



CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF NEW WESTMINSTER

REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL

April 20, 2009 3:00 p.m.
Committee Room No. 2
City Hall

MINUTES

PRESENT:

Mayor Wayne Wright
Councillor Jonathan Côté
Councillor Bill Harper
Councillor Bob Osterman
Councillor Jaimie McEvoy
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
Mr. Randy Grant	- Finance Department
Mr. Terry Dunlop	- Recording Clerk

Council adjourned to Committee of the Whole at 1:30 p.m. and reconvened in the Council Chamber at 7:15 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 6, 2009](#)

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the minutes of the Regular City Council meeting held on April 6, 2009, be received and adopted with revision of minutes to add on page 17, regarding the resolution for property taxes the following: **“BE IT RESOLVED THAT** City Council appeal to the Federal Minister of

Transportation, Mr. Baird, to not sanction the sale of the Interfor property to the Metro Port Authority”.

CARRIED.

All members of Council voted in favour of the motion.

PRESENTATIONS

2. Organ Donor Awareness Week

(a) Mayor Wright to proclaim April 19 to 26 as Organ Donor Awareness Week and present the Proclamation to Chuck Puchmayr, MLA

Mayor Wright proclaimed April 19 to 26 as Organ Donor Awareness Week and presented the Proclamation to Chuck Puchmayr, MLA.

(b) Presentation - Chuck Puchmayr, MLA

Chuck Puchmayr and Ken Donohue were in attendance to promote Organ Donor Awareness Week. Mr. Puchmayr noted that notwithstanding the record number of transplants in BC in 2008, 300 remain on current waiting lists. The organ donor registry and its benefits were reviewed. The plan to promote organ donations was outlined in detail. Prospective donors were urged to verify their eligibility status at the organ donors' website: www.transplant.bc.ca

Following the presentations, Mr. Puchmayr expressed his thanks to Council and requested consideration of possible inserts with pay slips, utility bills etc., urging people to register as donors. Staff was subsequently directed to investigate the suggestion. A Councillor also suggested that the City challenge other municipalities in BC to match New Westminster's participation.

3. Metro Vancouver Environment Committee – Councillor Lorrie Williams

Councillor Lorrie Williams addressed Council on Metro Vancouver's Environment Committee's strategy to prevent the spread of West Nile virus to the region. Counter measures have been ongoing since 2004 and although no cases are yet noted in BC, it is anticipated that the virus will eventually come into the province. Metro Vancouver is monitoring levels in the region and is tackling larvæ in standing waters, ponds and ditches. Metro Vancouver wishes to avoid the use of chemical sprays and go ahead with larvæcide treatment. Residents were therefore urged to drain all standing water in homes, yards, old tires etc., which will reduce the number of mosquitoes that would otherwise survive. Furthermore, any birds (often carriers of the disease) found dead should be carefully retrieved using gloves, bagged and reported to the local health unit for investigative research.

4. Metro Vancouver Regional Growth Strategy – Johnny Carline, Chief Executive Officer, Metro Vancouver.

Chief Executive Officer, Johnny Carline presented the Metro Vancouver Regional Growth Strategy, *Shaping our Future*, illustrating the draft growth strategy. The strategy is not an all-embracing plan; rather the primary focus is on land use and transportation – components of the *Sustainable Region Initiative*. The strategy requires updating and local planners have been working on the project for at least five years. Mr. Carline concluded his presentation with praise for city planning staff on their active participation in the update process and he welcomed any additional feedback Council and the community might wish to provide during the consultation process.

The major goals and further details of the presentation are available on file in the office of the City Clerk.

Discussion (responses are shown in *Italics*):

- Difficulty of balancing all elements of the plan noted; governance issues involving transportation and roads (e.g. TransLink and provincial roads such as those in the province's Gateway plan).
- Industrial land bases – preservation issues – need regional government support and coordination of how to reach the point where the entire region can agree.
- Issue of the role of the Port Authority must be included. *Metro Vancouver recognizes the governance issue. The two-tier system is good when it works well – it allows regional issues to be addressed collectively but truly local issues only work if both sides keep their parts of the bargain. Local councils need to recognize and adhere to some regional principles. Port agencies, need a process to bring all participants together around a table and agree to be on the same page (YVR, Port, Region, municipalities, etc.). There should be a coordinating forum that brings everyone to the table so plans are not ignored or overlooked. There must be a better process of discussion, coordination and consensus building.*
- Ports are entitled to develop as they see fit when they buy it.
- Is there some mechanism to address agricultural priorities? *Metro Vancouver has suggested that municipalities designate lands for agricultural use. Municipal regulation would be layered on top of the ALR designation; this would provide added regulatory power. Also, there should be a food strategy, including – tax incentives etc., that helps productivity of the local farmers. Isolated agricultural parcels are often hotly debated and past arguments have led authorities to believe that they would likely not survive. However, more recently, a strategy has emerged that promotes development of food sources within the urban area. Certain techniques might extend food production back into*

the urban area. That would need to be established at the start of the plan

- Debate among councils will focus on what planning powers the region has. How can regional government get more power to deal with such issues at Regional Town Centres (RTC) and Growth Concentration Areas (GCA). *Metro Vancouver has asked municipalities to discourage offices and office parks from locating outside GCAs. Currently, there is no consensus among municipal planners in the region on this issue.*
- A successful tool in the previous plan was the functionality of the Green Zone. Will Protected Areas be stronger or more flexible? Will regional powers be the same? *Yes. The plan calls for stronger protection and policies guided towards the more specific nature of the non-urban areas. Having three separate protected zones is more effective than the all-encompassing Green Zone.*
- Are cities nominating reasonable options for their industrial zones? *The actual acceptance of plan itself is a first component. The aim is for agreement first on the plan and then in about two years, the municipality comes forward with its more precise legal terminology.*
- While recognizing the ability to have more density in New Westminster there is concern at how much more the city can realistically accept. For example, there are severe limits in growth for schools. There is a need to draw caution on how much more density New Westminster can accept. *Metro Vancouver acknowledges the significant challenge for New Westminster and other established centres in the region. The plan sets out some targets or projections – and it sets goals for consideration, not a regulation or imposition. The plan is a “measuring stick” identifying the process to go through to meet the goals. In accommodating schools, it is necessary to bring the province to the table and look to municipalities to provide feedback on projections.*
- *The general public is invited to attend Metro Vancouver’s consultation processes in different forms – some starting with 10 minute video presentations and small groups that work to address policies and strategies; it is also proposed to provoke debate that will respond to requests for other meetings.*
- Difficulty in envisioning process due to New Westminster’s limited space availability – lot of questions to answer. *The city’s character is council’s responsibility and Metro’s role is to be as in control of the change as possible – that’s part of this process. The goal is sound, brave planning combined with a careful development process .to reach the end vision of what can be achieved.*

DELEGATIONS

5. **Delegations re: Issuance of Time Extension for Development Variance Permit (475) 707 Eighteenth Street.**

No delegations appeared.

ISSUANCE OF DEVELOPMENT VARIANCE PERMITS

6. [Issuance of Time Extension for Development Variance Permit 475 for 707 Eighteenth Street to Allow Front Yard Setbacks of 17 ft. /5.2 m. and Lot Frontages of 8.3 percent of the Lot Perimeters.](#)

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT 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, be issued.

CARRIED.

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

CORRESPONDENCE

7. [Members of Holy Trinity Cathedral are seeking:](#)
- [financial support in the form of a \\$7,000.00 grant](#)
 - [support from the City police and engineering departments for their parade on September 19, 2009.](#)

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT receive for information correspondence and referred to Dir of Finance and Information, Dir of Eng and Chief Constable for review and report.

CARRIED.

All members of Council voted in favour of the motion.

REPORTS

8. **Council Members:**

Councillor Harper

... echoed tributes to Chuck Puchmayr, MLA held at the Inn at the Quay to recognize his extensive service to the community, both as a City Councillor and MLA; attended the Easter Parade – kudos to Hyack Festival Association and the antique car owners, thanks to staff for supporting services essential for the day; attended productive meeting with Coquitlam City Council – hope for similar meeting with Burnaby; attended Tourism Board meeting — invited to come to Council and give a detailed presentation; attended Sapperton Pensioners Tea;

attended Welcoming Communities Forum to raise immigrant services awareness, at Century House; attended Lord Kelvin School 100th Anniversary event; attended Queens Ave United Church 150th anniversary celebration; attended Woods Temple Vaisakhi celebration; Arts Council volunteer lunch.

Councillor McIntosh

...enjoyed Easter Parade; attended meeting with Coquitlam Council; closed meeting with TransLink Board, Sapperton OAP meeting; Spa Education Expo Westcoast College of Massage Therapy; Century House – inclusive community event; Queen's Avenue United Church 150th anniversary events; Arts Council volunteer appreciation lunch; attended movie *Rape of Europa* re stolen art during WW2; condolences to family of Victor Anderson and Ken Wilson's father

Councillor Osterman

...attended meeting with Coquitlam Council; congrats to Hyack festival Association for perseverance with Easter Parade during inclement weather; working with Quayqayt First Nations on the issue of language (Salish) instruction; working with School Board on land options for new schools – trying to bring to fruition and conclusion

Councillor Williams

...attended Queen's Avenue United Church 150th anniversary event; Art Beat Awards at Centennial Lodge; Lions Club fundraiser; Lord Kelvin School 100th Anniversary – well-attended function – teachers commended; Sapperton Pensioners tea; joint meeting with TransLink Board on 10 year plan; meeting with Coquitlam City Council; Library Board meeting; Easter Parade; *A Chorus Line* production - one of the best ever productions; represented Mayor at Ft Langley re announcement of Fraser trail park from Mission to Richmond; noted *Vancouver Sun* article about the Royal City Rose; highlighted *Province* article re Vivian Garcia's award as *Courage to Come back Award* recipient.

Councillor Coté

...acknowledged tribute to Chuck Puchmayr, MLA recognizing his work contributed to the community; attended Easter Parade; meeting with Coquitlam City Council; Community and Social Issues Committee focused on downtown community plan

Councillor McEvoy

...Chaired Seniors Advisory Committee, Arts Council, Heritage Advisory Committee; attended Easter Parade; meeting with Coquitlam Council; Lord Kelvin School 100 anniversary event;; Welcoming Communities event open house; Lions Club fundraiser; reminded public of the Animal Forum at Century House and the Book Fair at Royal City Centre Mall.

Mayor Wayne Wright

...proclaimed the following: April 19 – 25 as Prevention of Violence Against Women Week ; May as Multiple Sclerosis Month; attended the following: B.C.

Leadership Lunch at the Vancouver Convention Centre; Closed Meeting of Council; Joint meeting with Coquitlam Council; Special Joint meeting of Metro Vancouver and Fraser Valley Regional District Parks Committee Meeting; Closed meeting with TransLink re: 10 year transportation plan; Metro Vancouver Mayors' Committee Meeting; Metro Vancouver Housing Committee Meeting; brought greetings to and welcomed Their Honours the Lt. Governor The Honourable Steven L. Point, OBC and Mrs. Point to the Queens Avenue United Church in celebration of their 150th anniversary and extended congratulations to the Queen's Avenue United Church for this milestone celebration.

9. [Parks and Recreation Departments and Police Service recommending approval of a Special Occasion Permit for Slow Pitch at Moody Park on Saturday, July 11, 2009 from 11:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.](#)

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the request from Parks and Recreation Departments and Police Service for a Special Occasion Permit for Slow Pitch at Moody Park on Saturday, July 11, 2009, from 11:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., be approved.

CARRIED.

All members of Council voted in favour of the motion.

10. [Parks and Recreation Departments and Police Service recommending approval of a Special Occasion Permit for Senior Lacrosse Club at Queens Park Arena on May 21, 28, June 4, 11, 18, July 2, 9, 16, 30, August 4, 6, 11, 14 and August 17, 19, 25, 27 from 7:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.](#)

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the request from Parks and Recreation Departments and Police Service for a Special Occasion Permit for Senior Lacrosse Club at Queens Park Arena on May 21, 28, June 4, 11, 18, July 2, 9, 16, 30, August 4, 6, 11, 14 and August 17, 19, 25, 27 from 7:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., be approved.

CARRIED.

All members of Council voted in favour of the motion.

11. [Parks and Recreation Departments and Police Service recommending approval of a Special Occasion Permit for Hyack Festival Association at Queens Park / East Field, East of #4 Softball Diamond on May 17, 2009 from 1:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. and May 18, 2009 from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.](#)

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the request from Parks and Recreation Departments and Police Service for a Special Occasion Permit for Hyack Festival Association at Queens Park / East Field, East of #4 Softball Diamond on May 17, 2009

from 1:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. and May 18, 2009 from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., be approved.

CARRIED.

All members of Council voted in favour of the motion.

COMMITTEE MINUTES AND RECOMMENDATIONS

12. Motion to receive and adopt the minutes of a meeting of Council in Committee of the Whole held April 6, 2009

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the minutes of the Council in Committee of the Whole meeting held on April 6, 2009, be received and adopted.

CARRIED.

All members of Council voted in favour of the motion.

13. Recommendations from Council in Committee of the Whole meeting held April 20, 2009.

MOVED AND SECONDED

THAT Council approve in principle the draft 2009-2013 Financial Plan – General Fund subject to changes approved at the April 20th budget session as follows:

- a) Economic Development – add \$30,000*
- b) Special Projects – item deleted*
- c) Human Resources – 1.5 positions proposed – full report to Council required*
- d) Library – Additional position denied; and*

Subject to the City undertaking a public consultation process on the draft 2009-2013 Financial Plan; and

THAT Council direct staff to proceed with the public consultation process as outlined in this report.

CARRIED

All members of Council voted in favour of the motion.

14. 2009 Budget Adjustments:

MOVED AND SECONDED

THAT staff salaries and benefits be budgeted at 99% for 2009; and

THAT staff further refine this policy for the 2010 budget; and

THAT surpluses only be used for one time expenses and not be used to augment the operating budget.

CARRIED

Councillors McIntosh and Osterman opposed.

Staff outlined the public consultation process and dates of meetings to receive citizen comment and input. Staff was directed to provide

Councillors' e-mail contact information for members of the public unable to attend the public meetings.

Director of Development Services

15. Development Variance Permit No. 496 for 411 Seventh Avenue

MOVED AND SECONDED

THAT Council give notice that it will consider a resolution to issue Development Variance Permit 496 to allow the construction of a front porch that projects 6.59 ft./2.0 m. into the required front yard at 411 Seventh Avenue.

CARRIED

All members of Council voted in favour of the motion.

16. Housekeeping Amendment to Amendment Bylaw No. 7289 Garage (Detached Accessory Building) Regulations (Bylaw No. 7289, 2009)

MOVED AND SECONDED

THAT second reading of Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 7289, 2009 be rescinded;

THAT Bylaw No. 7289, 2009 be amended (as set out in the April 20, 2009 report from the Director of Development Services); and

THAT Bylaw No. 7289, 2009 be given second reading as amended.

CARRIED

Councillor McIntosh opposed

17. Starlight Casino – 350 Gifford Street / Application for a New Outdoor Patio

MOVED AND SECONDED

THAT the following resolution be approved:

WHEREAS New Westminster City Council considered a staff report regarding an application from Starlight Casino located at 350 Gifford Street to create a new outdoor patio;

WHEREAS the proposed patio is not expected to generate noise or negative impacts to the community;

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

WHEREAS the City has not received any public comments or objections regarding the application;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT New Westminster City Council approves Starlight Casino's application to create a new outdoor patio.

CARRIED

All members of Council voted in favour of the motion.

18. Demolition Permits for 532 Fifth Street and 508 Sixth Avenue

MOVED AND SECONDED

***THAT** Council direct staff to issue demolition permits for 532 Fifth Street (also known as 506 Sixth Avenue) and 508 Sixth Avenue for the expressed purpose of allowing for the relocation of these properties.*

CARRIED

All members of Council voted in favour of the motion.

19. Proposed Fire Lane Access Agreement for 4, 6, and 18 Spruce Street

MOVED AND SECONDED

***THAT** Council authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the proposed easement documents.*

CARRIED

All members of Council voted in favour of the motion.

20. Development Variance Permit No. 494 for 136 East Eighth Avenue

MOVED AND SECONDED

***THAT** Council issue notice that it will consider a resolution to issue Development Variance Permit 494 to allow the retention of the two front yard driveway crossings and the front yard parking at 136 East Eighth Avenue.*

CARRIED

All members of Council voted in favour of the motion.

Director of Engineering:

21. Update on 5 Year Regional Liquid Waste Management Plan (LWMP) Review Process

MOVED AND SECONDED

***THAT** Council receive the April 20, 2009 report from the Director of Engineering Services for information, and*

***THAT** Council direct staff to forward a copy of this report containing preliminary comments on the Draft Liquid Waste Management Plan to Metro Vancouver.*

CARRIED

All members of Council voted in favour of the motion.

Director of Finance and Information Technology:

22. **2009 Electrical Utility Rates – Amended Rate Rider** (Bylaw No. 7312, 2009)

MOVED AND SECONDED

THAT the 2009 electrical utility rate rider be amended from 2.5% - 1.0% effective April 1, 2009; and

THAT the Electrical Utility Amendment Bylaw No. 7312, 2009 be given three readings (Attachment A).

CARRIED

All members of Council voted in favour of the motion.

Director of Parks and Recreation:

23. **Don Benson, City of New Westminster Poet Laureate Emeritus, comments on erroneous information printed in the Royal City Record regarding the commemorative book 150 Years of New Westminster Traditions, provides information on honorariums paid to Poet Laureates in Canadian cities and requests consideration of an honorarium of \$500.00 each for himself and Edna Anderson.**

MOVED AND SECONDED

THAT the correspondence from Don Benson regarding the commemorative book “150 Years of New Westminster Traditions” be received; and

THAT the two Poets Laureate Emeritus be awarded an \$500 honorarium each.

CARRIED

All members of Council voted in favour of the motion.

24. Community Heritage Commission Minutes of March 4, 2009
a) **Cost of Relocation Heritage Structures - Discussion**

MOVED AND SECONDED

THAT the Community Heritage Commission recommend the City assist in the relocation of heritage homes within New Westminster by reducing costs wherever possible.

CARRIED

All members of Council voted in favour of the motion.

BYLAWS

- 24. Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 7289, 2009** [a Bylaw to amend Zoning Bylaw No. 6680, 2001 re: Garage (detached accessory Building) regulations]

MOVED AND SECONDED

THAT first and second readings of Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 7289, 2009, given on March 23, 2009, be rescinded.

CARRIED

Councillor McIntosh opposed

MOVED AND SECONDED

THAT Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 7289, 2009 be amended (as set out in the April 20, 2009 report from the Director of Development Services).

CARRIED

Councillor McIntosh opposed

MOVED AND SECONDED

THAT Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 7289, 2009 be given first reading as amended.

CARRIED

Councillor McIntosh opposed

MOVED AND SECONDED

THAT Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 7289, 2009 be given second reading as amended.

CARRIED

Councillor McIntosh opposed

(A Public Hearing for Zoning Amendment Bylaw 7289, 2009 has been scheduled for Monday, May 11, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chamber, City Hall).

- 25. Lane Paving Between Fenton Street and Pembina Street, South of Ewen Avenue, Parcel Tax Bylaw No. 7301, 2009** [a Bylaw to impose a parcel tax on the owners of land or real property pursuant to the provisions of Section 200 of the Community Charter] **THREE READINGS**

- On-table report dated April 20, 2009 providing calculation of local improvement costs.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council receive the report dated April 20, 2009 from the Director of Finance and Information Technology on the Parcel Tax for Lane Paving Between Fenton Street and Pembina Street, South of Ewen Avenue.

CARRIED.

All members of Council voted in favour of the motion.

MOVED AND SECONDED

THAT Lane Paving Between Fenton Street and Pembina Street, South of Ewen Avenue, Parcel Tax Bylaw No. 7301, 2009, be read a first time.

CARRIED

All members of Council voted in favour of the motion.

MOVED AND SECONDED

THAT Lane Paving Between Fenton Street and Pembina Street, South of Ewen Avenue, Parcel Tax Bylaw No. 7301, 2009, be read a second time.

CARRIED

All members of Council voted in favour of the motion.

MOVED AND SECONDED

THAT Lane Paving Between Fenton Street and Pembina Street, South of Ewen Avenue, Parcel Tax Bylaw No. 7301, 2009, be read a third time.

CARRIED

All members of Council voted in favour of the motion.

- 26. Electrical Utility Amendment Bylaw No. 7312, 2009** [a Bylaw to amend "Electrical Utility Bylaw No. 6502, 1998"] **THREE READINGS**

MOVED AND SECONDED

THAT Electrical Utility Amendment Bylaw No. 7312, 2009, 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. 7312, 2009, 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. 7312, 2009, be read a third time.

CARRIED

All members of Council voted in favour of the motion.

NEW BUSINESS

27. McBride Street pedestrian Overpass

For information, it was noted that earlier direction was given to staff to meet with the Onni Group of Companies to inform them of expectations relative to construction of the McBride Street pedestrian overpass and to seek their comments on engineering timelines for report back to Council.

28. Human Organ Donations

In response to an earlier presentation by Chuck Puchmayr, MLA, regarding human organ donations, it was

MOVED and SECONDED

***THAT** Council authorize the insertion of human organ donation information with city tax and utility billings.*

CARRIED.

All members of Council voted in favour of the motion.

MOVED and SECONDED

***THAT** Council direct staff to explore and report back on other potential venues for disseminating information on human organ donation.*

CARRIED.

All members of Council voted in favour of the motion.

NEXT MEETING

Monday, April 27, 2009

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

Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 7306, 2009 [a Bylaw to amend Zoning Bylaw No. 6680, 2001 re: 401 Jardine Street]

Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 7309, 2009 [a Bylaw to Amend Zoning Bylaw No. 6680. 2001 re: 303, 305 and 307 Jardine Street]

Official Community Plan Designation Amendment Bylaw No. 7310, 2009 [a Bylaw to amend Official Community Plan Designation Bylaw No. 6476, 1998 and Official Community Plan Designation Bylaw No. 6266, 1995 re: 409 Boyne Street]

ADJOURNMENT

ON MOTION, the meeting adjourned at 9:55 p.m.

Certified Correct,

**WAYNE WRIGHT
MAYOR**

**RICHARD L. PAGE
CORPORATE OFFICER**