



# Corporation of the City of NEW WESTMINSTER

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## CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP

### MINUTES

**Monday, March 11, 2024, 4:00 p.m.**

**Meeting held in 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
Brad Davie	Deputy Chief, New Westminster Fire and Rescue Services
James Doan	Manager, Parks and Recreation
Corrinne Garrett	Senior Manager Recreation Facilities and Programs, Parks & Recreation
Dean Gibson	Director of Parks and Recreation
Lisa Leblanc	Director of Engineering Services
Craig MacFarlane	Manager, Legal Services
Erika Mashig	Manager, Parks and Open Space Planning, Design and Construction
Jennifer Miller	Manager of Public Engagement
Shehzad Somji	Director of Finance and Chief Financial Officer
Denise Tambellini	Intergovernmental and Community Relations Manager
Jackie Teed	Director, Climate Action, Planning and Development
Eva Yip	Senior Manager, Human Resources

Marius Miklea

Assistant Corporate Officer

GUESTS:

Catherine Berris  
Mitchell Reardon

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

*Mayor Johnstone called the meeting to order at 4:00 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; and

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

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**3. PRESENTATIONS**

**3.1 Parks and Recreation Comprehensive Plan Update - Engagement Strategy Phase 1**

MOVED and SECONDED

**THAT** Council provide feedback on the proposed Engagement Strategy to update the Parks and Recreation Comprehensive Plan; and

**THAT** Staff proceed with Next Steps as outlined in this report.

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*Procedural Note: An amendment was proposed.*

MOVED and SECONDED

**THAT** Council direct staff, as part of the Parks and Recreation Comprehensive Plan (PRCP) consultation process, to provide Council and the public with an update on progress made on table 7-16 from the 2008 PRCP process.

**DEFEATED**

**Mayor Johnstone and Councillors Campbell, Henderson and Nakagawa opposed**

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

**THAT** Council provide feedback on the proposed Engagement Strategy to update the Parks and Recreation Comprehensive Plan; and

**THAT** Staff proceed with Next Steps as outlined in this report.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**4. END OF THE MEETING**

*Mayor Johnstone terminated the meeting at 5:16 p.m.*

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Patrick Johnstone

MAYOR

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Dennis Back

CORPORATE OFFICER