



CITY COUNCIL MEETING

MINUTES

Monday, October 3, 2022, 6:00 p.m.

Meeting held electronically and open to public attendance

Council Chamber, City Hall

PRESENT:

Mayor Jonathan Côté
Councillor Chinu Das
Councillor Patrick Johnstone
Councillor Jaimie McEvoy
Councillor Nadine Nakagawa
Councillor Chuck Puchmayr
Councillor Mary Trentadue

STAFF PRESENT:

Ms. Lisa Spitale	Chief Administrative Officer
Ms. Carilyn Cook	Acting City Clerk
Ms. Emilie Adin	Director of Climate Action, Planning and Development
Mr. Mike Anderson	Acting Manager, Transportation
Mr. Jorge Cardenas	Chief Librarian
Ms. Christina Coolidge	Indigenous Relations Advisor
Mr. Dean Gibson	Director of Parks and Recreation
Ms. Lisa Leblanc	Director of Engineering Services
Ms. Lorraine Lyle	Senior Manager, Financial Services
Ms. Denise Tambellini	Manager, Intergovernmental and Community Relations
Ms. Harji Varn	Chief Financial Officer and Director of Finance
Mr. Erin Williams	Acting Chief, New Westminster Fire and Rescue Services
Ms. Eva Yip	Senior Manager, Human Resources

1. CALL TO ORDER AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Mayor Côté opened the meeting at 6:00 p.m. and recognized with respect that New Westminister is on the unceded and unsundered 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

None.

3. ISSUANCE OF PERMITS

3.1 Temporary Use Permit No. TUP00028 for 97 Braid Street

- a. **Copy of Notice**
- b. **Director of Climate Action, Planning and Development's report dated August 29, 2022**
- c. **Statement concerning the number of written submissions received, including On Table submissions (City Clerk)**
 - a. **Summary of Written Submissions – No correspondence was received.**
- d. **Council Decision**

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council approve issuance of TUP00028.

Carried.

All members present voted in favour of the motion.

3.2 Temporary Use Permit No. TUP00029 for 311 Louellen Street

- a. **Copy of Notice**
- b. **Director of Climate Action, Planning and Development's report dated August 29, 2022**
- c. **Statement concerning the number of written submissions received, including On Table submissions (City Clerk)**
 - a. **Summary of Written Submissions**

Carilyn Cook, Acting City Clerk, advised that 79 written submissions were received, 10 of which are provided on table.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council receive all on table correspondence.

Carried.

All members present voted in favour of the motion.

b. Written Submissions

Written Submissions			
Name	Correspondence Date	Date Received	#
Memo from Staff	September 27, 2022	September 27, 2022	C-1
Carrie-Ann Sakaki	September 6, 2022	September 8, 2022	C-2
Kathleen and Brent Graham	September 8, 2022	September 9, 2022	C-3
Jill Klemick	September 9, 2022	September 12, 2022	C-4
Kim Rougeau	September 9, 2022	September 12, 2022	C-5
Brandi M Wingrove	September 9, 2022	September 12, 2022	C-6
Deanna Schilling	September 9, 2022	September 12, 2022	C-7
Neil Firkins	September 9, 2022	September 12, 2022	C-8
Rachelle D	September 9, 2022	September 12, 2022	C-9
Elspeth Cooper	September 9, 2022	September 12, 2022	C-10
Alex Bodnark	September 11, 2022	September 12, 2022	C-11
Joseph Rizzuto	September 11, 2022	September 12, 2022	C-12
Connor Gotowiec	September 11, 2022	September 12, 2022	C-13
Morgan Sakaki-Hodder	September 11, 2022	September 12, 2022	C-14
Paul Sibley	September 12, 2022	September 12, 2022	C-15
Christopher Schilling	September 12, 2022	September 12, 2022	C-16
Jason Maier	September 12, 2022	September 12, 2022	C-17
Lori Pappajohn	September 12, 2022	September 12, 2022	C-18
Lisa Vo	September 12, 2022	September 12, 2022	C-19
James and Daphne Marvel	September 12, 2022	September 12, 2022	C-20
Wes Ferris	September 12, 2022	September 13, 2022	C-21
Scott C Arnold	September 12, 2022	September 13, 2022	C-22
Laurie Bicknell	September 13, 2022	September 13, 2022	C-23
Nina Rizzuto	September 13, 2022	September 13, 2022	C-24
Alexandra Lerner	September 13, 2022	September 13, 2022	C-25
Sergey Kvyatkovskiy	September 13, 2022	September 13, 2022	C-26
Aman Sanghera	September 13, 2022	September 13, 2022	C-27
Chris Lin	September 13, 2022	September 14, 2022	C-28

Written Submissions			
Name	Correspondence Date	Date Received	#
Lisa Vo	September 13, 2022	September 14, 2022	C-29
Staff response to Lisa Vo	September 21, 2022	September 21, 2022	C-30
Aiza Gonzales	September 13, 2022	September 14, 2022	C-31
Fabian Hansen	September 14, 2022	September 14, 2022	C-32
Staff response to Fabian Hansen	September 21, 2022	September 21, 2022	C-33
Geoffrey Litherland	September 14, 2022	September 14, 2022	C-34
Raphael Yamada	September 14, 2022	September 14, 2022	C-35
Aaron Sinclair	September 14, 2022	September 14, 2022	C-36
Darcy Schlechtleitner	September 14, 2022	September 14, 2022	C-37
Chris Good	September 14, 2022	September 14, 2022	C-38
Hank Zhang	September 14, 2022	September 14, 2022	C-39
Chris Esnard	September 14, 2022	September 15, 2022	C-40
Grace Chen	September 14, 2022	September 15, 2022	C-41
Shu Sui Wang	September 14, 2022	September 15, 2022	C-42
Drew Bicknell	September 14, 2022	September 15, 2022	C-43
Nina Rizzuto	September 14, 2022	September 15, 2022	C-44
Fabian Hansen	September 15, 2022	September 15, 2022	C-45
Janice Hudon	September 15, 2022	September 16, 2022	C-46
Lindsay Thompson	September 15, 2022	September 16, 2022	C-47
Troy Hawthorne	September 15, 2022	September 16, 2022	C-48
Tamiza Rasul	September 15, 2022	September 16, 2022	C-49
Julile Ann Madrigal	September 16, 2022	September 16, 2022	C-50
Allen Kharlip	September 16, 2022	September 16, 2022	C-51
Colin Ramsay	September 16, 2022	September 16, 2022	C-52
Alex Kearney	September 17, 2022	September 20, 2022	C-53
Dan Rey Madrigal	September 17, 2022	September 20, 2022	C-54
Armando Betancourt	September 17, 2022	September 20, 2022	C-55
Celly Igonia	September 17, 2022	September 20, 2022	C-56
Robert Toews	September 17, 2022	September 20, 2022	C-57
Michele Sinclair	September 18, 2022	September 20, 2022	C-58
Donna Keane	September 19, 2022	September 20, 2022	C-59
Chris Bishop and Kate Drew	September 20, 2022	September 20, 2022	C-60
Alex Otero	September 21, 2022	September 22, 2022	C-61

Written Submissions			
Name	Correspondence Date	Date Received	#
Amos Ashurst and Aura Haydon	September 21, 2022	September 22, 2022	C-62
Maureen Vo	September 22, 2022	September 22, 2022	C-63
Valerie LM Kuilboer	September 23, 2022	September 23, 2022	C-64
Laura	September 25, 2022	September 26, 2022	C-65
John and Wendy Arnold	September 28, 2022	September 28, 2022	C-66
Trevor Duong	September 28, 2022	September 28, 2022	C-67
Jenn and Mario Mena	September 28, 2022	September 28, 2022	C-68
Lisa Vo	September 28, 2022	September 29, 2022	C-69
Keenan Midgley	September 28, 2022	ON TABLE	C-70
Staff response to Lisa Vo (C-69)	September 29, 2022	ON TABLE	C-71
Bill Regan	September 30, 2022	ON TABLE	C-72
James and Eileen White	October 1, 2022	ON TABLE	C-73
Nick Ringma	October 2, 2022	ON TABLE	C-74
Name Withheld	October 3, 2022	ON TABLE	C-75
Donna Keane	October 3, 2022	ON TABLE	C-76
Petition – 31 names	October 3, 2022	ON TABLE	C-77
Tzu-Yie Koo	October 3, 2022	ON TABLE	C-78
Tzu-Yie Koo	October 3, 2022	ON TABLE	C-79

d. Council Decision

THAT Council approve issuance of TUP00029 with the following conditions:

- Not provide accommodation to more than 10 men at any given time (excluding the house manager);
- Be permitted to operate 24 hours per day;
- Only operate as a temporary residential recovery program;
- Become registered with the Assisted Living Registry, under the Community Care and Assisted Living Act, within one year of operation;

- The applicant shall provide verification, to the satisfaction of the Director of Climate Action, Planning and Development, that the building is suitable for the intended use, prior to operation;
- Provide accommodation to men who have successfully completed a primary care treatment program for substance use (specifically drug and/or alcohol) and/or behavioural addictions (specifically video games and/or gambling); and,
- Only operate as a smoke-free (cannabis and tobacco) facility.

Carried.

All members present voted in favour of the motion.

4. REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS FOR COUNCIL DISCUSSION AND ACTION

4.1 Peer Assisted Care Team (PACT) Pilot Project Update

- a. Presentation, Canadian Mental Health Association (On Table)**
- b. Peer Assisted Care Team (PACT) Pilot Project Update**

The purpose of this report is to update Council on the Peer Assisted Care Team (PACT) and the PACT Working Group's progress to date. Support is required for the Canadian Mental Health Association BC (CMHA BC) decision to contract the Lower Mainland Purpose Society as the service provider to deliver the PACT program to the community. Increased advocacy for mental health support and coordination of services in the community is also required.

Johnny Morris, Canadian Mental Health Association led the review of a presentation titled "Peer Assisted Care Team" dated October 3, 2022 and highlighted:

- Provincial Funding of \$1.26 million in April provided the funding for the first year of operation of the PACT program;
- Implementation updates;
 - Dispatch planning teams will be supported directly;
 - Training and outreach to build trust in the community;
 - Provincial governance group initiated; and
 - PACT teams an interest at UBCM; and
- Next steps to go beyond a pilot program and create a sustainable peer assisted care team.

In discussion, Council noted:

- Gratitude was expressed for the Canadian Mental Health Association's leadership in the PACT pilot project;
- The PACT program will fill a significant community need;
- Other communities have implemented similar programs; and
- The impact of PACT will be province wide.

In response to questions from Council, Mr. Morris advised:

- Contractual obligations have been completed;
- The launch of PACT is imminent; and
- First steps will be to engage in building trust and providing exposure to the PACT program.

MOVED AND SECONDED

THAT Council support the decision of Canadian Mental Health Association BC (CMHA BC) and the selection committee to proceed with a formalized agreement for the one-year Peer Assisted Care Team (PACT) pilot project with the Lower Mainland Purpose Society to deliver the program to the community; and

THAT Council support strengthened advocacy for mental health support in the community including advocacy for the 52 units of supportive housing at 68 Sixth Street.

Carried.

All members present voted in favour of the motion.

4.2 Council Update on Research into Actions taken by the City of New Westminister involving Indigenous Peoples from 1860-1999

a. Staff Presentation (On Table)

b. Council update on research into actions taken by the City of New Westminister involving Indigenous peoples from 1860-1999

The purpose of this report is threefold. First, to present to Council an update on research into actions taken by the City of New Westminister involving Indigenous peoples from 1860 – 1999. Second, to advise Council on engagement with First Nations surrounding the findings of this research. Third, to provide Council

with details of a Truth Before Reconciliation Strategy, outlining City reconciliatory activities from 2022 and progressing into 2023.

Christine Coolidge, Indigenous Relations Advisor, reported:

- Over 100 City staff have participated in Medicine Wheel workshops and more departments have requested workshops;
- Recommendations were provided to the New Westminster Police Department:
 - The need for an analysis of both historical and current records;
 - Suggestion that subject-matter experts review reports and citizen statements to examine a language bias;
 - The need to be sensitive to the trauma that can be created when asking about Indigenous heritage;
 - The need for Indigenous-centered resources for Elders; and
 - The need to create trauma-informed training with an Indigenous focus;
- Truth before reconciliation strategy:
 - Establish a reconciliation working group;
 - Increase the level of transparency regarding Indigenous community initiatives; and
 - Issue a press release regarding the hiring of an Indigenous Relations Advisor; and
- Elder in Residence program:
 - Provide Elder and community support through soup and bannock days.

In discussion, Council noted:

- The City's focus on decolonization with reconciliation;
- Acknowledgement of the history of colonization of New Westminster and the Council Chamber;
- Suggestion that the public read the report;
- The importance of historical accuracy, reflection, and compassion; and
- The start of the City's reconciliation journey is complex and important.

MOVED AND SECONDED

THAT Council receive for information an update on research into actions taken by the City of New Westminster involving Indigenous peoples from 1860-1999.

THAT Council receive for information upcoming activities of the City's Reconciliation work plan as detailed in the next steps in this report.

Carried.

All members present in favour of the motion.

Procedural Note: Council agreed to hear Item 6.0 prior to Item 5.0. The minutes are recorded in numerical order.

5. 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 5.4, 5.5, and 5.7 to 5.10 and 5.12 on consent.

Carried.

All members present voted in favour of the motion.

5.1 All Ages and Abilities Active Transportation Network Plan

To seek Council's endorsement of the All Ages and Abilities (AAA) Active Transportation Network Plan (ATNP) provided in Attachment 1 of this report and direction to develop a financial strategy to support its implementation in a manner consistent with the City's financial principles and asset management strategy.

In response to questions from Council, Mike Anderson, Acting Manager, Transportation, reported:

- Consultation and community engagement was held through existing committees; and

- Adoption of the AAA ATNP will require additional consultation and community engagement.

In response to questions from Council, Lisa Leblanc, Director of Engineering Services, advised:

- A high level of community input was received;
- Engagement will continue on individual projects;
- Construction impacts on businesses will be considered; and
- The key considerations for businesses regarding parking, loading zones and accessibility will be evaluated.

In discussion, Council members noted:

- The need for community engagement with seniors;
- The pandemic has increased the need for infrastructure accessibility plans;
- The AAA ATNP will provide safety for cyclists and pedestrians;
- Grant funding is available for infrastructure network plans;
- Suggestion for more education in protocols for utilizing multi-use pathways;
- Suggestion that more routes be considered;
- The AAA ATNP is crucial to achieving the City's climate goals; and
- Suggestion that carbon credit funding could be utilized.

MOVED AND SECONDED

THAT Council adopt the All Ages and Abilities Active Transportation Network Plan provided in Attachment 1 of this report, including the guiding principles, active transportation network, and general improvement strategies described therein.

THAT Council direct staff to develop a financing strategy that supports implementation of the All Ages and Abilities Active Transportation Network Plan in alignment with the City's financial principles and asset management strategy.

Carried.

All members present voted in favour of the motion.

5.2 Community Energy and Emissions Plan 2050 – Adoption

To seek Council adoption of the Community Energy and Emissions Plan, (CEEP 2050).

In discussion, Council members noted that CEEP 2050 presents a reasonable and possible path to near zero energy emissions.

MOVED AND SECONDED

1. **THAT** Council adopt the Community Energy and Emissions Plan 2050;
2. **THAT** staff be directed to identify and advance actions in CEEP 2050 that can be implemented within the existing staffing capacity and budget resources; and
3. **THAT** staff be directed to bring forward CEEP 2050 funding requests for consideration in the 2023 budget process.

Carried.

All members present voted in favour of the motion.

5.3 Development Permit Application: Brewery District Transit Plaza – For Information

This report is intended to provide Council with preliminary information on the proposed Development Permit application for the Brewery District Transit Plaza.

In response to a question from Council, staff advised the current design incorporates a bicycle shelter, bicycle racks, and e-scooter racks.

MOVED AND SECONDED

THAT Council receive this report for information.

Carried.

All members present voted in favour of the motion.

5.4 Formal Recognition of National Aboriginal Veterans' Day

The purpose of this report is to present to Council a recommendation from the Reconciliation, Social Inclusion and Engagement Task Force which was passed at the Task Force's July 15, 2022 meeting.

THAT Council approve the Reconciliation, Social Inclusion and Engagement Task Force's recommendation that the City take a more formal approach when recognizing National Aboriginal Veterans' Day, that acknowledgements of the occasion go through the Mayor's office, and that the Mayor or their delegate attend the ceremony held in Vancouver in honour of National Aboriginal Veterans' Day.

Adopted on Consent.

5.5 Heritage Revitalization Agreement: 441 Fader Street – Preliminary Report to Council

To seek Council's approval to proceed with processing the proposed Heritage Revitalization Agreement at 441 Fader Street.

THAT Council direct staff to proceed with processing the proposed Heritage Revitalization Agreement at 441 Fader Street, as outlined in the "Consultation and Review Process" Section of this report.

Adopted on Consent.

5.6 Lighting Up City Hall in Celebration of Diwali

The purpose of this report is to present to Council a recommendation from the Social Inclusion, Engagement and Reconciliation Advisory Committee which was passed at the Committee's September 14, 2022 meeting.

In discussion, Council members noted the importance of Diwali and the needed representation in the City.

MOVED AND SECONDED

THAT Council approve the Social Inclusion, Engagement and Reconciliation Advisory Committee's recommendation to light up the outside of City Hall with white strings of lights for a range of days around October 24, 2022 in celebration of Diwali.

Carried.

All members present voted in favour of the motion.

5.7 Uptown Business Association and Downtown New Westminster BIA – 2023 Business Promotion Scheme Budget Approvals

To provide Council with the Uptown Business Association and Downtown Business Improvement Area's 2023 Business Promotion Scheme budgets for approval.

THAT Council approve the Uptown Business Association's 2023 Business Promotion Scheme Budget;

THAT Council approve the Downtown New Westminster BIA's 2023 Business Promotion Scheme Budgets for the Primary Area and Secondary Area.

THAT Council approve the Uptown Business Association's 2023 Business Promotion Scheme Budget;

Adopted on Consent.

5.8 Vancouver Fraser Port Authority Carter Street Foreshore Lease Agreement Renewal

To propose the renewal of the lease agreement with the Vancouver Fraser Port Authority for a portion of the Carter Street and South Dyke Road Foreshore.

THAT the Mayor and Corporate Officer to authorized to execute the lease agreement from the Vancouver Fraser Port Authority for a portion of the Carter Street and South Dyke Road Foreshore area generally in the form included as Attachment "B" to this report.

Adopted on Consent.

5.9 Proclamation - Energy Efficiency Day, October 5, 2022

Adopted on Consent.

5.10 Proclamation - World Food Day, October 16, 2022

Adopted on Consent.

Procedural Note: Council agreed to hear Item 5.13 prior to Item 5.11. The minutes are recorded in numerical order.

5.11 Proclamation – World Polio Day, October 24, 2022

Roy Prevost, Rotary Clubs in New Westminster, commented on the Rotary Club's contribution to the fight against polio. Mr. Prevost shared the history of polio and reported that the Rotary Club provides access to vaccinations. Rotary International has committed \$150 million to the fight to eradicate polio.

Mayor Côté read the proclamation and proclaimed October 24, 2022 World Polio Day in the City of New Westminster.

5.12 Proclamation - Homelessness Action Week, October 8-16, 2022

Adopted on Consent.

5.13 Proclamation - Fire Prevention Week, October 9-15, 2022

Erin Williams, Acting Chief, New Westminster Fire and Rescue Services, and Patrick Jung, recounted the importance of fire prevention.

Mayor Côté read the proclamation and proclaimed October 9-15, 2022 Fire Prevention Week in the City of New Westminster.

6. OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO SPEAK TO COUNCIL – 7:00 PM

Laura Kwong, Cycling Families of New Westminster, expressed support for the All Ages and Abilities Active Transportation Network Plan (AAA ATNP) and stressed the importance of overall infrastructure improvements to enhance the safety of cyclists and requested that Council continue to invest in the AAA ATNP.

Garey Carlson, Hub Cycling, expressed support for the AAA ATNP and stressed the need for safety for all forms of micro-mobility.

Andrew Feltham, Hub Cycling, supported the AAA ATNP and commented that active transportation is inflation resistant, low carbon, and practical.

Heidi Hizsa, Hub Cycling, expressed support for the AAA ATNP to provide a practical and non-verbal method of welcoming all people to New Westminster.

Laura Cornish expressed support for the AAA ATNP and commented on its benefits to family dynamics and community connections.

In discussion, Council members expressed appreciation for the young families in Council chambers to foster community participation and influence decision making.

Kevin Lee, LGBTQ2AI, expressed concerns regarding the ability of the Peer Assisted Care Team (PACT) to address the neurodivergent and LGBTQ+

communities. Mr. Lee requested information regarding the number of police officers trained in mental health and requested information regarding the accessibility to services for people experiencing homelessness. Mr. Lee reminded Council of the Reconciliation Contribution Fund program in Victoria which provides opportunities for local Indigenous bands to receive donations during tax season and requested the City consider a similar program.

In discussion, Council members noted:

- The PACT program is considering an oversight body to ensure neurodivergent and LGBT+ communities are represented;
- The Royal Columbian Hospital has a new mental health and wellness center;
- Outreach programs exist for dispensing safe supplies; and
- Suggestion that Mr. Lee connect with staff for further information.

7. BYLAWS

7.1 Bylaws for adoption

a. Anvil Theatre Fees and Charges Amendment Bylaw No. 8367, 2022

A bylaw to set the 2023 Anvil Theatre Fees and Charges. This bylaw is on the agenda for **ADOPTION**.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Anvil Theatre Fees and Charges Amendment Bylaw No. 8367, 2022 be Adopted.

Carried.

All members present voted in favour of the motion.

b. Climate Action Planning and Development Fees and Rates Amendment Bylaw No. 8358, 2022

A bylaw to set the 2023 Climate Action, Planning and Development Fees and Rates. This bylaw is on the agenda for **ADOPTION**.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Climate Action Planning and Development Fees and Rates Amendment Bylaw No. 8358, 2022 be Adopted.

Carried.

All members present voted in favour of the motion.

c. Cultural Services Fees and Charges Amendment Bylaw No. 8359, 2022

A bylaw to set the 2023 Cultural Services Fees and Charges. This bylaw is on the agenda for **ADOPTION**.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Cultural Services Fees and Charges Amendment Bylaw No. 8359, 2022 be Adopted.

Carried.

All members present voted in favour of the motion.

d. Electrical Utility Charges Amendment Bylaw No. 8368, 2022

A bylaw to set the 2023 Electric Utility Charges. This bylaw is on the agenda for **ADOPTION**.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Electrical Utility Charges Amendment Bylaw No. 8368, 2022 be Adopted.

Carried.

All members present voted in favour of the motion.

e. Engineering User Fees and Rates Amendment Bylaw No. 8360, 2022

A bylaw to set the 2023 Engineering Fees and Rates. This bylaw is on the agenda for **ADOPTION**.

In discussion, Council members requested that staff include fees in the reports.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Engineering User Fees and Rates Amendment Bylaw No. 8360, 2022 be Adopted.

Carried.

All members present voted in favour of the motion.

8. NEW BUSINESS

None.

9. ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

Councillor Das reported that Century House is celebrating Diwali on October 18, 19, and 22, 2022. A dinner will be hosted on Wednesday, October 19, 2022 and details are available on the Century House website.

Councillor members offered their appreciation to the community in allowing them to serve and thanked Councillor Trentadue and Mayor Côté for their years of service and commitment to the City.

10. END OF THE MEETING

The meeting ended at 8:54 p.m.

Jonathan Cote

MAYOR

Carilyn Cook

ACTING CITY CLERK