



CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF NEW WESTMINSTER

## COUNCIL IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

September 15, 2008 3:04 p.m.  
Committee Room 2, City Hall

### MINUTES

#### PRESENT:

Mayor Wayne Wright  
Councillor Jonathan Cote  
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. Bev Grieve	- Acting Director of Development Services
Mr. Rod Carle	- General Manager, Electric Utility
Mr. Jim Lowrie	- Director of Engineering Services
Mr. Gary Holowatiuk	- Director of Finance and Information Technology
Mr. Dean Gibson	- Director of Parks and Recreation
Ms. Judi Turner	- Assistant Corporate Officer

#### ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

The following items were deleted from the Agenda:

- Items 1 and 4

The following items were added to the Agenda:

- Lijiang, China – Student Visits (added as Item 11(a))
- All Candidates Meetings (added as Item 16)
- Letter from BC Acorn Requesting to Appear Before Council (added as Item 17).

## PRESENTATIONS

1. **Grade 5 “Get Active” Program Presentation** – David Creighton, Parks and Recreation

Deleted from the agenda.

2. **Moody Park Outdoor Pool – Project Progress Update - Director of Parks and Recreation**

Dean Gibson, Director of Parks and Recreation, introduced the Moody Park Pool team: John Hiebert, Task Construction Management, Richard Bolus, CEI Architecture, and Brian Storrier, Storrier Consulting Group.

Brian Storrier advised that the Moody Park Pool design has moved ahead and the mechanical design/build company has been hired. Tenders for other necessary companies will be distributed in the next two months. It is hoped the pool tank will be ready by Christmas and the pool opened by June 2009 (with testing time ahead of that date). Mr. Bolus made a presentation on the design of the pool. The delegation responded to questions from members. Brian Storrier commented on the budget implications of the proposal. There may be additional costs related to the plaza, rerouting of the bike path, and possibly Engineering costs. However, at present, the contingency remains intact. The following were suggested:

- That a list be developed of small amenity items that are needed for the project that can be proposed to the public as potential items for donation
- That this presentation be made to the Special Services and Access Committee
- That the renderings be published in the newspaper before the ground breaking ceremony.

**MOVED and SECONDED**

*THAT the September 15, 2008 report from the Director of Parks and Recreation regarding Moody Park Outdoor Pool – Project Progress Update, be received for information.*

**CARRIED.**

All members of Committee voted in favour of the motion.

3. **Hyack Square Design:**

Bev Grieve, Development Services, introduced Dean Gregory of Asymmetric Design Works, who will make a presentation on the Hyack Square Design concept.

- (a) **Presentation** - Dean Gregory, Asymmetric Design Works
- (b) **Report** – (verbal) L. Spitale, Director of Development Services

Dean Gregory of Asymmetric Design made a presentation to Council:

- On the concept plan which addresses the need to be light weight and allow repairs to utilities located beneath the Square
- Steps and landscape plans
- Water play and performance areas
- Elevations
- Lighting, safety.

The delegation responded to questions. Bev Grieve outlined the next steps to be followed. Member suggestions included:

- Plant an evergreen tree in the plaza for use as a Christmas tree
- Consider storage needs
- Note the existing problems at the back which must be addressed.

**Recess:**

The Committee of the Whole meeting recessed at 3:12 p.m. and reconvened at 4:33 p.m. with all members of Council present.

**Director of Development Services**

**7. 303 – 55 Tenth Street Nuisance Declaration**

Mayor Wright read a statement regarding the conduct of a Hearing on 303-55 Tenth Street. The Mayor acknowledged the presence of Tadeusz Babiuch, Lucyna Babiuch, and Stasia Szpunar an interpreter.

**Keith Coueffin, Manager of Licensing and Integrated Services:**

Staff has become aware of a serious matter regarding the property in question at 303-55 Tenth Street

Staff have consulted with the Police and the Strata Management Company and compiled a report before Council which contains the concerns regarding this property; this is their information for the meeting today

Staff took the opportunity to notify Sean Cornish from the Strata Management Company, who is present and who provided a letter which can be found in the report. He is available to respond to questions

Deputy Chief Constable Dave Jones is available to speak to the report.

**Mr. Bailey** who was present in the audience interjected, introduced himself as the renter at the subject address. The Mayor advised him that he would be called upon if this was agreed to by Council. The Mayor asked if members of Council had questions for Mr. Coueffin.

**Council Member:**

When did the problem start?

**Keith Coueffin:**

They came to staff's attention a number of months ago after a raid on the property. We had a public meeting where residents expressed concerns over what was going on. Security people identified concerns about activities in this vicinity.

Mayor:

Will the owners and representatives come forward and identify themselves. One moment, we will have Deputy Chief Jones provide more information followed by questions to Deputy Jones.

**Deputy Chief Constable Dave Jones:**

I will summarize the contents of the report including the report by the Police that summarizes the activities, direct and indirect, at 330-55 Tenth Street that is a compilation of files we have been aware of since April 1, 2008. It details 23 separate incidents, direct or indirect. "Indirect" means we might not have been at the suite but individuals involved were related to that suite and documents show this.

Tenth Street and Carnarvon came to light in the summer months. In June, we executed a search warrant. Events occurred before and after. The report details alleged criminal behaviour, nuisances, or dangerous activities in the apartment complex – incidents of weapons, breaking glass, altercations in the building. We have responded to complaints made by individuals that have been detailed in a good manner.

I am now open to questions.

**Mayor:**

Are there any questions for Deputy Jones?

**Council Member:**

Is this owner or tenant occupied?

**Deputy Chief Constable Dave Jones:**

It is a strata building. Our understanding is it is mostly rental suites.

**Council Member:**

Were serious Police charges made?

**Deputy Chief Constable Dave Jones:**

In some instances, yes. One of the difficulties of laying charges is the numerous individuals in the place and the number of paraphernalia in their possession.

**Council Member:**

On one incident, residents called 911 and reported a male known to residents was trying to break into the apartment. Did he actually break in? Were charges laid?

**Deputy Chief Constable Dave Jones:**

No charges were laid. A common characteristic of crack houses is they are taken over by the drug trade and force people out by intimidation. Their information was not provided to allow us to lay a criminal charge.

**Council Member:**

False alarm fees – have there been charges for such?

**Deputy Chief Constable Dave Jones:**

We can put a nuisance abatement for subsequent calls which will be billed to the owner.

**Council Member:**

What about for stratas?

**Deputy Chief Constable Dave Jones:**

I would have to refer to staff. I believe it would take place.

**Mayor:**

Are there more questions? (There were none.)

Will the representatives of the owners come forward.

Tadeusz Babiuch, Lucyna Babiuch, and Stasia Szpunar came forward.

**Mr. Babiuch:**

I am Tadeusz Babiuch fo 303-55 Tenth Street. I am working for two or three moths already in Calgary. I left Mr. Bailey – he was renting the place from me to kind of take care of it because I live in Calgary in a hotel and work there. I waited for this meeting. I don't understand what is going on. I don't know what is the problem. They invaded the place and beat him up. I came two weeks ago – there was no problem, everybody was gone.

**Mrs. Babiuch:**

I live in Surrey at 14873 58A Avenue. I was informed first of a couple of incidents I believe in May – of some of the problems. The bank called me and told me about the situation and I got the phone number and spoke with my lawyer and I tried to at least see the apartment. I wasn't able to do that. I don't have a key. I don't live there. I didn't know there was a rental agreement. I didn't know there was someone renting the suite.

**Mayor:**

There is co-ownership. Mr. Babiuch lives in Calgary and Mrs. Babiuch lives in Susrrey and there is a rental.

**Council Member:**

How many months have you lived in Calgary? What month did you go there?

**Mr. Babiuch:**

Two and a half months, sort of.

**Council Member:**

Are you saying July 1<sup>st</sup>?

**Mr. Babiuch:**

Yes, probably.

**Council Member:**

The file we are seeing says things started April 1<sup>st</sup>. That leaves April, May and June. You were aware of the issues?

**Mr. Babiuch:**

No. When I lived there, there was none.

**Council Member:**

(to Mrs. Babiuch) And you have not lived there how many years?

**Mrs. Babiuch:**

About six years ago we separated.

**Council Member:**

Regarding the Police report on June 18<sup>th</sup>. It says the apartment was in serious disrepair and broken for some time. The Police attempted to locate you and couldn't do that. Were you living in this apartment at that time?

**Mr. Babiuch:**

The Police came and banged the door and windows were broken. I wasn't there. I rented it to a couple who said they would take care of it. After one week or two weeks all this happened. I think I was already in Calgary.

**Council Member:**

This was two weeks earlier before you were living in Calgary. It shows the condo destroyed. Did you live here or not? Did you not see this?

**Mr. Babiuch:**

I saw it but was going to renovate – patch it up, paint the walls and fix the windows.

**Council Member:**

You had no idea numerous complaints were made to the Police – that people invaded your condo? On June it is reported there were drugs, guns, violence, people very intimidated and you didn't know? Why didn't you kick everybody out and lock the doors?

**Mr. Babiuch:**

I wanted to do that but this guy paid the rent and I would have to give a month's notice.

**Council Member:**

I'm looking at these photos showing what happened in there. Have you had contact with your neighbours regarding issues in this apartment?

**Mr. Babiuch:**

Not really. I came for Saturday and Sunday and I just rested.

**Council Member:**

You came every couple of weeks. You were aware of issues surrounding this apartment but you did nothing.

**Mr. Babiuch:**

This started when Police banged the door.

**Council Member:**

This doesn't look like it happened overnight but over weeks.

**Mr. Babiuch:**

I was aware and tried to clean it.

**Council Member:**

What actions were you taking?

**Mr. Babiuch:**

I didn't take really actions because that guy lived there because he had no place to go and he paid the rent, so...

**Council Member:**

So you took no action.

**Mr. Babiuch:**

No – I was planning to renovate and sell the place.

**Council Member:**

Is the apartment joint tenancy? Do you have a mortgage?

**Mrs. Babiuch:**

Yes, there is a mortgage.

**Council Member:**

Are you both paying?

**Mr. Babiuch:**

No, I am paying.

**Council Member:**

Do you have any information from the strata title corporation regarding the complaints and chaos of this and the management of this suite?

**Mr. Babiuch:**

Nobody contacted me – nobody from the staff.

**Council Member:**

23 Police calls and you don't twig that there is a problem?

**Mr. Babiuch:**

Yea, he was telling me some girl came and she was homeless and wanted to stay a few nights and next day, she brought four guys and they beat him up and he called the Police.

**Council Member:**

Have you any concept of the Police resources used up with all these calls to the Police?

**Mr. Babiuch:**

Nobody called me.

**Council Member:**

The extraordinary number of Police calls is taking away from the safety of other buildings. This is incredible. This is shameful.

**Mayor:**

Mr. Cornish, come forward.

**Sean Cornish:**

I am the Vice President of Vancouver Condo Service and present for the Strata Corporation.

I did provide letters and statements of impact on the residents – brief summaries of some incidents and the impact. Particularly on residents of 55 Tenth Street but it impacted all three towers.

We would take exception to some of the responses I have heard. I personally sent 20 letters to the owner from us with charge back for smashed doors, cleaning up the building, damage to the door of \$1500 and there has been absolutely no response. As

a matter of fact, today I received a letter back saying “return to sender” I sent it to the site as this is the only address we know and there has been no action.

**Council Member:**

Did you bring a couple of these letters?

**Sean Cornish:**

No, but I can provide them. We mailed them and put them under the door when there was no response. As you heard, the owner was often out of town.

**Council Member:**

You said one letter was returned.

**Sean Cornish:**

Today, I received one letter back from Canada post saying “not at this address”.

**Council Member:**

Could you tell us when you might have started these letters.

**Sean Cornish:**

Early in May when we first received complaints and acted on them. It was relatively quiet over the summer and in the last month it has picked up.

**Council Member:**

Prior to that, ownership was six years or more?

**Sean Cornish:**

So far as I know. I have managed it for 2 years with little contact with the owners, but can't speak to previous to that.

**Council Member:**

The amount of damages for charge back is approximately?

**Sean Cornish:**

About \$2,000 to date.

**Council Member:**

Did you get any payment?

**Sean Cornish:**

No payment and no response – no action.

**Council Member:**

What is your next step?

**Sean Cornish:**

If it wasn't for this hearing, I would see a lawyer about having the owner evicted. We have no evidence there was a tenant – that complicates matters.

**Council Member:**

Most stratas have a number of rental units that are allowed.

**Sean Cornish:**

Some do. It is up to the strata corporation. This one has not. It used to be a rental building and then was converted to a strata. Right now it is 60% rentals and 40% owners.

**Council Member:**

What are the penalties if occupied by an owner?

**Sean Cornish:**

Strata corporations can have fines but can't lien a property. Really, they just pile up the fines. When it comes what we perceive as a danger to the residents, we approached a lawyer to have the owner evicted. Then this meeting came up – this is a much more expedient process.

**Council Member:**

I'm trying to figure out what your powers are. You went to a lawyer. From April to last week, the residents were terrorized in one of your condos. Why didn't you take serious action – have the Police evict them out of the building, have the Police secure the locks? People are wandering in and out of the building. Why weren't the locks changed? Another way to handle this is to evict them and then go to an appeal process.

People were assaulted. There are drugs and guns and they are terrorized. People were literally leaving the building and trying to move out.

**Sean Cornish:**

There are quite a few questions. We don't control the Police so I can't have them evict anybody. As agent of the strata corporation, I have no ability to act on my own. I act on instructions from Council. It is up to them what to instruct me to do. I don't know your tolerance for legal actions. Evicting someone doesn't work – the Residential Tenancy Branch would not accept this. I worked with the Police. The owners have contacted the Police and we have tried to work with the Police. In terms of access to the Police, it is not the lock or keys – it is the owner giving them access, brushing their way past people. We have other residents assaulted. The strata corporation has done what they can. It has now gone beyond that.

**Council Member:**

Are there video cameras?

**Sean Cornish:**

No – there were, but they were stolen. Things will be replaced by owners. From what I have seen, cameras would not have prevented what has happened there – based on my experience.

**Council Member:**

I assume the Strata Council has monthly meetings. Are there documents of this?

**Sean Cornish:**

One of the problems that came up is people were scared to complain or thought somebody else would make the complaint. Only recently, we have had a large volume of complaints to substantiate the problem.

**Council Member:**

Have you been able to get into the suite for annual fire safety servicing?

**Sean Cornish:**

No.

**Council Member:**

This is huge. The water system and the smoke alarm system – nothing is checked.

**Sean Cornish:**

When we do systems check at the fire panel, but haven't been able to get into the unit directly. But it is a valid point.

**Mayor:**

Are there any more questions? (There were none.)  
Are you ready to make a decision.

**Council Member:**

I don't know how appropriate it is but there is a renter here – should he make a statement?

**Mayor:**

Mr. Coueffin?

**Keith Coueffin:**

Staff asked Mr. Babiuch if there was a renter. At that point, it was explained there are no renters there, but there are temporary guests.

Can we ask Mr. Babiuch whether there are any guests or any written agreements or deposits retained?

**Mayor:**

Mr. Babiuch, please come forward.

**Mr. Babiuch:**

The fellow renting the place – I left him to take care of the place.

**Mayor:**

Howe long ago was that?

**Mr. Babiuch:**

Three months.

**Mayor:**

So when you were asked “was it rented” the answer was no.

**Mr. Babiuch:**

Maybe he wasn't there at the time. My friend, a co-worker, he went back there. He doesn't have a place to stay.

**Mayor:**

Is there a rental agreement?

**Mr. Babiuch:**

No.

**Council Member:**

When did he stop renting?

**Mr. Babiuch:**

He didn't stop – he was there three months.

**Council Member:**

I need clarification on the status of this sort of renter. Were you being paid by the renter or a government agency?

**Mr. Babiuch:**

No – by the renter.

**Council Member:**

And you have the documents – paper work?

**Mr. Babiuch:**

No, no.

**Council Member:**

You indicated you would fix up this apartment and sell it. Is it your goal to sell this apartment?

**Mr. Babiuch:**

Yea, because after all that I just want to leave here. I bought a place for my son so I can move in with him.

**Council Member:**

Why have you not left an address where you can be contacted for your strata fees and the care of your building?

**Mr. Babiuch:**

I thought I would be out.

**Council Member:**

You wanted to renovate and sell the property. So after this building is closed down, this will allow you to renovate and sell. Is this your intention?

**Mr. Babiuch:**

Yes.

**Council Member:**

Have you received 20 letters from Vancouver Condo?

**Mr. Babiuch:**

No.

**Council Member:**

Where do you think that paper work has gone?

**Mr. Babiuch:**

At my place.

**Council Member:**

The envelopes might be sitting in this apartment unopened?

**Mr. Babiuch:**

Yes.

**Council Member:**

Do you have any other property in New Westminster?

**Mr. Babiuch:**

No.

**Council Member:**

The property manager indicated you owe \$2000. Will you pay?

**Mr. Babiuch:**

Yes, I will pay for this.

**Mayor:**

Is there a motion?

**\*\* MOVED and SECONDED and CARRIED, this Committee recommends  
*THAT the following resolution be approved:***

***WHEREAS*** Sections 74 of the Community Charter authorizes Council to declare that a building is a nuisance and to impose remedial actions in relations to the declared nuisance;

***WHEREAS*** Council believes that the strata unit known by the civic address 303-55 Tenth Street and more particularly described as LOT 230, BLOCK 23, NEW WEST DISTRICT GROUP 1, PLAN LMS729 and hereafter referred to as "303-55 Tenth Street" is a nuisance; and

***WHEREAS*** 303-55 Tenth Street is owned by Lucyna Babiuch and Tadeusz Babiuch;

***NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:***

*Pursuant to Section 74 of the Community Charter and upon Council finding that it considers that the strata unit known as 303-55 Tenth Street is a nuisance, the following remedial action is imposed: 303-55 Tenth Street is to be vacated and secured by the owners, Lucyna Babiuch and Tadeusz Babiuch, or their agents within seven days after service of this Order; and that the unit not be reoccupied until the owners have repaired the damages in the suite including installing floor coverings over the bare concrete, replacing the broken windows and balcony glass, repairing all holes in the walls, painting the walls, replacing the bathroom door and installing door handles on the front door, and that the strata owners have retained a professional property manager or security company to supervise the property.*

*It is hereby further ordered pursuant to section 77 (3) (b) of the Community Charter that in the case of default by the owner or their agent to comply with this Order, the City, by its employees and others, may vacate and secure 303-55 Tenth Street at the expense of the owners. The charges for doing the work if unpaid on December 31, 2008 are to be added to and form part of the taxes payable on the land or real property at 303-55 Tenth Street; and*

*The time limit for the persons affected by this Order to request Council to reconsider this matter is set at seven days after service of the Order.*

**CARRIED.**

All members of Committee voted in favour of the motion.

**Mayor:**

The hearing is completed and there are requirements that will be given to you. It has been labeled as a nuisance. Stasia, you may want to make sure he understands that.

4. **Presentation of Preliminary Concept for a Queensborough Early Childhood Development Hub** – Architect David Norman, John Stark – Social Planner, and Renee Chadwick, Parks and Recreation

Deleted from the agenda.

**REPORTS FOR ACTION**

**General Manager of Electric Utility:**

**5. Electric Utility – Long Term Power Supply Options**

The Director of Finance and Information Technology and the General Manager of the Electric Utility responded to questions regarding the September 15, 2008, report from the General Manager, commenting on:

- The long range Capital Plan and financing
- Proposal would have no effect on staff/resources or cause outages
- A comparison of the two options
- The City will continue with Power Smart initiatives; all Power Smart incentives are available to all City customers.

During discussion, members made the following comments/questions:

- What impact will the proposal have on staffing
- Will there be any effect on the current high level of service
- Promote Power Smart program in New Westminster.

**MOVED and SECONDED**

*THAT the September 15, 2008 report from the Director of Electric Utility regarding the New Westminster Electric Utility long-term power supply, be received for information.*

**CARRIED.**

All members of Committee voted in favour of the motion.

**Director of Engineering**

**6. Patullo Corridor Study – Preliminary Findings and Next Steps**

Members suggested that this topic requires more time for a thorough discussion and a presentation and large maps.

**MOVED and SECONDED**

*THAT consideration of the Patullo Corridor Study be rescheduled.*

**CARRIED.**

All members of Committee voted in favour of the motion.

**8. Recreation Building at Victoria Hill – Cancellation of Heritage Revitalization Agreement Bylaw No. 7266,**

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

*THAT Heritage Revitalization Agreement Cancellation Bylaw No. 7266, 2008 be forwarded to the Regular Council Meeting of September 15, 2008 for consideration of three readings.*

**CARRIED.**

All members of Committee voted in favour of the motion.

**9. Trapp Block:**

**a) Amendment to Comprehensive Development Districts (Trapp Block) (CD-19)**

Stephen Scheving, Senior Planning Consultant, presented the September 15, 2008, report from the Director of Development Services, seeking Council's consideration of an in-stream amendment to the zoning amendment bylaw for the Trapp Block Project at 660-700 Columbia Street in order to accommodate revisions for inside the building and retail space on Front Street. Mr. Scheving circulated clearer maps to replace those in the report and amended copies of Bylaw No. 7235, 2008 (which will be added to the agenda package).

Mr. Mark Kopinya, Development Manager, Salient, was present regarding the project.

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

*THAT Council rescind third reading of Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 7235, 2008;*

*THAT Council rescind second reading of Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 7235, 2008;*

*THAT Council substitute Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 7235, 2008 as amended and attached to the September 15, 2008 report from the Director of Development Services;*

*THAT Council give second reading to Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 7235, 2008;*

*THAT Council convene a Public Hearing to consider Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 7235, 2008.*

**CARRIED.**

All members of Committee voted in favour of the motion.

**b) Section 219 Agreement for Trapp Project, 660 – 700 Columbia Street – Bylaw No. 7257, 2008**

Stephen Scheving, Senior Planning Consultant, circulated revised copies of Bylaw No. 7257, 2008 (which will be added to the agenda package).

**\*\* MOVED and SECONDED and CARRIED, this Committee recommends *THAT Development Agreement Bylaw No. 7257, 2008 be given three readings; THAT the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to sign all documents on behalf of the City.***

**CARRIED.**

All members of Committee voted in favour of the motion.

**REPORTS FOR INFORMATION**

**10. Development Permit Application 034 (UT) with Variances for 512 Sixth Avenue – Preliminary Report**

Councillor Donnelly left the meeting at 5:37 p.m.

Jim Hurst, Seniors Planning Analyst, reviewed the September 15, 2008, report from the Director of Development Services regarding the Development Permit application 034 (UT) with variances for 512 Sixth Avenue. Mr. Hurst responded to questions.

**MOVED and SECONDED**

***THAT September 15, 2008 preliminary report from the Director of Development Services regarding Development Permit Application 034 (UT) with Variances for 512 Sixth Avenue, be received for information.***

**CARRIED.**

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

**11. Queensborough Housing Study - Update**

Jim Hurst, Seniors Planning Analyst, responded to questions regarding the September 15, 2008, report from the Director of Development Services regarding the Queensborough Housing Study. A member requested that Council receive examples of good architecture , with colour, design, and texture, that would compliment small single family lots in Queensborough.

Councillor Donnelly rejoined the meeting at 5:44 p.m.

**MOVED and SECONDED**

*THAT the September 15, 2008 report from the Director of Development Services updating Council on the Queensborough Duplex Study Program and providing the background for the Housing Study Survey questions, be received for information.*

**CARRIED.**

All members of Committee voted in favour of the motion.

**11(a). Visits by Lijiang Students**

Councillor Williams advised that the Lijiang students have been refused Visas into Canada. Both MP's have been contacted for assistance and a letter has been sent by Peter Julian, MP. Councillor Williams proposed that a letter be written to the Ministry of Immigration, to the Canadian Ambassador and to the City of Lijiang.

**MOVED and SECONDED**

*THAT the Committee of the Whole meeting extend beyond 6:00 p.m.*

**CARRIED.**

All members of Committee voted in favour of the motion.

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

*THAT a letter be sent to urging that Visas be granted to the four Lijiang students to allow them to travel to New Westminster for an educational opportunity.*

**CARRIED.**

All members of Committee voted in favour of the motion.

**COMMITTEE MINUTES AND RECOMMENDATIONS:**

**12. MOTION TO ADOPT THE MINUTES OF: Community Heritage Commission Minutes of meetings held May 14, 2008 and June 4, 2008**

**MOVED and SECONDED**

*THAT the minutes of the Community Heritage Commission meetings held May 14, 2008 and June 4, 2008, be received and adopted.*

**CARRIED.**

All members of Committee voted in favour of the motion.

**13. MOTION TO ADOPT THE MINUTES OF: Electric Utility Commission Minutes of meetings held May 13, July 8, and August 12, 2008.**

**MOVED and SECONDED**

*THAT the minutes of the Electric Utility Commission meetings held May 13, July 8, and August 12, 2008, be received and adopted.*

**CARRIED.**

All members of Committee voted in favour of the motion.

**14. MOTION TO ADOPT THE MINUTES OF: Arts and Culture Commission Minutes of meetings held June 18, 2008.**

**MOVED and SECONDED**

*THAT the minutes of the Arts and Culture Commission meeting held June 18, 2008, be received and adopted.*

**CARRIED.**

All members of Committee voted in favour of the motion.

**15. MOTION TO ADOPT THE MINUTES OF: Community and Social Issues Committee Minutes of meetings held June 19, 2008.**

**MOVED and SECONDED**

*THAT the minutes of the Community and Social Issues Committee meeting held June 19, 2008, be received and adopted.*

**CARRIED.**

All members of Committee voted in favour of the motion.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**16. All Candidates Meeting**

A memorandum from the City Administrator had been circulated to members and concluded the matter.

**17. Letter from BC Acorn Requesting to Appear Before Council**

**MOVED and SECONDED**

*THAT BC Acorn be approved to make a 10 minute presentation to Council.*

**CARRIED.**

All members of Committee voted in favour of the motion.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**ON MOTION**, the meeting adjourned at 6:06 p.m.

Certified Correct,

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**WAYNE WRIGHT**  
**CHAIR**

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**RICK PAGE**  
**CORPORATE OFFICER**

\*\* Denotes recommendations referred to Regular Council meeting of September 15, 2008, for ratification.