



CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF NEW WESTMINSTER

## REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL

March 10, 2008 3:29 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	- Corporate Officer/Director of Legislative Services
Ms. Lisa Spitale	- Director of Development Services
Mr. Jim Lowrie	- Director of Engineering Services
Mr. Gary Holowatiuk	- Director of Finance
Ms. Judi Turner	- Assistant Corporate Officer

Council adjourned to Committee of the Whole at 3:29 p.m. and reconvened in the Council Chamber at 7:01 p.m. with all those listed earlier present.

#### PRESENTATION

- 2008 Heritage Week – Presentation Ceremony**
  - Awards Presentation
  - Presentation of 36<sup>th</sup> Annual Royal City Builders' Award Heritage Shield to Curtis and Priscilla Mason, 211 Regina Street

Mayor Wright presided over the presentation of the 36<sup>th</sup> Annual Royal City Builders' Award Heritage Shield to Curtis Mason of 211 Regina Street and for the 2008 Heritage Week awards.

## RECESS

**MOVED and SECONDED**

*THAT the Regular Meeting of Council recess.*

**CARRIED.**

All members of Council voted in favour of the motion.

The Regular Meeting of Council recessed at 7:28 p.m. and reconvened at 7:35 .m. with all members of Council present.

## PRESENTATION

2. **Budget Presentation** – Gary Holowatiuk, Director of Finance & Information Technology

Gary Holowatiuk, Director of Finance and Information Technology, made a presentation on the draft 2008-2012 Financial Plan for the City. He reviewed the purpose of a plan, budget challenges, overview and public processes.

## RECESS

**MOVED and SECONDED**

*THAT the Regular Meeting of Council recess.*

**CARRIED.**

All members of Council voted in favour of the motion.

The Regular Meeting of Council recessed at 8:11 p.m. and reconvened at 8:20 p.m. with all members of Council present.

## ADOPTION OF MINUTES

3. **Motion to adopt [the minutes of the last regular meeting of the City Council held March 3, 2008](#)**

**MOVED and SECONDED**

*THAT the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held on March 3, 2008, be received and adopted.*

**CARRIED.**

All members of Council voted in favour of the motion.

**MOVED and SECONDED**

*THAT the order of the Agenda be varied to deal with Items #5 & 6, following Item #2.*

**CARRIED.**

All members of Council voted in favour of the motion.

## BYLAWS CONSIDERED AT PUBLIC HEARING

5. [Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 7221, 2008 \[a bylaw to rezone 1602 Nanaimo Street from Neighbourhood Residential Dwelling Districts \(NR-1\) to Neighbourhood Residential Dwelling Districts \(Small Lots\) \(NR-5\)\]](#)

**THIRD READING**

**MOVED and SECONDED**

*THAT Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 7221, 2008, be read a third time.*

**CARRIED.**

All members of Council voted in favour of the motion.

## ISSUANCE OF DEVELOPMENT VARIANCE PERMITS

6. [Issuance of Development Variance Permit 479 \(1602 Nanaimo Street\)](#)

**MOVED and SECONDED**

*THAT Development Variance Permit 479 be approved for issuance to allow the following variances for the existing house at 1602 Nanaimo Street:*

- *A two-car parking pad in the proposed front yard (facing Sixteenth Street); and*
- *Access to off-street parking via a driveway across the proposed front yard.*

**CARRIED.**

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

## DELEGATIONS

### 4. Open Delegations

**Gavin Hainsworth of 914 Thirteenth Street, VP of the 12<sup>th</sup> Street Neighbourhood Society and Jaimie McEvoy of 340 Ginger, President of the Society**, were present to discuss aspects of the greenery for 12<sup>th</sup> Street. Mr. McEvoy asked Council last week for an opportunity for community input about the trees in the area only to find them cut down a few days later. He asked that discussion take place with the community about 12<sup>th</sup> Street for the future in connection with tree height, diameter, foliage, greenery, beauty, and shade. He requested that newly planted trees provide some of these qualities rather than planting with smaller specimens having these qualities for the future. Mr. McEvoy noted that residents in the area are also concerned over the loss of the trees and are interested in what will be replacement types.

Mr. McEvoy noted that applications for 933 and 709 Twelfth Street are positive for the area. He supported the demolition of 818 Twelfth Street if problems there cannot be addressed.

Mr. Hainsworth added the following comments:

- There are wonderful drawings which were developed when a vision for 12<sup>th</sup> Street was created and included trees, lights
- These remain the dream as a means to link the entire street into a viable commercial street
- The buildings look shabby and the wires are prominent with the trees gone
- The canopy of the removed trees did not obstruct businesses signs
- Therefore taller trees are necessary
- Encouraged Council to walk the whole street
- The street is a gateway into New Westminster and merits taller larger trees
- Will root ball containers constrain trees planned for the area.

Staff was directed to report back to Council on issues raised by the delegation.

**Andrew Murray of 707 Belyea Street representing the local chapter of the Council of Canadians and New Westminster Environmental Partners** rose to speak. He spoke of the City's use of bottled water and asked that the City discontinue purchasing bottled water as an environmental and fiscally sound practice, noting:

- New Westminster has some of the best drinking water in the world
- The use of plastic bottles causes a waste management problem
- Plastic bottles are made with chemicals and the chemicals are leaching into water sources
- Trucks, ships, and rail modes of transport are used to move the bottles; fossil fuels are used for this purpose and for operating plants
- Tap water is considerably cheaper than bottled water
- The City does not need to spend \$11,000 of tax payer dollars on bottled water.

**MOVED and SECONDED**

*THAT the following be referred to the Environment Committee and to the Directors of Engineering and Parks and Recreation for a review and report to Council on the possibility of installing a cooler system connected to the water system, with a filter system, in lieu of the continued purchase of bottled water.*

**CARRIED.**

All members of Council voted in favour of the motion.

**Robert Howie of 625 Hamilton Street** rose to speak in favour of the south line option as the best option to take transit to Coquitlam Centre. The main advantage is the ability to build an extension from Cape Horn into Coquitlam and into Surrey-Guildford. This will help to move ridership off the crowded Expo Line and onto the under-utilized Millenium Line.

This will also address the growth expected in Surrey. If the south line is chosen, a 2 km extension north of Lougheed terminating at Burquitlam will allow major redevelopment in the area. This would also remove clutter from the Lougheed Station. Building the north line without the south line will leave a large expense to the next generation.

**Christopher Bell of 1006 Nanaimo Street** rose to comment on the budget as follows:

- New Westminster is second highest in revenues but not the lowest in taxes
- It is the second highest in expenditures and the third highest in tax rates
- Why are tax rates so high if we have the second highest revenues
- How will the \$1.5 million losses from Canfor be recouped and will tax increases be used to cover the loss of this business revenue
- Why is \$3 million surplus from 2007 operational budget not being used to lower taxes
- Gaming revenues are expected to be higher this year but it is not shown where they will be used
- Sports are receiving more from this budget than the arts
- Revenue investments produced many millions of investment income – can this be used to defray taxes
- DCC's do not seem to be allocated to pavement work
- Can DCC's and developers pay 30% of the Moody Park Pool
- Can playground equipment be paid using DCC's.

The Director of Finance and Information Technology responded to issues raised by Mr. Bell.

## CORRESPONDENCE

### 7. [District of Maple Ridge re Lower Mainland Ban on Plastic Bag Use.](#)

#### **MOVED and SECONDED**

*THAT the following correspondence be received and referred to the Environment Committee:*

- *District of Maple Ridge re Lower Mainland Ban on Plastic Bag Use.*

**CARRIED.**

All members of Council voted in favour of the motion.

### 8. [Council of Canadians re Purchase of Bottled Water at the City of New Westminster](#)

This item was referred to the Environment Committee and to staff (see Item 4, Delegation by Andrew Murray).

**COMMITTEE MINUTES AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

9. **Motion to receive and adopt [the minutes of a meeting of Council in Committee of the Whole held March 3, 2008](#)**

**MOVED and SECONDED**

*THAT the minutes of the Council in Committee of the Whole meeting held on March 3, 2007, be received and adopted.*

**CARRIED.**

All members of Council voted in favour of the motion.

10. **Recommendations from Council in Committee of the Whole meeting held March 10, 2008**

a) **[Quayside Esplanade Boulevard Tree Replacement Program](#)**

**MOVED and SECONDED**

*THAT the Quayside Esplanade Boulevard trees remain in place.*

**CARRIED.**

Opposed: Councillor Osterman.

**Director of Engineering Services:**

b) **[Evergreen Line ALRT – Final Route Selection](#)**

**MOVED and SECONDED**

*THAT Council express support for implementation of the Evergreen ALRT along the Northwest route in the short term; and  
THAT TransLink consider implementation of a “B-Line” type bus service along the southeast route for the medium term.*

**CARRIED.**

All members of Council voted in favour of the motion.

c) **[Animal Services Policy](#)**

**MOVED and SECONDED**

*THAT Council approve the amended Animal Services Policy (as further amended at the March 10, 2008 Committee of the Whole meeting), in relation to:*

- *Returning licensed animals to their owner*

**CARRIED.**

All members of Council voted in favour of the motion.

**City Administrator/Manager of Economic Development**

**d) Memorandum of Agreement (MoA) – Twinning City Relationship Report and Participation in Beijing Pavilion**

**MOVED and SECONDED**

*THAT the City of New Westminster enter into a Memorandum of Agreement with the Province of BC for a conditional grant of \$50,000 in support of the establishment of an economically robust twinning relationship with local governments in the Asia Pacific region; and*

*THAT planning and preparation begins for a City delegation to China in June 2008 to build on the City's participation in the Lower Mainland's representation at the BC Canada Pavilion in Beijing.*

**CARRIED.**

All members of Council voted in favour of the motion.

**Director of Finance and Information Technology:**

**e) [Downtown New Westminster Business Improvement Areas \(Primary and Secondary\)](#)**

**MOVED and SECONDED**

*THAT the following bylaws directing staff to prepare parcel tax rolls for consideration of the Parcel Tax Roll Review Panel, be received:*

- *Downtown New Westminster Business Improvement Area (Primary Area) Parcel Tax Roll Bylaw No. 7217, 2008;*
- *Downtown New Westminster Business Improvement Area (Secondary Area) Parcel Tax Roll Bylaw No. 7218, 2008;*

*THAT the Parcel Tax Roll Review Panel, consisting of all member of Council, convene on April 21, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers at City Hall, 511 Royal Avenue, New Westminster to identify, confirm and authenticate the parcel tax rolls 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 Parcel Tax Bylaws for subsequent consideration by Council, with respect to the Downtown New Westminster Business Improvement Areas (Primary Area and Secondary Area) established by Bylaw Nos. 7184, 2007 and 7185, 2007 respectively.*

**CARRIED.**

All members of Council voted in favour of the motion.

**Director of Development Services:**

f) **Taxi Licenses**

**MOVED and SECONDED**

*THAT the Commercial Vehicle Bylaw be amended by increasing the maximum number of taxi licenses from 57 to 63, permitting Royal City Taxi to operate the six additional taxis approved by the Passenger Transportation Branch (PTB).*

**CARRIED.**

All members of Council voted in favour of the motion.

g) **Seniors Advisory Committee meeting of December 6, 2007 - 2008 Celebrating Seniors Festival**

**MOVED and SECONDED**

*THAT a grant be approved for the 2008 Celebrating Seniors Festival in the amount of \$2,500.00 in cash and a \$1,000.00 in kind grant (for rental of chairs and the Parks and Recreation facility).*

**CARRIED.**

All members of Council voted in favour of the motion.

h) **Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Sub-Committee meeting of January 17, 2008 - Bicycle Parking, Pedestrian Charter**

**MOVED and SECONDED**

*THAT the following recommendation from the January 17, 2008 meeting of the Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Sub-Committee be referred to staff for inclusion in the analysis of parking regulations that is currently under way:*

- *THAT Council supports the initiatives that encourage bicycle usage through the provision of bicycle parking and end-of-trip facilities.*

**CARRIED.**

All members of Council voted in favour of the motion.

**MOVED and SECONDED**

*THAT the New Westminster Pedestrian Charter be amended as follows:*

*Action Items on Page 2 of the Charter be amended to include the following:*

*“to ensure that all sidewalks in the City have appropriate curb cuts, that surface texture is constructed to prevent persons using mobility challenged devices from losing their grip on the devices, to include adequate lighting” and*

*THAT access to buses be accommodated at bus stops for devices used by mobility challenged persons; and*



*THAT the New Westminster Pedestrian Charter be adopted, as amended.*

**CARRIED.**

All members of Council voted in favour of the motion.

## **BYLAWS**

**10(a) Downtown New Westminster Business Improvement Area (Primary Area) Parcel Tax Roll Bylaw No. 7217, 2008** **THREE READINGS**

**MOVED and SECONDED**

*THAT Downtown New Westminster Business Improvement Area (Primary Area) Parcel Tax Roll Bylaw No. 7217, 2008, be read a first time.*

**CARRIED.**

All members of Council voted in favour of the motion.

**MOVED and SECONDED**

*THAT Downtown New Westminster Business Improvement Area (Primary Area) Parcel Tax Roll Bylaw No. 7217, 2008, be read a second time.*

**CARRIED.**

All members of Council voted in favour of the motion.

**MOVED and SECONDED**

*THAT Downtown New Westminster Business Improvement Area (Primary Area) Parcel Tax Roll Bylaw No. 7217, 2008, be read a third time.*

**CARRIED.**

All members of Council voted in favour of the motion.

**10(b) Downtown New Westminster Business Improvement Area (Secondary Area) Parcel Tax Roll Bylaw No. 7218, 2008** **THREE READINGS**

**MOVED and SECONDED**

*THAT Downtown New Westminster Business Improvement Area (Secondary Area) Parcel Tax Roll Bylaw No. 7218, 2008, be read a first time.*

**CARRIED.**

All members of Council voted in favour of the motion.

**MOVED and SECONDED**

*THAT Downtown New Westminster Business Improvement Area (Secondary Area) Parcel Tax Roll Bylaw No. 7218, 2008, be read a second time.*

**CARRIED.**

All members of Council voted in favour of the motion.

**MOVED and SECONDED**

*THAT Downtown New Westminster Business Improvement Area (Secondary Area) Parcel Tax Roll Bylaw No. 7218, 2008, be read a third time.*

**CARRIED.**

All members of Council voted in favour of the motion.

11. [Animal Control Amendment Bylaw No. 7222, 2008 \[a bylaw to amend Animal Control Bylaw No. 7037, 2005\]](#) **ADOPTION**

**MOVED and SECONDED**

*THAT Animal Control Amendment Bylaw No. 7222, 2008, be adopted.*

**CARRIED.**

All members of Council voted in favour of the motion.

**REPORTS**

**12. Council Members**

**Councillor Harper**

...offered condolences to Gerd Evans on the loss of her husband.

**Councillor Williams**

...encouraged all to purchase their tickets to West Side Story.

**NEXT MEETING**

**Monday, March 31, 2008**

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.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**ON MOTION**, the meeting adjourned at 10:13 p.m.

Certified Correct,

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**WAYNE WRIGHT**  
**MAYOR**

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**RICK PAGE**  
**CORPORATE OFFICER**