



CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF NEW WESTMINSTER

REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL

March 31, 2008 2:30 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
Councillor Lorrie Williams

STAFF:

Mr. Paul Daminato	- City Administrator
Ms. Judi Turner	- Acting Corporate Officer
Ms. Lisa Spitale	- Director of Development Services
Mr. Jim Lowrie	- Director of Engineering Services
Mr. Gary Holowatiuk	- Director of Finance
Chief Carl Nepstad	- Fire Chief
Mr. Dean Gibson	- Director of Parks and Recreation

Council adjourned to Committee of the Whole at 2:30 p.m. and reconvened in the Council Chamber at 7:00 p.m. with all members of Council present.

PRESENTATION

1. May Day Draw

Mayor Wright announced the 2008 May Day Draw and introduced Wayne Williamson, Chair of the May Day Committee, who conducted the draw for the May Queen Suite 2008 as the Master of Ceremonies. The results are listed in the table below.

NAME OF ELEMENTARY COMMUNITY	NAME OF MAY QUEEN CANDIDATE	NAME OF ROYAL KNIGHT CANDIDATE	POSITION
Queensborough Middle School	Cleo Tanjuaquio	Nikolas Lund-Murray	MAY QUEEN
Connaught Heights	Allison Mae Vicente	Ryan John Spencer	FIRST MAID OF HONOUR
Richard McBride	Madison Lee	Peter Male	SECOND MAID OF HONOUR
Lord Kelvin	Nowah Bayani	Nathaniel Gonzaga	MEDAL BEARER
John Robson	Thea Marie Melliza	Kale Brock	REGISTER BEARER
Herbert Spencer	Madeleine Linnea Clarkson	Lee Franklin Wiseman	FIRST FLOWER GIRL
Hume Park	Taylor Johns	Dylan Sharpe	SECOND FLOWER GIRL
F.W. Howay	Emily Puffer	Griffin Balfour	THIRD FLOWER GIRL
Lord Tweedsmuir	Hannah Elizabeth Ann Block	Kane Wray Piendl	FOURTH FLOWER GIRL

The Regular Council meeting recessed at 7:20 p.m. and reconvened at 7:28 p.m. with all members of Council present.

The Mayor announced the following changes to the Agenda:

- Item 4 is deleted from the Agenda
- Item 5(a) is added for Open Delegations on the 2008-2012 Capital Budget.

2. Move for Health Day Pedometer Challenge for the Mayor and City Council - Dave Creighton, Manager, Centennial Community Centre

Dave Creighton, Manager of Centennial Community Centre and Sandy Earle, Programmer for Active Communities, were present to invite Council to participate in the Mount Logan Pedometer Challenge. School Trustees will be invited to compete against Council on this year's challenge. Mr. Creighton shared highlights of other initiatives to promote a more active lifestyle: the New Westminster Walking Program, Walking Works for New Westminster City staff, the Grade 5 Get Active Program, and the Corporate Wellness Initiative to create a healthier more active work place.

3. **Mayor Wright to present the Award of Excellence from Consulting Engineers of BC for the City's Sustainable Sewer Funding Model study to Karen Leung of UMA Engineering.**

Mayor Wright presented the Award of Excellence to Karen Leung and Calvin Kerry of UMA Engineering from the Consulting Engineers of BC in honour of the City's Sustainable Sewer Funding Model study. Ms. Leung made a statement about the Award.

4. **12th Street – Street Tree Plan – Parks & Recreation**

This item was deleted from the Agenda.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

5. [Motion to adopt the minutes of the last regular meeting of the City Council held March 10, 2008](#)

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council, held March 10, 2008, be received and adopted.

CARRIED.

All members of Council voted in favour of the motion.

DELEGATIONS

- 5(a). **Open Delegations re 2008-2012 Capital Budget**

There were no delegations wishing to speak to the Capital Budget.

6. **Open Delegations**

Mr. Eric Pattison, Architect for the project at 340 Fifth Street, was present to respond to questions.

Jamie McEvoy of 340 Ginger Drive and Gavin Hainsworth of 13th Street, rose to comment on the following:

- The desire that larger more mature trees be planted on Twelfth Street by the Tenth Street border
- An initiative related to the discovery of Inter Urban rails; 32 rails remain intact; these represent an opportunity for re-use of materials subject to temporary storage of the rails while consultation occurs with the artistic community on options for projects such as public works, public art, benches, etc.; donated a 6 foot piece of rail to the City Museum and displayed a spike that was used on this railway project
- As well cobblestones will be recovered and are highly desirable for re-use.

Thang Vu was present and asked that Council write to Ottawa to ask that public hearings be convened for the purpose of improvements to the Motor Vehicle Act and the Motor Vehicle Transport Act to bring safety improvements for cyclists.

The Mayor advised that the matter is referred to staff.

Christopher Bell of 1006 Nanaimo Street was present and made the following comments and questions on the sale of public air space back to Mr. Degelder for \$700,000:

- When was the vote taken to sell this air space parcel back to Mr. Degelder
- The Local Government Act outlines a process for disposing of City land (and air space parcel is such an asset); was this process followed
- Is there cost for the developer to build out the space
- What would be the square foot construction cost to build out the space
- The sale price amounts to \$20 per square foot
- Plaza 88 was to pay a 5% parkland fee: how much was this, was it paid, how was it calculated
- Why was no amenity negotiated for Phase 2
- Why was the community not consulted about the disposition of the air space parcel.

CORRESPONDENCE

7. [Letter from City of Coquitlam re “Retaining Riverview Lands”](#).

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the correspondence from City of Coquitlam regarding “Retaining Riverview Lands” be received and referred to staff for follow up.

CARRIED.

All members of Council voted in favour of the motion.

8. [Letter from Municipal Finance Authority of BC re MFA Program Dividends](#).

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the correspondence from Municipal Finance Authority of BC regarding Municipal Finance Authority (MFA) Program Dividends be received.

CARRIED.

All members of Council voted in favour of the motion.

REPORTS

9. Council Members:

Councillor Harper

...traveled to Japan to visit our Sister City, Moriguchi, to meet with the Mayor and the Speaker to reinforce our ties and to invite the Mayor and Speaker to our 150th anniversary; also reviewed the new technology in terms of waste to energy plants in Tokyo; visited the Panasonic Centres in Osaka and Tokyo and learned of much energy saving equipment that is not yet on the market; addressed a group of students who are visiting New Westminster from Moriguchi; commented on Earth Hour; congratulated Brian Coates on his retirement and commented on the great service he has contributed to the city; congratulated the May Queen and her suite.

Councillor McIntosh

...attended the Mess Armouries Dinner, the Homeless Coalition volunteer's count, the Salvation Army's 120th anniversary, Douglas College's 100th stage production, a meeting with Correction Services Canada at Genesis House, a meeting of the Seniors Advisory Committee, a Seniors Sub-Committee for the Seniors Festival, and a Seniors Task Force; commented on the Royal Columbian Hospital Foundation's 30th anniversary celebration; as Acting Mayor, congratulated Rick Molstad on being Citizen of the Year; commended Donna Fishwick on receiving the Bernie Legge Cultural Award; commented on Earth Hour initiative of turning off the lights to raise awareness around saving energy; congratulated Brian Coates on his retirement; offered condolences to those families in the last month who lost special people - to Councillor Williams, Mary Baxter, Susan Cartwright-Coates on the losses of their moms.

Councillor Osterman

...as Acting Mayor welcomed the Moriguchi students, attended the 137th Annual General Meeting of the Girl Guides organization; noted that Erin Rogers of the Red Cross spoke to the Girl Guides on empowerment for women to resist bullying; attended a conference call with Mayor Sam Sullivan regarding the \$53 million which is coming for policing and the lobby to get local help with police costs; assisted in the renaming of Douglas College Theatre; offered condolences to Councillor Williams on the loss of her mother and to the family of Jim Thomson on his loss

Councillor Williams

...thanked all those who communicated their condolences on the loss of her mother; participated with the Moriguchi students by housing two persons among the delegates; attended the Citizen of the Year ceremony and congratulated Rick Molstad; noted that on CBC on the National tonight at 10:00 p.m. there will be a documentary on her work in Africa.

Councillor Cote

...noted the Easter bunny visited his household for his daughter ; participated in the Antique Easter parade; congratulated Rick Molstad on winning Citizen of the Year; met with the Youth Advisory Committee who had a tour of City Hall; thanked all the residents of the city and elsewhere who participated in Earth Hour; offered condolences to Lorrie Williams and her family on the passing of her mother.

Councillor Donnelly

...attended at the Urban Development Institute where a presentation was made on initiatives across the Province; noted the Gateway project will proceed and urged that New Westminster's interests must be protected in this project; offered condolences to Councillor Williams on the loss of her mother; noted that Jim Thomson, former Police Chief, passed away – offered condolences to his wife and family; attended the Easter Parade; congratulated Brian Coates on his retirement; commented on Earth Hour initiative to raise awareness about the environment; attended the opening of the Little League Baseball season and opened the new batting cage; attended the Dunwood Place tea; met with the New Westminster candidates for Ambassador; congratulated the May Queen suite.

Mayor Wayne Wright

...Congratulated the May Queen, the Royal Suite and Royal Knights for 2008; proclaimed April 2008 as Canadian Cancer Society's Daffodil Month; thanked MLA Chuck Puchmayr who helped the City to obtain a grant from the Province for the BC Spirit Squares Program; noted that the MLA and the City are working together to fund two new anvils for the Ancient and Honourable Hyack Battery for use in their celebrations; attended the Holy Trinity Romanian Orthodox Church where Orthodox priests met to celebrate a Mass together; made a keynote address on March 17th at the Centre of Integration for African immigrants; attended the Easter Parade and the RCH Hospital Foundation's 30th anniversary celebration; suggested that the city can do better on Earth Hour – noted that our Sister Cities also participated; lunched with the Miss New Westminster Ambassadors; advised that the Ambassador pageant will take place April 4th at the Sapperton Pensioners Hall.

Announced the appointments to Committees, Commissions and Boards for the balance of the current term ending January, 2009.

COMMITTEE	APPOINTEE
Arts & Culture Commission	Lori Watt
Emergency Advisory Committee	Larry Bryce Keith Hutchinson Wren Long Deirdre McLachlan

Family Court Committee	Brent Atkinson
Multiculturalism Advisory Committee	Ron Bennett
Neighbourhood Traffic Advisory Committee	James Janzen
Parks and Recreation Committee	Ken McDonald
Pedestrian and Bicycle Advisory Committee	Michael Ewen
Special Services and Access Committee	Larry Bryce
Youth Advisory Committee	Lori Watt

Thanked Councillor Harper for visiting the waste to energy plant in Japan on behalf of the city. On behalf of Council, extended congratulations to the 2007 Citizen of the Year Richard (Rick) Molstad and the Bernie Legge Cultural Award Recipient, Donna Fishwick. Attended the reconciliation ceremony for First Nations. Congratulated Brian Coates on his retirement. Extended condolences to the family of Jim Thomson on his passing and to Councillor Williams on the passing of her mother. Thanked all those who helped him celebrate his birthday.

Following discussion, staff was directed to add Chief Rhonda Larabee to the standing invitation list for events such as: May Day, Remembrance Day, Canada Day, and Citizenship Court.

COMMITTEE MINUTES AND RECOMMENDATIONS

10. **Motion to receive and adopt [the minutes of a meeting of Council in Committee of the Whole held March 10, 2008](#)**

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the minutes of the Council in Committee of the Whole held March 10, 2008, be received and adopted.

CARRIED.

All members of Committee voted in favour of the motion.

11. **Recommendations from Council in Committee of the Whole meeting held March 31, 2008**

Director of Development Services:

- a) **[340 Fifth Street – HRA and Work Plan for Neighbourhood Consultation](#)**

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the proposed Heritage Revitalization Agreement (340 Fifth Street) No. 7174, 2008 be received; and

THAT staff be directed to bring forward a work plan for a neighbourhood consultation process for city neighbourhoods.

CARRIED.

All members of Council voted in favour of the motion.

Director of Engineering Services:

b) [Eighth Street Pedestrian & Traffic Concerns](#)

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT staff be directed to undertake a public information session on the options assessment process and the various options including a mid block crosswalk; and

THAT staff be directed to provide a follow-up report on the public feedback received prior to any final decision on implementation

CARRIED.

All members of Council voted in favour of the motion.

Director of Development Services:

c) [419 and 423 Eighth Street: \(Bylaw No. 7227, 2008\)](#)

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 7227, be received; and

THAT the City give notice that it intends to consider a motion to approve and issue Development Permit 013 (BH) with the following variances to allow construction of a 16 unit stacked townhouse development at 419 and 423 Eighth Street:

- A three storey building with a height of 37 feet (11.3 meters)
- A front yard of 15.0 feet (4.6 meters)
- A rear yard of 16.0 feet (4.9 meters)
- A northerly side yard of 10.5 feet (3.2 meters)
- A southerly side yard of 10.5 feet (3.2 meters) and
- Site coverage of 64%.

CARRIED.

All members of Council voted in favour of the motion.

d) [Development Variance Permit No. 484 for 1521 Mayes Street](#)

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council give notice that it will consider a resolution to issue Development Variance Permit No. 484 to allow construction of a two-car parking pad in the front yard at 1521 Mayes Street.

CARRIED.

All members of Council voted in favour of the motion.

e) [Proposed Clarkson Street Neighbourhood Advisory Committee](#)

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council endorse the establishment of a Clarkson Street/Carnarvon Street Area Task Force as outlined in the March 31, 2008 report from the Director of Development Services and as amended at the Committee of the Whole meeting.

CARRIED.

All members of Council voted in favour of the motion.

Director of Finance and Information Technology:

f) [Draft 2008-1012 Financial Plan – results of the Public Consultation Process](#)

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT staff be directed to prepare the annual Financial Plan Bylaw for Council's consideration based on a 3.5% tax increase.

CARRIED.

Opposed: Councillors Donnelly, McIntosh and Osterman.

g) [2008 Community Grants - Update](#)

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the following grants be approved:

- \$2,000 to the Ancient and Honourable Hyack Battery to obtain two new anvils;
- \$1250 in cash to a maximum of \$5000 (including in kind contributions) to the Spirit of BC;
- \$5,000 to the Downtown Residents Association; and
- \$40,000 to Tourism New Westminster, upon receipt of an annual report and a general plan of activities.

Councillor McIntosh left the meeting at 9:44 p.m.

CARRIED.

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

h) [2008 Electric Utility Rates \(Bylaw No. 7224, 2008\)](#)

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT electrical utility rates be revised to reflect an interim rate increase across-the-board of 6.56% plus a rate rider decrease (from 2.0% to.5%) effective April 1, 2008; and

THAT the attached Electrical Utility Amendment Bylaw No. 7224, 2008, be received.

CARRIED.

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

i) [2008 Ipsos Reid Municipal Survey](#)

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council is informed of the City's participation in the Ipsos Reid 2008 municipal survey; and

THAT staff develop a list of additional facility related custom survey questions for Council's review.

CARRIED.

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

Director of Parks & Recreation:

Councillor McIntosh rejoined the meeting at 9:46 p.m.

j) [Amendment to Parks & Recreation Fees and Charges Bylaw \(Bylaw No. 7223, 2008\)](#)

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Parks and Recreation Fee Amendment Bylaw No. 7223, 2008, be received.

CARRIED.

All members of Council voted in favour of the motion.

k) **Hyack Square**

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT staff investigate opportunities to fund the City's portion of the Spirit Square through the recently received amenity contribution from Onni Developments.

CARRIED.

All members of Council voted in favour of the motion.

l) Moody Park Pool

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the contract for Project Management/Construction Management Services for the Moody Park Outdoor Swimming Pool for the fixed fee amount of \$330,000 and a variable fee of approximately \$288,400 for on-site personnel rates, plus general disbursements as outlined in the March 31, 2008 report from the Director of Parks and Recreation, be awarded to TASK construction Management Inc., the bidder meeting proposal requirements and providing best overall value to the City.

CARRIED.

Opposed: Councillor Donnelly and Mayor Wright.

REFERRED FROM CLOSED COUNCIL for information:

m) Seniors Advisory Committee – Amendment to Terms of Reference

THAT the Terms of Reference for the Seniors Advisory Committee be amended by the deletion of a member from the Seniors Citizen Association Branch No. 15 and replacement with a community member.

n) Moody Park Outdoor Pool – Project Target Budget

THAT the preliminary project budget for the Moody Park Outdoor Pool project be set at \$6.0 million;
THAT a refined project budget proposal be presented to Council no later than May 5, 2008; and
THAT project budget status reports be presented to Council on a monthly basis for the duration of the project.

BYLAWS

12. Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 7163, 2007 [a bylaw to amend 1025 Hamilton Street from Neighbourhood Residential Dwelling Districts (NR-1) to Neighbourhood Residential Dwelling Districts (NR-5)] **ADOPTION**

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 7163, 2007, be adopted.

CARRIED.

All members of Council voted in favour of the motion.

13. [Heritage Revitalization Agreement \(305/307 Carnarvon Street\) Bylaw No. 7166, 2007 \[a bylaw to enter into a Heritage Revitalization Agreement with the Owner of Heritage Property\]](#) **ADOPTION**

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Heritage Revitalization Agreement (305/307 Carnarvon Street) Bylaw No. 7166, 2007, be adopted.

CARRIED.

All members of Council voted in favour of the motion.

- 13(a) **Heritage Revitalization Agreement (340 Fifth Street) Bylaw No. 7174, 2007** [a bylaw to enter into a Heritage Revitalization Agreement with the Owner of Heritage Property] **TWO READINGS**

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Heritage Revitalization Agreement (340 Fifth Street) Bylaw No. 7174, 2007, be read a first time.

CARRIED.

All members of Council voted in favour of the motion.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Heritage Revitalization Agreement (340 Fifth Street) Bylaw No. 7174, 2007, be read a second time.

CARRIED.

All members of Council voted in favour of the motion.

(A Public Hearing will be held on Monday, April 21, 2008 at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chamber, City Hall)

14. [Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 7211, 2007 \[a bylaw to create the Comprehensive Development District \(East Eighth Avenue\) \(CD-15\) and rezone 343 East Eighth Avenue from Single Detached Dwelling Districts \(RS-1\) to Comprehensive Development Districts \(East Eighth Avenue\) \(CD-15\)\]](#) **ADOPTION**

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 7211, 2007, be adopted.

CARRIED.

All members of Council voted in favour of the motion.

15. [Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 7216, 2008 \[a bylaw to establish the Comprehensive Development Districts \(740 Carnarvon Street\) \(CD-18\) zoning schedule and rezone 740 Carnarvon Street from Central Business Districts \(C-4\) to Comprehensive Development Districts \(740 Carnarvon Street\) \(CD-18\)\] \(College Place Hotel\)\]](#) **ADOPTION**

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 7216, 2008, be adopted.

CARRIED.

All members of Council voted in favour of the motion.

16. [Downtown New Westminster Business Improvement Area \(Primary Area\) Parcel Tax Roll Bylaw No. 7217, 2008](#) **ADOPTION**

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Downtown New Westminster Business Improvement Area (Primary Area) Parcel Tax Roll Bylaw No. 7217, 2008, be adopted.

CARRIED.

All members of Council voted in favour of the motion.

17. [Downtown New Westminster Business Improvement Area \(Secondary Area\) Parcel Tax Roll Bylaw No. 7218, 2008](#) **ADOPTION**

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Downtown New Westminster Business Improvement Area (Secondary Area) Parcel Tax Roll Bylaw No. 7218, 2008, be adopted.

CARRIED.

All members of Council voted in favour of the motion.

18. **Parks & Recreation Fees Amendment Bylaw No. 7223, 2008** [a bylaw to amend Parks & Recreation Fees Bylaw No. 6673, 2001]

THREE READINGS

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Parks & Recreation Fees Amendment Bylaw No. 7223, 2008, be read a first time.

CARRIED.

All members of Council voted in favour of the motion.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Parks & Recreation Fees Amendment Bylaw No. 7223, 2008, be read a second time.

CARRIED.

All members of Council voted in favour of the motion.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Parks & Recreation Fees Amendment Bylaw No. 7223, 2008, be read a third time.

CARRIED.

All members of Council voted in favour of the motion.

- 19. Electrical Utility Amendment Bylaw No. 7224, 2008** [a bylaw to amend Electrical Utility Bylaw No. 6502, 1998] **THREE READINGS**

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Electrical Utility Amendment Bylaw No. 7224, 2008, be read a first time.

CARRIED.

All members of Council voted in favour of the motion.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Electrical Utility Amendment Bylaw No. 7224, 2008, be read a second time.

CARRIED.

All members of Council voted in favour of the motion.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Electrical Utility Amendment Bylaw No. 7224, 2008, be read a third time.

CARRIED.

All members of Council voted in favour of the motion.

- 20. Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 7227, 2008** [a bylaw to rezone 419 and 423 Eighth Street from Single Detached Dwelling Districts (RS-2) to Multiple Dwelling Districts (Low Rise) (RM-2)] **TWO READINGS**

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 7227, 2008, be read a first time.

CARRIED.

All members of Council voted in favour of the motion.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 7227, 2008, be read a second time.

CARRIED.

All members of Council voted in favour of the motion.

(A Public Hearing will be held on Monday, April 21, 2008 at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chamber, City Hall)

NEW BUSINESS

- 21. Inter Urban Rails**

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT staff be directed to meet with the 12th Street Neighbourhood Society to discuss means of helping with the preservation of artifacts relating to the Inter Urban train system that ran down 12th Street.

Councillor Williams left the meeting at 10:09 p.m.

CARRIED.

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

NEXT MEETING

Monday, April 7, 2008

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.

ADJOURNMENT

ON MOTION, the meeting adjourned at 10:11 p.m.

Certified Correct,

WAYNE WRIGHT
MAYOR

JUDI TURNER
ACTING CORPORATE OFFICER