

REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL

January 13, 2020
Committee Room 2 and Council Chamber
City Hall

MINUTES

PRESENT:

Mayor Jonathan Cote
Councillor Chinu Das
Councillor Patrick Johnstone
Councillor Jamie McEvoy
Councillor Nadine Nakagawa
Councillor Chuck Puchmayr
Councillor Mary Trentadue

STAFF:

Ms. Lisa Spitale	- Chief Administrative Officer
Ms. Jacque Killawee	- City Clerk
Ms. Emilie Adin	- Director of Development Services
Mr. Dean Gibson	- Director of Parks and Recreation
Mr. Jim Lowrie	- Director of Engineering Services
Ms. Colleen Ponzini	- Acting Chief Financial Officer
Nicole Ludwig	- Assistant City Clerk

The meeting was called to order at 2:09 p.m. in Committee Room 2. Council dealt with item 3 as the first item of business and approved the following motion:

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT pursuant to Section 90 of the Community Charter, members of the public be excluded from the Closed Meeting of Council to be convened immediately following approval of this motion, on the basis that the subject matter of all agenda items to be considered related to matters listed under Sections 90(1)(g) and 90(1)(i) of the Community Charter:

(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.*

CARRIED.

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

Procedural Note: Council recessed at 2:10 p.m. to go into a closed meeting, and reconvened at 3:01 p.m. in the Council Chamber, in order to deal with items 1 and 2 on the agenda.

REMOVAL OF ITEMS FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

1. MOVED and SECONDED

THAT items 8, 11, 12 and 13, 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 approval of this motion 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)(g), 90(1)(i), 90(1)(k) and 90(2)(b):

- (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;*
- (g) *litigation or potential litigation affecting 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, legal and negotiations matters

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.

The Regular Council meeting adjourned at 3:03 p.m.

RECONVENE TO REGULAR COUNCIL

4. The Regular Council meeting reconvened at 6:01 p.m.

REVIEW AND ADOPTION OF CONSENT AGENDA

5. Items 8, 11, 12, and 13 were previously removed from the Consent Agenda.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the items 9, 10, and 14, be adopted on consent.

CARRIED.

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

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

Urgent/time sensitive matters only

6. None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

7. None.

STAFF PRESENTATIONS AND REPORTS FOR ACTION

8. None.

CONSENT AGENDA

9. Minutes for Adoption

- a. *May 6, 2019 International Relations Task Force*
- b. *December 9, 2019 Open Workshop*
- c. *December 9, 2019 Regular*

ADOPTED ON CONSENT.

10. 263 Jardine Street: Temporary Protection Order Update

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council cancel the remaining days of the temporary protection order for 263 Jardine Street and direct staff to proceed with processing the demolition permit application.

ADOPTED ON CONSENT.

14. Motion to receive the following correspondence:

- a. **Metro Vancouver letter dated November 28, 2019 regarding Amending Metro Vancouver 2040: Shaping our Future to Align with the IPCC Special Report on Global Warming of 1.5° C – Bylaw No. 1295, 2019**

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council receive the letter dated November 28, 2019 regarding Amending Metro Vancouver 2040: Shaping our Future to Align with the IPCC Special Report on Global Warming of 1.5° C – Bylaw No. 1295, 2019.

ADOPTED ON CONSENT.

ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

8. Bhai Mewa Singh Day, January 11, 2020

Mayor Cote invited Gurpreet Singh, Radical Desi, forward to provide background information on the proclamation. Mr. Singh provided background information and introduced members of the Gurdwara Sahib Sukh Sagar who were present to receive the proclamation.

In his comments, Mayor Cote encouraged members of the public to visit the upcoming exhibit around "An Ocean of Peace: 100 Years of Sikhs in New Westminster" at the Anvil Centre starting on January 16, 2020, to learn more about Bhai Mewa Singh.

Mayor Cote proclaimed January 11, 2020, as Bhai Mewa Singh Day in the City of New Westminster. He presented the proclamation to Gurdwara representatives who, in turn, presented the Mayor with a kirpan and thanked for Council for the proclamation.

11. High Performance “Bond” for Energy Step Code Buildings at Level 3 and Higher, and Select Increases to Building and Development Fees - Bylaws for Consideration of Readings

In response to Council questions regarding the preliminary application review fee, Emilie Adin, Director of Development Services, advised:

- Not all applications go to preliminary application review;
- The median cost for preliminary application review throughout the region has gone up; and
- New Westminster's preliminary application review is set up to provide a lot more information and support than other municipalities.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council give First, Second and Third Reading to Building Bylaw Amendment Bylaw No. 8161, 2020; and

THAT Council give First, Second and Third Reading to Development Services Fees and Rates Amendment Bylaw No. 8177, 2020.

CARRIED.

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

12. Zoning Bylaw Work Program to Address Sustainable Transportation and Accessibility Objectives

In discussion, Council noted the following:

- Zoning issues and transportation policy go hand in hand;
- There is a need to start talking about parking minimums and maximums when we are putting high-density buildings next to the SkyTrain as parking in buildings pushes the cost and value of the buildings up;
- Accessibility standards and bike parking will be much more important; and
- Would like to see a review of practices that includes cities outside of North America, particularly those that have had success in managing parking issues.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council receive the January 13, 2020 report entitled "Zoning Bylaw Work Program to Address Sustainable Transportation and Accessibility Objectives" for information.

CARRIED.

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

13. Child Protection Policy and Procedures

In response to Council questions, Steve Kellock, Senior Manager of Recreation, advised that the City is not making adhering to the Child Protection Policy a requirement for partner groups but are strongly encouraging the policy.

In discussion, Council noted that the Child Protection Policy was developed in conjunction with the lead Canadian agency in child protection and they are looking forward to having this implemented; they also noted it may be useful in the future to require partner organizations to implement this training.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council approve the Child Protection Policy and Procedures as outlined in the January 13, 2020, report entitled "Child Protection Policy and Procedures".

CARRIED.

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

Procedural Note: Council agreed to consider Bylaws as the next order of business. The Minutes are recorded in numerical order.

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

15. Development Variance Permit DVP00672 for 312 Fifth Street

Required notification has been completed.

Attachments:

- i. Copy of Development Variance Permit notice
- ii. Director of Development Services’ report dated December 9, 2019
- a. **Motion** to receive the following correspondence concerning this application:

Written Submissions			
Name	Correspondence Date	Date Received	#
N. and H. Shaw	January 7, 2020	January 7, 2020	C-1

- b. The City Clerk reported that there was one written statement, included in the package.
- c. Invitation to those present to address the application

Mayor Cote called three times for speakers for and against the application and none were present.

- d. **Motion** to approve/reject issuance of Development Variance Permit No. DVP00672.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council approve issuance of Development Variance Permit DVP00672 to vary the maximum permitted front porch projection of the principal dwelling at 312 Fifth Street.

CARRIED.

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

PRESENTATIONS AND DELEGATIONS – 7:00 PM

16. Relocation of Recycling Depot Services – Public Information Update

a. Presentation

Kristian Davis, Superintendent, Solid Waste and Recycling, provided an update on the relocation of municipal recycling depot services, noting feedback indicates convenience is a key driver for people to engage in recycling, and there was a feeling of a lack of consultation in the decision making process.

Mayor Cote advised a number of delegations had signed up to speak and Council would consider the related report after hearing the speakers.

Procedural note: Council agreed to hear open delegations on the 2020 Capital Budget (item 17a) followed by delegations on Other Matters of Community Interest including speakers on the relocation of recycling depot services.

b. Report

After hearing from speakers regarding the relocation of recycling depot services, Council proceeded with discussion on the above-noted report, noting the following:

- There is a need for timely and more direct consultation with the community when there are decisions that directly affect the daily lives of citizens;
- There was a focus on the new aquatic centre to the detriment of discussion about the recycling depot;
- Acknowledge the need for convenience to allow people to recycle;
- There is a need to gather information from all over the city, not just a few neighbourhoods as proposed in the report;
- Distributed recycling services across the city should be studied; and,
- The relocation of the recycling depot represents an opportunity to reassess where we can make further changes that help the environment.

In response to questions from Council, Mr. Davis advised that staff will be starting outreach and will come back to Council in early spring with information and data.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council direct staff to undertake additional community engagement as described within in the January 13, 2020 report, entitled "Relocation of Recycling Depot Services – Public Information Update" in order to determine community waste reduction and recycling needs as recycling depot drop-off services are transitioned to a new regional recycling facility.

Amended.

AMENDMENT MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the words "and additional neighbourhood-specific engagement opportunities" be added to the motion following words "Public Information Update".

CARRIED.

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

The amendment having carried, the motion as amended was put and CARRIED with all members of Council present voting in favour.

FINAL MOTION AS APPROVED

THAT Council direct staff to undertake additional community engagement as described in the January 13, 2020 report, entitled "Relocation of Recycling Depot Services – Public Information Update", and additional neighbourhood-specific engagement opportunities in order to determine community waste reduction and recycling needs as recycling depot drop-off services are transitioned to a new regional recycling facility.

17. Open Delegations

Note: unless otherwise noted, all delegations are residents of New Westminster.

a. 2020 Capital Budget

Brad Barber, Garey Carlson, HUB, Heidi Braacx, and Robert Wong, HUB, spoke about the need for bicycle routes in the capital plan and voiced the following concerns:

- There is no bicycle route connecting Downtown to Uptown;
- The four high cost segments proposed for bike route development would leave no resources for the development of new bike routes that could link the entire city;
- Council needs to go back to the Master Transportation Plan (MTP) which provides for a complete bicycle route network;
- There is a need to give people a safe bike route with gradual hills;
- Need to prioritize a completely connected bicycle route network before the smaller segments included in the plan;
- The focus at this time should be on safer routes to the high school;
- In order to reach the proposed modal split in the Seven Bold Steps, the rate would have to double the progress of the last five years;
- There needs to be benchmarking and data gathering on available space and this should be done this year so that reallocation of road space can start quickly;
- There is a need to plan for walking, cycling and transit as first priorities;
- Road reallocation to people oriented spaces needs to be aggressive, tracked and implemented;
- Meaningful collaboration with sustainable transportation groups needs to occur; and
- There is a need for mobility lanes that can accommodate bicycles, scooters, mobility devices and even small wheelchair transports which are about the size of a SmartCar.

Chris Bell congratulated staff and Council for the budget consultation sessions at the Anvil Centre and Century House, and requested the comments from the sessions be made publicly available. He suggested that, the online survey should also explore citizens' views of the costs of the steps.

In response, Colleen Ponzini, Director of Finance, advised that the notes from the workshops and the results of the survey will be compiled and be publicly available on the City's website.

Patrick Parkes spoke in support of the climate action steps but disagreed with the description of the plan as bold since there is no targeted reduction of cars or

construction of separated bike lanes on Sixth Street. He noted that HUB New Westminster has submitted a proposal that has been endorsed by the School Board and the Teachers Union, and suggested Council consider it.

Catelyn Maki and Sebastian Sajda, Force of Nature, thanked staff and Council for all the work put into the 2020 capital budget, and asked why this budget does not include street space reallocation. They noted the challenge is to create car-free streets that put people and community first, and to undo poor transit planning which starts with allocating more land for public use.

Virginia Ayers spoke of a need to increase permeable surfaces and reduce the concrete used in City buildings and developments. She noted that thinking far ahead will allow for civic conversations to resolve controversy, promote education, and identify what is and is not working.

Brendon Vance advised he was supportive of the budget plan and that it should focus on pedestrian safety.

Avalon Findlay noted there are lots of good ideas in the budget but there is always room for improvement. She suggested that car-free streets, which are included in the Seven Bold Steps, should be in the budget and suggested Uptown may be a good location for the first few car-free streets.

b. Other Matters of Community Interest

Thomas Sophonow advised of concerns regarding leaf collection and the treatment of an oak tree near his residence. He noted he had seen City staff drive a mower into the oak tree hard enough to bring the back wheels up and staff had left after piling the leaves at the base of the tree on several occasions. He proposed a barrier around the tree to protect it, and indicated he would build one if the City did not.

Rebecca Ninkovic advised of an episode she had recently experienced when confronted with an anti-abortion event. She indicated that the group was blocking her path and she was unable to move around a large poster with an image of an aborted fetus, an image which she found triggering. She would like to see Council develop a carefully tailored law with no vague descriptions on the display of graphic imagery that obstructs the use of public streets and sidewalks and exposes people to possible triggers. She noted she believes this is a public health and safety issue as anti-abortion protests are increasing in frequency across Canada.

In discussion, Council noted they are aware of the campaigns from mailouts the previous year and had requested staff to look into this issue. Council also noted that

many municipalities are facing similar protests, and have ways to address signage used at protests.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council direct staff to report back on options for municipalities to regulate the use of graphic images in advertising and protest signs, in light of the increasing prevalence of pro-life protests in Canadian municipalities.

CARRIED.

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

Note: the following delegations all addressed item 16(b): Relocation of Recycling Depot Services – Public Information Update

Bob Petrusa advised that he is not on any side and that the recycling centre is a small but important part of climate action. He submitted a poster which suggested new wording to replace "reduce, reuse, recycle" with "rethink, refuse, reduce, reuse, refurbish, repair, repurpose, recycle" and indicated the poster speaks to further education required.

James Silvester spoke in support of keeping the recycling depot at its currently location, or relocating it to a spot close to where it is now. He noted the facility is a success and most of the usage is local. He suggested that the depot stay open and for the City to open another one in the West End. He noted it is difficult to reconcile a climate emergency, with making access to recycling facilities less accessible.

Mayor Cote advised the City is open to suggestions about how to make recycling more convenient.

Tatiana Robinson noted the current recycling facility has good service and that it is convenient to walk to. She noted that walking over the Bailey Bridge is far less convenient and much more dangerous as there is no pedestrian access at all. She advised relocating the recycling centre across the Bailey Bridge will reduce recycling compliance, especially for people who want to live car-free.

Kristian Brett congratulated Mayor Cote on his resolution to "walk around the world" in 10 years, and asked whether relocating the recycling centre would help him achieve that goal.

Raunaq Singh spoke in support of recent actions addressing climate change, and noted the decision to relocate the recycling centre is a tough one and that, ultimately, the benefits of relocation outweigh the costs. He also noted that it shouldn't be the City's responsibility to open facilities that only serve part of the city.

Angela Sealy spoke in support of moving the depot, noting that the new station is full service with dedicated recycling lanes, and will save the City money. She also noted that the new aquatic centre and the depot cannot occupy the same space.

Jane Armstrong noted that it will be inconvenient for people to do the right thing if the recycling depot is moved; however, the inconvenience might be a good way to refocus on reducing and reusing, and having people take personal responsibility for their household waste by considering the effects of not producing waste in the first place.

Kathleen Carlsen noted concerns with the amount of recycling that may end up in the garbage if the depot is removed, and the lack of consultation with citizens. She noted she was hoping for more public engagement and the need to know about pop up events sooner.

Kristian Davis, Superintendent, Solid Waste and Recycling, advised the pop up events will be advertised on social media feeds and City Page and staff will put together a package for Council to review and consider options for moving forward.

Blair Armitage said that closing the facility is the wrong decision.

At 8:53 p.m. it was

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the period for hearing public delegations be extended for one hour.

CARRIED.

All members present voted in favour of the motion.

Daniel Fontaine submitted a petition in support of keeping the recycling depot where it is and read a few of the comments submitted with the petition. He noted the depot is a one-stop shop where citizens can do their part to help out and that people who signed the petition did not do so with partisanship in mind; they just signed to deliver their opinion because they were not consulted.

Frank Norman noted he was grateful for pick up recycling. He noted in the absence of glass pick up recycling, it is important to have an accessible and local recycling depot or glass ends up not being recycled. He suggested that getting away from having to take glass to a depot would increase and encourage compliance and requested that glass be added to pick up recycling services.

Procedural note: Council recessed at 9:02 p.m. and reconvened at 9:08 p.m.

Cheryl Lewis spoke in support of relocating the recycling depot due to cost effectiveness and the fact that the recycling depot does not currently handle everything, so the expansion of products at the new facility will offset the inconvenience; She urged the City to conduct more frequent pop ups, especially for glass recycling.

Robert Jost noted that the combination of moving the recycling depot and building the new aquatic centre is a lose-lose proposition because there is a need to put all amenities close to where people live and plan for amenities close to the high-density housing.

Corrina Chase noted concerns with the lack of consultation on moving the recycling depot, the lack of outreach to Indigenous partners and youth, and that it does not seem reasonable to ask people to drive in order to recycle their waste.

Ingrid Tamboline noted that the easier it is to recycle, the more likely people are to do it. She advised there is a need for more opportunities for recycling in the city, especially glass containers and laminated plastic and that the recycling depot makes recycling accessible in the community. She said that relocating will lead to traffic congestion and discourage people from recycling.

Abigail LeBerg noted that recycling matters to youth and that for big families, a local recycling depot makes recycling convenient; to move it risks adding recyclables to garbage. She encouraged staff and Council to think about moving the depot and make a decision that benefits the community.

Larry Church expressed disappointment with Council for making the decision to move the recycling depot without any public consultation and that closing the depot is not in the interest of the community. He noted he was upset that public consultation is being done after the decision was made.

Christine Rennie advised of the need for a recycling depot in the city in the face of the climate emergency. She also noted that recycling is not enough, and that there should be advocacy for biodegradable solutions as opposed to making more waste, and suggested bans on single-use items such as Styrofoam and plastic bags. She noted that during the transition to biodegradable solutions, flexible plastic and Styrofoam recycling bins should be at every house and building, and that consultation should be ongoing with citizens and businesses.

Mr. Davis advised staff will be reporting back on the City's work on single use products at a later date.

Ron Spence spoke in opposition to closing the recycling depot and expressed dismay with the lack of public consultation when the decision was made. He noted there were limits on what could be recycled at other locations, and did not like having to go from location to location to do all his recycling. He advised he would like a discussion about what citizens need when it comes to mitigating environmental damage.

Mayor Cote thanked delegations for coming out to speak and encouraged everyone to participate in the recycling pop ups and related consultations coming up.

BYLAWS

18. Building Bylaw Amendment Bylaw No. 8161, 2020

THREE READINGS

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Building Bylaw Amendment Bylaw No. 8161, 2020 be given First Reading.

CARRIED.

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

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Building Bylaw Amendment Bylaw No. 8161, 2020 be given Second Reading.

CARRIED.

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

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Building Bylaw Amendment Bylaw No. 8161, 2020 be given Third Reading.

CARRIED.

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

19. Development Services Fees and Rates Amendment Bylaw No. 8177, 2020

THREE READINGS

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Development Services Fees and Rates Amendment Bylaw No. 8177, 2020 be given First Reading.

CARRIED.

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

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Development Services Fees and Rates Amendment Bylaw No. 8177, 2020 be given Second Reading.

CARRIED.

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

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Development Services Fees and Rates Amendment Bylaw No. 8177, 2020 be given Third Reading.

CARRIED.

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

20. Bylaws for adoption:

a. Sign Bylaw Amendment Bylaw No. 8132, 2019

ADOPTION

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Sign Bylaw Amendment Bylaw No. 8132, 2019 be adopted.

CARRIED.

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

b. Heritage Revitalization Agreement and Heritage Designation (312 Fifth Street) Rescinding Bylaw No. 8171, 2019

ADOPTION

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Heritage Revitalization Agreement and Heritage Designation (312 Fifth Street) Rescinding Bylaw No. 8171, 2019, be adopted.

CARRIED.

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

c. Heritage Revitalization Agreement (647 Ewen) Bylaw No. 8068, 2019

ADOPTION

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Heritage Revitalization Agreement (647 Ewen) Bylaw No. 8068, 2019 be adopted.

CARRIED.

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

d. Heritage Designation Bylaw (647 Ewen Avenue) No. 8069, 2019

ADOPTION

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Heritage Designation Bylaw (647 Ewen Avenue) No. 8069, 2019 be adopted.

CARRIED.

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

NEW BUSINESS

21. Motion: A Welcoming and Inclusive City

In discussion, Council noted the following:

- There is a need to consider the implicit ways in which we make people feel welcome or not;
- People who have a language barrier should be able to access Council proceedings;
- Need a report where Council can delve into this as to what expectations are for the community,;
- There is an interest in taking complex issues out to the people as Council is not necessarily the best form of public engagement for making decisions;
- Council needs to have all data when the decision is made, and not receive new information at the last minute;
- Part of increasing engagement is making City processes more understandable; and
- The Reconciliation, Social Inclusion, and Engagement Task Force should look at some elements of the motion.

MOVED and SECONDED

WHEREAS The City of New Westminster's vision is "A vibrant, compassionate, sustainable city that includes everyone";

AND WHEREAS the City's core values state that "We place high value on the principles of equality and equity and strive to build an environment where everyone is included, valued, and treated with dignity and respect";

AND WHEREAS City meetings and events provide opportunities to create a welcoming and inclusive environment;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that staff report back to council on opportunities to make the city more welcoming and inclusive including, but not limited to how the City can:

- *Create accessibility descriptions for all civic facilities;*
- *Ensure that Council chamber meets the needs for people with disabilities and provides options so they can choose seating and space that meets their needs;*
- *Create dedicated space in Council chamber for families with young children including toys and areas for children to move around;*

- *Offer childminding services so parents and caregivers can attend Council meetings, public consultation events, and serve on civic committees;*
- *Take Council meetings into the community in various neighbourhoods throughout the year and at times that may allow members of our diverse community to attend and take part;*
- *Offer access to translation services by request for City meetings and public hearings;*
- *Offer closed captioning in-chamber and for live-streamed Council meetings;*
- *Make Council agendas easier to read;*
- *Provide a Council Meeting 101 type workshop for the public;*
- *Create an engagement hub at our libraries;*
- *Create gender inclusive washrooms for all existing single stall washrooms in civic facilities;*
- *Create an acronym key for all City documents including Council packages;*
- *Offer the opportunity to accept video submissions for public hearing or delegations;*
- *Audit what accessibility standards are met on the City's website;*
- *Provide staff training on how to create welcoming and inclusive spaces; and,*
- *Utilize more inclusive language during council meetings.*

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that City committees be consulted on further ideas and recommendations for inclusion;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the public be engaged on ways to make the city more welcoming.

Amended.

AMENDMENT MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the words "and interpretation" be added following the words "Offer access to translation" in the sixth bullet point of the motion.

CARRIED.

The amendment having carried, the motion as amended was put and CARRIED with all members present voting in favour.

FINAL MOTION AS ADOPTED

MOVED and SECONDED

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Procedural Note: Council recessed at 6:45 p.m. and reconvened at 7:03 p.m. to deal with the opportunity to be heard and open delegations.

ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

None.

NEXT MEETING

January 27, 2020

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. and be followed by a Public Hearing at 7 p.m. Following the Public Hearing, the Regular meeting will reconvene to consider the business conducted at the Public Hearing. All meetings will be held in the Council Chamber on the 2nd Floor at City Hall.

Public Hearing

- Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw No. 8151, 2019
- Zoning Amendment (Rezone Three Non-Conforming Properties to Duplex Districts (RT-1)) Bylaw No. 8175, 2019
- Zoning Text Amendment Bylaw (230 Keary Street, 268 Nelson's Court and 228 Nelson's Crescent (Brewery District)) No. 8164, 2019

ADJOURNMENT

ON MOTION, the meeting was adjourned at 10:07 p.m.

JONATHAN COTE
MAYOR

JACQUE KILLAWEE
CITY CLERK

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