



REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL

March 14, 2016 at 2:00 p.m.
With immediate adjournment to Closed Meeting
Regular Council reconvenes at 5:45 p.m.
Council Chamber
City Hall

MINUTES

PRESENT:

Mayor Jonathan Côté
Councillor Patrick Johnstone
Councillor Jaimie McEvoy
Councillor Chuck Puchmayr
Councillor Mary Trentadue
Councillor Lorrie Williams

ABSENT:

Councillor Bill Harper

STAFF:

Ms. Lisa Spitale	- Chief Administrative Officer
Ms. Jan Gibson	- City Clerk
Mr. Dean Gibson	- Director of Parks and Recreation
Mr. Gary Holowatiuk	- Director of Finance & Information Technology
Mr. Eugene Wat	- Acting Director of Engineering Services
Ms. Bev Grieve	- Director of Development Services
Deputy Chief Dave Jansen	- Police Services
Mr. Alvin Chok	- Chief Information Officer
Ms. Patricia Jecks	- Intelligent City Project Coordinator
Ms. Colleen Ponzini	- Manager of Finance
Mr. Blair Fryer	- Manager of Communications & Economic Development
Mr. Barry Waitt	- Senior Planner
Mr. Mike Watson	- Planning Technician
Mr. Philip Lo	- Council and Committee Clerk

The meeting was called to order at 5:48pm.

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)(d), 90(1)(e), 90(1)(i), 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;*
- (d) The security of the property of 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;*
- (i) the receipt of advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for the purpose;*
- (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;*

Purpose of the meeting:

Personal, property, and negotiations matters

CARRIED.

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

ADJOURNMENT

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

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Regular Council meeting in Open Session be adjourned and proceed 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 5:45 p.m. in the Council Chamber.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Regular Council meeting be reconvened in the Council Chamber, City Hall.

CARRIED.

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

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

Urgent/time sensitive matters only

4. **MOVED and SECONDED**

THAT the following item be added to the Agenda:

- *Item 22 – Notice of Motion, Bus Pass Reinstatement – Councillor McEvoy*
- *Item 23 – Front Street Security Plan – Councillor Puchmayr*

THAT the Agenda be approved as amended.

CARRIED.

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

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Consent Agenda be approved.

CARRIED.

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

PRESENTATION

5:45 p.m.

5. **Draft 2016-2020 Financial Plan**, Director of Finance and Information Technology

- Staff Report**
- Opportunity for Public Comment**

Colleen Ponzini, Manager of Finance, summarized the staff report dated March 14, 2016 and provided a presentation re: the draft 2016 – 2020 Financial Plan.

Council noted that Electric Utility rate increases are partly attributed to BC Hydro rate increases, which are then passed on to local utilities and customers.

Mayor Coté asked for speakers to come forward to address Council regarding the draft financial plan:

Mr. Harry Crosby noted that he had submitted late questions via e-mail to staff regarding salary breakdowns, efficiencies, Massey Theatre and environmental issues.

Gary Holowatiuk, Director of Finance and Information Technology, advised that he has received the questions and that staff will prepare responses to the questions.

Mr. Philip Wakinshaw inquired about various expenditures related to the Anvil Centre.

Mr. Holowatiuk noted the following information in response:

- The 2015 budget for the Anvil Centre may not have accurately reflected the revenues and expenditures for the facility, due to the City's initial inexperience in operating such a facility;
- The "restaurant work corridor" is considered an amenity for both the office tower and the Anvil Centre, with the latter requiring it for conference services and to service the potential restaurant space;
- Lighting improvements aim to fine-tune operations to meet the needs of conference space users;
- Tenant improvements (TI) are typical incentives when leasing out for commercial purposes, and that the amount for TI included in the budget fits within the leasing parameters for the restaurant space; and
- A significant deposit has been provided by the purchaser of the office tower to the City, with the balance of the purchase price due at the end of 2017.

Discussion ensued, with Council noting the following comments:

- The City has provided many opportunities during the budget process for public input;
- Budget surveys were conducted by Ipsos Reid on behalf of City;
- There are significant costs associated with a municipality maintaining its own police services; however, sharing of regional policing resources are creating efficiencies; and

- Downloading of costs from Provincial and Federal governments increase the burden on local governments.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council receive the staff report dated March 14, 2016 for information.

CARRIED.

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

6. Proclamation: World Poetry Day - March 21, 2016 and National Poetry Month - April, Mayor Coté

Mayor Coté proclaimed March 21, 2016 to be World Poetry Day in the City of New Westminster, and the month of April 2016 to be National Poetry Month in the City of New Westminster.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

7. No Items

REPORTS FOR ACTION

8. Economic Health Care Cluster Branding, Chief Administrative Officer and Mike Fiorentino and Chris Kostyal from Dead Famous

- a) Staff Report**
- b) Presentation**

Blair Fryer, Manager of Communications and Economic Development, summarized the staff report dated March 14, 2016.

Mike Fiorentino and Chris Kostyal, from Dead Famous advertising consultants, provided a presentation re: “IDEA Centre”, the proposed branding for the Economic Health Care Cluster (EHCC). The consultants provided a background of the process which culminated in the recommended branding, and also provided mock-ups of branding examples.

In response to questions from Council, Mr. Fiorentino and Mr. Kostyal noted the following information:

- “Centre” or “Center” spelling may not lessen the impact of the idea or the branding;

- “Health” was not included in the brand due to the diverse constituents and sectors that the project aims to attract, and that the core strengths of the project may evolve and develop from other industries in the area;
- Sector advocates, including private enterprise and residents, could leverage partnerships to enhance and promote the brand; and,
- Potential post-secondary partnerships could include Simon Fraser University, BCIT and Douglas College;

Discussion ensued, with Council expressing general support for the recommended brand, noting that the exclusion of “health” from the brand could encourage innovation from different sectors, similar to Innovation Boulevard in Surrey.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council approve the proposed Economic Health Care Cluster brand as recommended by the Mayor’s Economic Health Care Cluster Task Force.

CARRIED.

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

- 9. New Zoning Bylaw: Initial Draft and Next Steps, Director of Development Services**
- a) Staff Report**
 - b) Staff Presentation**

Bev Grieve, Director of Development Services, summarized the staff report dated March 14, 2016.

Mike Watson, Planning Technician, and Barry Waitt, Senior Planner provided a presentation re: the drafting process for a new zoning bylaw, noting the following information:

- The drafting of the new zoning bylaw is primarily a re-structuring and re-ordering exercise;
- The new bylaw aims to clarify existing internal inconsistencies, and to correct outdated wording and definitions for easier interpretation and future amendments; and
- Development of new zoning bylaw is independent from the Official Community Plan review currently underway.

Council suggested that the new zoning bylaw should retain all current legal jurisdiction, and that a solicitor’s review of the process may be necessary.

In response to Council, Mr. Watson and Mr. Waitt noted the following comments:

- The new zoning bylaw could lay the groundwork for new policy; however, this revision is not intended to introduce nor incorporate new policies;
- The draft of the new bylaw has gone through a number of revisions with the City solicitor, and may be reviewed again by the solicitor before it is scheduled for Public Hearing;
- Extensive public engagement on the new bylaw may start in September of this year, with open houses and resources on the City's website; and
- The new zoning bylaw may contribute to the Strategic Priority of providing better customer service.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council direct staff to proceed with the next steps outlined in the staff report dated March 14, 2016

CARRIED.

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

10. Update on Greenhouse Floor Space Ratio, Councillor Puchmayr (Oral request) (Tabled on March 7, 2016)

Council suggested that the permit process for residents who wish to build greenhouses exceeding 100 square feet on their properties may be too onerous, noting that residents could construct a series of 100 square feet greenhouses without permits, as long as they are not physically linked.

Bev Grieve, Director of Development Services, advised that the City's zoning bylaw allows accessory buildings, such as greenhouses, to have a maximum size equivalent to ten percent of the total lot size, and that the B.C. Building Code maintains the requirement for a building permit for structures greater than 100 square feet.

Council directed staff to evaluate the streamlining of the building permit process for select accessory building uses, such as greenhouses, and report back to Council.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the oral report be received for information.

CARRIED.

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

11. Bill M203 - Workers Compensation Amendment Act 2016, Post-Traumatic Stress Syndrome, Councillor Puchmayr (Oral report)

Council advised that a private member's bill was introduced in the B.C. Legislature to recognize first responders post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) under the Workers Compensation Act. Council suggested that could be an important starting point for the recognition of PTSD suffered by a wide range of workers.

MOVED and SECONDED

WHEREAS first Responders suffering from PTSD are required to prove to Work Safe BC that the disorder happened out of and during the course of employment, even when their medical Doctors have diagnosed the disorder as work related.

AND WHEREAS WorkSafe BC denial of these claims simply shifts the burden of compensation onto private insurance carriers and local governments.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that a medical diagnosis of Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder by a bona fide medical practitioner representing the patient, be presumed by Workplace BC as to have happened out of and during the course of employment. The burden of proof to the contrary would have to be established by WorkSafe BC.

CARRIED.

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

12. Update on Council's Strategic Initiatives, Chief Administrative Officer
a) Staff Report
b) Staff Presentation

Lisa Spitale, Chief Administrative Officer, summarized the staff report dated March 14, 2016.

Front Street Parkade and Mews

Eugene Wat, Acting Director of Engineering Services, provided an update re: the Front Street Parkade and Mews project, noting the following:

- The parkade rehabilitation and demolition work aims to optimize parking supply and open up the waterfront area;
- A condition assessment of the parkade was conducted in 2014, confirming the deterioration of the east parkade concrete structure, and a contract was awarded to perform rehabilitation work;

- Demolition work on the west parkade is ongoing, while the McKenzie Street ramp removal work has been completed;
- Work on the parkade is scheduled to be completed by the end of July, and the Front Street Mews work is scheduled to begin after the completion of east parkade rehabilitation work;
- Electric vehicle charging stations have been temporarily removed from the Front Street parkade; however, charging stations are available at Anvil Centre;
- The discovery and remediation of contaminated paint has impacted the project timeline;
- With the closure of Front Street, traffic counts along Royal Avenue and Columbia Street have not indicated an according increase of truck traffic; and
- Disruptions to Front Street businesses are typically short-term, with the contractor working with staff to expedite such work in order to minimize disruptions.

In response to questions from Council, Blair Fryer, Manager of Communications and Economic Development, noted that most planned disruptions to Front Street businesses are communicated to the business owners in advance, and that messaging and advertising for Front Street businesses have been amended to emphasize that the businesses are open despite closure of Front Street to vehicular traffic.

Intelligent City

Patricia Jecks, Intelligent City Project Coordinator, advised that the BridgeNet landing page is now live (at <http://www.bridgenetnw.ca>), and that the Intelligent City Advisory Committee is currently undergoing restructuring to shift focus onto critical project indicators, such as digital inclusion and innovation.

Alvin Chok, Chief Information Officer, provided a presentation re: Intelligent City project updates, noting the following:

- Construction of the fibre network backbone could begin in April, with targeted completion in June;
- Four Internet Services Providers (ISPs) have expressed interest in doing business with the City;
- New Westminster-based ISPs could have the ability to provide broadband services at an affordable cost;
- The five-year plan calls for providing fibre access to 128 multi-dwelling units (MDUs), 12,000 apartment units and 36 to 50 business units; and,
- A BridgeNet open house could be scheduled for June or July 2016.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council receive the staff report dated March 14, 2016 for information.

CARRIED.

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

CONSENT AGENDA

13. Roger's Hometown Hockey Follow Up

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council receive the report dated March 14, 2016 for information.

CARRIED.

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

14. Minutes of February 1, 2016 Regular

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the February 1, 2016 Regular Council minutes be adopted.

CARRIED.

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

15. 1031 Sixth Avenue: Heritage Revitalization Agreement

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council direct staff to process the Heritage Revitalization application for 1031 Sixth Avenue based on the schedule outlined in this report.

CARRIED.

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

16. Pattullo Bridge Replacement Project Revised Memorandum of Understanding

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council endorse in principle the Revised Memorandum of Understanding for the Pattullo Bridge Replacement Project substantially as attached in this report; and

THAT Council authorize staff to finalize and execute the Memorandum of Understanding with TransLink and the City of Surrey subject to enhancing the language in relation to Section 3.1 – Suicide Prevention Measures and TransLink confirming items (a) to (f) identified in this report.

CARRIED.

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

17. Update on Anvil Centre 2016 Budget

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the staff report dated March 14, 2016 be received for information.

CARRIED.

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

18. The Parks, Culture and Recreation Department and the New Westminster Police Department recommend approval for a one day Special Occasion Permit for the following dates and times, issued to the New Westminster Sr. Salmonbellies with the attached conditions and permission by the BC Liquor Control Licensing Board for permits exceeding more than 2 permits per month:

- League play dates: May 26, June 2, 9, 16 and July 7, 14, 21 and 28
- Tentative playoffs: August 4, 8, 12, 15, 18, 22, 24 and 29*** playoff dates may change or not be needed pending league standings
- Time: 7:00 p.m. to the end of the second period of each game

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Special Occasion Permit be approved.

CARRIED.

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

19. Multiculturalism Advisory Committee - Housing Needs Related to Newly Arriving Syrian and Iraqi Refugees to New Westminster

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Multiculturalism Advisory Committee recommends that City Council communicate with federal and provincial housing authorities regarding the shortage of rental properties available in New Westminster and asking them to pay particular attention to affordability and housing size.

THAT City Council forward the attached letter to the federal Minister of Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship and the provincial Ministers of Housing and International Trade (and Multiculturalism).

CARRIED.

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

ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

No items were removed from the Consent Agenda.

DELEGATIONS – 7:00

20. Open Delegations

Tony Antonias, Special Advisor to the Arts Commission, announced that the Royal City Musical Theatre will be putting on a production of “Fiddler On The Roof”, from April 7 to April 23, 2016 at the Massey Theatre.

Harm Woldring, owner of The Wine Factory at 649 Front Street, reported that concrete blocks were deposited at the front of his store along Front Street during the McKenzie ramp removal work, and suggested that the demolition of the Front Street Parkade has negatively impacted his business and other businesses located along the project site.

In response, Council noted that advertising is being done by the City to promote businesses along Front Street during construction work, and that many businesses have expressed appreciation for the City’s promotional efforts during this time.

Council referred the matter to staff, and suggested that further advertising and promotion work may be done after completion of the work.

BYLAWS

21. Bylaws for adoption:

a. Housing Agreement (900 Carnarvon Street) Bylaw No. 7810, 2016

ADOPTION

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Housing Agreement (900 Carnarvon Street) Bylaw No. 7810, 2016 be adopted.

CARRIED.

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

b. Heritage Revitalization Agreement (235 Durham Street) Amendment Bylaw No. 7817, 2016

ADOPTION

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Heritage Revitalization Agreement (235 Durham Street) Amendment Bylaw No. 7817, 2016 be adopted

CARRIED.

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

c. Film Permit Bylaw No. 7793, 2016

ADOPTION

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Film Permit Bylaw No. 7793, 2016 be adopted

CARRIED.

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

d. Bylaw Notice Enforcement Amendment Bylaw No. 7814, 2016 [adding Schedule A, Part 28]

ADOPTION

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Bylaw Notice Enforcement Amendment Bylaw No. 7814, 2016 be adopted

CARRIED.

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

e. Electrical Utility Amendment Bylaw No. 7816, 2016

ADOPTION

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Electrical Utility Amendment Bylaw No. 7816, 2016 be adopted

CARRIED.

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

NEW BUSINESS

22. Notice of Motion, Bus Pass Reinstatement, Councillor McEvoy

Councillor McEvoy gave the following Notice of Motion:

THAT Council request the Mayor, on behalf of Council, write to the Minister of Social Development and Social Innovation, copying the Premier, requesting that the BC Bus Pass benefit and Special Transportation Subsidy for people with disabilities be reinstated.

23 Front Street Security Plan, Councillor Puchmayr

Deputy Police Chief Dave Jansen noted the following comments with regards to recent security incidents in the area of the Front Street parkade construction site:

- The Police Community Services section are aware of security concerns raised by the area businesses and by the Police Board;

- A thorough security evaluation and extensive Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) analysis of the site was conducted, resulting in six recommendations;
- The Bike Squad and the Integrated Service Team (IST) could be assigned as the primary patrol force for the area and may investigate nearby homeless camps on city or railway property;
- The Community Services section could follow-up with area businesses, and suggest “target hardening” measures to reinforce security;
- Patrol officers have been requested to patrol the area for foot patrol at least once during shift;
- Volunteer crime watch could be set up on weekends;
- Data analysts are monitoring weekly crime statistics to determine trends; and
- Continued engagement with residents and businesses remain a top priority.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the oral report be received for information.

CARRIED.

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

24. Notice of Motion, Tax Exemption for Emergency Response Kits, Councillor Puchmayr

Councillor Puchmayr noted discussions at the March 9, 2016 Emergency Advisory Committee regarding household emergency preparedness, and gave the following Notice of Motion:

THAT the Lower Mainland Local Government Association, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities, and the Union of BC Municipalities be asked to support a resolution that would request the government to make emergency preparedness kits exempt from all Provincial and Federal taxes.

ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

There were no announcements.

NEXT MEETING

April 4, 2016

The proposed Regular Session convenes at 2:00 p.m. and immediately adjourns to closed session in Council Chamber on the 2nd Floor at City Hall. The Regular

meeting of Council reconvenes at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber on the 2nd Floor at City Hall.

ADJOURNMENT

ON MOTION, the meeting was adjourned at 8:55pm.

JONATHAN COTÉ
MAYOR

JAN GIBSON
CITY CLERK

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