



CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF NEW WESTMINSTER

COUNCIL IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

September 10, 2007 3:20 p.m.
Committee Room 2, City Hall

MINUTES

PRESENT:

Mayor Wayne Wright
Councillor Jonathan Coté
Councillor Calvin Donnelly
Councillor Bill Harper
Councillor Betty McIntosh
Councillor Lorrie Williams

REGRETS:

Councillor Bob Osterman

STAFF:

Mr. Paul Daminato	- City Administrator
Mr. Rick Page	- Corporate Officer/Director of Legislative Services
Mr. Keith Coueffin	- Acting Director of Development Services
Mr. Steven Lan	- Acting Director of Engineering Services
Mr. Gary Holowatiuk	- Director of Finance
Mr. Dean Gibson	- Director of Parks and Recreation
Ms. Judi Turner	- Assistant Corporate Officer

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

The following item was added to the Agenda:

- Presentation re Central Valley Greenway (added as Item 1(a))
- Report re Central Valley Greenway Update – Acting Director of Engineering Services (added as Item 1(b))
- Problem Solving in the Downtown Area – Hyack Square (added as Item 7(a))
- Policy for Restricted Filming for the Fraser Cemetery – Director of Parks & Recreation (added as Item 9(a))

PRESENTATION

1(a). Central Valley Greenway

Mr. Ed Kolla, representing ISL Engineering Ltd. made a presentation to Council on the Central Valley Greenway project, reviewing: routes, design, materials, bicycle routes, construction strategies, and responded to questions. The delegation and staff responded to questions. (See also 1(b)).

REPORTS FOR ACTION

Acting Director of Engineering Services:

1(b). Central Valley Greenway Update

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the September 10, 2007 report from the Acting Director of Engineering Services providing an update on the Central valley Greenway project and seeking authorization to expend Local Motion Grant funds, be received.

CARRIED.

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

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

THAT the expenditure of Local Motion Grant funds be approved for the Central Valley Greenway.

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

A member requested information on the "Blue Way" system which connects Lower Mainland parks that also have water access. Staff was directed to respond.

1. [Construction Noise Bylaw Variance to allow Metro Vancouver \(formerly GVRD\) to carry out sewer interceptor maintenance](#)

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

THAT a construction noise bylaw variance application from Metro Vancouver, to allow scheduled maintenance of their sewer interceptor on Columbia Street at McNeely Street during the week of October 15 to 19, 2007 be approved.

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

Director of Legislative Services:

2. [Proposed Amendments to Terms of Reference – Pedestrian and Bicycle Advisory Sub-Committee](#)

- ** MOVED and SECONDED and CARRIED, this Committee recommends**
THAT the Pedestrian and Bicycle Advisory Sub-Committee Terms of Reference be amended to delete reference to the Transportation Committee;
THAT a member of City Council be designated as Chair effective January 2008;
THAT a member from the Special Services and Access Committee be added to the membership of the Pedestrian and Bicycle Advisory Sub-Committee; and
THAT the revised Terms of Reference be approved as attached.

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

Acting Director of Development Services:

**3. [559 Garfield Street: \(Rezoning and DVP\)](#)
[\(a\) Advisory Planning Commission's report dated September 10, 2007](#)**

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Advisory Planning Commission report of August 27, 2007 regarding an application to rezone 559 Garfield be received.

CARRIED.

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

[\(b\) Director of Development Services' report dated August 27, 2007](#)

During discussion of the report, it was suggested that there is value in varying the façade to make the two buildings unique from each other. Dave Guiney, Planning Analyst, responded to questions.

- ** MOVED and SECONDED and CARRIED, this Committee recommends**
THAT Zoning Amendment Bylaw 7177, 2007, be forwarded to the Regular Council meeting of September 10, 2007 for consideration of first and second readings, and
THAT the City give notice that it will consider a resolution to issue Development Variance Permit 469 to allow a rear setback of 10.4 feet (3.2 metres) for the proposed detached garage on the proposed corner lot at 559 Garfield Street.

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

4. [Development Variance Permit No. 462 - 118 First Street](#)

Keith Coueffin, Acting Director of Development Services presented the August 29, 2007 report providing information regarding the status of Development Variance Permit Application No. 462 for 118 First Street. It was noted that the report contains correspondence from Mr. Merkli dated September 6, 2007.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the tabled resolution specifying "That the City give notice that it will consider a resolution to allow a roof height of 27.5 feet (8.4 meters) at 118 First Street, subject to registration of a Covenant against the property which indicates that the number of electrical accounts must be reduced to three (3) prior to the sale of the property", be lifted from the floor.

CARRIED.

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

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

THAT the resolution previously tabled specifying "That the City give notice that it will consider a resolution to allow a roof height of 27.5 feet (8.4 meters) at 118 First Street, subject to registration of a Covenant against the property which indicates that the number of electrical accounts must be reduced to three (3) prior to the sale of the property" is not approved; and

THAT the application for Development Variance Permit No. 426 be denied.

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

5. [Development Variance Permit No. 466 for 1823 Hamilton Street](#)

Dave Guiney, Planning Analyst, responded to questions regarding the September 10, 2007, report regarding a variance application for 1823 Hamilton Street.

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

THAT the City give notice that it will consider a resolution to issue Development Variance Permit 466 to vary the total side yard requirement at 1823 Hamilton Street as follows to permit an addition to the house:

- *Total side yards shall be 21.2 % of the frontage.*

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

6. [Advisory Planning Report for 305 & 307 Carnarvon Street dated June 18, 2007](#)

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the June 18, 2007 report from the Advisory Planning Commission regarding 305 and 307 Carnarvon Street be received.

CARRIED.

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

7. [Preliminary Reports to Council on Significant Development Proposals](#)

Keith Coueffin, Acting Director of Development Services reviewed the intent of the September 10, 2007, report proposing submitting preliminary reports to Council on significant development proposals at an early stage in the development review process. During discussion, it was suggested that the Projects on the Go list submitted regularly to Council might be enhanced by the addition of information to show where changes have occurred from the previous edition and whether and why projects may be experiencing delays.

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

THAT Council approve Option 2 of the September 10, 2007 report from the Director of Development Services: Direct Staff to provide Council with Preliminary Information on Development Applications Early in the Process with the Principles outlined in the September 10, 2007 staff report.

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

7(a). **Problem Solving in the Downtown Area – Hyack Square**

Keith Coueffin, Acting Director of Development Services, outlined a number of measures taken and planned in the Downtown area – Hyack Square to deal with an emerging problem with nuisance behaviour, drug activity, and homeless camps.

He responded to questions about the theft of metal by noting that an Interdepartmental Task Force is working on developing a bylaw and is examining Zoning Bylaw amendments to help restrict the problem. He agreed to report back as matters develop.

Director of Parks & Recreation:

8. [Approval of 2007 Capital Budget Amendment for Deconstruction of Kiwanis Outdoor Pool](#)

Members discussed the September 10, 2007 report seeking approval to amend the 2007 Capital budget to include funding for the deconstruction of Kiwanis

Outdoor Swimming Pool in Moody Park. It was suggested to staff that provision of an executive summary outlining costs would be helpful in such reports.

- ** MOVED, SECONDED and CARRIED, this Committee recommends**
THAT the 2007 Capital Budget be amended to include the addition of \$326,000 for the deconstruction of Kiwanis Outdoor Swimming Pool, and
THAT the contract for the deconstruction of Kiwanis Outdoor Pool in the amount of \$275,734 plus GST be awarded to Hans Demolition and Excavating Ltd., the bidder meeting tender specifications and providing best overall value to the City.

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

9. Approval of 2007 Capital Budget Amendment for Canada Games Pool & Century House Works

The Director of Parks and Recreation responded to questions regarding the September 10, 2007 report seeking additional funding for the mechanical equipment replacement and mechanical room addition for the Canada Games Pool and the replacement of the roof top mechanical air handling units for Century House, and recommending bridge funding.

- ** MOVED, SECONDED and CARRIED, this Committee recommends**
THAT the approved 2007 capital project for the power supply upgrade to Queen's Park Stadium be deferred to a future year and available project funding be redirected towards mechanical systems projects at Canada Games Pool and Century House, and
THAT the 2007 Capital Budget be amended to include supplemental funding of \$460,000 for mechanical systems projects at Canada Games Pool and Century House.

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

9(a). Policy for Restricted Filming for the Fraser Cemetery – Director of Parks & Recreation

The September 10, 2007 report from the Director of Parks and Recreation was circulated on table (which will be added to the Agenda package) regarding a proposal to permit restricted filming at the New Westminster Fraser Cemetery, and proposing a fee schedule. (Note the fee schedule was amended during the September 10, 2007 Closed Meeting of Council.)

- ** MOVED, SECONDED and CARRIED, this Committee recommends**
THAT the New Westminster Fraser Cemetery be made available, on a restricted basis, for use as a filming location,
THAT the New Westminster Filming Policy be amended to include policy to regulate filming at the Fraser Cemetery, and

THAT designated fees collected from filming activities at the Fraser Cemetery be directed to the Cemetery's Perpetual Care Fund.

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

COMMITTEE MINUTES AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

10. [Community Heritage Commission meeting held June 6, 2007.](#)

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the minutes of the Community Heritage Committee meeting held on June 6, 2007, be received and adopted.

CARRIED.

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

11. [Community and Social Issues Committee meeting held June 21, 2007](#)

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the minutes of the Community and Social Issues Committee meeting held on June 21, 2007, be received and adopted.

CARRIED.

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

12. [Family Court Committee meeting held June 20, 2007.](#)

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the minutes of the Family Court Committee meeting held on June 20, 2007, be received and adopted.

CARRIED.

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

13. [Arts and Culture Commission meeting held June 13, 2007](#)

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the minutes of the Arts and Culture Committee meeting held on June 13, 2007, be received and adopted.

CARRIED.

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

a) **Tax Credit Motion – Elizabeth Elwood**

****** **MOVED, SECONDED and CARRIED, this Committee recommends**
THAT the Federal Government be requested to rescind the changes to the rules governing charitable donation tax credits that were made in 1987-88, in order to create a greater incentive for people to donate to charitable organizations.

CARRIED.

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

14. **Seniors Advisory Committee meeting held June 21, 2007.**

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the minutes of the Seniors Advisory Committee meeting held on June 21, 2007, be received and adopted.

CARRIED.

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

ADJOURNMENT

ON MOTION, the meeting adjourned at 4:26 p.m.

Certified Correct,

WAYNE WRIGHT, CHAIR

**RICK PAGE
CORPORATE OFFICER**

****** Denotes recommendations referred to Regular Council meeting of September 10, 2007, for ratification.