



CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF NEW WESTMINSTER

REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL

April 14, 2008 3:13 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
Mr. Rick Page	- Director of Legislative Services/Corporate Officer
Ms. Lisa Spitale	- Director of Development Services
Mr. Jim Lowrie	- Director of Engineering Services
Mr. Gary Holowatiuk	- Director of Finance
Ms. Jacquie Johnstone	- Acting Director of Human Resources
Mr. Dean Gibson	- Director of Parks and Recreation
Dep. Chief Dave Jones	- Police Services
Ms. Judi Turner	- Assistant City Clerk

Council adjourned to Committee of the Whole at p.m. and reconvened in the Council Chamber at 7:02 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 April 7, 2008](#)**

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council, held April 7, 2008, be received and adopted.

CARRIED.

All members of Council voted in favour of the motion.

PRESENTATION

- 1(a). **Incident at New Westminster Secondary School – Update** - Dep. Chief Dave Jones

Deputy Chief Dave Jones updated Council and the public on the incident which took place last week and NWSS which resulted in a lock down of the School. An individual who was not a student who might have been armed had resulted in teachers and staff locking the school down. The Deputy Chief outlined official response to the incident. He thanked the staff and students who responded quickly and effectively, and others who experienced displacement because of the event. He commented on the individual and that he is forbidden from appearing at any school site in the City.

2. **Mayor Wright to proclaim April 20 – 26, 2008 as Arts and Culture Week in the City of New Westminster and present the proclamation to Susan Wandell, President, and Andree St. Martin, Executive Director of the Arts Council of New Westminster.**

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The delegation made a statement about music, arts and culture. They advised that these will be celebrated by the Arts Council and its member groups through a number of events to allow citizens to discover arts in their community. She invited all to attend.

3. Mr. Andy Ross, member, New Westminster & District Labour Council, providing up-to-date information on health and safety issues, new regulations and recent changes to our compensation system.

Mr. Andy Ross, member, New Westminster & District Labour Council, provided up-to-date information on health and safety issues, new regulations and recent changes to our compensation system. Mr. Ross circulated a news released dated February 4, 2008 (which will be added to the Agenda package). He noted that investigation into prevention and education are critical in the prevention of occupational related death and disease.

Mr. Ross went on to talk of Bill 49 which has reduced benefits under the Workers' Compensation system.

4. Mayor Wright to proclaim April 28 as Day of Mourning for Workers Killed & Injured in the City of New Westminster and present the proclamation to Mr. Andy Ross.

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5. Emergency Preparedness Week, 2008:

- (a) Johanna Sulzenbacher, Emergency Planning Assistant, City of New Westminster;**
- (b) Dan Westerby, Volunteer Training Officer, Lower Mainland Area for St. John Ambulance BC/Yukon Council**

Johanna Sulzenbacher, Emergency Planning Assistant, City of New Westminster, was present to comment on the thirteenth annual proclamation to support emergency preparedness. Residents are encouraged to be prepared to care for themselves for the first 72 hours after an emergency incident. People are asked to know three things which could significantly reduce the impact of an event on residents:

- The risk potential in their area
- Develop a family emergency plan
- Prepare a home kit and a vehicle kit with basic supplies.

The City is supporting this initiative through: enhancements to the web page, making information availability at City hall and various city facilities, and an information booth at the City's annual Open House.

Dan Westerby, Volunteer Training Officer, Lower Mainland Area for St. John Ambulance BC/Yukon Council, medical first responders explained their role to assist organizations with emergency preparedness. He displayed a sample "Ready Kit" containing a first aid kit and other useful

items and an Emergency Preparedness Guide. Training is taking place at St. John Ambulance and focuses on emergency preparedness. They will offer a demonstration and training for the public at Shown 'n Shine this year. Mr. Westerby noted that 2008 will see their 125th anniversary celebrations. He invited all to their AGM on June 2 at 731 Columbia Street.

6. Mayor Wright to proclaim the week of May 4 – 10, 2008 as “Emergency Preparedness Week” in the City of New Westminster and present the proclamation.

Mayor Wright proclaimed the week of May 4 – 10, 2008 as “Emergency Preparedness Week” in the City of New Westminster and presented the proclamation to Johanna Sulzenbacher, Dan Westerby and Brent Wisheart, Captain, Local 256, Fire and Rescue Services for the City of New Westminster.

6(a). 10 by 10 Challenge

Mayor Wright proclaimed the week of May 4 – 10, 2008 as “10 by 10 Challenge” in the City of New Westminster.

6(b). Moody Park Pool

Dean Gibson, Director of Parks and Recreation, rose to update the public on the Moody Park Pool construction project. TASK Construction will facilitate the design process for the new pool, will oversee the tendering of the project, and will oversee its construction. They will work with staff to investigate alternate technologies, to develop options to reduce the cost of the project, and if necessary will help to identify program options that would work within the project budget. The Director reviewed the recreation program enhancements which will be offered in 2008 and which will be outlined in the recreation guide that will be published next month.

DELEGATIONS

7. Open Delegations

Geraldine Mercer of 202 Blackman Street, was present to discuss the following:

- An incident near Century House where an elderly man collapsed and who was revived by a passerby; she asked that a letter of appreciation be sent to him by Council
- The process for the Alternative Approval Process for the Loan Authorization Bylaw for Moody Park Pool - suggested that response forms be sent out to every tax payer as well as required publication;

asked whether Council registered their opposition by using this form; suggested that the integrity of the process is similar to a secret ballot and discussion should not be entered into until after conclusion of the process.

Ms. Mercer went on to comment on the cost of the pool and noted that costs in the construction industry are not dropping. She suggested that no further delays be permitted because of the social costs and urged that a pool be built that would last 45 years or more. She suggested that last week's motion on the matter could be rescinded.

CORRESPONDENCE

8. [Board of Directors, Metro Vancouver, re Endorsement of the FCM National Action Plan on Housing and Homelessness.](#)

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the FCM National Action Plan on Housing and Homelessness be supported and a letter presenting that position be sent to the GVRD and FCM.

CARRIED.

All members of Council voted in favour of the motion.

REPORTS

9. **Council Members:**

Councillor Osterman

...chaired a meeting of the Emergency Advisory Committee whose membership represents the City thoroughly.

Councillor Williams

...attended a performance of West Side Story at the Massey Theatre; visited with the Girl Guides and spoke on the role of government; announced a drop in public open house for people to have input on the Sapperton Plaza; announced Katimavik, the Federal Program that sponsors students from across Canada who do work in communities across the country; invited the community to host these students; spoke of the CBC video entitled "Educating Margaret" and noted that the producer will explain the making of the documentary on May 13th at Sapperton Pensioners Hall.

Councillor Cote

...chaired a productive meeting of the Environment Advisory Committee; toured the new Kirin Restaurant at the Gateway Casino; noted today is the beginning of the pedometer challenge for the City.

Councillor Donnelly

...enjoyed the afternoon at Kirin Sushi Restaurant and noted the Noodle House is located next door; noted the trolley is running from the casino to the 22nd Street Station.

Councillor Harper

...attended the Metro Vancouver strategy update on liquid waste management and the solid waste management plan; noted a number of changes that will affect the city are proposed; attended the joint Council/Residents Association meeting; chaired a meeting of the Neighbourhood Traffic Advisory Committee; enjoyed West Side Story; enjoyed the lunch at Kirin Restaurant; suggested that signage will help to direct the public to this and other establishments.

Councillor McIntosh

...will attend a Council of Councils meeting; noted that the Family Court Committee hosted a panel on youth justice issues at New Westminster Secondary School; noted that the youth population asked very insightful questions; attended a meeting of the Environment Advisory Committee; attended the Hope International Development's annual fund raising dinner to raise money for the Sudan; attended the Royal City Musical Theatre Society's annual production of West Side Story; attended the lunch at the new Kirin Restaurant in Queensborough; spoke of the trolley bus service which will serve uptown, downtown and Queensborough; wished a happy birthday to her son, Scott.

Mayor Wayne Wright

...Attended the following: Metro Vancouver Environment Committee Meeting, Electrical Utility Commission, Spartans banquet at the Centennial Community Centre, Metro Vancouver Waste Management Committee meeting, TransLink Mayors Council Working Session; as an auction item for Royal Columbian Hospital Foundation, attended a dinner at Bavaria Haus; attended the opening night performance of West Side Story; announced that on Tuesday, April 15, 2008 from 7 – 8:30 p.m. there is a Public Drop in Open House at Sapperton Starbuck Coffee Co., 411 East Columbia Square regarding the reconstruction of Sapperton Plaza. Proposed plans for the reconstruction of Sapperton Plaza will be available for review. Staff and the project architect will be on hand to answer questions and receive comments; announced that Shaw TV repeats Council meeting coverage on Saturdays, at 12 noon; noted that Council supports all the restaurants in the City and urged the public to attend the restaurants at the casino location in Queensborough; announced the appointment of Val MacDonald to the Seniors Advisory Committee for the balance of the current term.

COMMITTEE MINUTES AND RECOMMENDATIONS

10. **Motion to receive and adopt [the minutes of a meeting of Council in Committee of the Whole held April 7, 2008](#)**

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the minutes of the meeting of Council in Committee of the Whole, held April 7, 2008, 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 April 14, 2008.**

Director of Engineering Services:

- a) **[Application to Heritage Endowment Fund – New Westminster Heritage Preservation Society](#)**

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council approve a grant from the Heritage Endowment Fund in the amount of \$6,300 to the New Westminster Heritage Preservation Society for the preparation of a conservation plan for the Fraser Cemetery subject to the terms and conditions contained within the April 14, 2008 report from the Director of Engineering Services.

CARRIED.

All members of Council voted in favour of the motion.

Director of Finance and Information Technology:

- b) **[Financial Plan, 2008 – 2012 \(Bylaw No. 7228, 2008\)](#)**

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Five-Year Financial Plan (2008-2012) Bylaw No. 7228, 2008 be received.

CARRIED.

Opposed: Councillors Donnelly, McIntosh, and Osterman

Director of Development Services:

c) [La Rustica & La Lorraine Restaurant, 228 Sixth Street/Application for Patron Participation Endorsement](#)

MOVED and SECONDED

WHEREAS New Westminster City Council considered a staff report regarding an application from La Rustica & La Lorraine Restaurant located at 228 Sixth Street to amend its Food Primary Liquor License by adding a Patron Participation Endorsement;

WHEREAS the business has not generated noise complaints, negative community impacts or Police concerns while operating with a temporary Patron Participation Endorsement;

WHEREAS the applicant placed a sign in front of the business for 30 days and two notices in a local newspaper providing details regarding the application and inviting the public to submit comments to the City;

WHEREAS the City has received two letters expressing concern about the application;

WHEREAS the applicant is taking measures to address possible community concerns relating to noise;

WHEREAS the granting of the requested patron participation endorsement is not expected to result in noise impacts to the community; and

WHEREAS the requested amendment is consistent with the establishment's primary purpose as a restaurant;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

THAT New Westminster City Council approves La Rustica & La Lorraine Restaurant's application for a Patron Participation Endorsement subject to the patron participation entertainment only being provided on Fridays and Saturdays and not taking place after 11:00 pm.

CARRIED.

All members of Council voted in favour of the motion.

d) [Request to Waive DCC's for Maria Keary Cottages, 305 – 307 Carnarvon Street](#)

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT staff be directed to create a Development Cost Charges Relief policy prior to considering the request by Westcoast Genesis Society for the Maria Keary Cottages facility at 305-307 Carnarvon Street to waive Development Cost Charges.

CARRIED.

All members of Council voted in favour of the motion.

e) Strategy for Liquid and Solid Waste Management

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the City develop a policy for submission to Metro Vancouver on the issues of liquid waste and solid waste.

CARRIED.

All members of Council voted in favour of the motion.

BYLAWS

12. [Commercial Vehicle Amendment Bylaw No. 7225, 2008 \[a bylaw to amend Commercial Vehicle Bylaw No. 5789, 1988 re Part D – Schedule “A”\]](#) **ADOPTION**

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Commercial Vehicle Amendment Bylaw No. 7225, 2008, be adopted.

CARRIED.

All members of Council voted in favour of the motion.

13. [Five-Year Financial Plan \(2008 – 2012\) Bylaw No. 7228, 2008 \[a bylaw of the City of New Westminster representing the Five-Year Financial Plan for the years 2008 – 2012, inclusive\]](#) **THREE READINGS**

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Five-Year Financial Plan (2008 – 2012) Bylaw No. 7228, 2008, be read a first time.

CARRIED.

Opposed: Councillors Donnelly, McIntosh and Osterman.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Five-Year Financial Plan (2008 – 2012) Bylaw No. 7228, 2008, be read a second time.

CARRIED.

Opposed: Councillors Donnelly, McIntosh and Osterman.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Five-Year Financial Plan (2008 – 2012) Bylaw No. 7228, 2008, be read a third time.

CARRIED.

Opposed: Councillors Donnelly, McIntosh and Osterman.

NEXT MEETING

Wednesday, April 16, 2008

Special Open Meeting, at 6:30 p.m. to discuss the Arts Strategy and the Comprehensive Plan

Monday, April 21, 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.

Public Hearing

- **Heritage Revitalization Agreement (340 Fifth Street) Bylaw No. 7174, 2007**
- **Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 7227, 2008 and Development Permit 013 (BH) with variances – 419 and 423 Eighth Street**
- **Development Variance Permit 484 (1521 Mayes Street)**

ADJOURNMENT

ON MOTION, the meeting adjourned at 10:39 p.m.

Certified Correct,

WAYNE WRIGHT
MAYOR

RICHARD L. PAGE
CORPORATE OFFICER