



CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF NEW WESTMINSTER

COUNCIL IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

February 25, 2008 2:02 p.m.
Committee Room 2, City Hall

MINUTES

PRESENT:

Mayor Wayne Wright
Councillor Jonathan Cote
Councillor Calvin Donnelly
Councillor Bill Harper
Councillor Betty McIntosh
Councillor Lorrie Williams

REGRETS:

Councillor Bob Osterman

STAFF:

Mr. Paul Daminato	- City Administrator
Mr. Rick Page	- Corporate Officer/Director of Legislative Services
Ms. Lisa Spitale	- Director of Development Services
Mr. Jim Lowrie	- Director of Engineering Services
Mr. Gary Holowatiuk	- Director of Finance and Information Technology
Mr. Dean Gibson	- Director of Parks and Recreation
Chief Lorne Zapotichny	- Police Services
Ms. Judi Turner	- Assistant Corporate Officer

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

There were no additions to the Agenda.

REPORTS FOR ACTION

Director of Finance and Information Technology:

1. Presentation: Capital Budget Finalization

The Director of Finance and Information Technology made a presentation on the 2008 General Capital Budget, reviewed changes from previous presentations and sought approval for it (in connection with the February 25, 2008 report on the Draft 2008-2012 Financial Plan). Discussion ensued and members made requests for further information on a number of matters.

Staff was directed to:

- Report on the \$3 million surplus from the Operational Budget
- Ensure the Reader Board is erected this year.

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

THAT the February 25, 2008 report from the Director of Finance and Information Technology regarding an update on the draft 2008 – 2012 Financial Plan – General Fund Capital, be received for information and discussion; and THAT the draft capital program be approved in principle subject to completion of the public consultation process on the 2008 – 2012 Financial Plan and with the following exceptions for which further review is to be undertaken by Council:

- *Mobile response command unit*
- *Quint fire truck with a strategy to ensure its useful life can be extended*
- *City Hall renovations*
- *Mill House*
- *Moody Park Pool (costs, tax increase, other options)*
- *New Westminster Secondary School joint redevelopment project*
- *All GAT/GAP projects*
- *Works Yard washrooms*
- *Youth Facility*
- *East Columbia Street*
- *Rationale for vehicle life cycles.*

CARRIED.

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

Director of Engineering Services:

2. Zero Waste Challenge and City's Waste Reduction Programs

Members discussed the February 25, 2008, report from the Director of Engineering outlining Metro Vancouver's Zero Waste Challenge and providing information on the Engineering Department's initiatives to encourage waste

reduction and support the new regional recycling and disposal restrictions. Staff was requested to consider the following:

- A strategy to manage small batteries and keep them out of the garbage stream
- A strategy to deal with Styrofoam
- Consider how to handle milk containers
- Report on a green waste pick up strategy
- Consider a pilot for coffee grounds recycling
- Comment on how to increase waste reduction
- Report on handling organic waste
- Consider multi-family and commercial recycling
- Assess options for limiting use of plastic bags
- Schedule a presentation by Metro Vancouver on their Zero Waste Campaign.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the February 25, 2008 report from the Director of Engineering Services regarding Metro Vancouver's Zero Waste Challenge and the City's Waste Reduction Programs, be received for information.

CARRIED.

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

3. [Maintenance and Repairs of Vehicles for Greater Vancouver Transit Police Services](#)

Staff responded to questions regarding the February 25, 2008, report from the Director of Engineering Services, requesting approval to enter into an agreement with the Greater Vancouver Transit Police Services (GVTPS) to provide vehicle maintenance for their fleet.

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

THAT staff be authorized to enter into an agreement with the Greater Vancouver Transit Police Services (GVTPS) to provide vehicle maintenance for their fleet.

CARRIED.

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

City Administrator:

4. [Appointment of Chief Election Officer and Deputy Chief Election Officer for the 2008 General Local Elections](#)

The Corporate Officer responded to questions regarding the February 12, 2008, report from the City Administrator requesting approval to appoint both a Chief Election Officer and Deputy Chief Election Officer.

- ** **MOVED and SECONDED and CARRIED, this Committee recommends**
THAT pursuant to Section 41(1) of the Local Government Act, Richard L. Page be appointed Chief Election Officer and Doris Fassbender be appointed Deputy Chief Election Officer for the purpose of conducting the 2008 General Local Elections.

CARRIED.

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

Director of Development Services:

5. Heritage Revitalization Agreement Guidelines

The Director of Development Services presented the February 25, 2008, report providing the consultant report "Heritage Revitalization Agreement Guidelines" by Donald Luxton & Associates Inc. and seeking direction to proceed with the development of a revised City policy for the implementation of Heritage Revitalization Agreements.

During the discussion, members made the following comments:

- Oppose elimination of the inventory formerly employed as it remains valid
- What modifications to heritage houses would be permissible in order to keep the heritage merit of a house
- General rules that apply to splitting lots and retaining one dwelling as a heritage dwelling and developing the new lot
- Concern there was no public input on the proposal.

Councillor Donnelly left the meeting at 3:52 p.m. and returned at 3:57 p.m.

- ** **MOVED and SECONDED and CARRIED, this Committee recommends**
THAT the "Heritage Revitalization Agreement Guidelines" consultant's report be received for information.

CARRIED.

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

- ** **MOVED and SECONDED and CARRIED, this Committee recommends**
THAT staff be directed to proceed with the development of a revised City policy for the implementation of Heritage Revitalization Agreements in consultation with the community.

CARRIED.

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

6. Demolition Application for 442 Second Street

Julie MacDonald, Heritage Planner, responded to questions regarding the February 25, 2008, report from the Director of Development Services, seeking Council's consideration of the demolition application for the house at 442 Second Street. Discussion ensued about the proposed options.

**** MOVED and SECONDED and CARRIED, this Committee recommends THAT staff be authorized to issue a demolition permit for 442 Second Street subject to the following:**

- The completion of a Statement of Significance to be written by the Heritage Planner
- The submission of “as-found drawings” (plan and elevations) of the house by the owner.

CARRIED.

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

7. BC Spirit Squares Grant Application

Bev Grieve, Manager of Planning, reviewed the February 25, 2008, report from the Director of Development Services advising of a recent communication from the staff at the Province of BC Ministry of Community Services regarding New Westminster’s application for funding under the BC Spirit Square program. Lance Berelowitz, Consultant, presented the two options outlined in the report for renovations to Hyack Square.

Discussion ensued on the possibility of using the area on the opposite side of the Keg for a site for the Mill House as well as options that might result in additional parking for the Keg.

During the discussion, members made the following comments:

- Note that Hyack Square is overdue for change and changes to this area would relate well with the Kyoto site
- Support for the wide stepped stair solution (the second solution presented)
- Consider access for the Quay Market
- Bring natural features to the area (trees/greening)
- Consider a water feature
- Partially cover the stair to protect pedestrians
- Relocation of Mill House to the other side of the Keg, subject to addressing the parking issues, would be positive
- Look at funding partners to assist with the proposal.

**** MOVED and SECONDED and CARRIED, this Committee recommends THAT Council continue with the pursuit of funding for improvements to Hyack Square through the BC Spirit Square Program.**

CARRIED.

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

Director of Finance and Information Technology:

8. 2008 Community Grants Report

The Director of Finance and Information Technology reviewed the February 25, 2008, report seeking approval of the 2008 Community Grants on behalf of the Community Grant Review Panel. Discussion and debate ensued.

**** MOVED and SECONDED and CARRIED, this Committee recommends**
THAT the 2008 Community Grants presented in the February 25, 2008 report from the Director of Finance and Information Technology, be approved as reviewed:

Arts Council	\$13,500 (includes \$3,500 in kind)
Massey	\$62,000
Royal City Volunteers	\$1500
Chamber	\$41,000
RA & I Society	\$37,000
Tourism	\$20,000
Hyack	\$170,000 (includes \$20,000 in kind)
BIA	\$10,000
BIA	\$5,000
FRCD	<i>pending further discussions</i>
Spirit of BC	<i>Pending further information</i>
McBride Sapperton	\$5,000 (includes \$4500 in kind)
Downtown	<i>Pending information re intended use of grant</i>
WINGS	\$3,500
Brain Injury	\$5,000
Fraser Burrard	\$14,000
Family Services	\$15,000
Fraserside	\$18,000 for the 3 applications subject to <i>staff consultation with Fraserside</i>
Fraserside	<i>see above</i>
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Humane Society	\$2,500
Sudanese Assoc	<i>Staff to obtain further information and assist Applicant with reporting</i>
NWSS	\$3,000 (in kind)
12 th Street Merchants	\$5,000
Hyack Swim	<i>No grant</i>
Victim Assistance	\$25,000
Seniors Services	\$23,000
Genesis	<i>No grant</i>
Boy Scouts	\$500
Girl Guides	\$500
Family Court	\$3,000
Celebrating Seniors	\$3,000
Kinsmen	\$325 (in kind)

<i>Family Place</i>	\$2,500
<i>Lawn Bowling</i>	\$5,750
<i>Hyack Anvil</i>	\$400
<i>Amateur Radio</i>	\$2500
<i>Cycling Coalition</i>	\$525
<i>Lacrosse</i>	\$5,000
<i>Sapperton OAP</i>	\$12,000
<i>NWSS CANstruction</i>	\$1,000

CARRIED.

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

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

Farmers Market \$15,000.

DEFEATED.

Opposed: Councillors Donnelly, McIntosh, Williams and Mayor Wright.

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

THAT the 2008 Community Grants presented in the February 25, 2008 report from the Director of Finance and Information Technology, be approved as reviewed:

Farmers Market \$5,000.

CARRIED.

Opposed: Councillor Cote.

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

THAT the 2008 Community Grants presented in the February 25, 2008 report from the Director of Finance and Information Technology, be approved as reviewed:

Small Grants Requests \$2,000.

CARRIED.

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

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

THAT the 2008 Community Grants presented in the February 25, 2008 report from the Director of Finance and Information Technology, be approved as reviewed:

Seniors Christmas Grants \$100 each for five organizations.

CARRIED.

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

COMMITTEE MINUTES AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

9. [Downtown Parking Commission meeting held January 30, 2008.](#)

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the minutes of the Downtown Parking Commission meeting held on January 30, 2008, be received and adopted.

CARRIED.

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

ADJOURNMENT

ON MOTION, the meeting adjourned at 5:41 p.m.

Certified Correct,

WAYNE WRIGHT
CHAIR

RICK PAGE
CORPORATE OFFICER

** Denotes recommendations referred to Regular Council meeting of February 25, 2008, for ratification.