



Corporation of the City of NEW WESTMINSTER

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CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP

MINUTES

Monday, March 18, 2024, 1:00 p.m.

Meeting held in Council Chamber

City Hall

PRESENT:

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

ABSENT:

Councillor Ruby Campbell
Councillor Jaimie McEvoy

STAFF PRESENT:

Lisa Spitale*	Chief Administrative Officer
Dennis Back	Corporate Officer
Kwaku Agyare-Manu	Acting Director of 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
Patrick Shannon	Manager, Purchasing
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 Mikle	Assistant Corporate Officer, Legislative Services

* Denotes electronic attendance.

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

Mayor Johnstone called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. Mayor Johnstone 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 all on table material, as presented; and

THAT Council adopt the March 18, 2024, open workshop agenda, as circulated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. **REPORTS FOR ACTION**

3.1 **BC Electricity Affordability Credit (On Table)**

Indeep Johal, Financial Services Manager, provided an update regarding the announcement from the Government of BC that eligible BC Hydro customers will receive a BC Electricity Affordability Credit to help reduce their electricity costs over 2024.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council direct the Mayor and Corporate Officer to sign and execute the Shared Cost Arrangement that compensates the City of New Westminster to provide the BC Electricity Affordability Credit to all residential and commercial customers based on the terms and conditions provided by the British Columbia Ministry of Energy, Mines and Low Carbon Innovation, Electricity Policy Branch.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3.2 Competitive Purchasing Exemption for Stanley Street Emergency Culvert and Pavement Removal (On Table)

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council approve an exemption to competitive procurement provisions in the City's Procurement Policy, to enable staff to award a sole sourced contract for the Stanley Street emergency culvert and pavement removal, repair, permitting and regulatory works to Sandpiper Contracting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3.3 Competitive Purchasing Exemption for Replacement of the City's Data and System Backup Platform (On Table)

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council approve an exemption to competitive procurement provisions in the City's Procurement Policy, to enable staff to award a sole sourced contract for the replacement of the City's data and system backup platform to Mobia Technology Innovations.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. 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)(i) the receipt of advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communication necessary for that purpose; and

90(1)(k) negotiations and related discussions respecting the proposed provision of a municipal service that are at their preliminary stages and that, in the view of the council, could reasonably be expected to harm the interests of the municipality if they were held in public.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Mayor and Council moved into closed session at 1:15 p.m.

5. RECONVENE THE OPEN MEETING

Mayor and Council came back into the open session from closed meeting at 4:18 p.m.

6. END OF THE MEETING

Mayor Johnstone terminated the meeting at 4:18 p.m.

Patrick Johnstone

MAYOR

Dennis Back

CORPORATE OFFICER