



CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF NEW WESTMINSTER

COUNCIL IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

March 12, 2007 3:10 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

REGRETS:

Councillor Lorrie Williams

STAFF:

Mr. Paul Daminato	- City Administrator
Mr. Rick Page	- City Clerk
Ms. Lisa Spitale	- Acting Director of Development Services
Mr. Jim Lowrie	- Director of Engineering Services
Mr. Gary Holowatiuk	- Director of Finance
Mr. Dean Gibson	- Director of Parks and Recreation
Ms. Judi Turner	- Assistant City Clerk

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

The following items were added to the Agenda package:

- Fraser River Flood Control (added as Item 3(a))
- Fraser River Debris Trap (added as Item 3(b))
- Plaza 88 – Degelder Development Covenants (added as Item 7(a)).

PRESENTATION

1. Jimmy Young, Tourism Planning Group re Tourism Plan for New Westminster

The following persons joined the meeting: Jimmy Young from the Tourism Planning Group, Rita Medeiros from Tourism BC, Shauna Leung from Vancouver Coast and Mountains, and Kathy McKerricher, Trudy Van Dop, and Andree St. Martin, all from Tourism New Westminister.

Jimmy Young from the Tourism Planning Group made a presentation on the draft Tourism Plan for New Westminister. He focused on the vision and key experiences, strategies, and implementation for the Project. Discussion ensued and delegates responded to questions. Members suggested that the Board of Directors for Tourism New Westminister include a representative from Hyack Festival organization.

REPORTS FOR ACTION

2. [Draft Tourism & Marketing Plan for New Westminster](#) - Director of Development Services (circulated separately)

**** MOVED and SECONDED and CARRIED, this Committee recommends *THAT the Tourism Plan for New Westminister be supported (as set out in the March 12, 2007 report from the Director of Development Services);***

THAT the proposed new organizational structure for Tourism New Westminister be supported and a Development Services and communications staff member be appointed to the new Board of Directors as the City representative;

THAT a 3 year Community Partnership Grant be approved in principle in the amount of \$40,000 each year for Tourism New Westminister and the request be referred to the 2008 Grant Process;

THAT the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding between the City and Tourism New Westminister that clearly outlines the responsibilities, roles and obligations of each organization be endorsed; and

THAT the proposed use of the \$140,961 UB4CM Community Tourism funding allocation for the City be approved, as outlined in the Tourism Plan for New Westminister, and the terms and conditions of the program be accepted as set out in the Program and Access Guide.

Before the question on the motion was put, it was...

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the second paragraph in the foregoing motion be amended to read as follows:

“THAT the proposed new organizational structure for Tourism New Westminster be supported and the following be appointed to the new Board of Directors on behalf of the City: a member of City Council and a staff representative;”

CARRIED.

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

The question on the main motion, as amended, was then called and it was...

CARRIED.

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

Director of Engineering:

3. [Preparations for 2007 Spring Freshet and Update to Fraser River Flood Profile](#)

The Director of Engineering Services presented his March 12, 2007, report advising of preparations underway to deal with the potential for a significant freshet in 2007, and summarizing the impact to New Westminster of the new Fraser River flood profile provided in the recently completed report prepared on behalf of the Fraser Basin Council. The Utilities and Special Projects Engineer responded to questions.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the report from the Director of Engineering Services dated March 12, 2007, regarding preparations for 2007 Spring Freshet and update to Fraser River Flood Profile, be received for information.

CARRIED.

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

3(a). Fraser River Flood Control

A member circulated a proposed motion regarding flood protection that was referred from the Fraser River Flood Protection and Debris Trap meeting held on March 9, 2007 for local governments.

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

WHEREAS the floodplain areas of the lower Fraser River are a critical gateway to Canada and include numerous communities and significant assets and infrastructure of local, regional, provincial and federal interest;

WHEREAS the lower Fraser River flood protection system was intended to protect communities and infrastructure against a flood equal in magnitude to the 1894 flood of record (the design flood);

WHEREAS current hydraulic models predict design flood water levels that either exceed current dike elevations or compromise dike freeboard for most of the lower Fraser dikes;

WHEREAS a new dike design profile has been adopted by the provincial government;

WHEREAS local governments are already undertaking operations and maintenance of dike facilities;

WHEREAS dike rehabilitation is typically beyond the financial ability of local diking authorities;

WHEREAS flood potential for the lower Fraser River is estimated to be significantly higher than average this year; and

WHEREAS there is currently no accessible Provincial and Federal funding for necessary flood protection infrastructure improvements;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Provincial and Federal governments be requested to immediately establish:

- i) a funding program to address short term critical dike deficiencies identified by local diking authorities for the pending spring freshet; and
- ii) a long-term funding program dedicated to address integrated flood hazard management strategies including the rehabilitation of the flood protection system;

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT correspondence be sent to the appropriate Ministers.

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

3(b). Fraser River Debris Trap

A member circulated a proposed motion regarding possible closure of the Fraser River Debris Trap that was referred from the Fraser River Flood Protection and Debris Trap meeting held on March 9, 2007 for local governments.

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MOVED, SECONDED and CARRIED, this Committee recommends

WHEREAS the Fraser River Debris Trap serves an important role in removing woody debris that originates from Provincial and Federal Crown land; and
WHEREAS significant damage to marine infrastructure and shipping will occur if its operation is discontinued;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Federal and Provincial governments establish a long term sustainable funding program for the Fraser River debris trap;

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT correspondence be sent to the appropriate Ministers.

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

4. [Construction Noise Bylaw Variance to allow Greater Vancouver Regional District to carry out sewer interceptor maintenance](#)

The Director of Engineering Services confirmed that notices will be delivered to the neighbourhood to advise them of GVRD maintenance work on the New Westminster Sewer Interceptor.

- ** **MOVED and SECONDED and CARRIED, this Committee recommends**
THAT the construction noise bylaw variance application from the Greater Vancouver Regional District, to allow scheduled maintenance of their sewer interceptor on Columbia Street during the week of April 2 to April 6, 2007, be approved.

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

Director of Development Services:

5. [Rezoning & DVP – 218 Fourth Street](#)

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the March 12, 2007 report from the Director of Development Services presenting the Advisory Design Committee recommendation on 218 Fourth Street be received.

CARRIED.

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

- ** **MOVED and SECONDED and CARRIED, this Committee recommends**
THAT Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 7148, 2007, be forwarded to the Regular Council meeting of March 12, 2007 for consideration of first and second readings; and
THAT Council give notice that it will consider a resolution to issue Development Variance Permit 453 to allow the creation of a 1,622 square foot (150.7 square metre) secondary suite at 218 Fourth Street.

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

6. [Development Permit application 028 \(UT\) for 501 Sixth Street](#) (circulated separately)

The Acting Director of Development Services advised that the recommendation presented in the March 12, 2007, report from the Director be amended to request issuance of Development Permit 028 (UT) for 501 Sixth Street.

- ** **MOVED and SECONDED and CARRIED, this Committee recommends**
THAT Development Permit 028 (UT) for 501 Sixth Street be issued to permit construction of an office building on the southwest corner of 501 Sixth Street.

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

7. Consultation Plan for Proposed Official Community Plan Amendment for 200 Keary Street (former Labatts Site) (circulated separately)

The Manager, Policy Planning, presented the March 12, 2007, report (which will be added to the Agenda package) from the Director of Development Services discussing the consultation options for the proposed OCP amendment for 200 Keary Street. Members suggested that local groups be consulted. Following discussion, staff agreed to report back on the timing for construction of disabled access for Skytrain.

- ** **MOVED and SECONDED and CARRIED, this Committee recommends**
THAT after considering the parties named in S. 879 of the Local Government Act, the City of New Westminster will not consult with any outside agencies on the proposed Official Community Plan amendment for 200 Keary Street, but consultation will take place with School District No. 40 and the local Residents' Association.

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

7(a). Plaza 88 – Degelder Development Project Covenants

The Director of Engineering Services circulated several restrictive covenants (which will be added to the Agenda package) noting that they include a master density covenant and subsequent covenants assigning density from the master covenant to each phase of the Plaza 88 development.

Mr. Degelder was present and explained the urgency for completing registration of the covenants.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT restrictive covenants consisting of a master density covenant and subsequent covenants assigning density from the master covenant to each phase of the Plaza 88 development be received.

CARRIED.

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

- ** MOVED and SECONDED and CARRIED, this Committee recommends**
THAT the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to execute the Plaza 88 Restrictive Covenants; and
THAT the executed documents be registered on title.

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

Director of Parks & Recreation:

8. Filming Policy and Fee Amendment Recommendations

The Manager, Business Operations of Parks & Recreation responded to questions regarding the March 12, 2007, report from the Director outlining changes to current filming policies and fees and seeking Council's reconsideration of the use of City Hall as a filming location. During the ensuing discussion, members made the following comments:

- Consider security of City Hall during filming (at film company cost)
- Ensure monitoring and care of the facilities during filming as well as access for Councillors
- Ensure maximum performance deposit to deal with any damage
- Increase rental rate for use of City Hall.

- ** MOVED and SECONDED and CARRIED, this Committee recommends**
THAT the filming policy and procedure amendments as outlined in the report from the Director of Parks & Recreation, dated March 12, 2007, be approved; and
THAT the filming fees and charges amendments as outlined be approved and referred for inclusion in Bylaw No. 7149, 2007; and
THAT the proposed policies related to the use of City Hall as a filming location be approved.

Before the question on the motion was called, it was...

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the foregoing motion be amended in the second paragraph to read as follows:

"THAT the filming fees and charges amendments be approved as amended under Filming Permits, Filming at City Hall (active interior filming) to increase the fee from \$2500 per day to \$5000 per day, and referred for inclusion in Bylaw No. 7149, 2007; and"

CARRIED.

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

The question on the main motion as amended was then called, and it was...

CARRIED.

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

9. [Amendment to Parks and Recreation Fees and Charges Bylaw](#) (Bylaw No. 7149, 2007)

The Manager, Business Operations of Parks & Recreation responded to questions regarding the March 12, 2007, report from the Director outlining recommended changes to fees and charges for Parks and Recreation services and providing background information for the adoption of a Parks and Recreation Fees and Charges Bylaw amendment.

- ** **MOVED and SECONDED and CARRIED, this Committee recommends**
THAT Parks and Recreation Fee Amendment Bylaw No. 7149, 2007, as amended in Item 8 above, be forwarded to the Regular Council meeting of March 12, 2007 for consideration of three readings.

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

COMMITTEE MINUTES AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

10. [Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Sub-Committee meeting held January 11, 2007.](#)

Councillor Cote reported that the Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee is suggesting that Zoning Bylaw amendments be approved to require inclusion of public and private bicycle stalls in new development.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the minutes of the Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Sub-Committee meeting held January 11, 2007, be received and adopted.

CARRIED.

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

11. [Neighbourhood Traffic Advisory Committee meeting held January 25, 2007.](#)

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the minutes of the Neighbourhood Traffic Advisory Committee meeting held on January 25, 2007, be received and adopted.

CARRIED.

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

12. [Community Heritage Commission meeting held February 1, 2007.](#)

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the minutes of the Community Heritage Commission meeting held on February 1, 2007, be received and adopted.

CARRIED.

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

REQUESTS FOR PRESENTATIONS

13. [New Westminster Senior Salmonbellies requesting a presentation to Council at a Committee of the Whole Meeting regarding Beer Gardens.](#)

A motion that no changes be made to City policies respecting beer gardens was withdrawn by Mover and Seconder.

- ** **MOVED and SECONDED and CARRIED, this Committee recommends**
THAT a presentation by the New Westminster Senior Salmonbellies to the Council at a Committee of the Whole Meeting regarding Beer Gardens be approved for April 2, 2007.

CARRIED.

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

ADJOURNMENT

ON MOTION, the meeting adjourned at 4:47 p.m.

Certified Correct,

WAYNE WRIGHT, CHAIR

RICK PAGE, CITY CLERK