



CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF NEW WESTMINSTER

## COUNCIL IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

April 6, 2009 2:22 p.m.  
Committee Room 2, City Hall

### MINUTES

#### PRESENT:

Mayor Wayne Wright  
Councillor Jonathan Coté  
Councillor Bill Harper  
Councillor Bob Osterman  
Councillor Jaimie McEvoy  
Councillor Betty McIntosh  
Councillor Lorrie Williams

#### 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. Dean Gibson	- Director of Parks and Recreation
Ms. Judi Turner	- Acting Corporate Officer
Mr. Terry Dunlop	- Recording Clerk

#### ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

#### MOVED and SECONDED

*THAT the following amendments to the agenda be approved:*

- *Item #8 – deleted*
- *Item #19 amended to be an action report.*

**CARRIED.**

All members of Committee voted in favour of the motion.

## PRESENTATIONS

### Director of Development Services:

#### 1. Queensborough (Draft) Traffic Calming Plan

##### (a) Presentation – Sarah Rocchi, P. Eng. of Opus International

The presentation illustrated various examples and traffic-calming measures, together with costs and safety upgrade information details.

Following the presentation, staff responded to questions regarding traffic circles versus curb extensions. The following were suggested:

- The proposal should be sent to parent advisory committees at both elementary and middle schools.
- If the traffic circles are removed, there may be concern at possible nighttime speeding dangers (street racers).

##### (b) Staff Report

April 6, 2009 status report from the Director of Engineering Services regarding Queensborough (Draft) Traffic Calming Plan.

**\*\* MOVED and SECONDED and CARRIED, this Committee recommends THAT the traffic calming measures outlined in the April 6, 2009 report from the Director of Engineering Services be implemented in Queensborough commencing in 2009.**

**CARRIED.**

All members of Committee voted in favour of the motion.

### PROCEDURAL NOTE:

At this point, leave was given to vary the agenda by bringing forward item #10 (Grants) to accommodate waiting applicants who were in attendance at the meeting.

### Director of Parks and Recreation

#### 10. Grant Committee Recommendations

##### (a) Recommendations for 2009 Amateur Sports Fund Grants

In support of the grant applications, Bud Groves (Amateur Sports), John Davies (Heritage Grants), Ted Drabyk (Arts Grants), and Peter McConville (Community Grants), were introduced. Representatives and staff responded to questions.

- \*\* MOVED and SECONDED and CARRIED, this Committee recommends THAT \$32,500 in grants for amateur sport development be approved as recommended by the Amateur Sports Fund Committee; and THAT the Terms of Reference for the Amateur Sport Fund be amended to include the requirement for applicants to provide a copy of the financial statements and minutes from the most recent Annual General Meeting of the organization.**

All members of Committee voted in favour of the motion.

**(b) Heritage Grant Committee Recommendations**

- \*\* MOVED and SECONDED and CARRIED, this Committee recommends THAT a grant of \$500 be approved for the Hyack Anvil Battery organization, with funding to be taken from the New Westminster Heritage Foundation grant thereby reducing their grant amount to \$7,750.00.**

All members of Committee voted in favour of the motion.

- \*\* MOVED and SECONDED and CARRIED, this Committee recommends THAT \$23,000 in grants for heritage projects be approved as recommended by the Heritage Grant Committee in their report dated April 6, 2009, and as amended in the following manner:**
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| Hyack Anvil Battery                       | \$ 500   |
| New Westminster Heritage Foundation grant | \$7,750. |

**CARRIED.**

All members of Committee voted in favour of the motion.

**(c) Arts and Culture Grant Committee Recommendations**

- \*\* MOVED and SECONDED and CARRIED, this Committee recommends THAT \$81,200 in grants for arts and culture projects be approved as recommended by the Arts and Culture Grant Committee in their report dated April 6, 2009, with the deferral of the following and their referral to staff:**

- Downtown Residents' Association & Westcoast Genesis Society
- McBride-Sapperton Residents' Associations jointly with Sapperton Business Association
- 12<sup>th</sup> Street Merchants Association.

All members of Committee voted in favour of the motion.

(d) [Community Grant Committee Recommendations](#)

Councillor Jaimie McEvoy left the meeting at 3:35 p.m. citing a potential conflict of interest as he serves as a Director of an organizing applying for a grant and his partner is involved with two other applicant organizations.

- \*\* MOVED and SECONDED and CARRIED, this Committee recommends *THAT \$46,700 in grants for Community projects be approved as recommended by the Community Grant Committee in their report dated April 6, 2009, with the addition of a \$700 in kind grant to the Kinsmen Club of New Westminster.***

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

Councillor McEvoy returned to the meeting at 3:40 p.m.

(e) [2009 City Partnership Grants - Update](#)

Each City Partnership grant application was voted separately, as follows:

- \*\* MOVED and SECONDED and CARRIED, this Committee recommends *THAT a grant in the amount of \$180,000 be approved for the Hyack Festival Association.***

Opposed: Councillors Cote and Harper and Mayor Wright.

- \*\* MOVED and SECONDED and CARRIED, this Committee recommends *THAT a grant in the amount of \$40,000 be approved for Tourism New Westminster.***

All members of Committee voted in favour of the motion.

- \*\* MOVED and SECONDED and CARRIED, this Committee recommends *THAT a grant in the amount of \$15,000 be approved for the Fraser River Discovery Centre.***

Opposed: Councillor McIntosh.

- \*\* MOVED and SECONDED and CARRIED, this Committee recommends *THAT the grant for the Royal Agricultural and Industrial Society be referred to staff for additional information.***

All members of Committee voted in favour of the motion.

- \*\* MOVED and SECONDED and CARRIED, this Committee recommends *THAT a grant in the amount of \$20,000 be approved for Fraserside Community Services.***

All members of Committee voted in favour of the motion.

- \*\* MOVED and SECONDED and CARRIED, this Committee recommends *THAT the grant application by the Elizabeth Fry Society be referred to staff for more information.***

All members of Committee voted in favour of the motion.

- \*\* MOVED and SECONDED and CARRIED, this Committee recommends *THAT the grant application by BC Acorn be not approved.***

All members of Committee voted in favour of the motion.

Members agreed that a simplified grants procedure is required for key City organizations (Hyack, Tourism New Westminster, FRDC, Fraserside Community Services), possibly through consideration via the City budget of an amount equal to 75% of their previous year's application with the balance of the current application to be submitted to Council for consideration through the grants process.

**MOVED AND SECONDED**

***THAT staff bring forward a report proposing options for dealing with annual grant applications from the following key community groups: Hyack Festival Association, Tourism New Westminster, Fraser River Discovery Centre, and Fraserside Community Services.***

All members of Committee voted in favour of the motion.

**REPORTS FOR ACTION**

**Director of Development Services:**

**6. Temporary Location of Riva Café**

April 6, 2009 report advising that a request has been received from Riva Café to locate a temporary mobile vending unit on the waterfront Esplanade.

On-table correspondence from seven citizens in support of the application was distributed on table (and will be added to the Agenda.)

- \*\* **MOVED and SECONDED and CARRIED, this Committee recommends**  
***THAT the temporary location of Riva Café on the Esplanade as outlined in the April 6, 2009 report from the Director of Development Services, be approved.***  
**CARRIED.**

All members of Committee voted in favour of the motion.

## **PRESENTATIONS, cont'd**

### **Director of Development Services:**

#### **2. Development of a Comprehensive Heritage Program**

##### **(a) Presentation**

Julie Schuek, Heritage Planner, reviewed a presentation on the development of heritage principles, objectives and policies. (Her presentation notes will be added to the Agenda package.)

##### **Discussion:**

- The pre-1900 guideline targets properties for the heritage register and recognizes the special place of such examples in the lower mainland.
- Strategies should be developed to protect heritage designations.
- Staff is moving in the direction of a policy as to what is allowed on various lots.
- Consideration needs to be given regarding the “fit” of odd places into the heritage designation. This might include holding a forum that would enable the public to bring forward their ideas.
- Examine best practices and other examples of how other municipalities and jurisdictions address heritage designations.
- A standard on what can be saved should be developed.
- Relocation costs issues are being studied
- Lot size issues vis à vis restoration must be considered.

##### **Direction to staff:**

- Inventory – the 1950 guideline issue needs to be addressed fully.
- Explore the issue of providing more “teeth” in the overall bylaw - explore other heritage bylaws and bring forward examples for future council consideration.

##### **(b) Staff Report**

April 6, 2009 update report from the Director of Development Services regarding several heritage initiatives that are integral to the development of a new comprehensive heritage program.

- \*\* **MOVED and SECONDED and CARRIED, this Committee recommends**  
*THAT the February 16, 2009 report from the Director of Development Services titled, "Development of a Comprehensive Heritage Program - An Update" be lifted from the table; and*  
*THAT Council approve the recommendation outlined in the February 16, 2009 staff report.*

All members of Committee voted in favour of the motion.

## REPORTS FOR ACTION

### Chief Elections Officer:

#### **3. 2008 Local Government Election – Late Filing of Campaign Disclosure Statements**

March 31, 2009 report regarding the filing of the Campaign Disclosure Statements for the 2008 Local Government Election.

#### **MOVED and SECONDED**

*THAT the March 31, 2009 report from the Chief Election Officer reporting on late filing of Campaign Disclosure Statements for the 2008 Local Government Election, be received.*

**CARRIED.**

All members of Committee voted in favour of the motion.

### Director of Development Services:

#### **4. Proposed Rezoning – 401 Jardine Street (Bylaw No. 7306, 2009)**

##### **(a) APC Report**

April 6, 2009 APC report advising of Commission approval of rezoning of a portion of the site from Heavy Industrial (M-2) to Light Industrial (M-1).

#### **MOVED AND SECONDED**

*THAT the April 6, 2009 report from the Advisory Planning Commission regarding a proposed rezoning of a portion of the site from Heavy Industrial (M-2) to Light Industrial (M-1), be received.*

**CARRIED.**

All members of Committee voted in favour of the motion.

#### **MOVED AND SECONDED**

*THAT staff bring forward a report on the trail portion of the site at 401 Jardine Street.*

**CARRIED.**

All members of Committee voted in favour of the motion.

**(b) Staff Report**

April 6, 2009 report advising that an application has been received to rezone 401 Jardine Street.

- \*\* MOVED and SECONDED and CARRIED, this Committee recommends *THAT Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 7306, 2009 be forwarded to the Regular Council meeting of April 6, 2009 for consideration of first and second readings.***

All members of Committee voted in favour of the motion.

**5. Proposed Official Community Plan Amendments for 409 Boyne Street (Bylaw 7310, 2009)**

April 6, 2009 report providing advice on the consideration of the Official Community Plan Amendments.

Circulated On-table: correspondence dated April 3, 2009 from TransLink Strategic Planning and Policy Department providing comment on the Official Community Plan Designation Amendment.

**MOVED AND SECONDED**

***THAT the correspondence dated April 3, 2009 from TransLink Strategic Planning and Policy Department providing comment on the Official Community Plan Designation Amendment be received.***

**CARRIED.**

All members of Committee voted in favour of the motion.

- \*\* MOVED and SECONDED and CARRIED, this Committee recommends *THAT Official Community Plan Designation Amendment Bylaw No. 7310, 2009, be forwarded to the Regular Council meeting of April 6, 2009 for consideration of first and second readings.***  
***THAT Official Community Plan Designation Amendment Bylaw No. 7310, 2009 be considered in conjunction with the City's Financial Plan and Waste Management Plan; and***  
***THAT a Public Hearing for Official Community Plan Designation Amendment Bylaw No. 7310, 2009 be scheduled for April 27, 2009.***

All members of Committee voted in favour of the motion.

**6. Temporary Location of Riva Café**

April 6, 2009 report advising that a request has been received from Riva Café to locate a temporary mobile vending unit on the waterfront Esplanade.

Considered following Items 1 and 10 above.



**7. Housekeeping Amendment to Bylaw No. 7309 – Rezoning of 303 – 307 Jardine Street**

April 6, 2009 report regarding a housekeeping amendment to Bylaw No. 7309 – Rezoning of 303 – 307 Jardine Street.

- \*\* MOVED and SECONDED and CARRIED, this Committee recommends**  
*THAT first and second readings of Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 7309, 2009, be rescinded;*  
*THAT Bylaw No. 7309, 2009 be amended (as set out in the April 6, 2009 report from the Director of Development Services); and*  
*THAT Bylaw No. 7309, 2009 be given first and second reading as amended.*

All members of Committee voted in favour of the motion.

**8. Development Variance Permit No. 494 for 136 East Eighth Avenue (circulated separately)**

This item was **deleted** from the agenda.

**Director of Legislative Services**

**9. Revision to January 21, 2009 Regular Council Minutes**

April 2, 2009 report seeking an amendment to the Regular Council minutes of January 21, 2008 to correct an error that has occurred in the minutes.

- \*\* MOVED and SECONDED and CARRIED, this Committee recommends**  
*THAT the minutes of the January 21, 2008, Regular Council meeting be amended in the motion for Item 11, Development Variance Permit 470 for 800 McBride, to permit 114 parking spaces, rather than 176 parking spaces.*

**CARRIED.**

All members of Committee voted in favour of the motion.

Staff was directed to investigate and report to the Neighbourhood Traffic Advisory Committee on improved parking regulation signage on Colborne Street.

**11. Hyack Square Official Opening**

The April 6, 2009 report from the Director of Parks and Recreation providing the plans for the official opening of Hyack Square.

- MOVED and SECONDED**  
*THAT the April 6, 2009 report from the Director of Parks and Recreation regarding the Hyack Square Official Opening, be received for information.*

**CARRIED.**

All members of Committee voted in favour of the motion.

## REPORTS FOR INFORMATION

### Director of Development Services

#### **12. Downtown Sustainability Action Plan – Consultant Selection**

April 6, 2009 report providing information regarding the consultant who has been selected to prepare a Downtown Sustainability Action Plan.

#### **MOVED and SECONDED**

*THAT the April 6, 2009 report from the Director of Development Services regarding the Downtown Sustainability Action Plan – Consultant Selection, be received for information.*

**CARRIED.**

All members of Committee voted in favour of the motion.

#### **13. Preliminary Report for Extension of DVP 496 for 411 Seventh Avenue – front setback.**

April 6, 2009 report advising that an application has been received to vary the off-street parking requirements for 411 Seventh Avenue.

**NOTE:** Staff advised of a correction of an error in the report to indicate creation of a front porch.

#### **MOVED and SECONDED**

*THAT the April 6, 2009 report, as corrected, from the Director of Development Services regarding an extension of DVP 496 for 411 Seventh Avenue front setback, be received for information.*

**CARRIED.**

All members of Committee voted in favour of the motion.

#### **14. Proposed Development Permit for the Royal Towers Hotel at 140 Sixth Street – Preliminary Report**

April 6, 2009 report advising that an application has been received to alter the existing 105-room Royal Towers Hotel at 140 Sixth Street .

#### **MOVED AND SECONDED**

*THAT staff be directed to bring back staff reports on enforcement issues and undertake an area zoning review.*

**CARRIED.**

All members of Committee voted in favour of the motion.

**MOVED and SECONDED**

*THAT the April 6, 2009 report from the Director of Development Services regarding the proposed Development Permit for the Royal Towers Hotel at 140 Sixth Street, be received for information.*

**CARRIED.**

All members of Committee voted in favour of the motion.

**15. Information Presentation for Single Family Dwelling Homeowners**

April 6, 2009 report providing notification of the proposed information presentation for single family dwelling homeowners.

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

*THAT staff be directed to proceed with the information presentation for single family dwelling homeowners as outlined in the April 6, 2009 report from the Director of Development Services.*

All members of Committee voted in favour of the motion.

**Director of Engineering**

**16. Update on Metro Vancouver's Zero Waste Challenge**

April 6, 2009 report providing an update on Metro Vancouver's Zero Waste Challenge.

Members discussed the need to address Waste-to-Energy issues by Metro Vancouver and that there is an opportunity for New Westminster to demonstrate what can be done to reduce, reuse and recycle.

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

*THAT Council support the proposed Zero Waste Challenge program as outlined in the April 6, 2009 report from the Director of Engineering Services, subject to receipt of a more detailed financial review of the cost of program delivery.*

All members of Committee voted in favour of the motion.

**Director of Parks and Recreation**

**17. Hyack Square Public Art**

April 6, 2009 report advising on the process used to select the public art and providing details about the public artwork that has been selected for the Hyack Square Project.

**MOVED and SECONDED**

*THAT the April 6, 2009 report from the Director of Parks and Recreation regarding Hyack Square Public Art, be received for information.*

**CARRIED.**

All members of Committee voted in favour of the motion.

**18. Twelfth Street Public Art**

April 6, 2009 report providing an update on the Twelfth Street Public Art Initiative.

Staff was directed to add representation from the arts community on the Twelfth Street Public Art committee.

**MOVED and SECONDED**

***THAT*** the April 6, 2009 report from the Director of Parks and Recreation regarding Twelfth Street Public Art Initiative, be received for information.

**CARRIED.**

All members of Committee voted in favour of the motion.

**Director of Parks and Recreation and Director of Development Services**

**19. Renaissance Square Public Art**

April 6, 2009 report seeking Council's consideration of a gift of public art from the Aragon Group for the central circular area of Renaissance Square.

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

***THAT*** Council accept the gift of the art piece, "Diver Inverse" from the Aragon Group;

***THAT*** Council direct staff to prepare a Gifting Agreement; and

***THAT*** the Director of Legislative Services be authorized to sign the Gifting Agreement on behalf of the City.

All members of Committee voted in favour of the motion.

**PRESENTATIONS**

**20. Rose Dedication**

The dedication of the *Royal City Rose* ceremony took place at approximately 5:15 p.m.

**21. Hyack Festival Float Presentation**

The 2009 Hyack Float was unveiled in front of City Hall at 6:00 p.m.

**COMMITTEE MINUTES AND RECOMMENDATIONS:**

**22. MOTION TO ADOPT THE MINUTES OF: The Downtown Parking Commission Meeting of March 11, 2009**

**MOVED and SECONDED**

***THAT*** the minutes of the Downtown Parking Commission meeting held on March 11, 2009, be received and adopted.

**CARRIED.**

All members of Committee voted in favour of the motion.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**ON MOTION**, the meeting adjourned at 5:05 p.m.

Certified Correct,

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**WAYNE WRIGHT**  
**CHAIR**

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**RICK PAGE**  
**CORPORATE OFFICER**

\*\* Denotes recommendations referred to Regular Council meeting of April 6, 2009, for ratification.