



CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF NEW WESTMINSTER

COUNCIL IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

July 14, 2008 3:22 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. Jim Lowrie	- Director of Engineering Services
Mr. Gary Holowatiuk	- Director of Finance and Information Technology
Chief Carl Nepstad	- Fire Chief
Mr. Dean Gibson	- Director of Parks and Recreation
Ms. Judi Turner	- Deputy Corporate Officer

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

The Agenda was varied as follows:

- Item 2 was deleted
- Item 20 will be a verbal report from the Director of Parks and Recreation

DELEGATIONS/SUBMISSIONS

1. Hyack Square Presentation – Erik Lees

Erik Lees and Dean Gregory made power point presentation (which will be added to the agenda package) to Council about three concepts for redevelopment of Hyack Square as a gateway to the neighbouring retail area.

The delegation responded to questions regarding:

- Facilitating seating for performance/entertainment
- Designing to prevent inappropriate activities
- Incorporating public art
- Considering: incandescent light/halide lights focused downward, light poles facilitating banners and power sources (e.g. for Christmas tree, etc.), underground sound system wiring, surfaces that are suitable for those who are mobility challenged.

2. **Degelder conservation Plan for “MAC & MAC Building”**

Deleted from the Agenda.

REPORTS FOR ACTION

City Administrator and Fire Chief:

3. **Woodlands Fire Update** (verbal report)

Paul Daminato, City Administrator, explained actions taken by the City to deal with the recent Woodlands fire, including those of the Fire Department, the EOC Team, Emergency services and other staff.

The Fire Chief circulated photos of the fire and updated Council on the fires which took place at Woodlands and the Fire and Rescue Department’s handling of them. It has been determined that a miniature EOC will be opened in the future for any substantial fire in the City. Operationally, management of the fire was a success with the fire contained, exposures protected, residents evacuated who had to be and returned to their homes as soon as possible, and no injuries among fire fighters. Fire, Police and Ambulance Services all contributed to this success. The Fire Chief reviewed the extent of the damage and explained why Fire Inspectors were not sent in for an inspection.

The volunteers who helped with ESS, including John Ashbridge, were thanked for their contribution.

The Fire Chief responded to questions from members.

Director of Engineering Services:

[4. Translink’s Draft Transport 2040 and 2009 10-Year Transportation and Financial Plan](#)

Members commented on the July 14, 2008, report from the Director of Engineering, regarding TransLink’s (draft) Transport 2040 transportation strategy

and the draft 2009 10-Year Transportation and Financial Plan. Catherine Mohoruk, Transportation Engineer, responded to questions.

During discussion, members made the following comments:

- What are mechanisms to ensure funding is available
- Promote the City's position that funding must be identified for mitigation of the NFPR project on the City
- Amend the staff report under Analysis, Section B, Item 1 – Major Projects: North Fraser Perimeter Road, in the last bulleted point, by deleting the words “an assessment of”
- Raise the issue of encapsulation
- What are plans for replacement of Patullo Bridge
- How will Translink's annual funding shortfall be made up
- Discuss with the Federal and Provincial Governments to arrange for sharing of traffic with other communities (to address the Highway 91 impact on residents and businesses of 20th Street and Connaught area)
- Bring this plan to the attention of the public via a community meeting in September
- The MOU is required
- If New Westminster sections are not done properly, traffic will be stopped and cause back ups; this is a North Perimeter Road running through the City; considerable funds are necessary for maintenance of roads which are used by commuters and trucks traveling through the City to other destinations
- Translink has not received sufficient funds to complete their projects; Federal and Provincial funding must be added
- This is not a plan that incorporates the needs of communities for the next 40 years; a financial plan that sustains Translink for 40 years must be developed
- Schedule a public meeting in September for the residents of New Westminster.

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

THAT the “Analysis” section (as amended) contained in the July 14, 2008 report from the Director of Engineering Services be submitted to the TransLink Board for consideration with copies to the Premier and local MLA's.

CARRIED.

All members of Committee voted in favour of the motion.

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

THAT the Mayor be directed to meet with Minister Kevin Falcon regarding the issues discussed in the foregoing discussion on Draft Transport 2040 and 2009 10-Year Transportation and Financial Plan.

CARRIED.

All members of Committee voted in favour of the motion.

5. British Columbia Climate Action Charter

Members discussed the July 14, 2008, report from the Director of Engineering, providing additional information on the BC Climate Action Charter to Council. In response to a member's comment, staff explained that the Charter is a pledge by municipalities but is not binding, either to actions or to funding.

- ** MOVED and SECONDED and CARRIED, this Committee recommends**
THAT the July 14, 2008 report from the Director of Engineering Services regarding the British Columbia Climate Action Charter, be received for information; and
THAT Council sign the British Columbia Climate Action Charter.

CARRIED.

Opposed: Councillor McIntosh.

6. Development of Anti-Idling Bylaw

Members commented on the July 14, 2008, report from the Director of Engineering, outlining a proposed process that will lead to the development of an anti-idling bylaw for the City of New Westminster. Following a member comment, staff confirmed that the Metro Vancouver initiative does not include an exemption for extreme cold weather – this would have to be discussed.

- ** MOVED and SECONDED and CARRIED, this Committee recommends**
THAT Council receive the July 14, 2008 report from the Director of Engineering Services, regarding the development of an anti-idling Bylaw, for information; and
THAT staff undertake consultation on a draft anti-idling bylaw and subsequently bring forward a bylaw for Council's consideration

CARRIED.

All members of Committee voted in favour of the motion.

Director of Finance and Information Technology:

7. Municipal Security Issuing Resolution #7209 for the Moody Park Outdoor Pool Loan Authorization Bylaw, No. 7209, 2009

- ** MOVED and SECONDED and CARRIED, this Committee recommends**
THAT Council approve borrowing from the Municipal Finance Authority of British Columbia (MFA), as part of their 2008 fall issue, \$4.0 million as authorized through the Moody Park Outdoor Pool Loan Authorization Bylaw No. 7209, 2008 (Attachment 1); and
THAT the Greater Vancouver Regional District be requested to consent to the City borrowing \$4.0 million over a 20-year term and include the borrowing in their security issuing bylaw.

CARRIED.

Opposed: Councillor McIntosh and Mayor Wright.

8. 2009 Budget Process

Members made the following comments regarding the 2009 budget process:

- Keep a close eye on inflationary costs
- Notify Council well in advance of the public consultation process, focus groups, and dates to allow Council to prearrange their schedules.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the July 14, 2008 report from the Director of Finance and Information Technology, regarding 2009 Budget Process, be received for information.

CARRIED.

All members of Committee voted in favour of the motion.

Director of Development Services:

9. Queensborough Neighbourhood Plan – Consultant Selection

Staff was directed to examine the maximum build out capacity in connection with the planning work for the Queensborough Neighbourhood Plan review.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the July 14, 2008 report from the Director of Development Services, regarding the Queensborough Neighbourhood Plan – Consultant Selection, be received for information.

CARRIED.

All members of Committee voted in favour of the motion.

10. Proposed Rezoning of 430 Boyd Street and Duncan Street – Preliminary Report

Members debated whether to allow the rezoning process to proceed at present or wait until completion of the new Queensborough Neighbourhood Plan. Discussion ensued on: diminishing industrial land, that the project has been in stream with staff for 2 years, the need to develop a vision for the area, the need to buffer industrial from residential uses, the preservation of industrial land. The property owner was present and requested approval to move forward.

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

THAT the applicant be advised that Council will review the rezoning of 430 Boyd Street and Duncan Street following completion of the new Queensborough Neighbourhood Plan.

CARRIED.

Opposed: Councillor Donnelly and McIntosh.

11. Downtown Nuisance Abatement Project

Keith Coueffin, Manager of Licensing and Integrated Services, Development Services, commented on the July 14, 2008, report informing Council of a number of initiatives being implemented or pursued to control drug and nuisance activities in the Downtown. He reviewed the public input received from the affected community in the Downtown area, which included the following suggestions: look at traffic and lighting in the downtown area, erect signage in the area and perhaps others to indicate that the City values its streets and encourages positive behaviour, erect security cameras, arrange a community promotion to celebrate positive events in the area, plan a follow up meeting in September to review the status of the situation and follow through on suggestions.

Members' comments followed:

- Support for the dog park suggestions
- Uniform presence has a positive effect in the area
- Improve the appearance of the traffic circle at Tenth and Carnarvon to resemble those in other areas and improve livability
- Discuss with Mr. Degelder the possibility of assisting by providing lighting from his building onto the lane
- Consider seeking assistance from the Crime Watch Patrol on Saturday and Sunday evenings
- Keep applying enforcement pressure on the nuisance activities to prevent them re-establishing elsewhere in the city.

** **MOVED and SECONDED and CARRIED, this Committee recommends**
THAT staff be directed to pursue all the initiatives outlined in the July 14, 2008 report from the Director of Development Services.

CARRIED.

All members of Committee voted in favour of the motion.

12. Method of Measuring Building Height – Additional Information

Members discussed the July 14, 2008, report from the Director of Development Services, providing additional information regarding the method of measuring building height.

MOVED and SECONDED
THAT the July 14, 2008 report from the Director of Development Services providing additional information on the method of measuring building height, 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 proceed with community consultation on proposed text amendments related to the measurement of building height (as outlined in the July 14, 2008 report from the Director of Development Services).

CARRIED.

All members of Committee voted in favour of the motion.

13. Additions to New Westminster Heritage Register

Members made the following suggestions for additions to the Heritage Register:

- Encourage the School District to register the Massey Theatre for its unique history, etc., Robson and Richard McBride Schools
- Continue to contact others who did not respond, e.g. the church
- Make corrections to addresses and clarify which buildings are intended to be registered, as discussed.

- ** **MOVED and SECONDED and CARRIED, this Committee recommends**
THAT the list of 26 properties identified by the Community Heritage Commission be added to the New Westminster Heritage Register; and
THAT the School district be requested to consider adding their properties, particularly Massey Theatre.

CARRIED.

All members of Committee voted in favour of the motion.

14. Grant Application to Provincial Heritage Branch for the Creation of a Neighbourhood Heritage Context Statement

- ** **MOVED and SECONDED and CARRIED, this Committee recommends**
THAT staff proceed with an application to the Provincial Heritage Branch for a grant of \$10,000.00 through their Heritage Context Planning Program.

CARRIED.

All members of Committee voted in favour of the motion.

15. Village at Historic Sapperton – Approval of the Development Agreement and 4th Reading of the Zoning Amendment Bylaw (Labatt Site)

- ** **MOVED and SECONDED and CARRIED, this Committee recommends**
THAT the Development Agreement for the Village at Historic Sapperton be approved and executed; and
THAT Zoning Amendment Bylaw 7145, 2007 be referred to Regular Council for consideration of adoption.

CARRIED.

All members of Committee voted in favour of the motion.

16. Dickenson Street New Rezoning (to be circulated separately)

Councillor Donnelly left the meeting at 5:31 p.m. citing a potential conflict of interest as he is a former owner of a property that is subject of the current rezoning initiative.

The Director of Development Services presented the July 14, 2008, report regarding a proposal to rezone 126, 128, 130, 132 Agnes Street, 127 and 131 Dickenson Street, a portion of Dickenson Street and all of Sarnia Street and Albert Crescent. This proposal now includes the locked in lot at 132 Agnes Street.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the July 14, 2008, report from the Director of Development Services, regarding a proposal to rezone 126, 128, 130, 132 Agnes Street, 127 and 131 Dickenson Street, a portion of Dickenson Street and all of Sarnia Street and Albert Crescent, be received.

CARRIED.

All members of Committee voted in favour of the motion.

Councillor Donnelly rejoined the meeting at 5:33 p.m.

17. 1130 Ewen Avenue – Development Permit with Variances

The Director of Development Services presented the July 14, 2008, report providing information regarding Development Permit 030 (Q) and advising Council in their consideration of this application.

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

THAT Council give notice that it intends to consider a motion to approve and issue DP 030 with the following variances on September 8, 2008, to permit construction of eight buildings of housing and two buildings with commercial at grade and residential above at 1130 Ewen Avenue:

- *Access to a second (tandem) parking space that is not provided directly from a driveway*
- *Provision of 66 parking spaces.*

CARRIED.

All members of Committee voted in favour of the motion.

Director of Parks & Recreation:

18. Twelfth Street Public Art

Joanne Edey-Nicoll responded to questions regarding the July 14, 2008, report from the Director of Parks and Recreation, briefing Council on an initiative that staff is exploring to incorporate Public Art into the third phase of the Twelfth Street Improvement Program (Twelfth Street between Eighth and Tenth Avenues).

- ** **MOVED and SECONDED and CARRIED, this Committee recommends**
THAT staff be directed to continue to explore the feasibility of incorporating Public Art into the Twelfth Street Improvement Program and forward the staff report to the Arts and Culture Commission.

CARRIED.

All members of Committee voted in favour of the motion.

19. Arts and Culture Commission Arts Strategy Consultation

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the July 14, 2008 report from the Director of Parks and Recreation regarding the Arts and Culture Commission Arts Strategy Consultation, be received for information.

CARRIED.

All members of Committee voted in favour of the motion.

20. Moody Park Pool Design Update (verbal report)

The Director of Parks and Recreation reported that the contract for design services for Moody Park Pool has been awarded to CEI Architecture who will work with Task Construction Management on a design for submission to Council.

During discussion, members requested that information about public meetings be posted on the City Page and circulated to Council and Residents Associations via email.

COMMITTEE MINUTES AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

21. Family Court Committee Meeting of June 25, 2008

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the minutes of the Family Court Committee Meeting of June 25, 2008, be received and adopted.

CARRIED.

All members of Committee voted in favour of the motion.

22. Seniors Advisory Committee Meeting of June 19, 2008

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the minutes of the Seniors Advisory Committee Meeting of June 19, 2008, be received and adopted.

CARRIED.

All members of Committee voted in favour of the motion.

23. Environmental Committee Minutes of June 11, 2008

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the minutes of the Environmental Committee Minutes of June 11, 2008, be received and adopted.

CARRIED.

All members of Committee voted in favour of the motion.

NEW BUSINESS

Director of Legislative Services:

24. Question on the 2008 Local Government Ballot

The Corporate Officer sought direction from Council on whether to add a question to the 2008 Local Government election ballot to seek input on whether to extend the term of office from three to four years.

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

THAT a question be added to the 2008 Local Government Election ballot seeking public input on whether to extend the term of office for local governments from three years to four years.

CARRIED.

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

ADJOURNMENT

ON MOTION, the meeting adjourned at 5:47 p.m.

Certified Correct,

WAYNE WRIGHT
CHAIR

RICK PAGE
CORPORATE OFFICER

****** Denotes recommendations referred to Regular Council meeting of July 14, 2008, for ratification.