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CITY COUNCIL MEETING

MINUTES

Monday, March 7, 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
Ms. Emilie Adin	Director of Climate Action, Planning and Development
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. Harji Varn	Chief Financial Officer and Director of Finance
Mr. Erin Williams	Acting Fire Chief, New Westminster Fire and Rescue Services
Ms. Nicole Ludwig	Assistant City Clerk

1. CALL TO ORDER AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Mayor Cote opened the meeting at 6:00 p.m. and recognized with respect that New Westminster is on the unceded and unsurrendered land of the Halkomelem speaking peoples. He acknowledged that colonialism has made invisible their histories and connections to the land. He recognized that, as a City, we are learning and building relationships with the people whose lands we are on.

2. **CHANGES TO THE AGENDA**

MOVED AND SECONDED:

THAT Council add the following motion from Councillor McEvoy as New Business to the agenda:

- Support for Ukraine

Carried.

All members present voted in favour of the motion.

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

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

3.1 **Presentation: New Westminster Interceptor - Columbia Sewer Rehabilitation Update, Colin Meldrum, Director, Engineering, Design and Construction, Liquid Waste Services, Metro Vancouver (On Table)**

Lisa LeBlanc, Director of Engineering Services, introduced Colin Meldrum, Director, Engineering Design and Construction, Liquid Waste Services, Metro Vancouver. Mr. Meldrum provided an update on the project, apologized for the delays in completion, and advised that the date of completion of this phase is now set for the May 24 weekend. He acknowledged the speaker's comments and apologized for the ongoing impacts in the community.

In discussion, Council members expressed the following concerns:

- The project has suffered multiple delays;
- The pipes stored on Columbia Street have been there much longer than anticipated;
- The impact of the project on businesses and the neighbourhood seems to be a secondary consideration, and the community needs to be prioritized;
- There needs to be an acknowledgement of the difficulties experienced by businesses and residents in the area; and,
- There seems to be a lack of back-up plans and any trust in the project has been completely eroded.

In response to questions and comments from Council, Mr. Meldrum and Peter Navatril, General Manager, Liquid Waste Services, Metro Vancouver, provided the following information:

- The pipes situated on Columbia Street were delivered in November with the start of installation planned for December, however that was delayed by extreme weather;
- On-street storage was required due to the frequency of pipe insertion at approximately one pipe every 15 minutes; storing the pipes away from the insertion point would increase the amount of time needed and have a bigger impact on traffic and pedestrians;
- The hydraulics of the system are complex and are significantly impacted by relatively small amounts of water; if rain is expected, the system takes a day or two to secure, plus another day to reopen following the rainfall;
- There are currently 42 pieces of pipe stored on Columbia Street; if Council approves the recommendation in the related report later on the agenda, 30-35 pipes will be moved to the parking area beside the Police Transit Building, with approximately 10 pieces remaining on Columbia Street to allow slip lining between Eighth Avenue and Columbia/Front Streets;
- Metro Vancouver will work with the contractor for the Pattullo Bridge Replacement Project (PBRP) to see if the section under that area will need to be replaced as part of the PBRP construction;
- Metro Vancouver is working to leave Columbia Street better than it was when the work started, and will provide funding for an event when the construction is complete;
- The early phases of the project did not go according to plan; when this was ascertained, extra oversight from both the contractor and Metro Vancouver were put in place;
- The project has experienced delays due to a variety of factors including weather, supply chain issues, and the discovery of unknown utilities underground;
- Underground utilities have now been mapped, and all materials have been delivered, and this should reduce the impact on future timelines;
- There may be additional mitigation measures possible to ensure that the road is available for use by the May 24 long weekend;
- Additional plans will be developed as issues occur and immediately communicated to the neighbourhood and businesses;
- Metro Vancouver believes the current "Plan B" methodology is sound; and,

- At the request of the BIA Representative, agreed to arrange a meeting with the BIA for the following week.

Procedural Note: Councillor Puchmayr left the meeting at 6:54 p.m. and did not return.

3.2 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 new utility holes installation and slip lining in the downtown area for twelve nights from Friday, March 11, 2022 to Thursday, April 14, 2022.

MOVED AND SECONDED

THAT Council grant an exemption to Oscar Renda Contracting of Canada (ORCC) from Construction Noise Bylaw No. 6063, 1992 for twelve nights between Friday March 11, 2022 and Thursday April 14, 2022 from 8:00 PM to 7:00 AM Mondays to Thursdays and 8:00 PM Fridays to 7:00 AM Mondays including Sundays to conduct maintenance of the existing sewer, installation of new utility holes and slip lining along Columbia Street.

Carried.

All members present voted in favour of the motion.
(Councillor Puchmayr absent for the vote)

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 4.1 to 4.5, 4.7, 4.8, 4.10, and 4.11, on consent.

Carried.

All members present voted in favour of the motion.

4.1 Amendment to the Corporate Records Management Program Bylaw 2022: Electronic Signature Policy

To request Council give three readings to the Corporate Records Management Program Amendment Bylaw No 8322, 2022 which will allow the City to use electronic means to legally bind documents and facilitate the City's continued migration to an electronic work environment.

THAT Council give first, second and third readings to Corporate Records Management Program Amendment Bylaw No 8322, 2022 (Attachment 1 of the March 7, 2022, report entitled "Amendment to the Corporate Records Management Program Bylaw 2022: Electronic Signature Policy), a bylaw to amend the Corporate Records Management Bylaw 7987, 2018.

Adopted on Consent.

4.2 Construction Noise Bylaw Exemption Request: 81 Braid Street (Braid SkyTrain Station)

To seek Council's approval for an exemption from Construction Noise Bylaw No. 6063, 1992 to enable Rissling Services Ltd. to install a new water main to Braid SkyTrain Station located at 81 Braid Street.

THAT Council grant an exemption from Construction Noise Bylaw No. 6063, 1992 to Rissling Services Ltd. from Monday March 14th, 2022 to Thursday April 14th, 2022 from 8:00 PM to 7:00 AM Mondays to Thursdays and 8:00 PM Fridays to 9:00 AM Saturdays to enable installation of a new water main to Braid SkyTrain Station.

Adopted on Consent.

4.3 Covid-19 Task Forces: Update

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

THAT Council receives the March 7, 2022, report entitled "Covid-19 Task Forces: Update" for information.

Adopted on Consent.

4.4 Fraser Health Authority Community Health Specialist: Proposed New Role

This report requests Council endorsement for the Fraser Health Authority Community Health Specialist to be embedded in the Community Planning section of the Climate Action, Planning and Development Department. The

purpose of this proposal is to deepen the health lens and perspective in City policies, plans and strategies and to strengthen the City's working relationship with the Fraser Health Authority.

THAT Council endorse that the Fraser Health Authority Community Health Specialist be embedded in the Community Planning section of the Climate Action, Planning and Development Department and act as a resource to all City Departments.

Adopted on Consent.

4.5 Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act Report for 2021

To update Council on the City's compliance with the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (FOIPPA) and the recent Provincial amendments to FOIPPA.

THAT Council endorse staff's recommendation not to charge an Administrative Fee for Freedom of Information requests.

Adopted on Consent.

4.6 Heritage Revitalization Agreement (102 Seventh Avenue) Bylaw No. 8312, 2022 and Heritage Designation (102 Seventh Avenue) Bylaw No. 8313, 2022 Bylaws for First and Second Readings

For Council to consider bylaws that would allow the construction of an infill duplex at 102 Seventh Avenue in exchange for heritage protection and conservation of a heritage house.

In response to questions from Council, Wendee Lang, Planning Analyst, Climate Action, Planning and Development, provided the following additional information:

- The proposed density is somewhat higher than normal for HRA requests;
- Duplexes provide a variety of benefits such as variety in housing, possible stratification and separate sales, and provide extra funds for restoration; and,
- The proposed duplex is for smaller two-bedroom units.

MOVED AND SECONDED

THAT Council consider Heritage Revitalization Agreement (102 Seventh Avenue) Bylaw 8312, 2022 and Heritage Designation (102 Seventh Avenue) Bylaw No. 8313, 2022 for First and Second Readings, and forward the Bylaws to a Public Hearing.

THAT Council add 102 Seventh Avenue to the City's Heritage Register following the adoption of the Heritage Designation (102 Seventh Avenue) Bylaw No. 8313, 2022.

Carried.

All members present voted in favour of the motion.

4.7 Heritage Revitalization Agreement (1324 Nanaimo Street) Bylaw No. 8290, 2022 and Heritage Designation (1324 Nanaimo Street) Bylaw No. 8291, 2022 for First and Second Readings

For Council to consider bylaws which would allow the subdivision of a property in the West End into two lots, in exchange for heritage protection and restoration of the heritage house.

THAT Council consider Heritage Revitalization Agreement (1324 Nanaimo Street) Bylaw No. 8290, 2022 and Heritage Designation (1324 Nanaimo Street) Bylaw No. 8291, 2022 for First and Second Readings, and forward the Bylaws to a Public Hearing.

THAT Council add 1324 Nanaimo Street to the City's Heritage Register following the adoption of Heritage Designation (1324 Nanaimo Street) Bylaw No. 8291, 2022.

Adopted on Consent.

4.8 Patio Program Update

To provide an update on changes to various regulations to support an updated approach to patios for use by private businesses and seek endorsement on the fee structure for the various types of patios.

THAT Council consider Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 8317, 2022 for Two Readings and waive the holding of a Public Hearing as the Bylaw is consistent with the City's Official Community Plan;

THAT Council repeal Sidewalk Cafe Encroachment Bylaw No. 6370, 1997;

THAT Council give Three Readings to Street and Sidewalk Patio Bylaw No. 8318, 2022

Adopted on Consent.

4.9 Proclamation: International Women's Day, March 8, 2022

Councillor Das provided brief comments, encouraging people to listen to the stories that women have about the barriers they have broken down, and expressed deep appreciation of her support system that has allowed to break down barriers throughout her lifetime.

Councillor Das read the proclamation and proclaimed March 8, 2022, International Women's Day in the City of New Westminster.

4.10 Proclamation: International Purple Day for Epilepsy Awareness, March 26, 2022

Adopted on Consent.

4.11 Proclamation: Green Shirt Day, April 7, 2022

Adopted on Consent.

Procedural Note: An additional report was distributed on table.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council add the report “Recruitment 2022: Committee Appointments – SIERAC, CHC, APC, CLSE and Downtown BIA”, as New Business to the Agenda, and receive the report for information.

Carried.

All members present voted in favour of the motion.
(Councillor Puchmayr absent for the vote)

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

Karima Jivraj, President, Downtown New West BIA, expressed concerns with the New Westminster Interceptor Project taking place along Columbia Street, noting:

- There have been substantial delays, a lack of communication and contractors have not followed plans;
- There is too much noise, road closures with no notice, and this has been a nightmare for businesses;
- There seems to be no concern of the impacts on the neighbourhood or businesses;
- The current completion date is the end of May, which will have meant that the neighbourhood has experienced 11 months of construction;

- Businesses no longer trust Metro Vancouver to run the project properly, and they should not have to endure this in addition to all of the other damages suffered in the neighbourhood over the past two years; and,
- Businesses are unable to plan events because the timeline for finishing the project is uncertain.

6. **BYLAWS**

6.1 **Bylaws for readings**

a. **Heritage Revitalization Agreement (102 Seventh Avenue) Bylaw No. 8312, 2022**

To enable construction of an infill duplex at 102 Seventh Avenue, with relaxations for lot size, density, and construction and siting of the duplex. This bylaw is on the agenda for **TWO READINGS**.

A Public Hearing will be held for this bylaw.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Heritage Revitalization Agreement (102 Seventh Avenue) Bylaw No. 8312, 2022 be given First Reading.

Carried.

All members present voted in favour of the motion.
(Councillor Puchmayr absent for the vote)

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Heritage Revitalization Agreement (102 Seventh Avenue) Bylaw No. 8312, 2022 be given Second Reading.

Carried.

All members present voted in favour of the motion.
(Councillor Puchmayr absent for the vote)

b. **Heritage Designation (102 Seventh Avenue) Bylaw No. 8313, 2022**

To designate the 1941 house at 102 Seventh Avenue 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 (102 Seventh Avenue) Bylaw No. 8313, 2022 be given First Reading.

Carried.

All members present voted in favour of the motion.
(Councillor Puchmayr absent for the vote)

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Heritage Designation (102 Seventh Avenue) Bylaw No. 8313, 2022 be given Second Reading.

Carried.

All members present voted in favour of the motion.
(Councillor Puchmayr absent for the vote)

c. Heritage Revitalization Agreement (1324 Nanaimo Street) Bylaw No. 8290, 2022

To subdivide and enable the construction of an infill house on the new lot. Primary relaxations to the proposed HRA include relaxations to the density, lot size, site coverage, front yard setbacks and off-street parking as well as minor ones to regularize the heritage house. This bylaw is on the agenda for **TWO READINGS**.

A Public Hearing will be held for this bylaw.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Heritage Revitalization Agreement (1324 Nanaimo Street) Bylaw No. 8290, 2022 be given First Reading.

Carried.

All members present voted in favour of the motion.
(Councillor Puchmayr absent for the vote)

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Heritage Revitalization Agreement (1324 Nanaimo Street) Bylaw No. 8290, 2022 be given Second Reading.

Carried.

All members present voted in favour of the motion.
(Councillor Puchmayr absent for the vote)

d. Heritage Designation Bylaw (1324 Nanaimo Street) No. 8291, 2022

To designate the 1944 house at 1324 Nanaimo 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 Bylaw (1324 Nanaimo Street) No. 8291, 2022 be given First Reading.

Carried.

All members present voted in favour of the motion.
(Councillor Puchmayr absent for the vote)

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Heritage Designation Bylaw (1324 Nanaimo Street) No. 8291, 2022 be given Second Reading.

Carried.

All members present voted in favour of the motion.
(Councillor Puchmayr absent for the vote)

e. Zoning Amendment Bylaw (Parking Reductions for Patios) No. 8317 2022

To allow businesses to convert parking or loading spaces on private property into patio space. This bylaw is on the agenda for **TWO READINGS**.

Public Hearings are usually held for Zoning Bylaw Amendments. Because this bylaw is consistent with the Official Community Plan, staff have requested that the Public Hearing be waived.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Zoning Amendment Bylaw (Parking Reductions for Patios) No. 8317, 2022 be given First Reading.

Carried.

All members present voted in favour of the motion.
(Councillor Puchmayr absent for the vote)

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Zoning Amendment Bylaw (Parking Reductions for Patios) No. 8317, 2022 be given Second Reading.

Carried.

All members present voted in favour of the motion.
(Councillor Puchmayr absent for the vote)

f. Corporate Records Management Program Amendment Bylaw No. 8322, 2022

An amendment to permit electronic signatures on City documents under certain circumstances. This bylaw is on the agenda for **THREE READINGS.**

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Corporate Records Management Program Amendment Bylaw No. 8322, 2022 be given First Reading.

Carried.

All members present voted in favour of the motion.
(Councillor Puchmayr absent for the vote)

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Corporate Records Management Program Amendment Bylaw No. 8322, 2022 be given Second Reading.

Carried.

All members present voted in favour of the motion.
(Councillor Puchmayr absent for the vote)

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Corporate Records Management Program Amendment Bylaw No. 8322, 2022 be given Third Reading.

Carried.

All members present voted in favour of the motion.
(Councillor Puchmayr absent for the vote)

g. Street and Sidewalk Patio Bylaw No. 8318 2022

To regulate patios so that businesses can build or continue to operate patios on City property. This bylaw is on the agenda for **THREE READINGS.**

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Street and Sidewalk Patio Bylaw No. 8318, 2022 be given First Reading.

Carried.

All members present voted in favour of the motion.
(Councillor Puchmayr absent for the vote)

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Street and Sidewalk Patio Bylaw No. 8318, 2022 be given Second Reading.

Carried.

All members present voted in favour of the motion.
(Councillor Puchmayr absent for the vote)

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Street and Sidewalk Patio Bylaw No. 8318, 2022 be given Third Reading.

Carried.

All members present voted in favour of the motion.
(Councillor Puchmayr absent for the vote)

6.2 Bylaws for adoption

a. Local Government Elections Procedures Amendment Bylaw No. 8311, 2022

A bylaw to allow for mail ballot voting and elector registration by mail, incorporate Special Voting Opportunities Bylaw No. 6143, 1993 with changes to expand the definition of special voting, and repeal the existing Special Voting Opportunities bylaw. This bylaw is on the agenda for **ADOPTION**.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Local Government Elections Procedures Amendment Bylaw No. 8311, 2022, be adopted.

Carried.

All members present voted in favour of the motion.
(Councillor Puchmayr absent for the vote)

b. Parks and Recreation Fees and Charges Amendment Bylaw No. 8319, 2022

To establish the 2022 fees and charges for the Parks and Recreation department. This bylaw is on the agenda for **ADOPTION**.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Parks and Recreation Fees and Charges Amendment Bylaw No. 8319, 2022, be adopted.

Carried.

All members present voted in favour of the motion.
(Councillor Puchmayr absent for the vote)

7. NEW BUSINESS

7.1 Support for Ukraine

Councillor McEvoy introduced and read the following motion to Council.

MOVED AND SECONDED

WHEREAS New Westminster is home to 185 people who speak Ukrainian as a first language; and,

WHEREAS New Westminster is home to 380 people who speak Ukrainian; and,

WHEREAS New Westminster is home to 325 immigrants from Ukraine; and,

WHEREAS 3,660 residents of New Westminster identify Ukrainian as their ethnic origin; and,

WHEREAS Ukraine has been brutally invaded by the forces of Russian Federation President, Vladimir Putin;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City Council of New Westminster express its support for all residents with connections to Ukraine; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT that the City of New Westminster express its opposition to the war and support for peace; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT that the City Hall of New Westminster continue to be lit in yellow and blue until at least March 18th, and that the flag of Ukraine be displayed; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT that the City recognize the pain of Russians, and citizens from Russia, who may also be affected by and oppose this war; and for those young Russians who have died in Putin's war; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT that the City call on the Government to Canada to expedite immigration and refugee processing for all those fleeing war; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT that the City boycott products from the Russian Federation in keeping with international sanctions; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT that the City contact the Government of Canada, Sister Cities International, and the Ukraine Consulate in Vancouver, to determine how cities might assist, and to communicate support; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT that the City encourage the people of the City of New Westminster to donate to the Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal, the UNICEF Ukraine Emergency Fund, and to the Ukraine Humanitarian Crisis Appeal of the Canadian Red Cross, and that the City advise citizens on how to make such donations through social media, and/or other means to be determined by staff, such as the City website.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT that the City contact local refugee organizations and the Canadian government to identify the potential needs of refugees and how the City can be supportive, similar to other events such as the Syria refugee crisis, and the city maintain such contacts and support for future similar refugee crises caused by the outbreak of war, and that the City advise citizens on how they may support refugees from war.

Carried.

All members present voted in favour of the motion.
(Councillor Puchmayr absent for the vote)

7.2 Recruitment 2022: Committee Appointments – SIERAC, CHC, APC, CLSE and Downtown BIA

Earlier in the meeting, Council received this report for information.

At the Closed Council meeting on March 7, 2022, Council resolved:

THAT Council rescind the appointment of Sarah Murray as a Community Member to the Social Inclusion, Engagement and Reconciliation Advisory Committee (SIERAC); and,

THAT Council appoint Nicole Maine as a Committee Member to the Social Inclusion, Engagement and Reconciliation Advisory Committee (SIERAC) for the term ending January 31, 2023; and

THAT Council rescind the appointment of Kletzky Morales as a Community Member to the Community Heritage Commission (CHC); and,

THAT Council appoint Noor Al-Hayali as a Community Member to the Community Heritage Commission (CHC) for the term ending January 31, 2024; and,

THAT Council rescind the appointment of Anthea Darychuk as a Community Member to the Advisory Planning Commission (APC); and,

THAT Council appoint Simar Jaswal as a Community Member to the Advisory Planning Commission (APC) for the term ending January 21, 2024; and,

THAT Council rescind the appointment of Meesh Bono as a Representative from the Environment and Climate Advisory Committee (EnCAC) to the Community Livability and Social Equity Grant Committee; and,

THAT Council appoint Danison Buan as a Representative from the Environment and Climate Advisory Committee (EnCAC) to the Community Livability and Social Equity Grant Committee for the term ending September 30, 2022.

THAT Council rescind the appointment of Councillor Trentadue as the Council Representative to the Downtown Business Improvement Association; and,

THAT Council appoint Councillor McEvoy as the Council Representative to the Downtown Business Improvement Association.

THAT Council release the above-noted decisions to the public.

8. ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

None.

9. **END OF THE MEETING**

The meeting ended at 7:22 p.m.

Jonathan Cote

MAYOR

Jacque Killawee

CITY CLERK