COUNCIL IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Monday, June 09, 2014 at 3:00 PM
Council Chambers
City Hall

MINUTES

PRESENT:
Mayor Wayne Wright
Councillor Bill Harper
Councillor Jaimie McEvoy
Councillor Betty McIntosh
Councillor Chuck Puchmayr
Councillor Lorrie Williams

ABSENT:
Councillor Jonathan Coté

STAFF:
Ms. Lisa Spitale   - Chief Administrative Officer
Ms. Jan Gibson   - Acting Corporate Officer/Director of Legislative Services
Mr. G. Dean Gibson  - Director of Parks, Culture and Recreation
Mr. Gary Holowatiuk  - Director of Finance & Information Technology
Mr. Jim Lowrie   - Director of Engineering Services
Ms. Bev Grieve    - Director of Development Services
Ms. Stephanie Lam   - Council and Committee Clerk

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 PM.

ADDITIONS / DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA

1. MOTION to amend the Council in Committee of the Whole agenda.

MOVED and SECONDED
THAT agenda be amended by:

• Adding to item 5 (Unfinished Business) – Connection of the South Fraser Perimeter Road and the Port Mann Bridge Infrastructure;

• Adding the following correspondence to item 22 :
  o BC Non-Profit Housing Association letter stamped June 4, 2014 regarding the City of New Westminster's resolution in support of the Federation of Canadian Municipalities' "Fixing Canada's Housing Crunch";
Minister of Health letter dated May 27, 2014 regarding the City of New Westminster's resolution in support of Bill C-356, "An Act respecting a National Strategy for Dementia";

- Adding to item 3 – PowerPoint presentation regarding Experience the Fraser;
- Adding to item 4 – PowerPoint presentation regarding Transportation Demand Management.

AND THAT the agenda be approved, as amended.

CARRIED.

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

The Consent Agenda - Council members may adopt in one motion all recommendations appearing on the Consent Agenda or, prior to the vote, request an item be removed from the Consent Agenda for debate or discussion, voting in opposition to a recommendation, or declaring a conflict of interest with an item.

MOTION to remove items from the Consent Agenda.

MOVED and SECONDED
THAT items 11, 12, 13, and 16 be removed from the Consent Agenda.

CARRIED.

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

MOTION to approve the recommendations for items remaining in the Consent Agenda.

MOVED and SECONDED
THAT the remaining Consent Agenda items be approved.

CARRIED.

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

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

2. MOTION to approve the minutes of the Committee of the Whole meetings held:

MOVED and SECONDED
THAT the Committee of the Whole Minutes dated May 12, 2014 be amended as follows:

- Item 11, Page 8, second paragraph, fourth bullet: “It was suggested that cameras, signage, and lighting be installed to improve pedestrian safety at the Richmond Street underpass;
- Item 11, Page 9, second motion: “THAT staff investigate options for improving the tunnel in the area of the East Eighth Avenue and Richmond Street crossing, and that the options consider safety measures such as cameras, lighting, and signage."
AND THAT the minutes be adopted, as amended.

CARRIED.

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

2.a. Motion to adopt the May 12, 2014 Committee of the Whole Minutes

MOVED and SECONDED
THAT the May 12, 2014 Committee of the Whole minutes be adopted.

CARRIED.

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

3. Experience the Fraser - North Arm Extension & Project Update, Jeff Fitzpatrick, Regional Planner, Metro Vancouver

3.a. Experience the Fraser Concept Plan– North Arm Extension

Erika Mashig, Parks and Open Space Planner, introduced Jeff Fitzpatrick and Wendy Phelps, Metro Vancouver (the Presenters), who provided a Powerpoint presentation regarding the Experience the Fraser (ETF) Concept Plan – North Arm Extension.

Following the presentation, Discussion ensued and staff provided the following comments in response to questions of Council:

- Restrictions can be placed on the trail to address overnight camping and inappropriate use of the area during evening hours;
- If required, portions of the trail can be closed. It was noted that a portion of the trail located in Richmond closes in the evening as it runs through an industrial property;
- If portions of the trail are located in close proximity to businesses, it was noted that owners will be consulted during the planning phase;
- “Portals” in the ETF network refer to major entry points and major destinations along the trail. It was noted that major destinations could feature amenities or have a high mass of people at that entry point;
- In the early 2000’s, the City entered into a Memorandum of Understanding where the City would acquire waterfront and Port Metro Vancouver would improve the sites.

MOVED and SECONDED
THAT the PowerPoint presentation be received;

AND THAT Council endorse the proposed North Arm Extension of the Experience the Fraser project in principle and direct staff to work with other ETF partners to advance the City’s components of the project as opportunities permit and track the overall implementation process.

CARRIED.

All members of Council present voted in favour of the motion.
4. **TravelSmart New Westminster, Patricia Lucy, Program Manager, Transportation Demand Management, TransLink, with Shirley Samujh, Senior Advisory, Stakeholder Relations and JoAnn Woodhall, Transportation Demand Management Officer**

Antonia Reynolds, Transportation Demandment Management Coordinator, introduced the following Presenters from TravelSmart New Westminster: Patricia Lucy, Program Manager for Transportation Demand Management, TransLink; Shirley Samujh, Senior Advisory, Stakeholder Relations; and JoAnn Woodhall, Transportation Demand Management Officer.

The Presenters provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding TravelSmart New Westminster. Following the presentation, the following comments were noted:

- The “Walking School Bus” program currently operates with participation from the School District and Volunteers;
- It was suggested that Physical Education credits be provided at the secondary school level for students who choose to bike or walk to class;
- It was noted that Niagara Falls has a free transit pass system for senior citizens who qualify under a specific income bracket;
- It was noted that parking is minimal in the Upper Sapperton residential streets due to parked vehicles of TransLink and Royal Columbian Hospital employees and visitors. The Presenters advised that there are employee benefit programs in place; however, members of Council reported that parking remains an issue among residents in the neighbourhood;
- It was suggested that TravelSmart programs be implemented into the school curriculum, and spoke to the value of educating students at a young age.

Council spoke to the benefits of providing a program “champion”, such as a uniformed officer, to promote the program within the school system, noting that it could be visually effective and influencing towards students.

**MOVED and SECONDED**

*THAT the PowerPoint presentation be received.*

CARRIED.

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

4.a. **Transportation Demand Management (TDM) 2013 Review and 2014 Directions**

**MOVED and SECONDED**

*THAT Council receive the report dated June 9, 2014 for information.*

CARRIED.

All members of Council present voted in favour of the motion.
5. **Connection of the South Fraser Perimeter Road and the Port Mann Bridge Infrastructure (On Table)**

Councillor Puchmayr reported that with staff, provided a presentation during the City of Coquitlam’s Committee of the Whole meeting regarding the City of New Westminster’s concerns with respect to the connection of the South Fraser Perimeter Road (SFPR) and the Port Mann Bridge infrastructure.

Discussion ensued and the following comments were noted:

- Coquitlam residents have been negatively impacted by the lack of connection, noting that commuters accessing BC Ferries will utilize the tolled Golden Ears bridge to avoid afternoon traffic congestion;
- The Presentation to Coquitlam City Council was suggested by City of Coquitlam staff at the Lower Mainland Local Government Association conference;
- It was suggested that staff bring forward a report regarding the connection options.

Members of Council noted that the Ministry once advised the City that a SFPR connection was not feasible due to the grade levels at the Port Mann Bridge. Jim Lowrie, Director of Engineering Services, reported that the Ministry of Transportation conducted a land grade study where it was revealed that several connection options can be considered.

Moving forward, Councillor Puchmayr reported that support was received from members of Coquitlam Council, noting that Councillor Sekora suggested that New Westminster City Council consider an official resolution requesting endorsement of a connection between the SFPR and the Port Mann Bridge.

Councillor Puchmayr requested Council waive notice and consider the following resolutions at the June 9, 2014 evening meeting:

**Resolution #1:**

*THAT New Westminster City Council thank the Council for the City of Coquitlam for entertaining the presentation provided on June 9, 2014 regarding the connection of the South Fraser Perimeter Road to the Port Mann Bridge;*
Resolution #2:

AND THAT, as suggested by City of Coquitlam Councillor Lou Sekora, that New Westminster City Council request that the City of Coquitlam endorse the principle of directly connecting the South Fraser Perimeter Road to the Port Mann Bridge and to communicate this to the Provincial Government.

MOVED and SECONDED
THAT notice be waived and that the proposed resolutions be considered at the June 9, 2014 Regular Council meeting.

CARRIED.

Councillor McIntosh voted in opposition.

REPORTS FOR ACTION

6. No Items

CONSENT AGENDA

7. Coordination with Downtown BIA on Parking and Construction Issues

MOVED and SECONDED
THAT Council direct staff to work on the action items as outlined in the staff report dated June 9, 2014 and that a report be brought back to Council.

CARRIED.

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

8. Development Variance Permit No. 00574 for 411 Rousseau Street - Notice of Issuance

MOVED and SECONDED
THAT Council issue notice that it will consider a resolution to issue Development Variance Permit 00574 to authorize the maintenance of a 5.5 ft./1.68 m. high retaining wall at 411 Rousseau Street.

CARRIED.

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

9. Development Variance Permit No. DVP00580 to vary Sign Bylaw requirements at 1135 Tanaka Court (formerly 325 Gifford Street)

MOVED and SECONDED
THAT Council issue notice that it will consider a resolution to issue DVP00580 to vary Sign Bylaw requirements at 1135 Tanaka Court (formerly 325 Gifford Street).

CARRIED.

All members of Council present voted in favour of the motion.
10. Development Variance Permit No. DVP00581 to vary Sign Bylaw requirements at 1025 Columbia Street

MOVED and SECONDED
THAT Council issue notice that it will consider a resolution to issue DVP00581 to vary Sign Bylaw requirements at 1025 Columbia Street for Save on Foods to allow a canopy sign with a sign area of 16.64 square metres (179.12 square feet) and a vertical dimension of 2.44 metres (8.0 feet).

CARRIED.

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

14. 746 Ewen Avenue – Heritage Revitalization Agreement Bylaw No. 7690, 2014

MOVED and SECONDED

CARRIED.

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

15. Application to Rezone 41 and 175 Duncan Street to Allow 473 Residential Units

MOVED and SECONDED
THAT a Public Hearing for Zoning Amendment Bylaw Number 7645, 2013 be scheduled for June 23, 2014.

CARRIED.

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

17. Investment Report for the year to date period ended April 30, 2014

MOVED and SECONDED
THAT Council receive this report for information outlining the project updates for the potential district energy system for the Sapperton area.

CARRIED.

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

18. A Bylaw to revise the citation of Downtown New Westminster Redevelopment Bylaw No. 7634, 2013 to correct a clerical error

MOVED and SECONDED
THAT Downtown New Westminster Redevelopment Amendment Bylaw No. 7692, 2014 be referred to a Meeting of Regular Council for three readings.

CARRIED.

All members of Council present voted in favour of the motion.
19. The Parks, Culture and Recreation Department and the New Westminster Police Department Recommend approval for a one day Special Occasion Permit for Moody Park on Saturday, July 12, 2014 from 10 a.m. until 8 p.m., issued to the Pacific Slow-Pitch Tournament, with the attached conditions.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the request to approve a one day Special Occasion Permit for Moody Park on Saturday, July 12, 2014 from 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., be approved with the conditions attached to application Form No. 2014-3.

CARRIED.

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

ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

11. Family-Friendly Housing Policy

Bev Grieve, Director of Development Services, and John Stark, Senior Social Planner, summarized the report dated June 9, 2014 regarding the City’s Family-Friendly Housing Policy.

Discussion ensued, and the following comments were noted:

• Community consultation was conducted where children and youth have contributed and participated in the development of the Policy;
• The community response provides staff with an indication of residents (renters, owners, etc.) in city neighbourhoods;
• It was noted that the families with children between ages six and twelve, as well as thirteen and seventeen, tend to re-evaluate their housing arrangements;
• Secondary suites in detached homes have become desirable to families, noting that it provides the family with greenspace;
• In order to identify which neighbourhoods participants were residing, the survey requested that the intersection nearest to their homes be noted in the questionnaire.

Council spoke to the importance of ensuring that there is a diverse housing stock available in the City.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the report dated June 9, 2014 be received for information.

CARRIED.

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

12. Principles for a Housing Agreement for 508 Agnes Street

Bev Grieve, Director of Development Services, summarized the report dated June 9, 2014 regarding the housing agreement principles for 508 Agnes Street.
It was noted that there have been increased pressures for the demolition and redevelopment of existing rental housing stock due to the age of the buildings. It was noted that the proposed agreement will discourage demolition and encourage other options for development.

**MOVED and SECONDED**

*THAT Council endorse the principles as outlined in this report which will form the framework for the Housing Agreement for 508 Agnes Street.*

**CARRIED.**

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

### 13. 508 Agnes Street Heritage Revitalization Agreement Preliminary Report

Julie Schueck, Heritage and Community Planner, summarized the report dated June 9, 2014 and advised that staff will provide further information regarding the art, photos, and pillars located on site at a future meeting. Council requested clarification regarding parking, and Ms. Schueck confirmed that there will be parking available underground.

**MOVED and SECONDED**

*THAT Council direct staff to work with the applicant to further explore the issues discussed in this report prior to proceeding with the application process as outlined in this report.*

**CARRIED.**

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

### 16. Sapperton District Energy System – Update on RCH Redevelopment, Air Quality Report and Second Open House

Mark Allison, Manager of Strategic Initiatives and Sustainability, provided the following updates regarding the Sapperton District Energy System:

- There are two potential locations for energy centres, noting that the preferred location is the Braid Industrial Area;
- The electro-static precipitator process will remove particulate matter from emissions through the two-stage burning process. If this process is selected, it was noted that the emission levels can be brought below the current standards.

**MOVED and SECONDED**

*THAT Council receive this report for information outlining the project updates for the potential district energy system for the Sapperton area.*

**CARRIED.**

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

Members of Council suggested that staff investigate the installation of level two or three charging stations at the Anvil Centre. Council spoke to the economic benefits of having charging stations available, noting that patrons could visit and support local businesses, such as coffee shops, while waiting for their vehicles to charge.

MOVED and SECONDED
THAT the correspondence dated May 23, 2014 be received and referred to staff.

CARRIED.

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

21.b. Paul Johansen letter received May 30, 2014 regarding soliciting formal support for the replacement of the aging NWSS high school

Members of Council suggested that clearer direction be provided to staff with respect to investigating Mr. Johansen’s comments.

MOVED and SECONDED
THAT the correspondence dated May 30, 2014 from Paul Johansen be received and referred to staff.

CARRIED.

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

Correspondence for Action

22.a. Metro Vancouver letter dated May 26, 2014 regarding Metro Vancouver 2040 Amendment Request from Pitt Meadows - North Lougheed Planning Area

Bev Grieve, Director of Development Services, advised that the correspondence provides the City of New Westminster with an opportunity to forward comments regarding the City of Pitt Meadow’s proposed amendment to their Regional Growth Strategy.

MOVED and SECONDED
THAT the correspondence dated May 26, 2014 from Metro Vancouver be received and referred to staff for investigation and a report back to Council.

CARRIED.

All members of Council present voted in favour of the motion.
22.b. Downtown New Westminster Business Improvement Association letter dated May 27, 2014 regarding City of New Westminster position paper entitled "A Reasonable Approach - A Perspective on the Pattullo Bridge"

Council expressed appreciation for the Downtown New Westminster Business Improvement Association’s support and spoke to the importance of maintaining a good relationship as New Westminster moves forward with major issues and projects.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the correspondence dated May 27, 2014 be received.

CARRIED.

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

22.c. Minister of Health letter dated May 27, 2014 regarding the City of New Westminster’s resolution in support of Bill C-356, “An Act respecting a National Strategy for Dementia” (On Table)

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the correspondence dated May 27, 2014 be received.

CARRIED.

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

22.d. BC Non-Profit Housing Association letter stamped June 4, 2014 regarding the City of New Westminster’s resolution in support of the Federation of Canadian Municipalities’ “Fixing Canada’s Housing Crunch” (On Table)

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the correspondence dated June 4, 2014 be received.

CARRIED.

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

NEW BUSINESS

23. No Items

ADJOURNMENT

ON MOTION, the meeting was adjourned at 5:02 p.m.

Certified Correct,

WAYNE WRIGHT
MAYOR

JAN GIBSON
ACTING CORPORATE OFFICER