



CITY COUNCIL MEETING

MINUTES

Monday, March 28, 2022

Immediately following the Public Hearing that begins at 6:00 p.m.

Meeting held electronically and open to public attendance

Council Chamber, City Hall

PRESENT:

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

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. 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
Ms. Dilys Huang	Planner, Climate Action, Planning and Development
Ms. Lisa Leblanc	Director of Engineering Services
Ms. Harji Varn	Chief Financial Officer and Director of Finance
Mr. Mike Watson	Acting Supervisor of Development Services, Climate Action, Planning and Development
Ms. Nicole Ludwig	Assistant City Clerk

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

Councillor Johnstone opened the meeting at 9:26 p.m.

2. **CHANGES TO THE AGENDA**

None.

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

3.1 **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 **THIRD READING and ADOPTION.**

MOVED and SECONDED

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

Carried.

All members present voted in favour of the motion.

MOVED and SECONDED

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

Carried.

All members present voted in favour of the motion.

3.2 **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 **THIRD READING.**

MOVED and SECONDED

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

Carried.

All members present voted in favour of the motion.

3.3 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 **THIRD READING and ADOPTION**.

In discussion, Council members noted:

- There is very little tree loss, and the large trees at the front of the property will be retained;
- This is not affordable housing, but will provide two additional units of new housing;
- Confidence that staff have answered all questions beforehand;
- Public safety issues are potential only at this point, and the potential is not a reason to reject the application;
- Duplexes respond to the importance of housing choice;
- Many families do not have green space outside their back door;
- Traffic management around schools is an ongoing issue and providing housing near schools is a way to mitigate some of the issues; and,
- This application meets the requirements of the Official Community Plan (OCP).

MOVED and SECONDED

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

Carried.

All members present voted in favour of the motion.

MOVED and SECONDED

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

Carried.

All members present voted in favour of the motion.

3.4 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 **THIRD READING**.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Heritage Designation (102 Seventh Avenue) Bylaw No. 8313, 2022 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 4.1 to 4.7, 4.10, 4.11, and 4.13 on consent.

Carried.

All members present voted in favour of the motion.

4.1 2022 Spring Freshet and Snow Pack Level

This report is to inform Council of the current snowpack conditions as of March 1, 2022 in the Fraser River Basin and related preparation for the annual freshet for 2022.

THAT Council receive the March 28, 2022, report entitled "2022 Spring Freshet and Snow Pack Level" for information.

Adopted on consent.

4.2 Amendment to the Water Shortage Response Bylaw No. 6948, 2004 - Revision of Lawn Sprinkling Regulations

To introduce an amendment to the Water Shortage Response Bylaw No. 6948, 2004 for Council's consideration (Attachment 1).

THAT the Water Shortage Response Bylaw Amendment Bylaw No. 8314, 2022, which amends Water Shortage Response Bylaw No. 6948, 2004, be granted three readings.

Adopted on consent.

4.3 Arts Council of New Westminster License Agreement Renewal

The purpose of this report is to seek authorization to renew the license agreement with the Arts Council of New Westminister for the use of a portion of Centennial Lodge.

THAT the Mayor and Corporate Office be authorized to execute the Arts Council License Agreement for the use of a portion of Centennial Lodge (as per Attachment "A" of the March 28, 2022, report entitled "Arts Council of New Westminister License Agreement Renewal"), subject to required public notification.

Adopted on consent.

4.4 Construction Noise Bylaw Exemption Request: 330 E. Columbia Street (Royal Columbian Hospital Development)

To seek Council's approval for an exemption from Construction Noise Bylaw No. 6063, 1992 to enable EllisDon Design Build to conduct a concrete pour for a building construction at Royal Columbian Hospital located at 330 E. Columbia Street.

THAT Council grant an exemption to EllisDon Design Build from Construction Noise Bylaw No. 6063, 1992 on Friday April 22, 2022 from 6:00 AM to 11:00 PM to enable a concrete pour for a building construction; and

THAT Council grant an exemption to EllisDon Design Build from Construction Noise Bylaw No. 6063, 1992 for one day from 6:00 AM to 11:00 PM, within an eight (8) day period until Saturday April 30th 2022 excluding Sunday, to enable a concrete pour for a building construction if unfavorable weather conditions or construction delays prohibit the work from occurring on the Friday April 22, 2022.

Adopted on consent.

4.5 Designation of an Acting Chief Licence Inspector

To provide for the efficient operation of the City by designating Manager of Communications and Economic Development, Blair Fryer as the Acting Chief Licence Inspector, with the power, duty and responsibility to carry out the functions prescribed to this position.

That Council designate the Manager of Communications and Economic Development, Blair Fryer as Acting Chief Licence Inspector.

Adopted on consent.

4.6 European Chafer Management Program Update

The purpose of this report is to provide an update on the City's European Chafer Management Subsidy Program and propose changes to the program for 2022.

THAT the European Chafer Management Subsidy Program be temporarily suspended, and

THAT staff be directed to monitor the impacts of the suspension for the next two years.

Adopted on consent.

4.7 Local Government Act Updates (Bill 26) and Proposed Delegation of Small Development Variance Permits

The purpose of this report is to update Council on changes to the Local Government Act (LGA), and to request Council endorsement of next steps to delegate small development variance permits to staff, as now permitted in the LGA.

THAT Council direct staff to bring forward the necessary bylaw changes required to implement delegation of minor variances, as outlined in Attachment 1 of this report.

Adopted on consent.

4.8 Rezoning and Development Permit Applications for a 15-unit Rental Project: 1321 Cariboo Street – For Information

This report is intended to provide Council with preliminary information on the proposed rezoning and Development Permit of the property at 1321 Cariboo Street, including initial Land Use and Planning Committee discussion.

In response to Council questions, Emilie Adin, Director of Climate Action, Planning and Development, and Dilys Huang, Planner, Climate Action, Planning and Development advised that this is a preliminary report, and there is ample time to consider green space in the proposed development.

MOVED AND SECONDED

THAT Council receive the March 28, 2022, report entitled "Rezoning and Development Permit Applications for a 15-unit Rental Project: 1321 Cariboo Street – For Information" for information.

Carried.

All members present voted in favour of the motion.

4.9 Rezoning and Special Development Permit (815 – 821 Victoria Street and 810 Agnes Street) – Project Update

This report provides Council with preliminary information on the revised development proposal for 815-821 Victoria Street and 810 Agnes Street, and outlines the application review process for endorsement.

In response to Council questions, Mike Watson, Acting Supervisor of Development Services, provided the following information:

- There is an increase of one-bedroom and bachelor units on the site, however the project still meets the City's family-friendly housing requirements;
- The applicant is proposing direct access to bike storage and bike parking, rather than requiring cyclists to go through the garage;
- Climate Action, Planning and Development (CAPD) staff will work with Engineering (Transportation) staff to incorporate transportation demand management (TDM) elements with regard to parking requirements;
- Since the Chinese Commemorative Park is south-southwest of the proposed tower it is unlikely there will be much impact on the shadowing in the park, however staff will investigate this more closely through the application review process.

MOVED AND SECONDED

THAT Council direct staff to process the Rezoning and Special Development Permit applications at 815–821 Victoria Street and 810 Agnes Street, as outlined in the “Application Review Process and Next Steps” Section of the March 28, 2022, report entitled "Rezoning and Special Development Permit (815-821 Victoria Street and 810 Agnes Street) – Project Update".

Carried.

All members present voted in favour of the motion.

4.10 Sex Worker Safety Proposed Work Plan

This report requests Council endorsement of a proposed work plan and provides information on an upcoming workshop with Council and senior staff related to sex worker safety.

THAT Council endorse the sex worker safety proposed work plan set out in the March 28, 2022, report entitled "Sex Worker Safety Proposed Work Plan".

Adopted on Consent.

4.11 Temporary Use Permit Renewal: 488 Furness Street – for Presentation Centre

To request Council extend the expiry date of the Temporary Use Permit at 488 Furness Street from April 29, 2022 to April 29, 2024 to allow the continued operation of a temporary sales centre.

THAT Council extend the expiry date of TUP00019 at 488 Furness Street to April 29, 2024 to allow the continued operation of a temporary sales centre.

Adopted on Consent.

4.12 Ukrainian Crisis – Government and Community Response

This report provides an update on actions currently underway by the federal and provincial governments and Holy Eucharist Cathedral, New Westminster Parish and possible future actions by the City, the Welcoming and Inclusive New Westminster Local Immigration Partnership Council, Holy Eucharist Cathedral, and others to support the Ukrainian community during this time of crisis.

In discussion, Council members noted:

- There are many organizations in New Westminster that are responding to the crisis in Ukraine and need some coordination;
- There are many different kinds of support needed and it would be good to have a list of organizations available and the services they offer; and,
- People can contact Immigrant Services Society of BC to see how they can assist, or if they can provide housing, register at <https://ukrainetakeshelter.com>.

MOVED AND SECONDED

THAT Council receive the March 28, 2022, report entitled "Ukrainian crisis – Government and Community Response" for information.

Carried.

All members present voted in favour of the motion.

4.13 Minutes for Adoption

- a. February 28, 2022 City Council Meeting (9:00 a.m.)
- b. February 28, 2022 City Council Meeting (6:00 p.m.)
- c. March 7, 2022 City Council Meeting (9:00 a.m.)
- d. March 7, 2022 City Council Meeting (6:00 p.m.)
- e. March 10, 2022 Special City Council Meeting

Adopted on Consent.

5. BYLAWS

5.1 Bylaws for readings

- a. **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 **THIRD READING.**

MOVED and SECONDED

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

Carried.

All members present voted in favour of the motion.

- b. **Water Shortage Response Amendment Bylaw No. 8314, 2022**

To bring the City's water shortage restrictions into alignment with Metro Vancouver's. This bylaw is on the agenda for **THREE READINGS.**

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Water Shortage Response Amendment Bylaw No. 8314, 2022 be given First Reading.

Carried.

All members present voted in favour of the motion.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Water Shortage Response Amendment Bylaw No. 8314, 2022 be given Second Reading.

Carried.

All members present voted in favour of the motion.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Water Shortage Response Amendment Bylaw No. 8314, 2022 be given Third Reading.

Carried.

All members present voted in favour of the motion.

5.2 Bylaws for adoption

a. 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 **ADOPTION.**

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Corporate Records Management Program Amendment Bylaw No. 8322, 2022 be adopted.

Carried.

All members present voted in favour of the motion.

b. 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 **ADOPTION.**

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Street and Sidewalk Patio Bylaw No. 8318, 2022 be adopted.

Carried.

All members present voted in favour of the motion.

6. **NEW BUSINESS**

None.

7. **ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF COUNCIL**

None.

8. **END OF THE MEETING**

The meeting ended at 10:02 p.m.

Jonathan Cote

MAYOR

Jacque Killawee

CITY CLERK