



REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL

May 2, 2016 at 2:00 p.m.
With immediate adjournment to Closed Meeting
Regular Council reconvenes 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
Ms. Diane Perry	- Acting Director of Parks and Recreation
Mr. Jim Lowrie	- Director of Engineering Services
Ms. Bev Grieve	- Director of Development Services
Ms. Lauren Blake	- Committee Clerk

The meeting was called to order at 6:03 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 Section 90(1)(a), 90(1)(c) and 90(1)(k) 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;*
- (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;*

Purpose of the meeting:

Personal, property, and negotiations matters

CARRIED.

All members of Council present voted in favour 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 Item 37: Nomination for the Federation of Canadian Municipalities Board be added to the agenda; and,

THAT the agenda be adopted as amended.

CARRIED.

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

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT items 16, 18 and 20 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.

PRESENTATIONS

6:00 PM

5. Review of Council Remuneration and Policy, Director of Human Resources

- a) Staff Presentation**
- b) Opportunity for Public Comment**

Joan Burgess, Director of Human Resources, summarized the report dated May 2, 2016 regarding the Council remuneration and policy.

Mayor Coté called for speakers to the policy. No speakers came forward.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council accept the oral report for information.

CARRIED.

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

- 6. Proclamation: Elizabeth Fry Day – May 5th and Elizabeth Fry Week – May 1st - 7th, Mayor Coté**

Mayor Coté proclaimed May 5 as Elizabeth Fry Day, and the week of May 1 – 7, 2016 as Elizabeth Fry week.

- 7. Proclamation: Emergency Preparedness Week, May 1st – 7th, 2016, Mayor Coté**

Mayor Coté proclaimed May 1 – 7, 2016 as Emergency Preparedness Week.

- 8. Proclamation: Tzu Chi Day – May 8, 2016, Mayor Coté**

Mayor Coté proclaimed May 8, 2016 as Tzu Chi Day.

- 9. Proclamation: Hyack Week – May 23rd - 29th, Mayor Coté**

Alan Wardle, 2016 Hyack Festival Association President, provided an overview of the events the Hyack Festival Association has attended so far this year. Mr. Wardle introduced the Hyack Youth Ambassador Team for the 2016 term.

Mayor Coté proclaimed May 23 – 29, 2016 as Hyack week.

- 10. Proclamation: MS Awareness Month – Month of May, Mayor Coté**

Mayor Coté proclaimed May as Multiple Sclerosis Awareness Month.

- 11. Proclamation: Child Find BC – Month of May and National Missing Children’s Day - May 25, Mayor Coté**

Mayor Coté proclaimed May 25, 2016 as National Missing Children’s Day.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- 12. No Items**

REPORTS FOR ACTION

13. Tree Bylaw – Review of Implementation, Councillor Puchmayr (Oral Report)

Councillor Chuck Puchmayr expressed concerns regarding the requirements of the Tree Protection Bylaw, and noted that the Tree Protection Bylaw should not restrict an owner's Floor Space Ratio (FSR) or home placement on a property.

In response to questions, Bev Grieve, Director of Development Services, advised that the FSR cannot be reduced as per the Tree Protection Bylaw. If the City Arborist advises that a tree could be retained by resituating a house on the property, without reducing the FSR, the owner would be required to retain the tree.

Discussion ensued, and Council requested information regarding how the implementation of the Tree Protection Bylaw has impacted staff work levels, and how other municipalities address Tree Protection Bylaw requirements.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT staff report back to Council regarding the implementation of the Tree Bylaw.

CARRIED.

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

CONSENT AGENDA

City Clerk

14. Recruitment 2016: Sapperton Old Age Pensioners Representative to the Seniors Advisory Committee

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Calvin Donnelly be appointed as the Sapperton Old Age Pensioners representative to the Seniors Advisory Committee with the term ending January 31, 2017.

CARRIED.

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

15. Amendments to the 2016 Schedule of Regular Council Meetings

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the amendments to the 2016 Schedule of Regular Council meetings, attached as Appendix 1, be approved.

CARRIED.

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

Director of Development Services

17. 810 Quayside Drive (River Market): Development Variance Permit No. DVP00606 to Vary Sign Bylaw Requirements - Consideration of Issuance

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council issue notice that it will consider a resolution to issue DVP00606 to vary the Sign Bylaw requirements to permit ten large banner signs for the River Market at 810 Quayside Drive, at the Regular Meeting of Council on May 30, 2016.

CARRIED.

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

18. 1031 Sixth Avenue: Heritage Revitalization Agreement – Update

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council receive the report dated May 2, 2016 for information.

CARRIED.

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

Director of Engineering Services

19. Repeal of “Downtown Parking Commission Bylaw No. 5769, 1988”

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Downtown Parking Commission Repeal Bylaw No. 7844, 2016, be considered for three readings.

CARRIED.

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

21. 2016 Spring Freshet and Snow Pack Level

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the report dated May 2, 2016 be received for information.

CARRIED.

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

Land Use and Planning Committee

22. 325 and 329 Ewen Avenue: Proposed Rezoning from (M-1) to (RQ-1) - Bylaw for First and Second Readings

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council consider Zoning Amendment Bylaw 7811, 2016 for First and Second Reading and forward the bylaw to a Public Hearing on May 30, 2016.

CARRIED.

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

23. 518 Ewen Avenue: Proposed Rezoning from (C-1) to (RQ-1) to Permit Construction of a Single Detached Dwelling - Bylaw for First and Second Readings

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT The Land Use and Planning Committee recommends that Council consider Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 7833, 2016, to rezone 518 Ewen Avenue from Local Commercial Districts (C-1) to Queensborough Neighbourhood Residential Dwelling District (RQ-1), for First and Second Readings, and forward the bylaw to a Public Hearing on May 30, 2016.

CARRIED.

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

24. 129 Tenth Street: Proposed Rezoning to Allow an Eight Unit Townhouse Development - Bylaw for First and Second Readings

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council consider Zoning Amendment Bylaw 7839, 2016 for First and Second Reading and forward the bylaw to a Public Hearing on May 30, 2016.

CARRIED.

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

25. 602 Ewen Avenue (Spagnol's Townhouses) - Proposed Rezoning - Bylaw for First and Second Readings

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council consider Zoning Amendment Bylaw 7840, 2016 for First and Second Reading and forward the bylaw to a Public Hearing on May 30, 2016.

CARRIED.

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

Committee Recommendation

26. ACTBiPed - Request for Endorsement of the Bike Right BC Initiative

MOVED and SECONDED

WHEREAS every young person in BC should be able to navigate their community in a safe, active and fun way;

WHEREAS the bicycle has an important role to play if British Columbia is to realize its ambitious health, environmental and economic goals;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council endorses the Bike Right Provincial Youth Cycling Framework as proposed by the Bike Right coalition.

CARRIED.

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

ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

16. Recommended Actions in Response to the Issue of Tenant Evictions Through Renovations

In response to questions from Council, John Stark, Senior Social Planner, provided the following information:

- The City has limited methods to stop renovations, which include ticketing and stop work orders;
- The City cannot require a landlord to inform tenants of their rights; and,
- Information regarding tenant rights could be provided to new residents via the City Newcomers Guide.

Discussion ensued, and Council noted the following comments:

- The City could prevent landlords from allowing their buildings to fall into the state of disrepair requiring massive renovations;
- The City could discuss options with other municipalities regarding rental rate restrictions for renovated units;
- Claims submitted to the Residential Tenancy Branch are addressed privately, and would not assist other residents in the same building;
- Information regarding tenants' rights should be communicated in plain language;
- It was suggested that the issue could be raised at a Metro Vancouver Housing Committee meeting;
- It could be difficult for residents who are renovicted to find an alternative living space in New Westminster due to low rental inventory;
- The low rental rates in New Westminster could make the city especially susceptible to this issue; and,
- Changes to the Residential Tenancy Act could be required to provide tenants with protection from renovictions.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council endorse the recommended actions as outlined in the report dated May 2, 2016, which would inform tenants of their rights and facilitate enhanced access to information and resources.

CARRIED.

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

MOVED and SECONDED

WHEREAS the pressure on renovictions is on the rise in our region, putting immense pressure on seniors, families and new immigrants;

WHEREAS many renovations are designed by landlords as a method to evict tenants, so that minor upgrades may be made, then the units are re-rented at a substantially increased rate;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

THAT the Lower Mainland Local Government Association and Union of British Columbian Municipalities urge the Provincial Government to amend the Residential Tenancy Act to provide protection from renovictions.

CARRIED.

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

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council send a letter to Metro Vancouver municipalities urging them to advocate regarding tenant protection from renovictions;

THAT the resolution be forwarded to the Lower Mainland Local Government Association and the Union of British Columbia Municipalities requesting that UBCM urge the Provincial Government to amend the Residential Tenancy Act to provide protection from renovictions; and,

THAT Mayor Coté bring the issue of renovictions forward to the Metro Vancouver Housing Committee.

CARRIED.

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

20. Amendment to Water Shortage Response Bylaw – Revision to the Water Shortage Response Plan

In response to questions from Council, Eugene Wat, Manager of Infrastructure Planning, provided the following information:

- Bylaw Operations have indicated that they could increase enforcement, and work with Parking staff to assist with enforcement;
- It is anticipated that enforcement could be more proactive, instead of complaint driven; and,
- Staff could track water exemption permits, and could investigate the possibility of posting exempt properties online.

Mr. Wat advised that some of the schedules attached to the report dated May 2, 2016 include outdated information. An updated report will be brought forward to Council at a later meeting.

Discussion ensued, and Council suggested that residents receiving water exemptions due to nematode treatment could be requested to place signage in their yards to reduce the number of complaints received. It was also suggested that staff could track water usage complaints, responses, warnings and fines issued, and report back to Council.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the City introduce standard signage to be provided to residents receiving nematode treatment water exemptions.

CARRIED.

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

27. Open Delegations

Krista Borrows, Resident, summarized the correspondence dated November 17, 2015 and April 11, 2016, regarding transportation issues related to the opening of Ecole Fraser River School and Fraser River School in September 2016.

In response to questions from Council, Ms. Burrows advised that TransLink has indicated that bus routes would not be amended due to the effects on Burnaby and Coquitlam.

Dr. Atiya Mahmood, Canadian Disability Participation Project, provided an on-table PowerPoint presentation regarding the dEMAND project.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Canadian Disability Participation Project be referred to the Access Ability Advisory Committee.

CARRIED.

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

Dan Grey, Resident, expressed concerns with the development process for 1031 Sixth Avenue and noted that neighbours are confused regarding the status of the home.

In response to Mr. Grey's concerns, Bev Grieve, Director of Development Services, advised that the applicant for 1031 Sixth Avenue has submitted a Heritage Revitalization Agreement (HRA) that proposes to move the heritage home to the rear of the property, and build a new house at the front. The application was supported by Council at the March 14, 2016 Regular meeting. It is anticipated that a sign regarding the HRA would be posted at the property, and that the application would be brought forward to the Advisory Planning Commission (APC) at the May 17 meeting. Should the application move forward, neighbours would have an opportunity to address the application at the APC meeting, as well as a Public Hearing.

Justin Pham and William, VanDeca Choir, advised that Music Box and VanDeca will be presenting "Concert and Cake: A High Tea Affair" on Sunday, May 8, 2016 between 1:30 and 3:30 p.m. at La Perla Ballroom at the River Market. One-third of the funds raised will be donated to New Westminster Family Place. Tickets can be purchased online at www.vandeca.com or www.musicbox.nw.ca.

Tony Antonias, Arts Commission representative, expressed appreciation to Council for their work to retain Massey Theatre. Mr. Antonias advised that New Westminster Symphony Orchestra will be performing George Gershwin's "Rhapsody in Blue" on May 8, 2016 at 2:00 p.m. at the Massey Theatre.

BYLAWS

**28. Zoning Amendment (325 and 329 Ewen Avenue) Bylaw No. 7811, 2016
TWO READINGS**

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 7811, 2016 regarding 325 and 329 Ewen Avenue be given first reading.

CARRIED.

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

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 7811, 2016 regarding 325 and 329 Ewen Avenue be given second reading.

CARRIED.

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

**29. Zoning Amendment (518 Ewen Avenue) Bylaw No. 7833, 2016
TWO READINGS**

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 7833, 2016 regarding 518 Ewen Avenue be given first reading.

CARRIED.

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

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 7833, 2016 regarding 518 Ewen Avenue be given second reading.

CARRIED.

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

30. Zoning Amendment (129 Tenth Street) Bylaw No. 7839, 2016
TWO READINGS

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 7839, 2016 regarding 129 Tenth Street be given first reading.

CARRIED.

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

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 7839, 2016 regarding 129 Tenth Street be given second reading.

CARRIED.

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

31. Zoning Amendment (602 Ewen Avenue) Bylaw No. 7840, 2016
TWO READINGS

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 7840, 2016 regarding 602 Ewen Avenue be given first reading.

CARRIED.

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

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 7840, 2016 regarding 602 Ewen Avenue be given second reading.

CARRIED.

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

32. Downtown Parking Commission Repeal Bylaw No. 7844, 2016
THREE READINGS

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Downtown Parking Commission Repeal Bylaw No. 7844, 2016 be given first reading.

CARRIED.

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

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Downtown Parking Commission Repeal Bylaw No. 7844, 2016 be given second reading.

CARRIED.

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

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Downtown Parking Commission Repeal Bylaw No. 7844, 2016 be given third reading.

CARRIED.

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

**33. Water Shortage Response Amendment Bylaw No. 7845, 2016
(Revisions to the Water Shortage Response Plan)**

THREE READINGS

Note: This bylaw did not receive three readings.

34. Bylaws for adoption:

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

ADOPTION

MOVED and SECONDED

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

CARRIED.

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

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

ADOPTION

MOVED and SECONDED

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

CARRIED.

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

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

ADOPTION

MOVED and SECONDED

*THAT Uptown New Westminster Business Improvement Area Parcel
Tax Bylaw No. 7830, 2016 be adopted.*

CARRIED.

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

d. Tax Rates Bylaw No. 7831, 2016

ADOPTION

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Tax Rates Bylaw No. 7831, 2016 be adopted.

CARRIED.

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

NEW BUSINESS

35. Nomination for the Federation of Canadian Municipalities Board

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Councillor Lorrie Williams be nominated to serve on the Federation of Canadian Municipalities Board and Committees for 2016.

CARRIED.

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

CORRESPONDENCE

36. Correspondence for Action

- a. Ms. Burrows letter dated November 17, 2015 regarding Ecole Fraser River School – Opening September 2016*
- b. Ms. Burrows letter dated April 11, 2016 regarding Fraser River Middle School – Opening in New Westminster September 2016*

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT TransLink be contacted to discuss existing bus lines near schools and the times that those buses operate;

THAT a meeting be scheduled with the School District to discuss all issues regarding the opening of Ecole Fraser River School and Fraser River Middle School; and,

THAT staff investigate how the City could help facilitate a school bus service, including the feasibility of a shuttle service, and corporate partnership opportunities that could support a shuttle service.

CARRIED.

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

- c. *Rivershed Society of BC letter dated April 22, 2016 regarding grant funding for New Westminster events*

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Rivershed Society of BC grant funding request for New Westminster events be referred to staff.

CARRIED.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

Councillor Mary Trentadue advised that 13 Jane's Walks have been scheduled between May 7 and 8, 2016 in New Westminster. Mayor Coté, Councillor Johnstone and Councillor Trentadue will be leading walks.

NEXT MEETING

May 9, 2016

The proposed Regular Session convenes at 2:00 p.m. and immediately adjourns to closed session in Committee Room 2 on the 2nd Floor at City Hall. The Regular meeting of Council reconvenes at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber on the 2nd Floor at City Hall.

ADJOURNMENT

ON MOTION, the meeting was adjourned at 8:16 p.m.

JONATHAN COTÉ
MAYOR

JAN GIBSON
CITY CLERK