



CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF NEW WESTMINSTER

## COUNCIL IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

July 16, 2007 3:17 p.m.  
Committee Room 2, City Hall

### MINUTES

#### PRESENT:

Mayor Wayne Wright  
Councillor Jonathan Coté  
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
Ms. Mindy Smith	- Acting Director of Finance
Mr. Dean Gibson	- Director of Parks and Recreation
Ms. Judi Turner	- Assistant Corporate Officer
Ms. Joanna Federici	- Committee Clerk

#### ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

No additions to the Agenda.

#### REPORTS FOR ACTION

**Director of Finance and Information Technology/Community Grants Review Panel:**

1. [2007 Community Grants - Update](#)

Members discussed the request from the 12<sup>th</sup> Street Society for a grant to enable their 2007 Ragtime Festival. Although members supported a larger grant for

2007 as a transition year, the Society is encouraged to understand the need for Council to be more equitable with any future grants in the future. Suggestions were made to find ways to reduce some of the costs.

**MOVED and SECONDED**

*THAT July 16, 2007 report regarding a revised 2007 grant request from the 12<sup>th</sup> Street Society for their 2007 Ragtime Festival, be received.*

**CARRIED.**

All members of Committee voted in favour of the motion.

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

*THAT a grant in the amount of up to \$13,500 be approved for the 12<sup>th</sup> Street Society's 2007 Ragtime Festival and that staff work with the Society on ways to reduce the costs for the 2007 festival.*

All members of Committee voted in favour of the motion.

**Director of Engineering Services:**

**2. [Preparation for 2007 Spring Freshet Part V](#)**

**MOVED and SECONDED**

*THAT the July 16, 2007 report regarding high water mitigation for the 2007 spring freshet and information on dismantling of a portion of the temporary works, be received.*

**CARRIED.**

All members of Committee voted in favour of the motion.

**3. [Massey-Victory Heights Draft Traffic Calming Plan – status report](#)**

Catherine Mohoruk, Transportation Specialist, Engineering Services, responded to questions regarding the July 16, 2007 report from the Director regarding traffic calming for the Massey-Victory Heights Neighbourhood. It was suggested that any School District plans proposed for the area should be complimentary to the City's traffic calming plan as set out in the subject report. Staff will consult with the School District about funding.

Staff was directed to forward the Plan to the Traffic Advisory Committee.

**MOVED and SECONDED**

*THAT the July 16, 2007 report regarding traffic calming for the Massey-Victory Heights Neighbourhood, be received.*

**CARRIED.**

All members of Committee voted in favour of the motion.

**Director of Development Services:**

**4. [738-752 Columbia Street – Development Variance Permit 457](#)**

The Director of Development Services circulated a revised concept drawing for the project at 738-752 Columbia Street. Stephen Scheving, Consultant, reviewed the July 10, 2007 report regarding an application for four variances for the revised project. Peter Newell, Ballenas Management, was present to respond to questions. Harvey Hatch, Architect, made a presentation to Council and described the proposed structure. He noted that the historical model will be retained and units will be designed to conform. Discussion ensued and the delegates responded to questions clarifying matters.

**MOVED and SECONDED**

*THAT Development Variance Permit 457 for 738-752 Columbia Street be lifted from the table.*

**CARRIED.**

All members of Committee voted in favour of the motion.

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

*THAT the City give notice that it will consider a resolution to issue Development Variance Permit 457 with the following variances to permit construction of an 18 storey mixed use commercial and residential project at 738-752 Columbia Street:*

- *A building height of 169.4 feet above datum*
- *Calculation of usable open space to include all open space areas including those areas having less than a minimum dimension of 10 feet*
- *Elimination of the 1.5 meter (5 feet) parking garage setback from Begbie and Front Streets to allow the building to come up to the property line on all sides*
- *Application of the Vancouver parking standard for the regular size parking spaces and aisle widths, being 8 feet 2 inches wide by 18 feet long with a 21 foot 8 inch maneuvering aisle, and columns of the buildings to project into the parking stalls.*

**CARRIED.**

All members of Committee voted in favour of the motion.

**5. [Royal Towers Hotel 140 Sixth Street/ Liquor License Application for Outdoor Patio](#)**

The Manager of Licensing and Inspections responded to questions regarding the July 10, 2007 report from the Director of Development Services, regarding an application from Royal Towers Hotel to create an outdoor patio for Clancy's Pub (Liquor Primary Liquor License #009045).

- \*\* MOVED, SECONDED and CARRIED, this Committee recommends**  
**WHEREAS** *New Westminster City Council considered a staff report regarding an application from Royal Towers Hotel located at 140 Sixth Street to create an outdoor patio for Clancy's Pub (Liquor Primary License # 009045);*  
**WHEREAS** *the application is not supported by the New Westminster Police Service;*  
**WHEREAS** *the property has generated frequent noise complaints;*  
**WHEREAS** *the applicant has a poor compliance record with respect to licensed establishments on the property; and*  
**WHEREAS** *several residents in the area have written to the City expressing concern about the proposed patio and opposing the application;*

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** *New Westminster City Council does not support the application from Royal Towers Hotel to create an outdoor patio at Clancy's Pub (Liquor Primary License # 009045).*

All members of Committee voted in favour of the motion.

6. [350 Gifford Street/Proposed Casino and Sports Bar Liquor Primary Licenses](#)

The Manager of Licensing and Inspections responded to questions regarding the proposed Casino and Sports Bar Liquor Primary Licences. The Director of Development Services agreed to report to Council with the developer's plans to improve the appearance and accessibility of the front entrance to the Casino.

**MOVED and SECONDED**

**THAT** *the July 11, 2007 report from the Director of Development Services, regarding the processing of liquor license applications for the new Casino and Sports Bar being developed at 350 Gifford Street, be received.*

**CARRIED.**

All members of Committee voted in favour of the motion.

7. [Provincial Government's Building Regulation Modernization Strategy](#)

The Director of Development Services responded to questions regarding the July 16, 2007, report proposing a position on the Building Regulation Modernization Strategy.

A question was raised into whether the Province intends to eliminate municipal bylaw inspection department and have the industry inspect itself. On the basis that public inspection of private projects ensures safety, members clarified that the City prefers to continue its current role of issuing permits and conducting inspections. It was suggested that the Province's proposal be reviewed by staff and reported on to Council.

- \*\* **MOVED, SECONDED and CARRIED, this Committee recommends**  
*THAT the draft letter attached to the July 16, 2007 report from the Director of Development Services regarding the City's position on the Building Regulation Modernization Strategy, be approved for submission to the Province, and that the Province be advised that the City of New Westminster supports its existing practice of continuing to issue permits and conduct inspections.*

All members of Committee voted in favour of the motion.

- \*\* **MOVED, SECONDED and CARRIED, this Committee recommends**  
*THAT the Director of Development Services report back to Council with a critique of the Provincial Government's proposed Building Regulation Modernization Strategy.*

**CARRIED.**

All members of Committee voted in favour of the motion.

The Director was requested not to include matters that are effectively governed by other existing legislation.

#### **Director of Parks & Recreation:**

#### **8. [Rotary Clock Project](#)**

The Director of Parks and Recreation reviewed the July 16, 2007, report seeking endorsement of the plan and funding strategy to complete installation of the Rotary Clock in Moody Park. The Director requested that the recommendation be amended to increase the funding amount from \$35,000 to \$40,000. The Director was directed to supply detailed information to members of Council about where the project monies will be spent.

- \*\* **MOVED, SECONDED and CARRIED, this Committee recommends**  
*THAT funding in the amount of up to \$40,000 be allocated towards the adaptation and redevelopment of the Moody Park entry plaza subject to confirmation of a supplemental funding commitment from the Rotary Club of New Westminster, and*  
*THAT the City funding be provided from voluntary amenity contributions.*

All members of Committee voted in favour of the motion.

#### **9. [Queensborough Off Leash Dog Enclosure](#)**

The Director of Parks and Recreation responded to questions regarding the July 16, 2007, report seeking designation of City lands in Queensborough for use as an off-leash dog enclosure and recommending a funding strategy.

- \*\* **MOVED, SECONDED and CARRIED, this Committee recommends**  
***THAT*** the Mercer Triangle in Queensborough be designated as an off leash dog enclosure, and  
***THAT*** the approved 2007 capital funds for off leash enclosures be allocated for the creation of the Queensborough off leash enclosure, and  
***THAT*** funding for future off leash dog enclosures in the city be included in future capital budget submissions for the Brow of the Hill/Downtown area.

All members of Committee voted in favour of the motion.

#### **COMMITTEE MINUTES AND RECOMMENDATIONS:**

10. **[Electric Utility Commission meeting held May 8, 2007.](#)**

**MOVED and SECONDED**

***THAT*** the minutes of the Electrical Utility Commission meeting held on May 8, 2007, be received and adopted.

**CARRIED.**

All members of Committee voted in favour of the motion.

11. **[Moody Park Outdoor Pool Sub-Committee meeting held July 11, 2007.](#)**

Councillor Donnelly advised that the Parks and Recreation Committee has struck a sub-committee to consider the Moody Park Outdoor Pool project. The Sub-Committee met and their meeting notes are submitted to Council because the Parks and Recreation Committee will not meet to receive them until the end of August.

Ken Williams, Arlen Bonesky and Jaimie McEvoy, appointed to the Moody Park Outdoor Pool Sub-Committee, were present and explained their role as a sub-committee. Their task is to look at the pool project only and to consider the needs of seniors and youth of the community. The delegates reviewed the outcome of their first meeting, including: it should be a multi-purpose facility, siting could be changed that might permit an extra sports field, can a roof be considered to enable more than a 90 day use, consider incorporating other suggestions such as a youth centre, expansion of Century House, housing a new Parks and Recreation office, etc., can the time frame for construction be changed to allow time for those questions to be addressed. Their intent is to provide options to Council with related costs for a pool facility that can meets current and future needs and be implemented in a phased approach.

Discussion ensued about the suggestion of combining facilities in a new location at Moody Park.

**MOVED and SECONDED**

*THAT the minutes of the Moody Park Outdoor Pool Sub-Committee meeting held on July 11, 2007, be received and adopted.*

**CARRIED.**

All members of Committee voted in favour of the motion.

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

*THAT, in connection with the Moody Park Pool construction project, staff be directed as follows:*

- *Continue with the pool design process*
- *Conduct an analysis on grouping certain recreation functions together in one location or facility*
- *Following the outcome of the functional analysis, conduct a site planning analysis of Moody Park.*

**CARRIED.**

All members of Committee voted in favour of the motion.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**ON MOTION**, the meeting adjourned at 5:14 p.m.

Certified Correct,

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**WAYNE WRIGHT, CHAIR**

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**RICK PAGE, CITY CLERK**

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Denotes recommendations referred to Regular Council meeting of July 16, 2007, for ratification.