



REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL

January 16, 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 Mary Trentadue
Councillor Lorrie Williams

REGRETS:

Councillor Chuck Puchmayr

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 & Information Technology
Mr. Jim Lowrie	- Director of Engineering Services
Ms. Jackie Teed	- Acting Director of Development Services
Mr. Blair Fryer	- Manager of Communications & Economic Development
Ms. Patricia Jecks	- Intelligent City Project Coordinator
Mr. Eugene Wat	- Manager of Infrastructure Planning
Mr. Norm Connolly	- Community Energy Manager
Ms. Ruby Campbell	- Intergovernmental and Community Partnerships Manager
Mr. Philip Lo	- Council and Committee Clerk

The meeting was called to order at 2:09pm.

REMOVAL OF ITEMS FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

1. **MOVED and SECONDED**

THAT items 12, 13, 16, 18, 21, 23 and 27a be removed from the Consent Agenda.

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 12, 13, 16, 18, 21, 23 and 27a 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. No additions to the Agenda.**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- 7. No Items**

REPORTS FOR ACTION

- 8. 2016 Business Survey, Chief Administrative Officer**
a. Consultant Presentation
b. Staff Report

Blair Fryer, Manager of Communications and Economic Development, provided a presentation to Council regarding the Business Survey conducted in the fall of 2016, noting the following:

- Businesses had an overall positive relationship with staff and Council, with a sense of “partnership” with the City;
- Affordable housing, transportation, policing, and a historically negative image of the City were expressed as challenges;
- A similar survey could be conducted every two to three years to track responses over time; however, other tools could be used to continuously engage with businesses and to become less reliant on the survey;
- Additional workshops regarding the survey results would be conducted with businesses, and that the feedback received would be incorporated into a strategy for implementation into an Economic Development Plan.

Discussion ensued, with Council noting the following:

- It may be helpful to receive feedback from home-based businesses;
- Staff should continue to work on and promote livability, and consider other changes to update the City’s image, such as animating the SkyTrain stations in the City; and
- Increased affordable housing options could attract young families.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council receive the staff report dated January 16, 2017 for information.

CARRIED.

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

9. **City of New Westminister Innovation Week Overview**, Chief Administrative Officer
 - a. **Staff Report**
 - b. **Presentation**

Ruby Campbell, Intergovernmental and Community Partnerships Manager, Jen Arbo, Innovation Coordinator Innovation Week, Liz Kelly from the New Westminister Chamber of Commerce, Kam Sandhu from VanCity, and Martin Lowe from New West PechaKucha provided an overview of Innovation Week events, taking place from February 25 to March 3, 2017.

Council noted that Innovation Week would be a good opportunity to showcase New Westminister’s work in the innovation and technology front as well as to learn about initiatives from other cities.

Council thanked the community sponsors of Innovation Week.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council receive the staff report dated January 16, 2017 for information.

CARRIED.

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

- 10. New Energy Efficiency Initiatives for Multi-Residential Buildings and Strata Condominium Buildings in New Westminster, Director of Engineering Services**
- a. Staff Report** (Tabled on December 5, 2016)
 - b. Presentation**

Norm Connolly, Community Energy Manager, provided a presentation to Council, summarizing the results from the Energy Save New West program for existing residential buildings, as well as introducing a new Metro Vancouver aiming to reduce greenhouse gas emissions in strata condominium buildings.

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.

- 11. Drone Policy, Mayor Coté (Oral Update)**
- a. L. Taylor email dated December 29, 2016**

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the correspondence dated December 29, 2016 be referred to staff.

CARRIED.

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

CONSENT AGENDA

- 14. 2017 Committee, Commission and Panel Appointments**

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the recommended appointments to City Committees, Commissions and Panels, attached as Attachment A to the report dated January 16, 2017, be approved.

CARRIED.

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

15. Minutes for Approval

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the following minutes be adopted.

- a. *November 28, 2016 Public Hearing*
- b. *November 28, 2016 Regular Meeting*

CARRIED.

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

17. 100 Braid Street: Development Variance Permit No. DVP00620 for the East Side Yard Setback Requirement for the Existing Building to Remain on the Site

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council issue notice that it will consider a resolution to issue Development Variance Permit DVP00620 to vary the east side yard setback from 4.5 metres (14.76 feet) to 0.59 metres (1.9 feet) for an existing industrial building located at 100 Braid Street at an Opportunity to be Heard on February 20, 2017.

CARRIED.

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

19. Queen's Park Arenex: Removal from the City's Heritage Register

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council remove the 1938 building at 51 Third Avenue (the Queen's Park Arenex) from the City's Heritage Register.

CARRIED.

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

20. New Westminster Age-Friendly City Strategy

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council receive the staff report dated January 16, 2017 for information.

CARRIED.

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

22. DCC Expenditure Bylaw No. 7900, 2017 for Sanitary Works in the Queensborough Special Study Area

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Development Cost Charge Expenditure Bylaw No. 7900, 2017 be granted three readings.

CARRIED.

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

24. Internet Service Provider Agreement with Wi-Band Communications

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council authorizes the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the Internet Service Provider (ISP) agreement with Wi-Band Communications on behalf of Council.

CARRIED.

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

Land Use and Planning Committee

25. 720 Second Street: Heritage Revitalization Agreement and Heritage Designation - Bylaws for First and Second Readings

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council consider Heritage Revitalization Agreement Bylaw No. 7887, 2017 to rezone 720 Second Street from Single Detached Dwelling District (RS-1) to Single Detached Dwelling District (RS-1)/Heritage Revitalization Agreement and Heritage Designation Bylaw No. 7888, 2017 for First and Second Readings, and forward the Bylaws to a Public Hearing on February 20, 2017.

CARRIED.

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

Committee Recommendations

26. Delegation to Lijiang, China

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Councillor Lorrie Williams represent the City as a delegation to Lijiang, China, to interview girls for the student exchange; and,

THAT the funds for the trip be taken from the Sister City account.

CARRIED.

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

Correspondence for Information

27. **MOVED and SECONDED**

THAT the following correspondence be received for information:

- b. City of Burnaby letter dated December 16, 2016 regarding Provincial Property Taxes and Home Owner Grants

CARRIED.

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

ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

12. **Interpretive Signage Policy - Objectives, Principles and Workplan,** (Tabled on November 7, 2016)

Council suggested that the City's Public Art Advisory Committee (PAAC) could be involved with interpretive signage work going forward, as interpretive signage could be considered as a form of public art.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT City Council endorse the objectives and principles for an Interpretive Signage Strategy as outlined in this report; and

THAT City Council direct that staff proceed with the workplan as outlined in this report; and

THAT City Council direct staff to proceed with a pilot program to design and install up to five interpretive signs and explore the feasibility of resourcing them from the Heritage Fund provided by Onni, or, voluntary amenity contributions.

CARRIED.

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

13. **Intelligent City Project Update**

Council noted the fast pace of development of the Intelligent City project, noting work is ongoing to ensure that businesses would achieve their required connection speeds via the City's fibre network. Council also noted collaborations with local business and education partners such as the Royal Columbian Hospital, the Justice Institute and Douglas College.

Blair Fryer, Manager of Communications and Economic Development, and Patricia Jecks, Intelligent City Project Coordinator, advised that the City has been named as one of the Smart21 Communities of the Year by the

Intelligent Community Forum, and that the City would have the opportunity to compete against other successful cities around the globe for the Top7 Intelligent Communities of 2017 award.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council receive the staff report dated January 16, 2017 for information.

CARRIED.

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

16. Metro Vancouver's Food Action Plan, (Tabled on November 7, 2016)

Council noted the success of the Royal City Farmer's Market and the related programs that have been created from it.

Dean Gibson, Director of Parks and Recreation, noted the following:

- A formal proposal from the New Westminster Environmental Partners for a community garden could be presented to Council in the upcoming months;
- Fruit-bearing trees have been planted in various parts of the City and have thus far been considered on a case-by-case basis, with additional work required prior to a formalization of a plan around fruit trees; and
- It was noted that a pipeline through Brunette River is currently pending, and that riparian protection could be addressed as a the food security issue.

Council suggested that food supply in the case of emergencies should be taken into consideration as part of the Food Action Plan.

Council thanked Tristan Johnson, Planning Analyst, for his work.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council endorse in principle the attached Metro Vancouver's Regional Food System Action Plan (2016).

CARRIED.

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

18. Official Community Plan Review: Land Use Designations for the Area Around the 22nd Street SkyTrain Station

Council suggested that the area around the 22nd Street SkyTrain Station may represent the most challenging component of the Official Community

Plan (OCP); however, Council expressed support for the proposed land use designations.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council support the draft land use designations proposed for the land around the 22nd Street SkyTrain Station, including Option B, to be used by staff to create the next draft of the Land Use Designation Map.

CARRIED.

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

21. 326 Arbutus Street: Heritage Alteration Permit No. 86 to Permit Demolition - Council Consideration

Council noted the following in discussion:

- The house may be considered structurally sound;
- No criteria have been set for recommending demolition of heritage assets, and that more rigorous evaluation criteria and design guidelines for the replacement house may be necessary prior to approval of demolition;
- The house in question has been determined to lack heritage value; and
- It was noted that both the Community Heritage Commission and the Technical Review Panel have recommended demolition of this property.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council issue Heritage Alteration Permit No. 86 to permit demolition of the building at 326 Arbutus Street.

CARRIED.

Councillors Harper and McEvoy voted in opposition.

23. Environmental Strategic Priority Update

Council suggested that additional metrics could allow for more accurate measurement of progress, and that the upcoming Hackathon during Innovation Week could use available environmental data to track progress towards the City's targets. Council suggested reviewing environmental priorities with Council and the community to determine any new directions on environmental issues.

Eugene Wat, Manager of Infrastructure Planning, advised that a set of actions would be developed from the environmental strategy, and various matrices could be identified for quantification and measurement, such as the urban forest canopy, air quality, and solid waste diversion.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council endorse the vision statement and proposed process to develop the City's Environmental Strategy as outlined in this report.

CARRIED.

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

Correspondence for Information

27. MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the following correspondence be received for information:

- a. Ministry of Health letter dated December 19, 2016 regarding the District Energy System and the #BCTECH Strategy

Council noted the Provincial Government's acknowledgement and understanding of the City's IDEA Centre initiative.

CARRIED.

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

PRESENTATIONS AND DELEGATIONS – 7:00

28. Open Delegations

Don Hauka, resident, requested that the City reconsider the proposed townhouse land use designation for Fifth Street, and presented an alternative proposal for a St. George Street Living History Corridor;

Dustin Lupick, UBC student from the School of Community and Regional Planning (SCARP), advised that he and two other students have been working with Social Planner John Stark on an Age-Friendly Community Strategy for New Westminster, and noted that there are segments of the population which may be difficult to reach.

Marco Del Rio and Maggie Ma announced the VanDeca choral concert performance entitled "Fast Forward" at the Anvil Centre on Saturday, January 21, at 7:30 PM.

Tony Antonias, Special Advisor to the Arts Commission, provided a preview of 2017 arts events in New Westminster.

Gordon Lamont, resident at 912 Fifth Street, expressed concerns regarding the proposed townhouse Official Community Plan (OCP) land use designation for Fifth Street, suggesting that infill housing could provide the same density as townhouses while retaining neighbourhood character.

Luiza Zlatovic, resident at 901 Fifth Street, suggested that infill housing or duplexes may be more appropriate for increasing density while preserving the existing characteristics of the neighbourhood along Fifth Street.

Steve Norman, Vice President of the Queen's Park Residents' Association, expressed opposition against the demolition application for 326 Arbutus Street, and suggested that the neighbourhood should be notified of demolition applications.

Treva Zilm, resident, noted a problem with the accumulation of sand used for snow and ice removal, requested the salvaged wood from the collapsed Arenex, and requested an update on her application for a yurt to be erected on her lot.

Jackie Teed, Acting Director of Development Services, advised that laneway housing is currently not permitted, and that all structures must conform to BC Building Code requirements.

Dean Gibson, Director of Parks and Recreation, advised that wood from the Arenex would be salvaged after the demolition, either for City purposes or for the demolition contractor to resell on the secondary market, and that the wood would not be available for single household use.

Jim Lowrie, Director of Engineering Services, noted that sand and salt mixture is used to improve traction on icy areas, and that residual sand would be removed during the annual street sweeping process when the snow recedes over the coming weeks.

Dean Gurney, resident, expressed opposition to against the demolition application for 326 Arbutus Street, suggesting that the façade could be preserved.

Maureen Arvanitidis, from the Heritage Preservation Society of New Westminster, expressed opposition against the demolition application for 326 Arbutus Street, suggesting that the Arbutus enclave should be considered for protection, and expressed concerns with the number of upcoming demolition applications.

Susan Dextras, resident, expressed concerns regarding the proposed townhouse OCP land use designation for Fifth Street, suggesting that the townhouses may not be affordable for young families, and that traffic may be worsened with increased density along the corridor.

Jackie Teed, Acting Director of Development Services, advised that a full draft of the OCP with the draft land use map would be considered by Council on January 30, 2017.

BYLAWS

- 29. Heritage Revitalization Agreement (720 Second Street) Bylaw No. 7887, 2017**

TWO READINGS

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Heritage Revitalization Agreement (720 Second Street) Bylaw No. 7887, 2017 be given first reading.

CARRIED.

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

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Heritage Revitalization Agreement (720 Second Street) Bylaw No. 7887, 2017 be given second reading.

CARRIED.

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

- 30. Heritage Designation Bylaw (720 Second Street) No. 7888, 2017**

TWO READINGS

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Heritage Designation Bylaw (720 Second Street) No. 7888, 2017 be given first reading.

CARRIED.

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

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Heritage Designation Bylaw (720 Second Street) No. 7888, 2017 be given second reading.

CARRIED.

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

- 31. Development Cost Charge Reserve Funds Expenditure Bylaw No. 7900, 2017**

THREE READINGS

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Development Cost Charge Reserve Funds Expenditure Bylaw No. 7900, 2017 be given first reading.

CARRIED.

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

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Development Cost Charge Reserve Funds Expenditure Bylaw No. 7900, 2017 be given second reading.

CARRIED.

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

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Development Cost Charge Reserve Funds Expenditure Bylaw No. 7900, 2017 be given third reading.

CARRIED.

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

NEW BUSINESS

32. No Items.

ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

No Items.

NEXT MEETING

January 30, 2017

An Open Council Workshop will be held which begins at 12:00 p.m. Following that, a Regular meeting will convene at 2:00 p.m. and immediately adjourn to a Closed meeting. There will be a Public Hearing at 6:00 p.m., and immediately following the Public Hearing, the Regular meeting will reconvene. All meetings, including the Hearing, will be held in the Council Chamber on the 2nd Floor at City Hall.

Public Hearing

- Official Community Plan Amendment (612 – 618 Brantford Street) Bylaw No. 7876, 2017

- Heritage Revitalization Agreement (612 – 618 Brantford Street) Bylaw No. 7885, 2017
- Heritage Designation (612 – 618 Brantford Street) Bylaw No. 7886, 2017
- Zoning Amendment (Housekeeping) Bylaw No. 7893, 2017

ADJOURNMENT

ON MOTION, the meeting was adjourned at 8:55pm.

JONATHAN COTÉ
MAYOR

JAN GIBSON
CITY CLERK

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