



CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF NEW WESTMINSTER

COUNCIL IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

February 16, 2009 3:29 p.m.
Committee Room 2, City Hall

MINUTES

PRESENT:

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

STAFF:

Mr. Jim Lowrie	- Acting City Administrator
Ms. Judi Turner	- Acting Corporate Officer
Ms. Lisa Spitale	- Director of Development Services
Mr. Gary Holowatiuk	- Director of Finance and Information Technology
Mr. Dean Gibson	- Director of Parks and Recreation
Ms. Donna Martin	- Committee Clerk

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the following changes be made to the agenda:

- *Item 3 Development Cost Charges Program tabled to next meeting*
- *Plaza 88 Update added as Item 10a*
- *Funding for Canada Day Events added as Item 13a*
- *Item 16 2009 Partnership Grant Royal Agricultural and Industrial Society of BC tabled to next meeting*

- *LMLGA added as Item 17a*
- *Shopping Carts added as Item 17b*
- *Anti-bullying Proclamation added as 17c*

CARRIED.

All members of Committee voted in favour of the motion.

PRESENTATIONS

Director of Engineering:

1. Automated Waste Collection Services

(a) Presentation

(b) Report

February 16, 2009 report for information and direction regarding a proposal for automated solid waste collection service.

Sarah Wilmot representing AECOM, introduced a proposal to automate solid waste management in the City of New Westminster in two phases. Phase I would automate weekly garbage service and bi-weekly yard waste. Phase II would begin weekly co-mingled recycling.. Ms. Wilmot noted the benefits as a more efficient, less labor intensive system which produces cleaner streets.

The following Council comments were made:

- Report to Council on how to increase recycling and reduce waste including comments on improvements to deal with organic waste and glass
- Consider a better system to separate re-usable recyclables from others.

**** MOVED and SECONDED and CARRIED, this Committee recommends *THAT staff be directed to undertake public consultation on the proposed service change and report back to Council prior to implementation of the program.***

CARRIED.

All members of Committee voted in favour of the motion.

REPORTS FOR ACTION

Director of Engineering:

2. Municipal Access Agreement – Telus Communications

February 16, 2009 report providing the access agreement with Telus for the installation, operation and maintenance of telecommunication equipment within City streets.

**** MOVED and SECONDED and CARRIED, this Committee recommends *THAT the Municipal Access Agreement with Telus Communications in the form attached to the February 16, 2009 report from the Director of Engineering Services be approved.***

CARRIED.

All members of Committee voted in favour of the motion.

3. Development Cost Charges Program - Consultation Review and Options Development

(a) Report

(b) Letter from Urban Development Institute regarding Development Cost Charges

February 16, 2009 report updating on the consultations held with the development community and outlining options for moving forward on the proposed Development Cost Charge Program.

This item was deferred to a future meeting.

4. Early 2009 Capital Budget Approval For Building Repair Work

February 16, 2009 report requesting early 2009 Capital Budget approval from Council to undertake scheduled roof replacement and repair work at various city facilities.

Jim Lowrie, Director of Engineering Services, requested early 2009 Capital Budget approval to undertake scheduled roof replacement and repair work for various City facilities. He noted that two or three similar projects will be completed simultaneously as it is more economical.

**** MOVED and SECONDED and CARRIED, this Committee recommends**
THAT Council approve the 2009 Capital Budget for scheduled roof replacement and repair work at various civic facilities in the amount of \$539,500.

CARRIED.

All members of Committee voted in favour of the motion.

5. Amendment to Animal Control Bylaw 7037, 2005

February 16, 2009 report providing information and reasoning for proposing an amendment to the Animal Control Bylaw 7037, 2005.

Jim Lowrie provided Council with information and reasoning for proposing an amendment to the Animal Control Bylaw 7037, 2005 noting dog owners would get a discounted fee when licensing their pet for the first time.

**** MOVED and SECONDED and CARRIED, this Committee recommends**
THAT Animal Control Amendment Bylaw No. 7297, 2009 be forwarded to the Regular Council meeting of February 16, 2009 for consideration of three readings.

CARRIED.

All members of Committee voted in favour of the motion.

6. Seven Day Operation of Parking Meters

February 16, 2009 report providing investigation results regarding the possibility of increasing the operation of parking meters to seven days a week.

During discussion, members made the following comments:

- Consider parking metering in areas that are fragile economically
- Consider free parking in areas in proximity to the Farmers' Market (possibly on Royal Avenue)

- Consider impact on nearby residential streets.

**** MOVED and SECONDED and CARRIED, this Committee recommends**
THAT the proposal for seven day operation of parking meters be referred to staff for public consultation (to include churches and local businesses).

CARRIED.

All members of Committee voted in favour of the motion.

Director of Development Services:

7. 101/107 Agnes Street Heritage Revitalization Agreement - Update

February 16, 2009 report providing the status of the Heritage Revitalization Agreement that was established for 101 Agnes Street in 2005.

Lisa Spitale, Director of Development Services, updated Council on the status of the Heritage Revitalization Agreement established for 101/107 Agnes Street in 2005. Although the HRA stipulated that the work must be completed within a 2 year period, there have been some unexpected difficulties. Staff have been working with the applicant to move this project forward. Building permits are now available. The applicant is prepared to begin work by the end of the week.

**** MOVED and SECONDED and CARRIED, this Committee recommends**
THAT Council support the time extension to the 101/107 Agnes Street Heritage Revitalization Agreement based on the conditions as outlined in the February 16, 2009 report from the Director of Development Services.

CARRIED.

All members of Committee voted in favour of the motion.

8. Official Community Plan Amendment for the Redevelopment of 401 Jardine Street (former Western Forest Products site) (Bylaw No. 7298)

February 16, 2009 report advising of the need for an amendment to the OCP to create a new Development Permit Area.

Ms. Spitale advised Council that an application has been received to redevelop 401 Jardine Street. However, redevelopment of the site requires an amendment to the Official Community Plan to create a new Development Permit Area.

Council briefly discussed traffic issues, taxation issues and the role of the Port Authority and Translink. Staff was directed to deal more proactively with the Port Authority and Translink

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the February 10, 2009, letter from the City of Richmond noting that the City has no objections to the OCP amendment for 401 Jardine Street be received.

CARRIED.

All members of Committee voted in favour of the motion.

- ** **MOVED and SECONDED and CARRIED, this Committee recommends**
THAT Official Community Plan Designation Bylaw 7298, 2009 be forwarded to the Regular Council meeting of February 16, 2009 for consideration of two readings.

CARRIED.

All members of Committee voted in favour of the motion.

9. Sign Permit Application for a Freestanding Sign at 734 Boyd Street

February 16, 2009 report advising that an application has been received to construct a 29-foot freestanding sign at 734 Boyd Street.

- ** **MOVED and SECONDED and CARRIED, this Committee recommends**
THAT Council support the issuance of the sign permit, once the lease agreement has been finalized.

CARRIED.

All members of Committee voted in favour of the motion.

10. New Westminster Child Care Strategy

February 16, 2009 report seeking Council endorsement for the New Westminster Child Care Strategy in principle and the implementation of the recommended actions as listed under Year 1, with the exception of actions #8 and #10.

John Stark, Social Planner, reported the City of New Westminster child care facilities are at 91% of capacity. The Child Care Strategy reflects Council's desire to be a municipal leader in the area of affordable and accessible child care, while recognizing the City's financial and staffing limitations.

Council made the following suggestions and comments:

- Statistics demonstrate there is a clear need for more day care
- There is a need for child care guidelines balancing group facilities with neighbourhood concerns.
- Guidelines need to be administered in such a fashion that an applicant would only need to come to Council for a variance.
- Concern expressed regarding drop off of children at facilities, suggest designated drop off area wherever possible
- Recommended Child Care Policy be integrated into other City policies.
- Develop site regulations for child care facilities.
- Focus on facilities for New Westminster residents and for children of those who work in New Westminster especially those on shift work.
- Balance between for profit and non-profit facilities
- Residential areas must remain just that
- Consider incentives to lure child care facilities to the area
- Lobby the Ministry of Education for child care facilities on school grounds
- Work with the School District No. 40 to achieve day care and before and after school care

- Draft a resolution for UBCM to urge Provincial government to provide day care space
- Be careful with policies when the principle use is identified as child care to be sensitive to neighbourhood concerns
- Consider whether heritage homes could be useful as day care centres
- Consider whether facilities such as Moody Park Pool could be made available for day care use during school time when not in use.

****** **MOVED and SECONDED and CARRIED, this Committee recommends**
THAT City Council endorse the Child Care Strategy in principle; and
THAT City Council endorse the implementation of the Year 1 recommended actions as listed in Option #2 (as set out in the February 16, 2009 report from the Director of Development Services).

Before the question on the motion was called, it was...

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the foregoing motion be amended by the addition of the following clauses:

- *THAT Items 16 and 17 listed in the document entitled "Child Care Strategy for New Westminster" February 16, 2009 be moved to Year 1*
- *THAT Item 21 from the same document be referred to the 2010 budget discussions*
- *THAT the School District No. 40 be made aware of the needs evidenced by the staff report*
- *THAT high priority be given to child care for children with special needs and more space for emergency child care in New Westminster, and*
- *THAT staff prepare a child care resolution for submission at the UBCM.*

CARRIED.

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

The question on the main motion, as amended, was then called and was...

CARRIED.

All members of Committee voted in favour of the motion.

Director of Finance and Information Technology:

11. 2009 City Partnership Grant – Royal Agricultural and Industrial Society of BC.

February 16, 2009 report requesting approval for advancing a grant in the amount of \$13,100 to RA&I so that the Society can cover expenses until Council can complete their 2009 Community Grant review.

Jason Haight reported there has been no movement on the RA&I fundraiser. RA&I will look into contacts and grant funding for restoration. He qualified the expenses for January are for a ship's maintenance person. Staff are also inquiring into alternate management models for the vessel.

**** MOVED and SECONDED and CARRIED, this Committee recommends**
THAT staff report back to Council on the Royal Agricultural and Industrial Society partnership proposal with the following:

- *Additional details on proposed expenditures; and*
- *Future uses of the Samson V to maximize it for tourism activities.*

CARRIED.

All members of Committee voted in favour of the motion.

Director of Development Services:

10(a) Plaza 88 - Request for Construction Noise Bylaw Exemption

MOVED and SECONDED and CARRIED, this Committee recommends
THAT Degelder Construction Co. B.C. Ltd. be granted an exemption from Construction Noise Bylaw No. 6063 in order to carry out construction work within the development known as Plaza 88 from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. on March 1, 2009.

CARRIED.

All members of Committee voted in favour of the motion.

13(a) 2009 Canada Day Funding

**** MOVED and SECONDED and CARRIED, this Committee recommends**
THAT the Parks and Recreation staff be authorized to apply for the Heritage Canada Grant for Canada Day.

CARRIED

All members of Committee voted in favour of the motion.

17(a) Lower Mainland Local Government Administration (LMLGA)

Staff was directed to provide Council with any 2009 resolutions for the Annual General Meeting of the LMLGA.

Director of Parks and Recreation:

12. Contract Award for Youth Facility Design & Construction Management Services

**** MOVED and SECONDED and CARRIED, this Committee recommends**
THAT contracts for design services and project management/construction management services for the New Westminster Youth Facility be awarded as follows:

- *Architectural design services contract awarded to CEI Architecture in the amount of \$100,800 plus disbursements, and*

- *Project management/construction management services contract awarded to TASK Construction Management for the fixed fee amount of \$126,000 plus a variable fee of approximately \$120,800 for on-site personnel, plus general disbursements.*

CARRIED.

All members of Committee voted in favour of the motion.

13. Moody Park Arena Rink Slab Replacement – Contract Award for Project Management / Construction Management Services (circulated separately)

- **** **MOVED and SECONDED and CARRIED, this Committee recommends**
THAT the contract for project management and construction management services for the Moody Park Arena Rink Slab Replacement Project for the fixed fee amount of \$84,000 and a variable fee of approximately \$29,600 for on-site personnel rates, plus general disbursements, be awarded to TASK Construction

CARRIED

All members of Committee voted in favour of the motion.

COMMITTEE MINUTES AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

14. MOTION TO ADOPT THE MINUTES OF: Electrical Utility meeting of November 25, 2008 and December 9, 2008.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the minutes of the Electrical Utility meeting held on November 25, 2008, and December 9, 2008, be received and adopted.

CARRIED.

All members of Committee voted in favour of the motion.

REPORTS FOR INFORMATION:

Director of Development Services

15. Proposed Official Community Plan Amendment and Rezoning of 409 Boyne Street – Preliminary Report

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the February 16, 2009, report from the Director of Development Services regarding the proposed Official Community Plan Amendment and Rezoning of 409 Boyne Street – Preliminary Report, be received for information.

CARRIED.

All members of Committee voted in favour of the motion.

16. Development of a Comprehensive Heritage Program – An Update

Deferred to a future meeting.

17. Minutes from the Downtown Community Plan Task Group

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT February 16, 2009 report from the Director of Development Services regarding Minutes from the Downtown Community Plan Task Group, be received for information.

CARRIED.

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

17(b) Shopping Carts

Staff was directed to bring back information on shopping cart deposits, pick up charges and replacement costs in the City of New Westminster and consider a bylaw for every retail store using shopping carts

17(c) Anti-Bullying Proclamation

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

THAT a proclamation declaring February as Anti-Bullying Month be supported

CARRIED.

All members of Committee voted in favour of the motion.

ADJOURNMENT

ON MOTION, the meeting adjourned at 5:32 p.m.

Certified Correct,

WAYNE WRIGHT
CHAIR

JUDI TURNER
ACTING CORPORATE OFFICER