



## **NEW WESTMINSTER DESIGN PANEL**

**Tuesday, December 9, 2014 3:00p.m.**  
**Committee Room No. 2**

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A Development Permit application has been received for 200 Nelson's Crescent in order to allow the development of 137 residential units. <b>Chris Dikeakos Architects Inc</b>	
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### **MINUTES**

#### **MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Doug Hamming  
Jay Hiscox  
Ken Falk  
Keith Ross

- Acting Chair, AIBC Representative
- AIBC Representative
- AIBC Representative
- BC Society of Landscape Architects

#### **REGRETS:**

Tom Morton  
Cheryl Fu  
Steve Wong

- Chair, Development Industry Representative (UDI)
- AIBC Representative
- BC Society of Landscape Architects

#### **GUESTS:**

Beth Peterson  
Steve Chua

- TransLink
- Project Manager

#### **STAFF:**

Barry Waitt  
Lauren Blake

- Planner
- Committee Clerk

The meeting was called to order at 3:13 p.m.

#### **1.0 ADDITIONS TO AGENDA**

There were no additions.

#### **2.0 ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

##### **2.1 Adoption of the Minutes of October 28, 2014**

#### **MOVED and SECONDED**

*THAT the minutes of the October 28, 2014 meeting of the New Westminister Design Panel be adopted.*

**CARRIED.**

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

### **3.0 REPORTS AND INFORMATION**

There were no items.

### **4.0 DESIGN REVIEWS**

#### **4.1 811 Columbia Street - New Westminster SkyTrain Station upgrades SDP00201**

Barry Waitt, Planner, summarized the report dated November 25, 2014, regarding a Special Development Permit application that has been received for the New Westminster SkyTrain Station.

Beth Peterson, Architect, reviewed the project as outlined in the report dated November 25, 2014, and reported the following additional information:

- The acoustic analysis was completed based on TransLink criteria, including audibility and volume levels;
- The upgrades would include Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) improvements, specifically with respect to additional visibility and audibility; and,
- Security guards would actively monitor the station.

Ms. Peterson advised that she will provide the acoustic study to Mr. Waitt for distribution to the Panel.

In response to questions from the Panel, Ms. Peterson and Steve Chua, Project Manager, provided the following information:

- Changes to the station to accommodate the Compass Card program have been implemented and will not impact the renovations;
- The current width of the stairs has been deemed sufficient by TransLink for the projected number of patrons that will utilize the New Westminster SkyTrain station;
- TransLink has identified that the signage and way finding is weak, and the signage at all SkyTrain stations will be upgraded;
- A pilot program has been implemented to reduce the amount of newspaper and mailboxes located outside of SkyTrain stations; and,
- SkyTrain track maintenance is completed cyclically by the British Columbia Rapid Transit Company (BCRTC), noting that measureable improvements with respect to SkyTrain related noise have been noted by communities after maintenance is completed.

Mr. Chua advised that he would investigate if the New Westminster SkyTrain can be prioritized for maintenance, as well as the possibility of placing the public art installation above the pillars located on Eighth Street.

Discussion ensued, and the Panel noted the following comments:

- It was suggested that the upgrades include improving the entrance to the station located on Eighth Street;
- It was noted that the use of glass would improve CPTED qualities of the station, and provide an upgraded appearance to the station;
- Concerns were expressed for potential noise issues, noting that the upgrades do not address noise transfer to the neighbourhood;
- It was suggested that the City request a detailed acoustic study of the station;
- Appreciation was expressed for the inclusion of public art as part of the project;
- Concerns were expressed for the pedestrian flow of the site, noting that ticket dispensers and signs could be relocated to assist with pedestrian flow;
- It was suggested that the station be designed as an arrival point for Downtown New Westminster and a part of the community;
- It was suggested that the public art installation be part of solving issues of the station;
- It was suggested that the glass panels be inset to conceal items such as garbage cans and benches, to allow for wider platforms; and,
- It was suggested that a character defining element be incorporated into the pillar roof on Eighth Street.

**MOVED and SECONDED**

*THAT the project return to the Panel and examine the project in the context of the urban environment, including security, safety and lighting, address the comments regarding acoustics, and examine public art integration, and include the plan for signage and way finding.*

**CARRIED.**

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

**5.0 NEW BUSINESS**

There were no items.

**6.0 UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

There were no items.

**7.0 CORRESPONDENCE**

There were no items.

**8.0 NEXT MEETING**

December 9, 2014 (in Committee Room No. 2)

**9.0 ADJOURNMENT**

**ON MOTION**, the meeting was adjourned at 4:48 p.m.

Certified Correct,

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**Doug Hamming**  
Acting Chair

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**Lauren Blake**  
Committee Clerk

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