



CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF NEW WESTMINSTER

SPECIAL OPEN MEETING OF COUNCIL

May 13, 2009 4:34 p.m.
Committee Room No. 2 City Hall

MINUTES

PRESENT:

Mayor Wayne Wright
Councillor Jonathan Cote (present via conference call)
Councillor Bill Harper
Councillor Jaimie McEvoy
Councillor Bob Osterman (present via conference call)
Councillor Betty McIntosh
Councillor Lorrie Williams

STAFF:

Mr. Paul Daminato - City Administrator
Ms. Judi Turner - Acting Corporate Officer
Mr. Gary Holowatiuk - Director of Finance and Information Technology

ALSO PRESENT:

Mr. Randy Grant - Finance and Information Technology

BYLAWS

1. [Five Year Financial Plan \(2009 – 2013\), Bylaw No. 7324, 2009](#)

ADOPTION

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Five Year Financial Plan (2009 – 2013), Bylaw No. 7324, 2009, be adopted.

CARRIED.

All members of Council voted in favour of the motion.

2. Property Tax Rates Bylaw No. 7316, 2009

ADOPTION

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the following correspondence be received:

- Letter from B. Smith, 521 Amess Street expressing concerns about the tax rates bylaw.

CARRIED.

All members of Council voted in favour of the motion.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Property Tax Rates Bylaw No. 7316, 2009, be adopted.

CARRIED.

All members of Council voted in favour of the motion.

Mr. Bill Zander, resident, requested to speak and made the following comments:

- The City budget is hampered by Federal and Provincial downloading amounting to perhaps 60% of former transfer payments
- The general public is unaware of the impact on the City's finances of this downloading
- Suggested the City publish information in local papers about this impact to make the public better informed and more understanding of financial decisions.

During the above discussion, Councillor Osterman left the meeting at 4:39, Councillor Cote at 4:42 p.m. and Councillor McIntosh at 4:55 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

ON MOTION, the meeting adjourned at 4:57 p.m.

Certified Correct,

WAYNE WRIGHT
MAYOR

JUDI TURNER
ACTING CORPORATE OFFICER