



Corporation of the City of  
**NEW WESTMINSTER**

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**MINUTES**

**Monday, November 1, 2021**

**Meeting held electronically and open to public attendance  
in Council Chamber, City Hall**

**PRESENT:**

Mayor Jonathan Cote  
Councillor Patrick Johnstone  
Councillor Jamie McEvoy  
Councillor Chuck Puchmayr  
Councillor Mary Trentadue

**ABSENT:**

Councillor Chinu Das  
Councillor Nadine Nakagawa

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Ms. Lisa Spitale	Chief Administrative Officer
Ms. Jacque Killawee	City Clerk
Ms. Emilie Adin	Director of Climate Action, Planning and Development
Mr. Todd Ayotte	Manager, Community Arts and Theatre
Mr. Curtis Bremner	Acting Fire Chief, New Westminster Fire and Rescue Services
Mr. Rod Carle	General Manager, Electrical Utility
Ms. Britney Dack	Senior Heritage Planner, Climate Action, Planning and Development
Ms. Kim Deighton	Manager, Integrated Services
Mr. Dean Gibson	Director of Parks and Recreation
Mr. Dave Jansen	Chief Constable
Ms. Lisa Leblanc	Director of Engineering Services
Ms. Lynn Roxburgh	Acting Supervisor of Land Use Planning and Climate Action
Ms. Meredith Seeton	Policy Planner, Climate Action, Planning and Development
Ms. Denise Tambellini	Manager, Intergovernmental and Community Relations
Ms. Harji Varn	Chief Financial Officer and Director of Finance
Ms. Nicole Ludwig	Assistant City Clerk

**GUEST:**

Mr. Jonny Morris                      CEO, Canadian Mental Health Association, BC Division

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

Mayor Cote opened the meeting at 6:02 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 remove item 6.3 from the agenda.

**Carried.**

All members present voted in favour of the motion.

MOVED AND SECONDED

THAT Council add the following as New Business to the agenda:

- Recommendations brought forward from the November 1, 2021 Special Council Workshop

**Carried.**

All members present voted in favour of the motion.

**Procedural Note:** Council agreed to deal with the newly added item (item 8.1) as the first item of business. The minutes are recorded in numerical order.

## **3. REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS FOR COUNCIL DISCUSSION AND ACTION**

### **3.1 Peer Assisted Crisis Team Pilot Project**

**Procedural Note:** At 6:04 p.m., Councillor Puchmayr declared conflict of interest on this matter because he is on the board of a community non-profit organization that provides mental health supports. He left the meeting and did not return until the conclusion of the vote on this matter.

#### **a. Presentation, Jonny Morris, CEO, Canadian Mental Health Association BC Division (On Table)**

Denise Tambellini, Manager, Intergovernmental and Community Relations, introduced the report and Jonny Morris, CEO, Canadian Mental Health Association BC Division.

Mr. Morris provided a presentation on community-led mobile crisis teams and the partnerships occurring at multiple levels to provide these.

In discussion, Council members expressed gratitude for the City's early participation, and noted that BC Ambulance Services should also be engaged in this project.

Mayor Cote advised that the Police Board is on side with this project, and that this is an excellent start to bring all the pieces together to better serve the community.

**b. Peer Assisted Crisis Team Pilot Project**

Staff are requesting authorization to implement the Peer Assisted Crisis Team Pilot Project in New Westminster in collaboration with the Canadian Mental Health Association, to reduce the reliance on policing and city services for mental health crisis response in the community. Staff are also looking for authorization for the submission of a grant application to the Province of British Columbia, Civil Forfeiture Crime Prevention and Remediation Grant Program.

MOVED AND SECONDED

THAT Council approve the City's participation in the Peer Assisted Crisis Team Pilot Project in New Westminster with the Canadian Mental Health Association and the City of Victoria, North Vancouver and the District of North Vancouver;

THAT Council approve \$65,000 toward the implementation of Phase 1 of the Peer Assisted Crisis Team Pilot Project in New Westminster;

THAT Council approve the City's Submission to the Province of British Columbia Civil Forfeiture Crime Prevention and Remediation Grant Program for up to \$94,000;

THAT a letter be sent to the local Members of the Provincial Legislative Assembly and Member of Parliament, creating awareness of the Pilot Project; and,

THAT Council approve the next steps and continued consultation with First Nations and other key stakeholders referenced in the Pilot Project.

Carried.

All members present voted in favour of the motion.

(Councillor Puchmayr absent for the vote due to Conflict of Interest)

**Procedural Note:** Councillor Puchmayr returned to the meeting at 6:33 p.m.

**4. CONSENT AGENDA**

If Council decides, all the recommendations in the reports on the Consent Agenda can be approved in one motion, without discussion. If Council wishes to discuss a report, that report is removed from the Consent Agenda. A report may be removed in order to discuss it, because someone wants to vote against the report's

recommendation, or because someone has a conflict of interest with the report. Any reports not removed from the Consent Agenda are passed without discussion.

MOVED AND SECONDED

THAT Council adopt the recommendations for items 4.3, 4.4, 4.7, 4.8, 4.10 and 4.11, on consent.

**Carried.**

All members present voted in favour of the motion.

#### **4.1 Arts Advisory Committee**

To receive Council's approval to establish the Arts Advisory Committee and approve the Committee Terms of Reference. Staff are also requesting that Council repeal the existing Arts Commission bylaw in order to facilitate this governance transition.

MOVED AND SECONDED

THAT Council approve the establishment of the Arts Advisory Committee;

THAT Council approve the Terms of Reference for the Committee as attached to the November 1, 2021 report entitled "Arts Advisory Committee"; and

THAT Council repeal the Arts Commission bylaw in order to facilitate this governance transition.

**Carried.**

All members present voted in favour of the motion.

#### **4.2 Business Regulations and Licensing (Rental Unit) Bylaw: Next Steps**

To update Council regarding the implications of recent changes to the Residential Tenancy Act (RTA) that correlate to Part 6 of Business Regulations and Licensing (Rental Units) Bylaw No. 6926, 2004 and provide options for consideration.

Jacque Killawee, City Clerk, advised that a change to the final recommendation had been made, to more accurately reflect the type of public comments that will be requested with the proposed amendments to the Business Regulations and Licensing (Rental Units) Bylaw.

MOVED AND SECONDED

THAT Council give three readings to:

- Business Regulations and Licensing (Rental Units) Amendment Bylaw No. 8302, 2021 to repeal Part 6 of Business Regulations and Licensing (Rental Units) Bylaw No. 6926, 2004;

- Bylaw Notice Enforcement Amendment Bylaw No. 8298, 2021 to amend Bylaw Notice Enforcement Bylaw No. 7318, 2009; and
- Municipal Ticket Information Amendment Bylaw No. 8299, 2021 to amend Municipal Ticket Information Bylaw No. 8077, 2019.

THAT Council direct staff to give notice regarding a request for public comment, in advance of Council's consideration of the amendment to Business Regulations and Licensing (Rental Units) Bylaw No. 6926, 2004 that results in the repeal of Part 6, to enable interested parties to provide comment on the amendment to Business Regulations and Licensing (Rental Units) Bylaw No. 6926, 2004.

THAT Council direct staff to proceed with the proposed communications strategy set out in the November 1, 2021, report entitled "Business Regulations and Licensing (Rental Unit) Bylaw: Next Steps".

**Carried.**

All members present voted in favour of the motion.

#### **4.3 Canada Games Pool Unplanned Closure Update**

To update Council regarding the background and status of the unplanned closure of the Canada Games Pool.

THAT the November 1, 2021, report entitled "Canada Games Pool Unplanned Closure Update" be received for information.

**Adopted on Consent.**

#### **4.4 Electric Bikeshare Program – Motion from Sustainable Transportation Task Force**

To seek Council's endorsement to advance a business plan for implementation of an electric bikeshare program in the City of New Westminster.

THAT Council direct staff to develop a business plan for an electric bikeshare program for the City of New Westminster.

**Adopted on Consent.**

**Procedural Note:** Council agreed to consider item 4.9 as the next item of business. The Minutes are recorded in numerical order.

#### **4.5 Heritage Revitalization Agreement (208 Fifth Avenue) Bylaw No. 8271, 2021 and Heritage Designation (208 Fifth Avenue) Bylaw No. 8272, 2021: Bylaws for First and Second Readings**

For Council to consider bylaws which would allow the subdivision of a Queen's Park property in exchange for heritage protection and restoration of a heritage house.

MOVED AND SECONDED

THAT Council consider Heritage Revitalization Agreement (208 Fifth Avenue) Bylaw No. 8271, 2021 and Heritage Designation (208 Fifth Avenue) Bylaw No. 8272, 2021 for First and Second Readings, and forward the Bylaws to a Public Hearing.

THAT Council add 208 Fifth Avenue to the City's Heritage Register following the adoption of Heritage Designation (208 Fifth Avenue) Bylaw No. 8272, 2021.

**Carried.**

(Councillor Puchmayr opposed)

**4.6 HRA Refresh: Queen's Park Heritage Conservation Area Post-Implementation Evaluation and Report Back on Final Incentives**

To advise Council of the outcome of implementing the Heritage Conservation Area and to request that the outstanding elements of the related incentives program inform the HRA Refresh project.

In response to Council comments and questions, Britney Dack, Senior Heritage Planner, Climate Action, Planning and Development, noted that general principles will be firmed up in the fall, there will be targeted community consultation over the winter, a draft framework in the spring followed by more general outreach. She noted she anticipates a framework before summer 2022, with a longer expected implementation period.

MOVED AND SECONDED

THAT Council endorse that staff do no further work to implement the following as part of the Queen's Park Heritage Conservation Area incentives program:

- a) stratification of laneway and carriage houses,
- b) conversion of existing houses into multiple units, or
- c) creation of additional design guidelines

and instead endorse that tenure and unit count be included in the scope of the initiated Heritage Revitalization Agreement Refresh project.

THAT Council endorse the refined Evaluation Checklist (Attachment 1 of the November 1, 2021, report entitled "HRA Refresh: Queen's Park Heritage Conservation Area Post-Implementation Evaluation and Report Back on Final Incentives") for use in Heritage Alteration Permit applications for demolition and Official Community Plan Amendment applications for removal of Heritage Conservation Area protection.

**Carried.**

All members present voted in favour of the motion.

**Procedural Note:** Council agreed to consider item 4.12 as the next item of business. The Minutes are recorded in numerical order.

**4.7 Miscellaneous Zoning Bylaw Amendments for First and Second Readings**

To request Council give First and Second Readings to a bylaw that will amend the Zoning Bylaw and to waive the Public Hearing.

THAT Council consider Zoning Amendment Bylaw (Miscellaneous Amendments) No. 8287, 2021 for First and Second Readings and waive the Public Hearing.

**Adopted on Consent.**

**4.8 Public Art Calls: Artist Roster and Artist-Initiated Projects**

The purpose of this report is to provide Council with information regarding two (2) public art calls to establish an artist roster and to develop new artist-initiated public art projects.

THAT Council receive the November 1, 2021, report entitled "Public Art Calls: Artist Roster and Artist-Initiated Projects" for information.

**Adopted on Consent.**

**4.9 Regional Growth Strategy Update: Metro 2050 Comment Period**

To seek direction from Council regarding the proposed City response to the draft updated Regional Growth Strategy, Metro 2050.

In discussion, Council members noted:

- There appears to be a lack of municipal accountability for how member jurisdictions will adopt the regional context statement since regional targets are broken up by region rather than municipality; and,
- Concerns that regional growth corridors as depicted in the plan for New Westminster are problematic. There is support for higher density around Skytrain corridors but in some locations this is not possible.
- Request that staff provide feedback including visual depictions to show why certain areas such as Braid Industrial estate and areas around Stewardson Way are not appropriate to be included in growth corridors.

MOVED AND SECONDED

THAT Council direct staff to send the letter attached to the November 1, 2021, report entitled "Regional Growth Strategy Update: Metro 2050 Comment Period" to Metro Vancouver as formal City comments on the draft updated Regional Growth Strategy, Metro 2050, with additional comments addressing the following issues:

- Concerns regarding the 2050 plan weakening local government accountability to meet the growth and planning obligations in the plan; and,
- Concerns regarding regional growth corridors as depicted in the plan for New Westminster, and provide visual depictions to show why certain areas such as Braid Industrial estate and areas around Stewardson Way are not appropriate to be included in growth corridors.

**Carried.**

All members present voted in favour of the motion.

**Procedural Note:** Council agreed to consider Bylaws, starting with item 6.1.c as the next items of business. The Minutes are recorded in numerical order.

#### **4.10 Temporary Use Permit: 502 Columbia Street (Former Army and Navy Department Store) – For Emergency Shelter**

For Council to consider a Temporary Use Permit for an emergency shelter on the lower floor of the former Army and Navy Department Store, located at 502 Columbia Street.

THAT Council provide notice that it will consider issuance of a Temporary Use Permit (TUP00027) for an Emergency Shelter at 502 Columbia Street as outlined in this report.

THAT Council approve a grant-in-lieu to the applicant in the amount of \$1,542.50 for the purposes of waiving the fee for the Temporary Use Permit.

**Adopted on Consent.**

#### **4.11 User Fees and Rates Review for 2022, Amendment Bylaws for Three Readings**

The purpose of this report is to update the bylaws associated with the user fees and rates as approved in principle by Council on October 18, 2021.

THAT the following Amendment Bylaws be given three readings:

1. Climate Action, Planning and Development User Fees and Rates Amendment Bylaw No. 8293, 2021
2. Cultural Services User Fees and Rates Amendment Bylaw No. 8294, 2021
3. Electric Utility Fees and Rates Amendment Bylaw No. 8295, 2021
4. Engineering Services User Fees and Rates Amendment Bylaw No. 8292, 2021
5. Financial Services Fees and Rates Amendment Bylaw No. 8296, 2021.

**Adopted on Consent.**



#### **4.12 Correspondence: Parkside Drainage Issue - Request to New Westminster Council for Action, October 21, 2021**

**Procedural Note:** At 7:12 p.m., Councillor Johnstone declared conflict of interest on this matter because his family has a pecuniary interest in the property. He left the meeting and did not return until the conclusion of the vote on this matter.

MOVED AND SECONDED

THAT Council refer this matter to staff to communicate with Parkside strata and report back on the outcome to Council.

**Carried.**

All members present voted in favour of the motion.

(Councillor Johnstone absent for the vote due to Conflict of Interest)

**Procedural Note:** Following the vote on this matter, Councillor Johnstone returned to the meeting at 7:14 p.m. Subsequently, Council agreed to deal with the remaining Bylaws (items 6.1.a and 6.1.b). The minutes are recorded in numerical order.

#### **5. OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO SPEAK TO COUNCIL – 7:00 PM**

**Procedural Note:** At 6:50 p.m., Councillor Johnstone declared conflict of interest on the matter the first speaker would be addressing, because his family has an interest in the property. He left the meeting and did not return until after Mr. Taylor concluded his comments.

Jeff Taylor, Parkside Strata, advised that in 2018 the City's Engineering Department had identified a drainage issue with the property and brought it to the attention of the developer. Mr. Taylor noted that he had submitted an enquiry to the City in May 2021, and had not received a response until he submitted a second enquiry in October. At this point he was told that discussions had been taking place between the City and the developer, however the developer was unresponsive. He requested that Council direct staff to provide information on these discussions with the developer including any solutions proposed.

**Procedural Note:** Councillor Johnstone returned to the meeting at 6:54 p.m.

Arley Drew, New Westminster, expressed concerns that his tax burden has increased by 10% since 2018, and that the current proposed increase for 2022 outpaces inflation. He expressed concerns that the City is spending too much on cosmetic programs that should not be done now, and explained that since residents have had to cut back discretionary spending, the City should as well. He also expressed concerns with large curb cuts that, while beneficial to pedestrians, often impede bikes from going through an intersection.

Larry Church, New Westminster, provided comments regarding:

- The proposed Heritage Revitalization Agreement (HRA) and Heritage Designation (HD for 208 Fifth Avenue), noting that the proposal is not a restoration as the shakes siding is not the original façade, and that major branches have been removed from trees that border the two neighbours which allows the owner to move the house closer to the property line; and,
- 515 Fourth Street has been sold and the listing showed that it has a fully furnished secondary basement suite, and requested information regarding the permits for construction of the suite and whether a Heritage Alteration Permit was issued.

Council requested that the Director of Climate Action, Planning and Development follow up with Mr. Church on these matters.

Ron Spence, New Westminster, expressed frustration that staff are not as accessible when working at home and it is sometimes difficult to get information in a timely manner.

**Procedural Note:** Following the hearing of speakers, Council agreed to deal with item 4.5 as the next item of business. The minutes are recorded in numerical order.

## 6. **BYLAWS**

### 6.1 **Bylaws for readings**

- a. **Heritage Revitalization Agreement (208 Fifth Avenue) Bylaw No. 8271, 2021**

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Heritage Revitalization Agreement (208 Fifth Avenue) Bylaw No. 8271, 2021 be given First Reading.

**Carried.**

(Councillor Puchmayr opposed)

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Heritage Revitalization Agreement (208 Fifth Avenue) Bylaw No. 8271, 2021 be given Second Reading.

**Carried.**

(Councillor Puchmayr opposed)

**b. Heritage Designation (208 Fifth Avenue) Bylaw No. 8272, 2021**

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Heritage Designation (208 Fifth Avenue) Bylaw No. 8272, 2021 be given First Reading.

**Carried.**

(Councillor Puchmayr opposed)

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Heritage Designation (208 Fifth Avenue) Bylaw No. 8272, 2021 be given Second Reading.

**Carried.**

(Councillor Puchmayr opposed)

**c. Zoning Amendment Bylaw (Miscellaneous Amendments) No. 8287, 2021**

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Zoning Amendment Bylaw (Miscellaneous Amendment No. 8287, 2021) be given First Reading.

**Carried.**

All members present voted in favour of the motion.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Zoning Amendment Bylaw (Miscellaneous Amendment No. 8287, 2021) be given Second Reading.

**Carried.**

All members present voted in favour of the motion.

**d. Business Regulations and Licensing (Rental Units) Amendment Bylaw No. 8302, 2021**

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Business Regulations and Licensing (Rental Units) Amendment Bylaw No. 8302, 2021 be given First Reading.

**Carried.**

All members present voted in favour of the motion.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Business Regulations and Licensing (Rental Units) Amendment Bylaw No. 8302, 2021 be given Second Reading.

**Carried.**

All members present voted in favour of the motion.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Business Regulations and Licensing (Rental Units) Amendment Bylaw No. 8302, 2021 be given Third Reading.

**Carried.**

All members present voted in favour of the motion.

**e. Bylaw Notice Enforcement Amendment Bylaw No. 8298, 2021**

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Bylaw Notice Enforcement Amendment Bylaw No. 8298, 2021 be given First Reading.

**Carried.**

All members present voted in favour of the motion.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Bylaw Notice Enforcement Amendment Bylaw No. 8298, 2021 be given Second Reading.

**Carried.**

All members present voted in favour of the motion.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Bylaw Notice Enforcement Amendment Bylaw No. 8298, 2021 be given Third Reading.

**Carried.**

All members present voted in favour of the motion.

**f. Municipal Ticket Information Amendment Bylaw No. 8299, 2021**

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Municipal Ticket Information Amendment Bylaw No. 8299, 2021 be given First Reading.

**Carried.**

All members present voted in favour of the motion.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Municipal Ticket Information Amendment Bylaw No. 8299, 2021 be given Second Reading.

**Carried.**

All members present voted in favour of the motion.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Municipal Ticket Information Amendment Bylaw No. 8299, 2021 be given Third Reading.

**Carried.**

All members present voted in favour of the motion.

**g. Climate Action, Planning and Development User Fees and Rates Amendment Bylaw No. 8293, 2021**

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Climate Action, Planning and Development User Fees and Rates Amendment Bylaw No. 8293, 2021, be given First Reading.

**Carried.**

All members present voted in favour of the motion.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Climate Action, Planning and Development User Fees and Rates Amendment Bylaw No. 8293, 2021, be given Second Reading.

**Carried.**

All members present voted in favour of the motion.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Climate Action, Planning and Development User Fees and Rates Amendment Bylaw No. 8293, 2021, be given Third Reading.

**Carried.**

All members present voted in favour of the motion.

**h. Cultural Services User Fees and Rates Amendment Bylaw No. 8294, 2021**

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Cultural Services User Fees and Rates Amendment Bylaw No. 8294, 2021, be given First Reading.

**Carried.**

All members present voted in favour of the motion.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Cultural Services User Fees and Rates Amendment Bylaw No. 8294, 2021, be given Second Reading.

**Carried.**

All members present voted in favour of the motion.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Cultural Services User Fees and Rates Amendment Bylaw No. 8294, 2021, be given Third Reading.

**Carried.**

All members present voted in favour of the motion.

**i. Electric Utility Fees and Rates Amendment Bylaw No. 8295, 2021**

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Electric Utility User Fees and Rates Amendment Bylaw No. 8295, 2021, be given First Reading.

**Carried.**

All members present voted in favour of the motion.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Electric Utility User Fees and Rates Amendment Bylaw No. 8295, 2021, be given Second Reading.

**Carried.**

All members present voted in favour of the motion.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Electric Utility User Fees and Rates Amendment Bylaw No. 8295, 2021, be given Third Reading.

**Carried.**

All members present voted in favour of the motion.

**j. Engineering Services User Fees and Rates Amendment Bylaw No. 8292, 2021**

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Engineering Services User Fees and Rates Amendment Bylaw No. 8292, 2021, be given First Reading.

**Carried.**

All members present voted in favour of the motion.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Engineering Services User Fees and Rates Amendment Bylaw No. 8292, 2021, be given Second Reading.

**Carried.**

All members present voted in favour of the motion.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Engineering Services User Fees and Rates Amendment Bylaw No. 8292, 2021, be given Third Reading.

**Carried.**

All members present voted in favour of the motion.

**k. Financial Services Fees and Rates Amendment Bylaw No. 8296, 2021**

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Financial Services User Fees and Rates Amendment Bylaw No. 8296, 2021, be given First Reading.

**Carried.**

All members present voted in favour of the motion.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Financial Services User Fees and Rates Amendment Bylaw No. 8296, 2021, be given Second Reading.

**Carried.**

All members present voted in favour of the motion.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Financial Services User Fees and Rates Amendment Bylaw No. 8296, 2021, be given Third Reading.

**Carried.**

All members present voted in favour of the motion.

## **6.2 Bylaws for third reading and adoption**

### **a. Zoning Amendment Bylaw (733 Thirteenth Street) No. 8266, 2021**

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Zoning Amendment Bylaw (733 Thirteenth Street) No. 8266, 2021, be given Third Reading.

**Carried.**

All members present voted in favour of the motion.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Zoning Amendment Bylaw (733 Thirteenth Street) No. 8266, 2021, be adopted.

**Carried.**

All members present voted in favour of the motion.

## **6.3 Bylaws for repeal**

### **a. Arts Commission Bylaw No. 7367, 2009**

This item was removed from the agenda.

## **7. MOTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF COUNCIL**

### **7.1 Creating a more inclusive and welcoming environment outside Council Chamber**

Councillor Trentadue introduced the motion, noting the City has been doing work on being more inclusive, and introduce more art to the City. There is an opportunities for art and artists right outside Council Chamber.



MOVED AND SECONDED

**Whereas** the City of New Westminster's vision is "A vibrant, compassionate, sustainable city that includes everyone"; and

**Whereas** Reconciliation, Inclusion and Engagement is a high priority for the City as we work towards "creating a welcoming, inclusive and accepting community that promotes a deep understanding and respect for all cultures; and

**Whereas** our 2019 Arts Strategy outlines goals and a vision that encompasses "Communicate, Nurture, Include, Generate and Innovate" while expanding opportunities for the Arts in our community; and

**Whereas** a motion approved in January 2020 called for ways in which the City can be more welcoming and inclusive, specifically related to Civic facilities, City Hall and Council Meetings;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Arts Services report back to Council and the Public Art Advisory Committee (PAAC) with options to reimagine the space and walls outside Council Chamber to create a more inclusive and welcoming environment.

**Carried.**

All members present voted in favour of the motion.

**Procedural Note:** Council agreed to hear from speakers as the next item business. The minutes are recorded in numerical order.

## **8. NEW BUSINESS**

### **8.1 Recommendations brought forward from the November 1, 2021 Special Council Workshop:**

MOVED AND SECONDED

THAT Council approves in principle the 2022 Utility Rates with respect to the Electric, Water, Sewer and Solid Waste Utilities, as set out in the November 1, 2021, report entitled "Budget 2022: Proposed 2022 Operating and Utility Budgets".

THAT Council directs staff to prepare the necessary bylaws to amend the City's utility rates for 2022 as outlined in in the November 1, 2021, report entitled "Budget 2022: Proposed 2022 Operating and Utility Budgets".

**Carried.**

All members present voted in favour of the motion.

**9. ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF COUNCIL**

Councillor Trentadue advised that the Massey Theatre is holding an open house on November 6 from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. and encouraged everyone to visit.

Councillor Puchmayr congratulated the Salmonbellies Senior A Team (1980-1989) for their upcoming inauguration in the Lacrosse Hall of Fame, and suggested Council send a thank you letter to the owner of the former Army and Navy location, Jacquie Cohen, for allowing an emergency shelter to be put there and run by the Purpose Society.

**10. END OF THE MEETING**

The meeting ended at 7:16 p.m.

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Jonathan Cote

MAYOR

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Jacque Killawee

CITY CLERK