



CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF NEW WESTMINSTER

REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL

March 12, 2007 3:10 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

REGRETS:

Councillor Lorrie Williams

STAFF:

Mr. Paul Daminato	- City Administrator
Ms. Judi Turner	- Acting City Clerk
Ms. Lisa Spitale	- Acting Director of Development Services
Mr. Jim Lowrie	- Director of Engineering Services
Mr. Gary Holowatiuk	- Director of Finance

Council adjourned to Committee of the Whole at 3:10 p.m. and reconvened in the Council Chamber at 7:02 p.m. with all those listed earlier present.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

1. **Motion to adopt the [minutes of the last regular meeting of the City Council held March 5, 2007.](#)**

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council, held March 5, 2007, be received and adopted.

CARRIED.

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

PRESENTATION

3. **Presentation of Royal City Builders' Award Heritage Shield – Tim and Pam Kelly, 428 Third Street.**

Barry Forbes, President and CEO of Westminster Savings Credit Union presented a watercolour sketch painted by Angela Hemphill to Tim and Pam Kelly for "Outstanding Exterior Heritage Restoration" of their home at 428 Third Street as part of last year's Royal City Builders' Awards.

Mayor Wright announced that Mr. Don Benson, the City's Poet Laureate Emeritus, has today been declared one of 44 outstanding British Columbian recipients of the annual BC Community Achievement Awards.

2. **Presentation Ceremony – 2007 Heritage Week**

Mayor Wright, assisted by Councillor Bill Harper of the Community Heritage Commission, and Mr. Don Benson, Poet Laureate Emeritus, presented the 2007 Heritage Week Awards.

RECESS

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Regular Meeting of Council recess.

CARRIED.

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

The Regular Meeting of Council recessed at 7:26 p.m. and reconvened at 7:30 p.m. with the all members of Council present except Councillor Williams.

DELEGATIONS

4. **Opportunity for Public to provide comments on the Draft 5 Year Financial Plan, 2007 - 2011**

John Ashdown of 1111 Edinburgh Street presented the input he has received from residents of his community group on the matter of the Draft Financial Plan:

- Short notice for preparing input
- Budget being drafted by consensus with employees and not taxpayers
- Maintenance of services and infrastructure which seems to be lacking
- Salaries and benefits being at 70% of revenue; the City should operate like a business and not pass on labour costs to the taxpayer every year
- Employee productivity; lack of creativity and increasing efficiency
- Lack of industrial tax base

- Businesses leaving the City
- Residents being forced to pay higher taxes while on a fixed income and who must therefore leave the City
- Suggested no tax increase.

Christopher Bell of 1006 Nanaimo Street presented his views on the budget:

- A one week public consultation process is insufficient time for input on a budget of this size
- Asked about the Mayor's Task Force to review the budget
- Questioned the philosophy that growth will pay for facilities, infrastructure and services when growth itself creates a cost to the City
- Questioned paying operating expenses from reserves and casino revenues
- Thanked Councillor Cote and others for a suggestion to eliminate casino revenues from operating costs; asked for a review and that gaming revenues pay for public programs and projects at schools
- Asked to see the comparisons of City departments with those of other local governments
- Is concerned where the money will come from to pay \$280 million for needed infrastructure repairs
- Asked what salaries union employees should receive and voiced concern over what non-union staff receive; suggested that senior staff salaries be frozen
- Spoke of staffing requirements caused by growth and the expense of this on taxpayers
- Noted that the current leases on computers and laptops will expire at the end of the year and replacements will be purchased; asked what will happen to models that are replaced – could they be donated to local schools; suggested that the replacement is extravagant
- Asked why the tow truck cannot be repaired rather than replaced.

5. Open Delegations

No delegations rose to address Council.

REPORTS

6. Council Members:

Councillor Cote

...attended an Environmental Forum hosted by MP Peter Julian; attended Doggy Days on 12th Street; his dog enjoyed a short time at Playful Puppy Palace doggy daycare; toured the new ICU unit at the RCH.

Councillor Donnelly

...toured the ICU unit at Royal Columbian Hospital; commented on the May Day Draw at Council last week and looks forward to the upcoming May Day event.

Councillor Harper

...chaired a meeting of the Community Heritage Commission; attended a Hyack meeting; attended the International Women's Day Dinner; attended the Early Childhood Education Forum which was informative on issues of child care and funding; enjoyed the Doggy Days walk; attended the budget Open House; toured the ICU unit at RCH; spoke of the TransLink governance review which will result in a change in Board membership and duties; noted that the City should be active around the new legislation to be implemented in the fall.

Councillor McIntosh

...spoke of the new ICU at RCH, noting that the old ICU will be refurbished in order to serve the entire Fraser Health Authority well; noted the Lottery will help fund the new ICU renovation; a press conference was held at City Hall by Peter Julian and Dawn Black, MPs and Penny Priddy, MLA - attended as Acting Mayor on behalf of the City and brought forward the two motions passed by Council on the subject of dangerous offenders; attended a Fraserside Board meeting; attended a Girl Guide meeting to represent the topic of a Lady in a Leadership Role; attended the dog walk; attended the budget Open House at Royal Square Mall; noted that three churches had events last Saturday evening – attended the Knox Presbyterian Church event.

Councillor Osterman

...as Acting Mayor, attended the Community Child Care Information Forum; attended the Massey Board meeting where a strategic plan was discussed and included youth opportunities; attended the Saint Mary the Virgin Anglican Church dinner based on a menu from 145 years ago - noted the Royal Engineers History Group attended to make a presentation; on behalf of the Mayor, attended a potential flood planning session with the Director of Engineering Services; will chair an Emergency Advisory Committee meeting where a presentation will be made on flood proofing – invited interested public to attend; enjoyed the 12th Street Doggy Walk; reminded the public that the web site is available and Council is accessible by email or phone for input on the budget process.

Mayor Wright

...attended the official opening of the Urban Academy; welcomed Chamber members at the New Westminster Chamber of Commerce Open House; attended at Lord Tweedsmuir School regarding climate change and the Kyoto conference; attended the fundraising event for We Care Day; along with Council, participated in the tour of the Royal Columbian Hospital, ICU Ward. Extended condolences to Sheldon Rigby, Engineering Department, on the loss of his mother.

COMMITTEE MINUTES AND RECOMMENDATIONS

7. Motion to receive and adopt [the minutes of a meeting of Council in Committee of the Whole held March 5, 2007](#).

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the minutes of the meeting of Council in Committee of the Whole held on March 5, 2007, be received and adopted.

CARRIED.

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

8. Recommendations from Council in Committee of the Whole meeting held March 12, 2007.

- a) [Tourism Plan for New Westminster - Director of Development Services](#)

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Tourism Plan for New Westminster 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 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;

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

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

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

CARRIED

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

Director of Engineering:

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

MOVED and SECONDED

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.

CARRIED

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

- c) **Fraser River Flood Plain**

MOVED and SECONDED

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.*

CARRIED

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

d) Fraser River Debris Trap

MOVED and SECONDED

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.*

CARRIED

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

Director of Development Services:

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

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT *Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 7148, 2007, be received; 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.*

CARRIED

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

f) [Development Permit application 028 \(UT\) for 501 Sixth Street](#)

MOVED and SECONDED

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.*

CARRIED

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

g) Consultation Plan for Proposed Official Community Plan Amendment for 200 Keary Street

MOVED and SECONDED

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.

CARRIED

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

h) Plaza 88 – Degelder Development Project

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to execute the Plaza 88 Restrictive Covenants; and

THAT the executed documents be registered on title.

CARRIED

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

Director of Parks & Recreation:

i) [Filming Policy and Fee Amendment Recommendations](#)

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the filming policy and procedure amendments as outlined in the report from the Director of Parks & Recreation, dated March 12, 2007, be approved;

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

THAT the proposed policies related to the use of City Hall as a filming location be approved.

CARRIED

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

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

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Parks and Recreation Fee Amendment Bylaw No. 7149, 2007, be received, as amended.

CARRIED

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

Referred from Closed Council:

- k) Proposed Lease with RCMP for vacant City Hall Space – City Administrator**

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT City Hall (Main Floor East Wing) Lease Authorization Bylaw No. 7153, 2007, be received.

CARRIED

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

BYLAWS

- 9. [Subdivision and Development Control Bylaw No. 7142, 2007 \[a bylaw to regulate the subdivision of lands and to establish a standard of works and services to be provided in respect of subdivisions and developments\]](#)**

ADOPTION

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Subdivision and Development Control Bylaw No. 7142, 2007, be adopted.

CARRIED.

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

- 9(a) Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 7148, 2007 [a bylaw to rezone 218 Fourth Street from Single Detached Dwelling Districts (RS-1) to Single Detached Dwelling Districts (Heritage) (RS-6)]** **TWO READINGS**

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 7148, 2007, be read a first time.

CARRIED.

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

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 7148, 2007, be read a second time.

CARRIED.

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

(A Public Hearing will be held on Monday, April 16, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber, City Hall)

- 9(b) Parks & Recreation Fees Amendment Bylaw No. 7149, 2007** [a bylaw to amend Parks & Recreation Fees Bylaw No. 6673, 2001]

THREE READINGS

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Parks & Recreation Fees Amendment Bylaw No. 7149, 2007, be read a first time.

CARRIED.

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

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Parks & Recreation Fees Amendment Bylaw No. 7149, 2007, be read a second time.

CARRIED.

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

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Parks & Recreation Fees Amendment Bylaw No. 7149, 2007, be read a third time.

CARRIED.

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

- 10. [Lane Paving between Sixth Avenue and Regina Street, west of Second Street, Local Area Service Parcel Tax Roll Bylaw No. 7150, 2007](#) [a bylaw to direct the preparation of a Parcel Tax Roll for the purpose of imposing a Local Area Service Parcel Tax for the asphalt paving of the lane between Sixth Avenue and Regina Street, immediately west of Second Street]**

ADOPTION

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Lane Paving between Sixth Avenue and Regina Street, west of Second Street, Local Area Service Parcel Tax Roll Bylaw No. 7150, 2007, be adopted.

CARRIED.

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

- 11. [Electrical Utility Amendment Bylaw No. 7151, 2007](#) [a bylaw to amend Electrical Utility Bylaw No. 6502, 1998]**

ADOPTION

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Electrical Utility Amendment Bylaw No. 7151, 2007, be adopted.

CARRIED.

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

12. **City Hall (Main Floor East Wing Lease Authorization Bylaw No. 7153, 2007** [a bylaw to authorize a lease of a portion of City Hall Space (Main Floor East Wing) to the RCMP Integrated Road Safety Unit]

THREE READINGS

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT City Hall (Main Floor East Wing) Lease Authorization Bylaw No. 7153, 2007, be read a first time.

CARRIED.

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

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT City Hall (Main Floor East Wing) Lease Authorization Bylaw No. 7153, 2007, be read a second time.

CARRIED.

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

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT City Hall (Main Floor East Wing) Lease Authorization Bylaw No. 7153, 2007, be read a third time.

CARRIED.

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

NEW BUSINESS

13. **TransLink Governance Changes**

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT staff review and report back to Council with a local government perspective on recent changes to TransLink governance.

CARRIED.

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

NEXT MEETING

Monday, March 26, 2007:

Proposed Closed Session commencing at 2:00 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.

Public Hearing – Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 7147, 2007 & DVP 451 (514 Garfield Street)

Opportunity to be Heard re DVP 450 (340 – 360 Columbia Street)

ADJOURNMENT

ON MOTION, the meeting adjourned at 9:14 p.m.

Certified Correct,

WAYNE WRIGHT
MAYOR

JUDI TURNER
ACTING CITY CLERK