



REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL

September 12, 2016 at 10:00 a.m.
With immediate adjournment to Closed Meeting
Regular Council reconvenes at 6:00 p.m.
Queensborough Community Centre
920 Ewen Ave, New Westminster

MINUTES

PRESENT:

Mayor Jonathan Coté
Councillor Bill Harper
Councillor Patrick Johnstone
Councillor Chuck Puchmayr
Councillor Mary Trentadue

REGRETS:

Councillor Jaimie McEvoy
Councillor Lorrie Williams

STAFF:

Ms. Lisa Spitale	- Chief Administrative Officer
Ms. Jan Gibson	- City Clerk
Mr. Dean Gibson	- Director of Parks, Culture and Recreation
Mr. Gary Holowatiuk	- Director of Finance & Information Technology
Mr. Jim Lowrie	- Director of Engineering Services
Ms. Bev Grieve	- Director of Development Services
Mr. Roger Emanuels	- Manager of Design and Construction
Mr. John Stark	- Social Planner
Mr. Philip Lo	- Council and Committee Clerk

The meeting was called to order at 10:09am.

REMOVAL OF ITEMS FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

1. MOVED and SECONDED

THAT items 12, 14 and 15 be removed from the Consent Agenda; and,

CARRIED.

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

EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC

2. **MOVED and SECONDED**

THAT pursuant to Section 90 of the Community Charter, members of the public be excluded from the Closed Meeting of Council immediately following the Regular Meeting of Council on the basis that the subject matter of all agenda items to be considered relate to matters listed under Sections 90(1)(e), 90(1)(k), and 90(1)(l) of the Community Charter:

- (e) the acquisition, disposition or expropriation of land or improvements, if the council considers that disclosure could reasonably be expected to harm the interests of the municipality;*
- (k) negotiations and related discussions respecting the proposed provision of a municipal service that are at their preliminary stages and that, in the view of the council, could reasonably be expected to harm the interests of the municipality if they were held in public;*
- (l) discussions with municipal officers and employees respecting municipal objectives, measures and progress reports for the purposes of preparing an annual report under section 98 [annual municipal report];*

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- (b) the consideration of information received and held in confidence relating to negotiations between the municipality and a provincial government or the federal government or both, or between a provincial government or the federal government or both and a third party;*

Purpose of the meeting:

Personal, property, and negotiations matters

CARRIED.

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

ADJOURNMENT

- ### 3. **MOTION** to adjourn the Council Meeting in open session and proceed to Closed Session.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Regular Council meeting in Open Session be adjourned and proceed to Closed Session.

CARRIED.

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

RECONVENE TO REGULAR COUNCIL

4. *MOTION to reconvene to the Regular Meeting of Council at 6:00 p.m. in the Queensborough Community Centre.*

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Regular Council meeting be reconvened in Queensborough Community Centre.

CARRIED.

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

REVIEW AND ADOPTION OF CONSENT AGENDA

5. Items 12, 14 and 15 were removed from the Consent Agenda.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the remaining items on the Consent Agenda be approved.

CARRIED.

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

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

Urgent/time sensitive matters only

6. **No items.**

PRESENTATIONS

7. **Proclamations, Mayor Côté**

a. International Day of the Older Person – October 1st, 2016

Lorraine Logan, President of the Council of Senior Citizens' Organizations of BC (COSCO), noted that New Westminster is the only municipality to annually recognize the International Day of the Older Person, and that the Seniors Festival would be taking place at Century House on October 1, 2016.

Mayor Cote proclaimed October 1, 2016 to be International Day of the Older Person in the City of New Westminster.

b. Terry Fox Week – September 12 to 18, 2016

Mayor Cote proclaimed the week of September 12 to 18, 2016 to be Terry Fox Week in the City of New Westminster.

c. Prostate Cancer Awareness Month – September 2016

Mayor Cote proclaimed September 2016 to be Prostate Cancer Awareness Month in the City of New Westminster.

8. Queensborough Community Centre LEED GOLD Certification Presentation, Director of Engineering Services

Jim Lowrie, Director of Engineering Services, reported that the Queensborough Community Centre (QCC) expansion project has been awarded LEED GOLD Certification. Mr. Lowrie noted the following improvements to QCC as part of the expansion project:

- Preservation and enhancement of the existing open water course;
- Installation of low-flow plumbing fixtures, high efficiency motors and HVAC systems, and roof materials which assist in deflecting heat; and
- Building design which maximizes the use of natural light.

Mr. Lowrie noted that 75% of construction waste was recycled, and that all new civic buildings over 5000 square feet could be required to be built to LEED GOLD standards.

Council thanked Mr. Harry Bucholz and members of the QCC Expansion Advisory Task Force for their participation, and noted that the project was funded by the Development Assistance Compensation (DAC) agreement and at no cost to New Westminster taxpayers.

9. Ewen Ave Project Update, Director of Engineering Services

Roger Emanuels, Manager of Design and Construction, provided a presentation on the Ewen Avenue project, noting the following comments:

- Phase II, which is currently underway, includes the replacement of Metro Vancouver water mains and could be nearing completion;
- Phase III work could be out for tender by the end of the year;

- Per the City’s Good Neighbor Policy, the contractor is responsible for notifying residents of any disruptions; and
- Additional projects on Salter Street and Boyd Street could be completed by the end of the year.

In response to questions from Council, Mr. Emanuels noted the following:

- The City’s website contains a link for updates on Ewen Avenue Revitalization project (<https://www.newwestcity.ca/planning-building-and-development/projects-on-the-go/articles/4431.php>)
- The contractor have been delivering notices to affected residents;
- The City continues to work with Southern Railway of BC (SRY) on completing whistle cessation at all major crossings in Queensborough;
- Engineering staff would be working with Erika Mashig, Parks and Open Space Planner, to finalize designs for benches along the walkways; and
- Final paving could be undertaken in Spring or Summer of 2017, allowing current paving to settle due to underground utilities.

Discussion ensued, with Council noting the following comments:

- Staff could look into other ways of reaching out to residents with project information;
- Twinning of the Annacis Island rail line by SRY may alleviate rail car back-up into Queensborough; and
- Improvements to walkways as part of this work could make Queensborough more pedestrian-friendly.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

10. No Items

REPORTS FOR ACTION

11. No Items

CONSENT AGENDA

13. 2017 Development Services, Planning Division User Fees and Rates Review

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council endorse the proposed increases to the Development Services, Planning Division's development application fees for 2017

CARRIED.

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

16. 1016 - 1022 Fourth Avenue: Development Variance Permit for Five Lot Subdivision with Duplexes on Each Lot - Consideration of Issuance

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council issue notice that it will consider a resolution to approve and issue Development Variance Permit 00614 for 1016 – 1022 Fourth Avenue at the Regular Meeting of Council on October 24, 2016.

CARRIED.

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

17. 1209 - 1211 Fourth Avenue: Development Permit for Eight Unit Townhouse Development - Consideration of Issuance

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council approve and issue Development Permit DPT00010 to allow an eight unit townhouse development at 1209 and 1211 Fourth Avenue.

CARRIED.

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

18. Sewer Pump Station Rehabilitation – 2016 – Budget Re-Allocation

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council approve a re-allocation of \$602,000 within the Sewer Utility Capital Budget to fund the 2016 Sanitary Sewer Lift Station Upgrades.

CARRIED.

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

Land Use and Planning Committee

19. 100 Braid Street (Urban Academy School): Development Permit – Preliminary Report

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council direct staff to process the development permit application for the subject property located at 100 Braid Street based on the process outlined in this report and subject to final adoption of proposed OCP Amendment Bylaw No. 7836, 2016 and Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 7837, 2016.

CARRIED.

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

Committee Recommendations

20. Intelligent City Advisory Committee Amended Terms of Reference

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council approve the attached Intelligent City Advisory Committee Terms of Reference.

CARRIED.

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

ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

12. Sign Bylaw Update: Consideration of Public Consultation

Council discussed the staff report dated September 12, 2016, noting the following comments:

- Concerns were expressed regarding accessibility and navigating around signs on narrow sidewalks;
- Signage should be legible for people with vision impairments;
- A distinction could be made between directional and advertising signs; and
- A bylaw that is flexible may be preferred.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council direct staff to proceed with the next steps as outlined in this report; and,

THAT the Sign Bylaw be referred to the Access Ability Advisory Committee and the Economic Development Advisory Committee.

CARRIED.

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

Procedural Note: Councilor Puchmayr declared conflict for Item 14 and exited the meeting at 6:46 PM

14. 701 Sixth Street: Glenbrooke Daycare Society Request for Financial Support

In response to questions from Council, John Stark, Social Planner, noted the following comments:

- Over 600 new child care spaces have been created in New Westminster since 2009;
- A code consultant is currently required for all child care facility proponents to alleviate staff workload and to set arms-length procedural precedence;
- Additional fire safety infrastructure for the proposed Glenbrooke daycare could cost up to \$30,000;
- Glenbrooke Daycare Society has previously received \$21,400 in grant funding from the City over a number of years;
- With regards to child care provision in Queensborough, it was noted that a portable has been relocated to Queensborough Middle School, for fit out, and could be operational by early 2017 with up to 18 child care spaces; and
- 323 Lawrence Street, currently a City owned facility, may be re-purposed for child care provision.

Bev Grieve, Director of Development Services, advised that all child care facilities must meet the level of safety prescribed in the BC Building Code, and that proponents typically retain code consultants to ensure compliance.

Discussion ensued, with Council noting the following comments:

- Managing child care demand in Queensborough may reduce reliance on uptown services;
- Detailed costing on the proposed Glenbrooke facility, as well as additional information regarding the Child Care Reserve Fund and the Child Care Grant Program may be needed before a decision could be made; and

- Child care in Queensborough has been identified previously as the priority for child care funding in 2016.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the report be tabled.

CARRIED.

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

Procedural Note: Councilor Puchmayr returned to the meeting at 7:02 PM

15. Metro Vancouver Regional Affordable Housing Strategy

Council suggested that the Provincial Government may need to invest in housing as a mandate, and that implementing one tax may not be sufficient to solve the supply problem.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council endorse the attached Metro Vancouver's Regional Affordable Housing Strategy (2016); and

THAT a letter be sent to Metro Vancouver requesting a further analysis of the underlying causes of rising regional housing prices, focusing on the issues of speculation and housing being purchased as a commodity.

CARRIED.

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

DELEGATIONS – 7:00

21. Open Delegations

Harry Bucholz, Chair of the Queensborough Special Programs Committee, announced that the Queensborough Shoreline Cleanup, in partnership with the New Westminster Environmental Partners, would take place on Sunday, September 18, 2016

Additional information is available on: www.QSPC.org

Doug Whicker, resident at 410 Carnarvon Street, expressed concerns regarding the current hours of permissible construction noise, in particular pile driving noise, and recommended a review of relevant bylaws.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the delegation's concerns regarding construction noise be referred to staff.

CARRIED.

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

Mr. Whicker also noted that the Strata of 410 Carnarvon Street is currently able to provide emergency power to the Fourth Street parkade, which is partially owned by the City, and that the City could consider utilizing it in emergencies.

Council suggested that the issue be referred to the Emergency Advisory Committee.

BYLAWS

22. Bylaws for adoption:

- a) **Sewerage and Drainage Regulation Amendment Bylaw No. 7863, 2016**
ADOPTION

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Sewerage and Drainage Regulation Amendment Bylaw No. 7863, 2016 be adopted.

CARRIED.

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

- b) **Bylaw Notice Enforcement Amendment Bylaw No. 7860, 2016**
ADOPTION

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Bylaw Notice Enforcement Amendment Bylaw No. 7860, 2016 be adopted.

CARRIED.

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

- c) **Heritage Revitalization Agreement (508 Agnes Street) Amendment**
Bylaw No. 7866, 2016

ADOPTION

MOVED and SECONDED

*THAT Heritage Revitalization Agreement (508 Agnes Street) Amendment
Bylaw No. 7866, 2016 be adopted.*

CARRIED.

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

NEW BUSINESS

No Items.

ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

Councillor Puchmayr noted that September 11, 2016 was the 15th anniversary of the 9/11 attacks, and that Fire Chief Tim Armstrong was part of the organizing committee for the memorial gathering at Peace Arch Park. Councillor Puchmayr also noted that Honour House was represented at the event.

NEXT MEETING

September 19, 2016

An Open Council Workshop will be held which begins at 12:00 p.m. A Regular Council meeting will convene at 2:00 p.m. and immediately adjourn to a Closed meeting, and then the Regular meeting will reconvene at 6:00 p.m. All meetings will be held in the Council Chamber on the 2nd Floor at City Hall.

ADJOURNMENT

ON MOTION, the meeting was adjourned at 7:53pm.

JONATHAN COTÉ
MAYOR

JAN GIBSON
CITY CLERK

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