



CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF NEW WESTMINSTER

COUNCIL IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

November 26, 2007 3:14 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
Chief Carl Nepstad	- Director of Fire and Rescue
Mr. Dean Gibson	- Director of Parks and Recreation
Ms. Judi Turner	- Assistant City Clerk

DELEGATIONS/SUBMISSIONS

1. [Andrew Murray, President of the Westminster Farmers Market Society, re establishment of a farmers market in New Westminster.](#)

Andrew Murray, President of the New Westminster Farmers Market Society presented his proposal to re-establish a farmers market in New Westminister. He advised that their group is registering as a non profit society, have developed a business plan (circulated with the package), will have a web site, have selected a day and time that works well for vendors (following a survey), has established a Board of Directors, have found that the Chamber of Commerce and the Downtown BIA are supportive, noted that the initiative will be a community and economic builder, and have considered locations based on criteria developed for

its selection. Mr. Murray identified and discussed the preferred location (City Hall front parking lot).

Members commented on the proposal, debating the merits of the proposal in general and the proposed locations. It was suggested that public opinion be sought from all sectors of the city.

See further action in Item 2 below.

REPORTS FOR ACTION

Director of Parks & Recreation:

2. [Farmers Market Location](#) (circulated separately)

The Director of Parks & Recreation circulated the November 26, 2007, report seeking direction regarding the use of the City Hall front parking lot to hold a farmers market on Thursdays from June 26th to October 9, 2008.

**** MOVED and SECONDED and CARRIED, this Committee recommends**
THAT the Farmers Market Society be invited to the Regular Council meeting of December 3, 2007 to make a 10 minute presentation on the matter of a farmers' market for New Westminster; and
THAT residents be invited to express their opinions on the matter during Open Delegations.

All members of Committee voted in favour of the motion.

Director of Engineering Services:

3. [East Columbia Street Improvement Program](#)

Members discussed the November 26, 2007, report from the Director of Engineering Services updating Council on the status of the proposed streetscape improvement program for East Columbia Street, from Sherbrooke Street to Braid Street. Support was voiced for proceeding with the work on East Columbia Street as soon as possible.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the November 26, 2007 report from the Director of Engineering Services regarding the status of the proposed streetscape improvement program for East Columbia Street, from Sherbrooke Street to Braid Street, be received.

CARRIED.

All members of Committee voted in favour of the motion.

- ** MOVED and SECONDED and CARRIED, this Committee recommends**
THAT the proposed streetscape improvement program for East Columbia Street, from Sherbrooke Street to Braid Street, be referred to staff to develop a process for proceeding with the East Columbia Street improvements as soon as possible.

All members of Committee voted in favour of the motion.

Director of Finance and Information Technology:

4. 2007 Community Grants Update – RA&I Society (Samson V)

The Director of Finance and Information Technology responded to questions regarding the November 26, 2007, report on the Royal Agricultural and Industrial Society of BC's request for an additional Community Grant in the amount of \$13,000 to fund its 2007 projected operating deficit.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the request from the Royal Agricultural and Industrial Society of BC's request for an additional Community Grant in the amount of \$13,000 to fund its 2007 projected operating deficit, be referred to staff to supply further information to Council regarding the Society's budget and rationale for the request.

CARRIED.

All members of Committee voted in favour of the motion.

Director of Legislative Services:

5. Renewal of Downtown New Westminster Business Improvement Areas – Results from Notification of Affected Property Owners – Statement of Sufficiency

The Director of Legislative Services responded to questions regarding the November 19, 2007, report advising Council that Community Charter requirements for proper notification to affected property owners of the Renewal of Downtown New Westminster Business Improvement Areas Initiative Plan and an opportunity for property owners to provide written opposition to the plan must be met.

- ** MOVED and SECONDED and CARRIED, this Committee recommends**
THAT the Director of Legislative Services/Corporate Officer's report dated November 19, 2007, regarding the results from the notification of property owners affected by renewal of the Downtown New Westminster Business Improvement Areas (Primary and Secondary) be received for information; and

***THAT** Downtown New Westminster Business Improvement Area (Primary Area) Bylaw No. 7184, 2007 and Downtown New Westminster Business Improvement Area (Secondary Area) Bylaw No. 7185, 2007 be referred to the November 26, 2007, Regular Council meeting for consideration of adoption.*

CARRIED.

All members of Committee voted in favour of the motion.

Director of Development Services:

6. [Proposed DP with Variances for 630 Fifth Street - Preliminary Update](#)

Staff was directed to consider the provision of one parking space for the disabled in the Development Permit for the property at 630 Fifth Street.

MOVED and SECONDED

***THAT** the November 26, 2007 report from the Director of Development Services providing preliminary information regarding a Development Permit application for the property at 630 Fifth Street be received for information.*

CARRIED.

All members of Committee voted in favour of the motion.

7. [Proposed Rezoning of 428 and 432 Thirteenth Street, 1305 Cariboo Street and 1308 Fifth Avenue - Preliminary Report](#)

MOVED and SECONDED

***THAT** the November 26, 2007 report from the Director of Development Services advising that a preliminary inquiry has been received to rezone the property addressed as 428 and 432 Thirteenth Street, 1305 Cariboo Street and 1308 Fifth Avenue from Single Detached Dwelling Districts (RS-2) to Multiple Dwelling Districts (Low Rise) (RM-2A) in order to construct a 23-unit townhouse development, be received for information.*

CARRIED.

All members of Committee voted in favour of the motion.

City Administrator:

8. [Regional Collaboration on Economic Development](#)

The City Administrator supplemented the November 26, 2007, report regarding a regional economic development collaboration initiative and request for authority to sign a Memorandum of Understanding with other Metro Vancouver municipalities, by advising that Mitchell Edgar has now been hired as the Economic Development Manager for the City.

During discussion, members supported the possibility of coordinating festivals and events with neighbouring communities in order to offer serial opportunity for activities in all communities.

** **MOVED and SECONDED and CARRIED, this Committee recommends**
THAT the City Administrator be authorized to sign the Memorandum of Understanding for Regional Collaboration on Economic Development.

CARRIED.

All members of Committee voted in favour of the motion.

ADJOURNMENT

ON MOTION, the meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Certified Correct,

WAYNE WRIGHT
CHAIR

RICK PAGE
CORPORATE OFFICER

** Denotes recommendations referred to Regular Council meeting of November 26, 2007, for ratification.