

COUNCIL IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Monday, March 23, 2015 at 3:00 p.m.
Council Chamber, City Hall

MINUTES

PRESENT:

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

ABSENT:

Councillor Jaimie McEvoy

STAFF:

Ms. Lisa Spitale	- Chief Administrative Officer
Ms. Jan Gibson	- City Clerk
Mr. G. Dean Gibson	- Director of Parks, Culture and Recreation
Mr. Gary Holowatiuk	- Director of Finance & Information Technology
Mr. Jim Lowrie	- Director of Engineering Services
Ms. Bev Grieve	- Director of Development Services
Ms. Jackie Teed	- Manager of Planning
Mr. Rupinder Basi	- Planner
Mr. Sukh Maghera	- Coordinator of Parking and Animal Services
Ms. Stacey Neves	- Acting Engineering Technician
Ms. Stephanie Lam	- Council and Committee Clerk

GUESTS:

Ms. Laura Cuthbert	- Kudoz
Dr. Sarah Schulman	- Kudoz

The meeting was called to order at 3:20 p.m.

ADDITIONS / DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the agenda be amended by:

- *Adding new item 19 – Notice of Motion; and*
THAT the agenda be approved, as amended.

CARRIED.

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

The Consent Agenda - Council members may adopt in one motion all recommendations appearing on the Consent Agenda or, prior to the vote, request an item be removed from the Consent Agenda for debate or discussion, voting in opposition to a recommendation, or declaring a conflict of interest with an item.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT items 6 and 8 be removed from the consent agenda.

CARRIED.

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

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the remaining consent agenda items be approved.

CARRIED.

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

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

1. **MOTION** to adopt the minutes of the Committee of the Whole meeting held:
 - a. **February 23, 2015**

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the February 23, 2015 Committee of the Whole Minutes be adopted.

CARRIED.

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

PRESENTATIONS

2. **New Westminster: A City of Learning**, Laura Cuthbert and Dr. Sarah Schulman, Kudoz

Laura Cuthbert and Dr. Sarah Schulman, Kudoz (the Presenters), provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding the Kudoz – A City of Learning.

The Presenters provided the following information with respect to the Kudoz program:

- Kudoz is supported by four main organizations: In with Forward, The Burnaby Association for Community Inclusion, Simon Fraser Society for Community Living, and posAbilities;
- Kudoz is currently making a documentary film about the experiences of those accessing and participating in the program;
- Kudoz provides “one-off” experiences in which participants can shadow a local business person.

Moving forward, the Presenters invited the City of New Westminster to be the first “City of Learning” with Kudoz.

Council thanked the Presenters for their work and dedication with the Kudoz project, noting that the experiences can provide both the participants and local businesses with a rewarding experience.

WHEREAS the City of New Westminster has worked hard to be an open and accessible place to live, learn, work, and play; and,

WHEREAS Kudoz is a new service that enables individuals with a cognitive disability to take full advantage of the richness that cities have to offer by matching them to hour long learning experiences hosted by passionate locals, business owners, and city staff; and,

WHEREAS New Westminster has been selected as the ‘inaugural’ city of learning during the Kudoz trial period, running from now until June 30th;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT New Westminster City Council supports the city of learning designation and encourages staff to host experiences within their places of work (see attached list), as a way to help staff reignite passion in what they do; enable on-the job diversity training; and further promote citizen engagement.

CARRIED.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

3. No Items

REPORTS FOR ACTION

4. No Items

CONSENT AGENDA

City Clerk

5. Amendment to 2015 Schedule of Regular Council Meetings

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the amendments to the 2015 Schedule of Regular Council Meetings, as attached as Appendix A, be approved.

CARRIED.

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

7. Nomination to Federation of Canadian Municipalities Board and Committees

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Councillor Lorrie Williams be nominated to serve on the Federation of Canadian Municipalities Board and Committees for 2015.

CARRIED.

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

Director of Development Services

9. Principles for Housing Agreements for 318 and 328 Agnes Street (currently 314 Agnes Street)

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council endorse the principles outlined in this report which will form the framework for the Housing Agreement for 318 Agnes Street and the Housing Agreement for 328 Agnes Street.

CARRIED.

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

10. 314 Agnes Street - Comprehensive Development Zoning District Rezoning and Special Development Permit for Multiple Unit Residential Rental Development

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council consider Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 7740, 2015 to rezone 314 Agnes street from Single Detached (RS-2) to Comprehensive Development Districts (318 and 328 Agnes Street) (CD-63) for First and Second Reading and that the bylaw be forwarded to Public Hearing on April 27, 2015.

CARRIED.

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

11. 26 East Royal Avenue, Proposed Mixed Use Commercial Multiple Unit Residential Development- Preliminary Report

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the report dated March 23, 2015 be received for information.

CARRIED.

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

15. Sewerage and Drainage Regulation Bylaw No. 7746, 2015

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT "Sewerage and Drainage Regulation Bylaw No. 7746, 2015" be forwarded to Council for three readings.

CARRIED.

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

16. Statutory Right of Way for FortisBC Energy Inc – 26 East Royal Avenue

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council approve the Statutory Right of Way in favour of FortisBC Energy Inc. and that the Mayor and Corporate Officer execute this statutory Right of Way as outlined in the report dated March 23, 2015.

CARRIED.

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

Director of Engineering Services and General Manager, Electric Utility

17. New program development for Energy Save New West in 2015

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT City Council received the updated report dated March 23, 2015 on priority actions and new program development for 2015 regarding New Westminster's Energy Save New West initiative.

CARRIED.

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

ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

6. 2014 Local Government Election – Disqualification of Candidates for Failure to File Campaign Financing Disclosure Statements

Members of Council questioned if there is any impact to candidates who filed their campaign financing disclosure statements with respect to having participated in joint advertising with a candidate who did not file their papers, and is now disqualified.

Staff advised they would investigate and advise Council.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the report dated March 23, 2015 regarding the disqualification of candidates for failure to file Campaign Financing Disclosure Statements for the 2014 Local Government Election be received.

CARRIED.

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

2014 Local Government Election Review

Members of Council requested that staff provide a report summarizing the City's operation of the 2014 Local Government Election. It was suggested that the City post a public notice requesting feedback regarding the operations of the 2014 Local Government Election. With respect to the report, Council would like an update regarding issues pertaining to: voting machines, rejected ballots, how ESL voters were able to access voter assistance, how staffing for the election was conducted and the positions assigned.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Clerk's Office bring forward a report regarding issues with the 2014 Municipal Election.

CARRIED.

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

8. Queensborough Special Study Area – Eastern Commercial Node Design Concept

Jackie Teed, Manager of Planning, and Rupinder Basi, Planner, summarized the report dated March 23, 2015 regarding the Queensborough Special Study Area – Eastern Commercial Node Design Concept, and provided a PowerPoint presentation.

Following the presentation, discussion ensued and Council provided the following comments:

- The site should feature mixed employment and residential units and amenities for those residing in the proposed development;
- The site should feature smaller units on the lower levels of the development in order to accommodate family friendly housing;
- The proposed development should feature retail that speaks to the needs of the residents living in the neighbourhood;
- The City has been advocating for increased employment in order to expand the tax base. It was suggested that an increase in retail could support this statement.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the report dated March 23, 2015 be tabled.

CARRIED.

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

12. 410 Columbia Street, Special Development Permit for Exterior Upgrades - Report for Information

Bev Grieve, Director of Development Services, introduced the report dated March 23, 2015 and provided the following information in response to Council's questions:

- The 410 Columbia Street site is monitored by staff on a regular basis;
- The report dated March 23, 2015 is the first step towards the upgrades to the building;

- As the Special Development Permit only addresses exterior work, public Consultation is not required.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the report dated March 23, 2015 be received for information.

CARRIED.

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

13. Family-Friendly Housing Bylaw and Implementation Plan

Bev Grieve, Director of Development Services, summarized the report dated March 23, 2015 regarding the Family-Friendly Housing Bylaw and Implementation plan.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council endorse the staff recommendations as contained in attachment #1.

THAT Council endorse the proposed Family-friendly housing design guidelines as contained in attachment #2

THAT Council consider Zoning Amendment Bylaw (Family-Friendly Housing) No. 7741, 2015 for first and second readings and forward the Bylaw to Public Hearing on May 25, 2015.

CARRIED.

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

Director of Engineering Services

14. Street and Traffic Bylaw No. 7664, 2015 and Amendments to the Bylaw Notice Enforcement and Municipal Ticketing Bylaws

Jim Lowrie, Director of Engineering Services, introduced the report dated March 23, 2015 regarding amendments to the City's Street and Traffic and the Bylaw Notice Enforcement and Municipal Ticketing Bylaws.

Stacey Neves, Acting Engineering Technician, and Sukh Maghera, Coordinator of Parking and Animal Services, reviewed the staff report.

Discussion ensued and Council provided the following comments:

- While helmets are a safety precaution, there are no statistics that correlate wearing a helmet to safer cycling;

- It was noted that youth should be encouraged to wear helmets;
- It was suggested that the language of the bylaw consistently address skateboards, roller-bladers, long-boarders, etc.;
- It was suggested that the language of section 4.9.1 be clarified as it should pertain to non-resident vehicles;
- The bylaws should encourage residents to use alternate modes of transportations other than vehicles;
- It was suggested that the City Bylaws consider addressing the parking of detached home trailers.

In response to Council's comments, staff advised that the intent of the proposed bylaw amendments is to mirror and support existing Provincial legislation.

Council requested staff to investigate options for including their suggestions and report back at a future meeting.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the report dated March 23, 2015 be tabled.

CARRIED.

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

CORRESPONDENCE

18. Correspondence for Action

Motion to receive and refer the following correspondence to staff for consideration and response:

- a. Union of BC Municipalities letter and report dated March 12, 2015 regarding Local Government Feedback on the Professor Robert Bish/ Fiscal Realities Report "First Nation Property Tax, Services and Economic Development in British Columbia"

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the correspondence dated March 12, 2015 be referred to staff for consideration and response.

CARRIED.

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

Correspondence for Information

Motion to receive the following correspondence:

- b. Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure letter dated February 23, 2015 regarding Submission to B.C. on the Move

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the correspondence dated February 23, 2015 be received for information.

CARRIED.

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

- c. Federation of Canadian Municipalities letter dated February 25, 2015 regarding participation in the 2015 Membership Survey

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the correspondence dated February 23, 2015 be received for information.

CARRIED.

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

NEW BUSINESS

19. Notice of Motion – Councillor Harper

Councillor Harper spoke to his notice of motion and advised that the accrued monies from the carbon tax should be invested into carbon reduction programs across the Province.

Whereas the urgency of finding ways to meet B.C.'s 2020 GHG reduction targets is increasing, B.C.'s economy remains strong relative to the rest of Canada, the carbon tax has been a success at helping to lower emissions, and has enjoyed relatively high public support and been praised by the OECD and World Bank; and,

Whereas the province's carbon tax freeze is scheduled to end in 2018, or earlier if enough jurisdictions implement comparable carbon pricing approaches, and the percentage of the world's carbon pollution covered by a carbon price is expected to increase from 12% in 2014 to 25% in 2017 after Ontario, Washington and Oregon State, and China, Chile and South Africa implement the systems they have promised;

Therefore be it resolved that the Province commit to increases in the carbon tax of \$5/tonne per year starting when the freeze ends and reviewed 5 years later, and use the incremental revenue of the carbon tax to support emission reduction projects, particularly at the local and regional level; and,

That the resolution be forwarded to the Lower Mainland Local Government Association and the Union of British Columbia Municipalities.

ADJOURNMENT

ON MOTION, the meeting was adjourned at 5:10pm.

JONATHAN COTÉ
MAYOR

JAN GIBSON
CITY CLERK

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