



## **REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL**

January 9, 2017 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 / Acting City Clerk
Mr. Dean Gibson	- Director of Parks and Recreation
Mr. Gary Holowatiuk	- Director of Finance & Information Technology
Mr. Jim Lowrie	- Director of Engineering Services
Ms. Jackie Teed	- Acting Director of Development Services
Ms. Colleen Ponzini	- Manager of Financial Services
Ms. Julie Spurrell	- Chief Librarian
Mr. Rod Carle	- General Manager of Electric Utility
Mr. Dave Cole	- Manager of Engineering Operations
Mr. Rob McCullough	- Manager of Museums and Heritage Services
Ms. Biliana Velkova	- Arts Coordinator
Mr. Philip Lo	- Council and Committee Clerk

The meeting was called to order at 2:02pm.

## REMOVAL OF ITEMS FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

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

*THAT items 13, 17 and 21 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)(a), 90(1)(c), 90(1)(e) and 90(1)(k) of the Community Charter:*

- (a) personal information about an identifiable individual who holds or is being considered for a position as an officer, employee or agent of the municipality or another position appointed by the municipality;*
- (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;*

Purpose of the meeting:

Personnel, labour relations, property, and negotiations matters

**CARRIED.**

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

## ADJOURNMENT

**3. 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. 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 and 21 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:*

32. *Snow Removal Update – Reviewing and/or Amending Presentation*

**CARRIED.**

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

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS

**7. No Items**

## REPORTS FOR ACTION

**8. Update on Draft 2017 – 2021 Financial Plan – General Fund, Director of Finance and Information Technology**

Gary Holowatiuk, Director of Finance and Information Technology, summarized the staff report dated January 9, 2017.

Centennial Lodge Washroom Renovations

Council suggested that it may be not be supportive of the Arts Council seeking third-party funding for washroom upgrades at Centennial Lodge, and that further work should be done on a resolution prior to a budget being allocated for this work.

Dean Gibson, Director of Parks and Recreation, noted that staff may currently be unable to advance the project to the point of budget certainty, and that the proposed budget is an estimate at this point.

Q2Q Ferry

Lisa Spitale, Chief Administrative Officer, advised that staff are currently conducting a costing exercise for the proposed ferry service, and that the City may request the Province to evaluate the applicability of Development Assistance Compensation (DAC) funding towards this project.

Redesign Library Public Website

Julie Spurrell, Chief Librarian, noted that costing for the Library's website redesign is based on comparisons with other municipalities for similar work, and that the website, as an extension of the Library's physical branch, requires complex and robust architecture to support the Library's function.

Council expressed concerns that tendering for this work may be done after the budget has been made public.

Council suggested that there may be an opportunity for a third party to design and build an electronic sign at Queensborough Community Centre, in exchange for advertising rights.

**MOVED and SECONDED**

*THAT staff report back to Council on the feasibility for a third party to provide and operate an electronic sign at Queensborough Community Centre in Ryall Park.*

**CARRIED.**

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

**MOVED and SECONDED**

*THAT Council receive and accept the information in this report in response to questions they had regarding specific 2017 capital projects; and*

*THAT Council give approval-in-principle of the Financial Plan – General Fund, and direct staff to complete the public consultation process on the draft consolidated 2017-2021 Financial Plan.*

**CARRIED.**

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

**9. 412 Third Street (Queen's Park): Heritage Alteration Permit for Demolition - Consideration of Issuance, Acting Director of Development Services**

Council noted that it may be extremely difficult to restore the damaged house, and that the fire may have destroyed the heritage elements of the house.

Jackie Teed, Acting Director of Development Services, advised that the applicant has requested that the application process for a Heritage Alteration Permit (HAP) be waived, and noted that the house is not on the City's Heritage Inventory or the Heritage Register.

Suzanne Lord, Owner at 412 Third Street, was invited to address Council, noting extensive smoke, fire and water damage to the house, which may have had little initial heritage value due to successive alterations.

**MOVED and SECONDED**

*That Council issue Heritage Alteration Permit No. 87 to permit demolition of the building at 412 Third Street.*

**CARRIED.**

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

**10. 705 and 709 Cumberland Street: Update and Removal from the City's Heritage Register, Acting Director of Development Services**

Jackie Teed, Acting Director of Development Services, provided a summary of the staff report dated January 9, 2016, noting that staff has placed a note on the property file indicating that it would be unlikely that the city would support a subdivision for this parcel; however, infill housing may be considered.

**MOVED and SECONDED**

*THAT Council receive this report for information and direct staff to remove 709 Cumberland Street from the City's Heritage Register.*

**CARRIED.**

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

**11. Queen's Park Arenex, Director of Engineering Services and Director of Parks and Recreation (On Table)**

Dean Gibson, Director of Parks and Recreation, Chief Tim Armstrong of Fire and Rescue Services, and Jim Lowrie, Director of Engineering Services, provided an update to Council on the Queen's Park Arenex, noting the following:

- Parks staff responded quickly to the situation;
- Evacuation of the building and disconnection of utilities took place after the building was assessed by a structural engineer and condemned;
- The timber connections of the main truss showed signs of failure;
- 12 other civic buildings with timber roofs were assessed;
- Some displaced Arenex programs have been temporarily relocated, and efforts are being focused on providing programming continuity at a variety of locations;
- The majority of equipment have been salvaged from the Arenex;
- Staff would be seeking direction from Council on an interim facility, with "sprung structures" as a possibility; and
- Residents can obtain further information from the City's website, the Parks and Recreation newsletter, as well as from direct e-mails to Parks subscribers.

Council thanked Arenex staff and emergency response personnel for their quick response and follow-up work, and expressed concerns about potential delays in athlete training programs. Council also expressed an interest in exploring sprung structures, and noted that this may be an opportunity to consider expansion of facility capacity to serve a growing population.

**MOVED and SECONDED**

*THAT the oral report be received for information.*

**CARRIED.**

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

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**12. Festival Grant Recommendations**

**MOVED and SECONDED**

*THAT grant funding to support 2017 Festival Grant recommendations in the amount of \$225,000 be awarded as outlined in Appendix 1 of this report; and*

*THAT Council considers approving an additional \$10,000 to the \$225,000 approved in the 2017 Festival Grant envelope.*

**CARRIED.**

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

**14. Conceptual Design for the Connection between Waterfront Parks**

**MOVED and SECONDED**

*THAT Council:*

- 1. Endorse partnering with TransLink to develop a conceptual design with Class C cost estimate for a waterfront connection between Sapperton Landing Park and Westminster Pier Park; and*
- 2. Allocate \$50,000 from the 2017 Special Projects budget towards a 50% City contribution to the design and costing project.*

**CARRIED.**

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

**15. Minutes for Adoption**

**MOVED and SECONDED**

*THAT the following minutes be adopted:*

- a. November 7, 2016 Regular Meeting*
- b. November 21, 2016 Regular Meeting*

**CARRIED.**

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

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

(Tabled on December 5, 2016)

**MOVED and SECONDED**

*THAT Council endorse “Mabel” as the name for the new street in Queensborough identified in this report and direct staff to prepare the necessary bylaw.*

**CARRIED.**

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

18. **Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 7893, 2017 (Housekeeping Bylaw): Bylaw to make Minor Updates/Corrections to Zoning Bylaw No. 6680, 2001 – Bylaw for First and Second Readings**

**MOVED and SECONDED**

*THAT Council consider 'Housekeeping' Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 7893, 2017 for First and Second Reading and forward the Bylaw to a Public Hearing on January 30, 2017.*

**CARRIED.**

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

19. **612 – 618 Brantford Street: Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw No. 7876, 2017, Heritage Revitalization Agreement Bylaw No. 7886, 2017 and Heritage Designation Bylaw No. 7885, 2017 for First and Second Readings**

**MOVED and SECONDED**

*THAT Council consider OCP Amendment Bylaw 7876, 2017, Heritage Revitalization Agreement Bylaw 7886, 2017 and Heritage Designation Bylaw 7885, 2017 for First and Second Reading and forward the bylaws to a Public Hearing on January 30, 2017.*

**CARRIED.**

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

20. **Electric Utility Commission - Recruitment**

**MOVED and SECONDED**

*THAT Council receives this report for information only.*

**CARRIED.**

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

**Land Use and Planning Committee**

22. **520 Carnarvon Street: Proposed Heritage Revitalization and Heritage Designation – Preliminary Report**

**MOVED and SECONDED**

*THAT staff process the Heritage Revitalization Agreement and Heritage Designation applications for 520 Carnarvon Street as outlined in this report.*

**CARRIED.**

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



## Correspondence for Information

### 23. **MOVED and SECONDED**

*THAT the following correspondence be received for information:*

- a. **Honour House Society letter dated November 30, 2016 regarding the launch of Honour Ranch in Kamloops, BC**
- b. **Metro Vancouver letter dated December 14, 2016 regarding Metro Vancouver 2040: Shaping our Future Minor Amendment to Incorporate Revised Housing Demand Estimates**

**CARRIED.**

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

## ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

### 13. **Capture Photography Festival Public Art Projects**

Biliana Velkova, Arts Coordinator, noted that the public art work would be installed for up to one year, and that the life span of the material is five years. Ms. Velkova also noted that the City would take ownership of the art work and would be responsible for maintaining them.

Council expressed in interest in participating in the Capture Festival in 2018.

#### **MOVED and SECONDED**

*THAT Council approve the Public Arts Advisory Committee recommendation to approve the jury's selection of two Public Art Projects in partnership with Capture Photography Festival.*

*THAT staff be directed to engage the artists for the production of the selected art works.*

**CARRIED.**

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

### 17. **Building Permit Fee Reduction Incentive Removal**

Jackie Teed, Acting Director of Development Services, suggested that the success of the City's Secured Market Rental Housing Policy meant that this non-vital incentive was no longer a necessary component of the Policy.

**MOVED and SECONDED**

*THAT Council endorse the changes to the Secured Market Rental Housing Policy (2013) contained in this report.*

**CARRIED.**

Councillor McEvoy voted in opposition.

**21. New Westminster Urban Solar Garden Pilot Project**

Rod Carle, General Manager of Electric Utility, provided a summary of the staff report dated January 9, 2017, noting the following:

- If the pilot program is successful, a number of city facilities, such as the Engineering Operations works yard, City Hall, or the new Canada Games Pool, could be viable options for solar panel placement;
- Businesses and residents living in high rises have expressed interest in the solar panels;
- The City of Nelson has implemented a similar program and has achieved double the expected take-up rate, resulting in a doubling in size of the original solar garden, and
- Additional project details could be provided to Council towards the end of March.

Council noted that the solar garden initiative could be further promoted.

**MOVED and SECONDED**

*THAT Council supports the Electric Utility in moving forward with an Urban Solar Garden pilot project to be located on the roof top of the City's Operation Yard Office at 901 First Street.*

**CARRIED.**

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

**PRESENTATIONS AND OPEN DELEGATIONS – 7:00**

**24. Proclamation of Alzheimer's Awareness Month, Mayor Coté**

Heather Cave and Rebecca Morris from the Alzheimer Society of BC, noted that Alzheimer's Awareness Month encourages support and inclusion of people living with dementia, and noted that New Westminster is the first local government in BC to create a dementia-friendly action plan.

Mayor Coté proclaimed January 2017 to be Alzheimer's Awareness Month in the City of New Westminster.

**25. Hyack Festival Association Presentation,** David H. Brett, President-Elect, Hyack Festival Association

David Brett, the incoming 2017 President of Hyack Festival Association, provided a summary of the work of the Hyack Festival Association, and introduced a new mission statement and the theme for 2017, entitled “First Nations. First Cities”, where the story of Canada’s 150 anniversary would be told through New Westminster and First Nation’s involvement. Mr. Brett introduced David Lyle, Art Director of the “First Nations. First Cities” program.

Mr. Brett noted that the Association’s 2017 Partnership Grant application was not approved, and requested reconsideration of the application, suggesting that the City benefits from exposure provided by the float.

Rob McCullough, Manager of Museums and Heritage Services, advised that there have been no conversations with the Association on National Aboriginal Day events at this time.

Council suggested that the float theme may not have been fully developed during the Festival Committee grant deliberations;

**MOVED and SECONDED**

*THAT the Hyack Festival Association’s request for reconsideration of their 2017 Partnership Grant Application be referred to the Festival Committee.*

**CARRIED.**

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

**26. Open Delegations**

**Silvana McNulty**, resident at 736 Fifth Street, expressed concerns with proposed changes to the Official Community Plan (OCP) designation for the Fifth Street area.

Jackie Teed, Acting Director of Development Services, advised that staff are currently reviewing and interpreting feedback from public consultation and preparing a final draft of land use map, along with the draft OCP for the Open Workshop session of Council on January 30, 2017. Ms. Teed a final round of community consultation would take place after Council adoption of the draft land use map.

**Treva Zilm**, resident of Osbourne Avenue in New Westminster, requested that a pre-fabricated yurt be permitted on her lot along with the existing house.

**MOVED and SECONDED**

*THAT Ms. Treva Zilm's inquiry regarding the installation of a yurt be referred to staff with a report back to Council.*

**CARRIED.**

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

**Annabel Delair-Dobrovlny** from the New Westminster Youth Ambassador Society thanked Council and staff for the Ambassador experience, and showed a video highlighting the Ambassadors' work through 2015 and 2016.

**Tony Glavin**, Vice Chair of Canadian Lacrosse Hall of Fame, presented the third installment of the \$150,000 payment to the City for the build-out of the Canadian Lacrosse Hall Of Fame at the Anvil Centre, and thanked the City for its assistance, noting that the funding has made a considerable difference at the facility.

**BYLAWS**

- 27. Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 7893, 2017 (Housekeeping Bylaw):  
Bylaw to make Minor Updates/Corrections to Zoning Bylaw No. 6680,  
2001**

**TWO READINGS**

**MOVED and SECONDED**

*THAT Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 7893, 2017 (Housekeeping Bylaw) be given first reading.*

**CARRIED.**

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

**MOVED and SECONDED**

*THAT Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 7893, 2017 (Housekeeping Bylaw) be given second reading.*

**CARRIED.**

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

- 28. 612 – 618 Brantford Street: Official Community Plan Amendment  
Bylaw No. 7876, 2017**

**TWO READINGS**

**MOVED and SECONDED**

*THAT Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw No. 7876, 2017 be given first reading.*

**CARRIED.**

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

**MOVED and SECONDED**

*THAT Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw No. 7876, 2017 be given second reading.*

**CARRIED.**

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

- 29. 612 – 618 Brantford Street: Heritage Revitalization Agreement Bylaw No. 7886, 2017**

**TWO READINGS**

**MOVED and SECONDED**

*THAT Heritage Revitalization Agreement Bylaw No. 7886, 2017 be given first reading.*

**CARRIED.**

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

**MOVED and SECONDED**

*THAT Heritage Revitalization Agreement Bylaw No. 7886, 2017 be given second reading.*

**CARRIED.**

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

- 30. 612 – 618 Brantford Street: Heritage Designation Bylaw No. 7885, 2017**  
**TWO READINGS**

**MOVED and SECONDED**

*THAT Heritage Designation Bylaw No. 7885, 2017 be given first reading.*

**CARRIED.**

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

**MOVED and SECONDED**

*THAT Heritage Designation Bylaw No. 7885, 2017 be given second reading.*

**CARRIED.**

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

- 31. Bylaws for adoption:**

- a. Community Heritage Commission Amendment Bylaw No. 7897, 2016**

**ADOPTION**

**MOVED and SECONDED**

*THAT Community Heritage Commission Amendment Bylaw No. 7897, 2016 be adopted.*

**CARRIED.**

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

**NEW BUSINESS**

**32. Snow Removal Update – Reviewing and/or Amending Presentation, Councillor Puchmayr (On Table)**

Dave Cole, Manager of Engineering Operations, provided an update on the City's snow removal response:

- There were staffing challenges due to holiday period as well as the extended duration of snow activity;
- Enforcement approach to clearing of sidewalks has been one of education and awareness;
- With a shortage of ice melt regionally, a sand and salt mixture was made available to residents; and
- The efforts of all branches of Engineering Operations during the snow events were recognized.

Council commended staff on the snow clearing efforts, noting the following:

- Addition information and outreach could be provided to residents regarding the status of snow removal;
- Staff could consider prioritizing streets according to traffic volume, as well as prioritizing public plazas and open spaces;
- Planning for future snow events should take into account higher priorities for pedestrian travel and accessibility as set out in the City's Master Transportation Plan;

**MOVED and SECONDED**

*THAT the oral report be received for information.*

**CARRIED.**

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

**ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF COUNCIL**

**No Items.**

**NEXT MEETING**

**January 16, 2016**

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 9:09pm.

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**JONATHAN COTÉ**  
**MAYOR**

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

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