



CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF NEW WESTMINSTER

## REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL

February 18, 2008 2:11 p.m.  
Committee Room No. 2  
City Hall

### MINUTES

#### **PRESENT:**

Councillor Lorrie Williams, Acting Mayor  
Councillor Jonathan Cote  
Councillor Calvin Donnelly  
Councillor Bill Harper  
Councillor Bob Osterman  
Councillor Betty McIntosh

#### **REGRETS:**

Mayor Wayne Wright

#### **STAFF:**

Mr. Paul Daminato	- City Administrator
Ms. Judi Turner	- Acting Corporate Officer
Ms. Bev Grieve	- Acting Director of Development Services
Mr. Jim Lowrie	- Director of Engineering Services
Mr. Gary Holowatiuk	- Director of Finance

Council adjourned to Committee of the Whole at 2:11 p.m. and reconvened in the Council Chamber at 7:35 p.m. with all members of Council present except Mayor Wright.

#### **PRESENTATION**

Acting Mayor Wright proclaimed February 18 to 24 as Scout/Guide Week in the City of New Westminster and presented the proclamation to a Scout and a Guide.

Lynn-Marie Connor, Guider, thanked the Acting Mayor for the proclamation and spoke briefly about guiding in New Westminster.

## ADOPTION OF MINUTES

1. **Motion to adopt [the minutes of the last regular meeting of the City Council held February 4, 2008.](#)**

**MOVED and SECONDED**

*THAT the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council, held February 4, 2008, be received and adopted.*

**CARRIED.**

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

**MOVED and SECONDED**

*THAT the order of the Agenda be varied to deal with Items #3 & 4, following Item #1.*

**CARRIED.**

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

This motion was not acted upon.

## DELEGATIONS

2. **Open Delegations**

**Matt Green of 143 East Columbia Street, representing New Westminster Salmonbellies**, rose to note that the Junior B Salmonbellies are in dire need of financial assistance. He announced a fundraiser this coming Saturday at Green's Deli at 143 East Columbia Street in Sapperton and invited Council and the residents of the community to attend the event.

**Gavin Hainsworth of 914 Thirteenth Street** rose to announce activities occurring during Heritage Week from February 18 to 24, 2008. This year, the Heritage Week goal is to commemorate trade, commerce and business. Two events taking place at the Library are: a multimedia and collage show by Katherine Freund-Hainsworth and a presentation on the theme of Heritage Week by Mr. Hainsworth and Archie Miller. Mr. Hainsworth congratulated the Chamber of Commerce on its 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

**Mrs. Gerda Suess of 104, 211 Seventeenth Street**, rose to thank Council for attending a meeting last week when Vancouver Mayor Sam Sullivan and Global News television cameras visited her at her apartment building to learn about the City's Crime Free Multi-Housing program which was initiated by Ms. Suess. The BC Crime Prevention Association was also present.

**Matthew Laird of 2 Renaissance Square, representing New Westminster Environmental Partners**, to comment on the dangerous situation at New Westminster Station. Construction has closed the existing bus loops and pedestrians must walk up to 2 blocks to reach the station. Bus shelters have not been relocated to the new station. This will continue for 2-3 more years. Much jaywalking is taking place and these pedestrians are at risk. Low lighting is another problem and people feel unsafe. The only solution offered at the Traffic Advisory Committee is a barrier. This is a disappointing solution.

Mr. Laird offered other solutions:

- 5 bus bays existing in front the of Station are not in use; they have concrete pads and could be used
- a stop on Columbia Street near the construction site is not in use and has a shelter
- TransLink voiced concern over the slope of the street and possible run-away buses; however new braking technology would address this
- Routing alternatives.

Suggestions were submitted to Coast Mountain Safety Committee and supported by this group. Council was asked to propose the following to Translink: Relocate the bus stops to the unused bays adjacent to New Westminster Station.

(See further action on this item under Item 10 of these minutes.)

#### **BYLAWS CONSIDERED AT PUBLIC HEARING**

- 3. 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)] **THIRD READING**

Dave Guiney, Planning Analyst, presented statistics on the ratio of the upper floor to the floor plate and regarding the basement/cellar in response to a question raised by a speaker during the Public Hearing.

**MOVED and SECONDED**

*THAT Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 7214, 2008, be read a third time.*

**CARRIED.**

Opposed: Councillor Harper.

## ISSUANCE OF DEVELOPMENT VARIANCE PERMITS

### 4. Issuance of Development Variance Permit 475 (707 Eighteenth Street)

#### **MOVED and SECONDED**

*THAT Development Variance Permit 475 (707 Eighteenth Street be approved and issued 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.**

Opposed: Councillor Harper.

## REPORTS

### 5. Council Members:

#### **Councillor Cote**

...enjoyed the Volunteer Dinner where the committee volunteers were thanked for their contribution; spoke at Douglas College professional day on sustainability; chaired a meeting of the Environmental Advisory Committee's first meeting; met with Mayor Sam Sullivan on the City's Crime Free Multi-Housing Program.

#### **Councillor Donnelly**

...noted that Vancouver is looking to New Westminster for guidance on Crime Free Multi-Housing; noted that New Westminster has been first in many other areas; attended the Committee Recognition dinner and commented on the contribution of these volunteers; enjoyed a movie sponsored by the Spirit of BC Committee; offered condolences to Ethel Field on the passing of John; noted that Alderman Doug Stout retired in 1980 and commented on the support he received from Mr. Stout when he became elected to Council; thanked Mr. Stout's family for allowing the City to benefit from his service as an alderman and as a school teacher; is on the mend from his recent surgery and thanked all those who remembered him during that time; noted he was well treated during the hospital stay.

#### **Councillor Harper**

...participated in Toque Tuesday to raise money for homelessness; enjoyed the Spirit of BC flag-raising at the High School and the Spirit of BC Festival in Queen's Park; enjoyed the Civic Dinner; attended the Heart of the Matter, a Rotary function to raise money for Monarch House and projects in Africa; attended the Livable City Forum; attended Community Heritage Commission and Homeless Coalition meetings; attended the Royal Tea for the Ambassadors;

announced the Resource Fair and Forum on the issue of Child Care Strategy; noted that his daughter in law, Lorna, became a Canadian citizen last week.

### **Councillor McIntosh**

...noted there was a snow storm at the Civic Dinner and thanked those who were unable to attend for their contributions to the City; brought greetings as Acting Mayor to Spirit Week celebrations; noted that volunteering for 2010 is easy; attended as Acting Mayor at the Spirit of BC flag-raising; attended the Heart of the Matter fundraiser; was a delegation at Winterfest at Queen's Park; attended the Tastes of the World event; attended at Monday at the Movies; attended the Livable Cities Public forum; attended the Chamber of Commerce luncheon where Andrea Holmes made a presentation; attended the Environmental Advisory Committee meeting; attended the Homeless Coalition meeting; attended the media event with Gerda Suess and Mayor Sam Sullivan on the subject of Crime Free Multi-Housing; enjoyed the Hyack Ambassadors Tea; offered condolences on the passing of John Field, husband of Ethel; thanked the Fire department for attending at Royal Columbian Emergency recently and leaving it in a calmer work place.

### **Councillor Osterman**

...enjoyed the Civic Dinner; thanked the 2010 Spirit Committee for their effort and activities; was glad to see Councillor Donnelly is feeling better; attended the Livable Cities Forum which was well attended; offered condolences to the family and friends of Alderman Doug Stout who passed away; noted that the Chamber of Commerce is taking nominations for the Citizen of the Year award.

### **Acting Mayor Williams**

...sold toques on Toque Tuesday; attended the Volunteer Dinner; attended the Heart of the Matter fundraiser; attended the Spirit of BC Luncheon; enjoyed the Tastes of the World event; chaired a meeting of the Community Heritage Commission and attended the Homeless Coalition meeting; noted that teams of people will conduct a homeless count on March 11 in the Lower Mainland; attended a meeting on innovations in waste to energy projects; enjoyed listening to Sam Sullivan praise New Westminster's Crime Free Multi-Housing initiative at Gerda Suess's home; attended the Royal Tea with the New Westminster Ambassadors; commented on overcrowding at Royal Columbian Hospital Emergency and noted that they are understaffed and short of ward beds; proclaimed February 18-24, 2008 as Heritage Week in the City; on behalf of Council, extended condolences to the family of Doug Stout, a City Alderman (Councillor) from 1960-1967 and then from 1969-1980; reminded viewers of the upcoming Child Care Fair at Century House; offered get well wishes to her mother, Rosalie Greenwood.

**COMMITTEE MINUTES AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

6. **Motion to receive and adopt [the minutes of a meeting of Council in Committee of the Whole held February 4, 2008](#).**

**MOVED and SECONDED**

*THAT the minutes of the meeting of Council in Committee of the Whole held February 4, 2008, be received and adopted.*

**CARRIED.**

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

7. **Recommendations from Council in Committee of the Whole meeting held February 18, 2008.**

**Director of Engineering Services:**

- a) **[Award of Contract for the 2008 Storm Sewer Program](#)**

**MOVED and SECONDED**

*THAT the contract for the 2008 Storm Sewer Program be awarded to Pedre Contractors Ltd. for the tendered amount of \$474,748.50, representing the best overall value to the City.*

**CARRIED.**

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

- b) **Evergreen Line**

**MOVED and SECONDED**

*THAT staff review and report back to Council on the two route options for the Evergreen Line and propose a Council position on the use of the Braid Street Station as a terminus should the South East be built.*

**CARRIED.**

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

**Director of Development Services:**

- c) **Application for Strata Title Conversion 12 East Royal Avenue Nurses Lodge**

**MOVED and SECONDED**

*THAT the proposed strata plans for 12 East Royal Avenue – the Nurses Lodge – be approved subject to the required lockbox being*

*completed and the visibility of the addressing being improved to the satisfaction of the Fire Department prior to the execution of the strata plans.*

**CARRIED.**

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

d) [Amendment to Heritage Revitalization Agreement \(305/307 Carnarvon Street\) Bylaw No. 7166, 2007](#)

**MOVED and SECONDED**

*THAT Heritage Revitalization Agreement (305/307 Carnarvon Street) Bylaw No. 7166, 2007, be received.*

**CARRIED.**

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

e) [Queensborough Industrial Land Redevelopment Moratorium](#)

**MOVED and SECONDED**

*THAT staff prepare a work program and time line for the review of the Queensborough Community Plan for Council's consideration; and*

*THAT staff refer all rezoning applications referred to in the January 28, 2008 resolution (as amended), to Council for consideration, together with a Staff Report either recommending deferral for further consideration after completion of the new Queensborough Community Plan, or recommending that the rezoning application proceed to bylaw and Public Hearing stages based on staff analysis of its neutrality or compliance with the proposed Queensborough plan.*

**CARRIED.**

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

f) [Rezoning 1602 Nanaimo Street and DVP 479:](#)

**MOVED and SECONDED**

*THAT Zoning Amendment Bylaw 7221, 2008, be received; and*

*THAT Council give notice that it will consider a resolution to issue Development Variance Permit 479 to allow the following variances for the existing house at 1602 Nanaimo Street:*

- *A two-car parking pad in the proposed front yard (facing Sixteenth Street); and*
- *Access to off-street parking via a driveway across the proposed front yard.*

**CARRIED.**

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

**Director of Parks & Recreation:**

**g) [Canada Day Federal Grant](#)**

**MOVED and SECONDED**

*THAT authorization for the Parks and Recreation staff to apply for the Heritage Canada Grant for Canada Day be approved.*

**CARRIED.**

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

**h) [Family Court Committee meeting of January 18, 2008 - 2008 Committee Appointments](#)**

**MOVED and SECONDED**

*THAT City Council review the City practice of not allowing employees of New Westminster to serve on New Westminster City Advisory Committees, Commissions or Boards.*

**CARRIED.**

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

**i) Draft 2008-2012 Financial Plan**

**MOVED and SECONDED**

*THAT the proposed tax increase of 3.5% be reconsidered following the public consultation process.*

**CARRIED.**

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

**BYLAWS**

- 8. Heritage Revitalization Agreement (305/307 Carnarvon Street) Bylaw No. 7166, 2007** [a bylaw to enter into a Heritage Revitalization Agreement with the owner of heritage property]

**RESCIND THIRD READING  
AMEND BYLAW AS SET OUT IN STAFF REPORT  
THIRD READING, AS AMENDED**

**MOVED and SECONDED**

*THAT third reading of Heritage Revitalization Agreement (305/307 Carnarvon Street) Bylaw No. 7166, 2007 given on October 1, 2007 be rescinded.*

**CARRIED.**

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

**MOVED and SECONDED**



**THAT** *Heritage Revitalization Agreement (305/307 Carnarvon Street) Bylaw No. 7166, 2007 be amended as set out in the February 18, 2008 report from the Director of Development Services.*

**CARRIED.**

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

**MOVED and SECONDED**

**THAT** *Heritage Revitalization Agreement (305/307 Carnarvon Street) Bylaw No. 7166, 2007, as amended, be read a third time.*

**CARRIED.**

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

9. **Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 7221, 2008** [a bylaw to rezone 1602 Nanaimo Street from Neighbourhood Residential Dwelling Districts (NR-1) to Neighbourhood Residential Dwelling Districts (Small Lots) (NR-5)]

**TWO READINGS**

**MOVED and SECONDED**

**THAT** *Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 7221, 2008, be read a first time.*

**CARRIED.**

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

**MOVED and SECONDED**

**THAT** *Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 7221, 2008, be read a second time.*

**CARRIED.**

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

(A Public Hearing will be held on Monday, March 10, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber, City Hall)

**NEW BUSINESS**

10. **Dangerous Situation at Westminster Station** (see comments made by Matthew Laird during Delegations)

**MOVED and SECONDED**

**THAT** *the issues raised by Matthew Laird during Delegations period about a dangerous situation at Westminster Station be referred to the Director of Engineering Services for review and report to Council.*

**CARRIED.**

All members of Council voted in favour of the motion.

**NEXT MEETING**

**Monday, February 25, 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.

**Opportunity to be Heard:** Application to Relocate a Liquor License – 718 Twelfth Street

**ADJOURNMENT**

**ON MOTION**, the meeting adjourned at 9:24 p.m.

Certified Correct,

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**LORRIE WILLIAMS**  
**ACTING MAYOR**

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**JUDITH TURNER**  
**ACTING CORPORATE OFFICER**