



# Corporation of the City of NEW WESTMINSTER

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## CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP

### MINUTES

**Monday, March 4, 2024, 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 Paul Minhas  
Councillor Nadine Nakagawa

#### ABSENT:

Councillor Jaimie McEvoy

#### STAFF PRESENT:

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| Lisa Spitale      | Chief Administrative Officer                                      |
| Dennis Back       | Corporate Officer   |
| Kwaku Agyare-Manu | Senior Manager, Engineering Services                              |
| Leya Behra        | Manager, Climate Action, Climate Action, Planning and Development |
| Brad Davie        | Deputy Chief, New Westminster Fire and Rescue Services            |
| James Doan        | Manager, Parks and Recreation                                     |
| Dean Gibson       | Director of Parks and Recreation                                  |
| Indeep Johal      | Manager, Financial Services                                       |
| Lisa Leblanc      | Director of Engineering Services                                  |
| Craig MacFarlane  | Manager, Legal Services   |
| Erika Mashig      | Manager, Parks and Open Space Planning, Design and Construction   |
| Demian Rueter     | Manager, Development Planning                                     |
| Gary So           | Senior Manager, Financial Services                                |
| Shehzad Somji     | Director of Finance and Chief Financial Officer                   |
| Alex Tam          | Senior Financial Analyst  |

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| Jackie Teed    | Director, Climate Action, Planning and Development             |
| Serena Trachta | Manager, Inspections, 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 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; and

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

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**3. PRESENTATIONS**

**3.1 Climate Action Decision Making Framework: Prioritizing Funding for Climate Focused Initiatives**

Staff presented on the Climate Action Decision Making Framework's general concepts and its prospective use in the City's 2024 quarterly variance and 2025 capital budget process.

MOVED and SECONDED

**THAT** Council endorse the Climate Action Decision Making Framework for immediate use, including in the 2024 quarterly variance and 2025 capital budget process, and

**THAT** Council direct staff to initiate the next steps as presented in this report.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

### **3.2 ON TABLE: Local Government Development Approvals Program Grant Application**

Staff briefed Council on submission of an application under the Local Government Development Approvals Program and the proposed grant management of the project and related activities.

MOVED and SECONDED

**THAT** Council direct staff to submit an application under the Local Government Development Approvals Program, as outlined in this report, and that, if successful, the City accept overall grant management of the project and related activities.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

### **4. MOTION TO MOVE TO 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)(d) the security of the property of the municipality;

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(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.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

*Council moved into the closed session at 1:42 p.m.*

### **5. RECONVENE FROM CLOSED MEETING**

*Council moved back into the open session at 1:49 p.m.*

**6. END OF THE MEETING**

*Mayor Johnstone terminated the meeting at 1:49 p.m.*

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Patrick Johnstone

MAYOR

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Dennis Back

CORPORATE OFFICER