



Corporation of the City of  
**NEW WESTMINSTER**

## **REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL**

April 25, 2016 at 2:00 p.m.

With immediate adjournment to Closed Meeting  
**Regular Council reconvenes immediately following  
the Public Hearing which begins at 6:00 p.m.**

Council Chamber  
City Hall

### **MINUTES**

#### **PRESENT:**

Mayor Jonathan Coté  
Councillor Bill Harper  
Councillor Patrick Johnstone  
Councillor Jaimie McEvoy  
Councillor Chuck Puchmayr  
Councillor Mary Trentadue  
Councillor Lorrie Williams

#### **STAFF:**

Ms. Lisa Spitale	- CAO
Ms. Jan Gibson	- City Clerk
Mr. Gary Holowatiuk	- Director of Finance & Information Technology
Mr. Dean Gibson	- Director of Parks and Recreation
Mr. Jim Lowrie	- Director of Engineering Services
Ms. Bev Grieve	- Director of Development Services
Ms. Julie Schueck	- Heritage Planner
Ms. Lisa Leblanc	- Manager of Transportation
Mr. Jim Luu	- Assistant Manager, Queen's Park
Ms. Lauren Blake	- Committee Clerk

The meeting was called to order at 6:21 p.m.

## EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC

### 1. **MOVED and SECONDED**

*THAT pursuant to Section 90 of the Community Charter, members of the public be excluded from the Closed Meeting of Council immediately following the Regular Meeting of Council on the basis that the subject matter of all agenda items to be considered relate to matters listed under Sections 90(1)(a), 90(1)(c) 90(1)(i), 90(1)(k) and 90(1)(l) of the Community Charter:*

- (a) personal information about an identifiable individual who holds or is being considered for a position as an officer, employee or agent of the municipality or another position appointed by the municipality;*
- (c) labour relations or other employee relations;*
- (i) the receipt of advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose;*
- (k) negotiations and related discussions respecting the proposed provision of a municipal service that are at their preliminary stages and that, in the view of the council, could reasonably be expected to harm the interests of the municipality if they were held in public;*
- (l) discussions with municipal officers and employees respecting municipal objectives, measures and progress reports for the purposes of preparing an annual report under section 98 [annual municipal report];*

Purpose of the meeting:

Personal, property, and negotiations matters

**CARRIED.**

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

## ADJOURNMENT

### 2. **MOVED and SECONDED**

*THAT the Regular Council meeting in Open Session be adjourned and proceed to Closed Session.*

**CARRIED.**

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

## RECONVENE TO REGULAR COUNCIL

**3. MOVED and SECONDED**

*THAT the Regular Council meeting be reconvened immediately following the Public Hearing in Council Chamber, City Hall.*

**CARRIED.**

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

## ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

### Urgent/time sensitive matters only

**4. MOVED and SECONDED**

*THAT the agenda be approved.*

**CARRIED.**

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

**MOVED and SECONDED**

*THAT item 17 be removed from the Consent Agenda; and,*

*THAT the remaining items in the Consent Agenda be approved.*

**CARRIED.**

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

## BYLAWS CONSIDERED AT THE PUBLIC HEARING

**5. Zoning Amendment (805 Boyd Street) Bylaw No. 7827, 2016**

**THIRD READING  
ADOPTION**

**MOVED and SECONDED**

*THAT Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 7827, 2016 regarding 805 Boyd Street be given third reading.*

**CARRIED.**

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

**MOVED and SECONDED**

*THAT Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 7827, 2016 regarding 805 Boyd Street be adopted.*

**CARRIED.**

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

**ISSUANCE OF DEVELOPMENT PERMIT**

**6. Development Permit DPQ00096 for 805 Boyd Street**

- a. **Motion** to approve/reject issuance of Development Permit DPQ00096

**MOVED and SECONDED**

*THAT the issuance of Development Permit DPQ00096 be approved.*

**CARRIED.**

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

**OPPORTUNITY TO BE HEARD AND  
ISSUANCE OF DEVELOPMENT VARIANCE PERMIT**

**7. Development Variance Permit 00605 for 322 Sixth Avenue**

Required notification has been completed.

**Attachments:**

- i. Copy of Development Variance Permit notice
  - ii. Director of Development Services' report dated April 4, 2016
- a. **Motion** to receive the following correspondence concerning this application:

Written Submissions				
Name	Correspondence Date	Date Received	In Support/Opposed / Concerns	#
G. Maier (on-table)	April 19, 2016	April 22, 2016	Support	1

- b. Statement concerning the number of written submissions received and their distribution (City Clerk)

Jan Gibson, City Clerk, advised that on-table correspondence had been received in favor of Development Variance Permit 00605 for 322 Sixth Avenue.

**MOVED and SECONDED**

*THAT the on-table correspondence be received.*

**CARRIED.**

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

- c. Invitation to those present to address the application

**Rob Johnson, Project Architect**, advised that he is available to answer any questions of Council.

- d. **Motion** to approve/reject issuance of Development Variance Permit No. 00605

**MOVED and SECONDED**

*THAT the issuance of Development Variance Permit No. 00605 be approved.*

**CARRIED.**

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

## **PRESENTATIONS**

8. **Queen's Park Neighbourhood Heritage Conservation: Next Steps**,  
Director of Development Services

Julie Schueck, Heritage Planner, provided an on-table PowerPoint presentation regarding the next steps with respect to the Queen's Park Neighbourhood Heritage Conservation Group (QPHCG).

In response to questions from Council, Ms. Schueck provided the following information:

- A photographic inventory could inform the design guidelines and provide a reference for residents undertaking renovations, restorations, or building new homes;
- The QPHCG has suggested strict guidelines for materials that can be used for porches and windows, as well as other elements that can be viewed from the street, for heritage home alterations; and,
- It has not yet been determined if homes younger than 50 years old would be affected by a Heritage Control Period (HCP) Bylaw in Queen's Park.

Council expressed appreciation for the work of the QPHCG and Ms. Schueck. Council also expressed support for a HCP Bylaw in Queen's

Park, noting that many residents in Queen's Park have invested in restoring their homes.

**MOVED and SECONDED**

*THAT staff proceed with the next steps as outlined in the presentation provided April 25, 2016; and,*

*THAT staff examine the feasibility of implementing a Heritage Control Period in Queen's Park.*

**CARRIED.**

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

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**9. No Items**

**REPORTS FOR ACTION**

**10. Motion on Notice regarding Bus Passes Reinstatement, Councillor McEvoy (Tabled on March 14, 2016 and April 18, 2016)**

Councillor Jaimie McEvoy reported that bus passes for individuals received disability assistance have increased from \$45 per year, to \$52 per monthly, as well as an annual \$45 administrative fee.

Discussion ensued, and Council noted that transit is a fundamental element of a livable city.

**MOVED and SECONDED**

*THAT Council request the Mayor, on behalf of Council, write to the Minister of Social Development and Social Innovation, copying the Premier, requesting that the BC Bus Pass benefit and Special Transportation Subsidy for people with disabilities be reinstated; and,*

*THAT the following resolution also be forwarded to the Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM):*

*WHEREAS transit is a fundamental element of an inclusive and livable city; and*

*WHEREAS many individuals with disabilities depend on public transit to maintain their independence and participate in the community; and*

*WHEREAS bus passes for individuals who receive disability benefits have increased from \$45 to \$669 per year; and*

*WHEREAS this increase may mean that individuals with disabilities have to make difficult choices between meeting their basic living expenses and continuing to use public transit;*

*THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED*

*THAT New Westminster City Council requests that the BC Bus Pass benefit and Special Transportation Subsidy for people with disabilities be reinstated by the Minister of Social Development and Social Innovation.*

**CARRIED.**

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

- 11. 228 Nelson's Crescent (Second Residential Tower, Brewery District): Master Development Permit Amendment and Consideration of Development Permit Issuance, Director of Development Services (Tabled on April 18, 2016)**

Bev Grieve, Director of Development Services, summarized the reported dated April 25, 2016, regarding a Master Development Permit Amendment and the consideration of a Development Permit issuance for 228 Nelson's Crescent.

Evan Allagretto, Wesgroup, advised that as progress is made on the RCH expansion, there could be more health related office users seeking office space.

Discussion ensued, and Council noted that providing additional residential units prior to the development of office space could attract office tenants.

**MOVED and SECONDED**

*THAT Council approve the proposed Master Development Permit Amendment to release future residential phases for the Brewery District;*

*THAT Council consider issuance of Development Permit application DPS00040 for 228 Nelson's Crescent; and,*

*THAT staff be directed to include a requirement in the upcoming rezoning of the Brewery District that the balance of the required medically-related office space be secured in the office component.*

**CARRIED.**

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

**12. Qayqayt Elementary School – Transportation Update**, Director of Engineering Services (Tabled on April 18, 2016)

Lisa Leblanc, Manager of Transportation, summarized the report dated April 25, 2016, regarding the transportation update for Qayqayt Elementary School.

In response to questions from Council, Ms. Leblanc advised that an engineering review of the conditions along Royal Avenue indicated that there are no abnormalities or deficiencies present. Ms. Leblanc suggested that additional visual cues, such as painted pavement or flags, could be implemented to identify school zone crossings along Royal Avenue.

Discussion ensued, and Council noted the following comments:

- It was suggested that additional crossing guards could be implemented at this location;
- The City could discuss potential solutions with the School District;
- The City and New Westminster Police Department could address unsafe driving practices;
- The expansion of the Agnes Street Greenway could help to address some of the transportation issues;
- The existing safety practices could be enhanced; and,
- It was suggested that a child pedestrian flag waving program could place additional responsibility on children.



**MOVED and SECONDED**

*THAT Council receive the report dated April 25, 2016 for information;  
and,*

*THAT staff report back to Council regarding the ongoing transportation  
issues near Qayqayt Elementary School.*

**CARRIED.**

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

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**City Clerk**

**13. Minutes of March 7, 2016 Regular**

**MOVED and SECONDED**

*THAT the March 7, 2016 Regular Council minutes be adopted.*

**CARRIED.**

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

**14. Minutes of March 14, 2016 Regular**

**MOVED and SECONDED**

*THAT the March 14, 2016 Regular Council minutes be adopted.*

**CARRIED.**

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

**15. Minutes of March 29, 2016 Special Regular**

**MOVED and SECONDED**

*THAT the March 29, 2016 Special Regular Council minutes be adopted.*

**CARRIED.**

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

**16. Minutes of April 4, 2016 Regular**

**MOVED and SECONDED**

*THAT the April 4, 2016 Regular Council minutes be adopted.*

**CARRIED.**

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

**Director of Finance and Information Technology**

**18. 2016 Downtown BIA Parcel Tax Bylaw**

**MOVED and SECONDED**

*THAT the following bylaws be forwarded to Council for three readings:*

- *“Downtown New Westminster Business Improvement Area (Primary Area) Parcel Tax Bylaw No. 7828, 2016.” (Attachment #1)*
- *“Downtown New Westminster Business Improvement Area (Secondary Area) Parcel Tax Bylaw No. 7829, 2016.” (Attachment #2)*

**CARRIED.**

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

**19. 2016 Uptown New Westminster BIA Parcel Tax Bylaw**

**MOVED and SECONDED**

*THAT the attached “Uptown New Westminster Business Improvement Area Parcel Tax Bylaw No. 7830, 2016” (Attachment 1) be referred to Regular Council for three readings.*

**CARRIED.**

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

**20. 2016 Tax Rates Bylaw**

**MOVED and SECONDED**

*THAT Tax Rates Bylaw 7831, 2016 (Attachment 1) be forwarded to Council for three readings.*

**CARRIED.**

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

**Correspondence**

**21. Ministry of Community, Sports and Cultural Development and Minister Responsible for TransLink letter dated April 8, 2016 regarding transportation and accommodation services in British Columbia**

**MOVED and SECONDED**

*THAT the correspondence dated April 8, 2016 from the Ministry of Community, Sports and Cultural Development and the Minister Responsible for TransLink regarding transportation and accommodation services in British Columbia be received for information.*

**CARRIED.**

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

**22. New Westminster Chamber of Commerce letter dated April 12, 2016 regarding the Metro West, Mobile License Program**

**MOVED and SECONDED**

*THAT the correspondence dated April 12, 2016 from the New Westminster Chamber of Commerce regarding the Metro West, Mobile License Program be received for information.*

**CARRIED.**

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

**ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA**

**17. Westminster Pier Park 2015 Food Services Overview**

Discussion ensued, and Council questioned if a liquor license has been considered for the Westminster Pier Park Concession, and requested information regarding the benefits and disadvantages of providing a liquor license to the Westminster Pier Park Concession. It was also suggested that the concession items could be upgraded.

In response to questions from Council, Dean Gibson, Director of Parks and Recreation, and Jim Luu, Assistant Manager of Queen's Park, provided the following information:

- Special Occasion Permits are offered to events that wish to sell liquor; however, there are currently no liquor sales at community centres or parks;
- The Westminster Pier Park concession was started with a basic menu due to the level of equipment available;
- An additional deep fryer is scheduled to be purchased, which could assist with expanding the menu;
- It is anticipated that a Food Services Coordinator would be hired and could help to expand the menu;
- Hot drinks do not sell as well as cold drinks, and it is anticipated that drink variety could expand as demand increases; and,

- Ice cream service began April 18, 2016 and has been well received.

**MOVED and SECONDED**

*THAT Council receive the report dated April 25, 2016 for information;*

*THAT staff investigate the potential of a liquor license at the Westminster Pier Park concession; and,*

*THT staff continue to investigate new food options to include on the concession menu.*

**CARRIED.**

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

**BYLAWS**

**23. Downtown New Westminster Business Improvement Area (Primary Area) Parcel Tax Bylaw No. 7828, 2016**

**THREE READINGS**

**MOVED and SECONDED**

*THAT Downtown New Westminster Business Improvement Area (Parcel Tax) Bylaw No. 7828, 2016 be given first reading.*

**CARRIED.**

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

**MOVED and SECONDED**

*THAT Downtown New Westminster Business Improvement Area (Parcel Tax) Bylaw No. 7828, 2016 be given second reading.*

**CARRIED.**

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

**MOVED and SECONDED**

*THAT Downtown New Westminster Business Improvement Area (Parcel Tax) Bylaw No. 7828, 2016 be given third reading.*

**CARRIED.**

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

**24. Downtown New Westminster Business Improvement Area (Secondary Area) Parcel Tax Bylaw No. 7829, 2016**

**THREE READINGS**

**MOVED and SECONDED**

*THAT Downtown New Westminster Business Improvement Area (Parcel Tax) Bylaw No. 7829, 2016 be given first reading.*

**CARRIED.**

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

**MOVED and SECONDED**

*THAT Downtown New Westminster Business Improvement Area (Parcel Tax) Bylaw No. 7829, 2016 be given second reading.*

**CARRIED.**

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

**MOVED and SECONDED**

*THAT Downtown New Westminster Business Improvement Area (Parcel Tax) Bylaw No. 7829, 2016 be given third reading.*

**CARRIED.**

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

**25. Uptown New Westminster Business Improvement Area Parcel Tax Bylaw No. 7830, 2016**

**THREE READINGS**

**MOVED and SECONDED**

*THAT Downtown New Westminster Business Improvement Area (Parcel Tax) Bylaw No. 7830, 2016 be given first reading.*

**CARRIED.**

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

**MOVED and SECONDED**

*THAT Downtown New Westminster Business Improvement Area (Parcel Tax) Bylaw No. 7830, 2016 be given second reading.*

**CARRIED.**

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

**MOVED and SECONDED**

*THAT Downtown New Westminster Business Improvement Area (Parcel Tax) Bylaw No. 7830, 2016 be given third reading.*

**CARRIED.**

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

**26. Tax Rates Bylaw No. 7831, 2016**

**THREE READINGS**

**MOVED and SECONDED**

*THAT Tax Rates Bylaw No. 7831, 2016 be given first reading.*

**CARRIED.**

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

**MOVED and SECONDED**

*THAT Tax Rates Bylaw No. 7831, 2016 be given second reading.*

**CARRIED.**

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

**MOVED and SECONDED**

*THAT Tax Rates Bylaw No. 7831, 2016 be given third reading.*

**CARRIED.**

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

**COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS / ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM COUNCIL**

Councillor Chuck Puchmayr reported that April is Organ Donor Awareness Month. Individuals can sign up or see if they are currently a donor at [www.transplant.bc.ca](http://www.transplant.bc.ca).

**NEW BUSINESS**

There were no items.

**NEXT MEETING**

**May 2, 2016**

The proposed Regular Session convenes at 2:00 pm and immediately adjourns to closed session in Council Chambers on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor at City Hall; The Regular meeting of Council reconvenes at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor at City Hall.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**ON MOTION**, the meeting was adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

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**JONATHAN COTÉ**  
**MAYOR**

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**JAN GIBSON**  
**CITY CLERK**

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