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CITY COUNCIL MEETING

MINUTES

Monday, December 13, 2021

Meeting held electronically and open to public attendance

Council Chamber, City Hall

PRESENT:

Councillor Mary Trentadue Acting Mayor
Councillor Chinu Das
Councillor Patrick Johnstone
Councillor Jamie McEvoy
Councillor Nadine Nakagawa
Councillor Chuck Puchmayr

ABSENT:

Mayor Jonathan Cote

STAFF PRESENT:

Ms. Lisa Spitale	Chief Administrative Officer
Ms. Jacque Killawee	City Clerk
Ms. Emilie Adin	Director of Climate Action, Planning and Development
Mr. Curtis Bremner	Acting Fire Chief, New Westminister Fire and Rescue Services
Mr. Jorge Cardenas	Chief Librarian
Mr. Rod Carle	General Manager, Electrical Utility
Mr. Richard Fong	Director of Human Resources
Mr. Dean Gibson	Director of Parks and Recreation
Mr. Dave Jansen	Chief Constable
Ms. Lisa Leblanc	Director of Engineering Services
Mr. Craig MacFarlane	Manager of Legal Services
Ms. Erika Mashig	Manager, Parks and Open Space Planning, Design and Construction
Ms. Lynn Roxburgh	Acting Supervisor of Climate Action and Land Use Planning
Ms. Harji Varn	Chief Financial Officer and Director of Finance
Ms. Nicole Ludwig	Assistant City Clerk

GUESTS:

Ms. Alison Maddaugh Space2Place Design, Inc.

1. CALL TO ORDER AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Councillor Trentadue, Acting Mayor, opened the meeting at 6:05 p.m. and recognized with respect that New Westminster is on the unceded and unsurrendered land of the Halkomelem speaking peoples. She acknowledged that colonialism has made invisible their histories and connections to the land. She 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 the following items on table for the meeting:

- Item 3.1.a 2022-2026 DRAFT Consolidated 4 Year Financial Plan Presentation; and
- Item 3.2.a People, Parks and Pups Strategy Presentation.

Carried.

All members present voted in favour of the motion.

3. REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS FOR COUNCIL DISCUSSION AND ACTION

3.1 Budget 2022: Draft 2022 - 2026 Financial Plan

a. Presentation, Chief Financial Officer/Director of Finance (On Table)

Lisa Spitale, Chief Administrative Officer, introduced the report, and thanked the leadership of the Director of Finance and the hard work by the Finance Department and staff city-wide for pulling the budget together. Harji Varn, Director of Finance and Chief Financial Officer, provided a presentation on the draft 2022-2026 Financial Plan, including an overview of the 2022 budget and clarifying the differences and relationship between the capital and operating budgets.

In discussion, Council members noted frustration regarding the Police Department budget, and expressed a desire to have more opportunities to discuss and collaborate on the Police budget going forwards.

In response to a question from Council, Ms. Spitale advised that the operating budget, which included the Police Department budget, was discussed at a workshop which was the appropriate place to ask

questions about departmental budgets. Dave Jansen, Chief Constable, also noted that Council and the Police Board had had a meeting on November 4, 2021, regarding the 2022 Police budget.

b. Budget 2022: Draft 2022 – 2026 Financial Plan

To seek Council's direction to convert the Draft Consolidated 2022 to 2026 Financial Plan (the "Financial Plan") into a Bylaw in accordance with Section 166 of the Community Charter that incorporates the approved 2022 Water, Sewer, Solid Waste and Electrical rates, the proposed Property Tax Increase of 4.4% and the 2022 Capital Budget of \$170.7M. Members of the public are invited to review and provide written comments on the Financial Plan. It is necessary for the City to adopt a Financial Plan prior to adopting a tax rate bylaw.

MOVED AND SECONDED

THAT Council instruct staff to convert the Draft Consolidated 2022 to 2026 Financial Plan into a Bylaw reflecting a property tax increase of 4.4% for 2022 and a 2022 Capital Budget of \$170.7M and bring the bylaw forward for three readings.

Carried.

(Councillors Nakagawa and Trentadue opposed)

3.2 People, Parks & Pups - A 10-Year Strategy for Sharing Public Space

a. Presentation, Director of Parks and Recreation and Alison Maddaugh, Landscape Architect, Space2place Design Inc. (On Table)

Erika Mashig, Manager, Parks and Open Space Planning, Design and Construction, introduced the report and Alison Maddaugh, Space2place Design Inc., who provided a presentation on the draft People, Parks and Pups Strategy.

In discussion, Council members noted the following:

- There have been good engagement opportunities throughout this process;
- The dog parks and parklets need to have access to water and regular maintenance including collection of dog waste in order to facilitate their effective use;

In response to Council questions and concerns, Ms. Maddaugh and Dean Gibson, Director of Parks and Recreation, noted:

- Management of dog waste is a key concern and staff are working on that process;
- The off-leash area in Moody Park was an all-dog area, and shortly after it was introduced, some pet owners protested, feeling that different sized dogs should have different areas; and,
- Staff's report back on the off-leash area in Moody Park was delayed by the COVID-19 pandemic.

b. People, Parks & Pups- A 10-Year Strategy for Sharing Public Space

The purpose of this report is to present the People, Parks & Pups Strategy (the "Strategy") as developed to support a proactive approach to sharing New Westminster's limited park space among those with and without dogs. As a ten-year framework, this Strategy provides recommendations to guide the ongoing planning, design and management of dog off-leash activity across the city. The draft Strategy is now complete, and staff are now presenting the Strategy for Council's comment.

MOVED AND SECONDED

THAT Council receives the draft "People, Parks & Pups Strategy", as outlined in December 13, 2021, report entitled "People Parks and Pups – A 10-Year Strategy for Sharing Public Space", and included as Attachment A, to guide the planning and design for people and dogs in parks and open spaces across New Westminster.

Carried.

All members present voted in favour of the motion.

Procedural Note: Council recessed at 6:58 p.m. and reconvened at 7:02 p.m., at which point Council agreed to hear from speakers as the next item of business. The minutes are recorded in numerical order.

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 items 4.3, 4.12, 4.14, 4.16, 4.18, 4.19, 4.21, and 4.22 be removed from the consent agenda.

Carried.

All members present voted in favour of the motion.

MOVED AND SECONDED

THAT Council adopt the recommendations for items 4.1, 4.2, 4.4 to 4.11, 4.13, 4.15, 4.17, 4.20 and 4.23 on consent.

Carried.

All members present voted in favour of the motion.

MOVED AND SECONDED

THAT Council vary the order of the agenda to consider item 4.12 as the next item of business followed by item 7.1.

Carried by the required majority.

All members present voted in favour of the motion.

Note: The minutes are recorded in numerical order.

4.1 22nd Street Station Area: Bold Vision Work Plan

To inform Council on the work plan for the relaunch of the 22nd Street Station Area Bold Vision project.

THAT Council direct staff to proceed with the proposed 22nd Street Station Area Bold Vision work plan as outlined in the December 13, 2021, report entitled "22nd Street Station Area: Bold Vision Work Plan", subject to the adoption of the 2022-2026 City Budget.

Adopted on Consent.

4.2 Acting Mayor Appointments for January to October 2022

To request Council designate Councillors to undertake Acting Mayor duties on a rotating basis until October of the 2022 year.

THAT Acting Mayors for January to October 2022 be appointed as set out in the Schedule of Acting Mayors (Attachment 1 of the December 13, 2021, report entitled "Acting Mayor Appointments for January to October 2022".)

Adopted on Consent.

4.3 Climate Action Key Performance Indicators: 2020 Baseline Data

To present the baseline data for the Climate Action Key Performance Indicators which will be used to generate the annual Climate Action KPI Report Card.

In discussion, Council congratulated staff on the work being done and asked whether qualitative metrics would be included. In response, Lynn Roxburgh, Acting Supervisor of Climate Action and Land Use Planning, advised that the document will continue to evolve as more data is collected.

MOVED AND SECONDED

THAT Council receive the December 13, 2021, report entitled "Climate Action Key Performance Indicators: 2020 Baseline Data" for information.

Carried.

All members present voted in favour of the motion.

Procedural Note: Council agreed to consider item 4.16 as the next item of business. The minutes are recorded in numerical order.

4.4 Construction Noise Bylaw Exemption Extension Request: New Westminster Interceptor – Columbia Sewer Rehabilitation

To request that Council grant an exemption from the Construction Noise Bylaw for Metro Vancouver's contractor, Oscar Renda Contracting of Canada (ORCC), to conduct sewer maintenance including multiple upgrades and installations in the downtown area for eight nights from Monday, January 3, 2022 to Monday, February 14, 2022.

THAT Council grant an exemption to Oscar Renda Contracting of Canada (ORCC) from Construction Noise Bylaw No. 6063, 1992 for eight nights between Monday January 3, 2022 and Monday February 14, 2022 from 8:00 PM to 7:00 AM Mondays to Thursdays and 8:00 PM Fridays to 7:00 AM Mondays to conduct maintenance of the existing sewer, installation of new utility holes on Columbia Street at Eighth Street and at Blackwood Street, and water main relocation at the intersection of Sixth Street and

Columbia Street, midblock area between Sixth and Church Streets, and the intersection of Fourth Street and Columbia Street.

Adopted on Consent.

4.5 Covid-19 Task Forces: Update

An informational report to Council with updates from the Covid-19 Task Forces.

THAT Council receives the December 13, 2021, report entitled "COVID-19 Task Forces: Update" for information.

Adopted on Consent.

4.6 DCC Expenditure Bylaw No. 8307, 2021

The purpose of this report is to obtain Council's approval of Development Cost Charge Reserve Funds Expenditure Bylaw No. 8307, 2021 authorizing expenditures from the City's Development Cost Charge Reserves for Queensborough drainage, water, transportation and parkland development, and Mainland transportation and parkland development.

THAT Development Cost Charge Reserve Funds Expenditure Bylaw No. 8307, 2021 (Attachment 1 of the December 13, 2021, report entitled DCC Expenditure Bylaw No. 8307, 2021) to authorize a total expenditure of \$2,002,900 from the Development Cost Charge Reserves, be given three readings.

Adopted on Consent.

4.7 Downtown New Westminster BIA Extension: 2022 – 2025 - Revised

To update Council on the renewal of the Downtown Business Improvement Area, and to recommence the process.

THAT third reading of the following bylaws be rescinded:

- Downtown New Westminster Business Improvement Area (Primary Area) Bylaw No. 8288, 2021
- Downtown New Westminster Business Improvement Area (Secondary Area) Bylaw No. 8289, 2021

THAT third reading be given to the revised versions of the bylaws below as attached in Attachments 1 and 2 of the December 13, 2021, report entitled "Downtown New Westminster BIA Extension: 2022-2025 – Revised":

- Downtown New Westminster Business Improvement Area (Primary Area) Bylaw No. 8288, 2021
- Downtown New Westminster Business Improvement Area (Secondary Area) Bylaw No. 8289, 2021

Adopted on Consent.

4.8 Heritage Designation (125 Third Street) Bylaw No. 8306, 2021 for First and Second Readings

To seek Council's approval to consider Heritage Designation (125 Third Street) Bylaw No. 8306, 2021 for First and Second Readings, and forward the Bylaw to a Public Hearing.

THAT Council consider Heritage Designation (125 Third Street) Bylaw No. 8306, 2021 for First and Second Readings, and forward the Bylaw to a Public Hearing.

Adopted on Consent.

4.9 Heritage Revitalization Agreement: 802-806 Eighth Street and 809 Eighth Avenue – Preliminary Report

To seek Council's approval to proceed with processing a townhouse and heritage house development application in the Moody Park neighbourhood.

THAT Council direct staff to process the proposed Heritage Revitalization Agreement and Development Permit applications at 802-806 Eighth Street and 809 Eighth Avenue as outlined in the Consultation and Application Review Process section of the December 13, 2021, report entitled "Heritage Revitalization Agreement: 802-806 Eighth Street and 809 Eighth Avenue – Preliminary Report".

Adopted on Consent.

4.10 Metro 2040: Land Use Designation Amendment Requests

To seek direction from Council regarding the City of Surrey's proposed amendments to the Regional Growth Strategy, Metro 2040.

THAT Council direct staff to send the letter (attachment 4 of the December 13, 2021, report entitled "Metro 2040: Land Use Designation Amendment Requests") to Metro Vancouver as City comment on Surrey's proposed amendments to the Regional Growth Strategy land use designations for properties in the South Campbell Heights area.

Adopted on Consent.

4.11 Metro Vancouver Integrated Liquid Waste and Resource Management Plan: Sewage Rate Allocation

The purpose of this report is to provide an update on Metro Vancouver Integrated Liquid Waste and Resource Management Plan: Sewage Rate Allocation.

THAT Council receive the update on Metro Vancouver Integrated Liquid Waste and Resource Management Plan: Sewage Rate Allocation, set out in the December 13, 2021, report entitled "Metro Vancouver Integrated Liquid Waste and Resource Management Plan: Sewage Rate Allocation".

Adopted on Consent.

4.12 Multiculturalism Advisory Committee: International Holocaust Remembrance Day

To seek Council's endorsement of a recommendation from the Multiculturalism Advisory Committee regarding recognizing International Holocaust Remembrance Day.

In discussion, Council members noted the following:

- This recognition should be a pre-scheduled, yearly event at Council;
- Appreciation for the Multicultural Advisory Committee bring this forward;
- There should be a consistent way of moving important items like this forward and a strategy is needed that includes lighting displays at City Hall and Anvil Centre, a proclamation and celebrations if appropriate.

MOVED AND SECONDED

THAT Council declare January 27th as International Holocaust Remembrance Day, add it to its official observances calendar, light up the Anvil Centre in yellow lights, and that the City recognize this day with a proclamation;

THAT Council refer to the Social Inclusion, Engagement and Reconciliation Advisory Committee, the matter of creating a policy to add regular, scheduled recognition of important days, months and events, so that this recognition by the City automatically occurs every year.

Carried.

All members present voted in favour of the motion.

MOVED AND SECONDED

THAT Council direct staff to change all instances and iterations of the word “celebration” to “recognition” and its iterations on the agenda, minutes and report related to International Holocaust Recognition Day on the City Council agenda of December 13, 2021.”

Carried.

All members present voted in favour of the motion.

Procedural Note: as approved above, Council considered item 7.1 as the next item of business. The minutes are recorded in numerical order.

4.13 Queen’s Park Farm Transition - Community Engagement Summary

The purpose of this report is to share the summary of the feedback received from the 2021 community engagement process and outline proposed next steps to transition the Queen’s Park Farm from livestock towards a re-imagined future focused on urban agriculture, education, and other elements identified through the community engagement process.

THAT the Farm in Queen’s Park transition from livestock towards a re-imagined future as identified through the community engagement process; and

THAT staff proceed with next steps as outlined in the December 13, 2021, report, entitled "Queen's Park Farm Transition – Community Engagement Summary".

Adopted on Consent.

4.14 Queensborough Historic Area Drainage Update

This is an information report on the completed drainage improvement works in the historic area of Queensborough, the continuing work to remove localized drainage barriers and a planned follow-up meeting with local residents.

In response to a question from Council, Lisa Leblanc, Director of Engineering Services, advised details on the recommended approach to the local area service plan for the proposed improvements are forthcoming and will be part of the process explained in the report. She noted that neighbourhood consultation will start in January 2022.

MOVED AND SECONDED

THAT Council receive the December 13, 2021, report entitled "Queensborough Historic Area Drainage Update" report for information.

Carried.

All members present voted in favour of the motion.

Procedural Note: Council agreed to consider item 4.3 as the next item of business. The minutes are recorded in numerical order.

4.15 Recruitment 2022: Appointment of Committee Chairs and Liaisons

To release the Closed resolution appointing Committee Chairs and Liaisons to City Committees.

THAT Council receive the December 13, 2021, report entitled "Recruitment 2022: Appointment of Committee Chairs and Liaisons" for information.

Adopted on Consent.

At the closed Council meeting on November 15, 2021, Council approved the following:

THAT Council appoint Councillor Nadine Nakagawa as the Council member to the Library Board for the 2022 term.

THAT Council appoint Councillor Mary Trentadue as the Chair of the Arts Advisory Committee for the 2022 term.

THAT Council appoint Councillor Chinu Das as the Chair of the Social Inclusion, Engagement and Reconciliation Advisory Committee for the 2022 term.

THAT Council appoint the following members to Advisory Committees as indicated:

Affordable Housing and Child Care Advisory Committee	Chair	Councillor Jaimie McEvoy
Community Heritage Commission	Chair	Councillor Jaimie McEvoy
Economic Development Advisory Committee	Chair	Councillor Mary Trentadue
	Member	Councillor Chinu Das
Electrical Utility Commission	Members	Mayor Jonathan Coté Councillor Patrick Johnstone

Environment and Climate Advisory Committee	Chair	Councillor Nadine Nakagawa
Facilities, Infrastructure and Public Realm Advisory Committee	Chair	Councillor Patrick Johnstone
Land Use and Planning Committee	Chair	Councillor Chuck Puchmayr
	Members	Councillor Nadine Nakagawa Councillor Patrick Johnstone
	Alternate	Councillor Jamie McEvoy
New Westminster Police Board	Chair	Mayor Jonathan Côté
Restorative Justice Committee	Chair	Councillor Chuck Puchmayr
Sustainable Transportation Advisory Committee	Chair	Councillor Patrick Johnstone

THAT the above-noted appointments be released to the public.

4.16 Recruitment 2022: Library Board Appointments

To release the Closed resolution appointing members to the New Westminster Public Library Board.

Acting Mayor Trentadue thanked outgoing Library Board members for their service, noting it had been a very intense term for those members.

MOVED AND SECONDED

THAT Council receive the December 13, 2021, report entitled “Recruitment 2022: Library Board Appointments” for information.

Carried.

All members present voted in favour of the motion.

At the closed Council meeting on November 15, 2021, 2021, Council approved the following:

THAT Council appoint the following to the Library Board to the Library Board with the term ending December 31, 2023:

- Norah Andrew
- Carol Neuman
- Iris Cheng
- Samita Manhas
- Vanessa Woznow

THAT the above-noted appointments be released to the public.

4.17 Rezoning for Passive House Triplex: 817 St. Andrews Street – Preliminary Report

To seek Council's approval to process the rezoning application for a Passive House triplex at 817 St. Andrews Street.

THAT Council direct staff to process the rezoning application for a triplex at 817 St. Andrews Street, as outlined in the "Consultation and Review Process" section of the December 13, 2021, report entitled "Rezoning for Passive House Triplex: 816 St. Andrews Street – Preliminary Report".

Adopted on Consent.

4.18 Signalized Intersection Policy

To seek Council's endorsement of the Signalized Intersection Policy, which sets out principles and implementation approach for both new and current signalized intersection design that is consistent with the Master Transportation Plan priorities of walking, cycling, and transit.

In discussion, Council members noted:

- Signal timing at crosswalks often does not work for people with mobility issues, or who have children or strollers;
- Would like to consider pedestrian advance signals; and,
- The Sustainable Transportation Task Force and Advisory Committee were well engaged, and the result is a policy based on principles, which can help lead to new and better conversations about pedestrian signals at intersections.

MOVED AND SECONDED

THAT Council endorse the Signalized Intersection Policy, as presented in Attachment 1 of the December 13, 2021, report entitled "Signalized Intersection Policy".

Carried.

All members present voted in favour of the motion.

4.19 Social Inclusion, Engagement and Reconciliation Advisory Committee Terms of Reference

To receive Council's approval to establish the Social Inclusion, Engagement and Reconciliation Advisory Committee and approve the committee's terms of reference.

In discussion, Council requested to change the word "ethnic" in the Terms of reference to "diverse cultural communities".

MOVED AND SECONDED

THAT Council approve the establishment of the Social Inclusion, Engagement and Reconciliation Advisory Committee; and

THAT Council approve the Terms of Reference for the Committee as attached as attachment 2 to the December 13, 2021, report entitled "Social Inclusion, Engagement and Reconciliation Advisory Committee Terms of Reference", with the following change: delete the word "ethnic" in the voting members section of the terms of reference and replace it with "diverse cultural communities".

Carried.

All members present voted in favour of the motion.

4.20 Update on the Implementation of the COVID-19 Booster Vaccination Program in New Westminster

That Council accept this report outlining the Fraser Health Authority COVID-19 Booster Vaccination Program in New Westminster for information on the use of city owned facilities and collaboration with FHA to implement the plan.

THAT Council accept the December 13, 2021, report entitled, "Update on the Implementation of the COVID-19 Booster Vaccination Program in New Westminster" regarding the Fraser Health Authority (FHA) COVID-19 booster vaccination program use of city owned facilities in New Westminster for information.

Adopted on Consent.

4.21 Victoria Hill Parkside (Parcel J) 271 Francis Way Drainage Matter

The purpose of this report is to provide an update to Council of the on-site drainage matter located within the Parkside Development (Parcel J) in Victoria Hill.

Procedural Note: At 8:13 p.m., Councillor Johnstone declared conflict of interest on this matter as his family has a financial interest in the property in question. He left the meeting and did not return until the conclusion of the vote on this matter.

MOVED AND SECONDED

THAT Council receive the update on the on-site drainage matter at Parkside (Parcel J) 271 Francis Way, Victoria Hill as contained in the December 13, 2021, report entitled "Victoria Hill Parkside (Parcel J) 271 Francis Way Drainage Matter".

Carried.

All members present voted in favour of the motion.
(Councillor Johnstone absent for the vote due to conflict of interest)

Procedural Note: Councillor Johnstone returned to the meeting at 8:14 p.m.

4.22 Proclamation: International Migrants Day, December 18, 2021

Adopted on Consent.

4.23 Minutes for Adoption

- a. November 1, 2021 City Council Meeting (12:00 p.m.)
- b. November 1, 2021 City Council Meeting (6:00 p.m.)
- c. November 4, 2021 Special City Council
- d. November 8, 2021 Special City Council
- e. November 15, 2021 City Council Meeting (1:00 p.m.)
- f. November 15, 2021 Council Workshop
- g. November 15, 2021 City Council Meeting (6:00 p.m.)
- h. November 22, 2021 Special City Council Meeting
- i. November 22, 2021 Public Hearing
- j. November 22, 2021 City Council Meeting (6:00 p.m.)

Adopted on Consent.

Procedural Note: Council dealt with item 6 as the next item of business. The minutes are recorded in numerical order.

5. PRESENTATIONS AND OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO SPEAK TO COUNCIL – 7:00 PM

The following spoke in support of the City's formal recognition of Holocaust Remembrance Day:

Rabbi Jonathan Infeld, Beth Israel, spoke in favour of the resolution, explained his personal history of being a child of Holocaust survivors, and noted that since the COVID-19 pandemic, opportunities to share this history have decreased.

Lizz Kelly noted that, given recent events, it is more important than ever to make sure that the lessons learned from the Holocaust are remembered. She noted that the original intent of the motion was to make the recognition an annual event.

Debra Folka spoke in support of the formal recognition by the City of Holocaust Remembrance Day, thanked Council for considering this and the Multicultural Advisory Committee for their leadership in bringing this forward. She requested that Council be sensitive to the word "celebration" in the resolution and the report, since it is a day of somber reflection.

Council agreed with the assessment that the word "celebrate" is inappropriate for Holocaust Remembrance day.

The following spoke in support of approval of the motion regarding the Fossil Fuel Nonproliferation Treaty:

Karen Crosby noted that endorsement will send a message to adolescents and children that they matter when it comes to governance and environment. She also submitted a petition in support of the motion with over 140 signatures (unaudited) mainly from high school students, advising that this shows students want Council to take action.

MOVED AND SECONDED

THAT Council receive the petition regarding the Fossil Fuel Nonproliferation Treaty, submitted by Karen Crosby at the City Council meeting on December 13, 2021.

Carried.

All members present voted in favour of the motion.

Jennifer Nathan advised that it is difficult to speak to people about the environment when government policies do not always follow the science. She advised that Council's support of the treaty shows a belief in what the science is showing us, and puts on the table the route through the environmental crisis by keeping production of fossil fuels in line with what the science shows.

Maureen Curran provided a short presentation, noting that there is a need to convince people and government that oil and gas companies are not part of the climate solution. She also noted that any phase-out of fossil fuels needs to stand on three pillars: nonproliferation, fair phase-out and a just transition so that no one and no communities are left behind.

Liam Mackay spoke as a student and constituent, noting that as a student he needs to see action than on climate change and that this is especially important when 56% of young people think humanity is doomed, but at the same time, many believe it is still possible to prevent the worst of climate change.

Monica Kady, a student, advised she felt that individual action is no longer enough to combat climate change, and that one of the first steps Council can take is supporting the Fossil Fuel Nonproliferation Treaty.

Tim Takaro, a physician scientist from Simon Fraser University, explained that he studies the health impacts of climate change, and expressed the opinion that other levels of government are not treating the climate emergency as urgently as it needs to be treated, and that the only way to reduce emissions is to turn off the tap and stop producing fossil fuels.

Procedural Note: Council agreed to hear two additional student speakers who had not pre-registered.

Isabella Graham noted that it is imperative the Fossil Fuel Nonproliferation Treaty be approved in order to give a bright future to all students who have been working hard on their education.

Taiba Soldad reviewed the extreme weather events that have occurred and resulted in extensive damage and loss of life. She asked that Council support the Fossil Fuel Nonproliferation Treaty.

Acting Mayor Trentadue recognized the viewers in the gallery from Babies for Climate Action.

Procedural Note: Council agreed to deal with item 4 as the next item of business. The minutes are recorded in numerical order.

6. BYLAWS

6.1 Bylaws for repeal of reading

a. Downtown New Westminster Business Improvement Area (Primary Area) Bylaw No. 8288, 2021

To allow for a modified bylaw to be placed before Council. This bylaw is on the agenda to **REPEAL THIRD READING.**

MOVED AND SECONDED

THAT Council repeal third reading of Downtown New Westminster Business Improvement Area (Primary Area) Bylaw No. 8288, 2021.

Carried.

All members present voted in favour of the motion.

b. Downtown New Westminster Business Improvement Area (Secondary Area) Bylaw No. 8289, 2021

To allow for a modified bylaw to be placed before Council. This bylaw is on the agenda to **REPEAL THIRD READING.**

MOVED AND SECONDED

THAT Council repeal third reading of Downtown New Westminster Business Improvement Area (Secondary Area) Bylaw No. 8289, 2021".

Carried.

All members present voted in favour of the motion.

6.2 Bylaws for readings

a. Downtown New Westminster Business Improvement Area (Primary Area) Bylaw No. 8288, 2021 (amended)

This amended bylaw will authorize a Property tax levy to fund the primary area of the Downtown BIA. It is on the agenda for **THIRD READING.**

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Downtown New Westminster Business Improvement Area (Primary Area) Bylaw No. 8288, 2021, be given Third Reading.

Carried.

All members present voted in favour of the motion.

This bylaw will now be considered by the property owners in the affected area through a petition process.

b. Downtown New Westminster Business Improvement Area (Secondary Area) Bylaw No. 8289, 2021 (amended)

This amended bylaw will authorize a Property tax levy to fund the secondary area of the Downtown BIA. It is on the agenda for **THIRD READING.**

THAT Downtown New Westminster Business Improvement Area (Secondary Area) Bylaw No. 8288, 2021, be given Third Reading.

Carried.

All members present voted in favour of the motion.

This bylaw will now be considered by the property owners in the affected area through a petition process.

c. Heritage Designation (125 Third Street) Bylaw No. 8306, 2021

To designate the 1905 house at 125 Third Street as a protected heritage property. This bylaw is on the agenda for **TWO READINGS.**

A public hearing will be held for this bylaw.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Heritage Designation (125 Third Street) Bylaw No. 8306, 2021 Bylaw No. 8288, 2021, be given First Reading.

Carried.

All members present voted in favour of the motion.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Heritage Designation (125 Third Street) Bylaw No. 8306, 2021 Bylaw No. 8288, 2021, be given Second Reading.

Carried.

All members present voted in favour of the motion.

d. Development Cost Charge Reserve Funds Expenditure Bylaw No. 8307, 2021

To authorize expenditures from the City's Development Cost Charge Reserves for Queensborough drainage, water, transportation and parkland development, and Mainland transportation and parkland development. This bylaw is on the agenda for **THREE READINGS.**

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Development Cost Charge Reserve Funds Expenditure Bylaw No. 8307, 2021, be given First Reading.

Carried.

All members present voted in favour of the motion.
MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Development Cost Charge Reserve Funds Expenditure Bylaw No. 8307, 2021, be given Second Reading.

Carried.

All members present voted in favour of the motion.
MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Development Cost Charge Reserve Funds Expenditure Bylaw No. 8307, 2021, be given Third Reading.

Carried.

All members present voted in favour of the motion.

6.3 Bylaws for adoption

a. Arts Commission Repeal Bylaw No. 8297, 2021

The existing Arts Commission Bylaw No. 7367, 2009 is being repealed to facilitate the transition to an Arts Advisory Committee. This bylaw is on the agenda for **ADOPTION**

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Arts Commission Repeal Bylaw No. 8297, 2021, be adopted.

Carried.

All members present voted in favour of the motion.

b. Electrical Utility Amendment Bylaw No. 8303, 2021

To establish the 2022 rates for the Electric Utility. This bylaw is on the agenda for **ADOPTION**.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Electrical Utility Amendment Bylaw No. 8303, 2021, be adopted.

Carried.

All members present voted in favour of the motion.

c. Engineering User Fees and Rates Amendment Bylaw No. 8301. 2021

To establish the 2022 fees for the Water Utility, the Sewer Utility, and the Solid Waste Utility. This bylaw is on the agenda for **ADOPTION**.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Engineering User Fees and Rates Amendment Bylaw No. 8301, 2021, be adopted.

Carried.

All members present voted in favour of the motion.

d. Revenue Anticipation Borrowing Amendment Bylaw No. 8300, 2021

To provide the authority to temporarily borrow as required up to \$3 million in 2022. This bylaw is on the agenda for **ADOPTION**.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Revenue Anticipation Borrowing Amendment Bylaw No. 8300, 2021, be adopted.

Carried.

All members present voted in favour of the motion.

e. Heritage Revitalization Agreement (515 St. George St) Bylaw No. 8262, 2021

To enable the construction of a laneway house at 515 St George Street and relax parking requirements. This bylaw is on the agenda for **ADOPTION**.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Heritage Revitalization Agreement (515 St. George St) Bylaw No. 8262, 2021, be adopted.

Carried.

All members present voted in favour of the motion.

f. Heritage Designation (515 St. George St) Bylaw No. 8263, 2021

To designate the 1912 house at 515 St. George Street as a protected heritage property. This bylaw is on the agenda for **ADOPTION**.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Heritage Designation (515 St. George St) Bylaw No. 8263, 2021, be adopted.

Carried.

All members present voted in favour of the motion.

g. Heritage Revitalization Agreement (208 Fifth Avenue) Bylaw No. 8271, 2021

To enable lot subdivision at 208 Fifth Avenue for retention of the existing house and construction of a new house; and relax lot size, density, siting, bay window width and parking requirements. This bylaw is on the agenda for **ADOPTION**.

MOVED and SECONDED

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

Carried.

All members present voted in favour of the motion.

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

To designate the 1910 house at 208 Fifth Avenue as a protected heritage property. This bylaw is on the agenda for **ADOPTION**.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Heritage Designation (208 Fifth Avenue) Bylaw No. 8272, 2021, be adopted.

Carried.

All members present voted in favour of the motion.

7. MOTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

7.1 Endorsement of the Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty, Councillor Nakagawa

Councillor Nakagawa introduced the motion, noting that it is always good to have children and adolescents in the Council Chamber, thanked the organizers and that the motion speaks for itself.

In discussion, Council members noted the following:

- Local governments have been at the forefront of the impacts of climate change;
- The Lower Mainland Local Government Association (LMLGA) and the Community Energy Association are assisting local governments with climate action;
- This is a worthy piece of legislation that should be moved forward;
- In the past, many interior communities voted against environmental motions at the Union of BC Municipalities (UBCM) due to concerns over resource extraction jobs; given the heat, fire, and flooding events, that may be different this year; and,
- Thanks to speakers for their voices today.

MOVED AND SECONDED

WHEREAS the most recent Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) report in 2021, Code Red for Humanity, confirmed that without radical reductions in carbon emissions this decade, temperature rises above 1.5 degrees Celsius would be inevitable and irreversible and the credible threat of unstoppable, self-accelerating global heating; and

WHEREAS changes in the City of New Westminster's climate are already being felt, including the summer heat dome, a pattern of hotter/drier summers, increased exposure to wildfire smoke, and increased frequency and intensity of heavy rain which impacts food security, infrastructure and the well-being of the entire community; and

WHEREAS all members of our community will be impacted by the health and safety risks of fossil fuel expansion, but those impacts will be most particularly experienced by those who live with socioeconomic and health inequities—including low-income individuals and families as well as those experiencing homelessness—Black, Indigenous, and people of colour, youth, seniors, people with disabilities, and especially people who live at the intersection of these identities; and

WHEREAS the City of New Westminster declared a climate emergency with an accompanying plan of 7 Bold Steps, and is committed to a just energy transition to green infrastructure and industries that will create jobs and rapidly decarbonize our economy; and

WHEREAS a new global initiative is calling for a Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty that would end new fossil fuel exploration and

expansion, phase out existing production in line with the global commitment to limit warming to 1.5°C, and accelerate equitable transition plans,

THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED THAT the City of New Westminster formally endorse the call for a Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty; and

THAT the City of New Westminster write to the BC Minister for the Environmental and Climate Change Strategy, the MLAs for New Westminster and New Westminster-Queensborough, the Federal Minister for Environment and Climate Change, the MP for New Westminster-Burnaby, and

THAT that the following motion be sent to the Lower Mainland Local Government Association:

WHEREAS the most recent Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) report in 2021, Code Red for Humanity, confirmed that without radical reductions in carbon emissions this decade, temperature rises above 1.5 degrees Celsius would be inevitable and irreversible and the credible threat of unstoppable, self-accelerating global heating; and

WHEREAS climate crisis impacts are already being felt in our communities, including the summer heat dome, a pattern of hotter/drier summers, increased exposure to wildfire smoke, and increased frequency and intensity of heavy rain which impacts food security, infrastructure and the well-being of the entire community;

THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED THAT LMLGA formally endorse the call for a Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty; and

THAT this motion be sent to UBCM for endorsement.

Carried.

All members present voted in favour of the motion.

Procedural Note: Council agreed to consider item 4.14 as the next item of business. The minutes are recorded in numerical order.

8. NEW BUSINESS

None.

9. ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

Councillor Das wished everyone a safe winter season with their families and friends.

Councillor Puchmayr recognized the Sikh community for their work in supplying donations to flood-ravaged regions in the province and wished everyone happy holidays.

Acting Mayor Trentadue wished the community a safe and happy holiday and noted that Shine Bright New West is taking place from December 1, 2021, to January 1, 2022, and encouraged residents to participate in events.

10. END OF THE MEETING

The meeting ended at 8:23 p.m.

Jonathan Cote

MAYOR

Jacque Killawee

CITY CLERK