



CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF NEW WESTMINSTER

## COUNCIL IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

June 30, 2008 4:24 p.m.  
Committee Room 2, City Hall

### MINUTES

#### PRESENT:

Mayor Wayne Wright  
Councillor Jonathan Cote  
Councillor Calvin Donnelly  
Councillor Bill Harper  
Councillor Bob Osterman  
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. Steven Lan	- Acting Director of Engineering Services
Mr. Gary Holowatiuk	- Director of Finance and Information Technology
Mr. Dean Gibson	- Director of Parks and Recreation
Ms. Judi Turner	- Deputy Corporate Officer

#### ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

The following items were added to the Agenda:

- UBCM Resolution – Unnecessary Packaging (added as Item 19)
- Development Permit 002 (AC) with variances – 126, 128, 130 Agnes Street, and 127 and 131 Dickenson Street, a portion of Dickenson Street and all of Sarnia Street and Albert Crescent (added as Item 20)
- Lijiang Student Visit Report – Councillor Williams (Added as Item 21)
- Municipal Pension Retirees (added as Item 22)

## PRESENTATION

1. **Vancouver Airport Authority re update on activities at YVR in 2007 and looking forward to 2008.**

Anne Murray, Vice President, Community & Environmental Affairs, Vancouver Airport Authority, provided an update on activities at YVR in 2007 and plans for 2008. She circulated her presentation on table (which will be added to the Agenda package).

In response to a request for an air Nexus pass for Lower Mainland politicians, Ms. Murray advised that she will provide information regarding an on-line application and will assist to facilitate applications.

## CORRESPONDENCE

2. **City of Surrey re 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Crime Free Conference and requesting a contribution of \$2,500 to assist with the conference.**

**\*\* MOVED and SECONDED and CARRIED, this Committee recommends *THAT a contribution of \$2,500 to assist with the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Crime Free Conference hosted by the City of Surrey, be approved.***

**CARRIED.**

All members of Council voted in favour of the motion.

## REPORTS FOR ACTION

### Director of Legislative Services:

3. **2008 General Local Election – Bylaw Amendments arising from New Election Provisions of the *Local Government Act*.**

**\*\* MOVED and SECONDED and CARRIED, this Committee recommends *THAT Local Government Elections Procedures Amendment Bylaw No. 7249, 2008 be forwarded to Council for consideration of three readings.***

**CARRIED.**

All members of Committee voted in favour of the motion.

### Director of Engineering Services:

4. **Whistle Cessation at Railway Crossings/Partial Cessation during Evening hours 2200 to 0700 Braid Street to Begbie Street**

Members commented on the June 30, 2008, report from the Director of Engineering, providing additional information regarding evening whistle cessation

at railway crossing within New Westminster. Steven Lan, Acting Director of Engineering, agreed to inquire into members' questions on:

- Whether the City incurs any liability as a result of asking for whistle cessation at railway crossings and advise members
- Whether a kind of whistle can be used that would minimize noise.

A member requested that the subject report be submitted to the City of Burnaby for their information.

- \*\* **MOVED and SECONDED and CARRIED, this Committee recommends**  
*THAT Council receive the June 30, 2008 report from the Director of Engineering Services for information; and*  
*THAT Council authorize staff to initiate the process to petition the Canadian Transportation Agency (CTA) to hear the matter regarding evening Whistle Cessation at railway crossings within New Westminster.*

**CARRIED.**

All members of Committee voted in favour of the motion.

#### 5. **Additional Animal Services Officer Position**

- \*\* **MOVED and SECONDED and CARRIED, this Committee recommends**  
*THAT Council approve one additional full-time Animal Services Officer with the intent of establishing additional services and programs outlined within the June 30, 2008 report from the Director of Engineering Services.*

**CARRIED.**

All members of Committee voted in favour of the motion.

#### **Director of Finance and Information Technology:**

#### 6. **2007 Statement of Financial Information**

The Director of Finance and Information Technology presented his June 30, 2008, report presenting the 2007 Statement of Financial Information.

- \*\* **MOVED and SECONDED and CARRIED, this Committee recommends**  
*THAT the June 30, 2008 report from the Director of Finance and Information Technology be received; and*  
*The 2007 Statement of Financial Information be approved (as set out in the June 30, 2008 report from the Director of Finance and Information Technology).*

**CARRIED.**

All members of Committee voted in favour of the motion.

## Director of Development Services

### 9. Proposed Rezoning of 246 and 258 Sixth Street – Update June 30, 2008

Jim Hurst, Senior Planning Analyst, reviewed the June 30, 2008, report from the Director of Development Services, providing additional information regarding the proposed rezoning of 246 and 258 Sixth Street. Mr. Hurst responded to questions from a member.

#### **MOVED and SECONDED**

*THAT the June 30, 2008 report from the Director of Development Services regarding the proposed rezoning of 246 and 258 Sixth Street, be received for information.*

**CARRIED.**

All members of Committee voted in favour of the motion.

### 10. 320 Arbutus Street – Demolition Application and Heritage Assessment

Councillor Cote left the meeting at 4:51 p.m. citing a conflict of interest as he owns a residence directly next door to the subject property.

The Director of Development Services circulated emails on table which have been received from residents, commenting on the proposal for demolition of 320 Arbutus Street as well as an email from the owner of the property. The Director pointed out the community is misinformed in believing that the City is the proponent seeking demolition of the house at 320 Arbutus. She noted that the home owner is the applicant for a demolition permit.

#### **MOVED and SECONDED**

*THAT the following items of correspondence be received:*

- June 30, 2008, email from the owner of 320 Arbutus
- June 29, 2008 email from Jonina and Andrew Campbell
- June 29, 2008 email from Michael Dunn, 319 Second Street
- June 29, 2008 email from Dawn Bertram, 321 Second Street
- June 29, 2008 email from Michael Balsler of 316 Arbutus Street
- June 29, 2008 email from Omanie Elias.

**CARRIED.**

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

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

*THAT staff be directed to meet with the owner of 320 Arbutus Street, or the owner's authorized representative, and that the City conduct a heritage*

*assessment of the inside of the building and inspect the balance of the building for safety issues, in an attempt to resolve outstanding issues, and report back to Council.*

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

**11. Proposed Heritage Revitalization Agreement for 1102 Fifth Avenue – Preliminary Information and Heritage Register Update**

**\*\* MOVED and SECONDED and CARRIED, this Committee recommends**  
*THAT the properties located at 1102 Fifth Avenue and 423 Eighth Street be added to the New Westminster Heritage Register.*

**CARRIED.**

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

**13. 320 Eighth Avenue – Proposed Glenbrooke Daycare Expansion**

The Director of Legislative Services circulated on table the June 30, 2008 letter from Glenbrooke Daycare (which will be added to the Agenda package) outlining their financial concerns.

**MOVED and SECONDED**

*THAT the following be received:*

- *June 30, 2008 letter from the Glenbrooke Daycare outlining their financial concerns;*
- *June 30, 2008, report from the Director of Development Services, providing background information regarding a proposal to expand Glenbrooke Daycare located at 320 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue; and*
- *June 9, 2008 letter from Murray Johnson Engineering Ltd.*

**CARRIED.**

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

Councillor Cote rejoined the meeting at 5:05 p.m.

Frank Durante, Manager of Building Inspections, responded to questions regarding the requirements. The Glenbrooke Daycare operator was also present, and responded to questions from members. During discussion, members made the following comments:

- Staff meet with owner to examine options to make the property acceptable for the daycare proposal
- Consider such solutions as digging down to achieve the necessary height, raising the building, etc.

**MOVED and SECONDED**

*THAT the June 30, 2008 report from the Director of Development Services regarding a proposal to expand Glenbrooke Daycare located at 320 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue, be received for information.*

**CARRIED.**

All members of Committee voted in favour of the motion.

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

*THAT staff meet with the Glenbrooke Day care applicant and the owner of the building to discuss outstanding issues needed to allow the day care to expand as proposed to allow before and after school care.*

**CARRIED.**

All members of Committee voted in favour of the motion.

**Director of Parks and Recreation:**

**15. Victoria Hill Development Agreement Amendment for Centre Park**

During discussion regarding the June 30, 2008, report seeking approval for the execution of a Section 219 Covenant amending the current Development Agreement for Victoria Hill, Council directed that community consultation take place to advise residents of the development, of phasing plans and of the potential impact on an existing grove of trees. The Director of Parks and Recreation responded to questions.

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

*THAT a Section 219 Covenant to amend the Development Agreement for Victoria Hill be drafted according to the terms and conditions outlined in the June 30, 2008 report from the Director of Parks and Recreation; and  
THAT the Mayor and Corporate Officer be authorized to execute the Section 219 Covenant on behalf of the City.*

**CARRIED.**

All members of Committee voted in favour of the motion.

**New Business:**

**19. UBMC Resolution – Unnecessary Packaging**

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

*WHEREAS the Provincial Government is showing a commitment to sustainability for British Columbia;  
WHEREAS the environment affects all communities of the Province;  
WHEREAS packaging of products needs to be addressed for use of renewable resources;  
WHEREAS there is no method of recycling Styrofoam; and*

**WHEREAS** there are too many small plastic beverage bottles in the environment and glass bottles have a proven longer usage lifecycle;  
**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the UBCM request and work with the British Columbia government to develop strategies to reduce unnecessary packaging of all products in British Columbia.

**CARRIED.**

All members of Committee voted in favour of the motion.

**Director of Development Services:**

- 20. Development Permit 002 (AC) with variances** – 126, 128, 130 Agnes Street, and 127 and 131 Dickenson Street, a portion of Dickenson Street and all of Sarnia Street and Albert Crescent

The Director of Development Services reported that the applicant has negotiated regarding the locked in lot, next to the subject properties. Since a new zoning application, incorporating the locked in lot into the plan, is expected to be received, it is recommended that consideration of the delegations or the Development Permit 002 (AC) with variances be tabled.

**New Business:**

- 21. Lijiang Student Delegation**

Councillor Williams circulated and spoke to her report on the proposal to invite four students from Lijiang, China to Canada to attend a School District No. 40 International Education short-term program. She added that she is seeking assistance from the local MP's to obtain visas and will issue a call for billets for the students.

**MOVED and SECONDED**

**THAT** the June 30, 2008 report from Councillor Williams regarding the Lijiang student delegation be received.

**CARRIED.**

All members of Committee voted in favour of the motion.

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

**THAT** the City issue a formal letter of invitation to the four students from Lijiang, China, "Sister City" to New Westminster, to attend an educational opportunity in the City with School District No. 40 during the months of September and October 2008.

**CARRIED.**

All members of Committee voted in favour of the motion.

**COMMITTEE MINUTES AND RECOMMENDATIONS:**

**16. Community Heritage Commission meeting held April 2, 2008**

**MOVED and SECONDED**

*THAT the minutes of the Community Heritage Commission meeting held April 2, 2008, be received and adopted.*

**CARRIED.**

All members of Committee voted in favour of the motion.

**17. Parks and Recreation Committee meeting held April 30, 2008.**

**MOVED and SECONDED**

*THAT the minutes of the Parks and Recreation Committee meeting held April 30, 2008, be received and adopted.*

**CARRIED.**

All members of Committee voted in favour of the motion.

**REPORTS FOR ACTION (CONTINUED)**

**Director of Parks & Recreation:**

**14. Electronic Message Centre in Queen's Park**

**MOVED and SECONDED**

*THAT the June 30, 2008 report from the Director of Parks and Recreation regarding the location, form and character of the proposed City electronic message centre, be received for information.*

**CARRIED.**

All members of Committee voted in favour of the motion.

**Director of Development Services:**

**8. Proposed Rezoning of 430 Duncan Street – Preliminary Report**

The Director of Development Services reviewed the June 30, 2008, report seeking direction from Council on the processing of the rezoning application for 430 Duncan Street.

Members commented on the impact of the moratorium on this project, noting it has been in stream for approximately two years. The proponent was present and confirmed this. During discussion, members made the following comments:

- Consider buffering industrial uses from residential
- Proceed with review before making land use decisions
- Provide better maps.



**MOVED and SECONDED**

*THAT consideration of the application to rezone 430 Duncan Street be tabled to allow an inspection of the site and submission of improved maps..*

**CARRIED.**

All members of Committee voted in favour of the motion.

**Directors of Development Services/Engineering Services:**

**7. 611 Blackford Street Stratification** (circulated separately)

**\*\* MOVED and SECONDED and CARRIED, this Committee recommends**  
*THAT the building at 611 Blackford Street (Maymont Manor Apartments Limited) be approved for conversion from a limited corporation with all the owners having shares, to strata title tenure and authorize the City Clerk to endorse the strata plans on behalf of the City.*

**CARRIED.**

All members of Committee voted in favour of the motion.

**Director of Development Services:**

**12. Method of Measuring Building Height**

Consideration of the June 30, 2008 report from the Director of Development Services regarding methods of measuring building heights was deferred.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**18. Notice of Motion – Cosmetic Pesticides (Councillor Bill Harper)**

**\*\* MOVED and SECONDED and CARRIED, this Committee recommends**  
*THAT staff report back to Council with a cosmetic pesticide control bylaw."*

**CARRIED.**

All members of Committee voted in favour of the motion.

**22. Municipal Pension Retirees**

**\*\* MOVED and SECONDED and CARRIED, this Committee recommends**  
*THAT the Provincial Government and the Union of BC Municipalities be directed to increase funding of one half of one percent of payroll for an account specifically designated for Group Health Benefits to assist Municipal Pension Retirees to continue with their efforts to maintain good health.*

**CARRIED.**

All members of Council voted in favour of the motion.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**ON MOTION**, the meeting adjourned at 5:59 p.m.

Certified Correct,

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**WAYNE WRIGHT**  
**CHAIR**

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**RICK PAGE**  
**CORPORATE OFFICER**

\*\* Denotes recommendations referred to Regular Council meeting of June 30, 2008, for ratification.