



Corporation of the City of NEW WESTMINSTER

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CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP

MINUTES

Monday, January 22, 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:

Lisa Spitale	Chief Administrative Officer
Peter DeJong	Corporate Officer
Kwaku Agyare-Manu	Senior Manager, Engineering Services
Rod Carle	General Manager, Electrical Utility
Blair Fryer	Senior Manager, Economic Development
Corrinne Garrett	Senior Manager Recreation Facilities and Programs, Parks & Recreation
Dean Gibson	Director of Parks and Recreation
Indeep Johal	Manager, Financial Services
Lisa Leblanc	Director of Engineering Services
Craig MacFarlane	Manager, Legal Services
Tobi May	Manager, Civic Buildings, Engineering
Kirsten Robinson	Senior Development Planner
Lynn Roxburgh	Manager, Housing, Climate Action, Planning and Development
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

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
Marius Miklea	Assistant Corporate Officer, Legislative Services

1. CALL TO ORDER AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Mayor Johnstone called the meeting to order at 3:00 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. WORKSHOP

3.1 Developing Lower Twelfth Street Area Evaluation Framework

Manager of Development Planning, Demian Rueter and Planner, Kirsten Robinson, presented on the approach to develop an evaluation framework at Lower Twelfth Street which would guide the development of a linear community.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council direct staff to develop an Evaluation Framework for the Lower Twelfth Street area, to enable catalyst development application review and allow them to proceed ahead of an area-wide Official Community Plan (“OCP”) amendment, as outlined in this report.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. BUDGET 2024: PART SIX

4.1 Budget 2024: Updated 2024 General Fund Operating Enhancements and Funding Strategy

Director of Finance, Shehzad Somji, presented on the updates to the operating enhancements, estimated effect on property taxes in the city, funding sources, allocation across property classes, budget timeline and next steps with anticipated Five-Year Budget Bylaw adoption at the March 11, 2024 Council Meeting.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council approve the \$1.5M operating budget refinements in the updated General Fund Operating Enhancements

THAT Council instruct staff to incorporate the updated General Fund Operating Enhancements into the Consolidated 2024 - 2028 Five-Year Financial Plan;

THAT Council instruct staff to convert the Consolidated 2024 – 2028 Five-Year Financial Plan into a Bylaw reflecting an estimated property tax revenue increase of 7.7% and bring forward for public consultation.

CARRIED

Councillors Fontaine and Minhas opposed

5. END OF THE MEETING

Mayor Johnstone terminated the meeting at 4:01 p.m.

Patrick Johnstone

MAYOR

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CORPORATE OFFICER