



CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF NEW WESTMINSTER

REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL

February 4, 2008 1:30 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. Jim Lowrie	- Acting City Administrator
Mr. Rick Page	- Corporate Officer/Director of Legislative Services
Ms. Bev Grieve	- Acting Director of Development Services
Mr. Gary Holowatiuk	- Director of Finance and Information Technology
Mr. Dean Gibson	- Director of Parks and Recreation
Ms. Judi Turner	- Assistant Corporate Officer

Council adjourned to Committee of the Whole at 1:30 p.m. and reconvened in the Council Chamber at 7:03 p.m. with all those listed earlier present.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

1. **Motion to adopt [the minutes of the last regular meeting of the City Council held January 28, 2008.](#)**

The following amendments were requested to the January 28, 2008, minutes of Regular Council:

Item 10(f) New Westminster Industrial Land Strategy is amended by deleting the second **THAT** clause and inserting the following in its place:

“THAT the City place a moratorium on the rezoning of property currently zoned industrial in Queensborough until staff completes a new Queensborough plan. The proposed moratorium applies to lands in Queensborough that are designated non-industrial in the OCP (as identified on Map 4 of the report - Queensborough/West End Industrial Lands Already Designated for Non-Industrial Uses and are coloured rose pink; and”

Item 8, Council Members Reports, Councillor McIntosh, is amended as follows:

- Administered flu shots at the Food Bank
- Attended the Sapperton Old Age Pensioners monthly meeting
- Attended the Fraser Burrard Community Justice Society meeting.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council, held January 28, 2008, be received and adopted as amended.

CARRIED.

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

PRESENTATION

2. **Mayor Wright to proclaim February 8 – 16, 2008 as “Spirit of BC Week” in the City and present the proclamation to Jack McGee and Karen Baker-MacGrotty.**

Mayor Wright proclaimed February 8 – 16, 2008 as “Spirit of BC Week” in the City and presented the proclamation to Jack McGee and Karen Baker-MacGrotty. Mr. McGee made a statement about the week and Ms. MacGrotty described upcoming events.

DELEGATIONS

3. **Delegations re Quayside Esplanade Boulevard Tree Replacement Program**

Geraldine Harder of 12 K de K Court, 2007, President of the Strata Council and newly elected President for 2008, rose to comment on the plan to remove the trees on the Esplanade Dockside. She voiced concern that Council was not fully informed when they received presentations regarding tree removal. She has received many items of correspondence and phone calls from many people seeking to retain the trees. She requested that the resolution to remove these trees be reconsidered. Ms. Harder read her letters written to the City on the matter. Ms. Harder also read her February 4, 2008 letter submitted to today’s Committee of the Whole meeting. She added that the owners of the Esplanade should not determine the matter of the trees in front of K de K Court.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the following correspondence be received be received:

- *Geraldine Harder, #309 K de K Court in support of keeping the trees*
- *A petition of 26 signatures in support of keeping the trees.*

CARRIED.

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

Virginia Heinz of 40 Dockside rose to comment on the replacement trees which are stronger, slow growing and resistant to bugs. She supported the replacement of these trees on public lands to enhance the environment.

James Crosty, President of the Quayside Community Board, spoke of the report he submitted to Council on the matter of the tree removal at 12 K de K Court. Mr. Crosty noted that Council passed a motion to remove the trees on April 16, 2007 without public consultation. Since then, residents have become aware of the matter. He spoke of the environment benefits of having trees and urged that the decision for their removal be revoked.

4. Open Delegations

No persons completed forms requesting to speak.

BYLAWS CONSIDERED AT PUBLIC HEARING

- 5. Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 7213, 2008** [a bylaw to establish the definition of an emergency housing shelter; create the Comprehensive Development Districts (E Fry – 402 East Columbia Street) (CD-16); and rezone 402 East Columbia Street from Community Commercial Districts (Medium Rise) (C-2A) to Comprehensive Development Districts (E Fry – 402 East Columbia Street) (CD-16) **THIRD READING**

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 7213, 2008, be read a third time.

CARRIED.

All members of Council voted in favour of the motion.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 7213, 2008, be adopted.

CARRIED.

All members of Council voted in favour of the motion.

REPORTS

6. Council Members:

Councillor Osterman

...spoke of the treaties that the Lower Mainland Treaty Association is working towards completing; attended the Mayor's Task Force which will work to celebrate a series of anniversaries that are coming up; attended the Justin Morneau tribute and commended his work as an ambassador for the City.

Councillor Williams

...participated in the dinner with Coquitlam City Council where issues of joint concern were discussed; hopes there will be a meeting with Burnaby; attended a meeting of the Mayor's Task Force which will plan celebrations for the next three years; attended The Edge, a youth drop in centre, where youth can go to after school; attended the Justin Morneau tribute; will be selling toques tomorrow in support of the homeless.

Councillor Cote

...attended the meeting with Coquitlam City Council to discuss mutual issues; attended the Justin Morneau Field dedication; thanked the Parks and Recreation Department for their work in organizing this event.

Councillor Harper

...attended the joint meeting with Coquitlam Council; hopes to also meet with Burnaby; attended the Mayor's Task Force meeting which will help to celebrate upcoming anniversary events; chaired a meeting of the Traffic Advisory Committee; thanked Roger Penn (who will not serve on the Committee in 2008) for his participation in past years; attended the Homelessness Awareness Week meeting where planning for next fall is taking place; visited The Edge and noted there is a real need for the facility; felt that the location of the facility in an old house lends comfort to the facility; attended the Justin Morneau tribute and thanked the Director of Parks and Recreation for organizing the event and thanked Justin Morneau for his contributions to the City; will sell toques tomorrow in support of the homeless.

Councillor McIntosh

...attended a joint meeting with Coquitlam Council; attended the Mayor's Celebration Task Force where it is hoped there will be a coordinated effort to communicate the many upcoming events; could not attend The Edge but noted the house is owned by Fraserside Community Services; announced a display at the Museum about the medical history of New Westminster; as New Westminster is considered the City of Champions, commented on the Justin Morneau event; noting that the #5 diamond is now renamed the Justin Morneau Field; thanked the Minor League Baseball Association for their assistance to this event; noted that Justin signed a major league baseball and announced that she will donate it

to the city's Museum; suggested that residents holding provincial, national, and world championship memorabilia may donate them to the Museum.

Mayor Wayne Wright

...chaired the joint meeting between New Westminster City Council and Coquitlam City Council; attended the meeting of the Mayor's Task Force which will be planning BC's 150th anniversary, the City's 150th anniversary and the 2010 Olympics; attended the Open House of The Edge Youth Drop In Centre; brought greetings to the Naming of Moody Park Little League Diamond #5 to "Justin Morneau Field" and acknowledged the participation of Justin Morneau – congratulated the entire Morneau family; visited with the Consul General of the Republic of China at the Chinese Spring Festival Celebration Evening Banquet.

COMMITTEE MINUTES AND RECOMMENDATIONS

7. **Motion to receive and adopt [the minutes of a meeting of Council in Committee of the Whole held January 28, 2008.](#)**

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the minutes of the meeting of Council in Committee of the Whole held January 28, 2008, be received and adopted.

CARRIED.

All members of Council voted in favour of the motion.

8. **Recommendations from Council in Committee of the Whole meeting held February 4, 2008.**

Director of Engineering Services:

- a) **[Award of Contract for the 2007 Pedestrian Signal Program](#)**

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the contract for construction of the 2007 Pedestrian Signal Program be awarded to Crown Contracting for the tendered amount of \$171,932.25, being the lowest qualified bidder meeting specifications, and representing best overall value to the City.

CARRIED.

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

Director of Development Services:

- b) **[Development Permit Application 032 \(UT\) with variances for 630 Fifth Street](#)**

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Development Permit Application 032 (UT) with variances for 630 Fifth Street be approved and issued 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.*

CARRIED.

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

c) **College Place Hotel Proposal at 740 Carnarvon Street (Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 7216, 2008)**

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT *Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 7216, 2008 be received, and THAT the application be referred to the Advisory Planning Commission for its consideration no later than Thursday, February 21, 2008.*

CARRIED.

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

Director of Parks & Recreation:

d) **Candlelight Tribute Civic Event**

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT *Council discontinue the Candlelight Tribute event and redirect the resources and efforts to the annual Remembrance Day ceremony.*

CARRIED.

Opposed: Councillor McIntosh.

e) **Quayside Esplanade Boulevard Tree Replacement Program:**

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT *the following motion made at the April 16, 2007 Regular Meeting of Council be rescinded:*

“THAT *the trees planted in front of 12 K de K court be removed, with the exception of the single healthy tree recently planted to replace an original tree.”*

CARRIED.

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

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the City, through Legislative Services Department, conduct a survey of all residential units at the Dockside/K de K Court complex and report back to Council with the results, and the results will determine whether the trees will remain or be removed.

CARRIED.

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

Director of Finance and Information Technology:

f) [NWSS Grant Application for CANstruction 2008](#)

MOVED and SECONDED

*THAT the 2008 Community Project Grant of \$1,000 be awarded to the New Westminster Secondary School (NWSS); and
THAT the City of New Westminster invite the New Westminster Board of Education to match the City Community Project Grant to NWSS.*

CARRIED.

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

g) [Update re: Draft 2008-2012 Financial Plan](#)

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT a tax increase of 3.5% be approved in principle for 2008 subject to completion of the public consultation process on the 2008-2012 Financial Plan.

CARRIED.

Opposed: Councillors McIntosh and Osterman.

h) [Youth Advisory Committee Recommendation from Meeting held December 13, 2007 - Lighting at Skytrain Station/NW Bus Loop](#)

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT New Westminster City Council direct staff to review and consider the installation of additional lighting at the New Westminster Bus Loop 123 Stop located at Alexander Street (between Begbie and 8th).

CARRIED.

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

BYLAWS

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

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw No. 7210, 2007, be adopted.

CARRIED.

All members of Council voted in favour of the motion.

10. [Heritage Properties Minimum Maintenance Standards Amendment Bylaw No. 7215, 2008 \[a bylaw to amend Heritage Properties Minimum Maintenance Standards Bylaw No. 6498, 1998\]](#) **ADOPTION**

MOVED and SECONDED

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

CARRIED.

All members of Council voted in favour of the motion.

11. **Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 7216, 2008** [a bylaw to establish the Comprehensive Development Districts (740 Carnarvon Street) (CD-1) zoning schedule and rezone 740 Carnarvon Street from Central Business Districts (C-4) to Comprehensive Development Districts (740 Carnarvon Street) (CD-1)] **TWO READINGS**

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 7216, 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. 7216, 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, March 3, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber, City Hall.)

NEW BUSINESS

12. Public Forum for DAC Projects

Members suggested presenting information to the public about DAC projects and how they were settled upon.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT staff conduct a public forum/discussion meeting in the spring of 2008 for Development Assistance Compensation projects, specifically the Queensborough Park Lands and the Downtown Civic Centre.

CARRIED.

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

NEXT MEETING

Monday, February 18, 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. 7214, 2008 (707 Eighteenth Street)

ADJOURNMENT

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

Certified Correct,

WAYNE WRIGHT
MAYOR

RICHARD L. PAGE
CORPORATE OFFICER