



# Corporation of the City of NEW WESTMINSTER

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## CITY COUNCIL MEETING

### MINUTES

**Monday, February 26, 2024, 6:30 p.m.**

**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 Paul Minhas  
Councillor Nadine Nakagawa

#### ABSENT:

Councillor Jaimie McEvoy

#### STAFF PRESENT:

Lisa Spitale	Chief Administrative Officer
Dennis Back	Corporate Officer
Jen Arbo*	Lead Economic Development Coordinator
Renee Chadwick*	Manager of Special Projects, Parks and Recreation
Brad Davie	Deputy Chief, New Westminster Fire and Rescue Services
James Doan	Manager, Parks and Recreation
Steven Faltas	Acting Senior Manager, Electrical Utility
Dean Gibson	Director of Parks and Recreation
Gavin Hermanson	Transportation Planner
Lisa Leblanc	Director of Engineering Services
Erika Mashig	Manager, Parks and Open Space Planning, Design and Construction
Jennifer Miller	Manager of Public Engagement
Lynn Roxburgh	Manager, Housing, Climate Action, Planning and Development
Gary So	Senior Manager, Financial Services

Shehzad Somji	Director of Finance and Chief Financial Officer
John Stark	Manager of Community Planning
Alex Tam	Senior Financial Analyst
Denise Tambellini	Intergovernmental and Community Relations Manager
Paul Taylor	Senior Manager, Information Technology
Jackie Teed	Director, Climate Action, Planning and Development
Erin Williams	Chief, New Westminster Fire and Rescue Services
Marius Miklea	Assistant Corporate Officer, Legislative Services

\* Denotes electronic attendance.

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## 1. **CALL TO ORDER AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

*Mayor Johnstone called the meeting to order at 7:01 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. **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

MOVED and SECONDED

**THAT** Council receive on table items; and

**THAT** Council adopt the agenda, as circulated.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

## 3. **BYLAWS CONSIDERED AT THE PUBLIC HEARING**

### 3.1 **Heritage Revitalization Agreement Bylaw (203 Pembina Street) No. 8425, 2024**

Discussion ensued on:

- Staff is of the opinion that the Tree Protection and Regulation Bylaw cannot govern trees within a building envelope, as defined by the zoning bylaw and that the protection through an HRA is stronger than what would have been achieved via the bylaw;
- When the process began, the planning department reviewed the options available, referred to the Land Use Planning Committee which then recommended the applicant proceed with an HRA;
- There is a legislative framework for tree protection – a local government is authorized by the *Local Government Act* to enter into an agreement in order to protect trees; and

- Staff advised Heritage Revitalization Agreements are specifically written to not be precedent-setting but rather are unique to the individual situation presented.

MOVED and SECONDED

**THAT** Council give Heritage Revitalization Agreement Bylaw (203 Pembina Street) No. 8425, 2024 first reading.

**CARRIED**

**Councillors Fontaine and Minhas opposed**

### **3.2 Heritage Designation Bylaw (203 Pembina Street) No. 8435, 2024**

MOVED and SECONDED

**THAT** Council give Heritage Designation Bylaw (203 Pembina Street) No. 8435, 2024 third reading.

**CARRIED**

**Councillors Fontaine and Minhas opposed**

## **4. CONSENT AGENDA**

MOVED and SECONDED

**THAT** Council adopt the recommendations for items 4.3 and 4.8 on consent.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

### **4.1 12 K de K Court Esplanade Boulevard Trees**

Discussion ensued on the standard practice of tree pruning versus the pruning schedule of the subject trees. This schedule was specifically tailored for the subject trees at 12 K de K Court as a compromise between the City and the strata.

MOVED and SECONDED

**THAT** the Director of Parks and Recreation be authorized to execute the Letter of Understanding between the City and the Dockside Strata (NW2459) as included in Attachment “A” to this report, and

**THAT** the City further engage the Quayside Community Board regarding the overall management of trees in their neighbourhood.

**CARRIED**

**Councillor Nakagawa opposed**

#### **4.2 Budget 2024: 2024 – 2028 Five-Year Financial Plan Bylaw**

Discussion ensued on whether this budget contemplates the structural governance and potential changes to how the City and Police Board come to an agreement on the New Westminster Police Department's budget versus other departments. Further, Mayor and Council acknowledged the difficult budget year and that the newly announced \$100 rebate to all BC Hydro customers will be rebated to customers through the City but is not reflected in the budget bylaw. The next round of public engagement will begin sooner in comparison to the 2023 timeline.

MOVED and SECONDED

**THAT** Council give three readings to the 2024 – 2028 Five-Year Financial Plan Bylaw No. 8442, 2024 as presented in Attachment 1 of this report.

**CARRIED**

**Councillors Fontaine and Minhas opposed**

#### **4.3 Development Cost Charge Bylaw – Inflationary Amendment**

MOVED and SECONDED

**THAT** Council instruct staff to bring forward the Development Cost Charges Amendment Bylaw No. 8437, 2024 for three readings as presented in Attachment #1 of this report.

**ADOPTED ON CONSENT**

#### **4.4 Grant Program Refinements**

MOVED and SECONDED

**THAT** Council direct staff to discontinue the one-time small grants program and re-allocate the funding envelope of \$13,000 to the City Services budget for the fall intake;

**THAT** Council direct staff to investigate the development of a reserve fund for grants to support the sustainability of the program;

**THAT** Council direct staff to provide a more comprehensive analysis of the grant program and provide recommendations for improvements at a future Council meeting.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

#### **4.5 Initiating process for updating the City's corporate logo**

Discussion ensued on:

- “The Royal City” moniker has been in use for decades and has been reduced in use since the original motion was made in 2022. Staff indicated the City’s public website does not use “The Royal City” moniker;
- The crown logo was trademarked in 2009 and prior to that the City used the Coat of Arms; and
- The budget for the new logo includes the design costs and replacement of the logo on City vehicles for example, but the costs associated with staff time are not fully contemplated in the budgetary analysis.

MOVED and SECONDED

**THAT** Council direct staff to initiate the previously-endorsed process to consider a new logo for the organization; and;

**THAT** Council direct staff to provide updates to Council through the process, with the next update to focus on proposed plans for community-wide engagement.

**CARRIED**

**Councillors Fontaine and Minhas opposed**

#### **4.6 Leave of Absence for Councillor McEvoy**

MOVED and SECONDED

**THAT** Council approve a medical leave absence for Councillor McEvoy under Section 125 (7) of the *Community Charter*.

**THAT** Council appoint members to fulfill Councillor McEvoy’s duties as needed for the internal advisory bodies and external organizations to which he has been appointed, until such time as he is able to resume those duties.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Discussion ensued that not all members of Council are fairly represented on the list of current external appointments and this is an opportunity to address that gap in Councillor McEvoy's leave of absence replacement appointments.

MOVED and SECONDED

**THAT** the following members of Council be appointed to internal advisory bodies and external organizations as follows:

- **Accessibility Advisory Committee:** Councillor Henderson;
- **Memorial Advisory Committee:** Councillor Minhas;
- **Downtown Business Improvement Area:** Councillor Campbell;
- **Community Heritage Committee (CHC):** Councillor Campbell;
  - **CHC Interim Chair:** Councillor Fontaine;
- **Massey Theatre Working Group (MTWG):** Councillor Nakagawa;
  - **MTWG Interim Chair:** Councillor Campbell;
- **TransLink Mayors Council Alternate:** Councillor Henderson;
- **Fraser Health Liaison:** Councillor Nakagawa; and

That such appointments to remain in effect for the duration of Councillor McEvoy's leave of absence.

**CARRIED**

**Councillors Fontaine and Minhas opposed**

**4.7 Rezoning and Housing Agreement: 145-209 East Columbia Street – Bylaws for First, Second and Third Readings**

MOVED and SECONDED

**THAT** Council consider Zoning Amendment Bylaw (145-209 East Columbia Street) No. 8429, 2024 for First, Second, and Third Readings.

**THAT** Council consider Housing Agreement Bylaw (145-209 East Columbia Street) No. 8434, 2024 for First, Second, and Third Readings.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**4.8 Minutes for Adoption**

- a. **November 20, 2023 Council Workshop**
- b. **November 20, 2023 Special City Council Meeting 11:30 a.m.**

- c. November 20, 2023 Special City Council Meeting 1:00 p.m.
- d. November 27, 2023 City Council Meeting 1:00 p.m.
- e. November 27, 2023 Special Council Workshop
- f. November 27, 2023 Public Hearing
- g. November 27, 2023 City Council Meeting (following the Public Hearing)
- h. December 4, 2023 Council Workshop
- i. December 11, 2023 City Council Meeting 9:30 a.m.
- j. December 11, 2023 Council Workshop
- k. December 11, 2023 City Council Meeting 6:00 p.m.
- l. January 8, 2024 Council Workshop
- m. January 8, 2024 City Council Meeting

**ADOPTED ON CONSENT**

**5. SPECIAL ORDER OF THE DAY**

**5.1 Break (15 minutes)**

**6. BYLAWS**

**6.1 Public Hearings not held**

- a. **Zoning Amendment Bylaw (145-209 East Columbia Street) No. 8429, 2024**

MOVED and SECONDED

**THAT** Council give Zoning Amendment Bylaw (145-209 East Columbia Street) No. 8429, 2024 first reading.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

MOVED and SECONDED

**THAT** Council give Zoning Amendment Bylaw (145-209 East Columbia Street) No. 8429, 2024 second reading.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

MOVED and SECONDED

**THAT** Council give Zoning Amendment Bylaw (145-209 East Columbia Street) No. 8429, 2024 third reading.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**b. Zoning Amendment Bylaw (Miscellaneous Amendments) No. 8436, 2024**

MOVED and SECONDED

**THAT** Council give Zoning Amendment Bylaw (Miscellaneous Amendments) No. 8436, 2024 first reading.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

MOVED and SECONDED

**THAT** Council give Zoning Amendment Bylaw (Miscellaneous Amendments) No. 8436, 2024 second reading.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

MOVED and SECONDED

**THAT** Council give Zoning Amendment Bylaw (Miscellaneous Amendments) No. 8436, 2024 third reading.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**6.2 Bylaws for readings**

**a. Development Cost Charges Amendment Bylaw No. 8437, 2024**

MOVED and SECONDED

**THAT** Council give Development Cost Charges Amendment Bylaw No. 8437, 2024 first reading.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

MOVED and SECONDED

**THAT** Council give Development Cost Charges Amendment Bylaw No. 8437, 2024 second reading.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

MOVED and SECONDED

**THAT** Council give Development Cost Charges Amendment Bylaw No. 8437, 2024 third reading.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**b. Five-Year Financial Plan (2024-2028) Bylaw No. 8442, 2024**

MOVED and SECONDED



**THAT** Council give Five-Year Financial Plan (2024-2028) Bylaw No. 8442, 2024 first reading.

**CARRIED**

**Councillors Fontaine and Minhas opposed**

MOVED and SECONDED

**THAT** Council give Five-Year Financial Plan (2024-2028) Bylaw No. 8442, 2024 second reading

**CARRIED**

**Councillors Fontaine and Minhas opposed**

MOVED and SECONDED

**THAT** Council give Five-Year Financial Plan (2024-2028) Bylaw No. 8442, 2024 third reading

**CARRIED**

**Councillors Fontaine and Minhas opposed**

**c. Housing Agreement Bylaw (145-209 East Columbia Street) No. 8434, 2024**

MOVED and SECONDED

**THAT** Council give Housing Agreement Bylaw (145-209 East Columbia Street) No. 8434, 2024 first reading.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

MOVED and SECONDED

**THAT** Council give Housing Agreement Bylaw (145-209 East Columbia Street) No. 8434, 2024 second reading.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

MOVED and SECONDED

**THAT** Council give Housing Agreement Bylaw (145-209 East Columbia Street) No. 8434, 2024 third reading.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**6.3 Bylaws for adoption**

**a. Development Cost Charge Reserve Funds Expenditure Bylaw No 8437, 2024**

MOVED and SECONDED

**THAT** Council adopt Development Cost Charge Reserve Funds Expenditure Bylaw No 8437, 2024.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

- b. **Zoning Amendment Bylaw (810 Agnes Street) No. 8390, 2023 (updated May 12, 2023)**

MOVED and SECONDED

**THAT** Council adopt Zoning Amendment Bylaw (810 Agnes Street) No. 8390, 2023.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

- c. **Housing Agreement (810 Agnes Street) Bylaw No 8389, 2023**

MOVED and SECONDED

**THAT** Council adopt Housing Agreement (810 Agnes Street) Bylaw No 8389, 2023.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

*Mayor Johnstone declared a recess at 8:54 p.m.*

*Mayor Johnstone called the meeting back to order at 9:05 p.m.*

## **7. MOTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF COUNCIL**

### **7.1 Motions for Discussion and Decision**

- a. **An information report on a Crime and Safety Townhall Forum hosted by Councillors Daniel Fontaine and Paul Minhas**

Submitted by Councillor Fontaine and Councillor Minhas

MOVED and SECONDED

Whereas the issue of crime and public safety is of concern to the citizens and business owners of New Westminster; and

Whereas Councillors Daniel Fontaine and Paul Minhas hosted a community forum attended by over 120 individuals in November 2023; and

Whereas Councillors Fontaine and Minhas committed to drafting a summary report and submitting it to Council and the Police Board via the Chair;

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council receive for information a summary report from Councillors Paul Minhas and Daniel Fontaine regarding a crime and safety forum they co-hosted in November 2023.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**b. Allowing local governments to apply commercial rent controls**

Submitted by Councillor Henderson

*To be forwarded, if passed, to the Lower Mainland Local Government Association (LMLGA) for consideration at the 2024 LMLGA Conference and AGM*

MOVED and SECONDED

WHEREAS the Province of British Columbia regulates annual allowable residential rent increases through the Residential Tenancy Regulation, B.C. Reg. 477/2003, to protect lower income renters from housing insecurity; and

WHEREAS there is currently no similar Provincial policy to protect small businesses or community-serving commercial tenants from unsustainable, unpredictable, and increasingly significant rent increases;

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Province of British Columbia provide local governments with the legislative authority to enable special economic zones where commercial rent control and demo/renoviction policies could be applied to ensure predictability in commercial lease costs, so local small businesses and community-serving commercial tenants can continue to serve their communities.

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Discussion ensued on:

- Various examples of potentially predatory rent increases need to be addressed;
- Council has a tool which they can use, which is property tax. Creation of an economic zone, where rent controls can be implemented.

*Procedural note: The question on the main motion was called.*

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Province of British Columbia provide local governments with the legislative authority to enable special economic zones where commercial rent control and demo/renoviction policies could be applied to ensure predictability in commercial lease costs, so local small businesses and community-serving commercial tenants can continue to serve their communities.

**CARRIED**

**Councillors Fontaine and Minhas opposed**

**c. Additional funding for overdose prevention sites across municipalities**

Submitted by Councillor Henderson and Councillor Nakagawa

*To be forwarded, if passed, to the Lower Mainland Local Government Association (LMLGA) for consideration at the 2024 LMLGA Conference and AGM*

MOVED and SECONDED

WHEREAS the Province of British Columbia declared a drug toxicity public emergency in 2016, acknowledging the rapid increase in overdose deaths and the need to deploy the necessary harm reduction strategies with urgency to prevent additional deaths; and

WHEREAS over 13,000 people have died of toxic drugs since 2016 in communities across British Columbia, including at least 2,500 people in 2023, about two-thirds of which were from inhalation, yet only about 40% of supervised consumption and overdose prevention sites in British Columbia offer inhalation services;

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Province of British Columbia increase funding for Health Authorities to augment existing and to open new supervised consumption and overdose prevention sites, including related inhalation services, across British Columbia and including municipalities which do not currently offer this service to residents.

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*Procedural note: An amendment was proposed.*

MOVED and SECONDED

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** in the spirit of a 4-pillar approach to dealing with the health crisis of toxic overdoses which has grown significantly over the past 5 years, the BC Minister of Mental Health and Addictions allocate a portion of the contingency funds announced in the 2024 Budget to implement new and significantly augment existing mental health services as well as substance abuse treatment and recovery programs in communities with an identified need for these services.

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Discussion ensued regarding the nature of proposed amendment which would fundamentally change the original motion and thereby invalidating the amendment.

*Procedural note: The Chair was challenged on the ruling regarding the amendment.*

MOVED

**THAT** the Chair be sustained.

**CARRIED**

**Councillors Fontaine and Minhas opposed**

*Procedural note: The question on the main motion was called.*

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Province of British Columbia increase funding for Health Authorities to augment existing and to open new supervised consumption and overdose prevention sites, including related inhalation services, across British Columbia and including municipalities which do not currently offer this service to residents.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**d. Eliminating Barriers to Public Home Care Services and Social Supports for Aging in Place and Public Long-Term Care**

Submitted by Councillor Campbell

*To be forwarded, if passed, to the Lower Mainland Local Government Association (LMLGA) for consideration at the 2024 LMLGA Conference and AGM*

MOVED and SECONDED

Whereas seniors, families and seniors organizations have been advocating to improve access to public home care services and supports to assist seniors to live at home, in their communities, longer and to delay or prevent premature admissions to public long-term care facilities; and

Whereas finances can become an impediment to access the required home care services such as housekeeping, more frequent bathing and meal preparation necessary to age in place, and community programs that have been designed to try and meet seniors' needs are unable to fulfil the increasing demand;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Province eliminate financial and accessibility barriers by investing in more public home care services and social supports required to age in place, and by further investing in public long-term care to ensure seniors are well supported in the continuum of care.

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Discussion ensued on an example of a member in the community who has a large barrier to receiving home care according to a Councillor.

*Procedural note: An amendment was proposed.*

MOVED and SECONDED

**THAT** the motion be amended to contain the language of publicly owned and operated and not-for-profit home care services.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Therefore be it resolved that the Province eliminate financial and accessibility barriers by investing in more publicly owned and operated and not-for-profit

home care services and social supports required to age in place, and by further investing in publicly owned and operated and not-for-profit long-term care to ensure seniors are well supported in the continuum of care.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AS AMENDED**

**e. Creating a Ministry of Hospitality**

Submitted by Councillor Campbell

*To be forwarded, if passed, to the Lower Mainland Local Government Association (LMLGA) for consideration at the 2024 LMLGA Conference and AGM*

MOVED and SECONDED

Whereas British Columbia is home to over 15,000 restaurants and foodservice vendors that employ over 185,000 workers across the province, generate \$18 billion in annual sales and play a key role in supporting BC workers, families, and vital industries such as agriculture, transportation, and tourism and are at the heart of every community in this province; and

Whereas the costs of food, supplies and transportation have substantially increased, commercial property owners are passing commercial property taxes on to restaurant and food service tenants, many of whom continue to experience long-term impacts from the COVID-19 pandemic;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Province create a Ministry of Hospitality to support and engage restaurants, food service vendors and the hospitality sector generally by acting as advocates within government for policy development and reform.

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Discussion ensued on Council's focus to remain doing everything in its power to prevent property tax increases and that a new ministry may potentially require increased taxation.

*Procedural note: The question on the main motion was called.*

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Province create a Ministry of Hospitality to support and engage restaurants, food

service vendors and the hospitality sector generally by acting as advocates within government for policy development and reform.

**CARRIED**

**Councillors Fontaine and Minhas opposed**

**f. E-Comm Governance Review**

Submitted by Mayor Johnstone

*Per resolution from NWPD that New Westminster Council forward the following resolution to the Lower Mainland LGA for consideration at the 2024 Conference*

WHEREAS E-Comm has struggled to provide service levels that meet established standards or the expectations of the communities they serve, while the cost of E-Comm is increasing at an unsustainable rate, creating budget uncertainty for local Police and Fire services, and

WHEREAS the imminent introduction of next-Gen 911 will represent the single largest change in emergency communications delivery since the introduction of 911, with uncertain cost and operational impacts,

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Provincial Government engage local governments in a comprehensive review of the governance structure and delivery model of 911 emergency call taking, related non-emergency call taking, and emergency dispatch services across BC with a goal to assure reliable, affordable, and sustainable services for all communities.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**7.2 Notices of Motion**

**a. Supporting childcare development across the City**

Submitted by Councillor Henderson

WHEREAS the City of New Westminster recognizes a shortage in childcare spaces across the region and is committed to supporting the development of additional local childcare spaces; and

WHEREAS the City will be updating current residential zoning bylaws as part of the work to reflect the Small-Scale Multi-Unit Housing Provincial legislation;



BE IT RESOLVED that staff explore opportunities to amend the City's current zoning bylaws to increase the allowable maximum of childcare spaces in residential areas.

**b. Closing possible loopholes in BC's Elections Act as they pertain to municipal elections**

Submitted by Councillors Fontaine and Minhas

WHEREAS to ensure a level playing field the Government of BC banned municipal candidates and elector organizations from accepting any direct financial donations from corporations, unions and non-for-profit entities; and

WHEREAS the Local Elections Campaign Financing Act continues to allow corporations, unions and not-for-profit entities to actively spend unlimited funds and reallocate internal resources to promote a particular municipal candidate and/or elector organization with their members or staff without any requirements for open and transparent public reporting

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** a letter be drafted to the BC Minister of Municipal Affairs requesting that the following changes be made to the Local Elections Campaign Financing Act in time for the 2026 municipal election;

- a. Any corporation, labour union or not-for-profit entity actively utilizing internal resources to promote an individual candidate or municipal elector organization within six months prior to the municipal election is required to publicly record and report to Elections BC the total funds expended;
- b. Public reporting by the respective corporation, labour union or not-for-profit entity would include items such as the estimated use of staff time, overhead costs and marketing/promotion activities including those accessible to the broader public through social media;
- c. A maximum of \$500 of resources can be expended by a corporation, labour union or BC-based not-for-profit for the purposes of promoting municipal candidates or elector organizations in British Columbia with their members or staff during an election year;
- d. Corporations, labour unions and not-for-profit entities are banned from pooling their resources so as to effectively

increase the maximum limit they can utilize to promote and market a municipal candidate or an elector organization

- e. Only BC-based corporations, labour unions and not-for-profit entities are permitted to undertake the election related activities listed above with all non-BC-based entities strictly prohibited from actively promoting a municipal candidate or elector organization

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** a copy of this motion be distributed to the Union of BC Municipalities and the Lower Mainland Local Government Association for their information

**c. Participating in the Provincial Electric Kick Scooter Pilot Program**

Submitted by Councillor Campbell

WHEREAS Active Transportation and the safety of vulnerable road users are priorities for New Westminster; and

WHEREAS the Walkers Caucus, HUB New Westminster, and the New Westminster community have expressed concerns around user group conflict between pedestrians, cyclists, drivers and eMicromobility users as we work to build out our Active Transportation Network Plan; and

WHEREAS the City's E-Mobility strategy includes actions to incorporate eMicromobility into City planning and outreach and to advance supportive eMicromobility policy; and

WHEREAS the Province of British Columbia has extended the Electric Kick Scooter Pilot Project for up to four more years and is inviting new communities to join the program with updated terms;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council direct staff to evaluate the opportunity for the City of New Westminster to join the Provincial Electric Kick Scooter Pilot Program, and report back to Council with a recommendation on participation.

**8. NEW BUSINESS**

There was none.

**9. ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF COUNCIL**

Councillor Minhas congratulated School Trustee Kathleen Carlsen in her recent election to the New Westminster School District's Board of Education.

Councillor Fontaine recognized the late Vicky Van Wilde Rode who was a City staff member who unfortunately passed away recently. Additionally announced that Wednesday February 28, 2024 is Pink Shirt Day and encouraged all those present to take a stand against bullying.

**10. END OF THE MEETING**

*Mayor Johnstone terminated the meeting at 10:05 p.m.*

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Patrick Johnstone

MAYOR

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Dennis Back

CORPORATE OFFICER