



CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF NEW WESTMINSTER

## REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL

October 20, 2008 3:00 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 3:00 p.m. and reconvened in the Council Chamber at 7:08 p.m. with all those listed earlier present.

#### ADOPTION OF MINUTES

1. [Motion to adopt the minutes of the last regular meeting of the City Council held October 6, 2008](#)

#### MOVED and SECONDED

*THAT the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council, held October 6, 2008, be received and adopted.*

**CARRIED.**

All members of Council voted in favour of the motion.

## DELEGATIONS

2. **Mayor Wright to acknowledge the passing of Morven Ewan, longest serving employee for the City of New Westminster and recipient of the Citizen of the Year Award in 2001.**

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3. **Visiting Lijiang Students**
  - a) **Welcome and introduction of Lei Yongrong (Alice), Mu Yingzhen (Angela), Liu Rongning (Jennifer), and Zi Chaoyuan (Laura).**
  - b) **Lijiang Student Comments**

Councillor Williams introduced the visiting Chinese students to the Council meeting and the audience. Each student made a brief statement to the gallery.

Mr. Tony Antonias announced that tickets will be provided to the young students and two chaperones to attend the November 27, 2008 symphony event "Tea and Trumpets".

4. **Open Delegations**

**Tony Antonias** announced a fund raiser Murder Mystery for the Arts Council of New Westminster on Sunday October 26<sup>th</sup> at Centennial Lodge.

**Andrew Murray of 707 Belyea Street, representing the Royal City Farmers Market Association**, advised that the Market had a successful first season. They began with 20 vendors and this number rapidly rose to 30 vendors which attracted about 11,000 people and raised over \$180,000. Mr. Murray thanked the following: the New Westminster Tennis Club for assisting with storage, the Downtown BIA for lending tents, the City Electric Utility for correcting an electrical problem in minutes, the Members of Parliament for assisting with signage, members of Council for supporting the event, Westminster Savings, Kiwanis Club, Fraser Health, the Market volunteers, and the people of Queens Avenue and surrounding streets for putting up with additional traffic on market day.

**Rick Carswell, 309 Eighth Street**, spoke of the things that were done right for the Farmers' Market. He advised that they hope to create more special events in the future to add to the Market experience. As well, Mr. Carswell announced their intention to expand the Market Board. He thanked Andrew Murray for his work in making the Market idea a reality.

**David Tate of #102, 212 Agnes Street, Chairman of New Westminster chapter of Acorn Canada**, rose to comment on predatory lending activities in the City. He voiced concern over the number of such facilities in the City and their proximity to each other. He explained why Acorn Canada is concerned, adding that these facilities do not allow their clients to get ahead. He noted that Acorn is working with the Provincial Government to end roll-over loans and to address interest rates. He suggested the City limit the number of facilities and consider their proximity to each other using its zoning powers. He asked that New Westminster set this precedent.

**Mr. Troy Taylor** rose to comment on his desire to organize an athletic commission for boxing in the city. Such organizations take troubled teens off the street and teaches them discipline and morals. He himself has benefited from being involved in boxing from an early age. Mr. Taylor asked how he can accomplish this aim.

**Mr. Doug McPhee**, a professional boxer, advised he had to leave New Westminster to pursue his career in the US and cited others who also had to leave. He noted that Vancouver has quite a history in boxing. In developing this athletic commission, he hopes to give kids something to shoot for. Currently he is head trainer at Queensborough Boxing Club and hopes to make a come back in his own boxing career. An athletic commission would be a great investment for the community and be an effective means to promote the city.

**MOVED and SECONDED**

*THAT the question of how to establish an athletic commission in New Westminster be referred to staff to investigate and advise the applicants.*

**CARRIED.**

All members of Council voted in favour of the motion.

**Steve Zeswick of 649 Eighth Avenue**, advised he is running for Council in Burnaby and asked that incorrect material not be printed about him. He stated that everyone that runs for Council should take a polygraph test. Mr. Zeswick commented on a number of incidents.

**REPORTS**

**4(a) Council Members:**

**Councillor Osterman**

...attended the Homeless Coalition gala and presentation; participated in the Stand for Housing; attended the *In My Back Yard* event about services for seniors; attended the hospital fund raiser for the Group of Five which was well attended, the Fraser River Discover Centre celebration where FREMP was the honoured guest and where the former Lieutenant Governor Iona Campagnola

spoke, the Open House at the Glenbrook Fire Hall, a thanksgiving tea at Dunwood Place, a reception for the visiting Lijiang students; chaired a meeting of the Arts and Culture Commission which has been working on the Arts Strategy; attended the Parks and Recreation Appreciation dinner.

### **Councillor Williams**

...attended the Parks and Recreation Appreciation dinner, the GVRD Labour Relations meeting, the Glenbrook Fire Hall Open House, the Sapperton Pensioners' meeting, the breakfast for Homeless Action Week; served lunch at Union Gospel Mission; attended the Group of Five fund raiser where 100% of proceeds went to purchase a patient lift for the Royal Columbian Hospital; attended the Homeless Action dinner where a speaker spoke of the initiative to take homeless people off the streets and into homes, the Stand for Housing, *In My Back Yard* fair about services.

### **Councillor Cote**

...attended the Parks and Recreation Appreciation dinner, the Youth Facility Task Force, the Fire Department's Open House where many children enjoyed the fire truck, the Thanksgiving Tea at Dunwood Place, *In My Back Yard* for seniors, a Stand Up for Housing event to promote awareness about homelessness, the Homelessness Week dinner where a speaker spoke of the success story in Toronto in housing homeless.

### **Councillor Donnelly**

...congratulated his niece Nicole and Daniel on their marriage; attended the Parks and Recreation Appreciation dinner; thanked Joan of the Parks and Recreation Department for her work in preparing for this event; announced that the Fire Hall Open House was a success; attended the Dunwood Place Thanksgiving Tea, the Group of Five fundraising event to raise money for RCH Hospital, the *In My Back Yard* event about the number of services available to seniors, the homeless fund raising dinner.

### **Councillor Harper**

...attended the reception welcoming the Chinese students and thanked those who were involved in this initiative, the Parks and Recreation Appreciation dinner, the Walk for Breakfast at Robson School, the Open House at the Fire Hall, the Dunwood Place Thanksgiving Tea; volunteered at Union Gospel Mission to serve Thanksgiving dinners to the homeless; attended the New West Connect event for Homeless Action Week; congratulated Peter Julian and Dawn Black on their successful campaigns and all those who ran for office; chaired meetings of the Multiculturalism Advisory Community and the Community and Social Issues Committee; attended the Group of Five hospital fundraiser, the *In My Back Yard* event – thanked John Stark and those who worked hard to stage this event; attended the Stand Up for Housing event, the Homelessness Coalition dinner; toured the Good Samaritan Assisted Living facility at Victoria Hill.

### **Councillor McIntosh**

...attended the Good Samaritan Assisted Living facility at Victoria Hill and noted there will be an open house; as Acting Mayor, attended a reception for Meet and Greet of the four Lijiang students and the City reception at Centennial Lodge; attended the annual Parks and Recreation Appreciation dinner; chaired a meeting of the Family Day Sub-Committee post event; attended the Fire Hall Open House where ambulance attendants were also present, the Dunwood Place Thanksgiving Tea, the Homeless Action Week session at Century House where grade 5 students commented on homelessness, the Stand for Housing event, the Homeless Action dinner; noted that Toronto City receives its homeless funding directly from the Federal Government, therefore, our formula in BC is different; commented that the speaker at the event promoted providing housing to get the homeless off the streets; won an item at the silent auction; as Acting Mayor, attended the Fraser River Gala and the Fraser Basin Council; attended a networking event held by the Chamber of Commerce and noted that nurses are being brought in on contract from other countries to help fill existing staff shortages; attended the Group of Five fundraiser for RCH, the In My Back Yard event and noted that funds for this program came from a UBCM grant program; announced: two All Candidates meetings this week, the Sapperton Old Age Pensioners Fall Fair; offered condolences to Fran Ewan and her family on the death of Morven.

### **Mayor Wayne Wright**

...attended a Mayors' Council on regional transportation, the John Robson Community School iWalk to Breakfast, the North East Sector Mayors' meeting; brought greetings to ninth Annual Westcoast Curling Classic; attended the annual Glenbrooke Fire Hall Open House; are preparing the 2009 New Westminster Police budget; chaired a Metro Vancouver Housing Committee meeting and spoke of the resources in the City adding that the Province and Federal Governments will be petitioned to fund local efforts; attended the Group of Five Italian luncheon fund raiser, the opening ceremonies/grand opening of Easy Home at Royal City Centre Mall, the In My Backyard event which was well attended, the Spring Fling Dinner which works for the Rotarians; read a letter to Freda Hogg, from the Lady in Waiting to the Queen, acknowledging receipt of a copy of the Clarion that Ms. Hogg had sent to Her Majesty; announced that his 93 year old father passed his driver's test with full honours, scoring 90+ on the test.

On behalf of Council extend condolences on the passing of Edward William Hope who worked for the City until retiring in 1984 and had served in the Forces for 28 years and to the family of Morven Ewan (as mentioned earlier).

**COMMITTEE MINUTES AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

**5. Motion to receive and adopt the minutes of a meeting of Council in Committee of the Whole held October 6, 2008**

**MOVED and SECONDED**

*THAT the minutes of the Committee of the Whole meeting held on October 6, 2008, be received and adopted.*

**CARRIED.**

All members of Council voted in favour of the motion.

**6. Recommendations from Council in Committee of the Whole meeting held October 20, 2008**

**Director of Parks and Recreation**

**a) New Westminster Theatre Study – Presentation and Final Report**

**MOVED and SECONDED**

*THAT the New Westminster Theatre Study report be used to inform future decisions in the planning of the Downtown Multi-Use Civic Facility and deliberations related to other theatres in the community.*

**CARRIED.**

All members of Council voted in favour of the motion.

**Director of Legislative Services**

**b) Salmonbellies Lacrosse Equipment Shipment to Canadian Forces In Afghanistan**

**MOVED and SECONDED**

*THAT shipment costs of Salmonbellies lacrosse equipment to Canadian Forces headquarters in Ottawa be approved for transport to soldiers in Khandahar, Afghanistan.*

**CARRIED.**

All members of Council voted in favour of the motion.

## **Director of Finance and Information Technology**

### **c) 2008 Community Grant to the New Westminster Salmonbellies**

#### **MOVED and SECONDED**

*THAT a Community Grant to the New Westminster Salmonbellies Lacrosse Club be approved in the amount of \$9,000.*

**CARRIED.**

All members of Council voted in favour of the motion.

## **Director of Parks and Recreation**

### **d) Youth Facility Design & Construction Approach**

#### **MOVED and SECONDED**

*THAT staff be directed to finalize negotiations with TASK Construction Management and CEI Architecture to provide Project Management / Construction Management and Design Services respectively for the proposed New Westminster Youth Facility.*

**CARRIED.**

All members of Council voted in favour of the motion.

### **e) Moody Park Arena Rink Slab Replacement**

#### **MOVED and SECONDED**

*THAT staff be directed to undertake the necessary planning and contractual arrangements to facilitate the timely replacement of the Moody Park Arena rink slab and dasher boards in 2009;*

*THAT a project budget of \$1.2 million be approved; and*

*THAT the City's Financial Plan be amended as necessary to accommodate this project.*

**CARRIED.**

All members of Council voted in favour of the motion.

## **Director of Development Services**

### **f) Addition to Existing Single Detached and Duplex Dwellings**

#### **MOVED and SECONDED**

*THAT the proposed Zoning Bylaw text amendments to permit horizontal additions to existing single detached and duplex dwellings (as outlined in the October 20, 2008 report from the Director of Development Services) be supported in general and staff be directed to proceed with a community consultation process.*

**CARRIED.**

All members of Council voted in favour of the motion.

**g) 340 Fifth Street Sec. 219 Covenant & HRA**

**MOVED and SECONDED**

*THAT a section 219 Covenant be registered on the title of the property known as 340 Fifth Street.*

**CARRIED.**

All members of Council voted in favour of the motion.

**h) Proposed Rezoning of Parcel 4A in the Port Royal Development – Bylaw No. 7274, 2008**

**MOVED and SECONDED**

*THAT Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 7274, 2008 be received.*

**CARRIED.**

All members of Council voted in favour of the motion.

**i) Youth Advisory Committee Meeting of September 25, 2008**

**i) ICBC Membership**

**MOVED and SECONDED**

*THAT the Terms of Reference of the Youth Advisory Committee be amended to indicate that the ICBC Non-Voting Advisor membership be maintained on an on-call basis.*

**CARRIED.**

All members of Council voted in favour of the motion.

**j) Multiculturalism Advisory Committee – Conference Attendance**

**MOVED and SECONDED**

*THAT Charles Pioneson, member of the Multiculturalism Advisory Committee, be authorized to attend the “Circle of Understanding: Police and Aboriginal Peoples” forum on November 4 and 5, 2008 at the Michael J. Fox Theatre at a cost of \$250.00*

**CARRIED.**

All members of Council voted in favour of the motion.



**BYLAWS**

- 7. Street Traffic Amendment Bylaw No. 7261, 2008 [a bylaw to amend Street Traffic Bylaw No. 6027, 1991]** **ADOPTION**

**MOVED and SECONDED**

*THAT Street Traffic Amendment Bylaw No. 7261, 2008 be adopted.*

**CARRIED.**

All members of Council voted in favour of the motion.

- 8. Taxation Exemption and Exempt Properties Bylaw No. 7262, 2008 [a bylaw to authorize the exemption from taxation of certain lands and premises]** **ADOPTION**

**MOVED and SECONDED**

*THAT Taxation Exemption and Exempt Properties Bylaw No. 7262, 2008, be adopted.*

**CARRIED.**

All members of Council voted in favour of the motion.

- 9. Street Naming Bylaw No. 7268, 2008 [a bylaw to name two streets in the Port Royal Area]** **ADOPTION**

**MOVED and SECONDED**

*THAT Street Naming Bylaw No. 7268, 2008, be adopted.*

**CARRIED.**

All members of Council voted in favour of the motion.

- 10. Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 7274, 2008 [a bylaw to amend Zoning Bylaw No. 6680, 2001]** **TWO READINGS**

**MOVED and SECONDED**

*THAT Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 7274, 2008, be read a first time.*

**CARRIED.**

All members of Council voted in favour of the motion.

**MOVED and SECONDED**

*THAT Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 7274, 2008, be read a second time.*

**CARRIED.**

All members of Council voted in favour of the motion.

(A Public Hearing will be held on Monday, November 24, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber, City Hall)

## **NEXT MEETING**

### **Monday, October 27, 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 7264, 2008 [a Bylaw to Amend Zoning Bylaw No. 6680, 2001 – Albert Crescent], and

Zoning Amendment Bylaw 7267, 2008 [a Bylaw to Amend Zoning Bylaw No. 6680, 2001 – Albert Crescent]

## **ADJOURNMENT**

**ON MOTION**, the meeting adjourned at 9:22 p.m.

Certified Correct,

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**WAYNE WRIGHT**  
**MAYOR**

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**RICHARD L. PAGE**  
**CORPORATE OFFICER**