



CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF NEW WESTMINSTER

REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL

April 23, 2007 2:06 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

REGRETS:

Councillor Lorrie Williams

STAFF:

Mr. Paul Daminato	- City Administrator
Mr. Rick Page	- Director of Legislative Services/Corporate Officer
Mr. Jim Lowrie	- Acting Director of Development Services
Mr. Steven Lan	- Acting Director of Engineering Services
Mr. Gary Holowatiuk	- Director of Finance
Mr. Dean Gibson	- Director of Parks and Recreation
Ms. Judi Turner	- Assistant City Clerk

Council adjourned to Committee of the Whole at 2:06 p.m. and reconvened in the Council Chamber at 7:05 p.m. with all members present except Councillor Williams.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

1. **Motion to adopt [the minutes of the last regular meeting of the City Council held April 16, 2007.](#)**

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council, held April 16, 2007, be received and adopted.

CARRIED.

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

PRESENTATION

2. **[Mayor Wright to proclaim April 28th as the “Day of Mourning for Workers Killed, Injured or disabled on the job” in the City of New Westminster. Alison Kirkley, member of the Labour Council, will make presentation to provide up-to-date information on workers’ health and safety issues and a review of possible upcoming Worksafe regulatory changes that have impacted BC’s workplace accident and fatality rates.](#)**

Mayor Wright proclaimed April 28th as the “Day of Mourning for Workers Killed, Injured or Disabled on the Job” in the City of New Westminster. Alison Kirkley, member of the Labour Council, made a presentation to provide up-to-date information on workers’ health and safety issues and a review of possible upcoming Worksafe regulatory changes that have impacted BC’s workplace accident and fatality rates. (She submitted her presentation in writing which will be added to the Agenda package.)

3. **Mayor Wright to present Certificates to:**
 - **Danielle Que, Champion, 68th Annual BC Golden Gloves Boxing**
 - **Lydia Walczak, Champion, Canada Boxing**
 - **Eugene Dutkiewicz, Coach of Champion of Canada Boxing and Champion of Golden Gloves, BC**

Mayor Wright presented certificates to the following athletes for their achievements in sports:

- Danielle Que, Champion, 68th Annual BC Golden Gloves Boxing
- Lydia Walczak, Champion, Canada Boxing
- Eugene Dutkiewicz, Coach of Champion of Canada Boxing and Champion of Golden Gloves, BC

Ms. Que, on behalf of the group, thanked the City of New Westminster for its support of Queensborough boxing and Boxing BC.

DELEGATIONS

4. Open Delegations

Dave Lundy of #107, 340 Ninth Street, commended Council for taking positions on TILMA and TransLink governance. He added that the decision on Kiwanis Pool was a year late and costly but he supports the decision regarding replacement of a pool that is 60 years old. Mr. Lundy commented on a letter to the Editor on gender equity issues at the City and suggested that the City needs to have an opportunity to comment on the matter. He asked that the fight against TILMA be continued.

Christopher Bell of 1006 Nanaimo Street, representing the Safer Pool Coalition, suggested that Council could focus on key items to remediate Kiwanis Pool at a lesser cost than was set out in reports provided to the City by consultants. He noted that such remediation is only necessary for two years. He further suggested that Council should seek a second opinion on the condition of the pool. He advised that Chris Hardwick has offered his services to supply a second opinion. He stated that it might only cost tens of thousands and not millions to remediate the pool.

Chris Hardwick of 1114 Dublin Street, commended Council on moving forward with plans to build a new pool for Moody Park. He stated that he has read the consultant's report and proposed that a temporary repair could be carried out at considerably less cost than indicated in the Cannon report. He identified the report as a useful tool to demonstrate the problems with the pool and noted that he has developed his own cost estimates for each problem contained therein at a significantly less cost. This upgrade could be done over the next couple of months. He stated that the city has an obligation to the community to keep the pool open and pointed out that seismic upgrading is not necessary. He noted that the report also states that the pool could continue to be operated for another 2 years. With respect to the mechanical report which identifies items for and less costly to repair than stated in the report. He added that no structural repairs to the pool are necessary.

John Ashdown of 1111 Edinburgh Street, rose to comment on the Kiwanis Pool. He supported the plan to proceed with rebuilding the pool however he raised concerns:

- That the consultant who conducted the assessment is the same organization which has received the contract for the rebuild
- Safety considerations can be remedied by simpler actions than noted in the report
- The community wishes to receive assurances that the pool will be rebuilt and not be superseded by any other project..

Mr. Ashdown noted that a dedicated financial commitment must be made by the City if the community is to financially support the project. He asked why the

repairs made in 2006 cannot allow the pool to remain open in 2007. If construction begins in September it should be possible to complete the project for summer of 2008, however, if this were not possible, this would be understood in the community. He noted there are many other needs in the community and voiced concern that other priorities might replace the commitment for this pool. He encouraged Council to listen to the community.

Rick Carswell of 309 Eighth Street, President of the Brow of the Hill Residents' Association, announced the Brow Spring Clean Up scheduled for May 19th from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. He thanked Peter Julian, MP, for providing tools, equipment, and vests and Chuck Puchmayr, MLA, who will be present. He invited Mayor and Councillors to attend.

Mr. Carswell noted that the Brow of the Hill Residents' Association has received presentations about the trolley project, about the St. Barnabus community support initiatives, and will receive information about the Kiwanis pool replacement

BYLAWS CONSIDERED AT PUBLIC HEARING

5. **Official Community Plan Designation Amendment Bylaw No. 7155, 2007** [a bylaw to amend Official Community Plan Designation Bylaw No. 6476, 1998] **THIRD READING/ADOPTION**

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Official Community Plan Designation Amendment Bylaw No. 7155, 2007, be read a third time.

CARRIED.

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

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Official Community Plan Designation Amendment Bylaw No. 7155, 2007, be adopted.

CARRIED.

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

6. **Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 7156, 2007** [a bylaw to rezone a portion of 200 Keary Street from Keary Street Comprehensive Development Districts (RM-CD1) to the Keary Street Comprehensive Development Districts (RM-CD-1)] **THIRD READING**

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 7156, 2007, be read a third time.

CARRIED.

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

CORRESPONDENCE

7. [Central Coast Regional District re Continuation and Expansion of BC Ferries, Route 40, Discovery Coast Passage, Port Hardy to Bella Coola, requesting support for the continued and expanded provision of BC Ferries Route 40.](#)

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the correspondence from Central Coast Regional District regarding Continuation and Expansion of BC Ferries, Route 40, Discovery Coast Passage, Port Hardy to Bella Coola, requesting support for the continued and expanded provision of BC Ferries Route 40, be received.

CARRIED.

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

REPORTS

8. **Council Members:**

Councillor Osterman

...attended a high water meeting where over 200 persons attended and received information from Engineering Services about what to expect if a high water emergency occurs; announced that he will chair a meeting of the Emergency Advisory Committee to discuss the spring freshet.

Councillor Cote

...No report.

Councillor Donnelly

...No report.

Councillor Harper

...thanked all those who sent him good wishes for a speedy recovery.

Councillor McIntosh

...attended a Library Board meeting and a Queensborough Residents' Association meeting; attended a Seniors Festival Subcommittee meeting; attended a seniors services ribbon for the new shuttle bus; attended a fund raiser for the Lions Club which will benefit Monarch Place; attended a retirement event for Maureen Allen from the Library.

Mayor Wayne Wright

...Proclaimed April 28th, 2007 as the Day of Mourning for Workers Killed and Injured on the Job; proclaimed May 6 to 12th, 2007 as Emergency Preparedness Week.

Extended condolences to Rod Carle on the loss of his father.
Thanked Maureen Allen for her work for the city for 35 years.

COMMITTEE MINUTES AND RECOMMENDATIONS

9. **Motion to receive and adopt [the minutes of a meeting of Council in Committee of the Whole held April 16, 2007.](#)**

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council, held April 16, 2007, be received and adopted.

CARRIED.

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

10. **Recommendations from Council in Committee of the Whole meeting held April 23, 2007.**

Acting Director of Engineering Services:

- a) **[Preparations for 2007 Spring Freshet – Part III](#)**

MOVED and SECONDED

WHEREAS New Westminster has a dense urban population in Queensborough and at Westminster Quay with both areas contained within the 1894 Flood of Record Area; and

WHEREAS the City of New Westminster has already committed \$800,000 to \$1 million out of reserve funds for 2007 spring freshet temporary works;

***NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the relevant Federal Minister be invited to view the works in place and the Minister be requested to provide Federal funding support for 2007 spring freshet preparations and funding to build long term flood proofing in the 1894 Flood of Record Area; and*

***THAT** a letter for the Mayor's signature be sent to the railways seeking funding assistance for the mitigation works.*

CARRIED

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

- b) **[Central Valley Greenway - Columbia Street Improvements](#)**

MOVED and SECONDED

***THAT** the permanent implementation of the Central Valley Greenway - Columbia Street improvements be approved;*

***THAT** the selection of ISL Engineering be approved for design and construction administration of the Central Valley Greenway - Columbia Street section at a total cost of \$114,600 which represents the best overall value for the City; and*

THAT the extension of ISL Engineering's contract be approved to undertake design and construction administration of the remainder of the Central Valley Greenway within New Westminster.

CARRIED

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

c) [Approval of Contract Award for the Replacement of the City's UHF Radio Systems](#)

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the contract for the replacement of the UHF radio systems in the amount of \$169,432.00 be awarded to Glentel, the bidder meeting tender specifications and providing the best overall value to the City.

CARRIED

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

Director of Development Services:

d) **Parcel "K" – Victoria Hill:**

- a) **Development Permit 004 (W) report dated April 23, 2007**
- b) **Director of Development Services' report dated April 23, 2007**

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 7162, 2007, be received; and. THAT the City give notice that it will consider a resolution to issue Development Permit 004 (W) with the following variance to permit construction of a 194 unit, 26 storey residential development within Victoria Hill:

- *A standard parking space width of 8.2 feet (2.5 meters) and a length of 18 feet (5.5 meters) for 90 degree angle parking that has an aisle width of 22 feet (6.7 meters) for two way traffic.*

CARRIED

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

e) [314 Nootka Street:](#)

- a) [Director of Development Services' report dated April 23, 2007](#)

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Zoning Amendment Bylaw 7161, 2007, be received.

CARRIED

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

f) [Development Variance Permit No. 456 for 78 Seymour Court](#)

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council give notice that it will consider a resolution to issue Development Variance Permit 456 with the following variance to allow for the retention of a 563 square foot (52.3 square meter) deck at 78 Seymour Court:

- *A 14.3 % site coverage for an attached accessory buildings.*

CARRIED

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

g) [Green Municipal Fund Grant for a Sustainable Downtown Plan](#)

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council endorse the scope, timeline and budget for a new Downtown plan and authorize staff to enter into agreements with FCM to receive a Green Municipal Fund grant for this purpose; and THAT \$109,120 in strategic priority funds be allocated for work on this project, as the cash portion of the City's matching contribution to this project.

CARRIED

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

h) [Progress Update on the Livable City Strategy](#)

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the scope of the Livable City Strategy be expanded to include the industrial land review as outlined in the April 23, 2007 report from the Acting Director of Development Services, including the additional effort to contact industrial land owners to determine if underutilized sites are available for development;

THAT the scope of the economic development delivery model review be amended to focus on the role of each of the existing economic development groups in the city, and the best structure to coordinate the efforts of these bodies; and

THAT the analysis include different options for local level protection of industrial land.

CARRIED

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

BYLAWS

11. [Road Closing and Land Disposition Authorization Amendment Bylaw No. 7158, 2007 \[a bylaw to amend "Road Closing and Land Disposition Authorization Bylaw No. 7123, 2006"\]](#) **ADOPTION**

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Road Closing and Land Disposition Authorization Amendment Bylaw No. 7158, 2007, be adopted.

CARRIED.

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

12. [Lane Paving between Sixth Avenue and Regina Street, west of Second Street, Local Area Service Parcel Tax Bylaw No. 7159, 2007 \[a bylaw to impose a parcel tax on the owners of land or real property pursuant to the provisions of Section 200 of the Community Charter\]](#) **ADOPTION**

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Lane Paving between Sixth Avenue and Regina Street, west of Second Street, Local Area Service Parcel Tax Bylaw No. 7159, 2007, be adopted.

CARRIED.

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

13. **Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 7161, 2007** [a bylaw to rezone 314 Nootka Street from Single Detached Dwelling Districts (RS-1) to Single Detached Dwelling Districts (Small Lots) (RS-5)] **TWO READINGS**

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 7161, 2007, be read a first time.

CARRIED.

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

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 7161, 2007, be read a second time.

CARRIED.

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

(A Public Hearing will be held on Monday, May 28, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber, City Hall).

14. **Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 7162, 2007** [a bylaw to rezone Parcel K – Victoria Hill from Multiple Dwelling Districts (High Rise) to Victoria Hill Comprehensive Development Districts (RM-CD-5)] **TWO READINGS**

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 7162, 2007, be read a first time.

CARRIED.

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

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 7162, 2007, be read a second time.

CARRIED.

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

(A Public Hearing will be held on Monday, May 28, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber, City Hall).

NEW BUSINESS

15. 2007 Acting Mayor Schedule

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Schedule of Acting Mayors for 2007 be amended for May and June 2007 as follows:

May 2007 Acting Mayor Calvin Donnelly

June 2007 Acting Mayor Bill Harper.

CARRIED.

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

NEXT MEETING

Monday, May 7, 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.

Public Hearing:

Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 7160, 2007 & Development Variance Permit 458 (316 Fourth Avenue)

ADJOURNMENT

ON MOTION, the meeting adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

Certified Correct,

WAYNE WRIGHT
MAYOR

RICHARD L. PAGE
CITY CLERK