



CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF NEW WESTMINSTER

## REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL

September 8, 2008 3:15 p.m.  
Committee Room No. 2  
City Hall

**ACTION**

### MINUTES

**PRESENT:**

Mayor Wayne Wright  
Councillor Jonathan Coté  
Councillor Bill Harper  
Councillor Bob Osterman  
Councillor Betty McIntosh  
Councillor Lorrie Williams

**REGRETS:**

Councillor Calvin Donnelly

**STAFF:**

Mr. Paul Daminato	- City Administrator
Ms. Judi Turner	- Acting Corporate Officer
Ms. Lisa Spitale	- Director of Development Services
Mr. Jim Lowrie	- Director of Engineering Services
Mr. Gary Holowatiuk	- Director of Finance
Terry Dunlop	- Recording Clerk

Council adjourned to Committee of the Whole at 3:15 p.m. and reconvened in the Council Chamber at 7:02 p.m. with all those listed earlier present.

#### ADOPTION OF MINUTES

- [1. Motion to adopt the minutes of the last regular meeting of the City Council held August 25, 2008.](#)

**MOVED and SECONDED**

*THAT the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council, held August 25,*

*2008, be received and adopted.*

**CARRIED.**

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

## **PRESENTATION**

### **2. Award to John Kerry Klockow of the Pen Café for five years of support for Canada Day Celebrations**

John Kerry Klockow of the Pen Café was presented an award for supporting Canada Day Celebrations for the past five years.

## **DELEGATIONS**

### **3. Open Delegations**

**Andrée St. Martin - New Westminster Arts Council** - presented details of an Arts Council project, outlining objectives of the preparation of a book celebrating the diverse contributions of the immigrant and multicultural community.

**Katherine Knaus – Ipsos Reid Group** – discussed findings from a bi-annual, cross-Canada survey in which New Westminster participated. She described objectives and methodologies and reviewed the key findings of the study. Residents revealed their satisfaction with quality of life, provision of services and value for municipal taxes. Concerns focused on crime and transportation issues. Ninety-five percent rated the overall quality of life in New Westminster as “very good.” Details of the statistical review were discussed relative to value for expenditure of tax dollars.

**Jesse Darby – 1330 Ewen Avenue** re Bullying Campaign - urged citizens to wear pink on September 11 as an expression of solidarity with children who are the targets of bullying. The speaker urged Council support of the campaign aimed at reducing bullying of children in schools. He explained origins of the campaign which has spread and resulted in the campaign to wear pink on the second Thursday of September, the first week after the start of the school year.

**David Poppel - #201 1628 West 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue, Vancouver (Aragon Properties)** protesting Quayside Residents Association (QRA) accusations re election spending. The speaker advised that the contributions to election campaigns are made openly and honestly. Furthermore, Aragon Properties will contribute approximately \$100,000 for civic amenities in Queensborough. The company has asked QRA to attend a Council meeting to publicly retract their statements of August 25.

**Matthew Laird – 2 Renaissance Square**, re community shuttles – addressed the meeting on behalf of the Quayside community. Shuttle buses on two city routes have been upgraded but the new vehicles have additional steps. This creates an issue for persons with physical disabilities. Many users are loath to use rear access lifts. The community sought Council support in asking TransLink to purchase low-floor, fully accessible vehicles in future fleet upgrades for the routes.

**4. Delegations re Development Permit 006 (TS) with Variances (709 Twelfth Street)**

**Elmer Rudolph – 1809 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue re 709 12<sup>th</sup> Street** – developers were encouraged to follow Art-Deco guidelines. The speaker expressed disappointment with the overall design of the proposed new building, which he contended looks more like typical 1960s apartment building. The design does not reflect strong horizontal elements typical of Art Deco. There appears to be no effort to incorporate historic elements seen on adjacent buildings. The designers should make a stronger effort to provide a building that is more in keeping with Art Deco principles.

**Bernard Decosse, Bernard Decosse Architect Inc.**, described the site, which he explained incorporates many Art Deco characteristics in the development and specifically highlights the street entries. Mr. Decosse also responded to some of the design issues and concerns raised by the earlier delegation, Elmer Rudolph (item 3 f, above). The residential development is set back 10ft from the retail portion. The design attempts to reflect characteristics of the neighbourhood and existing streetscapes. It provides a significant opportunity to enhance the revitalization of Twelfth Street.

**John Ashdown** – Village Coffee Lounge on 12<sup>th</sup> Street – expressed full support for the project, which will serve as a catalyst for further new development.

**ISSUANCE OF DEVELOPMENT VARIANCE PERMITS**

**5. Issuance of Development Permit 006 (TS) with Variances (709 Twelfth Street) – to vary the following sections of the Zoning Bylaw: Building Lines; Off-Street Parking; Height**

**MOVED and SECONDED**

*THAT the following correspondence be received:*

*September 8, 2008 letter from Bernard Decosse Architect Inc. regarding retail canopies at 709 – 12<sup>th</sup> Street.*

**CARRIED.**

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

**MOVED and SECONDED**

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*THAT DP 006 (TS) with the following variances for the project at 709 Twelfth Street be approved and issued, with the understanding that staff will work with the Architect to seek refinements to the design (based on the discussions under Item 4 above):*

- *Parking stall standards of 8.2 feet (2.5 m) to 9.2 feet (2.8 m) wide by 18 feet (5.48 m) long with 24.25 foot and 22 foot drive aisles*
- *Building height of 43.42 feet; and*
- *A building line of 0 feet along Twelfth Street.*

**CARRIED.**

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

**REPORTS**

**6. Council Members:**

**Councillor Côté**

...attended Labour Day celebrations at Confederation Park in Burnaby; attended "Big Gig" event street festival and numerous other festivals throughout the City; neighbourhoods were advised that they may close down streets to accommodate such festivals.

**Councillor Harper**

...attended an Open House for the new Moody Park Pool – design features incorporate potential for solar heating to promote energy efficiency; urged the City to post pictures of the pool in local newspapers and on the website; attended Labour Day picnic; attended Heritage Commission meeting; condolences to Perry, Raj and Tesh Kainth on recent bereavements.

**Councillor McIntosh**

...acknowledged the work and contributions of labour leaders – thanked Emergency Service Unions, IBEW, CUPE and others; attended Open House re Moody Park Pool; attended public library event, presenting portion of medals to summer reading program participants; attended strategic sessions with Library Board to work on its plan; chaired Seniors Advisory Committee; noted Seniors Festival scheduled for September 28; attended Sapperton OAP lunch; attended West Coast College of Massage Therapy event.

**Councillor Osterman**

...noted a forthcoming meeting on October 1 at 5:15 p.m. at Century House, which is the first Emergency Advisory Committee meeting with Mr. Dave Jones; reminded the public that the city is well-prepared for emergency drinking water needs, has an established Emergency Operations Centre, city FM radio communication system, high water response plans by the Engineering Department and long-term plans for remediation improvements re high water issues. New Westminster remains in the forefront of emergency service planning.

### **Councillor Williams**

...attended West Coast Massage Therapy event; attended public library event celebrating summer reading programs; heard presentation by Jesse Darby re Wear Pink anti-bullying project; met with New Westminster Symphony Board re concert November 16; noted FCM municipalities seeking direct lobbying link to federal government, e.g., regulation of domestic pesticides (petitions to amend Food & Drug Act); also re phosphorus in dishwashing detergent; seeking increase in charitable donations tax allowances; dealing with railways issues – noise, pesticides, fires; heritage – seeking greater federal tax incentive for rehabilitation of buildings; attended Environment Committee; advised of forthcoming visit by four schoolgirls from sister city of Lijiang, China; seeking citizen donation of two months of accommodation for visitors.

### **Mayor Wayne Wright**

Reiterated FCM advantages – making \*representations through GVRD to seek stronger action by the courts; attended West Coast College of Massage Therapy Presentation on Natural Health Awareness Day & Spa Education Expo 2009, a Special Reception to honour winners of 2008 Readers Choice Awards; Extended congratulated Councillor McIntosh for being chosen as the Best Politician of the Year; as a member of the GVRD Intergovernment Committee met with Board of UCLG; along with Chief Zapotichny, met with Ward Clapham, Chief Officer, S.C.B.C.T.A. Police Service; met with CTV photographer and Darren Kelly, winner of the recycling poster contest; attended the summer Reading Club Medal Presentation Ceremony, New Westminster Public Library, a barbeque with the Sea Cadets at Annacis Island where they are refurbishing; commented on medals won by the Spartans Athletic Group and throughout the province, on the Hyacks Football Team – now ranked #3 in the lower mainland, on the Salmonbellies who lost their third game this evening with one more game to go, noting they had one of their best seasons in many years; attended the annual bowls where proceeds will go to Queens park and RCH hospitals.

## **COMMITTEE MINUTES AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

### **7. Motion to receive and adopt the minutes of a meeting of Council in Committee of the Whole held August 25, 2008**

**MOVED and SECONDED** *the meeting of Council in Committee of the Whole held August 25, 2008, be received and adopted.*

**CARRIED.**

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

### **8. Recommendations from Council in Committee of the Whole meeting held September 8, 2008**

a) **Proposed Development Cost Charge Program - 2008**

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**MOVED AND SECONDED**

*THAT the proposed use of undeveloped City lands and rights of way to address parkland acquisition needs to accommodate future population growth be endorsed;*

*THAT staff be directed to establish, through the Parks and Recreation Comprehensive Plan, a target for future parkland acquisition requirements based on lands identified in the draft Development Cost Charge program supplemented by future strategic acquisitions using grants, amenity contributions, and other forms of funding; and*

*THAT staff be directed to undertake consultation with the development community and the public on the proposed Development Cost Charge program.*

**CARRIED.**

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

- Direction given to staff to distribute copies of the report to all Residents' Associations, the Business Improvement Association (BIA) and the Chamber of Commerce.

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b) **Construction Noise Bylaw Variance to Allow Metro Vancouver to Carry Out Sewer Interceptor Maintenance**

**MOVED AND SECONDED**

*THAT a construction noise bylaw variance application from Metro Vancouver, dated August 28, 2008, be approved to allow scheduled maintenance of their sewer interceptor on Columbia Street during the week of September 21 and 28, 2008.*

**CARRIED.**

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

**Director of Parks and Recreation**

c) **Samson V Capital Funding Request**

**MOVED AND SECONDED**

*THAT additional capital funding in the amount of \$120,300 be approved for urgent repairs to the Samson V Vessel.*

**CARRIED.**

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

## **Director of Development Services**

### **d) Development Variance Permit No. 481 for 226 Hume Street**

#### **MOVED AND SECONDED**

*THAT Council give notice that it will consider a resolution to issue Development Variance Permit 481, with the following variances, for 226 Hume Street to permit subdivision of the property into four lots:*

- *One lot having a frontage of 8.84 percent of its perimeter*
- *Three lots with frontages of 8.16 percent of their perimeters.*

**CARRIED**

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

### **e) Additions to the Heritage Register**

#### **MOVED AND SECONDED**

*THAT the list of 47 properties identified by the Community Heritage Commission (and as set out in the September 8, 2008, report from the Director of Development Services) be added to the New Westminster Heritage Register.*

**CARRIED.**

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

### **f) Revised City of New Westminster Multicultural Policy**

#### **MOVED AND SECONDED**

*THAT the revised City of New Westminster Multicultural Policy and the actions recommended to implement it be endorsed.*

**CARRIED.**

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

### **g) Recreation Centre at Victoria Hill – A Bylaw to Amend the Heritage Designation Bylaw No. 6874, 2003 (Bylaw No. 7265, 2008)**

#### **MOVED AND SECONDED**

*THAT Municipal Heritage Designation Bylaw (Former Woodlands Site) Amendment Bylaw No. 7265, 2008, received.*

**CARRIED.**

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

### **h) Community Heritage Commission: Bylaw Amendment**

#### **MOVED AND SECONDED**

*THAT City of New Westminster Community Heritage Commission*

*Amendment Bylaw No. 7263, 2008, be received.*

**CARRIED.**

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

**i) Delegation of Authority Bylaw – Issuance of Heritage Alteration Permits**

**MOVED AND SECONDED**

*THAT City of New Westminster Heritage Alteration Permit Delegation Bylaw No. 7260, 2008, be received.*

**CARRIED.**

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

**j) Development Variance Permit No. 488 for 60 Tenth Street Columbia Square**

**MOVED AND SECONDED**

*THAT Council give notice that it will consider a resolution to issue Development Variance Permit 488, with the following variances, to allow the new buildings being constructed at Columbia Square to have signage:*

- *One awning sign per exterior building wall for each premise in the three new buildings*
- *One fascia sign per exterior building wall for each premise in the three new buildings*
- *Six fascia signs for the Bank of Montreal*
- *Six fascia signs for the TD Bank; and*
- *Variances for two of the six fascia signs for the TD Bank to permit signs with the following dimensions: 30.9 square feet (2.9 square metres) which are mounted on a building wall that is 8.7 feet (2.6 metres) long.*

**CARRIED.**

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

**k) Douglas College 2008 Sponsorship Award program**

**MOVED AND SECONDED**

*THAT the City Administrator and Director of Finance and Information technology be directed to determine the amount that can be allocated for sponsorship of the Douglas College 2008 Entrepreneur of the Year Awards.*

**CARRIED.**

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



**BYLAWS**

**9. Electrical Utility Amendment Bylaw No. 7255, 2008 [a bylaw to amend "Electrical Utility Bylaw No. 6502, 1998"] **ADOPTION****

**MOVED and SECONDED**

*THAT Electrical Utility Amendment Bylaw No. 7255, 2008, be adopted.*

**CARRIED.**

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

**10. Municipal Heritage Designation Bylaw (811 Columbia Street) No. 7259, 2008 [a Bylaw to designate the Columbia Street façade of the Mc & Mc Building located at 811 Columbia Street as a protected heritage property]**

**RESCIND SECOND READING  
AMEND BYLAW TO ADD LEGAL DESCRIPTION  
SECOND READING AS AMENDED**

**MOVED and SECONDED**

*THAT second reading of Municipal Heritage Designation Bylaw (811 Columbia Street) No. 7259, 2008, be and is hereby rescinded.*

**CARRIED.**

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

**MOVED and SECONDED**

*THAT Municipal Heritage Designation Bylaw (811 Columbia Street) No. 7259, 2008, be amended by addition of the legal description.*

**CARRIED.**

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

**MOVED and SECONDED**

*THAT Municipal Heritage Designation Bylaw (811 Columbia Street) No. 7259, 2008, be read a second time, as amended.*

**CARRIED.**

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

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**RESCIND THIRD READING  
AMEND SECTION (3) (ix) OF BYLAW  
THIRD READING AS AMENDED**

**MOVED and SECONDED**

*THAT third reading of City of New Westminster Heritage Alteration Permit Delegation Bylaw No. 7260, 2008, be and is hereby rescinded.*

**CARRIED.**

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

**MOVED and SECONDED**

*THAT City of New Westminster Heritage Alteration Permit Delegation Bylaw No. 7260, 2008, be amended in Section (3) (ix) of the bylaw.*

**CARRIED.**

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

**MOVED and SECONDED**

*THAT City of New Westminster Heritage Alteration Permit Delegation Bylaw No. 7260, 2008, be read a third time, as amended.*

**CARRIED.**

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

- 12 City of New Westminster Community Heritage Commission Amendment Bylaw No. 7263, 2008** [a bylaw to amend the membership provisions of "City of New Westminster Community Heritage Commission Bylaw No. 6423, 1997]

**THREE READINGS**

**MOVED and SECONDED**

*THAT City of New Westminster Community Heritage Commission Amendment Bylaw No. 7263, 2008 be read a first time.*

**CARRIED.**

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

**MOVED and SECONDED**

*THAT City of New Westminster Community Heritage Commission Amendment Bylaw No. 7263, 2008 be read a second time.*

**CARRIED.**

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

**MOVED and SECONDED**

*THAT City of New Westminster Community Heritage Commission Amendment Bylaw No. 7263, 2008 be read a third time.*

**CARRIED.**

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

- 13. Municipal Heritage Designation Bylaw (Former Woodlands Site) Amendment Bylaw No. 7265, 2008** [A Bylaw to amend "Municipal Heritage Designation Bylaw (Former Woodlands Site) No. 6874, 2003]

**TWO READINGS**

**MOVED and SECONDED**

*THAT Municipal Heritage Designation Bylaw (Former Woodlands Site) Amendment Bylaw No. 7265, 2008 be read a first time.*

**CARRIED.**

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

**MOVED and SECONDED**

*THAT Municipal Heritage Designation Bylaw (Former Woodlands Site) Amendment Bylaw No. 7265, 2008 be read a second time.*

**CARRIED.**

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

(A Public Hearing will be held on Monday, October 6, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber, City Hall)

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

The Mayor announced Shaw Cable TV adjustments to rebroadcasts of Council meetings (details available from Shaw Cable)

**NEXT MEETING**

**Monday, September 15, 2008**

Proposed Closed Session commencing at 1:00 p.m. and the Open Session at 3:00 p.m. in Committee Room No. 2, City Hall, reconvening at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber, City Hall.

**Public Hearing**

**Municipal Heritage Designation Bylaw (811 Columbia Street) No. 7259, 2008**

**Opportunity to be Heard**

**Development Variance Permit 476 – Plaza 88 Retail Phase (811 Columbia Street)**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**ON MOTION**, the meeting adjourned at 9:32 p.m.

Certified Correct,

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**WAYNE WRIGHT**  
**MAYOR**

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**JUDI TURNER**  
**ACTING CORPORATE OFFICER**