



CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF NEW WESTMINSTER

REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL

March 2, 2009 3:22 p.m.
Committee Room No. 2
City Hall

MINUTES

PRESENT:

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

REGRETS:

Councillor Betty McIntosh

STAFF:

Mr. Paul Daminato	- City Administrator
Mr. Rick Page	- Director of Legislative Services/Corporate Officer
Ms. Lisa Spitale	- Director of Development Services
Mr. Jim Lowrie	- Director of Engineering Services
Ms. Judi Turner	- Assistant City Clerk

Council adjourned to Committee of the Whole at 3:22 p.m. and reconvened in the Council Chamber at 7:04 p.m. with all those listed earlier present.

PRESENTATIONS

1. New Westminster Junior Boy's Field Lacrosse re: Florida Tournament

Steve Goodwin, parent of two players in the New Westminster Junior Boy's Field Lacrosse, announced the team's win in Florida against a Philadelphia, Pennsylvania team in the last 10 minutes of the game. He introduced team members.

2. May Day Draw

Mayor Wright announced the 2009 May Queen Suite draw, an event which has been held since 1870. Mr. Bob Parsons, Co-Chair of the May Day Committee, conducted the draw.

The 2009 May Queen Suite was drawn as follows:

NAME OF ELEMENTARY\ COMMUNITY	NAME OF MAY QUEEN CANDIDATE	NAME OF ROYAL KNIGHT CANDIDATE	POSITION
Queensborough Middle School	Monica Disanjh	Calvin Singh	MAY QUEEN
F.W. Howay	Hanna Hieltjes	Camron Rennie	FIRST MAID OF HONOUR
Hume Park	Jerica Saddul	Sam Petrie	SECOND MAID OF HONOUR
Lord Tweedsmuir	Letizia Dotto	Markus Zacharuk	MEDAL BEARER
Lord Kelvin	Chelsea Sevilla	Andrew Lamigo	REGISTER BEARER
Connaught Heights	Nikolina (Nina) Lalic	Leelan Bond	FIRST FLOWER GIRL
Herbert Spencer	Brianna Chelsea Tucsok	Grayson Niall Taylor	SECOND FLOWER GIRL
Richard McBride	Kate Little	Liam Anjos	THIRD FLOWER GIRL
John Robson	Jennifer Tamondong	Luka Sladoje	FOURTH FLOWER GIRL

RECESS

3. Motion to recess to Public Hearing

The Regular Council meeting recessed at 7:26 p.m. and reconvened at 7:52 p.m. with all members of Council present, except Councillor McIntosh.

PRESENTATIONS CONTINUED

4. Lijiang City Visit – Matthew Laird

Matthew Laird made an illustrated presentation about his business and pleasure visit to New Westminster's Sister City - Lijiang City, China. He commented on the following features of Lijiang City: sustainability initiatives, water features and bridges, maps/signage, surrounding vistas, local culture, the four Lijiang students who visited New Westminster in 2008. He urged all to visit Lijiang - a truly beautiful city.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

5. [Motion to adopt the minutes of the last regular meeting of the City Council held February 16, 2009](#)

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council, held February 16, 2009, be received and adopted.

CARRIED.

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

6. [Motion to adopt the minutes of the last regular meeting of the City Council \(Working Session\) held February 23, 2009](#)

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the minutes of the last regular meeting of Council (Working Session), held February 23, 2009, be received and adopted.

CARRIED.

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

DELEGATIONS

7. Delegations for Temporary Use Permit No. 005 for 820 Agnes Street (located at legal address: 823 Victoria Street)

No persons rose to address TUP No. 005.

8. Open Delegations

Lisa Lee of 1108 Seventh Avenue, rose to comment on the Middle School process and on the emerging best option – Lord Kelvin. She voiced concern that this option will involve destruction of an elementary school (Lord Kelvin), construction of a Middle School, and no replacement of the demolished elementary. She noted that New Westminster is experiencing an increasing student population and this would not be practical. As well, Lord Kelvin has a number of special programs and is a community asset to those who speak other languages.

The location at 8th and 8th is not a good option as building on a cemetery will activate other laws and produce delays. As well, how will traffic be managed for young children at this location?

Ms. Lee urged the City to consider an agreement involving City lands for school sites.

Mr. John Ashbridge, representing the Royal Columbian Hospital Foundation, as co-chair of 2009 RCH Gala, rose to comment on the RCH gala and to invite all to attend at the Shangri-la Hotel in Vancouver. The gala is a fund raising activity for the Hospital which serves the entire Fraser Health Region and 1.5 million persons.

BYLAWS CONSIDERED AT PUBLIC HEARING

9. **Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 7299, 2009** [a bylaw to amend Zoning Bylaw No. 6680, 2001 re: 607 Columbia Street Liquor License Relocation Bylaw] **THIRD READING**

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 7299, 2009, be read a third time.

CARRIED.

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

ISSUANCE OF DEVELOPMENT PERMIT

10. [Issuance of Temporary Use Permit No. 005 for 820 Agnes Street \(Located at Legal Address: 823 Victoria Street\) to allow Business and Professional Office as a permitted use at 820 Agnes Street, which is zoned Multiple Dwelling Districts \(Downtown\) \(RM-6\).](#)

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Temporary Use Permit 005 to allow Business and Professional Office use as a permitted use at 820 Agnes Street be issued.

CARRIED.

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

REPORTS

11. Council Members:

Councillor Williams

...attended the New Westminster Symphony – the next concert is May 10 when the Lieutenant Governor will be present as a new sponsor; the annual mess dinner at the Royal Westminster Regiment; the volunteer appreciation dinner by Police Service; the Chamber AGM; wore pink for Anti-Bullying Day; the New Westminster Council of Women meeting.

Councillor Cote

...attended the Youth Advisory Committee meeting which is working on the Youth Centre at Moody Park and where an update on the school process was heard; a meeting of the Community and Social Issues Committee; an open house for Acorn's tax program.

Councillor McEvoy

...as he is involved with the New Westminster Food Bank, voiced concern that the numbers attending the Food Bank has risen ten times what was seen last summer – advised members of the public that local charities are also affected by recent economic conditions and urged residents to donate.

Councillor Harper

...attended the Chamber of Commerce AGM; the joint Chamber reception; the Miss New Westminster Ambassadors luncheon; a Tourism New Westminster Board meeting; the Homeless Coalition meeting; the Multicultural Advisory Committee meeting; the Police Volunteer dinner; the New Westminster Regiment Mess dinner at the Armouries.

Councillor Osterman

...attended the Miss New Westminster Ambassador program luncheon; noted that a First Nations chief will take a seat on Metro Vancouver Board for the first time; attended a meeting on maintenance and repair and new technology in the airline industry; the Crime Prevention dinner for Police volunteers; on behalf of the Mayor, the Shasta Trampoline event where he assisted in presenting their medals.

Mayor Wayne Wright

...proclaimed March as Kidney Month in the City; attended the following: TransLink meeting regarding the 10-year Transportation Plan (funding); the Chamber of Commerce's AGM; BC Police Board Conference; the Miss NW Ambassador Pageant luncheon; the Municipal Finance Association meeting – Bank Syndicate Review; the BIA AGM; the New Westminster Police volunteers at the Annual Volunteer Appreciation & Awards Banquet; Royal Westminster Regiment's Annual Mess Dinner.

COMMITTEE MINUTES AND RECOMMENDATIONS

12. [Motion to receive and adopt the minutes of a meeting of Council in Committee of the Whole held February 16, 2009.](#)

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the minutes of the Committee of the Whole meeting held on February 16, 2009, be received and adopted.

CARRIED.

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

13. **Recommendations from Council in Committee of the Whole meeting held March 2, 2009.**

Director of Engineering

a) **City Wide Review of Street Lighting Illumination Levels**

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT staff be directed to prepare a long term strategy for upgrading the City's roadway lighting based on the priority criteria contained within the study entitled, "City Wide Review of Street Lighting" prepared by DMD Consultants – February 24, 2009;

THAT staff prepare policies to consider the following elements:

- *Investigate the use of adaptive street lighting within the City*
- *Pursue and pilot the use of alternate luminaire technologies (LED etc.)*
- *Develop standards of lighting and standard fixtures for heritage precincts; and*

THAT elements of a city light policy might include:

- *Road and public safety.*
- *Reduction of light pollution with a goal of allowing the night sky to be more visible.*
- *Reduction of light trespass into houses and apartments.*
- *Use of adaptive lighting to reduce energy consumption during off peak periods.*
- *Energy consumption.*
- *Heritage aspects of lighting.*
- *Develop a pilot project for the use of LED lighting, as described in the report.*
- *Crime Prevention Through Environment Design (CPTED) principles; and*

***THAT** the March 2, 2009 report from the Director of Engineering, regarding a City Wide Review of Street Lighting Illumination Levels be forwarded to the Environment Advisory Committee and to the Energy Management Committee for comment.*

CARRIED.

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

Director of Development Services

b) 1248 Ewen Avenue / Demolition Order

MOVED and SECONDED

***THAT** the following resolution be approved:*

***WHEREAS** Section 73 of the Community Charter authorizes Council to impose remedial actions in relations to a building that it considers to be in a hazardous condition;*

***WHEREAS** Section 74 of the Community Charter authorizes Council to declare that a building is a nuisance and to impose remedial actions in relations to the declared nuisance;*

***WHEREAS** Council believes that the building located on property known by the civic address of 1248 Ewen Avenue and more particularly described as BLK 15, NWD GROUP 1, PL 2620 BLOCK 15, NEW WEST DISTRICT GROUP 1, PLAN 2620 DISTRICT LOT 757/758, GROUP 1, EXCEPT PLAN PCL B (EP12765), W 5 ACRES OF BLK 17 and hereafter referred to as "1248 Ewen Avenue" is unsafe and so dilapidated and unclean as to be offensive to the community and a nuisance; and*

***WHEREAS** 1248 Ewen Avenue is owned by Harold O. Buchholz;*

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

- a) *Pursuant to Sections 73 and 74 of the Community Charter and upon Council finding that it considers that the house located at 1248 Ewen Avenue is in an unsafe condition and is so dilapidated and unclean as to be offensive to the community, the following remedial action is imposed: **Building is to be demolished and removed by the owner, Harold O. Buchholz, or the owner's agent within 60 days after service of this Order.***
- b) *It is hereby further ordered pursuant to section 77 (3) (b) of the Community Charter that:*
 - i) *In the case of default by the owner or agent to comply with this Order, the City, by its employees and others, may enter 1248 Ewen Avenue and effect the demolition and removal of or otherwise dealing with the house on this property at the expense of the owner or owner's agent.*

(ii) *The charges for doing the work under paragraph (i), including all incidental expenses, if unpaid on December 31, 2009, are to be added to and form part of the taxes payable on the land or real property at 1248 Ewen Avenue.*

CARRIED.

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

- c) Zoning Amendment Bylaw to Allow Temporary Commercial and Industrial Use Permits in Downtown New Westminster (Bylaw No. 7304, 2009)**

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 7304, 2009 be received.

CARRIED.

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

- d) Built Environment and Active Transportation Grant**

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council provide its full support for the Seniors Mobility Pilot Project proposal as described in the March 2, 2009 report from the Director of Development Services and that it accept responsibility for providing overall grant and financial management.

CARRIED.

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

- e) Multicultural and Race Relations Awards Program**

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council endorse the proposed Multicultural and Race Relations Awards Program and that it allocate \$750 to implement the program in 2009.

CARRIED.

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

- f) Development Permit for 1625 Fifth Avenue – Krueger – Biomass Gasification**

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Development Permit 010 (NAN) for 1625 Fifth Avenue be approved for issuance.

CARRIED.

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

g) Samson V Update

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT temporary ship's caretaker services be approved for up to eight weeks at a maximum cost of \$10,000, subject to staff reporting back to Council on the activities of the caretaker and future plans for the vessel's maintenance and operation.

CARRIED.

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

h) Consultation Requirements Relating to Proposed Amendments to the New Westminster Official Community Plan for the Development of 409 Boyne Street and Undeveloped City Laneway

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council, in consideration of Local Government Act Section 879, direct staff to seek public input on the proposed Official Community Plan amendment relating to 409 Boyne Street in the following manner:

- a) *Direct staff to advise and consult with:*
 - *the Board of the Greater Vancouver Regional District*
 - *South Coast British Columbia Regional Transportation Authority;*
 - *the Greater Vancouver Sewerage and Drainage District Board;*
 - *the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure;*
 - *the Queensborough Residents' Association.*
- b) *Direct staff to seek input from interested parties in the following manner:*
 - *place an advertisement in the newspaper to notify the public of this application; and*
 - *send a notification letter to the owners and occupants within 650 feet of the subject property.*
- c) *Not require consultation with:*
 - *the Boards of any Regional District adjacent to the area covered by the application, as none are considered to be affected by the application;*
 - *the Board of School District 40;*
 - *any First Nations;*
 - *any greater boards or improvement districts other than as noted herein, as none are considered to be affected by this application; and*

- *any provincial or federal agency other than as noted herein, as none are considered to be affected by this application.*

CARRIED.

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

i) Release of Draft Metro Vancouver Regional Growth Strategy: Metro Vancouver 2040: Shaping Our Future

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT staff be directed to prepare a report for Council's consideration at its March 23, 2009, Committee of the Whole to:

- a. Respond to the Regional Planning Committee's request for comments on the main issues that need to be considered in the review of the draft regional growth strategy; and*
- b. Outline a work program for broader community review of the draft regional growth strategy.*

CARRIED.

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

Director of Engineering

j) Proposed Pesticide Use Bylaw (Bylaw No. 7288, 2008)

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Pesticide Use Bylaw No. 7288, 2008 be received; and THAT Council direct staff to initiate a pesticide use education program.

CARRIED.

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

k) Construction Noise Bylaw Variance to Allow B & B Contracting to Carry Out a Storm Sewer Installation.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council approve a Construction Noise Bylaw Variance for B&B Contracting Ltd. to carry out installation of a storm sewer on East Columbia Street for four nights during the period between March 9 to 27.

CARRIED.

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

l) Construction Noise Bylaw Variance to Allow Metro Vancouver to Carry Out Sewer Interceptor Maintenance

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT City Council approve the attached construction noise bylaw variance application from Metro Vancouver, to allow scheduled maintenance of their sewer interceptor on Columbia Street between April 1 to April 10, 2009.

CARRIED.

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

Director of Finance and Information Technology

m) Financing for the Purchase of the Westminster Pier Property

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council authorizes a liability under Section 175 of the Community Charter for the purchase and remediation of the Westminster Pier Property in the amount of up to \$10.5 million (ten million, five hundred thousand dollars) to be repaid within five years of when the funds were borrowed based on the following repayment schedule, with no provisions for renewal:

- \$5 million on or before December 31, 2010; and
- \$5.5 million on or before December 31, 2013.

CARRIED.

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

n) Application for Grant Funding – Canada – BC Building Canada Fund

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council direct staff to make application to the Canada – BC Building Canada Fund for the project Westminster Pier Park & Greenway; and

THAT Council, upon receiving confirmation of the above noted grant, direct staff to amend the City's 2009 – 2013 Capital Plan to include this project with the City's portion of the funding to come from reserves, Development Cost Charges and/or long term debt.

CARRIED.

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

BYLAWS

14. Animal Control Amendment Bylaw No. 7297, 2009 [a Bylaw to amend New Westminster Animal Control Bylaw 7037, 2005] **ADOPTION**

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Animal Control Amendment Bylaw No. 7297, 2009, be adopted.

CARRIED.

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

15. New Westminster Pesticide Use Bylaw No. 7288, 2008 [a Bylaw to regulate the cosmetic use of pesticides within the City of New Westminster] **THREE READINGS**

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT New Westminster Pesticide Use Bylaw No. 7288, 2008, be read a first time.

CARRIED.

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

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT New Westminster Pesticide Use Bylaw No. 7288, 2008, be read a second time.

CARRIED.

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

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT New Westminster Pesticide Use Bylaw No. 7288, 2008, be read a third time.

CARRIED.

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

16. Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 7304, 2009 [a Bylaw to Amend Zoning Bylaw No. 6680, 2001 re: extension of the land use designation in the Official Community Plan to allow temporary commercial and industrial use permits in all areas in the Downtown neighbourhood] **TWO READINGS**

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 7304, 2009, 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. 7304, 2009, 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 23, 2009 at 8:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber, City Hall)

17. **Official Community Plan Designation Amendment bylaw No. 7298, 2009** [a Bylaw to Amend Official Community Plan Designation bylaw No. 6476, 1998 and Official Community Plan Designation Bylaw No. 6266, 1995]

(Announcement: A Public Hearing originally scheduled for 7:00 p.m. on Monday, March 23, 2009 is rescheduled to **8:00 p.m.** on Monday, March 23, 2009 in the Council Chamber, City Hall)

NEXT MEETING

Monday, March 23, 2009

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.

Public Hearing at 8:00 p.m.:

Official Community Plan Designation Amendment bylaw No. 7298, 2009 [a Bylaw to Amend Official Community Plan Designation bylaw No. 6476, 1998 and Official Community Plan Designation Bylaw No. 6266, 1995] (401 Jardine Street, Former Western Forest Products site)

ADJOURNMENT

ON MOTION, the meeting adjourned at 9:13 p.m.

Certified Correct,

WAYNE WRIGHT
MAYOR

RICHARD L. PAGE
CORPORATE OFFICER