



Corporation of the City of  
**NEW WESTMINSTER**

*A vibrant, compassionate, sustainable city that includes everyone.*

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**MINUTES**

**Monday, January 31, 2022**

**Meeting held electronically and open to public attendance**

**Council Chamber, City Hall**

**PRESENT:**

Mayor Jonathan Cote  
Councillor Chinu Das  
Councillor Patrick Johnstone  
Councillor Jaimie McEvoy  
Councillor Nadine Nakagawa  
Councillor Chuck Puchmayr  
Councillor Mary Trentadue

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Ms. Lisa Spitale	Chief Administrative Officer
Ms. Jacque Killawee*	City Clerk
Mr. Rupinder Basi	Acting Senior Manager of Climate Action, Planning and Development
Mr. Rod Carle	General Manager, Electrical Utility
Ms. Britney Dack	Senior Heritage Planner
Mr. Richard Fong	Director of Human Resources
Mr. Dean Gibson	Director of Parks and Recreation
Ms. Lisa Leblanc	Director of Engineering Services
Mr. Craig MacFarlane	Manager of Legal Services
Ms. Serena Trachta	Acting Director of Climate Action, Planning and Development
Ms. Kathleen Stevens	Heritage Planning Analyst, Climate Action, Planning and Development
Ms. Harji Varn	Chief Financial Officer and Director of Finance
Ms. Nicole Ludwig*	Assistant City Clerk

\*Denotes attendance in the Council Chamber.

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

Mayor Cote opened the meeting at 7:18 p.m.

## 2. **CHANGES TO THE AGENDA**

MOVED AND SECONDED

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

- Recruitment 2022: Appointment to the Social Inclusion, Engagement and Reconciliation Advisory Committee (SIERAC)

**Carried.**

All members present voted in favour of the motion

## 3. **BYLAWS CONSIDERED AT THE PUBLIC HEARING**

### 3.1 **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 **THIRD READING**.

In discussion, Council thanked the owners for coming forward and agreeing to a heritage designation for the house at 125 Third Street without asking for any additional incentives.

MOVED and SECONDED

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

**Carried.**

All members present voted in favour of the motion

### 3.2 **Heritage Revitalization Agreement (323 Regina Street) Bylaw No. 8304, 2022**

To enable the construction of an infill house, larger than permitted under the laneway and carriage house program, at 323 Regina Street with relaxations for density and siting as well as a siting relaxation for the existing house. This bylaw is on the agenda for **THIRD READING**.

In discussion, Council members noted the following:

- There is some contention over whether the Heritage Revitalization Agreement (HRA) for 323 Regina Street is appropriate;
- Concerns over setting a precedent for infill housing;
- Concerns regarding higher floor space ratio (FSR) than what is allowed in the Heritage Conservation Area (HCA) Guidelines;
- There are no trees being lost in this application;

- Public Hearings should not be considered a form of public consultation since it comes to late in the process for any meaningful changes to be made, however it is the process currently available to municipalities;
- Would like to take basement space out of FSR calculation since the underground part does not impact neighbours on a single-family lot;
- The laneway house will be visible from the street rather than the lane, but the lot is a corner lot and this should be taken into consideration;
- Would like a change in the structure of meetings so that a Public Hearing can occur earlier in the process before so many resources are committed to the application;
- This application supports intergenerational housing opportunities; and,
- The HRA process has been controversial in Queens Park, however this application does not push the limits in the way other applications have.

MOVED AND SECONDED

**THAT** Heritage Revitalization Agreement (323 Regina Street) Bylaw No. 8306, 2021, be given Third Reading.

**Carried.**

Councillor Puchmayr opposed.

### **3.3 Heritage Designation (323 Regina Street) Bylaw No. 8305, 2022**

To designate the 1928 house at 323 Regina Street as a protected heritage property. This bylaw is on the agenda for **THIRD READING**.

**THAT** Heritage Designation (323 Regina Street) Bylaw No. 8305, 2021, be given Third Reading.

**Carried.**

All members present voted in favour of the motion.

## **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 4.2 to 4.6, and 4.8, on consent.

**Carried.**

All members present voted in favour of the motion.

#### **4.1 Canada Games Pool Fitness Centre Relocation Plan**

The purpose of this report is to share the processes and steps taken to relocate the fitness services formerly provided at the Canada Games Pool.

In discussion, Council members thanked staff for the exceptional work done to maintain fitness related programs despite the early and unplanned decommissioning of the Canada Games Pool.

MOVED AND SECONDED

**THAT** the January 31, 2022, report entitled "Canada Games Pool Fitness Centre Relocation Plan" be received for information.

**Carried.**

All members present voted in favour of the motion.

#### **4.2 Covid-19 Task Forces: Update**

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

**THAT** Council receives the January 31, 2022, report entitled "Covid-19 Task Forces: Update" for information.

**Adopted on Consent.**

#### **4.3 Heritage Review Policy Update: Buildings on the Heritage Inventory**

For Council to consider expanding the "Buildings 100 Years Old or Older" Heritage Review Policy to include buildings listed on the Heritage Inventory.

**THAT** Council expand the "Buildings 100 Years Old or Older" Heritage Review Policy to include buildings listed on the Heritage Inventory.

**Adopted on Consent.**

#### **4.4 Housing Agreement Bylaw and Development Variance Permit to Vary Residential and Visitor Parking Requirements: 520 Eighth Street – Bylaw for Three Readings**

The purpose of this report is to request that Council: 1) consider adoption of the Housing Agreement Bylaw No. 8273, 2022 for First, Second and Third Readings, and 2) issue notice that Council will consider Development

Variance Permit (DVP00691) for a 13 space reduction (21%) to the off-street parking provisions of the Zoning Bylaw for secured rental buildings.

**THAT** Council consider Housing Agreement Bylaw No. 8273, 2022 to authorize the City to enter into a Housing Agreement with the property owner to require that all residential units at 520 Eighth Street be secured as market rental housing for First, Second and Third Readings.

**THAT** should the Housing Agreement Bylaw No. 8273, 2022 be adopted, Council direct the Mayor and Corporate Officer to execute the Housing Agreement.

**THAT** Council provide notice that it will consider issuance of a Development Variance Permit (DVP00691) to reduce the number of required off-street parking spaces by 21% from the standard Zoning Bylaw requirements for secured market rental.

**THAT** Council endorse that six long-term bicycle parking spaces and six short-term bicycle parking spaces be included as part of the Development Permit application for 520 Eighth Street, should the Development Variance Permit (DVP00691) be approved by Council.

**Adopted on Consent.**

#### **4.5 Recruitment 2022: Appointments to Advisory Committees, Commissions, Boards, and Panels**

To release to the public the Closed Council decision regarding appointments to City Committees, Commissions, Panels and Boards made on January 10, 2022, and to provide information to the public on the City's 2022 recruitment process.

**THAT** Council receive the January 31, 2022, report titled "Recruitment 2022: Appointments to Advisory Committees, Commission, Board, and Panels" for information.

**Adopted on Consent.**

At the Closed Council meeting on January 10, 2022, Council approved the following:

**THAT** Council appoint the members to Committees, Commissions, Boards and Panels, in the categories indicated and for the term indicated:

Arts Advisory Committee

<b>Member</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Term Expiry</b>
Stephen O'Shea	Representative, Arts Council of New Westminster	January 31, 2024
Kelly Proznik	Representative, Education Sector	January 31, 2024
Katey Wright	Representative, Local NFP Arts Sector 1	January 31, 2024
Erin Jeffery	Representative, Local NFP Arts Sector 2	January 31, 2023
Timonthy Elijah	Artist, New Westminster Based 1	January 31, 2024
Julia Schoennagel	Artist, New Westminster Based 3	January 31, 2023
Eden Patten	Artist, Other	January 31, 2023
Jas Lally	Arts Professional	January 31, 2024
Anjana Pradhananga	Urban Designers, Architects, Landscape Architects 1	January 31, 2024
Giulia Setticasi	Community Representative, including Youth (3) with Broad Representation of the City's Demographics, including the Indigenous Community 1	January 31, 2024
Ezra King	Community Representative, including Youth (3) with Broad Representation of the City's Demographics, including the Indigenous Community 2	January 31, 2023
Sienna Campbell	Community Representative, including Youth (3) with Broad Representation of the City's Demographics, including the Indigenous Community 3	January 31, 2023

Affordable Housing and Child Care Advisory Committee

<b>Member</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Term Expiry</b>
Dalia Al Houseini	Community Member 2	January 31, 2024
Viramit Bajwa	Community Member 3	January 31, 2024
Avnil Chand	Community Member 4	January 31, 2024
Jessi Gillis	Community Member 6	January 31, 2024
Bruna Maciel	Community Member 7	January 31, 2023
Louise Sallai	Representative, BC Housing	January 31, 2023

Advisory Planning Commission

<b>Member</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Term Expiry</b>
Diego Pons	Community Member 3	January 31, 2025
Luana Pinto	Community Member 4	January 31, 2025
Quentin Van Der Merwe	Community Member 6	January 31, 2025

Community Heritage Commission

<b>Member</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Term Expiry</b>
Bozana Djuric	Community Member 1	January 31, 2024
Kletzky Morales	Community Member 5	January 31, 2024
Virginia McMahon	Community Member 6	January 31, 2024

Economic Development Advisory Committee

<b>Member</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Term Expiry</b>
Vera Kobalia (Downtown)	Community Representative from Commercial Area 1	January 31, 2024
Monita Cheng (Brow of Hill)	Community Representative from Commercial Area 2	January 31, 2024
Michael Grindlay (youth)	Community Representative from Commercial Area 3	January 31, 2024
Jolene Foreman (McBride Sapperton)	Sectoral Representative from Local Business Community 1	January 31, 2024
Jorden Foss (Small business manufacturing, retail)	Sectoral Representative from Local Business Community 2	January 31, 2024
Imran Gill (Tourism)	Sectoral Representative from Local Business Community 4	January 31, 2024

Environment and Climate Advisory Committee

<b>Member</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Term Expiry</b>
Ryan Bardini	Community Member 2	January 31, 2024
Farbod Behshad	Community Member 3	January 31, 2024
Nazli Azimikor	Community Member 4	January 31, 2024
Elsie Krebs	Representative, Professional in Environment or Climate Field, Business, Government or Non-Profit 2	January 31, 2024

<b>Member</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Term Expiry</b>
Alvin Kube	Representative, Indigenous Community	January 31, 2024

Facilities, Infrastructure, and Public Realm Advisory Committee

<b>Member</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Term Expiry</b>
Danielle Karlsson	Community Member 1	January 31, 2024
Sonam Swarup	Community Member 2	January 31, 2024
Ross Arbo	Community Member 3	January 31, 2024
Luana Pinto	Community Member 4	January 31, 2024
Nelson Roy	Community Member 5	January 31, 2024

New Westminster Design Panel

<b>Member</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Term Expiry</b>
Winston Chong	Architectural Institute of BC (AIBC) 1	January 31, 2024
Stanis Smith	Architectural Institute of BC (AIBC) 2	January 31, 2024
Micole Wu	BC Society of Landscape Architects (BCSLA) 2	January 31, 2024

Restorative Justice Committee

<b>Member</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Term Expiry</b>
Amanda Semenoff	Community Member 1	January 31, 2023
Tu Van Trieu	Community Member 2	January 31, 2023
Paige Mercier	Community Member 3	January 31, 2023
Gurinder Mann	Representative, CERA	January 31, 2023
Pamela Craven	Representative, School District 40	January 31, 2023
Alvin Kube	Representative, New Westminster Indigenous Court	January 31, 2023
Bailey Keeler	Victim Assistance, New Westminster Victim Assistance Association	January 31, 2023
Constable John MacDonald	New Westminster Police Department Representative	January 31, 2023



Social Inclusion, Engagement and Reconciliation Advisory Committee

<b>Member</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Term Expiry</b>
Tony Duong	Community Member 1	January 31, 2023
Frances Blake	Community Member 2	January 31, 2023
Damian Durica	Community Member 3	January 31, 2023
Megumi Taguchi	Community Member 4	January 31, 2023
Natalie Johnston	Community Member 5	January 31, 2023
Sarah Murray	Community Member 6	January 31, 2023
Rozina Jaffer	Community Member 7	January 31, 2024
Vishal Jain	Community Member 8	January 31, 2024
Satnam Sangra	Community Member 9	January 31, 2024
Nate Batara	Community Member 10	January 31, 2024
Briana Harris	Community Member 11	January 31, 2024

Sustainable Transportation Advisory Committee

<b>Member</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Term Expiry</b>
Dan Hawke	Person who Walks, Uses Transit or Cycles as Part of their Daily Mode of Transportation 1	January 31, 2024
Tanushree Pillai	Person who Walks, Uses Transit or Cycles as Part of their Daily Mode of Transportation 2	January 31, 2024
Matthew Chan	Person with Professional or Technical Expertise in Active Transportation, Universal Design, Road Safety, Goods Movement, Emergency Services, and/or Healthy Built Environment	January 31, 2024
Vic Leach	Representative, Local Pedestrian Advocacy Organization	January 31, 2023
Spencer Gillis	Community Member 1	January 31, 2024

**THAT** Council rescind the appointment of Reena Meijer-Drees as the Local Pedestrian Advocacy Organization Representative to the Sustainable Transportation Advisory Committee (STAC); and

**THAT** Council appoint Vic Leach as the Local Pedestrian Advocacy Organization Representative to the Sustainable Transportation Advisory Committee (STAC) for the remainder of the term ending January 31, 2023; and

**THAT**, pursuant to the City of New Westminster Advisory Committee Policy adopted in 2019, the Mayor grant waivers to the following for the reasons detailed in attachments 4, 7, 8, 10 and 11 of the January 10, 2022, report entitled "Recruitment 2022: Appointments to Advisory Committees, Commissions, Boards and Panels":

- Luana Pinto, to allow her to serve as a Community Member on both the Advisory Planning Commission and on the Facilities, Infrastructure and Public Realm Advisory Committee at the same time; and
- Alvin Kube, to allow him to serve as the New Westminster Indigenous Court Representative on the Restorative Justice Committee and as the Indigenous Community Representative on the Environment and Climate Action Advisory Committee; and
- Sarah Murray, to allow her to serve on the Social Inclusion, Engagement, and Reconciliation Advisory Committee despite being a non-resident of the City of New Westminster.

**THAT** the appointments to Advisory Committees, Commissions, Boards and Panels be released to the public.

#### **4.6 Summer 2022 Outdoor Aquatics Plan**

The purpose of this report is to share the information, plan and timeline regarding the extension of the 2022 outdoor pool season.

**THAT** Council direct staff to bring forward amendments to outdoor pool admission fees as described in the January 31, 2022, report entitled "Summer 2022 Outdoor Aquatics Plan", to the Parks and Recreation Fees and Charges Bylaw No. 6673, 2001.

**Adopted on Consent.**

#### **4.7 Proclamation: Black History Month, February 2022**

Councillor Trentadue, on behalf of Mayor Cote, read the proclamation and proclaimed the month of February 2022, Black History Month, in the City of New Westminster. She also noted there are a number of events the City has planned and those are listed on the City's website.

Councillor Das thanked Rachel Matembe, Multicultural Advisory Committee member, for bringing the formal recognition by Council of Black History Month forward.

#### 4.8 Minutes for Adoption

- a. November 24, 2021 Special City Council Meeting
- b. November 29, 2021 Special Council Workshop
- c. December 6, 2021 Public Hearing
- d. December 6, 2021 City Council Meeting
- e. December 13, 2021 City Council Meeting (12:00 p.m.)
- f. December 13, 2021 Special Council Workshop
- g. December 13, 2021 City Council Meeting (6:00 p.m.)
- h. January 10, 2022 City Council Meeting (9:00 a.m.)
- i. January 10, 2022 City Council Meeting (6:00 p.m.)

**Adopted on Consent.**

#### 5. BYLAWS

##### 5.1 Bylaws for readings

a. **Housing Agreement (520 Eighth Street) Bylaw No. 8273, 2022**

To authorize the City to enter into a Housing Agreement with the property owner that will secure all existing and proposed units within the building as a market rental project for 60 years or the life of the building, whichever is longer. This bylaw is on the agenda for **THREE READINGS.**

MOVED and SECONDED

**THAT** Housing Agreement (520 Eighth Street) Bylaw No. 8273, 2022 be given First Reading.

**Carried.**

All members present voted in favour of the motion.

MOVED and SECONDED

**THAT** Housing Agreement (520 Eighth Street) Bylaw No. 8273, 2022 be given Second Reading.

**Carried.**

All members present voted in favour of the motion.

MOVED and SECONDED

**THAT** Housing Agreement (520 Eighth Street) Bylaw No. 8273, 2022 be given Third Reading.

**Carried.**

All members present voted in favour of the motion.

## **5.2 Bylaws for adoption**

### **a. Five-Year Financial Plan (2022 - 2026) Bylaw No. 8308, 2022**

To approve the City's consolidated Financial Plan for 2022 through 2026. This bylaw is on the agenda for **ADOPTION**.

MOVED and SECONDED

**THAT** Five-Year Financial Plan (2022-2026) Bylaw No. 8308, 2022, be adopted.

**Carried.**

All members present voted in favour of the motion.

### **b. Zoning Amendment Bylaw (Bicycle Parking) No. 8231, 2021**

Amendments to modify bicycle parking requirements and bicycle facility design standards. This bylaw is on the agenda for **ADOPTION**.

MOVED and SECONDED

**THAT** Zoning Amendment Bylaw (Bicycle Parking) No. 8231, 2021 be given First Reading.

**Carried.**

All members present voted in favour of the motion.

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

### **6.1 Maternity/Parental Leave, Councillors Trentadue and Nakagawa**

Councillor Trentadue introduced the motion, noting that the New Westminster School District recently approved a similar motion, and that the Local Government Act and Community Charter do not provide for maternity or parental leave for Councillors who are new parents.

Councillor Nakagawa noted that under the Community Charter, Council members must request leave from the Council they sit on if they need to miss more than three consecutive regularly scheduled meetings and that a Council or Board could refuse this leave, even if for maternity or parental

leave. She noted that this aspect may make potential parents and parents of young children apprehensive about running for local elected office, and that if a local government Councillor misses more than three consecutive meetings without leave, they are disqualified from sitting on Council or a Regional board.

In discussion, Council expressed support for the motion, suggesting that since parental and maternity leave is overlooked for people serving on local governments, it should be part of City policy.

**MOVED AND SECONDED**

**Whereas** the Local Government Act, Community Charter, and New Westminster Council Procedure Bylaw do not provide maternity and/or parental leave rights to elected officials; and

**Whereas** the absence of maternity and/or parental leave for local elected officials specifically disadvantages persons considering running for office and, hence, is a systemic barrier to attracting more diverse and representative candidates to local government; and

**Whereas** an elected official may want to take maternal and/or parental leave from their position and it is currently unclear as to this leave availability. It is unreasonable to expect the Councillor to have to rely on Council deliberations or “hope” that their request for leave will be accepted officially;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council direct staff to report back on:

- Options that would include common entitlements for maternity and/or parental leave for elected officials in the City of New Westminster following the birth or adoption of a child;
- Additional supports for parents who sit on Council with young families in the City of New Westminster; and,
- Similar resolutions that have been submitted to the Lower Mainland Local Government Association (LMLGA) and the Union of BC Municipalities (UBCM) with a view to submitting a motion in 2022.

**Carried.**

All members present voted in favour of the motion.

## 7. **NEW BUSINESS**

### 7.1 **Recruitment 2022: Appointment to the Social Inclusion, Engagement and Reconciliation Advisory Committee (SIERAC)**

Councillor Das, Chair of the Social Inclusion, Engagement and Reconciliation Advisory Committee, expressed pleasure at having an Indigenous representative on the Committee.

MOVED AND SECONDED

**THAT** Council receive the report titled, "Recruitment 2022: Appointment to the Social Inclusion, Engagement and Reconciliation Advisory Committee (SIERAC)" for information.

**Carried.**

All members present voted in favour of the motion.

At the Closed Council meeting on January 31, 2022, Council approved the following:

**THAT** Council appoint Ruth Weller of the Spirit of the Children Society as the Local Indigenous Support Organization representative to the Social Inclusion, Engagement and Reconciliation Advisory Committee (SIERAC) for the term ending January 31, 2024; and,

**THAT** the appointment be released to the public.

## 8. **ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF COUNCIL**

Councillor Nakagawa noted that February 1, 2022, is Lunar New Year, noted there are a number of activities taking place, and thanked everyone who has decorated in recognition of the Lunar New Year.

Councillor Puchmayr thanked DS Tactical Supplies for supplying winter supplies to the outreach programs in New Westminster which have been donated to people experiencing homelessness. He also expressed thanks to the IK Sansar Foundation and the Guru Nanak Free Kitchen which have worked to provide relief supplies, food and water, diapers and feminine hygiene products to the New Westminster community, and to communities affected by flooding during the fall. He requested a letter from the Mayor to these two organizations, as they have done a lot of work.

Councillor McEvoy expressed condolences to the family and friends of Ron Spence who recently passed away, noting he made big contributions in the

community, and was a key figure in the Hyack Parade and Car Show. Mayor Cote also expressed condolences to Mr. Spence's family and friends, noting his passing was sudden, and that he had been an active participant at Council meetings over the years.

9. **END OF THE MEETING**

The meeting ended at 8:09 p.m.

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Jonathan Cote  
MAYOR

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Jacque Killawee  
CITY CLERK