



CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF NEW WESTMINSTER

REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL

March 26, 2007 3:15 p.m.
Committee Room No. 2
City Hall

MINUTES

PRESENT:

Mayor Wayne Wright
Councillor Jonathan Cote
Councillor Calvin Donnelly (joined the meeting at 7:07 p.m.)
Councillor Bill Harper
Councillor Bob Osterman
Councillor Betty McIntosh
Councillor Lorrie Williams

STAFF:

Mr. Paul Daminato	- City Administrator
Mr. Rick Page	- City Clerk
Mr. Tim Whitehead	- Director of Development Services
Mr. Jim Lowrie	- Director of Engineering Services
Mr. Gary Holowatiuk	- Director of Finance
Ms. Judi Turner	- Assistant City Clerk

Council adjourned to Committee of the Whole at 3:15 p.m. and reconvened in the Council Chamber at 7:07 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 12, 2007](#).

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council, held March 12, 2007, be received and adopted.

CARRIED.

All members of Council voted in favour of the motion.

PRESENTATION

2. [New Westminster Inter-Agency Council re Homelessness and New Westminster – Lynda Fletcher-Gordon and Dave Brown, Co-Chairs.](#)

Lynda Fletcher-Gordon and Dave Brown, Co-Chairs of the New Westminster Inter-Agency Council were present to discuss homelessness in New Westminster and the letter they sent November 2, 2006. Mr. Brown, Co-Chair of the Inter-Agency Committee, raised issues from the letter:

- The need for a 24 hour drop in facility in the community that is open for longer hours or at least a facility open during the night time hours to help them reduce their risk on the street
- Density bonusing given in exchange for affordable housing with units dedicated to the homeless in each new development.

He asked:

- If there are plans to build affordable rental units
- For an update on the hiring of a social planner for the city
- For a representative of the Inter-Agency Council to be given a seat on the Community and Social Issues Committee.

DELEGATIONS

3. **Delegations re DVP 450 – (340 – 360 Columbia Street)**

The City Clerk reported that a computer error has resulted in an error in the notification process for DVP 450 for 340-360 Columbia Street, consequently consideration of speakers and issuance of the DVP should be deferred to allow re-notification.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Development Variance Permit 450 for 340-360 Columbia Street be re-notified and a new Opportunity to be Heard and consideration of issuance be set for Monday, April 16, 2007.

CARRIED.

All members of Council voted in favour of the motion.

4. **Open Delegations**

Gavin Palmer of 603 Salter Street, President of the Queensborough Residents' Association, commented there has been very little time for the public to respond to the proposed 2007 budget. He made a number of observations on the budget and posed questions:

Tony Antonias of 805 Fourth Street, was present to announce:

- John McDermott, Irish Tenor, performing Friday, March 30th at Massey Theatre
- The Royal City Musical Theatre production of 42nd Street opening April 12th at Massey Theatre.

Christopher Bell of 1006 Nanaimo Street, was present to raise concerns over the DVP 450 for 340-360 Columbia Street. He compared the requirements of the zone with the proposal. Mr. Bell circulated his statements and a diagram (which will be added to the Agenda package).

Blair Armitage of 1025 Eighth Avenue, President of Voice New Westminster, was present to comment on recent budget presentations and to present concerns regarding the high cost of staff in the City.

Steve McClurg of 9021, 420 Carnarvon Street, was present to suggest that the City nominee to the Police Board not be a contributor to an candidate for office nor campaign for such a candidate. He posed a question concerning a dispute with Plaza 88 Development Cost Charges and other matters regarding this development.

Neil Powell of 432 Sherbrooke Street, was present to comment on a newspaper article regarding the construction of new homes and the impact on tax rates. He cited potential concerns due to expected consumption of city services generated by this new construction. He asked about the cost to New Westminster tax payers and commented that converting sites from business to residential will raise local taxes.

BYLAWS CONSIDERED AT PUBLIC HEARING

5. **Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 7147, 2007** [a bylaw to rezone 514 Garfield Street from Single Detached Dwelling Districts (RS-1) to Single Detached Dwelling Districts (Small Lots) (RS-5) **THIRD READING**

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 7147, 2007, 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 451 (514 Garfield Street).

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Development Variance Permit 451 to permit a rear yard of 13.4 feet (4.08 metres) for the existing house at 514 Garfield Street, be approved for issuance.

CARRIED.

All members of Council voted in favour of the motion.

7. Issuance of Development Variance Permit 450 (340 – 360 Columbia Street) - to vary the following section of the Zoning Bylaw:

Deferred to April 16, 2007.

CORRESPONDENCE

8. [David Chudnovsky, MLA, Opposition Critic for Transportation, re Translink Governance Review.](#)

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the correspondence from David Chudnovsky, MLA, Opposition Critic for Transportation, regarding Translink Governance Review be received.

CARRIED.

All members of Council voted in favour of the motion.

REPORTS

9. Council Members:

Councillor Donnelly

...enjoyed meeting the new Hyack Ambassadors and wished them all the best.

Councillor Harper

...visited his 90 year old mother; toured Colony Farm; attended the UDI luncheon; chaired a meeting of the Community and Social Issues Committee; attended a presentation based on Al Gore's movie on greenhouse gases; enjoyed the Ambassador lunch and wished them all the best.

Councillor McIntosh

...attended a focus group on the budget where good discussions were held; commented that pamphlets printed in other languages were provided at the City's Open House on the budget; chaired a meeting of the Family Court Committee; lunched with the Ambassadors today and noted their pageant is upcoming;

commented on efforts being made to tend to the City's aging infrastructure; offered condolences to Myrna and the Sulina family on the passing of retired Inspector Barry Sulina.

Councillor Osterman

...attended an Arts Council meeting; chaired a meeting of the Arts and Culture Commission; attended a meeting of the Emergency Advisory Committee where flood risk and protection was discussed; thanked Jim Lowrie for accompanying him at a meeting in Delta where works on our dyke system were discussed; thanked the Quayside Board for helping to build a phone tree for the residents of Quayside; congratulated Century House Association where over \$4000 was raised on their annual thrift sale; wished a speedy recovery to Norah Tubman; met the new Ambassadors; announced that tomorrow night will be the inaugural meeting for the Arts Strategy.

Councillor Williams

...lunched with the Hyack Ambassadors and was impressed with their speeches; wished them all well; chaired a meeting of the Special Services and Access Committee; attended the Sapperton Pensioners' meeting; attended the FCM and Vancouver workshop on women in municipal government; attended the expo on sustainable living; attended at Douglas College where Stephen Lewis he spoke on a world free of AIDS; attended the CANstruction event where New Westminster won another award; will attend the New Westminster Ambassador pageant; will attend the New Westminster Citizen of the Year event.

Councillor Cote

...met with high school students as part of a G8 competition where they competed for an opportunity to tell world leaders of opportunities to solve world problems; attended the EPIC conference on sustainable living; attended a speech presented by Stephen Lewis, the Special UN envoy to Africa on HIV and AIDS.

Mayor Wayne Wright

... proclaimed the following: April 2 to April 8, 2007 as Lions Club Week; month of April as Canadian Cancer Society Daffodil Month; month of April as Male Survivors of Sexual Abuse Awareness Month; attended a Municipal Finance Authority Forum and the Municipal Finance Authority AGM; attended a GVTA Board meeting and a GVRD Board meeting; met with the New Zealand Hockey Team; met with the Hyack Ambassadors today.

Extended condolences to the family of Barry Sulina on his passing. Barry enlisted at New Westminster Police Service in 1973 and retired in 1998 with 25 years of service. Extended condolences to Greg Herbert and family on the passing of his brother, Mark.

Extended congratulations to Constable Vinnie Dosanjh for receiving the Canadian Police Association Award of Excellence. He will be heading to Ottawa on April 18 to receive this honour.

Announced that Assistant Director of Finance and Information, Mindy Smith, has been selected by the Government Finance Officers Association, to not only represent the City of New Westminster and B.C., but every municipality in Canada on a task force to address the government's Tangible Capital Asset communication and implementation challenges. Mindy will devote 50% of her time to this project and the City will be reimbursed for her efforts. This appointment demonstrates that the City of New Westminster is fast becoming a leader in the world of Municipal Finance Management.

COMMITTEE MINUTES AND RECOMMENDATIONS

10. **Motion to receive and adopt [the minutes of a meeting of Council in Committee of the Whole held March 12, 2007.](#)**

MOVED and SECONDED

***THAT** the minutes of the of Council in Committee of the Whole meeting held March 12, 2007, held on March 12, 2007, be received and adopted.*

CARRIED.

All members of Council voted in favour of the motion.

11. **Recommendations from Council in Committee of the Whole meeting held March 26, 2007.**

City Administrator:

- a) **[TILMA \(Trade, Investment and Labour Mobility Agreement\)](#)**

MOVED and SECONDED

***THAT** a letter be sent to Minister Colin Hanson expressing concern over the lack of consultation with municipalities in formulating TILMA and concern for the far-reaching implications and consequences of the agreement with respect to municipalities;*

***THAT** the Union of B.C. Municipalities be requested to review the Trade, Investment and Labour Mobility Agreement to identify risks and concerns affecting British Columbia municipalities as a result of the agreement;*

***THAT** the UBCM take action to address and resolve municipal risks and concerns resulting from TILMA with the Provincial Government; and*

THAT the letters be copied to all UBCM member municipalities, to the Lower Mainland Local Government Association, and to the Purchasing Management Association of Canada.

CARRIED

All members of Council voted in favour of the motion.

Director of Engineering:

b) **Translink Governance Review**

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT a City position be formulated on the Greater Vancouver Transportation Authority (TransLink) Governance Review Panel's recommendation for submission to the Lower Mainland Local Government Association, and/or Union of BC Municipalities with a view to obtaining the support of other jurisdictions in addressing the concerns to local government identified within the March 26, 2007, report from the Director of Engineering Services.

CARRIED

All members of Council voted in favour of the motion.

Director of Finance:

c) **5 Year Finance Plan Bylaw**

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the 5 Year Financial Plan (2007 – 2011), Bylaw No. 7157, 2007, be received.

CARRIED

All members of Council voted in favour of the motion.

d) **2007 Community Grants - Update**

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the 2007 Community Grants Items 1 to 6 and 8, as proposed in Attachment 1 of the March 26, 2007, report from the Director of Finance, be approved; and

THAT Grant Item 7 (Shiloh Church) from the same report be forwarded to a future meeting of Committee of the Whole.

CARRIED

All members of Council voted in favour of the motion.

e) **Arts & Culture Commission Minutes of March 14, 2007**

(i) **Commission Representative to Council**

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Tony Antonias be designated as the Arts and Culture Commission representative to attend Regular Council meetings to share information about arts and culture events in the City.

CARRIED

All members of Council voted in favour of the motion.

(ii) **Authority to Apply for Canada Day Grant**

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Parks and Recreation staff, on behalf of the Arts and Culture Commission and the Canada Day Sub-Committee, be authorized to apply for funding for Canada 2007 under the Heritage Canada, Celebrate Canada Program.

CARRIED

All members of Council voted in favour of the motion.

BYLAWS

12. **Parks & Recreation Fees Amendment Bylaw No. 7149, 2007 [a bylaw to amend Parks & Recreation Fees Bylaw No. 6673, 2001]** **ADOPTION**

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Parks & Recreation Fees Amendment Bylaw No. 7149, 2007, be adopted.

CARRIED.

All members of Council voted in favour of the motion.

13. **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]** **ADOPTION**

MOVED and SECONDED

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

CARRIED.

All members of Council voted in favour of the motion.

14. **5 Year Finance Plan (2007 – 2011), Bylaw No. 7157, 2007** [a bylaw of the City of New Westminster representing the 5 Year Financial Plan for the years 2007 – 2011 inclusive} **THREE READINGS**

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the 5 Year Financial Plan (2007 – 2011), Bylaw No. 7157, 2007, be read a first time.

CARRIED

All members of Council voted in favour of the motion.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the 5 Year Financial Plan (2007 – 2011), Bylaw No. 7157, 2007, be read a second time.

CARRIED

All members of Council voted in favour of the motion.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the 5 Year Financial Plan (2007 – 2011), Bylaw No. 7157, 2007, be read a third time.

CARRIED

All members of Council voted in favour of the motion.

NEXT MEETING

Monday, April 2, 2007:

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.

Parcel Roll Tax Review Panel at 7:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

ON MOTION, the meeting adjourned at 9:03 p.m.

Certified Correct,

WAYNE WRIGHT
MAYOR

RICHARD L. PAGE
CITY CLERK