



INAUGURAL COUNCIL MEETING

MINUTES

Monday, November 7, 2022, 7:00 p.m.

Council Chamber

City Hall

PRESENT:

Mayor Patrick Johnstone
Councillor Ruby Campbell
Councillor Daniel Fontaine
Councillor Tasha Henderson
Councillor Jaimie McEvoy
Councillor Paul Minhas
Councillor Nadine Nakagawa

STAFF PRESENT:

Ms. Lisa Spitale	Chief Administrative Officer
Ms. Jacque Killawee	City Clerk
Ms. Emilie Adin	Director of Climate Action, Planning and Development
Mr. Jorge Cardenas	Chief Librarian
Mr. Rod Carle	General Manager, Electrical Utility
Ms. Eva Yip	Acting Director of Human Resources
Mr. Dean Gibson	Director of Parks and Recreation
Mr. Dave Jansen	Chief Constable
Ms. Lisa Leblanc	Director of Engineering Services
Mr. Craig MacFarlane	Manager of Legal Services
Ms. Harji Varn	Chief Financial Officer and Director of Finance
Mr. Erin Williams	Acting Fire Chief, New Westminster Fire and Rescue Services
Ms. Nicole Ludwig	Assistant City Clerk

GUEST:

Judge Garth Smith	British Columbia Provincial Court Judge
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1. CALL TO ORDER AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Jacque Killawee, City Clerk opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. and recognized with respect that New Westminster is on the unceded and unsurrendered land of the Halkomelem speaking peoples. She acknowledged that colonialism has made invisible their histories and connections to the land, and that, as a City, we are learning and building relationships with the people whose lands we are on. She also acknowledged that the ongoing working has connected the City to Kwantlen, Kwikwetlem, Musqueam, Qayqayt, Squamish, and Tsleil-Waututh, and that more work is needed to learn how the interests of these and other nations can be realized through the choices of the City.

2. OATHS OF OFFICE - CITY COUNCIL

2.1 Oath of Office - Mayor Johnstone

Mayor-elect Johnstone swore the oath of office for Mayor in front of the Honourable Judge Garth Smith, Provincial Court of British Columbia.

2.2 Police Board Chair Oath - Mayor Johnstone

Mayor Johnstone swore the Oath of Office for the Chair of the Police Board in front of the Honourable Judge Garth Smith, Provincial Court of British Columbia.

2.3 Oaths of Office - Members of Council

Councillors-elect each swore the Oath of Office for Councillor in front of the Honourable Judge Garth Smith, Provincial Court of British Columbia.

3. INTRODUCTIONS - MAYOR JOHNSTONE

3.1 Council

Mayor Johnstone introduced the new City Council.

3.2 Senior Staff

Mayor Johnstone introduced the members of the Senior Management Team.

3.3 Special Guests

Mayor Johnstone thanked all guests for their support and attendance, and introduced special guests invited to the meeting.

4. PARCEL TAX ROLL REVIEW PANEL - APPOINTMENTS AND OATHS

4.1 MOTION to appoint all members of Council as the local Parcel Tax Roll Review Panel

MOVED AND SECONDED

THAT Council appoint all members of Council as the Local Parcel Tax Roll Review Panel."

CARRIED.

(All members present voted in favour of the motion)

4.2 Oaths of Office - all Council

Judge Smith led Council members in swearing the oath of office for the Parcel Tax Roll Review Panel.

5. CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

MOVED AND SECONDED

THAT Council adopt the agenda as circulated.

CARRIED.

(All members present voted in favour of the motion)

6. REPORTS

6.1 2022 General Local Election - Report of Election Results

To provide the results of the 2022 General Local Election held on October 15, 2022.

MOVED AND SECONDED

THAT Council receive the November 7, 2022, report entitled "2022 General Local Election – Report of Election Results" for information.

CARRIED.

(All members present voted in favour of the motion)

6.2 Acting Mayor Appointments for November 2022 to December 2023

To request a resolution of Council designating Councillors to undertake Acting Mayor duties on a rotating basis for the coming year.

MOVED AND SECONDED

THAT Acting Mayors for November 2022 to December 2023 be appointed as set out in the Schedule of Acting Mayors in Attachment 1 of the November 7, 2022, report entitled "Acting Mayor Appointments for November 22 to December 2023".

CARRIED.

(All members present voted in favour of the motion)

6.3 Council Member Appointments to Internal and External Committees, Task Forces, Boards and Councils

To seek Council approval for appointments of Council members to City Advisory Committees and Task Forces, and appointments of Council members to external committees and boards.

MOVED AND SECONDED

THAT Council change the Terms of Reference for the following committees to allow for up to two Council members to be appointed, as set out in Attachment 1 of the November 7, 2022, report entitled "Council Member Appointments to Internal and External Committees, Task Forces, Boards and Councils:

- Arts Advisory Committee
- Affordable Housing and Childcare Committee

THAT Council appoint members to the internal and external committees, commissions, boards, councils, and other bodies for a term ending January 31, 2024, as set out below:

Advisory Committees

Arts Advisory Committee	Chair	Councillor McEvoy
	Council Representative	Councillor Minhas
Afford Housing and Childcare	Chair	Councillor McEvoy
	Council Representative	Councillor Henderson
Economic Development	Chair	Councillor Campbell
	Council Representative	Councillor Minhas
Environment and Climate	Chair	Councillor Henderson

Facilities, Infrastructure and Public Realm	Chair	Councillor Campbell
Restorative Justice Committee	Chair	Councillor Fontaine
Social Inclusion, Engagement and Reconciliation	Chair	Councillor Nakagawa
Sustainable Transportation	Chair	Mayor Johnstone

Land Use and Planning Committee

Chair	Mayor Johnstone
Council Representative	Councillor McEvoy
Council Representative	Councillor Nakagawa
Alternate	Councillor Campbell

Electrical Utility Commission

Electrical Utility Commission	Council Representative (Mayor)	Mayor Johnstone
	Council Representative	Councillor Minhas

Library Board

Library Board	Council Representative	Councillor Nakagawa
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Task Forces

Affordable Housing and Child Care	Chair	Councillor McEvoy
	Council Representative	Councillor Henderson
	Council Representative	Councillor Nakagawa
Culture and Economic Development	Chair	Councillor McEvoy
	Council Representative	Councillor Campbell
	Council Representative	Councillor Minhas
Environment and Climate	Chair	Mayor Johnstone
	Council Representative	Councillor Henderson
	Council Representative	Councillor Nakagawa
Facilities, Infrastructure, and Public Realm	Chair	Mayor Johnstone
	Council Representative	Councillor Campbell
		Councillor Fontaine
	Chair	Councillor Nakagawa

Reconciliation, Social Inclusion and Engagement	Council Representative	Councillor Fontaine
		Councillor Henderson
Sustainable Transportation	Chair	Mayor Johnstone
	Council Representative	Councillor Fontaine
		Councillor Nakagawa
Peer Assisted Crisis Team Working Group	Chair	Councillor Nakagawa
	Council Representative	Councillor McEvoy
		Councillor Minhas

External Boards, Councils and Other Bodies

TransLink Mayor's Council	Member	Mayor Johnstone
	Alternate	Councillor McEvoy
Downtown Business Improvement Association	Council Representative	Councillor McEvoy
Massey Theatre Society	Council Liaison	Councillor McEvoy
Tourism New West	Council Liaison	Councillor Campbell
SD40 Liaison Committee	Council Representative	Councillor Fontaine
	Council Representative	Councillor Henderson
	Council Representative	Councillor Nakagawa
Memorialization Advisory Committee	Council Representative	Councillor McEvoy
		Councillor Nakagawa

THAT Council direct staff to bring forward changes to the Community Heritage Commission Bylaw No. 6423, 1997, to allow for the appointment of up to two Council members to the Commission, along with miscellaneous changes to update the bylaw; and

THAT Council, subject to approval of the changes to the Community Heritage Commission Bylaw No. 6423, 1997, appoint the following members to the Community Heritage Commission for a one-year term:

Chair	Councillor McEvoy
Council Representative	Councillor Fontaine

CARRIED.

All members present voted in favour of the motion.

7. METRO VANCOUVER BOARD APPOINTMENTS

7.1 MOTION to appoint Mayor Johnstone as Municipal Director to the Metro Vancouver Regional District Board

MOVED AND SECONDED

THAT Council appoint Mayor Johnstone as Municipal Director to the Metro Vancouver Regional District Board".

AMENDMENT MOVED AND SECONDED

THAT the words "Mayor Johnstone" be deleted from the motion and replaced with "Councillor Fontaine".

DEFEATED.

Councillors Campbell, Henderson, McEvoy, Nakagawa, and Mayor Johnstone opposed.

In discussion on the amendment, Council members noted the following:

- This is an opportunity to appoint an Indigenous person to the Metro Vancouver Board and calls on members to step up in moving reconciliation measures forward; and,
- It is important to make sure the City is strongly represented at the Metro Vancouver Board, and as such, the Mayor should be appointed.

Following the defeat of the amendment, Council voted on the main motion as follows:

THAT Council appoint Mayor Johnstone as Municipal Director to the Metro Vancouver Regional District Board.

CARRIED.

Councillors Fontaine and Minhas opposed.

7.2 MOTION to appoint Councillor Nakagawa as Alternate Municipal Director to the Metro Vancouver Regional District Board

MOVED AND SECONDED

THAT Council appoint Councillor Nakagawa as the Alternate Municipal Director to the Metro Vancouver Regional District Board.

AMENDMENT MOVED AND SECONDED

THAT the name "Nakagawa" be deleted and replaced with "Fontaine".

DEFEATED.

Councillors Campbell, Henderson, McEvoy, Nakagawa, and Mayor Johnstone opposed.

In discussion on the amendment, Council members noted the following:

- Appointing an Indigenous person to the Metro Vancouver Board is an opportunity to live up to talk around truth and reconciliation;
- It takes time to learn the issues the City and region are facing and the original nomination is someone who has the trust of residents, along with the background and knowledge necessary for appropriate representation at Metro Vancouver;
- Metro Vancouver believes in Indigenous Representation and the policy there is that Indigenous people should be represented by the person Indigenous people have chosen to represent them. In the spirit of this, the Tsawassen First Nation has a seat at the table and others are also considering this approach.

Following the defeat of the amendment, Council voted on the main motion as follows:

THAT Council appoint Councillor Nakagawa as the Alternate Municipal Director to the Metro Vancouver Regional District Board.

CARRIED.

Councillors Fontaine and Minhas opposed.

8. INAUGURAL ADDRESS - MAYOR JOHNSTONE

In his inaugural address, Mayor Johnstone noted the following:

- Recognition of the outgoing Mayor and Councillors for their service to the City;
- A commitment to empower each member to do their best work;
- A call for engaging in robust discussions of matters of importance, seeking consensus where it can be found, and working together so that disagreements do not hinder the City's progress;

- Political engagement is often the privilege of the few, and one of the most disenfranchised groups is the original inhabitants of the land and building relationships with Indigenous inhabitants is one of the most important things that needs to be done;
- Request for all of Council to engage meaningfully in reconciliation, and building relationships with the people Indigenous to these lands;
- A reminder that this is the term that will decide whether the City can make its 2030 environmental targets;
- Council will be undergoing a strategic planning process over the next few months to set out collective goals for the term; and,
- An invitation to everyone in the city to engage with community organizations and the City.

9. **NEW BUSINESS**

None.

10. **END OF THE MEETING**

The meeting ended at 7:52 p.m.

Patrick Johnstone
MAYOR

Jacque Killawee
CITY CLERK