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CITY COUNCIL MEETING

MINUTES

Monday, June 27, 2022, 5:45 p.m.

Meeting held electronically and open to public attendance

Council Chamber, City Hall

PRESENT:

Mayor Jonathan Coté
Councillor Patrick Johnstone
Councillor Jamie McEvoy
Councillor Nadine Nakagawa
Councillor Chuck Puchmayr
Councillor Mary Trentadue

ABSENT:

Councillor Chinu Das

STAFF PRESENT:

Ms. Lisa Spitale	Chief Administrative Officer
Ms. Jacque Killawee	City Clerk
Mr. Kwaku Agyare-Manu	Senior Manager of Engineering
Mr. Jorge Cardenas	Chief Librarian
Ms. Christine Cho	Human Resources Business Partner
Mr. Dean Gibson	Director of Parks and Recreation
Ms. Lisa Leblanc	Director of Engineering Services
Ms. Lorraine Lyle	Senior Manager, Financial Services
Mr. Rob McCullough	Manager, Museums and Heritage Services
Ms. Christy Mereigh	Manager, Strategic Projects
Ms. Jennifer Miller	Manager of Public Engagement
Ms. Denise Tambellini	Manager, Intergovernmental and Community Relations
Mr. Sean Topnik	Network Administrator
Ms. Harji Varn	Chief Financial Officer and Director of Finance
Mr. Eugene Wat	Manager, Infrastructure Planning, Engineering Services
Mr. Erin Williams	Acting Chief, New Westminster Fire and Rescue Services
Ms. Eva Yip	Acting Director, Human Resources and Information Technology
Ms. Ashley Young	Communications Officer

1. **CALL TO ORDER AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

Mayor Coté opened the meeting at 5:52 p.m. and recognized with respect that New Westminster is on the unceded and unsurrendered land of the Halkomelem speaking peoples. He acknowledged that colonialism has made invisible their histories and connections to the land. He recognized that, as a City, we are learning and building relationships with the people whose lands we are on.

2. **CHANGES TO THE AGENDA**

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council receive all on table items.

Carried.

All members present voted in favour of the motion.

3. **PRESENTATION - 5:45 PM**

3.1 **2021 Annual Report**

a. **Presentation (On Table)**

Lisa Spitale, Chief Administrative Officer, provided an overview of the 2021 Annual Report and highlighted the accomplishments of the City:

- Affordable Housing and Childcare:
 - Approved 206 of affordable and supportive rental housing;
 - Created an extreme weather response plan;
 - Defended Rental Units Bylaw Amendments;
 - Created 126 new childcare spaces and started approvals for 90 new before and after-school care spaces;
- Support of cultural and economic development through community participation in dance, music and storytelling and Indigenous culture through various programming;
- Implemented the Future for Economic Development Plan;
- Support of the hospitality sector with the development of a patio program;
- Updated the Community Energy and Emissions plan (CEEP);
- Construction of the təməsew̓txʷ Aquatic and Community Centre;
- Expansion of space for cultural and arts programming;
- Commenced recruitment for an Indigenous Relations Advisor;
- Hosted a community action network program to assist people with living experience in homelessness and poverty to inform city work;

- Planning and engagement for inclusive and sustainable transportation;
- Enhancements made to increase efficiency and improve services;
- Staff engagement on diversity, inclusion, equity and anti-racism;
- Work completed on the Seven Bold Steps; and
- Thanks expressed for staff participation in the formulation of the report and all of the accomplishments of 2021.

b. Statement concerning the number of written submissions received, including On Table submissions (City Clerk)

Jacque Killawee, City Clerk, advised one written submission was on table.

c. Council consideration of the 2021 Annual Report

Councillors expressed thanks for the accomplishments of a difficult year and noted:

- Acknowledgement of work done on affordable housing, climate action, and reconciliation policies;
- Request for statistics on policing in New Westminster;
- Acknowledgement of 101 new childcare spaces in Queensborough; and
- 840 trees planted in 2021.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council receive the on table submission.

Written Submissions			
Name	Date Submitted	Date Received	#
Christopher Bell	June 27, 2022	On Table	C-1

Carried.

All members present voted in favour of the motion.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council consider the 2021 Annual Report.

Carried.

All members present voted in favour of the motion.

4. END OF PART 1 – RECESS

The meeting adjourned at 6:09 p.m. in consideration of the Public Hearing.

5. RESTART FOR PART 2 FOLLOWING THE PUBLIC HEARING

Mayor Coté called the meeting to order following the Public Hearing at 7:19 p.m.

6. **BYLAWS CONSIDERED AT THE PUBLIC HEARING**

6.1 **Zoning Amendment Bylaw (735 Eighth Avenue) No. 8341, 2022**

To allow a Liquor Primary licence as a permitted use at 735 Eighth Avenue (Massey Theatre). This bylaw is on the agenda for **THIRD READING** and **ADOPTION**.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Zoning Amendment Bylaw (735 Eighth Avenue) No. 8341, 2022 be given Third Reading.

Carried.

All members present voted in favour of the motion.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Zoning Amendment Bylaw (735 Eighth Avenue) No. 8341, 2022 be Adopted.

Carried.

All members present voted in favour of the motion.

6.2 **Heritage Revitalization Agreement (108-118 Royal Avenue and 74-82 First Street) Bylaw No. 8339, 2022**

This bylaw will enable the development of a six to eight storey multiple unit residential building with 189 stratified residential units and a density of 3.29 FSR in exchange for the retention, on-site relocation, restoration, and protection of the Woods House (1890) at 82 First Street. This bylaw is on the agenda for **THIRD READING**.

In discussion, Council members noted:

- Concerns regarding tree removal and retention and the maintenance of the urban canopy;
- The benefits of cycling connections and safe walkways for students;
- Suggestion to seek high-density developments on non-arterial roads;
- Concern with the high number of parking spaces in relation to accessible transit areas; and
- Higher density is encouraged in the downtown area.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Heritage Revitalization Agreement (108-118 Royal Avenue and 74-82 First Street) Bylaw No. 8339, 2022 be given Third Reading

Carried.

All members present voted in favour of the motion.

6.3 Heritage Designation (82 First Street) Bylaw No. 8340, 2022

This bylaw will legally protect the Woods House (built 1890) at 82 First Street and designate it as protected heritage property. This bylaw is on the agenda for **THIRD READING**.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Heritage Designation (82 First Street) Bylaw No. 8340, 2022 be given Third Reading.

Carried.

All members present voted in favour of the motion.

6.4 Road Closure Bylaw and Land Disposition (Windsor Street) Bylaw No. 8350, 2022

This bylaw will authorize the sale and closure of a 404.7 square metres portion of Windsor Street. This bylaw is on the agenda for **THIRD READING**.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Road Closure Bylaw and Land Disposition (Windsor Street) Bylaw No. 8350, 2022 be given Third Reading.

Carried.

All members present voted in favour of the motion.

6.5 Road Closure and Dedication Removal (Queensborough Eastern Neighbourhood Node) Bylaw No. 8347, 2022

This bylaw will close two surplus roads in the Queensborough Eastern Neighbourhood Node, which will allow them to be sold and zoned for development. This bylaw is on the agenda for **THIRD READING**.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Road Closure and Dedication Removal (Queensborough Eastern Neighbourhood Node) Bylaw No. 8347, 2022 be given Third Reading.

Carried.

All members present voted in favour of the motion.

6.6 Zoning Amendment (Blackley Street) Bylaw No. 8351, 2022

This bylaw will zone two surplus roads in the Queensborough Eastern Neighbourhood Node, which will be closed and consolidated with adjacent

properties with the same zoning in order to facilitate development in the Node. This bylaw is on the agenda for **THIRD READING**.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Zoning Amendment (Blackley Street) Bylaw No. 8351, 2022 be given Third Reading.

Carried.

All members voted in favour of the motion.

7. CONSENT AGENDA

If Council decides, all the recommendations in the reports on the Consent Agenda can be approved in one motion, without discussion. If Council wishes to discuss a report, that report is removed from the Consent Agenda. A report may be removed in order to discuss it, because someone wants to vote against the report's recommendation, or because someone has a conflict of interest with the report. Any reports not removed from the Consent Agenda are passed without discussion.

MOVED AND SECONDED

THAT Council adopt the recommendations for items 7.1 to 7.4, 7.7, and 7.10 on consent.

Carried.

All members present voted in favour of the motion.

7.1 2021 Statement of Financial Information

To seek Council's approval of the 2021 Statement of Financial Information.

THAT Council receive and approve the attached 2021 Statement of Financial Information.

Adopted on Consent.

7.2 Amendments to the Elections Procedures Bylaw No. 7985, 2018

To provide clarifications to electors, staff and the courts regarding Special Voting Opportunities (SVOs) and mail ballot voting for local government elections.

THAT Council give three readings to Elections Procedures Bylaw Amending Bylaw No. 8355, 2022, as set out in Attachment 1.

Adopted on Consent.

7.3 Approval of Climate Action Reserve Fund Bylaw No. 8321, 2022

The purpose of this report is to seek Council's approval of the Climate Action Reserve Fund Bylaw.

THAT Council give three readings to Climate Action Reserve Fund Bylaw No. 8321, 2022.

Adopted on Consent.

7.4 Development Approval Procedures Amendment Bylaw No. 8342, 2022 and Delegation Amendment Bylaw No. 8344, 2022: Bylaws for Three Readings

To seek Council consideration of three readings of Bylaw No. 8342, 2022 and Bylaw No. 8344, 2022 to allow delegation of minor Development Variance Permits to the Director of Climate Action, Planning and Development.

THAT Council give three readings to Bylaw No. 8342, 2022 to amend Development Approval Procedures Bylaw No. 5658, 1987 to delegate minor Development Variance Permits to the Director of Climate Action, Planning, and Development; and

THAT Council give three readings to Bylaw No. 8344, 2022 to amend Delegation Bylaw No. 7176, 2015 to delegate minor Development Variance Permits to the Director of Climate Action, Planning, and Development.

Adopted on Consent.

7.5 Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Anti-Racism (DEIAR) Framework

To provide Council with the Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Anti-Racism (DEIAR) Framework and a set of proposed next steps.

Council acknowledged the work of staff and LevelUp Consultants for their work on the report which, upon implementation, will make the organization stronger and better able to serve the community.

MOVED AND SECONDED

THAT Council receive the June 27, 2022 report entitled“ for Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Anti-Racism (DEIAR) Framework” for information.

Carried.

All members present voted in favour of the motion.

7.6 eMobility Strategy: Adoption

To seek Council adoption of the eMobility Strategy.

In discussion, Council members noted:

- The eMobility Strategy addresses concerns regarding electric vehicle (EV) charging in the City and other forms of electrical mobility;
- Ways to support eMobility devices and removing barriers to the use of EVs and sustainable transportation; and
- Older multi-family units present challenges in moving to EV chargers.

MOVED AND SECONDED

1. **THAT** Council adopt the eMobility Strategy;
2. **THAT** staff be directed to identify and advance actions in the eMobility Strategy that can be implemented within the existing staffing capacity and budget resources; and
3. **THAT** staff be directed to bring forward eMobility Strategy funding requests for consideration in the 2023 budget process, including the recommendation to create a new staff position to oversee the implementation of the eMobility Strategy.

Carried.

All members present voted in favour of the motion.

7.7 Komagata Maru Dock Water Lot Lease Agreement Renewal – Amending Agreement No. NEW326-10551F-002

To seek Council authorization to enter into a Lease agreement with the Vancouver Fraser Port Authority and to authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign, for the water lot within which the Komagata Maru Dock in Queensborough is located.

THAT Council authorize the Mayor and City Clerk, on behalf of the City of New Westminister, to execute Amending Agreement No. NEW326-10551F-002 between the City of New Westminister and Vancouver Fraser Port Authority as provided in Attachment #1 of this report.

Adopted on Consent.

7.8 Proposed Redistribution of Federal Electoral Districts 2022

The Electoral Boundaries Commission for BC is proposing realigning the Federal electoral boundaries for New Westminister and creating two separate electoral districts. Staff are recommending a letter be sent to the Electoral Boundaries Commission for British Columbia expressing concerns with the proposed redistribution.

In discussion, Council members noted:

- The City of New Westminster is better served federally if considered one riding;
- The need for a strong advocate for the City of New Westminster;
- New Westminster's infrastructure is unique and needs individual representation; and
- Concern for the potential erasure of the interests of the City.

MOVED AND SECONDED

THAT Council request staff to issue a letter to the Electoral Boundaries Commission for British Columbia (BC) expressing concerns with the proposed redistribution of federal electoral districts to create two electoral districts in New Westminster: New Westminster-Bridgeview and Richmond East.

Carried.

All members present voted in favour of the motion.

7.9 Temporary Working Space Agreement (GVSD590) for 590 Blackberry Drive

To seek Council's authorization to enter into a Temporary Working Space Agreement with Greater Vancouver Sewerage and Drainage District and Onni Development (Victoria Hill) Corp. (the "Onni").

In discussion, Council members expressed concerns regarding the closure of the trail and sought ways to limit the closure or provide alternate access to the trail.

In response to questions from Council, Kwaku Agyare-Manu, Senior Manager of Engineering, provided the following information:

- Glenbrooke Ravine will remain open and accessible to residents;
- The southern and western access will remain open;
- Glenbrooke Ravine northern access will be closed during construction; and
- Metro Vancouver will provide personnel on the trail to direct traffic and ensure safety.

Council members requested more information and continued access to Glenbrooke Ravine.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council direct staff to bring back this report to the July 11, 2022 meeting, and to work with Metro Vancouver to include continued access to

Glenbrooke Ravine from all public footpaths during the term of the agreement.

Carried.

All members present voted in favour of the motion.

7.10 Minutes for Adoption

- a. June 13, 2022 City Council Meeting (9:00 a.m.)
- b. June 13, 2022 City Council Meeting (6:00 p.m.)

Adopted on Consent.

8. BYLAWS

8.1 Bylaws for Rescindment and Re-Reading

a. Housing Agreement (823-841 Sixth Street) Bylaw No. 8316, 2022

To enter into a housing agreement to secure 96 non-market rental units.

To facilitate the project at 823-841 Sixth Street, the multiple properties are being consolidated into one property. This process resulted in a change to the legal description and Parcel Identifier (PIDs), which took place at the same time the Housing Agreement Bylaw was being considered. There is a legal requirement that the Housing Agreement, and therefore the bylaw, reference the correct legal descriptions and PID. Therefore staff are requesting that Council rescind this Bylaw's third reading and that the corrected Bylaw be given a third reading.

THAT THIRD READING of Bylaw No. 8316, 2022 be RESCINDED.

THAT Bylaw 8316, 2022, as amended, be given THIRD READING.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Third Reading of Bylaw No. 8316, 2022 be Rescinded.

Carried.

All members present voted in favour of the motion.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Bylaw 8316, 2022, as amended, be given Third Reading.

Carried.

All members present voted in favour of the motion.

8.2 Bylaws for Readings

a. Elections Procedures Amendment Bylaw No. 8355, 2022

To provide clarifications to electors, staff and the courts regarding Special Voting Opportunities (SVOs) and mail ballot voting for local government elections. This bylaw is on the agenda for **THREE READINGS**.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Elections Procedures Amendment Bylaw No. 8355, 2022 be given First Reading.

Carried.

All members present voted in favour of the motion.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Elections Procedures Amendment Bylaw No. 8355, 2022 be given Second Reading.

Carried.

All members present voted in favour of the motion.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Elections Procedures Amendment Bylaw No. 8355, 2022 be given Third Reading.

Carried.

All members present voted in favour of the motion.

b. Climate Action Reserve Fund Bylaw No. 8321, 2022

A Bylaw to establish a Reserve Fund in support of the City of New Westminster's commitment to greenhouse gas reduction targets for the City's corporate operations and the community. This bylaw is on the agenda for **THREE READINGS**.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Climate Action Reserve Fund Bylaw No. 8321, 2022 be given First Reading.

Carried.

All members present voted in favour of the motion.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Climate Action Reserve Fund Bylaw No. 8321, 2022 be given Second Reading.

Carried.

All members present voted in favour of the motion.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Climate Action Reserve Fund Bylaw No. 8321, 2022 be given Third Reading.

Carried.

All members present voted in favour of the motion.

c. Development Approval Procedures Amendment Bylaw No. 8342, 2022

To allow the delegation of minor Development Variance Permits to the Director of Climate Action, Planning and Development. This bylaw is on the agenda for **THREE READINGS**.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Development Approval Procedures Amendment Bylaw No. 8342, 2022 be given First Reading.

Carried.

All members present voted in favour of the motion.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Development Approval Procedures Amendment Bylaw No. 8342, 2022 be given Second Reading.

Carried.

All members present voted in favour of the motion.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Development Approval Procedures Amendment Bylaw No. 8342, 2022 be given Third Reading.

Carried.

All members present voted in favour of the motion.

d. Delegation Amendment Bylaw No. 8344, 2022

To allow the delegation of minor Development Variance Permits to the Director of Climate Action, Planning and Development. This bylaw is on the agenda for **THREE READINGS**.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Delegation Amendment Bylaw No. 8344, 2022 be given First Reading.

Carried.

All members present voted in favour of the motion.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Delegation Amendment Bylaw No. 8344, 2022 be given Second Reading.

Carried.

All members present voted in favour of the motion.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Delegation Amendment Bylaw No. 8344, 2022 be given Third Reading.

Carried.

All members present voted in favour of the motion.

8.3 Bylaws for adoption

a. Parks and Recreation Fees Amendment Bylaw No. 8343, 2022

A bylaw to set the Parks & Recreation Fees and Charges for 2023. This bylaw is on the agenda for **ADOPTION**.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Parks and Recreation Fees Amendment Bylaw No. 8343, 2022 be Adopted.

Carried.

All members present voted in favour of the motion.

9. NEW BUSINESS

None

10. ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

Councillor Nakagawa, congratulated Krueger Paper on their 100-year anniversary in the community and thanked staff for the tour.

Councillor Nakagawa attended the New Westminster Secondary Graduation Ceremony and congratulated the graduates on their accomplishment, noting it has been a difficult year due to the pandemic.

Mayor Coté acknowledged Krueger Paper and their donation at the Mayor's Food Bank Challenge.

Councillor Puchmayr acknowledged the many people who attended the Nagar Kirtan on Sunday, June 26, 2022 at the Gurdwara Sahib Sukh Sagar in Queensborough.

11. END OF THE MEETING

The meeting ended at 7:59 p.m.

Jonathan Coté

MAYOR

Jacque Killawee

CITY CLERK