



PUBLIC HEARING

MINUTES

Monday, March 27, 2023

**Meeting held electronically and open to public attendance
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. Lisa Zwarn	Auxiliary City Clerk
Mr. Ron Au	Senior Financial Services Analyst
Mr. Kwaku Agyare-Manu*	Senior Manager, Engineering Services
Mr. Dean Gibson	Director of Parks and Recreation
Mr. Dave Jansen*	Chief Constable, New Westminster Police Department
Ms. Jacque Killawee	Acting Records and Information Administrator
Ms. Wendee Lang	Development Planner
Ms. Lisa Leblanc	Director of Engineering Services
Mr. Gary So	Senior Financial Services Analyst
Mr. Alex Tam*	Senior Financial Analyst
Ms. Jackie Teed	Acting Director, Climate Action, Planning and Development
Ms. Harji Varn	Chief Financial Officer and Director of Finance
Mr. Mike Watson	Acting Supervisor of Development Planning
Mr. Erin Williams	Acting Chief, New Westminster Fire and Rescue Services
Ms. Eva Yip*	Acting Director of Human Resources and Information Technology
Ms. Carilyn Cook	Acting Assistant City Clerk

GUESTS:

Andrew Rule*	AECON Group Inc.
Kevin Shipalesky*	The C&E Group
Keith Threadkell*	Metro Vancouver
Jason Warren*	Metro Vancouver

1. CALL TO ORDER AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Mayor Johnstone opened the meeting at 6:00 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. STATEMENT CONCERNING THE PROPOSED BYLAW AND THE CONDUCT OF THE PUBLIC HEARING

Mayor Johnstone provided a statement regarding the bylaws under consideration, the conduct of the public hearing, and the expected conduct of all participants.

3. Heritage Revitalization Agreement Bylaw No. 8379, 2023 and Heritage Designation Bylaw No. 8380, 2023 for 802 and 806 Eighth Street and 809 Eighth Avenue

3.1 Proposal Information

Lisa Zwarn, Auxiliary City Clerk, advised that 25 written submissions had been received, of which 21 were on table.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council receive the following written submissions related to Heritage Revitalization Agreement Bylaw No. 8379, 2023 and Heritage Designation Bylaw No. 8380, 2023 for 802 and 806 Eighth Street and 809 Eighth Avenue.

Public Input Submissions			
Name	Date Submitted	Date Received	#
Therese Nielsen	March 21, 2023	March 22, 2023	C-1
Joe Stein	March 21, 2023	March 22, 2023	C-2
Cassie Westmorland	March 22, 2023	March 23, 2023	C-3

Public Input Submissions			
Name	Date Submitted	Date Received	#
Tim Schmitt	March 22, 2023	March 23, 2023	C-4
Daniel Wu	March 22, 2023	ON TABLE	C-5
John	March 23, 2023	ON TABLE	C-6
Leslie Tucker	March 23, 2023	ON TABLE	C-7
Hasso Behn	March 23, 2023	ON TABLE	C-8
Leanne Evans	March 24, 2023	ON TABLE	C-9
Brad Cavanagh	March 24, 2023	ON TABLE	C-10
Anna	March 24, 2023	ON TABLE	C-11
604kev	March 24, 2023	ON TABLE	C-12
Donalda and Doug Woodward	March 24, 2023	ON TABLE	C-13
Krista Woodward	March 24, 2023	ON TABLE	C-14
Westie	March 24, 2023	ON TABLE	C-15
Tim	March 24, 2023	ON TABLE	C-16
Saj	March 24, 2023	ON TABLE	C-17
Bea	March 24, 2023	ON TABLE	C-18
Fsfynda	March 25, 2023	ON TABLE	C-19
Veronique Boulanger	March 25, 2023	ON TABLE	C-20
westendmama	March 27, 2023	ON TABLE	C-21
Cheryl Greenhalgh	March 27, 2023	ON TABLE	C-22
Trudi Goels	March 27, 2023	ON TABLE	C-23
Anibyl	March 27, 2023	ON TABLE	C-24
Choyal Brown	March 27, 2023	ON TABLE	C-25

Carried.

All members voted in favour of the motion.

3.2 Overview of the Proposal (Climate Action, Planning, and Development)

Wendee Lang, Development Planner, led the review of the presentation titled “802-806 Eighth Street and 809 Eighth Avenue” and noted:

- The site is within walking distance to community amenities and alternative transportation options;
- 18 residential units are proposed;
- Sincock House to be relocated on the property;
- Bylaw relaxations are specific to this project; and,
- Parking reduction with Transportation Demand Management (TDM) measures support the City’s objectives of a car light community.

Lisa Zwarn, Auxiliary City Clerk, advised that one additional written submission had been received on table.

MOVED and SECONDED

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Public Input Submissions			
Name	Date Submitted	Date Received	#
Susie Poulsen	March 27, 2023	ON TABLE	C-26

Carried.

All members voted in favour of the motion.

3.3 Opportunity to Speak to Council

Myron Calof, Project Manager for 802 and 806 Eighth Street and 809 Eighth Avenue, noted the project is supported by the Heritage Commission, underwent public feedback and encourages a car-free approach to housing, offering purchasers incentives for alternative transportation.

Paula Castellon, Resident, raised concerns regarding the traffic in the area resulting from higher density.

Tim Schmitt, Resident, expressed support for the architecture components, increased density, location, proximity to amenities, and the reduction to the proposed parking for the project.

Darrin Grund, Resident, supported the land use and quality application but expressed concern regarding the number of parking spaces and the impact to the neighbourhood.

Michael Atherley, Resident, expressed concern about the reduction of parking availability and the parking of construction vehicles.

Lisa Macgregor, Resident, expressed concern regarding neighbourhood impact of the lack of parking for the project and the use of street parking for facilities.

Lisa Chan, property owner, supported the project and raised awareness of the development's access to commuter buses and SkyTrain.

Elliott Rossiter, Resident, spoke in favour of the project due to the benefits of densification at the existing location and the inclusion of family friendly units.

Glenna Saffron, Resident, raised concern regarding parking and the use of street parking for nearby amenities.

Mayor Johnstone called for first time speakers three times and none were present in person or electronically.

The City Clerk reviewed the ways in which people could speak to Council.

Procedural Note: Council recessed at 6:45 p.m. to allow for additional speakers to join the meeting and reconvened at 6:48 p.m.

Caroline Howes, Resident, expressed the need for townhome developments to house young families in New Westminster.

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Name	Date Submitted	Date Received	#
Alwayswalking	March 27, 2023	ON TABLE	C-27

Carried.

All members voted in favour of the motion.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Public Hearing for Heritage Revitalization Agreement Bylaw No. 8379, 2023 and Heritage Designation Bylaw No. 8380, 2023 for 802 and 806 Eighth Street and 809 Eighth Avenue be closed.

Carried.

All members present voted in favour of the motion.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Heritage Revitalization Agreement (802 and 806 Eighth Street and 809 Eighth Avenue) Bylaw No. 8379, 2023 be referred to Council for Third Reading.

Carried.

All members present voted in favour of the motion.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Heritage Designation (802 and 806 Eighth Street and 809 Eighth Avenue) Bylaw No. 8380, 2023 be referred to Council for Third Reading.

Carried.

All members present voted in favour of the motion.

4. END OF PUBLIC HEARING

The meeting adjourned at 6:52 p.m.

Patrick Johnstone

MAYOR

Lisa Spitale

ACTING CORPORATE OFFICER