



Corporation of the City of NEW WESTMINSTER

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

MINUTES

Monday, October 4, 2021

Council Chamber

City Hall

PRESENT:

Mayor Jonathan Cote
Councillor Chinu Das
Councillor Patrick Johnstone
Councillor Jamie McEvoy
Councillor Nadine Nakagawa
Councillor Chuck Puchmayr
Councillor Mary Trentadue*

STAFF PRESENT:

Ms. Lisa Spitale	Chief Administrative Officer
Ms. Jacque Killawee	City Clerk
Ms. Emilie Adin	Director of Climate Action, Planning and Development
Mr. Curtis Bremner	Acting Chief, New Westminster Fire and Rescue Services
Mr. Rod Carle	General Manager, Electrical Utility
Mr. Richard Fong	Director of Human Resources
Mr. Dean Gibson	Director of Parks and Recreation
Mr. Dave Jansen	Chief Constable, New Westminster Police Department
Ms. Lorraine Lyle	Senior Manager, Financial Services
Mr. Craig MacFarlane	Manager of Legal Services
Mr. Nayel Halim	Community Energy and Emissions Specialist
Ms. Harji Varn	Chief Financial Officer and Director of Finance
Ms. Nicole Ludwig	Assistant City Clerk

GUESTS:

Mr. Jeff Norris	Chief Executive Officer, Royal Columbian Hospital
Ms. Lynne Radbourne	Chair, Massey Theatre Board of Directors
Mr. Alex Sangha	SHER

*Denotes electronic attendance.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6 p.m.

2. CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

None.

3. REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS FOR COUNCIL DISCUSSION AND ACTION

3.1 Community Grants Highlights and Impacts 2021

a. Presentation (On Table)

Jacque Killawee, City Clerk, provided an overview of the grants and outcomes program for 2021.

Jeff Norris, CEO Royal Columbian Hospital, provided a presentation on the Covid-19 Care Wellness Backpack Project which provided supplies to prevent the spread of COVID-19, along with snacks and other care items, for people leaving hospital.

Alex Sangha, SHER Vancouver, provided an overview of the project "Emergence: Out of the Shadows" which was funded by a grant from the City. He noted there would be a screening at the New West Film Festival on October 23 and thanked the City for its support.

Renee Chadwick, Acting Senior Manager of Recreation Services and Facilities, presented on behalf of the New West Farmers Market, noting there was a very successful season.

Ms. Chadwick concluded the presentation by summarizing the process for the 2022 grants applications, noting that the "joy and whimsy" program has been included in the 2022 application process.

In discussion, Council members expressed gratitude for the report back on how grant money is spent, as it provides transparency.

In response to Council questions, Jacque Killawee, City Clerk, advised:

- The funding for grants was split into \$120,000 for Community Economic Activators, and \$350,000 each for the Community Livability and Social Equity, and Social and Cultural Vibrancy categories; and,

- The West End Business Association has submitted an application for 2022 and staff are working on it with them.

b. Community Grants Highlights and Impacts 2021

MOVED AND SECONDED

THAT Council receive the October 4, 2021, report entitled "Community Grants Highlights and Impacts 2021" 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 4.2, 4.3, and 4.5 to 4.9, on consent.

Carried.

All members present voted in favour of the motion.

4.1 Amendments to the Procedure Bylaw 2021: Bylaw for Three Readings

In response to Council comments, Nicole Ludwig, Assistant City Clerk, advised staff could report back in 2022 on removing titles, honorifics, and other designations that create a hierarchy in the meeting, and what such changes could mean for the community and participation.

MOVED AND SECONDED

THAT Council give three readings to Procedure Bylaw Amendment Bylaw No. 8276, 2021.

THAT Council direct staff to report back on the possibility of reducing the formality of Council meetings and the Procedure Bylaw, including removing titles such as Mayor and Councillor, with the goal of making Council meetings more inclusive and welcoming to the public.

Carried.

All members present voted in favour of the motion.

4.2 Construction Noise Bylaw Exemption Request: 660 Quayside Drive (Bosa Development)

THAT Council grant an exemption from Construction Noise Bylaw No. 6063, 1992 to Bosa Development on Friday October 22, 2021 from 6:00 AM to Saturday October 23, 2021 to 9:00 AM to enable a monolithic concrete pour for the creation of the West Tower foundation; and

THAT Council grant an exemption from Construction Noise Bylaw No. 6063, 1992 to Bosa Development for either Friday October 29, 2021 from 6:00 AM to Saturday October 30, 2021 at 9:00 AM OR Friday November 5, 2021 from 6:00 AM to Saturday November 6, 2021 at 9:00 AM to enable a monolithic concrete pour for the creation of the West Tower foundation if unfavorable weather conditions prohibit the work from occurring on the weekend of Friday October 22, 2021.

Adopted on Consent.

4.3 Downtown New Westminster BIA Extension: 2022 - 2025

THAT renewal of the Downtown New Westminster Business Improvement Area by Council initiative, at the request of the Downtown New Westminster Business Improvement Society, be commenced; and

THAT the following bylaws be forwarded for Council consideration:

- *Downtown New Westminster Business Improvement Area (Primary Area) Bylaw No. 8288, 2021*
- *Downtown New Westminster Business Improvement Area (Secondary Area) Bylaw No. 8289, 2021.*

Adopted on Consent.

4.4 Massey Theatre and Complex Lease and Working Agreement

In discussion, Council members thanked all City Staff and the Massey Theatre Working Group worked hard on such a groundbreaking partnership for the City, and noted that while there had been some uncertainty about the theatre's future, it was good to get to this point.

Lynn Radbourne, Chair, Massey Theatre Board of Directors, thanked all involved for their work; expressed excitement about working with the City, and invited members to an Open House at the Theatre on November 6, 2021, from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

MOVED AND SECONDED

THAT Council approve in principle the Lease and Working Agreement for the operation of the Massey Theatre and Complex, set out in Attachment 1 of the October 4, 2021, report entitled "Massey Theatre and Complex Lease and Working Agreement";

THAT staff be directed to publish notice of the intent to enter into the above-noted Lease and Working Agreement; and

THAT subsequent to the closing of the Land Transfer Agreement and the completion of the notice period, the Mayor and Corporate Officer be authorized to execute the Lease and Working Agreement with the lease commencement date to coincide with the date of execution.

Carried.

All members present voted in favour of the motion.

4.5 Permissive Property Tax Exempt Properties for 2022 – Review of Application Result

THAT Council approve the proposed Taxation Exemption list and forward the Permissive Tax Exemption Bylaw No. 8280, 2021 (Attachment A of the October 4, 2021, report entitled "Permissive Property Tax Exempt Properties for 2022 – Review of Application Result) for three readings.

Adopted on Consent.

4.6 Proclamation - Energy Efficiency Day, October 6, 2021

Nayel Halim, Community Energy and Emissions Specialist, provided a brief overview about EnergySave New West, its partners and roles, and accomplishments in increasing efficiency and reducing emissions.

Mayor Cote read the proclamation and proclaimed October 6, 2021, Energy Efficiency Day in the City of New Westminster.

4.7 Proclamation - Homelessness Action Week, October 10-16, 2021

Adopted on Consent.

4.8 Proclamation - World Food Day, October 16, 2021

Adopted on Consent.

4.9 Release of Resolution from Closed meeting regarding 97 Braid Street (Sapperton Green)

At the Closed Council meeting on September 27, 2021, Council approved the following resolution:

THAT Council direct staff to discontinue to advance processing of the Official Community Plan and Zoning Amendment applications for 97 Braid Street (Sapperton Green) until such a time as it is determined when the proposed community centre with child care will be delivered to the community, should the development applications be approved.

Procedural Note: Council dealt with bylaws as the next item of business. The minutes are recorded in numerical order.

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

Andrew Murray, Council of Canadians, and Peter McCartney, Wilderness Committee, requested that Council join other cities that have lodged opposition to the expansion of Liquid Natural Gas (LNG) storage and production facility on Tilbury Island, noting:

- There is a call for a buffer zone between the plant and residences;
- Thanked Councillor Johnstone for supporting the Fraser River Estuary Management Program (FREMP) 2.0;
- The deadly impacts of climate change;
- LNG is a very emissions-intensive fuel to produce through fracking; and,
- The Tilbury plant anticipates 2000 new fracking holes.

In discussion, Council members noted:

- Positive feelings about the FREMP 2.0 motion since it was the effort of a big team of Municipalities at UBCM;
- We have gone from discussing climate change, to discussing the effects of climate change; and,
- City powers are limited in this respect however the City should use its voice to stand in opposition to the proposal for Tilbury Island.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Council of the City of New Westminster stand in support of the Cities of Richmond and Vancouver, in opposing the continued expansion of liquid natural gas (LNG) at the Tilbury Island facility, and in opposition to the Phase 2

Expansion Project currently undergoing Provincial and Federal environmental assessment; and,

THAT the Mayor and Council send correspondence signifying this opposition to the City of Delta, to the BC Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Action, BC Environmental Assessment Office and the Impact Assessment Agency of Canada.

Carried.

All members present voted in favour of the motion.

6. BYLAWS

6.1 Bylaws for readings

a. Council Procedure Bylaw Amendment Bylaw No. 8276, 2021

MOVED AND SECONDED

THAT Council Procedure Amendment Bylaw No. 8276, 2021, be given First Reading.

Carried.

All members present voted in favour of the motion.

MOVED AND SECONDED

THAT Council Procedure Amendment Bylaw No. 8276, 2021, be given Second Reading.

Carried.

All members present voted in favour of the motion.

MOVED AND SECONDED

THAT Council Procedure Amendment Bylaw No. 8276, 2021, be given Third Reading.

Carried.

All members present voted in favour of the motion.

b. Downtown New Westminster Business Improvement Area (Primary Area) Bylaw No. 8288, 2021

MOVED AND SECONDED

THAT Downtown New Westminster Business Improvement Area (Primary Area) Bylaw No. 8288, 2021, be given First Reading.

Carried.

All members present voted in favour of the motion.

MOVED AND SECONDED

THAT Downtown New Westminster Business Improvement Area (Primary Area) Bylaw No. 8288, 2021, be given Second Reading.

Carried.

All members present voted in favour of the motion.

MOVED AND SECONDED

THAT Downtown New Westminster Business Improvement Area (Primary Area) Bylaw No. 8288, 2021, be given Third Reading.

Carried.

All members present voted in favour of the motion.

c. Downtown New Westminster Business Improvement Area (Secondary Area) Bylaw No. 8289, 2021

MOVED AND SECONDED

THAT Downtown New Westminster Business Improvement Area (Secondary Area) Bylaw No. 8289, 2021, be given First Reading.

Carried.

All members present voted in favour of the motion.

MOVED AND SECONDED

THAT Downtown New Westminster Business Improvement Area (Secondary Area) Bylaw No. 8289, 2021, be given Second Reading.

Carried.

All members present voted in favour of the motion.

MOVED AND SECONDED

THAT Downtown New Westminster Business Improvement Area (Secondary Area) Bylaw No. 8289, 2021, be given Third Reading.

Carried.

All members present voted in favour of the motion.

d. Permissive Tax Exemption Bylaw No. 8280, 2021

MOVED AND SECONDED

THAT Permissive Tax Exemption Bylaw No. 8280, 2021, be given First Reading.

Carried.

All members present voted in favour of the motion.

MOVED AND SECONDED

THAT Permissive Tax Exemption Bylaw No. 8280, 2021, be given Second Reading.

Carried.

All members present voted in favour of the motion.

MOVED AND SECONDED

THAT Permissive Tax Exemption Bylaw No. 8280, 2021, be given Third Reading.

Carried.

All members present voted in favour of the motion.

6.2 Bylaws for adoption

a. Zoning Amendment Bylaw (Miscellaneous Amendments) No. 8225, 2020

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Zoning Amendment Bylaw (Miscellaneous Amendments) No. 8225, 2020, be adopted.

Carried.

All members present voted in favour of the motion.

Procedural Note: Council agreed to hear from speakers as the next item of business, since all speakers were present. The minutes are recorded in numerical order.

7. NEW BUSINESS

None.

8. ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

Councillor Nakagawa noted that October 4 is National Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls Day and that limited action has been taken since the final report was issued.

Councillor Trentadue noted that the discussion "Creating a Community of Care" will be taking place on Facebook, a way to start the discussion on what a new vision for policing and community crisis care will look like.

Councillor Puchmayr thanked the Spirit of the Children, Chief Rhonda Larrabee, Qayqayt, and others for their work on Truth and Reconciliation Day. He also noted that he will seek support from First Nations, and then bring a motion to a future meeting asking the Federal government not to appeal the recent decision on children in care.

9. END OF THE MEETING

The meeting ended at 7:07 p.m.

Jonathan Cote

MAYOR

Jacque Killawee

CITY CLERK