

COUNCIL IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

March 3, 2014 at 3:00 p.m.
Council Chamber, City Hall

MINUTES

PRESENT:

Mayor Wayne Wright
Councillor Jonathan Côté
Councillor Bill Harper
Councillor Jaimie McEvoy
Councillor Betty McIntosh
Councillor Chuck Puchmayr
Councillor Lorrie Williams

STAFF:

Ms. Lisa Spitale	- Chief Administrative Officer
Ms. Jan Gibson	- Acting Corporate Officer/Director of Legislative Services
Mr. G. Dean Gibson	- Director of Parks, Culture and Recreation
Ms. Bev Grieve	- Director of Development Services
Mr. Gary Holowatiuk	- Director of Finance & Information Technology
Mr. Jim Lowrie	- Director of Engineering Services
Mr. John Stark	- Senior Social Planner
Ms. Julie Schueck	- Heritage and Community Planner
Ms. Stephanie Lam	- Council and Committee Clerk

GUESTS:

Dr. William Dick	- Vice President, Medical Programs
Mr. George Papadopoulos	- Director, Quality, Patient Safety and Accreditation
Randy Hansen	- BC Ambulance Services

The meeting was called to order at 3:40 p.m.

ADDITIONS / DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the agenda be amended by adding:

- *New item 15 – License to Occupy Agreement for Simcoe Park;*

CARRIED.

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

The Consent Agenda - Council members may adopt in one motion all recommendations appearing on the Consent Agenda or, prior to the vote, request an item be removed from the Consent Agenda for debate or discussion, voting in opposition to a recommendation, or declaring a conflict of interest with an item.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT items 9, 10, and 11 be removed from the agenda.

CARRIED.

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

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the remaining consent agenda items be approved.

CARRIED.

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

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

1. **MOTION** to approve the minutes of the Committee of the Whole meeting held January 27, 2014

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the minutes of the Committee of the Whole meeting held January 27, 2014 be adopted.

CARRIED.

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

PRESENTATIONS

2. **BC Emergency Health Services Response Plan**, Dr. William Dick, Vice President, Medical Programs and George Papadopoulos, Director, Quality, Patient Safety and Accreditation, and District Superintendent Randy Hansen, BC Ambulance Services

Dr. William Dick, Vice President, Medical Programs and George Papadopoulos, Director, Quality, Patient Safety and Accreditation, and District Superintendent Randy Hansen, BC Ambulance Services George Papadopoulos, provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding the BC Emergency Health Services Response Plan (the Plan).

Discussion ensued, and the Presenters provided the following information in response to questions and comments of Council:

- The Plan assists in ensuring calls are directed to the correct resource;
- The Plan provides for an efficient use of staff and personnel;
- It was reported that the Ambulance Service, New Westminster Location, was relocated outside of the City following a fire that damaged the facility. It is anticipated that the permanent facility will be relocated to Burnaby;

- There are two 24 hour ambulances housed at on Rousseau Street to serve the City of New Westminster. If additional ambulances are required, neighbouring facilities will be contacted to assist;
- Emergency Operators are trained to operate the scripted system, and it was noted that 95% are triaged correctly;
- The Plan is utilized by agencies around the world for approximately 30 years.

Members of Council expressed concerns towards the Plan, noting that a change of emergency services could have a negative impact on residents. In response to Council's comments, the Presenters advised that ambulances may upgrade the level of their call to "lights and sirens" at anytime (eg: traffic congestion while travelling to the destination). The Presenters advised that any service calls deemed lengthy have been reported to BCEHS, noting each scenario has been investigated. It was noted that the majority of calls have received the appropriate service in an appropriate amount of time.

Referring to the Fire Chiefs Association of BC's Annual General Meeting, members of Council requested details as to why the Plan is not supported. The Presenters advised that there several options for responding to service calls, adding that the method of response varies based on the origin of the phone call (eg: Rural vs. Urban regions in BC). As a result, responses may vary.

With respect to the relocation of the previous New Westminster Ambulance Services Facility, Council suggested the Twelfth Street corridor be revisited as a possible location.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

3. No Items

REPORTS FOR ACTION

4. Interpretive Panels for Placement on Parcel C of the Former Woodlands Site, Director of Development Services

John Stark, Senior Social Planner, and Julie Schueck, Heritage and Community Planner, summarized the report dated March 3, 2014 and spoke to the process for developing the Interpretive Panels for placement on Parcel C (the former Woodlands site). It was noted that the size of the panels are approximately 2.5 x 5 feet.

Council noted that the proposed Panels capture a wide scope of the Woodland's history while being sensitive to negative memories and experiences associated with the site.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council approve the revised text for the interpretive panels titled "Architecture", "Decision-making" and "From Asylum to Community" and the elimination of the interpretative panel titled "Individual Voices"; and

THAT Council direct staff to organize an unveiling ceremony of the revised panels at a Regular Council meeting in late spring 2014.

CARRIED.

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

5. 2014 City Partnership Grant – Massey Theatre, Director of Finance and Information Technology

Gary Holowatiuk, Director of Finance and Information Technology, summarized the report dated March 3, 2014 regarding the Massey Theatre Partnership Grant and advised that the Massey Theatre Society did not receive the Provincial Gaming grant for 2014.

It was noted that the Massey Theatre had encountered financial challenges in 2012 and submitted a request to Council for an advance on their 2013 grant. As a result, the records for the Massey Theatre's 2013 grant revealed a reduced amount in comparison to 2012.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the request for an increase in the Massey Theatre Society's 2014 Partnership Grant be denied.

CARRIED.

Councillor McEvoy and Councillor Williams voted in opposition.

CONSENT AGENDA

Director of Development Services

6. 2014 Child Care Grant Program Request – Queen's Park Preschool Society

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council accept and endorse the grant request from Queen's Park Preschool Society in the amount of \$3, 000.

CARRIED.

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

Director of Engineering Services

7. City of New Westminster Membership in Community Energy Association

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the December 10, 2013 letter from City of North Vancouver Mayor and Community Energy Association Co-chair Darrell Mussatto to Mayor Wright and Council, inviting the City to become a CEA member, be received;

THAT the City accept the Community Energy Association's offer of membership at the Associate Member level.

CARRIED.

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

Director of Finance and Information Technology

8. Municipal and Regional District Tax (formerly known as Hotel Room Tax)

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the attached letter be signed by the Mayor and directed to Tourism New Westminster on behalf of Council.

CARRIED.

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

12. Front Counter Civic Payment Services & Library Book Return Services

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT civic payment services be implemented at the Centennial Community Centre and Century House as outlined in this report; and

THAT library book return services be implemented at Centennial Community Centre and City Hall.

CARRIED.

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

Committee Recommendations

13. Advisory Committee for Transit, Bicycles and Pedestrians (ACTBiPed): Snow Removal Policy Reminder

MOVED and SECONDED

WHEREAS snow events caused significant safety issues for pedestrians within the City;

WHEREAS current levels of compliance by property owners with Bylaw 6027 are not sufficient to ensure pedestrian safety;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council explores avenues to remind citizens about snow removal obligations on sidewalks, including, but not limited to:

- *Seasonal annual notice in the electrical bills*
- *Utilizing City billboards during snow periods*

CARRIED.

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

ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

Director of Parks, Culture and Recreation

9. 2014 Community Grant Recommendations

Dean Gibson, Director of Parks, Culture, and Recreation, introduced the report dated March 3, 2014 summarizing the recommendations for the 2014 Community Grants.

Council expressed support for the grant proposal “Canstruction” (item 13), noting that the canned goods utilized in the event is donated to the food bank.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT grant funding to support Community initiatives, excluding item 19 (page 4, report dated March 3, 2014), be awarded as outlined in Appendix “A” of the report dated March 3, 2014 with the following amendment:

THAT an additional \$400 be awarded to item 13 – New Westminster Secondary School for “Canstruction” (item 13, page 3, report dated March 3, 2014).

CARRIED.

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

Procedural Note: Councillor McEvoy declared a conflict of interest and exited the meeting at 5:10pm.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT grant funding to support item 19, Royal City Volunteers, c/o Fraser North Community Volunteer Connections Society for “New Westminster Festival of Volunteers” (page 4 of the report dated March 3, 2014), be awarded.

CARRIED.

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

Procedural Note: Councillor McEvoy re-entered the meeting at 5:11pm.

10. 2014 Arts & Culture Grant Recommendations

Council spoke to the contributions the Arts Council of New Westminster has provided to the City, and it was suggested that the funding for “LITFEST New West” and the “Momentum – Youth Arts Movement” be increased.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT grant funding to support Arts and Culture initiatives, excluding item 5 (page 1, report dated March 3, 2014) be awarded as outlined in Appendix “A” of the report dated March 3, 2014 with the following amendments:

THAT an additional \$500 be awarded to item 1 – Arts Council of New Westminster for “LITFEST New West” (item 1, page 1, report dated March 3, 2014).

THAT an additional \$550 be awarded to item 2 – Arts Council of New Westminster for “Momentum – Youth Arts Movement” (item 2, page 1, report dated March 3, 2014).

CARRIED.

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

Procedural Note: Councillor McEvoy declared a conflict of interest and exited the meeting at 5:12pm.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT grant funding to support item 5, New Westminster Community Media Society – New West TV, (Page 1, report dated March 3, 2014), be awarded.

CARRIED.

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

Procedural Note: Councillor McEvoy re-entered the meeting at 5:13pm.

11. Festival Event Planning

Dean Gibson, Director of Parks, Culture, and Recreation, summarized the report dated March 3, 2014 regarding Festival Event Planning in the City. Council spoke to the need of organizing the City’s Festival Event Planning procedures, and advised that the City of Coquitlam has one committee and staff person overseeing the process.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council approve the actions as outlines in this report.

CARRIED.

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

CORRESPONDENCE

14. Correspondence for Information

Motion to receive the following correspondence:

a. City of Regina letter dated January 31, 2014 regarding Mayor's Poetry City Challenge: A Celebration of Poetry, Writing and Publishing

Council expressed support for participating in the City of Regina's Mayor's Poetry Challenge, and requested staff to contact the City's Poet Laureate with respect to providing a submission on behalf of New Westminster.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the correspondence dated January 31, 2014 be received and referred to staff.

CARRIED.

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

b. Metro Vancouver Homeless Count 2014 letter dated February 12, 2014 acknowledging the assistance of City staff and noting the need for more count volunteers

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the correspondence dated February 12, 2014 be received.

CARRIED.

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

c. Canadian Union of Postal Workers letter dated February 12, 2014 thanking Council for passing resolutions regarding the Canadian Postal Service

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the correspondence dated February 12, 2014 be received.

CARRIED.

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

d. Private Secretary to the Lieutenant Governor letter dated February 17, 2104 regarding "Sing Me A Song," a new program to promote music and community spirit across the province

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the correspondence dated February 17, 2014 be received.

CARRIED.

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

- e. Residents of Queens Park Place letter and petition received February 24, 2014 regarding modifying street parking restrictions at 55 Blackberry Drive

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the correspondence received February 24, 2014 be received and referred to staff.

CARRIED.

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

NEW BUSINESS

15. Licence to Occupy Agreement for Simcoe Park (On Table)

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Mayor and Corporate Officer be authorized to execute the Licence to Occupy Agreement, substantially in the form as included as Attachment "A" to the report dated March 3, 2014, between the City and the New Westminster School District for the temporary use of a portion of Simcoe Park.

CARRIED.

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

ADJOURNMENT

ON MOTION, the meeting was adjourned at 5:29pm.

Certified Correct,

WAYNE WRIGHT
MAYOR

JAN GIBSON
ACTING CORPORATE OFFICER