



CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF NEW WESTMINSTER

COUNCIL IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

September 29, 2008 3:17 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. Lisa Spitale	- Director of Development Services
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 added to the Agenda:

- Council Protocol (added as Item 15).

PRESENTATIONS

[1. Grade 5 "Get Active" Program Presentation – David Creighton, Parks and Recreation](#)

Dave Creighton of the Parks and Recreation Department presented the Active Communities Program and the Grade 5 "Get Active" Program:

Active Communities:

- The goals of Active Communities

- The New Westminster Walks Program (over 1100 people have signed on in under one year)
- The student program which followed the Terry Fox route
- Summits of Canada - Mount Logan Challenge
- A City employees challenge
- The Local Government Challenge
- City Hall fitness room – equipment and classes
- Employee Pass Program

Grade 5 Get Active Program:

- Free access to drop in recreation
- 317 students of 485 students received cards preceded by a student survey

During discussion, members made the following comments:

- Engage the provincial government on get active programs
- Consider enlarging the program to other grades
- Focus on schools which had low participation
- Consider expanding funding sources
- Encourage gym teachers to help with promotion.

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

The following were in attendance and participated in a presentation to Council on the Queensborough Early Childhood Development Hub concept:

- John Stark, City Social Planner
- Renee Chadwick, Manager of Queensborough Recreation Centre
- Architect David Norman, David Norman Architects

ECD Public Partner members present:

- Dorothy Polukoshko, Ministry of Children and Family Development
- John Saville, Ministry of Children and Family Development
- Amrit Rai, Fraser Health
- Betina Ali, School District #40 (New Westminster)
- Janet Grant, School District #40 (New Westminster)
- Joanne Edey-Nicoll, City of New Westminster

ECD Committee member present:

- Cathie Gibson, Lower Mainland Purpose Society

The following is an overview of the presentation:

- ECD hubs benefits
- ECD hubs in Queensborough
- Child Care Needs assessment
- OCP Child Care Strategy
- ECD Public Partners

- Preliminary Concept Plan for Queensborough ECD Hub
- Conclusions and next steps.

Discussion ensued and the delegation responded to questions.

REPORTS FOR ACTION

Director of Development Services

3. Amendment of Development Agreement to Allow Issuance of Building Permit for Parking Garage of Retail Phase for Plaza 88

- ** **MOVED and SECONDED and CARRIED, this Committee recommends**
THAT the 2006 Development Agreement for the Plaza 88 retail phase be amended to allow a further nine months to complete agreements between the City and Plaza 88 (as set out in the September 29, 2008, report from Director of Development Services).

CARRIED.

All members of Committee voted in favour of the motion.

4. Zoning of Liquor Primary Establishments

The Director of Development Services responded to questions regarding the September 29, 2008, report providing information on the use of zoning to control the establishment and relocation of liquor primary establishments. Members supported the concept of continuing public consultation on liquor license applications.

- ** **MOVED and SECONDED and CARRIED, this Committee recommends**
THAT the preparation of a zoning amendment bylaw be authorized to establish liquor primary establishments as a permitted use where such use is part of a comprehensive development plan.

CARRIED.

All members of Committee voted in favour of the motion.

5. Proposed Rezoning of 126, 128, 130, 132 Agnes Street & 127 and 131 Dickenson Street, a portion of Dickenson Street, and all of Sarnia Street and Albert Crescent – Amended Application

Councillor Donnelly left the meeting at 4:38 p.m. citing a potential conflict of interest as he has an interest in the development project.

Jim Hurst, Senior Planning Analyst, circulated the CPTED Analysis of the proposed multi-family residential project (which will be added to the agenda package).

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the CPTED Analysis of the proposed multi-family residential project at 126, 128, 130, 132 Agnes Street & 127 and 131 Dickenson Street, a portion of Dickenson Street, and all of Sarnia Street and Albert Crescent, be received.

CARRIED.

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

Mr. Hurst presented the September 29, 2008, report from the Director of Development Services, advising that a revised application has been received to rezone the properties addressed as 126, 128, 130 and 132 Agnes Street, 127 and 131 Dickenson Street, a portion of Dickenson Street, all of Sarnia Street and all of Albert Crescent in order to allow the development of a 19 storey residential development with 130 units. He displayed elevations and a perspective of the project and responded to questions.

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

THAT the following bylaws be forwarded to the Regular Council meeting of September 29, 2008 for consideration of two readings:

- *Zoning Amendment Bylaw 7264, 2008; and*
- *Zoning Amendment Bylaw 7267, 2008.*

CARRIED.

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

Councillor Donnelly rejoined the meeting at 4:44 p.m.

6. 809 Second Street Demolition Application

The Heritage Planner responded to questions regarding the September 29, 2008, report from the Director of Development Services, providing an update regarding the demolition request for 809 Second Street. Members discussed relating to relocating a house. Questions were raised about 815 Second Street and it was suggested that the matter of demolition of 809 Second Street needs to be discussed in context with 815 Second Street.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT consideration of the September 29, 2008, report from the Director of Development Services, providing an update regarding the demolition request for 809 Second Street, be tabled to permit receipt of information on both 809 and 815 Second Street.

CARRIED.

Opposed: Councillors Donnelly and Williams.

Director of Engineering

7. Fleet Review Update

Jon MacDonald, Manager of Engineering Operations, responded to questions regarding the September 29, 2008, report from the Director of Engineering, updating Council on the progress and conclusion stemming from the 2007 in-depth review of the City's fleet. Following questions, the Director of Engineering referred Council to the report under Item 9 of this agenda on a Corporate Greenhouse Gas Reduction Plan which will address questions raised.

Councillor McIntosh presented a recognition award to Jon MacDonald for ongoing efforts to operate in a more green fashion.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the September 29, 2008, report from the Director of Engineering Services, regarding the Fleet Review Update, be received for information.

CARRIED.

All members of Committee voted in favour of the motion.

8. New Westminster Local Air Quality Study 2008-2009

Ken Reid, Metro Vancouver, responded to a question about expanding the air quality monitoring locations. He noted that monitoring will take place at three different locations, which should produce the information required. He agreed that spot checks will be done through the study, although this is not written into the report.

During discussion, doubt was expressed that sample auditing will produce usable information and that the proposed monitoring location should be moved closer to Begbie Street, because the problem is not found only at Front Street. A more certain method is to require commercial vehicle emissions testing.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the September 29, 2008, report from the Director of Engineering Services, regarding the New Westminster Local air Quality Study 2008-2009, be received for information.

CARRIED.

All members of Committee voted in favour of the motion.

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

THAT a letter be written to the Provincial Government, the UBCM, and Metro Vancouver asking that consideration be given to 100% annual commercial

vehicle emissions testing as a means of ensuring that all is done to alleviate the environmental consequences of heavy trucks.

CARRIED.

All members of Committee voted in favour of the motion.

9. Corporate Greenhouse Gas Reduction Plan

Members discussed the September 29, 2008, report from the Director of Engineering, presenting the finalized version of the City's Corporate Greenhouse Gas (GHG) reduction plan. Russ Haycock, HESS Ltd., responded to questions as follows:

- Noted the Plan incorporates a green initiative for heating Canada Games pool
- Personal mileage accumulated on City business is included in the Plan

During discussion, members supported the initiatives proposed and suggested incentives to encourage energy efficient practices and relaxations for developers who implement efficiencies. A member suggested a third clause be added to the staff recommendation noted in the September 29, 2008, report discussed above.

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

THAT the September 29, 2008 report from the Director of Engineering Services be received and the proposed Corporate Greenhouse Gas Reduction Plan be adopted;

THAT staff be directed to forward the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Plan to the Federation of Canadian Municipalities for recognition of the corporate stream of Milestones #1 – 3 of the PCP Program; and

THAT staff ensure the report is consistent with the Provincial Government's recent announcement on the Greenhouse Gas Rebate Program.

CARRIED.

All members of Committee voted in favour of the motion.

Director of Finance

10. Exempt Properties – Review of Questionnaire Results

Randy Grant, Manager of Collection Services, responded to questions regarding the September 29, 2008, report from the Director of Finance and Information Technology, providing the results of the Questionnaire distributed to all property owners to be considered in the annual Property Tax Exemption Bylaw.

Questions were raised about why the Good Samaritan organization was omitted from exemption. Staff was directed to review the matter and report back to Council. Consideration of the subject report and bylaw was deferred to next week.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT consideration of the September 29, 2008, report from the Director of Finance and Information Technology, providing the results of the Questionnaire distributed to all property owners to be considered in the annual Property Tax Exemption Bylaw, be deferred to next week to permit receipt of additional information about the Good Samaritan organization.

CARRIED.

All members of Committee voted in favour of the motion.

COMMITTEE MINUTES AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

11. Special Services and Access Committee Meeting of September 11, 2008

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the minutes of the Special Services and Access Committee Meeting of September 11, 2008, be received and adopted.

CARRIED.

All members of Committee voted in favour of the motion.

Special Services and Access Committee Meeting of June 26, 2008

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the notes of the Special Services and Access Committee Meeting of June 26, 2008, be received.

CARRIED.

All members of Committee voted in favour of the motion.

12. Seniors Advisory Committee Meeting of September 4, 2008

The Chair of the Seniors Advisory Committee noted that revisions are required to the September 4, 2008, Committee minutes. The matter was therefore withdrawn from the agenda.

13. Family Court Committee Meeting of September 17, 2008

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the minutes of the Family Court Committee Meeting of September 17, 2008, be received and adopted.

CARRIED.

All members of Committee voted in favour of the motion.

CORRESPONDENCE

14. [Letter from the Justice Institute of British Columbia requesting to meet with Council regarding plans for expansion at the Justice Institute of British Columbia \(JIBC\) for a new Learning and Technology Centre \(requesting October 6, 2008 Committee of the Whole meeting\).](#)

Staff was directed to review and report back to Council on the Justice Institute proposal.

NEW BUSINESS

15. Council Protocol

This item was withdrawn from the Agenda. (Note: it was considered at the evening meeting.)

ADJOURNMENT

ON MOTION, the meeting adjourned at 4:48 p.m.

Certified Correct,

WAYNE WRIGHT
CHAIR

RICK PAGE
CORPORATE OFFICER

** Denotes recommendations referred to Regular Council meeting of September 29, 2008, for ratification.