

## **REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL**

February 20, 2017 at 10:00 a.m.  
With immediate adjournment to Closed Meeting  
**Regular Council reconvenes immediately following  
the Public Hearing which begins at 6:00 p.m.**

### **MINUTES**

#### **PRESENT:**

Mayor Jonathan Côté  
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 & Information Technology
Mr. Jim Lowrie	- Director of Engineering Services
Ms. Jackie Teed	- Acting Director of Development Services
Mr. Roger Emanuels	- Manager of Design and Construction
Ms. Stacey Neves	- Engineering Clerk
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 item 20 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)(e), 90(1)(k) and 90(2)(b) 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;*
- (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, 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. Item 20 was 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:*

*24. Docksides Trees – Update*

**CARRIED.**

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

## BYLAWS CONSIDERED AT THE PUBLIC HEARING

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

**THIRD READING**

Council expressed support for this heritage project and for retaining commercial usage on site. Additionally, Council suggested that there may be an opportunity for a neighbourhood daycare at this location, and that the new house could fit well into the neighbourhood context.

**MOVED and SECONDED**

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

**CARRIED.**

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

8. **Heritage Designation (720 Second Street) Bylaw No. 7888, 2017**  
**THIRD READING**

**MOVED and SECONDED**

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

**CARRIED.**

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

9a. **WITHDRAWN**

~~BE IT RESOLVED THAT the definition of “Adult Amusement Machine” in subsection 3(a) of proposed Zoning Amendment Bylaw (Amusement Arcades) No. 7881, 2017 be revised by removing the “and” in line 6 of paragraph (b) of the definition and replacing it with “or”.~~

9b. **WITHDRAWN**

~~Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 7881, 2017: to Add “Arcade” to the List of Permitted Uses in Commercial Zoning Districts~~  
**THIRD READING AS REVISED**

**OPPORTUNITY TO BE HEARD AND  
 ISSUANCE OF DEVELOPMENT VARIANCE PERMITS**

10. **Development Variance Permit DVP00620 for 100 Braid Street (466  
 Rousseau Street)**

Required notification has been completed.

**Attachments:**

- i. Copy of Development Variance Permit notice
  - ii. Acting Director of Development Services’ report dated January 16, 2017
- a. **Motion** to receive the following correspondence concerning this application:

Written Submissions				
Name	Correspondence Date	Date Received	In Support/Opposed / Concerns	#
None to date				

- b. Statement concerning the number of written submissions received and their distribution (City Clerk)

There were no written submissions.

- c. Invitation to those present to address the application

Mayor Cote asked three times for speakers. No one came forward.

- d. **Motion** to approve/reject issuance of Development Variance Permit No. DVP00620.

**MOVED and SECONDED**

*THAT Council approve the issuance of Development Variance Permit No. DVP00620.*

**CARRIED.**

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

**11. WITHDRAWN**

**Business Licence Amendment Bylaw (Amusement Arcades) No. 7903, 2017**

**12. WITHDRAWN**

**Development Services Fees and Rates Amendment Bylaw (Amusement Arcades) No. 7904, 2017**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**13. No Items**

**REPORTS FOR ACTION**

**14. Train Whistle Cessation Update, Director of Engineering Services**

- a. **Staff Report**  
b. **Staff Presentation**

Roger Emanuels, Manager of Design and Construction, and Stacey Neves, Engineering Clerk, summarized the staff report dated February 20, 2017, noting the following:

- Signal synchronization may be necessary in the Braid Street area crossing in order to prevent trucks from stopping over the tracks;

- Canadian Pacific Railway (CP) would only stop whistles at fully signalized crossings with bells and gates which operate full time;
- Realignment of Ewen Avenue may be necessary to install a crossing at Furness Street, due to the close proximity of the tracks to Ewen Avenue; and
- The process is highly dependent on reviews and approvals from the railway companies.

Discussion ensued, with Council noting the following:

- The whistle cessation process is not fully in the City's control, and requires cooperation from the rail companies;
- Council suggested that progress of whistle cessation work has been slow; and
- Council acknowledged the work of the Railway Community Advisory Panel in advancing whistle cessation and rail safety initiatives in the City.

**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.

<b>CONSENT AGENDA</b>
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**15. Hyack Festival Association request for additional funding for the 2017 Parade Float program**

**MOVED and SECONDED**

*THAT Council maintain their original decision regarding Festival Grant funding for their 2017 Hyack Festival Association parade float program.*

**CARRIED.**

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

**16. Minutes for Adoption**

- January 9, 2017 Regular Meeting**
- January 16, 2017 Regular Meeting**
- January 30, 2017 Open Workshop**

**MOVED and SECONDED**

*THAT the following minutes be adopted:*

- January 9, 2017 Regular Meeting*
- January 16, 2017 Regular Meeting*

c. *January 30, 2017 Open Workshop*

**CARRIED.**

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

**17. 234 Second Street (Queen's Park): Heritage Alteration Permit No. 083 to Permit New House Construction - Council Consideration**

**MOVED and SECONDED**

*THAT Council issue Heritage Alteration Permit No. 083 for 234 Second Street to permit the proposed new house design that forms an attachment to this report.*

**CARRIED.**

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

**18. Queen's Park Conservation Area Regional Stakeholder Consultation**

**MOVED and SECONDED**

*THAT Council direct staff to initiate consultation with the recommended list of regional stakeholders regarding the proposed Queen's Park Heritage Conservation Area in accordance with Section 475 and 476 of the Local Government Act.*

*THAT Council, with regard to the proposed Queen's Park Heritage Conservation Area adoption within the New Westminister Official Community Plan:*

- 1) give consideration to the requirements of Section 475 and 476 as well as other relevant sections of the Local Government Act;*
- 2) direct staff to advise and consult with:*
  - a. Metro Vancouver;*
  - b. Councils of immediately adjacent municipalities;*
  - c. BC Heritage Branch;*
  - d. Qayqayt First Nation; and*
  - e. the Board of Education of New Westminister School District.*
- 3) not require consultation with:*
  - a. Ministry of Environment;*
  - b. Greater Vancouver Sewerage and Drainage District Board;*
  - c. Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure;*
  - d. Federal Department of Fisheries and Oceans;*
  - e. Port Metro Vancouver;*
  - f. any First Nations other than as noted herein, as none are considered to be affected by this process;*

- g. *any greater boards or improvement districts other than as noted herein, as none are considered to be affected by this process; and*
- h. *any provincial or federal agency other than as noted herein, as none are considered to be affected by this process.*

**CARRIED.**

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

**19. Financial Plan, 2017-2021**

**MOVED and SECONDED**

*THAT the Five-Year Financial Plan (2017-2021) Bylaw No. 7906, 2017 as presented in Attachment 1 be given three readings.*

**CARRIED.**

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

**21. 2016 Filming Activity Update**

**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.

**ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA**

**20. 2017/2018 Electrical Utility Rates Bylaw No. 7901, 2017**

Council noted that rate increases are a result of rate increases imposed by BC Hydro, an expressed concerns regarding the effect of the increase on seniors, young families and small businesses.

**MOVED and SECONDED**

*THAT electrical utility rates be increased by 3.5%, effective April 1, 2017;*

*THAT the attached Electrical Utility Amendment Bylaw No. 7901, 2017 be referred to Regular Council for three readings (Attachment A).*

**CARRIED.**

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



**BYLAWS**

**22. Five-Year Financial Plan (2017-2021) Bylaw No. 7906, 2017**

**THREE READINGS**

**MOVED and SECONDED**

*THAT Five-Year Financial Plan (2017-2021) Bylaw No. 7906, 2017 be given first reading.*

**CARRIED.**

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

**MOVED and SECONDED**

*THAT Five-Year Financial Plan (2017-2021) Bylaw No. 7906, 2017 be given second reading.*

**CARRIED.**

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

**MOVED and SECONDED**

*THAT Five-Year Financial Plan (2017-2021) Bylaw No. 7906, 2017 be given third reading.*

**CARRIED.**

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

**23. Electrical Utility Amendment Bylaw No. 7901, 2017**

**THREE READINGS**

**MOVED and SECONDED**

*THAT Five-Year Financial Plan (2017-2021) Bylaw No. 7906, 2017 be given first reading.*

**CARRIED.**

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

**MOVED and SECONDED**

*THAT Five-Year Financial Plan (2017-2021) Bylaw No. 7906, 2017 be given second reading.*

**CARRIED.**

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

**MOVED and SECONDED**

*THAT Five-Year Financial Plan (2017-2021) Bylaw No. 7906, 2017 be given third reading.*

**CARRIED.**

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

## COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS / ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM COUNCIL

Council noted that the Coldest Night of the Year event takes place on February 25, 2017, with proceeds going to the Seniors Services Society, and encouraged residents as well as other city councils to participate in the walk.

Councillor Puchmayr advised that the Arts Club Theatre Company put on a production of Bittergirl: The Musical at the Anvil Centre Theatre on February 18. Cllr. Puchmayr also marked the 59<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Woodward's \$1.49 Jingle.

Councillor Harper reported that Innovation Week begins on February 24, and highlighted the events and activities that will be placing place. All Innovation Week events are listed on the City's website:  
<https://www.newwestcity.ca/innovation-week>

Councillor Williams reported that she has been invited by the Federal Government to provide a presentation on poverty reduction strategies. Cllr. Williams noted that New Westminster has been recognized as one of the leading cities in Canada to proactively work on poverty reduction, with initiatives such as the Living Wage Employer Policy and the Affordable Housing Strategy.

## NEW BUSINESS

### 24. Dockside Trees – Update, Councillor Puchmayr

Council requested an update from staff regarding the trees at Dockside.

Dean Gibson, Director of Parks and Recreation, advised that staff are actively working to progress the work, and that a report to Council on this issue could be expected in an upcoming Council meeting. Mr. Gibson suggested that the City is currently within the optimal window of opportunity for any necessary work.

Council suggested that regular updates on this work should be provided to Council and residents.

#### **MOVED and SECONDED**

*THAT the oral report be received for information.*

**CARRIED.**

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

## CORRESPONDENCE

25. a. Minister of Agriculture and Minister of Community, Sport and Cultural Development letter dated January 30, 2017 regarding financial assistance from the B.C. Government Francophone Affairs Program (FAP)

Council noted that the Ministry has proactively requested that the City apply for financial assistance from the Francophone Affairs Program, and suggested that there may be a number of programs in the City that may be applicable for this funding.

**MOVED and SECONDED**

*THAT the correspondence be referred to staff for consideration and response.*

**CARRIED.**

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

## NEXT MEETING

**March 6, 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 2nd Floor at City Hall.

## ADJOURNMENT

**ON MOTION**, the meeting was adjourned at 7:03pm.

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**JONATHAN COTÉ**  
**MAYOR**

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

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