



REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL

July 10, 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:

Acting Mayor Lorrie Williams
Councillor Bill Harper
Councillor Patrick Johnstone
Councillor Jaimie McEvoy
Councillor Chuck Puchmayr
Councillor Mary Trentadue

REGRETS:

Mayor Jonathan Coté

STAFF:

Mr. Jim Lowrie	- Acting Chief Administrative Officer
Ms. Jacque Killawee	- Acting City Clerk
Mr. Steve Kellock	- Acting Director of Parks and Recreation
Mr. Gary Holowatiuk	- Director of Finance & Information Technology
Ms. Jackie Teed	- Acting Director of Development Services
Mr. Rod Carle	- General Manager of Electrical Operations
Mr. Norm Connolly	- Community Energy Manager
Mr. Ryan Coleman	- Energy Save New West Program Coordinator
Mr. Christie Mereigh	- Manager of Building Inspections
Ms. Claudia Freire	- Social & Housing Policy Planner
Ms. Carolyn Armanini	- Planner
Ms. Julia Dugaro	- Planning Analyst
Mr. Claude Ledoux	- Horticulture Manager
Mr. Jeff Case	- Arboriculture Technician
Mr. Philip Lo	- Council and Committee Clerk

The meeting was called to order at 2:05pm.

REMOVAL OF ITEMS FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

1. **MOVED and SECONDED**

THAT Items 11, 13, 14, 16, 19, 21, 23 and 25 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)(e), 90(1)(f), 90(1)(g), 90(1)(i), 90(1)(k) and 90(2)(b) of the Community Charter:

- (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;*
 - (f) law enforcement, if the council considers that disclosure could reasonably be expected to harm the conduct of an investigation under or enforcement of an enactment;*
 - (g) litigation or potential litigation affecting the municipality;*
 - (i) the receipt of advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose;*
 - (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;*
- 90(2)*
- (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:
Property, legal 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 at 6:00 pm.

CARRIED.

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

REVIEW AND ADOPTION OF CONSENT AGENDA

- 5.** Items 11, 13, 14, 16, 19, 21, 23 and 25 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. MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the following items be added to the Agenda:

- 29. Arenex investigation report*
- 30. Update on Council Workshop on the Tree Bylaw amendments*
- 31. Notice of Motion – Councillor Puchmayr*

CARRIED.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

7. No Items

REPORTS FOR ACTION

8. Sapperton Green (97 Braid Street): Master Plan Update

a. Staff Report

- b. **Presentation**, Vince Fernandez, Musson Cattell Mackey Partnership; Peter Joyce, Bunt & Associates Transportation Planning and Engineering; Bruce Hemstock, PWL Partnership Landscape Architects; John Cordonier, QuadReal Property Group; and Sophie Perndl, Brook Pooni Associates

Jackie Teed, Acting Director of Development Services, provided a summary of the staff report dated July 10, 2017, noting that staff is seeking Council endorsement of the draft Sapperton Green Master Plan, for the purposes of proceeding to public consultation and evaluation of the rezoning application.

Sophie Perndl, from Brook Pooni Associates, introduced members of the Sapperton Green project team and

Peter Joyce, from Bunt & Associates, provided a presentation on transportation engineering and planning input into the Sapperton Green project, noting the following:

- A core principal of the development is to minimize vehicular impact on adjacent communities;
- Agreement was reached in principle with TransLink on the use of transit access lanes from Brunette Avenue as two of the access points;
- Have been working with staff to ensure that future traffic volume estimates are in sync with the Sapperton Transportation Plan; and
- The bus exchange would continue to operate at its current location.

Bruce Hemstock, from PWL Partnership, provided a presentation on pedestrian and cycling connections to the site, as well as the landscape plan, noting the following:

- Pedestrians are at the top of the hierarchy of movement, followed by cycling, buses and public transit, and lastly vehicular traffic;
- Strong east-west and north-south greenways for pedestrian and cycling movement;

- Significant green and open spaces at the centre of the development would be created by the convergence of greenways and transit ways, with buildings placed at the edges of these spaces;
- A greenway along the riparian area would provide continuity from Hume Park (Central Valley Greenway) to Braid Station (Brunette-Fraser Greenway), as well as to the surrounding neighbourhood; and
- Grades of the proposed pedestrian and bicycle paths are still being finalized, and could be around 5% near Hume Park.

Vince Fernandez, Musson Cattell Mackey Architects, provided a presentation to Council relating the Master Plan to the City's Official Community Plan (OCP), noting the following:

- The total green and open spaces are estimated at 1.5 acres;
- The goal is a sustainable, transit-oriented community with a mix of uses including residential, office and retail spaces;
- The Master Plan would be respectful of existing neighbourhood context, with commercial uses located near Braid Street and the transit station, and residential areas used as a transition into Sapperton; and
- The road network is limited to emphasize pedestrians and greenways.

Discussions ensued, with Council noting the following:

- The provision of school services should be considered with the number of children expected on the site;
- Discussions should be had with Amazon regarding the Master Plan and their future on the site;
- Phasing-in of community and child-care amenities could help progress the development;
- Consider the amount of parking required given the proximity to transit;
- The Queensborough Community Centre could be a model for a community centre on site, including library and child care space;
- Retail planned for this site should complement and not take away from Columbia Street businesses; and
- Innovative and exciting ways of planning a community should be considered for this development.

In response, Ms. Teed noted the following:

- The City would be working with the School District regarding the projections of the number of children expected on site based on the OCP; and

- The phasing-in of community amenities would be negotiated as part of the development agreement for the site.

John Cordonier, from QuadReal Property Group, noted that the current Master Plan includes office space which could generate an estimated 7,500 jobs on the site. Mr. Cordonier suggested that while Amazon's current warehouse footprint may not be optimal for the Master Plan, there may be other opportunities for the employer on the site.

Mr. Cordonier also noted that estimates loads of the development (for the District Energy System (DES)) have been provided to the City and that the Master Plan contemplates and extension of the DES onto the site.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council endorse the preliminary Master Plan concept prepared by the proponent and the principles in Section 6 of this report as a suitable basis for the initiation of a public consultation process by the proponent, and as the basis for preparing a rezoning application for preliminary review by Council.

CARRIED.

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

Procedural note: Council recessed at 6:50 pm and reconvened at 7:05 pm with Open Delegations.

CONSENT AGENDA

9. Proposed Derwent Way Soil Transfer Facility

THAT Council receive this report on the proposed Derwent Way Soil Transfer Facility for information.

ADOPTED BY CONSENT.

10. Adoption of minutes

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the following minutes be adopted:

- June 12, 2017 (Regular Meeting)*
- June 13, 2017 (Public Hearing)*
- June 13, 2017 (Regular Meeting)*

ADOPTED BY CONSENT.

12. 232 Lawrence Street (Child Care Facility): Grant Funding Update

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council, on condition that the City advances to Stage Two of the Major Child Care Capital Funding Grant Program, approve \$156,000 in additional funding for the child care facility planned for 232 Lawrence Street and that this funding come from the General Amenity Reserve; and

THAT Council, on condition that the City advances to Stage Two of the Major Child Care Capital Funding Grant Program, direct staff to bring a report forward seeking direction prior to proceeding with the design, construction and/or installation of the child care facility.

ADOPTED BY CONSENT.

15. 914 Thirteenth Street: Heritage Alteration Permit No. 106 for Work on Designated Heritage Property – Request for Issuance

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council issue Heritage Alteration Permit No.106 to permit renovation work on the Designated heritage property at 914 Thirteenth Street, with the conditions outlined in the Evaluation section of this report.

ADOPTED BY CONSENT.

17. Walk New West Initiative - Update

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council receive the staff report dated July 10, 2017 for information.

ADOPTED BY CONSENT.

18. Latecomer Agreement for Extended Servicing Costs Related to the Subdivision of 1004 Salter Street

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council adopt the following resolution contained in Attachment 1 of the staff report dated July 10, 2017:

WHEREAS the owner of the property located at 1004 Salter Street, legally described as:

Parcel Identifier: 000-978-965

*LOT 2, DISTRICT LOT 757, GROUP 1, NEW WEST DISTRICT,
PLAN NWP68829*

(the Land)

has applied for subdivision approval in order to create an 18 lot subdivision from the above noted parcel.

NOW THEREFORE, the Council of the Corporation of the City of New Westminster hereby resolves that:

(a) Pursuant to Section 507 and 508 of the Local Government Act, the Council for the City hereby requires that the owner of the Land provide the following excess or extended services:

- (i) construction of the storm sewer on Howes Street in front of lots 114, 118, 122, 126, 130, and 134 Spruce Street and 940 Salter Street, complete with manholes and a headwall all to the standards set out in the City's Subdivision and Development Control Bylaw; and*
- (ii) construction of the watermain on Howes Street in front of lots 110, 114, 118, 122, 126, 130, and 134 Spruce Street, 940 Salter Street and 83 South Dyke Road, complete with valves, bends, hydrants, all to a standards set out in the City's Subdivision and Development Control Bylaw,*

which excess or extended services will serve land other than the Land being subdivided.

(b) The Council for the City considers its costs to provide these services to be excessive and, therefore, the cost of providing the excess or extended services shall be paid by the owner of the Land being subdivided.

(c) The Council for the City approves the form of Latecomer Agreement attached hereto as Schedule A and authorizes the Mayor and Corporate Officer to sign the attached Latecomer Agreement on behalf of the City.

(d) An administration fee of \$4,000.00 will be charged to the owner of the Land being subdivided.

ADOPTED BY CONSENT.

20. Street Closure Bylaw No. 7935, 2017 - Wood/Boyne Street Animal Services Facility

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council give the Wood Street and Boyne Street Road Closure Bylaw No. 7935, 2017 First, Second and Third Readings; and,

THAT Council schedule an opportunity to be heard for the Wood/Boyne Street Road Closure Bylaw No. 7935, 2017 for August 28, 2017

ADOPTED BY CONSENT.

22. Temporary Relocation of Queen's Park Arenex Gymnastics and Trampoline Programs Update

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council receive the staff report dated July 10, 2017 for information.

ADOPTED BY CONSENT.

Land Use and Planning Committee

24. 800 Columbia Street (CPR Station Site): Rezoning to Allow Liquor Primary Licensed Premise - Preliminary Report

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council direct staff to process the Rezoning, Special Development Permit and Liquor Primary License applications based on the process outlined in the June 12, 2017 report to the Land Use and Planning Committee.

ADOPTED BY CONSENT.

ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

11. 232 Lawrence Street (Child Care Facility): Official Community Plan Amendment Section 475 and 476 - Consultation Report

Council expressed concerns regarding the project cost for the child care facility and the lack of building dimensions or other project details.

Julia Dugaro, Planning Analyst, noted that a modular building would be constructed specifically for this purpose, and that more information regarding grant funding for this project could be available in August of this year.

Claudia Freire, Social and Housing Policy Planner, advised the project cost includes all costs associated with site servicing as well.

Jackie Teed, Acting Director of Development Services, advised that information regarding the City's portion of the project cost was not provided by the Provincial Major Child Care Capital Funding Grant Program at the time of the City's application. Ms. Teed noted that the City is now aware that it would be responsible for 20% of the entire project cost, and that staff would report back to Council with a full breakdown of the project cost if the first stage of the application process is successful.

Discussion ensued, with Council noting the following:

- Concerns were expressed regarding the project cost being released to the public before the specifications have been finalized for tendering;
- The cost-per-child care space needs to be understood and considered;
- Council recognized the urgent need for day care in Queensborough, and would not want the project to slow down; and
- Council recognized that construction costs have increased since the previous quote from 2014.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council, with regard to the proposed Official Community Plan (OCP) amendment for 232 Lawrence Street (City of New Westminster):

- i. Give consideration to the requirements of Section 475 and 476 as well as other relevant sections of the Local Government Act;*
- ii. Direct staff to advise and consult with:*
 - a. Qayqayt First Nation;*
 - b. Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure;*
 - c. the Board of Education of School District 40;*
- iii. Direct staff to seek input from interested parties in the following manner:*
 - a. send a request for written comments to the parties listed above;*
 - b. place a notice on the City Page to advise the public of this application; and*
 - c. require the applicant (City) to include notice of the proposed OCP Amendment on the site signage required for the subject application.*
- iv. Not require consultation with:*
 - a. Board of the Regional District in which the area covered by a plan is located (Metro Vancouver)*
 - b. any greater boards or improvement districts other than as noted herein, as none are considered to be affected by this application;*
 - c. any provincial or federal agency other than as noted herein, as none are considered to be affected by this application;*
 - d. Greater Vancouver Sewerage and Drainage District Board; and*
 - e. Councils of immediately adjacent municipalities.*

CARRIED.

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

13. 701 Sixth Street (Glenbrooke Daycare Society): Request for Financial Assistance

Procedural note: Councillor Puchmayr declared conflict and exited the meeting at 7:46 pm.

Jackie Teed, Acting Director of Development Services, introduced Claudia Friere, the City's new Social and Housing Policy Planner.

Council inquired as to whether funds intended for the cancelled Centennial Lodge renovations could be reallocated for child care purposes.

In response, Gary Holowatiuk, Director of Finance and Information Technology, suggested that this may not be advisable, if the funds originate from the City's Facility Replacement reserves.

Council noted that the City has a child care reserve fund, and that the cost and benefits of each expenditure for child care purposes would be reviewed to ensure maximization of spaces and quality. Council also noted that the City would aim to be fair and equitable to all groups providing these services.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council, given the continued priority of funding childcare in Queensborough, and given very limited funds in the Child Care Reserve, not fund the second request for financial support by the Glenbrooke Daycare Society as contained in the attached letter dated May 29, 2017.

CARRIED.

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

Procedural note: Councillor Puchmayr returned to the meeting at 7:49 pm.

14. Construction Noise Bylaw: Proposed Changes to Permitted Hours and Pile Driving Technologies - For Consideration

Council inquired as to where new pile driving technologies (such as the vibration hammer) could be used in the City.

In response, Carolyn Armanini, Planner, and Christie Mereigh, Manager of Building Inspections, noted the following:

- Vibration hammer technology would be used for the proposed Bosa development along the waterfront, and could be used in Queensborough;

- Usage in the Downtown area would dependent on soil conditions;
- The use of vibration piling technology may be of concern with regards to historic buildings, which have different types of footings;
- Drilled piles may not cause as much vibrations or impact to adjacent buildings, but could cost an additional 10%;
- Industry consultation would be conducted in early fall with a report back to Council.

Council suggested that 10 am could be a reasonable construction start time on weekends.

Jackie Teed, Acting Director of Development Services, and Ms. Armanini suggested that staff would review weekend construction start times in other municipalities to determine a reasonable approach, and that this could be included in the consultation.

Council also suggested that the City may need to know the cost in trade-offs for operationalizing restrictions on pile driving methodology.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council direct staff to prepare the necessary amendments to the Construction Noise Bylaw, No. 6063, 1992 to reduce permitted construction hours on Saturdays from 9am to 6pm and bring the amendment bylaw forward for Council’s consideration; and

THAT Council direct staff to proceed with next steps to further explore options to mitigate impacts of pile driving.

CARRIED.

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

16. Passive Design Exclusions for Low-Rise Residential Zones

Council suggested that this program could be expedited, and requested a progress update from staff.

Norm Connolly, Community Energy Manager, and Mr. Ryan Coleman, Energy Save New West Program Coordinator, noted the following:

- The City has engaged in an 18-month engagement process on the High Performance New Home program, with single-detached homes, low-rise infill housing, and townhomes;
- One impediment could be the potential loss of internal floor space with the addition of insulation to the building envelope;

- The program has been timed to synchronize with the evolution of the current OCP review process, and is intended to be embedded as policy and regulation;
- New Westminster would be the third city in the Lower Mainland to have this program in place;
- For existing homes, residents are encouraged to register for the Energy Save New West program and the home assessment for improved energy performance; and
- Considerations for retrofitting incentives under Heritage Revitalization Agreements (HRAs) would have to be balanced against heritage preservation intentions.

Jackie Teed, Acting Director of Development Services, noted that the regulations added through the Zoning Bylaw would also apply to renovations on single-detached homes and duplexes, an example being the addition of insulation to existing walls in exchange for a larger addition.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council endorse the proposed passive design exclusions as described in this report to encourage the development of low-energy residential homes in New Westminster.

THAT Council instruct staff to prepare the necessary amendments to the Zoning Bylaw for the Single Detached Dwelling Districts (RS-1 and RS-5), Neighbourhood Residential Dwelling Districts (NR-1 and NR-5) and Queensborough Neighbourhood Residential Dwelling District (RQ-1), generally in accordance with Attachment 1, and bring forward to Council for consideration.

CARRIED.

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

19. Public Water Station Installations

Council suggested that it may be preferable for one of the proposed water stations to be installed Uptown.

Jim Lowrie, Director of Engineering Services, advised that the water stations would use Metro Vancouver supplied water, which is filtered and treated to Canadian Drinking Water Quality standards.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council received the staff report dated July 10, 2017 for information; and

THAT one of the two pilot water stations be installed in the Uptown area of New Westminster.

CARRIED.

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

21. Centennial Lodge Renovations

Council thanked staff for the report and encouraged the Arts Council to seek new granting opportunities.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council receive the staff report dated July 10, 2017 for information.

CARRIED.

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

23. New Westminster Urban Solar Garden Pilot Project Update

Council suggested that the City is heading in the right direction in owning and diversifying its own energy generating infrastructure. Council also noted Google's experimental Project Sunroof, which may be able to provide advanced local data such as capacity for solar energy generation with cost analytics in the future.

Council also suggested that climate and weather may not affect solar energy generation, noting that solar technology has improved, with Britain receiving nearly 25% of its electricity through solar generation, as an example.

In response to questions from Council, Norm Connolly, Community Energy Manager, noted that the City would work to address questions regarding access to rooftops and solar panel technology, using the City of Nelson as an example.

Rod Carle, General Manager of Electric Utility, advised that solar panel energy generation would remain on an individual's electrical account if relocating within the City; if the individual is relocating outside the City, the panel could be transferred or sold with a property.

Mr. Carle also noted that a promotional campaign for the project would take place over the summer.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council accept this pilot project update report on community consultation and engagement on the proposed New Westminster Urban Solar Garden scheduled to occur from July to September 2017 as information.

CARRIED.

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

Committee Recommendations

25. Advisory Committee for Transit, Bicycles and Pedestrians (ACTBiPed): Implications of New Westminster Hosting a Walk21 Conference

Council suggested that the City could become a future host for the Walk21 Conference.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council direct staff to look into the implications of the City hosting a Walk21 conference in the next five years, and consider working with adjacent communities to share resources for hosting the conference.

CARRIED.

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

PRESENTATIONS AND DELEGATIONS – 7:00

26. Open Delegations

George Garrett, former CKNW radio personality, spoke regarding the Volunteer Cancer Drivers Society (VCDS), which provides free transportation for cancer patients to receive treatment and back home. Mr. Garrett noted that the VCDS was formed after the Canadian Cancer Society discontinued a similar service, and has received one Provincial grant as well as assistance from other municipalities. Mr. Garrett advised that the VCDS is currently seeking donations as well as volunteer drivers.

Council noted the worthiness of the cause, and requested that staff follow-up with the delegate on how to apply for City grants.

Bill Zander, resident at 1626 Seventh Avenue, expressed concerns regarding the accumulation of garbage and other non-recyclable materials at the uptown recycling depot. Mr. Zander suggested that there may be a history of similar problems with the recycling contractor, and that the situation did not seem to be temporary.

Jim Lowrie, Director of Engineering Services, suggested that there may be a regional issue, and that Harvest Power, the region's largest organic waste processor, may be experiencing capacity issues and also difficulties in processing mixed waste properly. Mr. Lowrie suggested that the City may seek out an alternate processor to rectify the situation.

Council suggested that there may not be complete buy-in into the multifamily organics recycling program, and that the City would look into a timely resolution with the contractors.

Tony Antonias, Special Advisor to the Arts Commission, reported that Buy Low Foods in New Westminster have offered a meeting room for community use at no charge while the New Westminster Public Library is undergoing renovations. Interested parties can contact store manager Venicio at 604-524-0654 to reserve the room.

BYLAWS

27. Wood-Boyne Street Road Closure Bylaw No. 7935, 2017

THREE READINGS

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Wood-Boyne Street Road Closure Bylaw No. 7935, 2017 be given first reading.

CARRIED.

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

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Wood-Boyne Street Road Closure Bylaw No. 7935, 2017 be given second reading.

CARRIED.

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

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Wood-Boyne Street Road Closure Bylaw No. 7935, 2017 be given third reading.

CARRIED.

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

28. Bylaws for adoption:

- a. Cultural Services Fees and Charges Amendment Bylaw No. 7931, 2017**

ADOPTION

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Cultural Services Fees and Charges Amendment Bylaw No. 7931, 2017 be adopted.

CARRIED.

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

- b. Sign Bylaw No. 7867, 2017**

ADOPTION

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Sign Bylaw No. 7867, 2017 be adopted.

CARRIED.

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

- c. Bylaw Notice Enforcement Amendment Bylaw No. 7921, 2017**

ADOPTION

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Bylaw Notice Enforcement Amendment Bylaw No. 7921, 2017 be adopted.

CARRIED.

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

- d. Zoning Amendment (602 Ewen Avenue) No. 7840, 2016**

ADOPTION

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Zoning Amendment (602 Ewen Avenue) No. 7840, 2016 be adopted.

CARRIED.

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

- e. Zoning Amendment Bylaw (430 Duncan Street) No. 7796, 2015**

ADOPTION

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Zoning Amendment Bylaw (430 Duncan Street) No. 7796, 2015 be adopted.

CARRIED.

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

NEW BUSINESS

29. Arenex investigation report

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council receive the staff report dated July 10, 2017 for information.

CARRIED.

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

30. Update on Council Workshop on the Tree Bylaw amendments

Claude Ledoux, Horticulture Manager, provided an update to Council regarding the Tree Protection Bylaw, noting the following:

- A public workshop hosted by the City provided information to residents regarding the Tree Protection Bylaw and the Urban Forest Management Strategy, and other information such as tree care and pruning;
- The event was successful, with the public providing feedback and with staff providing clarification on these issues; and
- From May 2016 to May 2017, 295 applications for tree removal were received, with removal permits issued for 466 trees; 653 replacement trees were planted; 47 hazardous tree removal permits were issued; 301 protected trees and 46 specimen trees were retained;

Council expressed concerns regarding reports of lengthy waits for the City arborist, which could cause delays to development projects and financial hardship to homeowners, and suggested that external certified arborists may be able to assist in clearing up the backlog. Council also suggested that the \$10,000 security for specimen trees may be excessive.

Mr. Ledoux and Jeff Case, Arboriculture Technician, noted the following in response:

- There have been improvements in the City's response time, with Development Services staff now meeting weekly with the Arboriculture Technician;
- The current backlog is eight weeks due to the volume of applications and staff resourcing issues;
- The time involved with staff attending project sites containing large trees to verify information could be one source of delays;
- Residents could contact staff directly to resolve issues; and

- Staff could provide a report back to Council in September on these issues.

Jackie Teed, Acting Director of Development Services, noted that Planning staff advise applicants to begin the tree permit process during the beginning stages of the development permit process. Ms. Teed also noted that Development Services staff work closely with Parks staff to reprioritize projects which are ready for building permits in order to expedite the tree permit process.

Mr. Ledoux advised that the City has been advocating for Holly Trees and English Ivy to be added to the Provincial Government's list of invasive trees species; however, these species currently provide tree canopy coverage in the City, and their removal would still necessitate replacement.

31. Notice of Motion

Councillor Puchmayr introduced the following Notice of Motion:

Whereas climate change impacts are having catastrophic effects on our global environment in the form of flooding and fire, just to mention a few,

And whereas global heat records are being shattered at an unprecedented rates,

Therefore be it resolved; that the city of New Westminster sets a target of becoming 100 percent dependent on renewable energy by 2050 and establish clear measurable targets toward achieving this goal.

ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

Councillor Trentadue announced that she will be participating in Paint New West Beautiful with community member Nadine Nakagawa, with the goal of painting a mural on the fire hall in the West End, in September of this year.

Councillor Harper reported that he had attended the memorial service for community member Irwin Stewart, a doctor and humanitarian who was noted for his work with patients in Africa and the First Nations community along the BC coast.

Councillor Johnstone noted road closures on July 11, 2017 for the New West Grand Prix bicycle race, and noted that the event would include kids and youth races, and professional women's and men's races. Cllr. Johnstone thanked volunteers for their work.

Councillor Puchmayr noted that this will be the last Council meeting to be broadcast by Shaw Television, as Shaw will be discontinuing their community television programming.

Councillor Williams announced that the unveiling of the Hyack Square Commemorative Bricks will take place on Wednesday, July 12, 2017 at 6:30pm.

NEXT MEETING

August 28, 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. The Regular meeting will reconvene at 6:00 p.m. All meetings will be held in the Council Chamber on the 2nd Floor at City Hall.

Opportunity to be Heard

- **Wood-Boyne Street Road Closure Bylaw No. 7935, 2017**

ADJOURNMENT

ON MOTION, the meeting was adjourned at 8:57pm.

JONATHAN COTÉ
MAYOR

JACQUE KILLAWEE
ACTING CITY CLERK