



Corporation of the City of
NEW WESTMINSTER

REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL

In OPEN WORKSHOP SESSION

February 20, 2017 at 1:00 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:

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| 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 |
| Ms. Lynn Roxburgh | - Senior Policy Planner |
| Ms. Britney Quail | - Planning Analyst |
| Mr. Philip Lo | - Council and Committee Clerk |

The meeting was called to order at 1:31pm.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

No Items.

PRESENTATIONS

1. **Queen's Park Heritage Conservation Area: Proposed Policy Structure**, Acting Director of Development Services
 - a. **Staff Report**
 - b. **Staff Presentation**

Britney Quail, Planning Analyst, provided a presentation regarding the draft policy for the Queen's Park Heritage Conservation Area, noting that neighbourhood consultation indicated an interest in tiered levels of protection for buildings of different ages

Jackie Teed, Acting Director of Development Services, noted the following:

- The proposed tiered levels of protection based on building eras were based on consultation analysis; and
- A delegated approval process would include an evaluation process with a similar depth of analysis as applications considered by Council.

Discussion ensued, with Council noting the following:

- It may be difficult to evaluate the draft policy without having the evaluation criteria and tools already developed, and questions were raised as to the rationale for "Wartime Era" properties requiring only a standard level of protection;
- Concerns were expressed that houses in the Limited Protection category may be at risk for redevelopment;
- It was suggested that consideration of construction activities and demolition applications for Wartime Era houses could continue to come to Council and not delegated, and design controls of Wartime Era houses in particular could be considered under Advanced Protection;
- A sustainable policy should consider the cost of the proposed process, especially if the Advanced Protection category is expanded to include some aspects of Wartime Era housing;
- Examples of houses from the various eras may need to be provided to the public as part of the consultation process; and
- It may be premature to eliminate the Standard Protection level of prior to public consultation;

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Wartime Era houses be included in the Advanced Protection for renovations as well as for new constructions.

DEFEATED.

Mayor Cote, Councillors Johnstone, Trentadue, and Williams voted in opposition

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council endorse in principle the proposed Heritage Conservation Area Policy for the Queen's Park neighbourhood as the basis for community consultation.

THAT Council direct staff to further explore incentives for heritage conservation as part of a future, city-wide Heritage Strategy.

CARRIED.

Councillor Harper voted in opposition.

2. Draft Official Community Plan: Review of Policy Areas, Acting Director of Development Services (Oral Report)

- a. Reference Report: Official Community Plan Review: Draft Official Community Plan and Revised Land Use Designation Map, Open Workshop, January 30, 2017**
- b. Staff Presentation**

Lynn Roxburgh, provided a presentation of the policy areas within the draft OCP, and noted upcoming Open House consultation opportunities and the next steps of the process.

Discussion ensued, with Council noting the following:

- For section 3.0 (Economy and Employment), Council suggested the inclusion of the City's objective to build a broadband economy that fosters an intelligent and smart City and promotes knowledge-based industries and innovation;
- The City's partnership with BIAs and business districts should be included, and these partnering groups should be explicitly named;
- Policy 3.4 could expand upon how growth could support businesses;
- More language could be include in support of home-based businesses;
- Policy language should emphasize protection of existing affordable rental housing stock, while promoting development and density, without encouraging speculation;
- There may be opportunities to expand ecological spaces and not just park spaces; and
- There could be more details highlighting the City's initiatives towards a digital economy.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council support in principle the draft Official Community Plan, including the revised Land Use Designation Map, as a basis for public consultation.

CARRIED.

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

CONSENT AGENDA

- 3. 720 Second Street: Proposed Heritage Revitalization Agreement Bylaw No. 7887, 2017 - Added Minimum Frontage Variances, Acting Director of Development Services**

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council receive the staff report dated February 20, 2017 for information.

CARRIED.

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

ADJOURNMENT

ON MOTION, the meeting was adjourned at 3:31pm.

JONATHAN COTÉ
MAYOR

JAN GIBSON
CITY CLERK