



CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF NEW WESTMINSTER

COUNCIL IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

February 26, 2007 3:10 p.m.
Committee Room 2, City Hall

MINUTES

PRESENT:

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

STAFF:

Mr. Paul Daminato	- City Administrator
Mr. Rick Page	- City Clerk
Mr. Tim Whitehead	- Director of Development Services
Mr. Jim Lowrie	- Director of Engineering Services
Mr. Gary Holowatiuk	- Director of Finance
Chief Carl Nepstad	- Director of Fire and Rescue
Mr. Dean Gibson	- Director of Parks and Recreation
Ms. Judi Turner	- Assistant City Clerk

PRESENTATION

1. [Parks & Recreation Comprehensive Plan Update](#)
 - (a) [Project Consultant](#)
 - (b) [2007 Parks & Recreation Comprehensive Plan Update](#)

The Director of Parks and Recreation introduced Mr. Bill Webster of Professional Environmental Recreation Consultants (PERC) and outlined his expertise in developing recreation comprehensive plans. Mr. Webster advised of the partner consultants who will work on the Parks and Recreation Comprehensive Plan project with him. He outlined the project time line, the phases, the areas where Council and staff input will be required, the public survey proposed and organizations that will be consulted, etc. The Director added that this process is

also intended to produce an Outcome Evaluation Framework that will identify the services provided by the department to permit measurement against the City's Strategic Plan.

During the ensuing discussion, members made the following comments:

- Provide an opportunity for Council to review the survey questions
- Expand the organizations to be approached for input: Sapperton Old Age Pensioners, Seniors Branch No. 15, etc.
- Project should support and complement the City's Arts Strategy
- Consider changes in the school population and the overall population and factor their needs for facilities and space into the project
- Develop tools that the City can continue to use to progress in this area in the future
- Provide comparisons with other comparable cities
- Investigate cooperation/joint ventures between New Westminster and neighbouring communities.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the report from the Director of Parks & Recreation, dated February 26, 2007, regarding the work related to the 2007 Parks & Recreation Comprehensive Planning process, be received for information.

CARRIED.

All members of Committee voted in favour of the motion.

REPORTS FOR ACTION

Director of Parks & Recreation

2. [Request approval of Contract Award for the Condition Assessment of Civic Facilities](#)

During discussion of the February 26, 2007, report from the Director of Parks and Recreation, requesting awarding of the contract for the Condition Assessment of Civic facilities, members commented as follows:

- Prioritize the list of facilities based on public safety considerations
- In future reports, supply information about others who submitted RFP's and the amounts bid
- Consider facilities in the city operated by non-profit groups.

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

THAT the contract for the Assessment of the Condition of City of New Westminster Civic Facilities in the amount of \$198,000 plus GST be awarded to RDH Building Engineering Ltd., the proponent meeting the conditions of the Request for Proposal and providing the best overall value to the City.

CARRIED.

All members of Committee voted in favour of the motion.

Director of Development Services:

3. Development Variance Permit No. 450 for 350 Columbia Street

Barry Wait, Planner, displayed an elevation and photographs of neighbouring buildings and responded to questions regarding the February 26, 2007, report from the Director of Development Services, advising that an application for Development Variance Permit 450 has been received.

Chad Mooney, Architect for the project, was present and responded to questions concerning the design and a heritage motif. He advised that the building displays modern idioms in design but uses materials that are mirrored in the building across the street. He elaborated on a few design features that reflect his comments and respond to modern usage. He commented that the requested height variance will allow the building to be set back and leave a view to the Fraser River.

**** MOVED and SECONDED and CARRIED, this Committee recommends**
THAT the City give notice that it will consider a resolution to issue Development Variance Permit 450 with the following variance(s) to permit construction of a nine storey mixed use building at 350 Columbia Street:

- *A building height of 117.5 feet above height datum.*

CARRIED.

All members of Committee voted in favour of the motion.

ADJOURNMENT

ON MOTION, the meeting adjourned at 4:17 p.m.

Certified Correct,

WAYNE WRIGHT, CHAIR

RICK PAGE, CITY CLERK

****** Denotes recommendations referred to Regular Council meeting of February 26, 2007, for ratification.