



CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF NEW WESTMINSTER

COUNCIL IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

October 6, 2008 3:11 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. Randy Grant	- Acting Director of Finance and Information Technology
Mr. Dean Gibson	- Director of Parks and Recreation
Chief Cst. L. Zapotichny	- Police Services
Ms. Judi Turner	- Assistant Corporate Officer

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

The Agenda was varied as follows:

- Celebrations Task Force Committee Update and Lijiang Student Visit – Costs of Reception (added as Item 1(a))
- Item 12 is to be considered following Item 1(a)

PRESENTATIONS

1. New Westminster Theatre Study – Progress Update – Parks and Recreation

Joanne Edey-Nicoll circulated copies of the Arts Strategy and introduced the New Westminster Theatre Study and its goals:

- To determine community needs in terms of theatre and performance space
- To supply a detailed inventory of existing theatre space
- To recommend the most appropriate form of facility space to support those needs and the potential role of existing space in addressing those needs.

A delegation consisting of Lydia Marston-Blaauw, Consultant, Oksana Dexter, Consultant, and Jim Dodds, long term Performance Technologist, were in attendance and made a presentation on the following:

- Identified gaps in community needs (mid size spaces)
- Existing facilities, their condition, current use, future use
- Emerging themes – growing demand for cultural products and strong growth in these, support for working facilities to continue, concrete and timely steps forward, clarity around physical needs of existing facilities and related financial impacts, large and smaller scale producers and their particular needs
- Next steps - community stakeholders meeting is scheduled; draft report to staff, revisions, a final report with recommendations to Council on October 20.

1(a). Celebrations Task Force Committee Update and Lijiang Student Visit – Costs of Reception – Legislative Services

The Director of Legislative Services reported that a candidate has been selected for the position of Celebrations Coordinator - Jennifer Peyton, who has a degree in event and festival planning. A report and budget will be submitted to Council on October 20th for 150th anniversary projects/celebrations.

The Director announced a reception has been planned for the visiting Lijiang students for Friday, October 10th, for those who participated in arranging for the visit. He sought authority to pay for the reception costs based on the Sister City Policy.

**** MOVED and SECONDED and CARRIED, this Committee recommends**
THAT approval be granted to pay for costs related to a reception on October 10th, 2008, for the visiting Lijiang students in accordance with the Sister City Policy.

CARRIED.

All members of Committee voted in favour of the motion.

REPORTS FOR ACTION

Director of Engineering:

12. [City of New Westminster Anti-Idling Bylaw](#)

The Director of Engineering Services commented on the October 6, 2008, report providing an anti-idling bylaw for the City of New Westminster. Jennifer

Lukianchuk, Environmental Coordinator, Engineering Services, reviewed the report. Matthew Carroll, Idle-free Ambassador, was also present and responded to questions. During the ensuing discussion, members made the following comments:

- Consider bumper stickers for city vehicles
- Develop a school program
- Consider enforcement for large tandem diesel trucks which habitually sit and idle
- Educational component will be vital to promote this desired change in behaviour
- Consider remote auto starts
- Consider weather related exemptions.

**** MOVED and SECONDED and CARRIED, this Committee recommends**
THAT the October 6, 2008 report from the Director of Engineering Services regarding City of New Westminster Anti-Idling Bylaw, be received for information; and
THAT Street Traffic Amendment Bylaw No. 7261, 2008 be forwarded to the October 6, 2008, Regular Meeting of Council for consideration of three readings.
CARRIED.

All members of Committee voted in favour of the motion.

Director of Development Services

2. 809 Second Street Demolition Application (circulated separately)

Councillor Osterman left the meeting at 4:16 p.m. citing a potential conflict of interest as a family member is a teacher at the Boucher Institute.

The Director of Development Services presented her October 6, 2008, report regarding a demolition application for 809 Second Street and rezoning of 809 and 815 Second Street. Lynn Roxburgh, Development Services, responded to questions.

**** MOVED and SECONDED and CARRIED, this Committee recommends**
THAT issuance of a demolition permit for 809 Second Street be withheld until November 6, 2008, to allow the applicant to advertise for the relocation of the house for a one month period;
THAT if by November 7, 2008, no one has expressed an interest to relocate the house, the demolition permit for 809 Second Street be approved; and
THAT the applicant produce as-found elevation drawings of 809 Second Street before it is removed and/or demolished.

CARRIED.

Opposed: Councillors Cote, Harper and Osterman.

3. [Development Variance Permit No. 489 for 435 Columbia Street](#)

Councillor Osterman rejoined the meeting at 4:17 p.m.

Lynn Roxburgh, Development Services, responded to questions about sign standards and lighting for the proposed signs in connection with the October 6, 2008, report about an application to vary the requirements of the Sign Bylaw.

- ** **MOVED and SECONDED and CARRIED, this Committee recommends**
THAT Council give notice that it will consider a resolution to issue Development Variance Permit 489 for 435 Columbia Street to allow the following:
- i) *an additional canopy sign;*
 - ii) *a fascia sign above the third floor windows; and*
 - iii) *a fascia sign that has a height of 4 feet (1.2 metres).*

CARRIED.

All members of Committee voted in favour of the motion.

4. [Street Naming Bylaw for Port Royal](#)

- ** **MOVED and SECONDED and CARRIED, this Committee recommends**
THAT Street Naming Bylaw No. 7268, 2008 be forwarded to the Regular Council Meeting of October 6, 2008, for consideration of three readings.

CARRIED.

All members of Committee voted in favour of the motion.

5. [Naming of a New Street in Queensborough](#)

- ** **MOVED and SECONDED and CARRIED, this Committee recommends**
THAT Council approve the name 'Canil' for a new street in Queensborough and direct staff to prepare the necessary bylaw.

CARRIED.

All members of Committee voted in favour of the motion.

6. [Remove Reference to Gaming in the Downtown Zoning Districts \(Bylaw No. 7258, 2008\)](#)

The Director of Development Services responded to questions regarding the August 25, 2008, report removing reference to gaming in the Downtown zoning districts with respect to future bingo uses.

- ** **MOVED and SECONDED and CARRIED, this Committee recommends**
THAT Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 7258, 2008 be forwarded to the Regular Council Meeting of October 6, 2008, for consideration of two readings.

CARRIED.

All members of Committee voted in favour of the motion.

7. **Downtown Nuisance Abatement Project/Update**

Keith Coueffin, Manager of Licensing and Integrated Enforcement, responded to questions regarding the October 6, 2008, report from the Director of Development Services, providing an update on the various initiatives being implemented or pursued as part of the Downtown Nuisance Abatement Project. During discussion, it was suggested that:

- There is a need for an ongoing program of this sort for the entire city
- Developers should be encouraged to consider both CPTED principles and designing for security in their development projects to enhance resident safety and address a growing concern in that area
- Publish an article in a newsletter outlining expectations for prospective and existing rental owners
- Consider turnstiles at Skytrain stations.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the October 6, 2008 report from the Director of Development Services regarding the Downtown Nuisance Abatement Project/Update, be received for information.

CARRIED.

All members of Committee voted in favour of the motion.

8. **Historic Places Initiative Heritage Register Update Project**

Julie MacDonald, Heritage Planner, responded to questions regarding the October 6, 2008, report from the Director of Development Services, seeking direction regarding a grant request to the provincial Heritage Branch for the upgrading of the City's Heritage Register.

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

THAT Council direct staff to proceed with an application to the Provincial Heritage Branch for a grant of \$50,000 through the Historic Places Initiative Heritage Register Upgrade Program;

THAT Council approve the expenditure of \$5,000 of City funds towards this project; and

THAT Council direct staff to proceed with requesting proposals from interested consultant teams.

CARRIED.

All members of Committee voted in favour of the motion.

9. **Hyack Square Project Update (circulated separately)**

The Director of Development Services presented the October 6, 2008, report updating Council on the status of the Hyack Square revitalization project. Staff responded to questions confirming the design will be reviewed by the Design Panel, excavations will be carefully managed to avoid damage to underground

services/mains, pavers will be saved, and efforts will continue to obtain additional Provincial grant monies for the project.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the October 6, 2008, report from the Director of Development Services, updating Council on the status of the Hyack Square revitalization project, be received.

CARRIED.

All members of Committee voted in favour of the motion.

10. Preliminary Concept Plan for a Queensborough ECD Hub

John Stark, Social Planner, responded to questions regarding the October 6, 2008, report from the Director of Development Services, seeking endorsement of the preliminary concept plan for a Queensborough ECD Hub.

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

THAT City Council endorse in principle the preliminary concept plan for a Queensborough Early Childhood Development (ECD) Hub.

CARRIED.

All members of Committee voted in favour of the motion.

Director of Finance

11. Permissive Property Tax Exemption Bylaw No. 7262, 2008

Randy Grant, Manager of Collection Services, reviewed the October 6, 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. He responded to questions raised at the September 29th Council meeting, about the Good Samaritan facility. He advised of new provincial legislation introducing a new sub-class of residential designated as supportive housing. Those properties will be assessed at \$1 for the affected component and thus taxes to the City will be affected.

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

THAT Council continue to support the existing permissive tax exemptions subject to an annual completed questionnaire; and

THAT Taxation Exemption and Exempt Properties Bylaw No. 7262, 2008 be forwarded to the Regular Council Meeting of October 6, 2008, for consideration of three readings.

CARRIED.

All members of Committee voted in favour of the motion.

A member suggested that opportunity be provided to Council to have a fully informed discussion on exemptions and what facilities should qualify.

COMMITTEE MINUTES AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

13. Environment Advisory Committee meeting held September 10, 2008

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the minutes of the Environment Advisory Committee meeting held on, 2008, be received and adopted.

CARRIED.

All members of Committee voted in favour of the motion.

14. Arts and Culture Commission – Arts Strategy Feedback meeting held July 16, 2008

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the minutes of the Arts and Culture Commission – Arts Strategy Feedback meeting July 16, 2008, be received and adopted.

CARRIED.

All members of Committee voted in favour of the motion.

15. Youth Advisory Committee meeting held September 25, 2008

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the minutes of the Youth Advisory Committee meeting held on September 25, 2008, be received and adopted.

CARRIED.

All members of Committee voted in favour of the motion.

a) Radio Ad 2008 (Eating Disorders) – Sub-Committee Report: Update

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

THAT the following be published in the City Page:

- *An informative piece about the Youth Advisory Committee's 2008 radio ad on eating disorders*
- *A thank you to GGRD for their assistance in producing the ad; and*
- *A thank you to the City and the School Board for funding the ad.*

CARRIED.

All members of Committee voted in favour of the motion.

ADJOURNMENT

ON MOTION, the meeting adjourned at 4:55 p.m.

Certified Correct,

WAYNE WRIGHT
CHAIR

RICK PAGE
CORPORATE OFFICER

** Denotes recommendations referred to Regular Council meeting of October 6, 2008, for ratification.