



CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF NEW WESTMINSTER

COUNCIL IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

March 23, 2009 3:09 p.m.
Committee Room 2, City Hall

MINUTES

PRESENT:

Mayor Wayne Wright
Councillor Jonathan Cote
Councillor Bill Harper
Councillor Jaimie McEvoy
Councillor Betty McIntosh
Councillor Lorrie Williams

REGRETS:

Councillor Bob Osterman

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. Randy Grant	- Acting Director of Finance and Information Technology
Mr. Dean Gibson	- Director of Parks and Recreation
Ms. Judi Turner	- Assistant Corporate Officer
Ms. Donna Martin	- Legislative Services

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

The Agenda was varied as follows:

- 2008 Local Government Election – Late Filing of Campaign Disclosure Statements (added as Item 1(a))
- Bus Shelters (added as Item 5(a))
- LEED Policy (added as Item 5(b))
- Item 8, Youth Facility Space Advisory Task Force Progress Update, was deleted from the Agenda
- Item 15 FCM Report to be presented at Regular Meeting

- Item 16, Environment and Energy Report – Metro Vancouver to be presented at Regular Meeting

REPORTS FOR ACTION

Director of Legislative Services

1(a). 2008 Local Government Election – Late Filing of Campaign Disclosure Statements

The Assistant Corporate Officer reviewed the on table March 20, 2009, report from the Chief Election Officer, regarding late filing of 2008 Local Government Election Campaign Disclosure Statement.

- ** **MOVED and SECONDED and CARRIED, this Committee recommends**
THAT the March 20, 2009 report from the Chief Election Officer reporting on late filing of Campaign Disclosure Statements for the 2008 Local Government Election, be received.

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

1. Proposed 150th Commemorative Book of Poems – 150 YEARS OF TRADITIONS – City of New Westminster

March 23, 2009 report providing information regarding a proposal for publication of a commemorative book of poems from the past two Poets Laureate for the City of New Westminster.

Members considered the merits of the proposal for publication of a book of poems in celebration of the 150 anniversary of the City.

- ** **MOVED and SECONDED and CARRIED, this Committee recommends**
THAT the 150th Celebrations budget be expanded by \$14,980 plus GST to allow publication of 500 soft cover commemorative books of poetry, known as “150 Years of Traditions – City of New Westminster”, as part of the 150th Anniversary Celebrations.

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

Director of Engineering Services:

2. Proposed Public Forum on Animal Issues

March 23, 2009 report providing information relative to the April 25, 2009 public forum on animal issues.

During discussion, members made the following suggestions:

- Consider whether a two hour meeting will be sufficient for the expected extent of the discussion
- Consider a centralized location for the animal forum
- Consider a second forum in another location

- Include the following organizations in the consultation process: the Sapperton Fish and Game Club, the Douglas College Institute of Ecology
- Expand the agenda to include a discussion on wildlife in the City
- Provide an opportunity for general input from residents to express their concerns
- Develop an agenda for the meeting
- Report back to Council on the suggestions.

3. Development Cost Charges Program - Consultation Review and Options Development

(a) Staff Report

(b) Letters from Urban Development Institute regarding Development Cost Charges

(c) Letter from Wesgroup

(d) Email from Wesgroup

February 16, 2009 report providing an update on the consultations held with the development community and outlining options for moving forward on the proposed Development Cost Charge Program.

Members discussed the proposed Development Cost Charges program as set out in the staff report.

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

THAT staff proceed with the currently proposed Development Cost Charges (DCC) program identified as Option 3 in the February 16, 2009 report from the Directors of Engineering and Parks and Recreation with a 15 month grace period; and

THAT staff undertake an additional round of consultation prior to a bylaw being brought forward for consideration.

CARRIED

Opposed: Councillor McIntosh and Mayor Wright.

4. Application for Grant Funding – Canada – BC Building Canada Fund

March 23, 2009 report requesting approval to submit a grant application to the Canada – BC Building Canada Fund, Communities Component for the second intake of applications prior to April 24, 2009 – report reviewed by Director

During discussion, members noted that the following matters are high priority items: the skate park, rehabilitation of East Columbia, infrastructure management.

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

THAT staff undertake a high level business case for each of the identified projects contained within the Director of Engineering Services March 23, 2009 report, and base the City's grant application to the Canada – BC Building Canada Fund for the project that delivers the greatest net benefit to the community.

CARRIED

All Committee members present voted in favour of the motion.

5. Proposed Amendment to Metro Vancouver's Solid Waste Management Plan

March 23, 2009 report providing a review of the export options contained in Metro Vancouver's proposed amendment to the Solid Waste Management Plan

Members commented on the need for a sustainable waste management system, for reduction in garbage, about the impact of the matter on the City of New Westminster, the need to deal with the matter locally, and for cities to take responsibility, noting that this initiative also has to receive national support. As well, education is critical to the initiative, for the general public, for school children, and for retailers. The Metro Vancouver proposal must be viewed as a short term solution. Concern was voiced with the proposal to ship garbage to distant locations.

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

THAT Metro Vancouver be advised of the City's concerns related to the possible transportation impacts associated with the Waste Management Inc. proposal; and

THAT Metro Vancouver be also advised that while New Westminster City Council is reluctant to support the export of the Region's solid waste, it strongly favours the Rabanco Proposal and it objects to more truck traffic through the City of New Westminster.

All Committee members present voted in favour of the motion.

Mayor Wright left the meeting at 4:15 p.m. and Councillor Jonathan Cote assumed the Chair.

5(a) Bus Shelters

A member of Council reviewed a petition she received from Dunwood Place asking that a bus shelter be built to replace the shelter removed for construction on the new Safeway. During discussion, members also noted a similar need at Thornbridge and commented on sidewalk access to bus shelters on McBride at 6th and 8th. These matters were referred to Director of Engineering Services for follow up.

5(b). LEED Policy - Notice of Motion – Submitted by Councillor Cote

THAT staff develop an environmental LEED standard policy for the construction of new civic facilities; and

THAT this policy be developed by June 2009.

Director of Finance and Information Technology:

6. Parcel Tax Roll for the asphalt paving of the lane between Fenton Street and Pembina Street, south of Ewen Avenue)

March 23, 2009 report seeking direction and approval to prepare a parcel tax roll for consideration by the Parcel Tax Roll Review Panel, set a date for the sitting of the Review Panel and prepare a tax parcel bylaw for subsequent consideration by Council, with respect to the works authorized under Local Improvement Bylaw No. 7231, 2008 for the asphalt paving of the lane between Fenton Street and Pembina Avenue south of Ewen Avenue.

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

***THAT** the lane paving between Fenton Street and Pembina Street, south of Ewen Avenue, Parcel Tax Roll Bylaw No. 7300, 2009 (Attachment A) directing staff to prepare a parcel tax roll for consideration of the Parcel Tax Roll Review Panel, be forwarded to Council for three readings;*

***THAT** the Parcel Tax Roll Review Panel consisting of all members of the Council convene on April 20, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers 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 Fenton Street and Pembina Street, south of Ewen Avenue, Parcel Tax Roll Bylaw No. 7300, 2009.*

CARRIED

All Committee members present voted in favour of the motion.

Mayor Wright rejoined the meeting at 4:25 p.m.

Director of Development Services

9. Proposed Development Permit and Rezoning for 303-307 Jardine

March 23, 2009 report regarding an application to rezone the properties at 303, 305 and 307 Jardine Street (Zoning Amendment Bylaw No 7309, 2009.

Michael Watson, Development Services, responded to questions from members. Staff was directed to consult with the developer about adding features to construction to make it functional and accessible to those with disabilities (extra 2x4's in bathrooms, wider doors, etc.)

MOVED and SECONDED

***THAT** the Advisory Planning Commission report dated March 23, 2009, 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. 7309 be forwarded to the Regular Council Meeting of March 23, 2009 for consideration of first and second readings; and ***THAT*** Council give notice that it intends to consider a motion to approve and issue DP 034 (Q) for the project at 303 – 307 Jardine Street.

CARRIED

All Committee members present voted in favour of the motion.

Note further action took place on this item following Item 8.

7. 2009 Community Grants – City Partnership Grants

March 23, 2009 report seeking approval of the 2009 City Partnership Grants as presented in Attachment 1 of the Community Grants Review Panel report.

- ** **MOVED and SECONDED and CARRIED, this Committee recommends**
THAT the following 2009 City Partnership Grants be approved:

- Arts Council of New Westminster – \$15,000
- Massey Theatre - \$62,000
- Chamber of Commerce - \$41,000
- Tourism & Convention Development Association - \$25,000
- Farmers' Market - \$10,000
- Communities Embracing Restorative Action (CERA) (formerly Fraser Burrard Community Justice Society) - \$14,000
- Family Services of Greater Vancouver "The Edge" - \$15,000
- Fraserside Community Services Society Gardens - \$5,000
- BC Senior Services & Housing Information - \$23,000
- New Westminster Victims Assistance - \$25,000.

CARRIED

All Committee members present voted in favour of the motion.

The following grant requests were referred back to staff for more information:

- RA&I Society – Samson V Maritime Museum
- Hyack Festival Association – Hyack Festival Events
- Fraser Discovery Centre – 2D Visual Exhibit
- Fraserside Community Services – Access to Recreation
- Elizabeth Fry Society – Maida Drop in Centre
- BC Acorn – Free Income Tax Site Project
- Padang Lutheran Christian Relief – Start up funding for rental of office space.

As well, staff was directed to add in kind requests to grant request charts.

Director of Parks and Recreation:

8. Youth Facility Space Advisory Task Force Progress Update

January 12, 2009 report providing an update on the progress of the Youth Facility Space Advisory Task Force (YFTF) and providing an overview of the process undertaken, the rationale for the recommendation proposed and seeking endorsement for continued planning purposes.

This item was deleted from the Agenda (as it was considered at an earlier meeting).

Director of Development Services

9. Proposed Development Permit and Rezoning for 303-307 Jardine

March 23, 2009 report regarding an application to rezone the properties at 303, 305 and 307 Jardine Street (Zoning Amendment Bylaw No 7309, 2009).

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the following clause be rescinded from the motion made earlier in the meeting (following Item 6):

“THAT Council give notice that it intends to consider a motion to approve and issue DP 034 (Q) for the project at 303 – 307 Jardine Street.”

CARRIED.

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

10. Beverage Container Return Depots Regulations (Bylaw No. 7309, 2009)

March 23, 2009 report advising Council of options to increase the opportunities for New Westminster residents to recycle empty beverage containers and used electronics.

Members discussed the proposal for beverage container return depots regulations, noting:

- Criminalizing recycling depots is excessive and not consistent with Council's commitment about environmental issues
- Refer the proposal to the Environmental Advisory Committee
- Avoid monopolies; support another credible recycling company operating in the city
- The proposal regulates and entire business that benefits the community
- Encourage recycling depots
- Report on whether the City can operate recycling depots.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT consideration of the March 23, 2009 report from the Director of Development Services, advising Council of options to increase the opportunities for New Westminster residents to recycle empty beverage containers and used electronics, be referred to staff to supply additional information on questions raised during the discussion.

CARRIED.

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

11. 707 Eighteenth Street – Time Extension for DVP Application

March 23, 2009 report seeking approval of a time extension for DVP application.

- ** MOVED and SECONDED and CARRIED, this Committee recommends**
THAT Council give notice that it will consider a resolution to issue a time extension for Development Variance Permit 475 to allow front yard setbacks of 17 ft./5.2 m. and lot frontages of 8.3 percent of the lot perimeters.

CARRIED

All Committee members present voted in favour of the motion.

12. Draft Metro Vancouver Regional Growth Strategy: Comments for Consultation Process and Timeline for Review

March 23, 2009 report responding to a request from Metro Vancouver to provide comments on key issues arising from the Draft Regional Growth Strategy (RGS) that should be included in the upcoming public consultation and outlining Metro's public consultation schedule, as well as a suggestion for a community review of the RGS at a public meeting.

During discussion, members made the following comments:

- Consider the need to tie the subject plan with the Metro solid waste plan
- Provide a mechanism for GVRD approval of applications for conversion of industrial lands
- Additional issue is development and transportation corridors
- NFPR is another issue; funding no longer appears on long range plans – remove it from plans and supply money to the City for Front Street; raise this issue with Metro Vancouver
- Green Zones were an effective tool; natural assets/biodiversity should be protected
- Concern with certain assumptions – eco-density as a strategy will have limits; what would the City look like with growth to 88,000 people in terms of buildings, density, etc.; does New Westminster agree that the transportation corridor will have that level of density
- Other municipalities must assume a fair share of the growth burden; New Westminster will also need help from other levels of government
- Invite the Douglas College Urban Ecology to make a presentation to Council
- Tree bylaws will be important in a denser environment
- Protect rental stock as an affordable housing choice; develop incentives for its development.

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

THAT staff be directed to:

- a) *Forward the March 23, 2009 report from Director of Development Services and the summary of comments to Metro Vancouver's Board with a request that the comments be included as part of the package for public consultation on the draft Regional Growth Strategy;*

- b) *Invite a staff member from Metro Vancouver to make a presentation on the draft Regional Growth Strategy at the April 20, 2009 Council Meeting;*
- c) *Host a public meeting in late April 2009 to give residents and the business community in New Westminster an opportunity to learn more about the draft Regional Growth Strategy;*
- d) *Request that Metro Vancouver hold at least one public consultation event in the City of New Westminster;*
- e) *Advise Metro Vancouver that the City does not support removal of Green Zones.*

CARRIED

All Committee members present voted in favour of the motion.

13. Downtown Community Plan - Workshop Update

March 23, 2009 report updating Council on the Downtown Community Plan Open House and Workshop held March 3, 2009 and seeking endorsement regarding the next phase of stakeholder public consultation – reviewed by Director

The Director of Development Services circulated sides of the Downtown Community Plan Workshop on table (which will be added to the Agenda package): She offered to present a three dimensional model to Council at the next Committee of the Whole meeting.

During discussion, members made the following comments:

- Include the Special Services and Access Committee in the consultation meeting
- Note the report does not include a proposal for more park/family oriented space in the Downtown – this is a concern, particularly as there is more density expected
- How will the Downtown finally be identified/defined
- Consider the benefits of providing direct access to the water for boaters and others
- Concern over direction of heritage aspects – greater explanation needed; be creative with tools
- Communicate clearly to residents that partial demolition of the Downtown Parkade will not impact on the availability of parking in the Downtown
- Encourage a strong emphasis on employment generating development in the Downtown
- Save those buildings that we can and concentrate them in areas to create a more effective impact.

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

THAT Council direct staff to proceed with the consultation process on the Downtown Community Plan as outlined in the Director of Development Services March 23, 2009 report.

CARRIED

All Committee members present voted in favour of the motion.

14. Detached Accessory Buildings Bylaw

March 23, 2009 report providing Council with results of the public consultation process for the recommended changes to the garage regulations in single detached and duplex zoning districts; and to recommend that the bylaw be referred for first and second readings.

During discussion, members made the following comments:

- Change the proposed bylaw to permit a toilet in a garage as well as a sink
- Develop a policy that will encourage home based businesses in the city
- Staff to review and advise on the need in many families for a three-car garage.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 7289, 2009 be amended to permit toilets as well as sinks in garages.

CARRIED.

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

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MOVED and SECONDED and CARRIED, this Committee recommends

THAT Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 7289, 2009, as amended, be forwarded to the Regular Council Meeting of March 23, 2009 for consideration of first and second readings.

CARRIED

All Committee members present voted in favour of the motion.

14(a) 2009 Electrical Rates

Deleted from agenda.

REPORTS FOR INFORMATION

Council Member Lorrie Williams

15. FCM Report

Referred to Regular Council.

16. Environment and Energy Report – Metro Vancouver (verbal)

Referred to Regular Council.

Director of Development Services

17. Preliminary Report – DVP 494 for 136 East Eighth Avenue

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the March 23, 2009, report from the Director of Development Services, regarding an application to vary off street parking requirement to allow the retention of a new two-car garage at 136 East Eighth Avenue, be received.

CARRIED.

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

REQUEST FOR PRESENTATION TO COUNCIL

18. Request for Presentation to Council from David MacGrotty, President of the Royal Agriculture and Industrial Society regarding the RAIS management, funding, and tourism plans for the Samson V.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the request from David MacGrotty, President of the Royal Agriculture and Industrial Society to make a presentation to Council regarding the RA&I management, funding, and tourism plans for the Samson V, be approved.

CARRIED.

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

COMMITTEE MINUTES AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

19. MOTION TO ADOPT THE MINUTES OF: Special Services and Access Committee meeting of February 19, 2009

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Special Services and Access Committee minutes of February 19, 2009 be adopted.

CARRIED

All Committee members present voted in favour of the motion.

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

THAT the City approach CUPE to move forward with the implementation of the City Watch program.

CARRIED

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

20. [MOTION TO ADOPT THE MINUTES OF: Community Heritage Commission Minutes for January 7, 2009.](#)

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Community Heritage Commission minutes of January 7, 2009 be adopted.

CARRIED

All Committee members present voted in favour of the motion.

** [MOVED and SECONDED and CARRIED, this Committee recommends](#)

THAT the letter outlining the need for Heritage Alteration Permits is sent out to homeowners now and every two years in the future so owners are aware of Heritage Alteration Permits and grant opportunities for protected heritage buildings.

CARRIED

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

21. [MOTION TO ADOPT THE MINUTES OF: Community Heritage Commission Minutes for February 5, 2009.](#)

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Community Heritage Commission minutes of February 5, 2009 be adopted.

CARRIED

All Committee members present voted in favour of the motion.

22. [MOTION TO ADOPT THE MINUTES OF: Environment Advisory Committee Meeting February 11, 2009](#)

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Environment Advisory Committee minutes of February 11, 2009 be adopted.

CARRIED

All Committee members present voted in favour of the motion.

** [MOVED and SECONDED and CARRIED, this Committee recommends](#)

THAT Council direct staff to monitor the status related to the use of electric cars and bring forward information to the Committee as it becomes available.

CARRIED

All Committee members present voted in favour of the motion.

23. MOTION TO RECEIVE THE FOLLOWING Youth Facilities Task Force documents:

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Youth Facilities Task Force minutes of November 12, 2008, November 26, 2008, January 7, 2009, and February 11, 2009 and the Community Consultation Schedule be received and adopted.

CARRIED

All Committee members present voted in favour of the motion.

24. MOTION TO ADOPT THE MINUTES OF: Neighbourhood Traffic Advisory Committee minutes of January 29, 2009

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Neighbourhood Traffic Advisory Committee minutes of January 29, 2009 be adopted.

CARRIED

All Committee members present voted in favour of the motion.

25. MOTION TO ADOPT THE MINUTES OF: Seniors Advisory Committee meetings held December 4, 2008 and February 5, 2009

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Seniors Advisory Committee minutes of December 4, 2008 and February 5, 2009 be adopted.

CARRIED

All Committee members present voted in favour of the motion.

26. MOTION TO ADOPT THE MINUTES OF: Youth Advisory Committee meetings held November 27, 2008, December 18, 2008, and January 22, 2009

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Youth Advisory Committee minutes of November 27, 2008, December 18, 2008 and January 22, 2009 be adopted.

CARRIED

All Committee members present voted in favour of the motion.

27. MOTION TO ADOPT THE MINUTES OF: Community and Social Issues Committee meeting held January 15, 2009

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Community and Social Issues minutes of January 15, 2009 be adopted.

CARRIED

All Committee members present voted in favour of the motion.

ADJOURNMENT

ON MOTION, the meeting adjourned at 5:32 p.m.

Certified Correct,

WAYNE WRIGHT
CHAIR

RICK PAGE
CORPORATE OFFICER