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CITY COUNCIL MEETING

MINUTES

Monday, May 8, 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. Kwaku Agyare-Manu	Senior Manager, Engineering Services
Mr. Mike Anderson	Manager of Transportation
Mr. Rod Carle	General Manager, Electrical Utility
Ms. Christina Coolidge	Indigenous Relations Advisor
Mr. Brad Davie	Assistant Deputy Chief, New Westminster Fire and Rescue Services
Mr. Peter DeJong	Corporate Officer
Mr. Blair Fryer	Senior Manager, Communications and Economic Development
Mr. Dean Gibson	Director of Parks and Recreation
Mr. Indeeep Johal	Acting Manager, Revenue and Collection
Ms. Jacque Killawee	Acting Records and Information Administrator
Ms. Lisa Leblanc	Director of Engineering Services
Mr. Robert McCullough	Manager, Museums and Heritage Services
Ms. Jennifer Miller	Manager of Public Engagement
Ms. Denise Tambellini	Intergovernmental and Community Relations Manager
Ms. Jackie Teed	Acting Director, Climate Action, Planning and Development
Ms. Harji Varn	Chief Financial Officer and Director of Finance

Mr. Erin Williams
Ms. Eva Yip
Ms. Debbie Reimer

Acting Chief, New Westminster Fire and Rescue Services
Acting Director of Human Resources and Information
Technology
Recording Secretary, Mosaic Writing Group

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. **CHANGES TO THE AGENDA**

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council adds Item 9.1 – Potential Changes to City Advisory Committees Structure; and

THAT Council adopt the agenda as amended.

Carried.

All members present voted in favour of the motion.

3. **REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS FOR COUNCIL DISCUSSION AND ACTION**

3.1 **Presentation of 2022-2026 Council Strategic Plan**

Lisa Spitale, Chief Administrative Officer, led the review of a presentation titled “2023-2026 Council Strategic Priorities Plan” and highlighted:

- The plan is directed through foundations and lenses; and,
- The plan emphasizes:
 - An intensified commitment to housing;
 - Enhanced safety measures for non-vehicle modes of transportation;
 - Priority to asset management and infrastructure;
 - A commitment to transparency in government; and,
- The next steps will include updating the website, social media, press releases, and departmental meetings to align priorities for Council and staff.

Discussion ensued on:

- The need to have a proactive approach regarding the housing crisis; and,
- The importance of compassion in city management.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council adopt the 2023-2026 Council Strategic Priorities Plan.

Discussion ensued on:

- The need to include Connaught Heights; and,
- The Strategic Plan does not require specificity of projects and specific areas are not prioritized in general outcomes.

Procedural Note: As a result of the discussion, an amendment was introduced.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the title “More Homes Near Transit” heading on page 8 of the 2023-2026 Council Strategic Priorities Plan be amended to read:

“More Homes Near Transit: Advance planning for transit-oriented development, including the 22nd Street SkyTrain station development, using a climate action lens.”

Defeated.

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

Procedural Note: The question on the main motion was called.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council adopt the 2023-2026 Council Strategic Priorities Plan.

Carried.

Councillors Fontaine and Minhas opposed.

Procedural Note: Councillor Fontaine left the meeting at 6:48 and returned at 6:49 pm

Procedural Note: The order of the agenda was varied to consider Items 5.0 and 6.0 prior to Item 3.2.

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

Owen Goodwin spoke regarding the Day of Mourning for Workers Killed or Injured on the Job. He related statistics regarding lives lost on the job every year in Canada due to workplace accidents or toxic chemical exposure. He noted the need for workers to understand their right to safety and that workplace safety should be everyone's priority.

Mayor Johnstone read the proclamation and proclaimed April 28, 2023 as Day of Mourning for Workers Killed and Injured on the Job in the City of New Westminster.

Vera Lefranc, Elizabeth Fry Society of Greater Vancouver, provided information regarding the upcoming retirement and career of Shawn Bayes, Chief Executive Officer of The Elizabeth Fry Society. She recounted the work of Ms. Bayes, social justice campaigns and legislative changes made in supporting vulnerable women and children in New Westminster.

Mayor Johnstone read the proclamation and proclaimed May 12, 2023 as Shawn Bayes Day in the City of New Westminster.

Sheila Sharma, Hyack Festival, provided information regarding the 2023 Hyack International Parade and Festival. The festival strives to bring the community together with large scale events. The parade begins at 11:00 a.m. on May 27, 2023 and will finish at Tipperary Park for a celebration with entertainment, food, and activities.

Mayor Johnstone read the proclamation and proclaimed May 27, 2023 in celebration of the Hyack International Parade and Festival in the City of New Westminster.

Mike Antoniali, Operations Coordinator, reported on the activities planned to highlight Public Works for Public Works Week. The activities will highlight the work of staff to keep the City of New Westminster running. An Open House will be held on May 24, 2023 from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and from 12:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. to accommodate school participation. All staff are welcome.

Mayor Johnstone read the proclamation and proclaimed May 21 to 27, 2023 as National Public Works Week in the City of New Westminster.

Ryan Moffat explained the practice of Falun Dafa, an ancient mind and body practice of the Buddha school based on truthfulness, compassion and tolerance.

Mayor Johnstone read the proclamation and proclaimed May 13, 2023 as Falun Dafa Day in the City of New Westminster.

Muskaan Khan, Federation of BC Youth in Care Networks, spoke regarding the significance of Child and Youth in Care Week to celebrate the unique and diverse children in care and to recognize the impact of these youth in the City of New Westminster.

Mayor Johnstone read the proclamation and proclaimed May 29 to June 4, 2023 as BC Child and Youth in Care Week in the City of New Westminster.

Paul Horn provided information regarding the New Westminster Senior Salmonbellies. The New Westminster Senior Salmonbellies season starts May 25, 2023 and season tickets are available.

Nancy Whiteside spoke regarding the need for a comprehensive senior's strategy in the Official Community Plan (OCP). She expressed that long-term care is failing to provide for the complex needs of seniors and that elders deserve the opportunity to age in place in housing of their choice. She encouraged Council to seek input from seniors in the City of New Westminster on future policies.

Wallace Wallace commended New Westminster as a place of healing but expressed concerns regarding the Queens Park universal bathroom, the need for more supportive housing, the health implications of hand dryers, and the inequity to marginalized groups regarding the use of technology-based rewards and discounts in businesses.

Tim Takaro, Peter Vranjkovic, and Marvin Lewis of Protect the Planet led the review of a presentation titled "Safety Concerns over Trans Mountain Pipeline Expansion Project's Fraser River Crossing", dated January 18, 2023, and reported concerns regarding the health of residents and wildlife due to the transportation of bitumen. They expressed the opinion that changes to the pipeline will cause stress to the construction and will endanger New Westminster and the Fraser River.

Procedural Note: As a result of the discussion, a motion was introduced.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the City of New Westminster file a statement of opposition to the TransMountain Pipeline project that is traversing the Fraser River to the Canada Energy Regulation Website.

Discussion ensued on:

- Suggestion that a workshop be offered regarding the pipeline project;
- Information available regarding the pipeline project; and,
- The pipeline project is not a City initiative.

Procedural Note: As a result of the discussion, a subsidiary motion was introduced.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the motion be referred to staff for a report and, if necessary, a legal opinion.

Procedural Note: As a result of further discussion an amendment was introduced.

THAT the motion be amended to include:

“**THAT** the information presented regarding the TransMountain Pipeline project traversing the Fraser River be referred to a Council workshop.”

Procedural Note: As a result of the discussion, a motion to withdraw was introduced.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council withdraw the main motion regarding the TransMountain Pipeline and the amended subsidiary motion to refer the information to a Council workshop.

Carried.

All members present voted in favour of the motion.

Procedural Note: The delegation was advised on process to bring the matter forward as a Notice of Motion.

6. SPECIAL ORDER OF THE DAY

6.1 Break

The meeting recessed at 8:18 p.m. and reconvened at 8:33 p.m.

Procedural Note: The order of the agenda was resumed.

3. REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS FOR COUNCIL DISCUSSION AND ACTION (continued)

3.2 Anvil Centre Operations

Discussion ensued on:

- The Parking Department is preparing a response regarding parking at Anvil Centre;
- City policy regarding parameters for the prevention of access to the public washroom in Hyack Square; and,
- Suggestion to provide information regarding the Anvil Centre in a Council workshop.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT staff be directed to develop a Council workshop for the purposes of discussing the future of the Anvil Centre Operations; and,

THAT Council provide parameters and questions for Staff regarding content of the workshop.

Carried.

All members present voted in favour of the motion.

3.3 Demographic Profile of Be Heard New West Registered Users

Discussion ensued on:

- Suggestion that Council provide population statistics regarding the City's Be Heard New West online engagement;
- Suggestion that the Be Heard platform be reviewed for efficacy;
- The importance of equity in public engagement:
 - Community feedback is received through multiple platforms;
- City of New Westminster requires in-person community engagement; and,
- Survey data can be tracked for online participation
 - Demographic data is difficult to attain for in-person engagements.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council receive this report for information.

Carried.

All members present voted in favour of the motion.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council adopt the recommendations for items 4.1, 4.3. to 4.7, 4.12 and 4.14 on consent.

Carried.

All members present voted in favour of the motion.

4.1 Anvil Centre Operating Overview

Adopted on Consent.

4.2 Application for Strata Conversion of the existing building at 716 Columbia Street.

Discussion ensued on:

- Concern regarding the size of the proposed suites and the need for affordable housing; and,
- The minimum square footage requirements were not part of the development permit issued in 2010.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council approve the proposed strata conversion of the existing commercial building into eight strata units (seven residential and one commercial) and authorize the City Clerk to endorse the strata plans on behalf of the City of New Westminster.

Carried.

All members present voted in favour of the motion.

4.3 Appointment of Corporate Officer

Adopted on Consent.

4.4 Approach for Budget 2024 Engagement and Budget Timelines

THAT Council endorse the Engagement Objectives outlined in this report; and;

THAT Council endorse the 2024 Budget Timelines and associated 2024 Budget Engagement Approach as outlined in this report, including online engagement on Be Heard and targeted workshops with underrepresented groups.

Adopted on Consent.

4.5 Daycare Lease Agreement at 490 Furness Street

THAT Council authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the attached Lease Agreement between the City and the Kolumbia Inn Daycare Society (KIDS).

Adopted on Consent.

4.6 Early Steps Daycare – Playground License Agreement at 601 Queens Avenue

THAT Council authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the attached License Agreement between the City and the Early Steps Daycare.

Adopted on Consent.

4.7 Expanding the Inter-municipal TNS (Ride-Hailing) Business Licence to include Hope, Kent and Mission

1. **THAT** Council give Three Readings to Inter-Municipal TNS Business Licence Scheme Bylaw No. 8391, 2023;
2. **THAT** Council forward Inter-Municipal TNS Business Licence Scheme Bylaw No. 8391, 2023 to an Opportunity to be Heard at the Regular Meeting of Council on May 29, 2023; and,
3. **THAT** Council give Three Readings to Inter-Municipal TNS Business Licence Agreement Bylaw No. 8393, 2023.

Adopted on Consent.

4.8 Rezoning Application for Conversion to Supportive Housing: 422 Sixth Street - Preliminary Application

Discussion ensued on:

- The HVAC system is required for movement of air in lieu of operating windows;
- A precedence exists for office building conversion to residential use;
- Concern regarding future lack of office space;
- Confirmation that public consultation will be undertaken; and,
- The prioritization of New Westminster residents as tenants of the supportive housing development.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council direct staff to work with the applicant to prepare a rezoning bylaw for the subject property suitable for consideration of First, Second and Third Readings;

THAT Council direct staff to proceed with processing the proposed rezoning of the subject property as outlined in the “Application Review Process” section of this report; and,

THAT Council endorse in principle that no Public Hearing be held for this application in accordance with the *Local Government Act*.

Carried.

All members present voted in favour of the motion.

- 4.9 Proclamation – Day of Mourning for Workers Killed and Injured on the Job, April 28, 2023

This proclamation was considered in Item 5.0.

- 4.10 Proclamation - Shawn Bayes Day, May 12, 2023

This proclamation was considered in Item 5.0.

- 4.11 Proclamation - Falun Dafa Day, May 13, 2023

This proclamation was considered in Item 5.0.

- 4.12 Proclamation - International Day Against Homophobia and Transphobia, May 17, 2023

Adopted on Consent.

- 4.13 Proclamation - Hyack International Parade and Festival, May 27, 2023

This proclamation was considered in Item 5.0.

- 4.14 Proclamation - Emergency Preparedness Week, May 7-13, 2023

Adopted on Consent.

- 4.15 Proclamation - National Public Works Week, May 21-27

This proclamation was considered in Item 5.0.

- 4.16 Proclamation - Child and Youth in Care Week, May 29-June 4, 2023

This proclamation was considered in Item 5.0.

7. **BYLAWS**

7.1 **Bylaws for Readings**

a. **Inter-municipal TNS Business License Agreement Bylaw No. 8393, 2023**

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Inter-municipal TNS Business License Agreement Bylaw No. 8393, 2023 be given First Reading.

Carried.

Councillor McEvoy opposed

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Inter-municipal TNS Business License Agreement Bylaw No. 8393, 2023 be given Second Reading.

Carried.

Councillor McEvoy opposed

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Inter-municipal TNS Business License Agreement Bylaw No. 8393, 2023 be given Third Reading.

Carried.

Councillor McEvoy opposed

b. **Inter-municipal TNS Business License Scheme Bylaw No. 8391, 2023**

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Inter-municipal TNS Business License Scheme Bylaw No. 8391, 2023 be given First Reading.

Carried.

Councillor McEvoy opposed.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Inter-municipal TNS Business License Scheme Bylaw No. 8391, 2023 be given Second Reading.

Carried.

Councillor McEvoy opposed.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Inter-municipal TNS Business License Scheme Bylaw No. 8391, 2023 be given Third Reading.

Carried.

Councillor McEvoy opposed.

7.2 Bylaws for Adoption

a. Tax Rates Bylaw No. 8395 2023

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Tax Rates Bylaw No. 8395 2023 be adopted.

Carried.

Councillors Fontaine and Minhas opposed.

8. MOTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

8.1 Motions for Discussion and Decision

a. Inviting the Community to Celebrate and Say Goodbye to the Pattullo Bridge

Submitted by Councillor Fontaine

MOVED and SECONDED

WHEREAS the Pattullo Bridge is an iconic part of the City of New Westminster's history;

WHEREAS the historic Pattullo Bridge will be decommissioned and replaced by a wider, more modern bridge which will be operational in 2024; and,

WHEREAS the public should be provided with a unique opportunity to experience the Pattullo Bridge without truck and vehicle traffic

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Mayor write a letter on behalf of Council to the BC Ministry of Transportation to determine the feasibility of opening the Pattullo Bridge to pedestrian, cycle and other non-vehicular modes of transportation for a period of three days (Friday, Saturday, Sunday) subsequent to the opening of the new bridge; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Council enter into discussions with the Ministry of Transportation to facilitate a community-based celebration of the existing Pattullo Bridge by way of an 'on bridge' day-long street festival during the three-day public access period.

Procedural Note: As a result of the discussion, an amendment was introduced.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council amend the motion by adding:

“AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a memorial day be held for all the lives harmed or lost on the Pattullo Bridge.”

Carried.

All members present voted in favour of the amendment.

Procedural Note: As a result of the discussion, another amendment was introduced.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the words “and TransLink” be inserted in both resolutions of the motion after the words BC Ministry of Transportation.

Carried.

Councillors Fontaine, McEvoy, and Minhas opposed.

Procedural Note: As a result of the discussion, a further amendment was introduced.

MOVED AND SECONDED

THAT the second part of the resolution be amended to read:

“BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Council notify the Ministry of Transportation and TransLink that the City wants them to host a community-based celebration of the existing Pattullo Bridge by way of an ‘on bridge’ day-long street festival during the three-day public access period with City of New Westminster input on the event.”

Carried.

All members present voted in favour of the amendment.

Procedural Note: The question on the main motion, as amended, was called.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Mayor write a letter on behalf of Council to the BC Ministry of Transportation and TransLink to determine the feasibility of opening the Pattullo Bridge to pedestrian, cycle and other non-vehicular modes of transportation for a period of three days (Friday, Saturday, Sunday) subsequent to the opening of the new bridge;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Council notify the Ministry of Transportation and TransLink that the City wants them to host a community-based celebration of the existing Pattullo Bridge by way of an ‘on bridge’ day-long street festival during the three-day public access period with City of New Westminster input on the event; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a memorial day be held for all the lives harmed or lost on the Pattullo Bridge.

Carried.

All members present voted in favour of the motion.

b. Updating and Determining the Effectiveness of the City's Tree Protection and Regulation Bylaw

Submitted by Councillor Minhas

Discussion ensued on:

- The need for frequent review of bylaws;
- Concern regarding the ensuing cost of bylaw review; and,

- New Westminster has received awards for their tree bylaws.

MOVED and SECONDED

WHEREAS the City of New Westminster introduced a Tree Protection and Regulation Bylaw in 2016;

WHEREAS the overall tree canopy within the City of New Westminster has continued to decline since the introduction of the Tree Protection and Regulation bylaw;

WHEREAS it is important to regularly review bylaws for their effectiveness; and,

WHEREAS there is increasing evidence that trees and other greenspaces offer significant health and well-being benefits, including reduced deaths from cardiovascular disease and improved mental health outcomes

BE IT RESOLVED THAT staff be directed to report back to Council regarding the costs, potential sources of funding and operational impacts pertaining to the City conducting an independent and arms-length review and public consultation regarding the effectiveness of our Tree Protection and Regulation Bylaw

Defeated.

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

8.2 Notices of Motion

a. 2024 Police Budget

Submitted by Councillor Nakagawa

WHEREAS The New Westminster Police constitutes the largest percentage of the municipal budget by department, and is traditionally submitted by the Police Board to City Council for approval; and,

WHEREAS under provincial regulation, City Council does not have the ability to modify this portion of the City Budget

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT New Westminster City Council writes to the Police Board requesting to engage in

collaborative dialogue about the 2024 Police Budget on an ongoing basis beginning in spring 2023.

b. Establishing a new Planning Policies, Procedures and Processes Working Group

Submitted by Councillor Fontaine

WHEREAS it is important for the City to regularly review the effectiveness of and efficiency of our planning processes and procedures;

WHEREAS one of the goals of the City is to construct more affordable, accessible and diverse housing types that will help to address our housing crisis; and,

WHEREAS there has been concern expressed within our community that some of the processes, procedures and policies related to the development of new housing are outdated and in need of reform

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council establish a Planning Policies, Procedures and Processes Working Group;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT once established and members of the Working Group are appointed, it be provided with up to 120 days to prepare a report to Council which includes recommendations regarding possible revisions, updates or the elimination of any unnecessary, outdated, costly or ineffective planning by-laws, policies, procedures and processes;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Council appoint two city Councillors to co-chair the Working Group and that they develop the terms of reference, and prepare a budget (if required) for approval by Council;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the co-chairs will recommend to Council the overall composition of the Working Group;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT all efforts should be made by the Working Group to utilize external resources as a means of limiting staff time required to support this initiative; and

BE IF FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the representatives of the Working Group will represent the diversity of our community and that the consultation they undertake will be done in an equitable manner.

c. **Supporting the Victims of Random and Violent Crimes in New Westminster**

Submitted by Councillor Minhas

WHEREAS the streets of New Westminster have been the scene of an increasing number of violent crime incidents including shootings in broad daylight and stabbings;

WHEREAS an increasing number of residents, business owners and tourists are concerned about their safety; and,

WHEREAS the City of New Westminster should play an important role in helping to ensure that residents, business owners and tourists remains safe

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Mayor, on behalf of Council, write to the Federal Minister of Justice, the Premier of British Columbia and the BC's Solicitor General requesting that every effort be made to reform our 'catch and release' justice system which is facilitating repeat and prolific offenders being allowed to roam New Westminster's streets;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Council endorse a request made in February 2023 by the Business Improvement Areas of BC to establish a new provincially funded program which supports initiatives aimed at curtailing the impacts of vandalism and property crime; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Council request an urgent meeting with the New Westminster Police Board to develop a joint strategy and determine what additional initiatives can be immediately implemented to ensure our streets remain safe from further violent crime.

d. **Implementing Initiatives to Reduce Catalytic Converter Thefts in New Westminster**

Submitted by Councillor Fontaine

WHEREAS the theft and resale of stolen catalytic converters is considered an issue within the City of New Westminster;

WHEREAS the Insurance Corporation of B.C. (ICBC) says converter theft claims have climbed from 89 in 2017 to 1,953 last year, totaling more than \$4 million in claim costs for 2021; and,

WHEREAS the theft of catalytic converters is costly and impactful to the victims of this crime

BE IT RESOLVED THAT staff work with ICBC and the New Westminster Police Department to determine the feasibility of replicating Surrey's "Etch It, We Catch It" campaign in our city; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT staff report back regarding the feasibility of implementing a by-law that would place a temporary ban on the resale of catalytic converters and impose serious fines to those individuals and/or businesses who knowingly sell stolen catalytic converters in our city.

9. NEW BUSINESS

9.1. Potential Changes to City Advisory Committees Structure

Staff reviewed the report and highlighted:

- Council requested that staff explore potential changes to the committee structure;
- A citizens assembly model was considered to examine a range of topics;
- Feedback is requested from the community and current committees; and,
- A budget would be pending.

Discussion ensued on the determination of existing committees under the citizens assembly model.

Procedural Note: The Council meeting adjourned to a closed session at 10:17 p.m. and reconvened at 10:37 p.m.

Discussion ensued on:

- Expectation that information will be made available to Council in a few months regarding structures and references of the citizens assembly model;
- Expectation that an assembly would be implemented in fall 2023; and,
- Suggestion that additional public engagement be undertaken.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council continue the Open Council meeting beyond 10:30 p.m.

Carried.

Councillor Nakagawa opposed.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council endorse staff continuing to explore the Advisory Assembly model as a proposed pilot project as part of the City's advisory committees structure; and,

THAT Council endorse staff engaging with current advisory committee members to get their feedback and input on the Advisory Assembly Model.

Procedural Note: As a result of the discussion, an amendment was introduced.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the second part of the motion be amended to add "and the public" so as to read:

"THAT Council endorse staff engaging with current advisory committee members and the public to get their feedback and input on the Advisory Assembly Model."

Defeated.

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

Procedural Note: The question on the main motion was called.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council endorse staff continuing to explore the Advisory Assembly model as a proposed pilot project as part of the City's advisory committees structure; and,

THAT Council endorse staff engaging with current advisory committee members to get their feedback and input on the Advisory Assembly Model.

Carried.

Councillors Fontaine and Minhas opposed

10. ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

None.

11. END OF THE MEETING

The meeting ended at 10:50 p.m.

12. INFORMATION REPORTS – May 8, 2023

12.1 2023 Spring Freshet and Snow Pack Level – April 1, 2023 Update

Patrick Johnstone

MAYOR

Peter DeJong

CORPORATE OFFICER