



CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF NEW WESTMINSTER

REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL

September 29, 2008 3:17 p.m.
Committee Room No. 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
Ms. Judi Turner	- Assistant Corporate Officer

Council adjourned to Committee of the Whole at 3:17 p.m. and reconvened in the Council Chamber at 7:01 p.m. with all members of Council present.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

- [1. Motion to adopt the minutes of the last regular meeting of the City Council held September 15, 2008.](#)

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council, held September 15, 2008, be received and adopted.

CARRIED.

All members of Council voted in favour of the motion.

2. Motion to adopt the minutes of the Special Open Meeting of City Council held April 16, 2008.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the minutes of the Special Open Meeting of City Council held April 16, 2008, be received and adopted.

CARRIED.

All members of Council voted in favour of the motion.

PRESENTATION

3. Fire Prevention Week:

- (a) **Mayor Wright to proclaim October 5 - 11, 2008 as “Fire Prevention Week” in the City of New Westminster and present the proclamation to Brent Joel, Captain, Fire Protection, New Westminster Fire and Rescue Services.**

Mayor Wright proclaimed October 5 - 11, 2008 as “Fire Prevention Week” in the City of New Westminster and presented the proclamation to Brent Joel, Captain, Fire Protection, New Westminster Fire and Rescue Services.

- (b) **Brent Joel to comment on “Fire Prevention Week”.**

Brent Joel, Captain, New Westminster Fire and Rescue Services, announced that New Westminster Fire Services is teaming with National Fire Protection Services to raise awareness about preventing home fires. He cited fire loss statistics and noted that more information about fire prevention can be found on the City’s web site. Captain Joel advised of an open house taking place on October 11 at Glenbrooke Fire Hall, where every emergency service will be present. Fire extinguisher training and auto extrication training will be featured at the time.

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

The following item was added to the Agenda:

- *The following was added to the Agenda as Item 13 – Council Protocol.*

DELEGATIONS

4. Open Delegations

Tony Antonias reported that Celebrating Seniors Festival 2008 was well attended.

Neil Powell of 432 Sherbrooke Street, as past president of McBride Sapperton Residents Association, rose to thank Council for its support of the community's request for air quality monitoring. He commented on truck traffic and the impact of their emissions. The community is happy to hear that Metro Vancouver will have an air monitoring station in the area.

Paul Johansen of 30 Courtney Crescent, has been following the waterfront development projects as they may affect his family's business. He mentioned the cruise ship proposal, noting he has been advised this matter is the subject of a Closed Meeting, and he cannot obtain more information. He asked if the City has plans for his property, that he be made aware of those plans.

Jack Hatch of #1804, 15 Royal Avenue East, Victoria Hill, commented on security issues at his development site. He noted that invasions and robberies are occurring at all similar multi-family developments as they share poor security design. He advised it cost \$40,000 to install property security in his building. Because of these expenses, his building has not been able to afford to allocate funds to necessary maintenance. He asked whether there has been any progress in controlling the design for security in this form of development. He asked if the developer who built his building has been approached or whether the Building Code has changed to improve the matter from the security perspective.

Staff was directed to review and report to Council on the following:

- The issue of security in these multi-family developments
- What are the industry standards; are developments meeting them
- Is it appropriate to refer the matter to UBCM and FCM for amendments to the Building Code or to address the issue in another manner.

Mr. Hatch then asked why the Woodlands building site was not better secured to prevent the outbreak of four fires. At present, the site appears to be a wreck and he asked why it has not been cleaned up.

The Director of Development Services advised that the City is waiting for an Engineer's report from Onni with their analysis of the structural integrity of the tower. This will set the course for the rest of the site for clean up, mitigation, and salvage.

NEW BUSINESS

4(a). Ambulances, Paramedics, Emergency Response Times – Motion – Councillor McIntosh

MOVED and SECONDED

WHEREAS *New Westminster, British Columbia, has a growing and aging population that increasingly relies on ambulance services; and*

WHEREAS *more ambulances and paramedics are needed to address a critical shortage of ambulances in your community;*

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT *the City of New Westminster urges the Provincial Government to address the chronic shortage in our community to address emergency response times.*

CARRIED.

All members of Council voted in favour of the motion.

REPORTS

5. Council Members:

Councillor Harper

...attended the Homeless Action Week Meeting; Homeless Action Week occurs in two weeks; a fund raiser will take place for this cause; commented on the 12 new units being opened by Elizabeth Fry Society; attended the Shiloh Church community breakfast, the Queensborough Fall Fair, the Hyack Volunteer Appreciation lunch; attended the UBCM Conference in Penticton where the following items were considered: a cosmetic pesticide bylaw for residential, public and private lands; the carbon tax controversy; economics of municipalities, forestry; enjoyed the Celebrating Seniors Festival.

Councillor McIntosh

...attended a Library Board Meeting, the Sapperton OAP monthly meeting; chaired a meeting of the Family Court Committee meeting; attended the Homeless Coalition Annual General Meeting; congratulated Dave Brown who will continue his work as the Chair; conducted the ribbon cutting at Elizabeth Fry on the formal opening of their 12 bed shelter; noted there are 8 shelter providers in New Westminster; renovations and operations monies were provided by BVC Housing; attended the fund raising for the Hyack Football Club, the Queensborough Fall Fair, the Grape Stomp at Roma Hall; attended the UBCM Conference where members of Council brought matters forward for consideration; spoke with the Minister of Highways and raised the subject of the highway leading to Queensborough Bridge and the danger of its signage which is confusing; another item considered at the Conference was unnecessary packaging, attended a breakfast meeting and brought a Certification of Recognition for a member of the City's Engineering staff; thanked the Rotary Clubs for providing the Rotary Club erected at Sixth and Eighth; commented on

the re-opening of the Safeway at McBride Square; attended the Rhythms of the River and enjoyed many of its events; attended the Logging Show display, the plaque unveiling at the Fraser River Discover Centre, In My Back Yard in Queensborough where presentations were made about services for seniors, the Humane Society fundraiser; thanked staff, subcommittee members, and volunteers for helping to plan and carry out the Celebrating Seniors Festival at Century House; announced Family Day, a City sponsored event, on Saturday from 11:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at Royal City Centre, where 40 services for families will be represented; offered condolences to the family of recently retired police officer, Ken Shaw.

Councillor Osterman

...attended the Chamber of Commerce Business After Hours group for entrepreneurs in the city, the Queensborough Urban Fall Fair where many children's events were provided, the Downtown Residents Association AGM, the official opening of the 2010 Committee's Rhythm of the River Festival where there was good commemoration of fishermen who lost their lives on the Fraser River; attended on behalf of the Mayor at the official opening of the Fraser River Discover Centre, Celebrating Seniors Festival at Century House; raised concerns for residents about aggressive gas marketers who move door to door.

Councillor Williams

...are planning for Homeless Action Week where many activities will occur; attended the Hyack Tailgate Auction for the Hyack Football Club, the Queensborough Fall Fair; attended the UBCM Conference and spoke in support of signage indicating Queensborough, the Sapperton Pensioners Tea, the Humane Society fund raiser, the Celebrating Seniors Festival, the Safeway re-opening; announced that the students from Lijiang, China, will arrive next week to attend New Westminster Secondary School for two months – one more billet is needed for their stay – thanked Rick Page, Peter Julian, Dawn Black, Chuck Puchmayr, and the CBC for ensuring this opportunity for the students.

Councillor Cote

...chaired a meeting of the Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Committee; attended the Football fundraiser, the Urban Fall Fair in Queensborough, the Downtown Residents Association meet and greet, the unveiling of the Rotary Club and thanked the Rotary Club for its donation, a meeting of the Youth Advisory Committee, the re-opening of the Safeway, the opening of the new pedestrian/bicycle crossing of Queensborough Bridge, the Rhythm of the River and a plaque unveiling for Fraser River Discover Centre, the Humane Society fundraising event, the Celebrating Seniors event at Century House.

Councillor Donnelly

...attended the E-Comm Board meeting, the Rotary Clock opening and thanked the Rotary Club, a meeting with the Department of Highways and Kevin Falcon, the Humane Society fundraiser, the Hyack Football fundraiser, the Celebrating Seniors Festival, the opening of Elizabeth Gurney House, the Queensborough

Grape Stomp, the Queensborough Fall Fair, the Hyack Volunteer Appreciation lunch; the Rhythm of the River events, the opening of the Fraser River Discover Centre, the grand opening of the Safeway store.

Made a statement about alleged conflict of interest regarding the sale of his long time home at 127 Dickenson to a development where he has an option to purchase one unit in the development with a 12.5% below asking price discount and nothing more. He pointed out that he has absented himself during any consideration of the development at Council meetings and noted that he has relied on the advice of City counsel to the effect that he has no conflict of interest.

The Mayor called upon the Director of Finance and Information Technology to make a comment concerning the security of City finances in light of recent events in the financial markets. The Director of Finance and Information Technology advised that City funds are invested conservatively and there is little risk of impacts from current market conditions. There are three levels guarding our investments: the Community Charter which ensures that the principal is always protected – investments that are guaranteed by chartered banks; the City's Investment Policy which are guidelines to ensure a diversified investment portfolio; and that the City place more than 50% into Municipal Finance Authority investments where portfolios are diversified and where funds are managed by a professional management firm; and the Mayor's participation in the

Mayor Wayne Wright

Proclaimed the following in the City of New Westminster: October 2nd, 2008 as Mahatma Gandhi Day; October 6-10 as Ride-Share Week.

Attended the following:

The Surrey Regional Economic Summit where diversified use of the Labatts site is being planned by Development Services; a succession planning meeting for the retiring Police's Chief Constable; the Tailgate 2008 fundraiser for the New Westminster Secondary School Hyack Football Program; the Urban Fall Fair; New Westminster Hyack Festival Association Volunteer Appreciation; the UBCM Convention; the New Westminster Police Service Strategic Planning Session; brought greetings at the unveiling celebration of the "Rotary Clock" in Moody Park; the Rotary Dinner at Laguna Blu; the reopening of the newest remodeled Safeway on McBride Boulevard; Royal City Humane Society 3rd Annual Variety Show and Silent Auction; noted that the troops in Afghanistan watched the recent Salmonbellies game – the outcome is that equipment will be sent overseas to the troops to play; attended the Celebrating Seniors Festival at Century House; spoke of the dog park located at ???

Announced the following appointments to the New Westminster Youth Facility Space Project Task Force:

- Amelia Drescher, At Large Youth Representative
- Samoon Lee, Queensborough Youth Representative
- Renee Bucciarell, Arts Community, Adult Voting Member,

- Keiron Simons, Family Services of Greater Vancouver, Non Voting Advisor
- Councillor Jonathan Cote (Council representative).

Announced that New Westminster City Council will consider appointments to Advisory Committees and Sub-Committees, Boards, Panels and Commissions for the year 2009. Anyone wishing to be considered for appointment or to be re-appointed to an Advisory body, should submit applications and a personal resume no later than Friday, October 31, 2008.

6. Parks and Recreation Departments and Police Service recommending approval of a Special Occasion Permit for World Broomball Championship Finals at Queen's Park Arena on November 8, 2008 from 11:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Special Occasion Permit for World Broomball Championship Finals at Queen's Park Arena on November 8, 2008 from 11:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m., be approved.

CARRIED.

All members of Council voted in favour of the motion.

COMMITTEE MINUTES AND RECOMMENDATIONS

7. Motion to receive and adopt the minutes of a meeting of Council in Committee of the Whole held September 15, 2008

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the minutes of the Council in Committee of the Whole meeting held on September 15, 2008, be received and adopted.

CARRIED.

All members of Council voted in favour of the motion.

8. Recommendations from Council in Committee of the Whole meeting held September 29, 2008

Director of Development Services

- a) **Amendment of Development Agreement to Allow Issuance of Building Permit for Parking Garage of Retail Phase for Plaza 88**

MOVED and SECONDED

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 Council voted in favour of the motion.

b) Zoning of Liquor Primary Establishments

MOVED and SECONDED

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 Council voted in favour of the motion.

Councillor Donnelly left the meeting at 8:41 p.m. citing a potential conflict of interest as he has an interest in the following development.

c) 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

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the following bylaws be received:

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

CARRIED.

All members of Council voted in favour of the motion.

Councillor Donnelly rejoined the meeting at 8:42 p.m.

Director of Engineering

d) New Westminster Local Air Quality Study 2008-2009

MOVED and SECONDED

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 Council voted in favour of the motion.

e) Corporate Greenhouse Gas Reduction Plan

MOVED and SECONDED

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 Council voted in favour of the motion.

Referred from Closed Council Meeting of September 29, 2008 for information:

6. Westminster Pier Acquisition

THAT the public be informed that the City of New Westminster will be putting forward an offer to purchase the Westminster Pier site as approved by Council today (September 29, 2008).

Staff was directed to report back to Council with information on lands owned by the City.

BYLAWS

9. Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 7214, 2008 [a Bylaw to [a bylaw to rezone 707 Eighteenth Street from Neighbourhood Residential Districts (NR-1) to Neighbourhood Residential Districts (Small Lots) (NR-5)]

ADOPTION

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Zoning Amendment Bylaw No.7214, 2008, be adopted.

CARRIED.

All members of Council voted in favour of the motion.

10. Municipal Heritage Designation Bylaw (811 Columbia Street) No. 7259, 2008 [a bylaw to designate the Columbia Street façade on Columbia Street of the existing 1939 building as a protected heritage property]

ADOPTION

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Municipal Heritage Designation Bylaw (811 Columbia Street) No. 7259, 2008, be adopted.

CARRIED.

All members of Council voted in favour of the motion.

Councillor Donnelly left the meeting at 9:03 p.m. citing a potential conflict of interest as he has an interest in the following development.

11. **Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 7264, 2008** [a bylaw to establish the Comprehensive Development District (Albert Crescent)]

TWO READINGS

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 7264, 2008, be read a first time.

CARRIED.

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

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 7264, 2008, be read a second time.

CARRIED.

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

(A Public Hearing will be held on Monday, October 27, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber, City Hall.)

12. **Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 7267, 2008** [a bylaw to rezone 126, 128, 130, 132 Agnes Street & 127 and 131 Dickenson Street, a portion of Dickenson Street, and all of Sarnia Street and Albert Crescent from Single Detached Dwelling Districts (RS-2) to Comprehensive Development District (Albert Crescent) (CD-24) Zone]

TWO READINGS

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 7267, 2008, be read a first time.

CARRIED.

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

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 7267, 2008, be read a second time.

CARRIED.

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

(A Public Hearing will be held on Monday, October 27, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber, City Hall.)

Councillor Donnelly rejoined the meeting at 9:06 p.m.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

5. Reports: Council Members (Continued)

Mayor Wright

Congratulated Jim Cook on receiving a new position with the City of West Vancouver as Fire Chief. Thanked Jim for doing a great job as Deputy Fire Chief in New Westminster.

NEW BUSINESS

13. Council Protocol - Record Newspaper Article

Councillor Osterman referred to an article in the September 27, 2008, edition of the Leader newspaper entitled "City Soon Could Buy Westminster Pier". He outlined the actions which led up to the article and clarified matters. Discussion ensued.

NEXT MEETING

Monday, October 6, 2008

Proposed Closed Session commencing at 1:00 p.m. and the Open Session at 3:00 p.m. in Committee Room No. 2, City Hall, reconvening at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber, City Hall.

Public Hearing

- Zoning Amendment Bylaw 7235, 2008 [660-700 Columbia Street (Trapp Block)]
- Municipal Heritage Designation Bylaw (Former Woodlands Site) Amendment Bylaw No. 7265, 2008 (re: Recreation Centre)

Opportunity to be Heard

- Development Variance Permit 481 (226 Hume Street);
- Development Variance Permit 488 [60 Tenth Street (Columbia Square)]

ADJOURNMENT

ON MOTION, the meeting adjourned at 9:29 p.m.

Certified Correct,

WAYNE WRIGHT
MAYOR

RICHARD L. PAGE
CORPORATE OFFICER