted uses at 820 Agnes Street.*

**CARRIED.**

All members of Committee voted in favour of the motion.

3. [Rezoning Application for 607 Columbia Street – Proposed Liquor Primary Licensed Premises \(Bylaw 7299, 2009\)](#)

February 2, 2009 report requesting the first and second reading of Zoning Amendment Bylaw 7299 Liquor Primary Licensed Premises be relocated to 607 Columbia Street.

- \*\* **MOVED and SECONDED and CARRIED, this Committee recommends**  
*THAT Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 7299 be forwarded to the Regular Council meeting of February 2, 2009 for consideration of two readings..*

**CARRIED.**

All members of Committee voted in favour of the motion.

### Director of Parks and Recreation

4. [Moody Park Outdoor Pool – Project Progress Update](#)

February 2, 2009 report updating Council on the progress of the Moody Park Pool project.

**MOVED and SECONDED**

*THAT the February 2, 2009 report updating Council on the progress of the Moody Park Pool project be received for information.*

**CARRIED.**

All members of Committee voted in favour of the motion.

5. [2008 Filming Report](#)

February 2, 2009 report providing Council with an overview of filming accomplishments for 2008 and outlining 2009 Filming Coordinator goals.

Jason Haight, Manager of Business Operations, reported that 2008 was a successful filming year with few complaints. He introduced Jayne Petula the new Film Coordinator who will continue to streamline the filming process to improve systems, enhance communication, mitigate impacts and make policy and fee recommendations.

A member of Council suggested that information bulletins be circulated to the Chamber of Commerce, to Residents Associations and to the BIA explaining the process for residences and businesses to be considered as sites for filming.

**MOVED and SECONDED**

*THAT the February 2, 2009 report providing Council with an overview of filming accomplishments for 2008 and outlining 2009 Filming Coordinator goals be received for information.*

**CARRIED.**

All members of Committee voted in favour of the motion.

Councillor McEvoy left the meeting at 5:16 p.m.

**Director of Engineering**

**6. Clean-up and Repair of Water Damage at Queensborough Community Centre**

February 2, 2009 report seeking Council approval for a capital budget for the required clean-up and repair of water damage due to a break in a sanitary pipe inside the Queensborough Community Centre.

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

*THAT Council authorize an emergency funding allocation in the amount of \$77,600 to effect repairs due to water damage at the Queensborough Community Centre, noting that a claim for insurance coverage has been made in the amount of \$27,600.*

**CARRIED.**

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

**Director of Finance and Information Technology**

**7. Investment Report for the year to date period ending December 31, 2008**

February 2, 2009 report informing Council of the status of the City's investment portfolio.

Gary Holowatiuk, Director of Finance and Information Technology reported the Municipal Finance Authority (MFA) Pooled Investment Funds experienced a growth of 4.9% this year to date and the Bond Fund 6.8%. A brief discussion of interest rates, capital funding, insurance and policy followed.

Councillor McEvoy rejoined the meeting at 5:23 p.m.

**MOVED and SECONDED**

*THAT the February 2, 2009 report informing Council of the status of the City's investment portfolio be received for information.*

**CARRIED.**

All members of Committee voted in favour of the motion.

8. **Hyack Festival Association 2009 Community Grant Advance Request**

February 2, 2009 report requesting Council approval for advancing a grant in the amount of \$35,000 to the Hyack Festival Association to cover the Association's expenses through the end of March 2009.

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

*THAT Council advance the Hyack Festival Association \$35,000 against the 2009 City Partnership Grant request.*

**CARRIED.**

All members of Committee voted in favour of the motion.

9. **Five Year Financial Plan (2008-2012) Amendment Bylaw No. 7269, 2009**

February 2, 2009 report requesting Council approval to amend the Five-Year Financial Plan (2008-2012).

Mr. Holowatiuk distributed a revised version of Attachments 1 & 2 of the February 2, 2009 report and noted the changes.

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

*THAT the Five-Year Financial Plan (2008-2012) Amendment Bylaw No. 7269, 2009 be forwarded to the Regular Council meeting of February 2, 2009, for consideration of three readings.*

**CARRIED.**

All members of Committee voted in favour of the motion.

9(a). **Assessment of the Impact on the City of the Current Financial Downturn**

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

*THAT the Director of Finance and Information Technology prepare a detailed assessment of the impact of the financial down turn in the economy on city revenues for the 2009 and 2010 fiscal years.*

**CARRIED.**

All members of Committee voted in favour of the motion.

**COMMITTEE MINUTES AND RECOMMENDATIONS:**

10. **MOTION TO ADOPT THE MINUTES OF: Downtown New Westminster Parking Commission meeting of November 19, 2008 and Notes of the Downtown New Westminster Parking Commission meeting of September 29, 2008.**

**MOVED and SECONDED**

*THAT the minutes of the Downtown New Westminster Parking Commission meeting held on November 19, 2008 and the notes of the Downtown New Westminster Parking Commission meeting held on, September 29, 2008 be received and adopted.*

**CARRIED.**

All members of Committee voted in favour of the motion.

- \*\* **MOVED and SECONDED and CARRIED, this Committee recommends**  
*THAT the Downtown parking Commission be requested to bring forward information on an initiative to increase utilization of the Parkade (i.e. Park and Ride).*

**CARRIED.**

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

11. **MOTION TO ADOPT THE MINUTES OF: Environmental Advisory Committee meeting of November 26, 2008**

**MOVED and SECONDED**

*THAT the minutes of the Environmental Advisory Committee meeting held on November 26, 2009, be received and adopted.*

**CARRIED.**

All members of Committee voted in favour of the motion.

**(a) Pesticide Use Bylaw**

- \*\* **MOVED and SECONDED and CARRIED, this Committee recommends**  
*THAT use of external organizations (e.g. Plant Health BC), be endorsed to support the City's pesticide use education program.*

**CARRIED.**

All members of Committee voted in favour of the motion.

A suggestion that the City purchase bulk quantities of insecticidal soap to be provided to residents was referred to the Environment Committee.

**(b) Management of Disposable Shopping Bags Update**

This item was deferred to staff for consideration. Staff will report back to the Committee at a future date.

**(c) Proposed Multi-unit Residential Parking Standards**

- \*\* **MOVED and SECONDED and CARRIED, this Committee recommends**  
*THAT the report of October 27, 2008 with respect to multi-family residential parking requirements be advanced to Council for consideration.*

**CARRIED.**

All members of Committee voted in favour of the motion.

**(d) City Environmental Grant**

- \*\* MOVED and SECONDED and CARRIED, this Committee recommends *THAT staff report back on opportunities for adding an environmental grant to the City's grant program in 2010.***

**CARRIED.**

All members of Committee voted in favour of the motion.

**(e) Environmental Coordinator Update**

A recommendation from the Environmental Advisory Committee meeting of November 26, 2009 regarding the Environmental Coordinator was deleted from the Agenda.

**12. MOTION TO ADOPT THE MINUTES OF: Special Services & Access Committee meeting of January 22, 2009**

**MOVED and SECONDED**

***THAT the minutes of the Special Services & Access Committee meeting held on January 22, 2009, be received and adopted.***

**CARRIED.**

All members of Committee voted in favour of the motion.

**(a) Accessibility Policy**

- \*\* MOVED and SECONDED and CARRIED, this Committee recommends *THAT the draft Accessibility Policy be presented to Council for adoption.***

**CARRIED.**

All members of Committee voted in favour of the motion.

**12(a). Memorial to Kuljit Dhaliwal**

Councillor Williams suggested that a memorial bench be installed to memorialize Kuljit Dhaliwal who was a long time volunteer in the City.

- \*\* MOVED and SECONDED and CARRIED, this Committee recommends *THAT a memorial bench commemorating Kuljit Dhaliwal be approved for installation at an accessible bus stop.***

**CARRIED.**

All members of Committee voted in favour of the motion.



## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **13. Animal forum**

Councillor Williams requested an information/idea session be scheduled with public input. Staff will bring forward a plan.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

**ON MOTION**, the meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

Certified Correct,

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**WAYNE WRIGHT**  
**CHAIR**

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**JUDITH TURNER**  
**A/CORPORATE OFFICER**

\*\* Denotes recommendations referred to Regular Council meeting of February 2, 2009, for ratification.