

REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL

March 3, 2014 at 12:00 p.m.
With immediate adjournment to Closed Meeting
Regular Council reconvenes at 7:00 p.m.
Council Chamber
City Hall

MINUTES

PRESENT:

Mayor Wayne Wright
Councillor Jonathan Coté
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
Mr. Gary Holowatiuk	- Director of Finance & Information Technology
Mr. Jim Lowrie	- Director of Engineering Services
Ms. Bev Grieve	- Director of Development Services
Ms. Stephanie Lam	- Committee Clerk

The meeting was called to order at 7:01pm.

EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC

1. **MOVED and SECONDED:**

THAT pursuant to Section 90 of the Community Charter, members of the public be excluded from the Closed Meeting of Council immediately following the Regular Meeting of Council on the basis that the subject matter of all agenda items to be considered relate to matters listed under Sections 90(1)(a), 90(1)(e), 90(1)(j), and 90(1)(k) of the Community Charter:

- (a) *personal information about an identifiable individual who holds or is being considered for a position as an officer, employee or agent of the municipality or another position appointed by the municipality;*

- (e) *the acquisition, disposition or expropriation of land or improvements, if the council considers that disclosure could reasonably be expected to harm the interests of the municipality;*
- (j) *information that is prohibited, or information that if it were presented in a document would be prohibited, from disclosure under section 21 of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act;*
- (k) *negotiations and related discussions respecting the proposed provision of a municipal service that are at their preliminary stages and that, in the view of the council, could reasonably be expected to harm the interests of the municipality if they were held in public.*

CARRIED.

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

Purpose of the meeting:

Personal, property, and negotiations matters

ADJOURNMENT

2. **MOTION** to adjourn to the Council Meeting in open session and proceed to Closed Session.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the meeting be adjourned to closed session.

CARRIED.

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

RECONVENE TO REGULAR COUNCIL

3. **MOTION** to reconvene to the Regular Meeting of Council at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber.

MOVED and SECONDED

That the Regular Meeting of Council be reconvened in the Council Chamber.

CARRIED.

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

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

4. **MOTION** to Add or Delete Items from the Agenda.

There were no additions.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

5. **MOTION** to adopt minutes:

a. **January 27, 2014 Public Hearing**

MOVED and SECONDED

That the minutes of the Public Hearing held January 27, 2014 be adopted.

CARRIED.

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

b. **January 27, 2014 Regular Meeting**

MOVED and SECONDED

That the minutes of the Regular Meeting of City Council held January 27, 2014 be adopted.

CARRIED.

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

PRESENTATIONS

6. **Columbia Street Fire Art Project**, Herbert Spencer Elementary School Grade 3 and Grade 4 students and Jessica Deitcher, Teacher

Jessica Deitcher, Grade 3 and 4 Herbert Spencer Elementary School Teacher, and her students presented an art Project to recognize those businesses lost due to the Columbia Street Fire.

Council commended the students for their work and creativity with the project, and acknowledged the support provided by the Community during this time of need.

7. **May Day Draw**

Council welcomed the 2013 May Day Suite, as well as the candidates for the 2014 May Day Draw. Members of the May Day Committee provided a brief background regarding the history of May Day, and the 2013 May Day Suite conducted the May Day Draw. The following girls and boys were selected as the 2014 May Day Suite:

- Fourth Flower Girl – Richard McBride, Moira Young and Sean Chesman
- Third Flower Girl – Herbert Spencer, Anna Rose Machiuk, Teodor Petkovic
- Second Flower Girl – John Robson, Teadora Kadanoff, Manaf Al-Jawadi
- First Flower Girl – Lord Kelvin, Asia Cornelius, Ethan Ginogino

- Register Bearer – Connaught Heights, Emma Sneep, Praniel Surgrive
- Medal Bearer – Lord Tweedsmuir, Ella Foster, Michael Paul
- 2nd Maid of Honour – Queensborough Middle School, Nadya Raza, Tejan Sing
- 1st Maid of Honour – Hume Park, Misha Dilshad, Nolan Common
- 144th, May Queen – F W Howie, Cassidy Tecklenborg, Peyton Arndt

The May Day festivities will be held on Wednesday, May 21, 2014 at Queen's Park Stadium.

8. 2013 Highlights and Accomplishments, Lisa Spitale, Chief Administrative Officer

Lisa Spitale, Chief Administrative Officer, provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding the City's 2013 Highlights and Accomplishments. Ms. Spitale summarized details regarding the following:

- Achievements by each Departments
- Seven Catalyst Capital Projects
- Awards won by the City.

Council spoke to the ongoing strategic plan established to make New Westminster a progressive City, and highlighted the Environmental, Social, and Economic projects accomplished, noting that the multiple awards received to date can be directly associated with the hard work of Council, Staff, Committee Volunteers, and the Community.

9. Annual Address, Mayor Wayne Wright

Mayor Wright provided the 2014 Annual Address which spoke to the progress achieved by the City in 2013, and the future plans for the City as business carries into 2014.

Mayor Wright spoke to the progress carried out by the City, and highlighted upcoming projects, such as the Anvil Centre, the Schools projects, and the Larco Development, which will provide a long-term benefit to the Community.

Members of Council echoed Mayor Wright's comments with respect to the multiple achievements and ongoing projects in the City, and acknowledged the construction of the Anvil Centre and the sale of the Office Tower as a major accomplishment.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Annual Address be received.

CARRIED.

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

Procedural Note: Item 15 was considered following item 9.

15. Sale of Office Tower, Anvil Centre (On Table)

Mayor Wright announced that the Anvil Centre Office Tower in his annual address, and Lisa Spitale, Chief Administrative Officer, provided an On-Table report dated March 3, 2014 summarizing details of the sale.

Council acknowledged the hard work that has been committed into the planning and construction of the Anvil Centre, and noted the following:

- The Class A, LEED Gold, Office Tower will positively impact the local economy by providing hundreds of jobs to Downtown New Westminster;
- The Anvil Centre will be Metro Vancouver's newest and most technologically advanced conference facility;
- The Anvil Centre features a theatre, banquet rooms, retail space, a museum and archives, an art gallery, and the Canadian Lacrosse Hall of Fame;
- Approximately \$600K in annual tax revenue, which will provide the City will further opportunities for success;

As a result of the sale of the building, Council noted that the taxpayer's will not bear the cost of construction, adding that the surplus will assist in offsetting the costs of the Civic Centre.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the On Table report dated March 31, 2014 be received.

CARRIED.

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

DELEGATIONS

10. Open Delegations

Tony Antonias, Special Advisor to the Arts Commission, spoke about the Wildlife Rescue Association (WRA), and encouraged citizens to visit the new WRA website at www.facebook.com/wildliferescue, or www.wildliferescue.ca.

Christopher Bell, resident, expressed concerns regarding the City's Draft Financial Plan and the sale of the City's Anvil Centre Office Tower. Lisa Spitale, Chief Administrative Officer, summarized the On Table report dated March 3, 2014 which provides details regarding the sale of the Anvil Centre Office Tower.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

11. No Items

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

12. Recommendations from Council in Committee of the Whole meeting held March 3, 2014:

- a) **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.

b) **BC Emergency Health Services Response Plan**

Members of Council suggested that BC Emergency Services conduct further consultation regarding the Response Plan is required, as the Plan affects all residents of BC.

It was noted that a presentation regarding the Response Plan was received at the BC Emergency Health Services Annual General Meeting, and requested a copy of the materials be forwarded to Council.

It was noted that BC Emergency Health Services is the Province's Ambulance Service.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the presentation be received for information.

CARRIED.

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

c) Interpretive Panels for Placement on Parcel C of the Former Woodlands Site

Council acknowledged the history and emotions surrounding the former Woodlands site, and noted that the Interpretive Panels represents a positive move forward for the Community.

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 interpretive 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.

d) 2014 City Partnership Grant – Massey Theatre

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.

e) 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.

f) 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; and

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.

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

Council expressed support for the 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.

h) 2014 Community Grant Recommendations

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 9:14pm.

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 immediately following the vote.

i) 2014 Arts & Culture Grant Recommendations

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 9:16pm.

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 immediately following the vote.

j) Festival Event Planning

Council spoke to the City's next steps for Festival Event Planning, and supported the recommendation for a checklist outlining the City's requirements with respect to hosting an event, as noted in the staff report dated March 3, 2014.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council approve the actions as outlined in the report dated March 3, 2014.

CARRIED.

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

k) Front Counter Civic Payment Services & Library Book Return Services

Council noted that access to services, such as civic payment services and library book returns, will provide convenience to the users.

Council requested that staff provide an update following the one year anniversary of the additional 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

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

Council spoke to the importance of ensuring citizens are properly notified with respect to maintaining road and sidewalk safety through the shoveling of snow and the salting of roads.

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.

m) Licence to Occupy Agreement for Simcoe Park

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.

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

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.

o) Correspondence for Information:

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the following correspondence be received for information:

- *Canadian Union of Postal Workers letter dated February 12, 2014 thanking Council for passing resolutions regarding the Canadian Postal Service*
- *Metro Vancouver Homeless Count 2014 letter dated February 12, 2014 acknowledging the assistance of City staff and noting the need for more count volunteers*
- *Private Secretary to the Lieutenant Governor letter dated February 17, 2014 regarding "Sing Me A Song," a new program to promote music and community spirit across the province*

CARRIED.

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

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 be referred to staff for consideration and response.

CARRIED.

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

p) **Recruitment 2014: Resignation to the Public Art Advisory Committee**

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the appointment of Paul Rodham to the Public Art Advisory Committee be rescinded effective immediately;

THAT Council appoint Christopher Dawson Murphy to the Public Art Advisory Committee with a term ending January 31, 2015;

CARRIED.

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

q) **Recruitment 2014: Architectural Institute of British Columbia (AIBC) Nominees for the New Westminster Design Panel**

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council appoint the following applicants as the Architectural Institute of British Columbia representatives to the New Westminster Design Panel with a term ending January 31, 2016:

1. *Jay Hiscox*
2. *Douglas Hamming*

CARRIED.

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

BYLAWS

13. **Bylaws for adoption:**

- a. **Development Cost Charge Reserve Funds Expenditure Bylaw No. 7670, 2014** [A Bylaw to authorize the expenditure of moneys from the Development Cost Charge Reserve Fund(s) for 2014 debt retirement related to DCC capital expenditures]

ADOPTION

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Development Cost Charge Reserve Funds Expenditure Bylaw No. 7670, 2014 be adopted.

CARRIED.

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

14. **Bylaws coming forward from the Committee of the Whole meeting held March 3, 2014:**

No items.

NEW BUSINESS

Item 15 was considered following item 9.

CORRESPONDENCE

16. No Items

REPORTS

Council member reports were deferred to the next Regular Council meeting.

NEXT MEETING

March 17, 2014

The proposed Regular Session convenes at 12:00 pm and immediately adjourns to closed session in Committee Room 2 on the 2nd Floor at City Hall; the Committee of the Whole commences at 3:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber on 2nd Floor at City Hall. The Regular meeting of Council reconvenes at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber on the 2nd Floor at City Hall.

ADJOURNMENT

ON MOTION, the meeting was adjourned at 9:29 p.m.

Certified Correct,

WAYNE WRIGHT
MAYOR

JAN GIBSON
ACTING CORPORATE OFFICER