



## **REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL**

December 5, 2016 at 2:00 p.m.  
With immediate adjournment to Closed Meeting  
**Regular Council reconvenes at 6:00 p.m.**  
Council Chamber  
City Hall

### **MINUTES**

#### **PRESENT:**

Mayor Jonathan Coté  
Councillor Bill Harper  
Councillor Patrick Johnstone  
Councillor Jaimie McEvoy  
Councillor Chuck Puchmayr  
Councillor Mary Trentadue  
Councillor Lorrie Williams

#### **STAFF:**

Ms. Lisa Spitale	- Chief Administrative Officer
Ms. Jan Gibson	- City Clerk
Mr. Dean Gibson	- Director of Parks and Recreation
Mr. Gary Holowatiuk	- Director of Finance and Information Technology
Mr. Jim Lowrie	- Director of Engineering Services
Ms. Jackie Teed	- Acting Director of Development Services
Mr. Blair Fryer	- Manager of Communications and Economic Development
Mr. Philip Lo	- Council and Committee Clerk

The meeting was called to order at 2:05pm.

#### **REMOVAL OF ITEMS FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA**

##### **1. MOVED and SECONDED**

*THAT items 13, 17, 18, 23, 25, 26 and 28 be removed from the Consent Agenda; and,*

**CARRIED.**

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

## EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC

### 2. **MOVED and SECONDED:**

*THAT pursuant to Section 90 of the Community Charter, members of the public be excluded from the Closed Meeting of Council immediately following the Regular Meeting of Council on the basis that the subject matter of all agenda items to be considered relate to matters listed under Sections 90(1)(c), 90(1)(e), 90(1)(k), and 90(2)(b) of the Community Charter:*

- (c) labour relations or other employee relations;*
- (e) the acquisition, disposition or expropriation of land or improvements, if the council considers that disclosure could reasonably be expected to harm the interests of the municipality;*
- (k) negotiations and related discussions respecting the proposed provision of a municipal service that are at their preliminary stages and that, in the view of the council, could reasonably be expected to harm the interests of the municipality if they were held in public;*

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- (b) the consideration of information received and held in confidence relating to negotiations between the municipality and a provincial government or the federal government or both, or between a provincial government or the federal government or both and a third party;*

Purpose of the meeting:

Personal and negotiations matters

**CARRIED.**

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

## ADJOURNMENT

### 3. **MOTION** to adjourn the Council Meeting in open session and proceed to Closed Session.

#### **MOVED and SECONDED**

*THAT the Regular Council meeting in Open Session be adjourned and proceed to Closed Session.*

**CARRIED.**

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

## RECONVENE TO REGULAR COUNCIL

4. *MOTION to reconvene to the Regular Meeting of Council at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber.*

**MOVED and SECONDED**

*THAT the Regular Council meeting be reconvened in Council Chamber.*

**CARRIED.**

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

## REVIEW AND ADOPTION OF CONSENT AGENDA

5. Items 13, 17, 18, 23, 25, 26 and 28 were removed from the Consent Agenda.

**MOVED and SECONDED**

*THAT the remaining items on the Consent Agenda be approved.*

**CARRIED.**

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

## ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

### Urgent/time sensitive matters only

6. **MOVED and SECONDED**

*THAT the following item be added to the Agenda:*

34. *Correspondence from FCM regarding Canada 150 Community Leaders*

**CARRIED.**

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

## PRESENTATIONS

7. **Pattullo Bridge Replacement Project – Recommended Reference Connections Concept for New Westminster**, Director of Engineering Services and Jeffry Busby, TransLink
- a. **Presentation**
  - b. **Staff Report**

Jeff Busby, Director of TransLinks's Infrastructure Program and Michelle Babiuk, Senior Manager of TransLink's Environmental & Engagement Programs, provided a presentation to Council on the proposal connections concept for the Pattullo Bridge Replacement Project, noting the following:

- A pedestrian overpass across the bridge on ramp on south side of Royal Avenue has been added, and that the slope of the on ramp could be adjusted to minimize the slope of the overpass;
- TransLink is addressing concerns regarding the length of crossing and overall size of the intersection at McBride Boulevard at Royal Avenue;
- Additional refinements have been made to the concept since the October 2016 consultation;
- Bridge opening is targeted for 2022, with the removing of the existing bridge to take place in 2023;
- A two-phase environmental assessment may commence in early 2017; and
- Procurement process for the bridge is underway.

Council noted a positive consultation process with the community, and also noted TransLink's responsiveness to community feedback.

**MOVED and SECONDED**

*THAT Council receives this report for information and endorse the recommended reference connections concept for the Pattullo Bridge Replacement Project.*

**CARRIED.**

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

- 8. City of New Westminster Public Engagement Strategy, Chief Administrative Officer**
- a. Presentation**
  - b. Staff Report**

Blair Fryer, Manager of Communications and Economic Development, provided a summary of the staff report dated December 5, 2016, and the work of the Public Engagement Task Force.

Robin Prest and Sebastian Merz from the SFU Centre for Dialogue provided a presentation to Council on the Draft Public Engagement Strategy and outlining the seven recommendations from the Public Engagement Task Force.

In response to questions from Council, Mr. Prest and Mr. Merz noted that the recommended principles encourage an adaptive approach which could take into account the adoption of new technology.

Discussion ensued, with Council noting the following:

- Concerns were expressed regarding the negative impacts of losing local publications as an avenue for the City’s messaging;
- Staff could be developed to view at their work through the public engagement lens;
- The Official Community Plan, Arts Strategy, dog park consultation, and transportation are examples of projects and issues with substantial public participation;
- Public engagement could also include analyzing feedback received;
- A strategy may be necessary to reach out to renters, low-income residents, and residents with language and culture barriers;
- Resources for public engagement may need to be included in the budget; and
- Public engagement also a way to let people know and having a genuine dialogue with residents about the work that the City is doing, services, and how residents view different City services;

**MOVED and SECONDED**

*THAT Council approve the City of New Westminster Public Engagement Strategy developed by the Mayor’s Task Force on Public Engagement.*

**CARRIED.**

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

- 9. Opportunity for the City of New Westminster to host a professional cycling race as a member of BC Superweek, Chief Administrative Officer and M1 Sports**
- a. Presentation**
  - b. Staff Report**

Mark Ernsting, from M1 Sports Management, provided a presentation to Council on a proposed cycling race in New Westminster as part of BC Superweek, noting that the request is for Council to make a five-year commitment, with a financial contribution of \$150,000 per year.

In response to questions from Council, Mr. Ernsting noted the following:

- Upon receiving approval from Council, organizers would work with staff to determine a long term road plan and any necessary cycling infrastructure, and to seek out high profile locations (such as Columbia Street) for incorporation into the race;
- M1 would work with staff as well as individuals well-versed in the local economy on securing potential sponsorships; and
- The City of Port Coquitlam invested heavily into the PoCo Grand Prix event, including staff time.

Discussion ensued, with Council expressing concerns with risk management, the scale of the event, and the possible return on investment for the City. Council suggested that this event may fall under the Festival Committee portfolio.

**MOVED and SECONDED**

*THAT Council consider the offer from M1 Sports Management to host a professional cycling race as a member of BC Superweek and direct staff to work with M1 Sports Management to provide Council with a business plan and budget at a future Council meeting*

**CARRIED.**

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

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**10. No Items**

**REPORTS FOR ACTION**

**11. No Items**

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**12. 2017 Amateur Sport Fund Committee Grants Recommendations**

**MOVED and SECONDED**

*THAT \$35,000 in grants for amateur sport development be approved as recommended by the Amateur Sports Grant Committee as outlined in this report.*

**CARRIED.**

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

**14. Heritage Grant Recommendations for 2017**

**MOVED and SECONDED**

*THAT Council grant funding to the 2017 Heritage Grant Program applications in the amount of \$19,155 as outlined in this report.*

**CARRIED.**

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

**15. 2017 Child Care Grant Program: Committee Recommendations to Council**

**MOVED and SECONDED**

*THAT Council accept and endorse the Child Care Grant Program Committee recommendations pertaining to child care grant recipients and amounts for the 2017 granting period.*

**CARRIED.**

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

**16. 2017 Environmental Grant Program Recommendations**

**MOVED and SECONDED**

*THAT Council approve the Environment Advisory Committee grant funding recommendation in the amount of \$10,210 for three environmentally-related projects.*

**CARRIED.**

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

**19. Appointment to the New Westminster Library Board**

**MOVED and SECONDED**

*THAT Council appoint Norah Andrew to the Library Board with the term ending December 31, 2019.*

**CARRIED.**

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

**20. District Parents Association Committee Representative to the Youth Advisory Committee**

**MOVED and SECONDED**

*THAT Council appoint Heather Lynch as the District Parents Association Committee representative to the Youth Advisory Committee with the term ending September 31, 2017.*

**CARRIED.**

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

**21. Appointment of Chairs to 2017 Advisory Bodies of Council and Organizations**

**MOVED and SECONDED**

*THAT the recommended appointments of Chairs to Advisory Bodies of Council and External Organizations for 2017, attached as Appendix A to the report dated December 5, 2016, be approved.*

**CARRIED.**

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

**22. Community Heritage Commission Amendment Bylaw No. 7897, 2016**

**MOVED and SECONDED**

*THAT Council proceed with Three Readings to amend the New Westminster Community Heritage Commission Amendment Bylaw No. 7897, 2016.*

**CARRIED.**

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

**24. 501 - 505 Twelfth Street: Proposed Five Storey Multiple Unit Residential Development - Issuance of Development Permit**

**MOVED and SECONDED**

*THAT Council consider issuance of Development Permit Application DPT00014 for 501, 503, and 505 Twelfth Street.*

**CARRIED.**

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

**27. 628 and 638 Columbia Street: Endorsement of Works and Services Provisions for Temporary Sales Centre**

**MOVED and SECONDED**

*THAT Council endorse the works and services provisions for 628 and 638 Columbia Street as attached to this report and require the signing of the Works and Services Agreement prior to issuance of the Special Development Permit for this site.*

**CARRIED.**

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

**29. Anvil Centre Restaurant Lease**

**MOVED and SECONDED**

*THAT Council receive the report dated December 5, 2016 for information.*

**CARRIED.**

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

**Correspondence for Information**

**30. MOVED and SECONDED**

*THAT the following correspondence be received for information:*

- a. Metro Vancouver letter dated November 22, 2016 regarding Municipal Programs and Policies to Encourage Recycling in the Multi-Family and Commercial/Institutional Sectors**



- b. **MP Guy Caron letter received November 28, 2016 regarding Ending unfair taxation on family business transfers** **CARRIED.**
- All members of Council present voted in favour of the motion.

**ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA**

**13. 2017 Arts & Culture Grant Recommendations**

**MOVED and SECONDED**

*THAT grant funding to support 2017 Arts & Culture initiatives in the amount of \$25,000 be awarded as outlined in Attachment A of this report.*

**CARRIED.**

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

**17. 2017 Community Grant Recommendations**

**MOVED and SECONDED**

*THAT grant requests from the Humane Society be considered under the City Partnership Grants program, commencing with the 2018 grant recommendations.*

**CARRIED.**

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

Council noted that both the New Westminster Youth Ambassadors and the Hyack Ambassador programs provide valuable service to the community.

**MOVED and SECONDED**

*THAT Attachment A of the 2017 Community Grant Recommendations report dated December 5, 2016 be amended as follows:*

- *THAT the Hyack Festival Association (Item 7) grant request for \$3,500 be approved;*
- *THAT the New Westminster Youth Ambassador Society (Item 13) be approved for a grant amount of \$3,500;*
- *THAT the Open Streets New West (Item 17) be approved for a grant amount of \$1,000; and*

*THAT Attachment A be approved amended.*

**CARRIED.**

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

## 18. 2017 City Partnership Grants

**Procedural note:** Councillors Johnstone and Williams exited the meeting at 9:44 PM, citing potential conflict of interest.

**MOVED and SECONDED**

*THAT the Arts Council of New Westminster (item 1) and New Westminster Symphony Society (Item 17) as contained in Attachment 1 of the 2017 City Partnership Grants report dated December 5, 2015, be considered separately;*

**CARRIED.**

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

### 2017 City Partnership Grants – Arts Council of New Westminster

**MOVED and SECONDED**

*THAT the Arts Council of New Westminster be approved for a 2017 City Partnership Grant of \$32,010 (Term 2 of 3).*

**CARRIED.**

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

### 2017 City Partnership Grants – New Westminster Symphony Society

**MOVED and SECONDED**

*THAT the New Westminster Symphony Society be approved for a 2017 City Partnership Grant of \$2,000 for a three-year term.*

**CARRIED.**

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

**Procedural note:** Councillors Johnstone and Williams returned to the meeting at 9:45 PM.

Council noted the importance of the Association of Community Organization for Reform Now, Canada (ACORN) program, which provides tax return services for low-income residents, with a community benefit of \$1.5 million as a result of the program.

Council expressed concerns on committing to longer-term grants prior to a discussion the structure and policies of the grant program.

Gary Holowatiuk, Director of Finance and Information Technology, suggested that fixed-amount grants with three-year terms may provide certainty to both the City and the recipient organization, noting that one-

year grants may result in organizations requesting for increased grants in subsequent years.

**MOVED and SECONDED**

*THAT the Association of Community Organization for Reform Now, Canada (Item 12) be approved for a 2017 City Partnership grant amount of \$7,000;*

*THAT Attachment 1 (excluding items 1 and 17) be approved amended.*

**CARRIED.**

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

**23. Community Poverty Reduction Strategy (2016), (Tabled on November 7, 2016)**

Council requested that staff provide a presentation to Council on this item in the new year.

**MOVED and SECONDED**

*THAT Council endorse the New Westminster Community Poverty Reduction Strategy (October 2016).*

**CARRIED.**

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

**25. 222 Fifth Avenue (Queen's Park): Heritage Alteration Permit for Demolition - Consideration of Issuance**

Council expressed concerns regarding demolition applications during the Heritage Control Period, noting the following:

- It may be preferable to have a plan for a replacement house in place before a demolition is considered;
- Small developers may have made significant investments without knowing whether they are pursuing a course that would be approved by Council;
- The need to counteract the effects of speculation may not be served by approving demolitions; and
- The purpose of the Heritage Control Period may be to establish clearer definitions and policy guidance prior to approving additional demolitions.

**MOVED and SECONDED**

*THAT Council reject Heritage Alteration Permit No. 81 to permit demolition of the building at 222 Fifth Avenue.*

**CARRIED.**

Councillor Williams voted in opposition.

**26. New Street in Queensborough: Endorsement of Proposed Name**

**MOVED and SECONDED**

*THAT the staff report be tabled.*

**CARRIED.**

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

**28. New Energy Efficiency Initiatives for Multi-Residential Buildings and Strata Condominium Buildings in New Westminster**

Council requested that staff provide a presentation to Council on this item in the new year.

**MOVED and SECONDED**

*THAT Council receive as information this report summarizing current and planned energy efficiency, water efficiency and greenhouse gas emission reduction programs targeting multi-residential rental apartment buildings and strata residential condominium buildings in New Westminster.*

*THAT Council direct staff to extend the current Rental Apartment Building Energy Efficiency Program for an additional 12-month period beginning January 2017, based upon the positive results delivered to date.*

**CARRIED.**

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

**DELEGATIONS – 7:00**

**31. Open Delegations**

**Reverend Emilie Smith** of the St. Barnabas Anglican Church announced that a “no barrier” community choir at St. Barnabas is open to all members of the community regardless of culture, faith, and abilities.

**Kathleen Langstroth**, President of the Queen’s Park Residents Association, thanked the City for the well-attended Heritage Conservation Area workshops. Ms. Langstroth expressed concerns regarding the current number of demolition applications, and expressed hope that the Heritage Conservation Area would be able to preserve small to medium sized family homes.

**Maureen Arvanitidis** from the New Westminster Heritage Preservation Society, requested that Council reject the demolition application for 222 Fifth Avenue in Queen's Park. Ms. Arvanitidis noted the virtues of retaining heritage houses, such as affordability for young families and the environment, and expressed concerns about demolition applications that are continuing to come to Council.

**Tony Antonias**, Special Advisor to the Arts Commission, announced a number of arts events over the holiday season, including performances by Musica Intima, the Vancouver Cantata Singers, and the Royal City Youth Ballet's performance of "Nutcracker".

**Nadine Nakagawa and Babs Kelly**, announced the *Witness Blanket* exhibit at the Anvil Centre, as well as the Community Stories of Truth and Reconciliation event taking place on January 19, 2017 at the Anvil Centre, which will be followed by a series of kitchen table dialogues hosted by community members, with dates and locations to be determined. More information can be found at: <http://TRNewWest.com>

Council noted that the City hosted National Aboriginal Day events in the past two years, both of which were well-received.

**Gavin Palmer** requested Council to reconsider the mobile food vending bylaw, suggesting that there was insufficient consultation with residents and businesses in Queensborough who may be affected by the bylaw, and that there was no consultation with the Queensborough Residents' Association.

In response, Council suggested that proper public consultation was conducted for the bylaw, noting a good response rate to the public survey. Council further noted that Queensborough was specifically included in the study to ensure that the neighbourhood is included in the food truck program, and that amendments to the bylaw may be considered if sufficient complaints are received.

**David Brett**, member of the Queen's Park Neighbourhood Heritage Study Group, expressed support for the demolition of 222 Fifth Avenue, as the house does not appear to have heritage value. Mr. Brett suggested that Council should consider the circumstances and hardship of the family, and that approving the demolition would be reasonable.

**Don McCuiston**, Sapperton resident at 325 Sixth Avenue, noted numerous problems and violations related to construction adjacent to his property, including construction noise, unsafe removal and disposal of asbestos, electricity theft, construction debris, destruction of fence, blocking of garage access, and construction taking place on Sundays. Mr. McCuiston noted that the City's

Building Department informed him of the lack of enforceable action that can be taken, and seeks remedy to the situation.

Jackie Teed, Acting Director of Development Services, noted that many of the issues brought up by Mr. McCuiston were civil matters, and that Bylaw Enforcement officers could only investigate enforceable issues at the construction site. Ms. Teed suggested that the City's Good Neighbour Policy could be extended to private sector construction projects.

**Donald McLellan**, resident on Fifth Street, expressed concerns about proposed residential townhouse designation, suggesting that other areas in the city may be more suitable for densification. Mr. McLellan noted that Fifth Street is not a transit route, and suggested that those who participated in consultation may not be speaking on behalf of all affected residents on Fifth Street.

Council noted that no final decisions have been made on the land-use designation map, and that all feedback are being considered as part of the OCP review process.

**Dean Gurney**, Vice President of the New Westminster Heritage Society, expressed concerns about demolitions in the Queen's park neighbourhood, and the resulting impact to streetscapes. Mr. Gurney requested council to reject the demolition application for 222 Fifth Avenue until the criteria for the replacement house is clear.

Council suggested that the *Local Government Act* permits the Heritage Alteration Permit process to continue during the Heritage Control Period, and noted that it may be useful for Council to continue to consider viewpoints from all sides of the issue.

**BYLAWS**

**32. Community Heritage Commission Amendment Bylaw No. 7897, 2016  
THREE READINGS**

**MOVED and SECONDED**

*THAT Community Heritage Commission Amendment Bylaw No. 7897, 2016 be given first reading.*

**CARRIED.**

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

**MOVED and SECONDED**

*THAT Community Heritage Commission Amendment Bylaw No. 7897, 2016 be given second reading.*

**CARRIED.**

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

**MOVED and SECONDED**

*THAT Community Heritage Commission Amendment Bylaw No. 7897, 2016 be given third reading.*

**CARRIED.**

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

**33. Bylaws for adoption:**

- a. Housing Agreement (318 Agnes Street) Amendment Bylaw No. 7882, 2016**

**ADOPTION**

**MOVED and SECONDED**

*THAT Housing Agreement (318 Agnes Street) Amendment Bylaw No. 7882, 2016 be adopted.*

**CARRIED.**

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

- b. Housing Agreement (328 Agnes Street) Amendment Bylaw No. 7883, 2016**

**ADOPTION**

**MOVED and SECONDED**

*THAT Housing Agreement (328 Agnes Street) Amendment Bylaw No. 7883, 2016 be adopted.*

**CARRIED.**

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

- c. Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 7880, 2016; Amendment to Comprehensive Development District (318 and 328 Agnes Street) (CD-63)**

**ADOPTION**

**MOVED and SECONDED**

*THAT Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 7880, 2016; Amendment to Comprehensive Development District (318 and 328 Agnes Street) be adopted.*

**CARRIED.**

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

- d. Heritage Designation Repeal Bylaw (437 Seventh Street) No. 7873, 2016**

**ADOPTION**

**MOVED and SECONDED**

*THAT Heritage Designation Repeal Bylaw (437 Seventh Street) No. 7873, 2016 be adopted.*

**CARRIED.**

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

- e. **Development Cost Charge Reserve Funds Expenditure Bylaw No. 7895, 2016**

**ADOPTION**

**MOVED and SECONDED**

*THAT Development Cost Charge Reserve Funds Expenditure Bylaw No. 7895, 2016 be adopted.*

**CARRIED.**

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

**NEW BUSINESS**

34. **Correspondence from FCM regarding Canada 150 Community Leaders**

**MOVED and SECONDED**

*THAT Councillor Williams be designated as the FCM Canada 150 Community Leader for New Westminster.*

**CARRIED.**

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

**ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF COUNCIL**

Mayor and Council wished residents of New Westminster a safe and merry Christmas and a happy new year.

**NEXT MEETING**

**January 9, 2017**

A Regular Council meeting will convene at 2:00 p.m. and immediately adjourn to a Closed meeting, and then the Regular meeting will reconvene at 6:00 p.m. Both meetings will be held in the Council Chamber on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor at City Hall.



**ADJOURNMENT**

**ON MOTION**, the meeting was adjourned at 9:50pm.

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**JONATHAN COTÉ**  
**MAYOR**

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**JAN GIBSON**  
**CITY CLERK**

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