



CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF NEW WESTMINSTER

COUNCIL IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

March 5, 2007 3:11 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. Jim Lowrie	- Acting City Administrator
Ms. Judi Turner	- Acting City Clerk
Mr. Rod Carle	- General Manager, Electrical Utility
Mr. Tim Whitehead	- Director of Development Services
Mr. Gary Holowatiuk	- Director of Finance
Chief Carl Nepstad	- Director of Fire and Rescue
Mr. Dean Gibson	- Director of Parks and Recreation
Chief Lorne Zapotichny	- Police Services

PRESENTATION

1. **Homelessness Strategy** – Director of Development Services
 - **Presentation** - Assistant Director of Development Services
 - **Discussion**

Catherine and Jim Woodward, Jim Woodward & Associates Inc., were in attendance to present the recommendations from the Homelessness Coalition and to respond to questions.

REPORTS FOR ACTION

Director of Development Services:

2. [New Westminster Homelessness Coalition's Homelessness Action Strategy and Implementation Plan for New Westminster Report](#)

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the report from the Director of Development Services dated February 28, 2007, providing the New Westminster Homelessness Coalition's Action Strategy and staff comments on the document and outlining a process for the refinement of the City's homelessness policies and strategy, be received for information.

CARRIED.

All members of Committee voted in favour of the motion.

Director of Engineering/General Manager – Electrical Operations:

3. [Amendment to Electrical Bylaw No. 6502, 1998 \(Bylaw No. 7151, 2007\)](#)

The General Manager of Electrical Operations responded to questions regarding the March 1, 2007, joint report from himself and the Director of Engineering Services, seeking approval for changes to the Electrical Utility Bylaw and requesting three readings for the Bylaw.

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

THAT "Electrical Utility Amendment Bylaw No. 7151, 2007" be forwarded to the Regular Council meeting of March 5, 2007, for consideration of three readings.

CARRIED.

All members of Committee voted in favour of the motion.

Director of Finance:

4. [Lane Paving between Sixth Avenue/Regina Street, west of Second Street, Local Area Service Parcel Tax \(Bylaw No. 7150\)](#)

The Director of Finance and Information Technology presented his March 5, 2007, report seeking Council's direction and approval to prepare a parcel tax roll for consideration by the Parcel Tax Roll Review Panel, to set a date for the sitting of the Review Panel and to prepare a parcel tax bylaw.

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

THAT the Lane Paving Between Sixth Avenue and Regina Street, West of Second Street, Local Area Service Parcel Tax Roll Bylaw No. 7150, 2007, be forwarded to the Regular Council meeting of March 5, 2007, for consideration of three readings;

THAT the Parcel Tax Roll Review Panel, consisting of all members of Council, convene on April 2, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chamber at City Hall, 511 Royal Avenue, New Westminster to identify, confirm and authenticate the parcel tax roll and that staff be directed to provide for notification in accordance with the requirements of the Community Charter; and

THAT staff be directed to prepare a Parcel Tax Bylaw for subsequent consideration by Council, with respect to the Lane Paving Between Sixth Avenue and Regina Street, West of Second Street, Local Area Service Parcel Tax Roll Bylaw No. 7150, 2007

CARRIED.

All members of Committee voted in favour of the motion.

Director of Development Services:

5. [Rezoning of 514 Garfield Street \(Bylaw No. 7147, 2007\) & Development Variance Permit 451:](#)

The Director of Development Services responded to questions regarding his March 5, 2007, report regarding an application to rezone 514 Garfield Street and for a Development Variance Permit for a rear yard setback. He confirmed that staff is preparing a development policy with a Residents' Association which will be presented to Council.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the March 5, 2007 report from the Director of Development Services presenting the findings of the Advisory Planning Commission on the proposal at 514 Garfield Street, be received.

CARRIED.

All members of Committee voted in favour of the motion.

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

THAT Zoning Amendment Bylaw 7147, 2007 be forwarded to the Regular Council meeting of March 5, 2007, for consideration of two readings; and **THAT** Council give notice that it will consider a resolution to issue Development Variance Permit 451 to allow a rear setback of 10.66 feet (3.25 metres) for the existing house at 514 Garfield Street.

CARRIED.

All members of Committee voted in favour of the motion.

6. [Community Tourism Foundation – New Westminster Tourism Situation Analysis](#)

Members supported the direction presented in the March 5, 2007, report from the Director of Development Services summarizing the key findings from the Tourism Situation Analysis for New Westminster and introducing key topics of discussion at the March 12, 2007 meeting of Council when the draft Tourism and Marketing

Plan for New Westminster will be presented to Council. Suggestions were made for addition to the data presented.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the report from the Director of Development Services dated March 5, 2007, report summarizing the key findings from the Tourism Situation Analysis for New Westminster, be received for information.

CARRIED.

All members of Committee voted in favour of the motion.

COMMITTEE MINUTES AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

7. Community & Social Issues Committee meeting of February 15, 2007.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the minutes of the Community & Social Issues Committee meeting of February 15, 2007, be received and adopted.

CARRIED.

All members of Committee voted in favour of the motion.

With respect to Child Care, the Director of Development Services clarified that approvals from Council have not been received. However, a report will be forwarded to Council on the matter.

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

THAT the Federal Government be asked to ensure that the new Homelessness Partnership Initiative (HPI) program include funding for programs that provide acute and long-term prevention of homelessness.

CARRIED

All members of Committee voted in favour of the motion.

8. Recommendation From Youth Advisory Committee Meeting Of February 22, 2007

Mr. Bart Slotman, Westminster Mall, was present and explained that decreasing attendance at the Cinemas has been the catalyst for the decision to close the Cinema. He displayed elevations of the proposed redevelopment into office space and reviewed a number of its features.

During the ensuing discussion, it was suggested that other means might emerge for providing cinema service in the City.

In light of the foregoing, Councillor Cote agreed to return the matter of the Youth Advisory Committee recommendation regarding closure of New Westminster Cinemas to the next Committee meeting for further information.

9. 2007 Community Grants (on table)

The Director of Finance and Information Technology circulated his March 5, 2007 on table report seeking approval for 2007 Community Grants.

**** MOVED and SECONDED and CARRIED, this Committee recommends *THAT the 2007 Community Grants be approved as set out in the March 5, 2007, report from the Community Grants Review Panel.***

CARRIED

All members of Committee voted in favour of the motion.

ADJOURNMENT

ON MOTION, the meeting adjourned at 5:11 p.m.

Certified Correct,

WAYNE WRIGHT, CHAIR

JUDI TURNER, ACTING CITY CLERK