



Corporation of the City of
NEW WESTMINSTER

REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL

September 14, 2015 at 2:30 p.m.
With immediate adjournment to Closed Meeting
Regular Council reconvenes at 5:30 p.m.
Poplar Room, Queensborough Community Centre

MINUTES

PRESENT:

Mayor Jonathan Coté
Councillor Bill Harper
Councillor Patrick Johnstone
Councillor Jaimie McEvoy
Councillor Chuck Puchmayr
Councillor Mary Trentadue
Councillor Lorrie Williams

ABSENT:

STAFF:

Ms. Lisa Spitale	- Chief Administrative Officer
Ms. Jan Gibson	- City Clerk
Mr. Dean Gibson	- Director of Parks, Culture and Recreation
Mr. Doug Leahy	- Acting Director of Finance & Information Technology
Mr. Eugene Wat	- Acting Director of Engineering Services
Ms. Bev Grieve	- Director of Development Services
Mr. Rod Carle	- General Manager of Electrical Operations
Mr. Binega Markos	- Engineering Technologist
Mr. Keith Whiteley	- Civil & Parks Infrastructure Project Coordinator
Mr. Philip Lo	- Council and Committee Clerk

The meeting was called to order at 2:31 pm.

EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC

1. MOTION:

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)(a), 90(1)(e), and 90(1)(k):

- (a) personal information about an identifiable individual who holds or is being considered for a position as an officer, employee or agent of the municipality or another position appointed by the municipality;*
- (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;*

Purpose of the meeting:

Personal, property and negotiations matters

ADJOURNMENT

- 2. *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

- 3. *MOTION*** to reconvene to the Regular Meeting of Council at 5:30 p.m. in the Poplar Room, Queensborough Community Centre.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Regular Council meeting be reconvened in the the Poplar Room, Queensborough Community Centre. (5:37pm).

CARRIED.

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

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

4. **MOTION** to Add or Delete Items from the Agenda.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the agenda be amended by:

- *Adding new Item 21 – Refugee Crisis;*
- *Adding new Item 22 – Hyack Square Memorial bricks;*
- *Adding new Item 23 – Letter from Downtown New West BIA and Tourism New Westminster;*
- *Adding new Item 24 – 9/11 Memorial;*
- *Adding new Item 25 – Queensborough Shoreline Clean-up;*
- *Adding new Item 26 – Passing of Former Mayor Tom Baker;*

THAT the agenda be approved as amended.

CARRIED.

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

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT items 12, 14, 16 be removed from the consent agenda

CARRIED.

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

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

5. **No items.**

PRESENTATIONS

6. **No Items.**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

7. **No Items**

REPORTS FOR ACTION

8. **No Items**

CONSENT AGENDA

Director of Development Services

9. a.) 404 Ash Street - Follow up Information on Proposed Landscaping for DPB00022

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council receive this report for information.

CARRIED.

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

b.) Adoption of Housing Agreement (404 Ash Street) Bylaw No. 7775, 2015

MOVED and SECONDED

1. THAT Council give First, Second and Third Readings to Housing Agreement Bylaw No. 7775, 2015 to authorize the City to enter into a Housing Agreement with Darshan Garcha to facilitate the creation of 38 secured market rental housing units at 404 Ash Street.

2. THAT Council direct that, following adoption of the Housing Agreement Bylaw No.7775, 2015, the Mayor and Corporate Officer sign and execute the Housing Agreement and associated Covenant.

CARRIED.

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

c.) Issuance of 404 Ash Street Development Permit DPB00022

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council consider issuance of Development Permit DPB00022 for 404 Ash Street at the Regular Meeting of Council on September 14, 2015 following the Council consideration of Housing Agreement (404 Ash Street) Bylaw No. 7775, 2015.

CARRIED.

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

10. 1308 Fifth Avenue –Proposed Amendment to Development Permit DPT00012

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT DPT00012 Amendment No.001 to allow changes to the exterior of the proposed building be approved and issued.

CARRIED.

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

Director of Engineering Services

- 11. Proposed Development Cost Charges Amendment Bylaw No. 7770, 2015 - Third Reading**

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Development Cost Charges Amendment Bylaw No.7770, 2015 be granted third reading; and

THAT Development Cost Charges Amendment Bylaw No.7770, 2015 and supporting documents be forwarded to the Inspector of Municipalities at the Ministry of Community, Sport and Cultural Development for approval.

CARRIED.

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

- 13. Victoria Hill Parking Update**

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT this report be received for information.

CARRIED.

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

Director of Parks, Culture and Recreation

- 15. Deaccessioning (removal) of Heritage materials from New Westminster Museum and Archives**

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council approve the Parks and Recreation Committee recommendation to remove heritage materials from the New Westminster Museum and Archives collection as outlined in Appendix 3 to this report.

CARRIED.

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

ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

- 12. Implementation of Ditch Infill and Urban Streetscape in Queensborough**

In response to questions from Council, **Eugene Wat**, Acting Director of Engineering Services, advised that, per Figure 1 in the staff report dated

September 14, 2015, a number of water courses have not been included for potential enclosure because they serve hydraulic drainage functions into the dyke as well as the Fraser River. Some of these ditches also have environmental sensitivities and may require protection.

Mr. Wat further advised that the report proposes mechanisms and regulatory controls for individual property owners who wish to have their ditches infilled.

Binega Markos, Engineering Technologist, provided an on-table PowerPoint presentation entitled “QB Current Streetscape & Proposed Urban Streetscape Implementation Options”.

In response to follow-up questions from Council, staff advised of the following:

- A consultant was retained to perform cost analysis to determine cost of infill work to individual homeowners;
- It may be more cost effective to perform infill work for entire areas under the Local Area Service Program;
- One design consideration for the proposed streetscape cross-section is to accommodate on-street parking in front of houses;
- Inclusion of sidewalks may be a factor of cost and community desire to include these amenities;
- A future report may be necessary to address enforcement issues at hazardous unregulated and unauthorized culvert extensions, with the intention of approaching the homeowners with solutions to rectify existing situations;
- Part of the “3E” approach (Engineering, Education, Enforcement) includes educating new and existing residents on ditches, and an information package may be presented to the public, or made available online, on the cost of the process.

Council noted that a solution may be to allow a single homeowner to fill a ditch at a 50/50 cost model, where the City may contribute 50% to the cost. The City may also be able to explain to homeowners the discrepancies in engineering specifications between different lots.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the report be received;

THAT staff be directed to consult with the Queensborough Community with respect to the proposed streetscape improvement implementation scenarios contained within this report; and

THAT staff report back on community feedback and to recommend strategies to incorporate urban streetscape standards for local streets in the Queensborough area.

CARRIED.

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

14. Status of Ewen Avenue Reconstruction Project

Keith Whiteley, Civil & Parks Infrastructure Project Coordinator provided an on-table presentation on the status of the ongoing Ewen Avenue Reconstruction Project. The presentation provided views of the proposed streetscape and engineering features of the project.

Mr. Whiteley noted the following points:

- All ditches will be infilled;
- Metro Vancouver has forwarded additional funding to continue the work without interruptions through winter;
- Roadway design is ongoing;

Council noted the critical importance of this project and its projected impact on Queensborough as a livable community.

Mr. Whiteley noted that the homeowners may be advised to remove fencing and landscaping elements currently erected on City property, and that should the City be required to remove such items from City property, they will be returned to homeowners, but not re-installed.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT this report be received for information.

CARRIED.

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

Electric Utility Commission

16. Electric Utility Bylaw Amendment

Rod Carle, General Manager of Electrical Operations, recommended a series of minor housekeeping changes to the Electric Utility Commission Bylaw; the changes are contained in the Amendment Bylaw and attached to the staff report dated September 14, 2015. Mr. Carle noted that the entirety of the bylaw will be presented to Council for review.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Electric Utility Bylaw No. 7125, 2006 be amended as per the following housekeeping changes; and

THAT Electric Utility Commission Amendment Bylaw No. 7782, 2015 be forwarded to Council for three readings.

CARRIED.

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

DELEGATIONS – 7:30 p.m.

Procedural Note: Regular Council reconvened at 7:35 PM

MOTION to reconvene the Regular Meeting of Council

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Regular Meeting of Council be reconvened in the Poplar Room, Queensborough Community Centre.

CARRIED.

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

17. Open Delegations

Gavin Palmer, a resident of Queensborough, voiced concerns regarding the construction of a TransLink bus maintenance yard located at 4111 Boundary Road which may house up to 550 buses. Mr. Palmer suggested that baseline air quality testing be done to ensure that air quality does not deteriorate. Mr. Palmer also suggested that Translink's Richmond bus routes have contributed negatively to air quality in Queensborough.

Council advised Mr. Palmer to also submit correspondence to the City of Richmond and TransLink on this matter.

Procedural Note: Councillor Johnstone declared a conflict of interest and exited the meeting at 7:41 PM

MOVED and SECONDED

That the issues of air quality and bus routing through Queensborough resulting from the operation of a Translink bus maintenance yard at 4111 Boundary Road in the City of Richmond be referred to staff for consultation with Metro Vancouver and the City of Richmond.

CARRIED.

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

Procedural Note: Councillor Johnstone returned to the meeting at 7:46 PM

Uttam S. Chane, resident, requested that the City look for ways to accommodate greenhouses larger than 100 sq.ft.

Council noted that the City encourages residents to grow their own food products, and instructed staff to survey other communities regarding permissible greenhouse sizes and report back.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT staff provide a report back to Council regarding alternative approaches to the 100 sq.ft. out-building limitation within Zoning Bylaw 6680, 2001; and,

THAT staff report back before the spring.

CARRIED.

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

BYLAWS

18. Proposed Development Cost Charges Amendment Bylaw No. 7770, 2015

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Development Cost Charges Amendment Bylaw No. 7770, 2015 be given third reading.

THIRD READING.

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

19. Bylaws for adoption:

a. 404 Ash Street Housing Agreement Bylaw No. 7775, 2015

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT 404 Ash Street Housing Agreement Bylaw No. 7775, 2015 be adopted.

ADOPTED.

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

ISSUANCE OF PERMIT(S)

20. Issuance of Development Permit DPB00022, 404 Ash Street

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Development Permit DPB00022, 404 Ash Street be issued.

ISSUED.

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

NEW BUSINESS

21. Refugee Crisis – Councillor Johnstone

Councillor Johnstone reported that correspondence was received regarding the City's role in assisting refugees from Syria, and noted that, as an example, Toronto was working with existing organizations to assist resettlement efforts. He advised that the City may provide conduits for residents to find the best ways to help.

Councillor Williams reported that the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) recommended the establishment of a Task Force on Refugee Resettlement to better coordinate between different levels of government and access a great pool of resources.

Council noted that a better approach on the international level is needed to handle the immigration crisis, and that currently there are only nine Syrian refugees who have been pre-approved by the Federal government.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT staff report back to Council about opportunities for the City to:

- *Help residents and businesses in New Westminster to best use their resources to assist with the refugee crisis; and,*
- *Reduce barriers for refugees who wish to become a part of this community;*

THAT a communications plan regarding the refugee crisis be developed as soon as possible;

THAT Planning staff report back to Council on ways that they can participate in the FCM Task Force on Refugee Resettlement; and,

THAT the issue be forwarded to the Community and Social Issues Committee for report back to Council.

CARRIED.

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

22. Hyack Square Memorial Bricks – Councillor Williams

Councillor Williams advised that Hyack Square commemorative bricks are now available for purchase via an order form. Each brick can be custom inscribed with two 18-character lines, and cost \$200 each. The bricks are scheduled to be installed in Hyack Square in early 2016.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the oral report be received for information.

CARRIED.

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

23. Letter from Downtown New West BIA and Tourism New Westminster

MOVED and CARRIED

THAT the letter be forwarded to the Festival Committee and staff involved in the Waterfront Vision Project.

CARRIED.

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

CORRESPONDENCE

No Items.

ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

24. 9/11 Memorial – Councillor Puchmayr

Councillor Puchmayr attended a memorial ceremony at the Peach Arch for 9/11 emergency services personnel and spoke of the daily risks faced by emergency first responders.

25. Queensborough Shoreline Clean-up – Councillor Johnstone

Councillor Johnstone invited residents of New Westminster to participate in the annual shoreline clean-up along South Dyke Road in Queensborough.

The clean-up will take place on Sunday, September 20, at 10:00 AM. Interested residents should meet at the pier at the south end of Suzuki Street at the start time.

26. Passing of Former Mayor Tom Baker - Mayor Coté

Mayor and Council offered their condolences for the passing of former Mayor Tom Baker, and noted that former Mayor Baker's funeral will be held at Holy Trinity Church at 1:30 PM on Friday, September 18.

NEXT MEETING

September 28, 2015

The proposed Regular Session convenes at 2:30 p.m. and immediately adjourns to Closed Session in Committee Room 2 on the 2nd floor at City Hall. A Public Hearing will begin at 6:00 p.m. at the Sapperton Pensioner's Hall. Immediately following the Public Hearing, the proposed Regular Meeting of Council convenes at Sapperton Pensioner's Hall.

Public Hearing

- **Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 7779, 2015** [Housekeeping Amendments to Zoning Bylaw 6680, 2001]
- **Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 7764, 2015** [900 Carnarvon Street]

Opportunity to be Heard

- **Development Variance Permit No. 596 for 302 Fifth Street**
- **Development Variance Permit No. 593 for 1258 Ewen Avenue**

ADJOURNMENT

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

JONATHAN COTÉ
MAYOR

JAN GIBSON
CITY CLERK