



CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF NEW WESTMINSTER

## REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL

February 26, 2007 3:10 p.m.  
Committee Room No. 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. Allan Woodbury	- Director of Human Resources
Ms. Judi Turner	- Assistant City Clerk

Council adjourned to Committee of the Whole at 3:10 p.m. and reconvened in the Council Chamber at 7:01 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 February 16, 2007.](#)

**MOVED and SECONDED**

*THAT the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council, held February 16,*

*2007, be received and adopted.*

**CARRIED.**

All members of Council voted in favour of the motion.

## **PRESENTATION**

### **2. Presentation to Faith Matchette – years of service and retirement from the City.**

Mayor Wright made an announcement about the retirement of Faith Matchette and presented her with tokens of the City's gratitude for her years of service to the city.

### **3. Presentation of Plaques to Supporters of Royal City Events – Mayor Wright.**

Mayor Wright paid tribute to those organizations that support the community during Royal City events. These include the following:

- The Bosa Development Corporation, Appia Developments Ltd., and the Embassy Development Corporation – received by Natalie Bosa
- Dare Foods Limited – received by Jim Goyns
- The Record newspaper - received by Pat Tracy
- Judy's Restaurant – received by Judy Brennan
- Green's Deli – received by Leona Green and Emma
- The Old Bavaria Haus – received by Sunni Manihani
- Starbucks, Royal Square Mall – received by Margaret Dubreuil.

### **4. Presentation of Homelessness Strategy**

- Katherine and Jim Woodward of Jim Woodward & Associates Inc. were hired by the Homelessn Coalition to produce a report on the homeless and at risk population in New Westminster and worked with the Coalition to also produce a strategy and implementation plan. The delegation submitted a copy of their slide presentation and a supporting document entitled "Addressing Homelessness" (both will be added to the Agenda package). They reviewed their presentation including a summary of the kinds of responses to homelessness in the Region, in Canada and briefly in Canada, and responded to questions.

## **DELEGATIONS**

### **5. Open Delegations**

**Tony Antonias of 805 Fourth Street** was present to announce a symphony concert at Massey at 2:00 p.m. on March 4, 2007, featuring a symphony by Sibelius.

## CORRESPONDENCE

6. [Reena Meijer Drees, 727 McKay Street, the Cooperative Auto Network \(CAN\), asking Council to consider extending its support of CAN to include the possibility of allocating dedicated on-street parking outside of the Skytrain station zones.](#)

**MOVED and SECONDED**

*THAT the correspondence from Reena Meijer Drees, dated February 14, 2007, regarding support of the Cooperative Auto Network to include the possibility of allocating dedicated on-street parking outside of the Skytrain station zones, be received and referred to the Director of Engineering Services for a report to Council.*

**CARRIED.**

All members of Council voted in favour of the motion.

7. [Hyack Festival Association re 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Hyack Antique Car Easter Parade, April 8, 2007.](#)

**MOVED and SECONDED**

*THAT the correspondence from the Hyack Festival Association regarding the 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Hyack Antique Car Easter Parade, April 8, 2007, be received and approved in principle, subject to liaising with Police Services.*

**CARRIED.**

All members of Council voted in favour of the motion.

8. [Corporation of Delta re Grade 5 Recreation Pass Program – Extension of Service.](#)

**MOVED and SECONDED**

*THAT the correspondence from the Corporation of Delta regarding Grade 5 Recreation Pass Program – Extension of Service be received and referred to the Director of Parks and Recreation.*

**CARRIED.**

All members of Council voted in favour of the motion.

## REPORTS

9. **Council Members:**

**Councillor Cote**

...attended a meeting of the Youth Advisory Committee where they discussed the closure of New Westminster's only cinema; noted that the Suzuki presentation will be held in the main theatre at Douglas College; commented on an advertisement in the Record announcing the David Suzuki presentation on climate change and noted that the entire Council is supportive of green initiatives and of the event in particular.

### **Councillor Donnelly**

...assisted the Mayor at GVRD meetings; noted that Council will be meeting with the Port Authority regarding the amalgamation of the Ports; commenting on dredging in the Fraser River; attended the Police Services Volunteer dinner; attended the Oscars night staged by the Arts Council.

### **Councillor Harper**

...attended Queensborough Recreation Centre to view the Thompson Park design, the Homeless Coalition meeting and toured Downtown East Side and the drop in centre on Power Street, the Livable City Strategy Committee meeting, the Affordable Housing meeting hosted by MLA Chuck Puchmayr, the Police Service Volunteer dinner, the opening of the AC Gallery on Twelfth Street.

### **Councillor McIntosh**

...attended the Library Board annual meeting, a long service recognition for Fraser Health Authority employees, the Homeless Coalition, the Seniors Task Force and noted the draft report is nearing completion, a public discussion on how to survive the current housing crunch, the Police Services Volunteer Appreciation dinner, the International Fair for Girl Guiding; took her mother to the AC Gallery; attended the Hyack Royal Tea.

### **Councillor Osterman**

...attended the Police Services Volunteer dinner, the AC Gallery on Twelfth Street, Oscar night; noted that Bart Slotman has donated equipment to the Massey Theatre Society; thanked Councillor Cote for his explanation about the David Suzuki ad in the Record; on behalf of Mayor Wright, will attend a meeting with local Mayors to discuss the debris trap and Fraser River.

### **Councillor Williams**

...thanked the Arts Council and Andree St. Martin for Oscar Night in New Westminster; attended the Royal Tea, the Girl Guides International gathering, the opening of the AC Gallery, as Acting Mayor attended the Mess Dinner at Fraser Ward Room, the Police Crime Prevention Volunteer Appreciation dinner, the Homeless Coalition meeting, the Homeless crunch sponsored by MLA Chuck Puchmayr, the Sapperton Pensioners' monthly meeting; offered condolences to Leona Green on the passing of her mother.

### **Mayor Wayne Wright**

Attended the following:

The North East Sector Mayor's Meeting on the Evergreen Line; the Heart of the Matter fundraiser; the Spirit of BC Winter Festival; visited Moriguchi, Japan (New Westminster's sister city); the Kyoto Conference on climate change on behalf of the GVRD.

Thanked Councillor Lorrie Williams for serving as Acting Mayor during his absence and thanked all members of Council for their assistance as well.

Attended the Livable City Task Force meeting; commented on the redevelopment of the New Westminster Cinemas, noting that their equipment will be donated to the Massey Theatre to permit continuation of the Arts Council Monday nights at the movies; also noted the seats will be held in storage; noted that the dredging of the River allows free flowing water and prevents flooding in the City; attended the Police Services Volunteer dinner.

Announced that the 137th May Day draw will be held on Monday, March 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chamber.

Offered condolences to Leona Green on the passing of her mother.

## COMMITTEE MINUTES AND RECOMMENDATIONS

10. **Motion to receive and adopt the [minutes of a meeting of Council in Committee of the Whole held February 19, 2007.](#)**

**MOVED and SECONDED**

*THAT the minutes of the Council in Committee of the Whole meeting held on February 19, 2007, be received and adopted.*

**CARRIED.**

All members of Council voted in favour of the motion.

11. **Recommendations from Council in Committee of the Whole meeting held February 26, 2007.**

**Director of Parks & Recreation**

- a) **[Approval of Contract Award for the Condition Assessment of Civic Facilities](#)**

**MOVED and SECONDED**

*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 Council voted in favour of the motion.

**Director of Development Services:**

- b) **[Development Variance Permit No. 450 for 350 Columbia Street](#)**

**MOVED and SECONDED**

*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 Council voted in favour of the motion.

## **BYLAWS**

12. [Subdivision and Development Control Bylaw No. 7142, 2007 \[a bylaw to regulate the subdivision of lands and to establish a standard of works and services to be provided in respect of subdivisions and developments\]](#)

**ADOPTION**

Deferred to next meeting.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

13. **Notice of Motion - Casino Revenue Policy** (served by Councillor Cote on February 19, 2007)

**MOVED and SECONDED**

*THAT City staff report back to Council with the options for a comprehensive casino revenue policy with the following objectives:*

- *Casino revenue used in the operating budget is to be capped and phased out of the operating budget;*
- *A mandatory minimum reduction of casino revenue in the operating budget be required in each budget year;*
- *A reserve policy be developed to allow casino revenue to be primarily dedicated towards addressing aging infrastructure, new capital projects and the City's strategic priorities;*
- *The casino revenue policy be protected and require a full public process if any amendments are to be considered; and*
- *This policy be subject to a public process.*

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

**MOVED and SECONDED**

*THAT the foregoing motion be tabled pending receipt of further information from staff.*

**CARRIED.**

Opposed: Councillors Cote and Osterman.

## NEW BUSINESS

### 14. Public Consultation on Five Year Financial Plan

The Director of Finance and Information Technology outlined the City's public consultation process to obtain feedback on the City's Five Year Financial Plan, as follows:

- Monday March 5 - evening presentation on the Financial Plan during the Regular Meeting
- Sat. March 10 - budget Open House from 12:00 noon to 3:00 p.m.
- Monday March 12 - public is invited to provide comment on the plan at the regular Council meeting at 7:00 p.m.
- Residents not able to attend a meeting may obtain a public information package on the Web Page and at City Hall. The package includes a comment page. Deadline for submissions is March 16. Input will be considered by Council before final consideration of the Plan on March 26.

### 15. Notice of Motion Served by Councillor Bill Harper re 12<sup>th</sup> Street Area Plan

Councillor Harper served the following Notice of Motion:

***“WHEREAS** Residents’ Associations, the Twelfth Street Merchants Association, and the Twelfth Street Neighbourhood Society have expressed concerns about conditions and developments on upper Twelfth Street; and*

***WHEREAS** economic development, street safety, livability and revitalization of the Twelfth Street corridor is a concern of Council’s;*

***NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** staff report back to Council with a public process to develop an Upper Twelfth Street Plan.”*

### 16. Extension to Four Years of Term of Civic Office

**MOVED and SECONDED**

***WHEREAS** costs for elections are high for both individuals and municipalities; and*

***WHEREAS** most other provinces are adopting a four-year term of office for local government councils;*

***NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Union of British Columbia Municipalities request the Provincial Government of British Columbia to extend the term of civic office for local government councils to four years.*

**CARRIED.**

Opposed: Councillor Osterman.

**NEXT MEETING**

**Monday, March 5, 2007:**

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, the May Day Draw at 6:30 p.m., Budget Review at 7:00 p.m., the Public Hearing & Regular Council meeting convening at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chamber, City Hall.

**Public Hearing** – Official Community Plan Designation Amendment Bylaw No. 7144, 2007 (former Labatt's Brewery site)

**ADJOURNMENT**

**ON MOTION**, the meeting adjourned at 9:46 p.m.

Certified Correct,

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**WAYNE WRIGHT**  
**MAYOR**

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**RICHARD L. PAGE**  
**CITY CLERK**