



Corporation of the City of NEW WESTMINSTER

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CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP

MINUTES

Monday, January 29, 2023, 1:00 p.m.

**Meeting held electronically and in 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
Mr. Peter DeJong	Corporate Officer
Ms. Susan Buss	Acting Chief Librarian, New Westminster Public Library
Mr. Rod Carle	General Manager, Electrical Utility
Mr. Brad Davie	Deputy Chief, New Westminster Fire and Rescue Services
Mr. Richard Fong	Director of Human Resources and Information Technology
Ms. Corrinne Garrett	Senior Manager Recreation Facilities and Programs, Parks & Recreation
Mr. Dean Gibson	Director of Parks and Recreation
Ms. Lisa Leblanc	Director of Engineering Services
Mr. Craig MacFarlane	Manager, Legal Services
Ms. Erika Mashig	Manager, Parks and Open Space Planning, Design and Construction
Ms. Tobi May	Manager, Civic Buildings, Engineering
Ms. Lynn Roxburgh	Manager, Housing, Climate Action, Planning and Development

Mr. Demian Rueter	Manager, Development Planning
Mr. Gary So	Senior Manager, Financial Services
Mr. Shehzad Somji	Director of Finance and Chief Financial Officer
Ms. Denise Tambellini	Intergovernmental and Community Relations Manager
Ms. Serena Trachta	Manager, Inspections, Climate Action, Planning and Development
Mr. Erin Williams	Chief, New Westminster Fire and Rescue Services
Mr. Marius Miklea	Assistant Corporate Officer, Legislative Services

* Denotes electronic attendance.

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

Mayor Johnstone opened the meeting at 1:00 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 receive all On Table material as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. **PRESENTATIONS**

3.1 **New Provincial Housing Legislation: Implications and Timelines**

Director of Climate Action, Planning and Development, Jackie Teed, presented on the department's recent work in long range planning to anticipate provincial standards for housing needs, new growth around transit oriented areas (TOA), small scale multi-unit housing (SSMUH), expanding development cost charge (DCC) program, ACC program introduction, inclusionary housing, short term rental, and an implementation timeline.

There are various implications for New Westminster including:

- alignment with core principles;
- need to focus on affordable and supportive rental housing;
- impacts on financing growth;

- current infrastructure and efficiencies and; and
- impacts on current work priorities.

Staff continued presenting regarding the interim development review framework. The interim policy continues to guide development without getting prescriptive. Transit Oriented Development, SSMUH, and new efficiencies to be found in public hearings now being prohibited for the majority of rezoning applications.

Staff continued to present on next steps; short term actions to meet mandated deadlines, revise financing growth approach and Inclusionary Housing Program, draft SSMUH and TOA Bylaws, including changes to parking and an Interim Housing Needs Report. Long term actions include refinement of existing programs and an Official Community Plan Update.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council provide feedback on the proposed approach to implementing the provincial legislation.

THAT Council endorse the Next Steps outlined in this report titled New Provincial Housing Legislation: Implications and Timelines.

THAT Council endorse the Interim Development Framework outlined in Attachment 4.

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4. END OF THE MEETING

Mayor Johnstone terminated the meeting at 2:44 p.m.

Patrick Johnstone

MAYOR

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CORPORATE OFFICER