



CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF NEW WESTMINSTER

## COUNCIL IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

April 27, 2009 3:20 p.m.  
Committee Room 2, City Hall

### MINUTES

#### PRESENT:

Mayor Wayne Wright  
Councillor Jonathan Cote  
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. Gary Holowatiuk	- Director of Finance and Information Technology
Mr. Dean Gibson	- Director of Parks and Recreation
Ms. Judi Turner	- Assistant Corporate Officer

#### ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

The agenda was varied as follows:

- Arts in the Park Planning Committee – Grant Request (added as Item 2(a))
- Swine Flu Virus Information Bulletin (added as Item 2(b))
- Roland Etzler Regarding Noise Bylaw for Barking Dogs (added as Item 2(c))
- Draft 2009-2013 Financial Plan (added as Item 11)

## REPORTS FOR ACTION

### Director of Parks and Recreation

#### 1. 2009 Filming Policy Recommendations

April 27, 2009 report proposing filming policy changes with related background information.

Jason Haight, Manager of Business Operations, and Jayne Petula, Filming Coordinator, responded to questions from members regarding filming practices in the City. Members discussed the impact of filming on City facilities, the public and staff and urged that City property, people and processes be protected and safeguarded during filming.

- \*\* MOVED and SECONDED and CARRIED, this Committee recommends *THAT the proposed changes to the filming policies as outlined in the Director of Parks and Recreation report of April 27, 2009 be adopted.***

All members of Committee voted in favour of the motion.

- \*\* MOVED and SECONDED and CARRIED, this Committee recommends *THAT Memorial Plaza be made available for filming with policies that respect the purpose and sensitivity of this venue.***

Opposed: Councillor Osterman.

#### 2. Arts and Culture Grant Recommendations

April 27, 2009 report seeking recommendations for the approval of grants for three resident association events.

During discussion about the staff report, members noted that although cash grants have been standardized for the different Residents' Associations, in kind grants differ. Members suggested the following:

- Remove basic costs, such as for street closures and policing, from grant requests and deal with them as a standard practice
- Encourage volunteers to undertake some work currently performed by staff
- Develop a policy for 2010 grants and report back to Council with options, and
- Arrange for organizations to submit financial statements.

- \*\* MOVED and SECONDED and CARRIED, this Committee recommends *THAT \$18,000 in grants for arts and culture events be approved as outlined in Option #2 of the Director of Parks and Recreation report of April 27, 2009.***

Opposed: Councillor McIntosh.

**2(a). Arts in the Park Planning Committee – seeking additional grant of \$3,000 for Charlotte Arts in the Park Children’s Festival – Letter dated April 23, 2009 – letter circulated on table**

Joanne Edey-Nicoll, Assistant Director of Parks and Recreation, reported the following:

- All Arts and Culture Grant funds have been allocated for 2009
- The Arts Council and Community Schools received a grant of \$5,000 in cash and \$1,500 in kind from the City for the Arts in the Park event; they did not receive a BC Arts Council grant which they usually receive; Arts Council and Community Schools are seeking additional grant monies from the City to cover the shortage thus created and to fund Charlotte Diamond performances.

**\*\* MOVED and SECONDED and CARRIED, this Committee recommends *THAT a grant in the amount of \$3,000 be approved to the Arts in the Park Planning Committee for the Arts in the Park event.***

All members of Council voted in favour of the motion.

The Director of Finance and Information Technology was directed to identify a funding source for the above funding grant.

**2(b). Swine Flu Virus**

Dave J. Jones, Manager of Emergency Planning, circulated an Information Bulletin on the Swine Flu virus (which will be added to the Agenda package) and reported on cases occurring in the Province and elsewhere. He commented on the organizations which are monitoring the incident. The City web page links to the Health Authority web page for additional information. Police, Fire and emergency management staff have been updated on the matter.

During discussion, members made the following comments:

- Give available information to the School Board and local papers
- Obtain Isogel containers for City facilities to enable hand washing/disinfection.

**2(c). Roland Etzler Email Regarding Noise Bylaw for Barking Dogs**

Members discussed the on table April 26, 2009 email raising a concern that dog parks are open early and disturbing residents and this is a noise bylaw infraction.

**MOVED and SECONDED**

***THAT the on table email dated April 26, 2009 email from Roland Etzler, raising a***

*concern that dog parks are open early and disturbing residents, be received and referred to Parks and Recreation and Engineering Services for action.*

**CARRIED.**

All members of Committee voted in favour of the motion.

### **Director of Development Services**

#### **3. Queensborough Perimeter Trail (circulated separately)**

April 27, 2009, report from the Director of Development Services, regarding the perimeter trail requirement in the Queensborough OCP as it pertains to the OCP amendment and the rezoning application of 401 Jardine Street, the former Western forest Products site

Bev Grieve, Manager of Planning, circulated an on table letter dated April 24, 2009, from Port Metro Vancouver, commenting on the proposed waterfront pathway fronting 401 Jardine Street (which will be added to the Agenda package). Port Metro does not support the perimeter trail. Ms. Grieve reviewed both the letter and the report, noting that the trail is a requirement of the subdivision. As a development application has been received, and as the trail is shown on plans, Ms. Grieve sought direction from Council to resolve the conflict.

During discussion, members made the following comments:

- Important to encourage the development; the proposal for this site is important to the City
- Take the trail by Queensborough Landing and connect it to the existing walkway to the casino
- A trail through an industrial site may pose safety hazards.

#### **MOVED and SECONDED**

***THAT** the April 27, 2009 report from the Director of Development Services, regarding the perimeter trail requirement in the Queensborough OCP as it pertains to the OCP amendment and the rezoning application of 401 Jardine Street, the former Western forest Products site, be received.*

**CARRIED**

All members of Committee voted in favour of the motion.

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

***THAT** Option 3 in the April 20, 2009 letter from Brook & Associates Inc., be supported:*

***“THAT**, if the Beedie site is not developed for a large-scale, single-building user, the Beedie Group would consider investigating the potential to extend the waterfront trail from the Queensborough Landing portion through the site to connect with the portion of the trail on Gifford Street. This connection would depend on the compatibility of the proposed uses with a public trail.”*

All members of Council voted in favour of the motion.

#### **4. Heritage Register Upgrade Report and Addition of 50 Properties to the New Westminster Heritage Register**

April 27, 2009 report requesting the addition of properties to the City's Heritage Register and directing staff to begin the application process to the Provincial Heritage Branch for funding to start a new Heritage Register project.

Members debated some of the entries for inclusion in the list of 50 new properties to include on the New Westminster Heritage Register and suggested that parks and some road ends (except Cobblestone Road – Fourth Street) may not be suitable for the purpose or may impede future decisions relating to those properties. It was felt that listed properties must have heritage or historical merit. Alternatives for sites were suggested and included: Sapperton area and churches. It was also suggested that the CHC be consulted to review heritage context statements.

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

*THAT the 50 properties outlined in Appendix A of the Director of Development Services April 27, 2009 report be added to the New Westminster Heritage Register;*

*THAT staff is directed to begin the application process to the Provincial Heritage Branch for funding to start a new Heritage Register project; and*

*THAT following approval, the 12 sites of concern (as identified in the discussion) be referred to the Community Heritage Commission to review context statements and report back to Council.*

Before the question on the motion was called, it was...

**MOVED and SECONDED**

*THAT the foregoing motion be tabled.*

**DEFEATED.**

Opposed: Councillors McIntosh, Osterman and Williams and Mayor Wright.

The question on the main motion, as presented, was considered and...

**CARRIED.**

All members of Committee voted in favour of the motion.

#### **5. Heritage Policy for the Use of HRAs Update – Proposed Subdivision and Façade Retention Guidelines (circulated separately)**

April 27, 2009 report re Heritage policy for the Use of HRAs Update – Proposed Subdivision and Façade Retention Guidelines

The Director responded to questions regarding the report.

Councillor McEvoy left the meeting at 5:03 p.m. and Councillor McIntosh at 5:07 p.m.

- \*\* **MOVED and SECONDED and CARRIED, this Committee recommends**  
*THAT staff be directed to commence with the Next Steps as outlined in the April 27, 2009 report from the Director of Development Services entitled "Heritage Policy for the Use of HRAs Update – Proposed Subdivision and Façade Retention Guidelines".*

Opposed: Councillor Harper.

**6. Opportunities Related to the "Neighbourhoods of Learning Pilot Project"**

April 27, 2009 report summarizing some of the opportunities related to the 'Neighbourhoods of Learning Pilot Project'.

- \*\* **MOVED and SECONDED and CARRIED, this Committee recommends**  
*THAT staff work with School District #40 and the Province to realize community amenities through the development of three new schools in the City under the Province's 'Neighbourhoods of Learning Pilot Project.'*

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

**Director of Engineering**

**7. TransLink's North Fraser Perimeter Road (NFPR) Corridor Study – Status Report**

April 27, 2009 report providing an overview of TransLink's NFPR Corridor Study, the perspectives for the City's section, and further issues or concerns to be addressed.

During discussion, members made the following comments:

Ensure access to the City's industrial/commercial sites

Include reference to protection for new waterfront park in future reports; keep encapsulation in mind as one such mitigation measure

- \*\* **MOVED and SECONDED and CARRIED, this Committee recommends**  
*THAT the April 27, 2009 report from the Director of Engineering regarding TransLink's North Fraser Perimeter Road Corridor Study be received for information; and*  
*THAT a request be made to TransLink that the additional planning principles identified within the Director of Engineering's April 27, 2009 report be incorporated into the NFPR Corridor Study – Role and Function Report.*

**CARRIED**

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

## **8. Results of the Public Consultation for the Proposed Automated Waste Collection Services**

April 27, 2009 report outlining the process and results of the public consultation for the proposed automated waste collection services.

Staff was directed to refer the matter of different sizes for garbage containers and financial incentives to those who accept smaller containers to Engineering Services and the Environmental Advisory Committee for review and report to Council.

**\*\* MOVED and SECONDED and CARRIED, this Committee recommends**  
*THAT staff is directed to proceed with implementation of Phase 1 of the proposed residential automated waste collection system (Option 2 of the April 27, 2009 report).*

**CARRIED**

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

## **9. West End Firehall Addition – Progress Report**

April 27, 2009 report updating Council on the West End Firehall renovation and addition project.

The Director of Engineering circulated a revised page 2 of the report amending the figure in the second paragraph under the heading “Financial Implications” from \$115,000 to \$57,000. (The revised page will be added to the Agenda package.)

During discussion, members made the following comments:

- Refer the matter to TASK Group to make a proposal
- Consider including art deco design features on the upper streetscape façade of the structure to reflect the area.

**MOVED and SECONDED**

*THAT the April 27, 2009 report from the Director of Engineering regarding the West End Firehall Addition be received; and*  
*THAT the project be referred to TASK Group for submission of a price to the City.*

**CARRIED**

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

## REPORTS FOR INFORMATION

### Director of Development Services

#### 10. Downtown Official Community Plan: Upcoming Community Workshop – Parks and Open Space, May 12, 2009

April 27, 2009 report informing Council of an upcoming community workshop for the Downtown Official Community Plan.

#### **MOVED and SECONDED**

*THAT the April 27, 2009 report from the Director of Development Services regarding the upcoming Community Workshop – Parks and Open Space, May 12, 2009 be received for information.*

**CARRIED**

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

## NEW BUSINESS

#### 11. Draft 2009-2013 Financial Plan - Director of Finance and Information Technology – on table

#### **MOVED and SECONDED**

*THAT the Draft 2009-2013 Financial Plan - Director of Finance and Information Technology circulated on table be received.*

**CARRIED.**

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

## ADJOURNMENT

**ON MOTION**, the meeting adjourned at 5:21 p.m.

Certified Correct,

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**WAYNE WRIGHT**  
CHAIR

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**RICK PAGE**  
CORPORATE OFFICER