



CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF NEW WESTMINSTER

## COUNCIL IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

October 22, 2007 3:10 p.m.  
Committee Room 2, City Hall

### MINUTES

**PRESENT:**

Mayor Wayne Wright  
Councillor Jonathan Cote  
Councillor Calvin Donnelly  
Councillor Bill Harper  
Councillor Betty McIntosh  
Councillor Lorrie Williams

**REGRETS:**

Councillor Bob Osterman

**STAFF:**

Mr. Paul Daminato	- City Administrator
Ms. Judi Turner	- Acting Corporate Officer
Ms. Lisa Spitale	- Director of Development Services
Mr. Jim Lowrie	- Director of Engineering Services
Mr. Gary Holowatiuk	- Director of Finance
Chief Carl Nepstad	- Director of Fire and Rescue
Mr. Dean Gibson	- Director of Parks and Recreation
Chief Lorne Zapotichny	- Police Services
Ms. Joanna Federici	- Recorder

#### ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

The following items were added to the Agenda:

- Item 11 – Street Trees East Columbia
- Item 12 – Parking Review Quayside Drive and Colbourne Street
- Item 13 – 2008 Calendar of Council Schedule of Regular Meetings
- Item 14 – Officers Establishment and Indemnity Bylaw No. 7175, 2007.

## PRESENTATION

1. **Fraser River Discovery Centre Renovations** – Anthony Boni, Architect and Jack Edwards, Chair, Board of Directors Fraser River Discovery Centre

The Director of Development Services introduced Jack Edwards and Karen Baker-MacGrotty from Fraser River Discovery Centre who were present to discuss the Fraser River Discovery Centre renovations. Anthony Boni, Boni Maddison Architects, reviewed the renovation plans which included enclosing the rotunda, adding blue cladding, glazing, banners, café seating, roof line, windows and theatre space. He reported the major cost will be to the mechanical system. The completion date is scheduled for March 2008. Mr. Edwards reported that during construction, the Fraser River Discovery Centre is still supporting school programs with tours of the area, going into schools with information about the Fraser River and plan to continue fundraising. Ms. Baker-Grotty pointed out that they are now located in a temporary location at the quay. (Mr. Boni circulated a document containing elevations and plans (which will be added to the agenda package).

## REPORTS FOR ACTION

### Director of Engineering Services:

2. [Application for Environmental Assessment Certificate, Port Mann/Highway 1 Project, Gateway Program – Public Comment Period](#)

During a discussion of the October 22, 2007, report from the Director of Engineering Services, regarding the Provincial Gateway Program's Port Mann/Highway 1 Project, members commented on the following:

- Whether the project will encourage traffic from the Fraser Valley to enter New Westminister and compound existing traffic problems
- The merits and concerns over tolling the bridge; whether other bridges should be tolled
- The need for mitigation for air quality
- How will speeding and traffic volume be controlled at Braid Street
- Mitigation is needed for the New Westminister Fire and Police Departments' attendance at incidents on Patullo Bridge.

**\*\* MOVED and SECONDED and CARRIED, this Committee recommends *THAT in response to the Application for Environmental Assessment Certificate for the Port Mann/Highway 1 Project the City of New Westminister requests the proponent to address all concerns outlined within the report from the Director of Engineering Services, dated October 22, 2007, related to the following:***

Section 8.2	Local air Quality Issues
Section 9.4	Regional Air Quality Issues
Sec. 15.5	Acoustic/Noise Issues
Sec. 17	Socio-Economic Issues
Sec. 21	Tolling
Sec. 22	Traffic/Transportation Road User Issues.

**CARRIED.**

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

**Director of Finance and Information Technology:**

**3. [User Fees & Rates Bylaw Amendments \(Bylaws 7187, 7188, 7189, 7190, 7191, 7192, 7193, 7195, 7196\)](#)**

Staff responded to questions regarding the October 22, 2007, report from the Director of Finance and Information Technology, updating the bylaws associated with the user fees and rates as approved in principle by Council on October 15, 2007.

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

***THAT the following Amendment Bylaws be referred to Regular Council for consideration of three readings:***

- 1) *Business License Amendment Bylaw No. 7192, 2007;*
- 2) *Commercial Vehicle Amendment Bylaw No. 7191, 2007;*
- 3) *Building Amendment Bylaw No. 7190, 2007;*
- 4) *New Westminster Plumbing Amendment Bylaw No. 7189, 2007;*
- 5) *Development Approval Procedures Amendment Bylaw No. 7187, 2007;*
- 6) *Downtown New Westminster Redevelopment Amendment Bylaw No. 7188, 2007;*
- 7) *Controlled Substance Property Amendment Bylaw No. 7193, 2007;*
- 8) *Commercial Towing Amendment Bylaw No. 7196, 2007; and*
- 9) *Street Traffic Amendment Bylaw No. 7195, 2007.*

**CARRIED.**

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

**Director of Development Services:**

**4. [Schanks Athletic Club – 350 Gifford Street/Application for Liquor Primary License](#)**

The Manager of Licensing and Inspections reviewed the October 22, 2007, report from the Director of Development Services, providing information on the application for Liquor Primary License received from the Schanks Athletic Club and recommending a resolution regarding the matter. He introduced Claude LaMonaca from Schanks and Bert Hick, Consultant, and responded to questions.

- \*\* MOVED and SECONDED and CARRIED, this Committee recommends**  
**WHEREAS** *New Westminster City Council considered a staff report dated October 22, 2007 regarding an application from Schanks Queensborough Inc. for a new Liquor Primary License at 350 Gifford Street;*  
**WHEREAS** *New Westminster City Council has considered the regulatory criteria pursuant to the Liquor Control and Licensing Act;*  
**WHEREAS** *the establishment is not expected to result in unacceptable levels of noise or other negative impact to the area;*  
**WHEREAS** *the location of the establishment complies with zoning regulations and is suitable for the proposed use;*  
**WHEREAS** *the proposed person capacity (1020) and hours of operation (9:00 am to 2:00 am) are acceptable to the City;*  
**WHEREAS** *six notices were placed in local newspapers seeking public comments on the application and no concerns have been received regarding the application; and*  
**WHEREAS** *the application is supported by the New Westminster Police Service;*
- THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** *New Westminster City Council supports the application from Schanks Queensborough Inc. for a new Liquor Primary License at 350 Gifford Street.*

**CARRIED.**

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

**5. Starlight Casino- 350 Gifford Street/Application for Liquor License**

The Manager of Licensing and Inspections reviewed the October 22, 2007, report from the Director of Development Services, report providing information on the application for Liquor Primary License received from the Starlight Casino and recommending a resolution regarding the matter. He introduced Greg Nash from Gateway Casino and Gerald Cole and responded to questions.

- \*\* MOVED and SECONDED and CARRIED, this Committee recommends**  
**WHEREAS** *New Westminster City Council considered a staff report dated October 22, 2007 regarding an application from Star of Fortune Gaming Management (B.C.) Corp. for a new Liquor Primary License at 350 Gifford Street;*  
**WHEREAS** *New Westminster City Council has considered the regulatory criteria pursuant to the Liquor Control and Licensing Act;*  
**WHEREAS** *the establishment is not expected to result in unacceptable noise levels or other negative impact to the area;*  
**WHEREAS** *the location of the establishment complies with zoning regulations and is suitable for the proposed use;*  
**WHEREAS** *the proposed person capacity (i.e. 5,296) and hours of liquor service (i.e. 9:00 am to 2:00 am) are acceptable to the City;*  
**WHEREAS** *six notices were placed in local newspapers seeking public comments on the application and no concerns have been received regarding the application; and*

**WHEREAS** the application is supported by the New Westminster Police Service;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** New Westminster City Council supports the application from Star of Fortune Gaming Management (B.C) Corp. for a new Liquor Primary License at 350 Gifford Street.

**CARRIED.**

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

**6. Additions to New Westminster's Community Heritage Register**

The Director of Development Services responded to questions regarding the October 15, 2007, report seeking Council's authorization to enter into a contract with the BC Heritage Branch to receive \$40,000 in funding and approving an expenditure of \$10,000 from the Development Services Consulting & Studies budget, in order to add 50 properties to the City's Community Heritage Register. During the ensuing discussion, she agreed to review the matter demolition of homes which have heritage merit.

**\*\* MOVED and SECONDED and CARRIED, this Committee recommends THAT staff be authorized to enter into a contract with the B.C. Heritage Branch for funding in the amount of \$40,000 for the purpose of adding properties to the City's heritage register; THAT an expenditure of \$10,000 be approved for cost shared purposes; and THAT staff communicate with owners of properties identified to be added to the community heritage register and obtain owner consent prior to adding their properties to the register.**

**CARRIED.**

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

**7. Streamlining Initiatives - Development Application Processes**

Barry Waitt, Planner, reviewed the October 22, 2007, report from the Director of Development Services, informing Council of a number of changes to the current development application processes which staff are investigating. Staff responded to questions.

**\*\* MOVED and SECONDED and CARRIED, this Committee recommends THAT staff continue investigating the streamlining initiatives described in the October 22, 2007 report from the Director of Development Services regarding Streamlining Initiatives – Development Application Processes.**

**CARRIED.**

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

8. [Implementation of Interim Policy of Development Variance Permits \(Bylaw No. 7197, 2007\)](#)

The Director of Development Services presented her October 22, 2007, report seeking City Council consideration with respect to the implementation of the City's interim policy, adopted October 15, 2007, concerning development variance applications for tall buildings and parking.

\*\* **MOVED and SECONDED and CARRIED, this Committee recommends**  
*THAT Development Approval Procedures Amendment Bylaw No. 7197, 2007 be forwarded to the Regular Council meeting of October 22, 2007, for consideration of three readings.*

**CARRIED.**

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

9. [Response to Referral from City of Coquitlam Official Community Plan Amendment – 225 North Road](#)

Members discussed the October 22, 2007, report from the Director of Development Services, providing information regarding a proposed amendment to the Coquitlam Official Community Plan (OCP) for the property at 225 North Road and recommending that Council indicate to the City of Coquitlam that it does not support the OCP amendment. Concerns were voiced as follows:

- The Central Valley Greenway is not supported
- Coquitlam might build a full scale bridge which would carry more than a pedestrian load
- The proposed development is isolated from Coquitlam and the area floods
- Residents would rely on New Westminster services
- No ingress or egress without traveling through New Westminster
- Coquitlam must examine the ramifications
- The lack of consultation prior to the project reaching this stage
- Issuance of the proposed letter is not supported
- Meet with Coquitlam Council.

\*\* **MOVED and SECONDED and CARRIED, this Committee recommends**  
*THAT Council request the City of Coquitlam not proceed with the proposed amendment of the Coquitlam Official Community Plan described in the October 22, 2007 report from the Director of Development Services and that a copy of this report be sent to the City of Coquitlam; and*  
*THAT Council seek a meeting with the City of Coquitlam Council regarding this matter*

**CARRIED.**

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

**COMMITTEE MINUTES AND RECOMMENDATIONS:**

10. [Electric Utility Commission meetings held July 17 & August 21, 2007.](#)

**MOVED and SECONDED**

*THAT the minutes of the Electric Utility Commission meetings held July 17 & August 21, 2007, be received and adopted.*

**CARRIED.**

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

**NEW BUSINESS**

11. **Street Trees East Columbia**

A member requested that staff prepare a report for submission to Council on the street trees in the commercial district of East Columbia Street including a time line and budget for the project has to be done.

12. **Parking Review Quayside Drive and Colbourne Street**

It was the direction of Council that staff bring forward a report with options for parking limits at Quayside Drive and Colbourne Street to facilitate a change over of parked vehicles for residents of both areas.

13. **2008 Calendar of Regular Council Meetings**

Members discussed changes to the 2008 Calendar of Regular Council Meetings.

**MOVED and SECONDED**

*THAT the 2008 Schedule of Regular Council Meetings be amended as follows:*

- *April 21, 2008 - Schedule Closed, Committee of the Whole and Regular Meetings*
- *April 28, 2008 - No Meeting*
- *November 10, 2008 - No Meeting.*

**CARRIED.**

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

14. **Officers Establishment and Indemnity Bylaw No. 7175, 2007**

The Committee reviewed the report from the Acting Corporate Officer regarding Officers Establishment and Indemnity Bylaw No. 7175, 2007 dated October 22, 2007 (which will be added to the Agenda package). This report proposes to identify the officers of the City and Indemnify those officials.

**MOVED and SECONDED**

**THAT** *Officers Establishment and Indemnity Bylaw No. 7175, 2007, be forwarded to the Regular Council Meeting of October 22, 2007 for consideration of three readings.*

**CARRIED.**

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

**ADJOURNMENT**

**ON MOTION**, the meeting adjourned at 4:47 p.m.

Certified Correct,

\_\_\_\_\_  
**WAYNE WRIGHT**  
**CHAIR**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**JUDI TURNER**  
**ACTING CORPORATE OFFICER**

\*\* Denotes recommendations referred to Regular Council meeting of October 22, 2007, for ratification.