



Corporation of the City of NEW WESTMINSTER

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CITY COUNCIL MEETING

MINUTES

Monday, February 26, 2024, 1:00 p.m.

**Meeting held electronically and in Committee Room 2 and/or Council Chamber,
City Hall**

PRESENT:

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

ABSENT:

Councillor Jaimie McEvoy

STAFF PRESENT:

Lisa Spitale	Chief Administrative Officer
Dennis Back	Corporate Officer
Kwaku Agyare-Manu	Senior Manager, Engineering Services
Renee Chadwick	Manager of Special Projects, Parks and Recreation
Christina Coolidge	Indigenous Relations Advisor
Brad Davie	Deputy Chief, New Westminster Fire and Rescue Services
James Doan	Manager, Parks and Recreation
Steven Faltas	Acting Senior Manager, Electrical Utility
Corrinne Garrett	Senior Manager Recreation Facilities and Programs, Parks & Recreation
Dean Gibson	Director of Parks and Recreation
Jeff Gill	Deputy Chief, New Westminster Fire and Rescue Services
Wendee Lang	Development Planner
Lisa Leblanc	Director of Engineering Services
Craig MacFarlane	Manager, Legal Services
Jennifer Miller	Manager of Public Engagement

Lynn Roxburgh	Manager, Housing, Climate Action, Planning and Development
Demian Rueter	Manager, Development Planning
Shehzad Somji	Director of Finance and Chief Financial Officer
Denise Tambellini	Intergovernmental and Community Relations Manager
Jackie Teed	Director, Climate Action, Planning and Development
Serena Trachta	Manager, Inspections, Climate Action, Planning and Development
Mike Watson	Acting Senior Manager, Climate Action, Planning and Development
Erin Williams	Chief, New Westminster Fire and Rescue Services
Eva Yip	Senior Manager, Human Resources
Marius Miklea	Assistant Corporate Officer, Legislative Services

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Johnstone called the meeting to order at 1:03 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. APPOINTMENT OF INTERIM CORPORATE OFFICER

MOVED AND SECONDED

THAT Council designate Dennis Back as the Interim Corporate Officer until such time as a permanent full-time Corporate Officer is hired and appointed.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. MOTION TO MOVE THE MEETING INTO THE CLOSED MEETING

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council will now go into a meeting which is closed to the public in accordance with Section 90 of the *Community Charter*, on the basis that the subject matter of all agenda items relate to matters listed under Section 90 and where required, Council does consider that the matters could reasonably be expected to harm the interests of the municipality if they were held in public:

90(1)(c) labour relations or other employee relations;

90(1)(e) the acquisition, disposition or expropriation of land or improvements, if the council considers that disclosure could reasonably be expected to harm the interests of the municipality;

90(1)(i) the receipt of advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose;

90(1)(n) the consideration of whether a council meeting should be closed under a provision of this subsection or subsection (2);

90(2)(b) the consideration of information received and held in confidence relating to negotiations between the municipality and a provincial government or the federal government or both, or between a provincial government or the federal government or both and a third party;

90(2)(d) a matter that, under another enactment, is such that the public must be excluded from the meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Council entered the closed portion of the meeting at 1:04 p.m.

4. RECONVENE THE OPEN MEETING

Council returned to the open portion of the meeting at 10:22 p.m.

5. END OF THE MEETING

Mayor Johnstone terminated the meeting at 10:22 p.m.

Patrick Johnstone

MAYOR

Dennis Back

CORPORATE OFFICER