

REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL

August 30, 2021

Meeting held electronically under Ministerial Order No. M192/2020 and
open to the public in Council Chamber, City Hall

MINUTES

PRESENT:

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

REGRETS:

Councillor Mary Trentadue

STAFF:

Ms. Lisa Spitale	- Chief Administrative Officer
Ms. Jacque Killawee	- City Clerk
Ms. Emilie Adin	- Director of Development Services
Mr. Rupinder Basi	- Acting Senior Manager, Development Services
Mr. Rod Carle	- General Manager, Electrical Utility
Mr. Kanny Chow	- Transportation Engineer
Mr. Richard Fong	- Director of Human Resources
Mr. Dean Gibson	- Director of Parks and Recreation
Ms. Lisa Leblanc	- Director of Engineering Services
Ms. Erika Mashig	- Manager, Parks and Open Space Planning, Design and Construction
Ms. Denise Tambellini	- Manager, Intergovernmental and Community Relations
Ms. Harji Varn	- Chief Financial Officer/Director of Finance
Ms. Nicole Ludwig	- Assistant City Clerk

The meeting was called to order at 1:13 p.m.

REMOVAL OF ITEMS FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

1. **MOVED and SECONDED**

THAT Council remove items 14 and 15 from the consent agenda.

CARRIED.

All members of Council present voted in favour of the motion.

EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC

2. **MOVED and SECONDED**

THAT pursuant to Section 90 of the Community Charter, members of the public be excluded from the Closed Meeting of Council immediately following the Regular Meeting of Council on the basis that the subject matter of all agenda items to be considered relate to matters listed under Sections 90(1)(a), 90(1)(e), 90(1)(k), 90(1)(l) and 90(2)(b) of the Community Charter:

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(1)(a) personal information about an identifiable individual who holds or is being considered for a position as an officer, employee or agent of the municipality or another position appointed by the municipality;

(1)(e) the acquisition, disposition or expropriation of land or improvements, if the council considers that disclosure could reasonably be expected to harm the interests of the municipality;

(1)(k) negotiations and related discussions respecting the proposed provision of a municipal service that are at their preliminary stages and that, in the view of the council, could reasonably be expected to harm the interests of the municipality if they were held in public;

(1)(l) discussions with municipal officers and employees respecting municipal objectives, measures and progress reports for the purposes of preparing an annual report under section 98 [annual municipal report];

(2)(b) the consideration of information received and held in confidence relating to negotiations between the municipality and a provincial government or the federal government or both, or between a provincial government or the federal government or both and a third party.

CARRIED.

All members of Council present voted in favour of the motion.

Purpose of the meeting:

Personal, property, reporting, and negotiations matters

ADJOURNMENT

3. **MOVED and SECONDED**

THAT the Regular Council meeting be adjourned and Council proceed to closed session.

CARRIED.

All members of Council present voted in favour of the motion.

The Regular Council meeting recessed at 1:14 p.m.

RECONVENE TO REGULAR COUNCIL

4. The Regular Council meeting reconvened at 6:00 p.m.

5. Earlier in the meeting, Council removed items 14 and 15 from the consent agenda.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council adopt items 9 to 13, and 16 to 23, on consent.

CARRIED.

All members of Council present voted in favour of the motion.

ADDITIONS / DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA

6. **MOVED and SECONDED**

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

- *Recruitment 2021: CHC and EDAC Appointments*

CARRIED.

All members of Council present voted in favour of the motion.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

7. **No Items**

ISSUANCE OF PERMITS

8. **Development Variance Permit DVP00690 for 601 Sixth Street**

Attachments:

- i. Copy of Notice
 - ii. Director of Development Services report dated July 12, 2021
- a. Statement concerning the number of written submissions received, including On Table Correspondence

Jacque Killawee, City Clerk, advised one piece of correspondence had been received, and was on table.

b. MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council receive the following correspondence related to DVP00690:

Written Submissions			
Name	Correspondence Date	Date Received	#
S. Johnson	August 26, 2021	ON TABLE	C-1

CARRIED.

All members present voted in favour of the motion.

c. MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council approve issuance of DVP00690 for 601 Sixth Street.

CARRIED.

All members present voted in favour of the motion.

CONSENT AGENDA

9. Literacy Month, September 2021

ADOPTED ON CONSENT.

10. 2022 Budget Process Next Steps and Engagement Workshop Results

THAT Council receive the preliminary results from the budget engagement workshops attached to in the August 30, 2021, report entitled "2022 Budget Process Next Steps and Engagement Workshop Results", for inclusion in the 2022 Budget process;

THAT Council endorse the 2022 budget process next steps and timelines for Council workshops as set out in the August 30, 2021, report entitled "2022 Budget Process Next Steps and Engagement Workshop Results".

ADOPTED ON CONSENT.

11. Recruitment 2021: Multiculturalism Advisory Committee (MAC) Appointment

THAT Council receive the August 30, 2021, report entitled, "Recruitment 2021: Multiculturalism Advisory Committee (MAC) Appointment" for information.

ADOPTED ON CONSENT.

12. Update on Changes to the Procedure Bylaw

THAT Council receive the August 30, 2021, report entitled "Update on Changes to the Procedure Bylaw" for information.

ADOPTED ON CONSENT.

13. Minutes for Adoption

- a. June 7, 2021, Regular meeting*
- b. June 28, 2021, Regular meeting*
- c. July 12, 2021, Regular meeting*

ADOPTED ON CONSENT.

Procedural Note: Council agreed to deal with item 15 followed by items 26 to 29 as the next items of business. The minutes are recorded in chronological order.

16. Heritage Revitalization Agreement Refresh: Timeline and Work Plan

THAT Council direct staff to proceed with the proposed HRA Refresh project as outlined in the August 30, 2021, report entitled "Heritage Revitalization Agreement Refresh: Timeline and Work Plan".

ADOPTED ON CONSENT.

17. 2021 Heritage Register Update: Addition of One Property and Removal of One Property

THAT Council add 647 Ewen Avenue to the City's Heritage Register.

THAT Council remove 445 Columbia Street from the City's Heritage Register.

ADOPTED ON CONSENT.

18. Metro Vancouver Sewer Inspections: Request for Construction Noise Bylaw Exemption

THAT Council grant an exemption to AquaCoustic Remote Technologies Inc. from Construction Noise Bylaw No. 6063, 1992 for four nights to occur between Sunday September 12, 2021 to Monday September 27, 2021 from 9:00 PM to 7:00 AM to conduct overnight video and sonar inspections of the sewer lines as part of the New Westminster Sewer Interceptor Fraser River Crossing (North) project.

ADOPTED ON CONSENT.

19. TransLink Pavement Rehabilitation Project - Braid Station: Request for Construction Noise Bylaw Exemption

THAT Council grant an exemption to TransLink from Construction Noise Bylaw No. 6063, 1992 from September 8, 2021 to September 30, 2021 for the construction of TransLink's Pavement Rehabilitation Project at Braid Station Bus Loop.

ADOPTED ON CONSENT.

20. Street and Traffic Bylaw Amendments for Three Readings - Bylaw 8275, 2021

THAT Council consider Street and Traffic Amending Bylaw No. 8275, 2021 for Three Readings;

THAT Council consider Bylaw Notice Enforcement Amendment Bylaw No. 8277, 2021 for Three Readings; and

THAT Council consider Municipal Ticket Information Amendment Bylaw No. 8278, 2021 for Three Readings.

ADOPTED ON CONSENT.

21. National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

THAT Council approve a one-time declaration to appoint September 30, 2021 as a statutory holiday for the Corporation of the City of New Westminster in recognition of National Day for Truth and Reconciliation.

THAT staff report back to Council in 2022 with a recommendation regarding when the Corporation of the City of New Westminster will recognize National Day for Truth and Reconciliation in 2022 and beyond to ensure alignment with the BC provincial government.

ADOPTED ON CONSENT.

22. 323 Regina Street: Heritage Revitalization Agreement - Preliminary Report

THAT Council receive this report for information and direct staff to proceed with processing the revised Heritage Revitalization Agreement application as listed in Section 5.0 of the LUPC report dated July 12, 2021.

ADOPTED ON CONSENT.

23. Final 2021-2022 Equity Key Performance Indicator Framework

THAT Council endorse the final 2021-2022 Equity Key Performance Indicator Framework and direct staff to proceed with next steps, all as set out in the August 30, 2021 report entitled "Final 2021-2022 Equity Key Performance Indicator Framework."

ADOPTED ON CONSENT.

ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA – PART 1

15. 404 Salter Street (Summit Earthworks): Proposed Soil Transfer Facility and Gravel Storage Facility - Update

In response to Council questions and concerns, Kanny Chow, Transportation Engineer, and Rupinder Basi, Acting Senior Manager, Development Services, provided the following information:

- The site falls under Federal jurisdiction however the Port Authority refers applications out to the City for comment and feedback;
- Summit Earthworks has satisfied staff concerns with truck traffic;
- Air quality is monitored through Metro Vancouver; and,

- If the applicant does not meet all the requirements, the City would communicate concerns to the Port and Metro Vancouver, as appropriate.

In discussion, a Council member noted concerns with the application particularly that the City has no ability to take action when the Federal government and Metro Vancouver have jurisdiction.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council receive the August 30, 2021, report entitled "404 Salter Street (Summit Earthworks): Proposed Soil Transfer Facility and Gravel Storage Facility – Update" for information;

THAT Council direct staff to report back on a further response to the application by Summit Earthworks for proposed soil transfer facility and gravel storage facility, including the City's jurisdiction and ability to influence the activities at 404 Salter Street, as discussed at the Regular Council meeting on August 30, 2021.

CARRIED.

All members present voted in favour of the motion.

BYLAWS – PART 1

26. Street and Traffic Amendment Bylaw No. 8275, 2021

THREE READINGS

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Street and Traffic Amendment Bylaw No. 8275, 2021, be given First Reading.

CARRIED.

All members of Council present voted in favour of the motion.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Street and Traffic Amendment Bylaw No. 8275, 2021, be given Second Reading.

CARRIED.

All members of Council present voted in favour of the motion.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Street and Traffic Amendment Bylaw No. 8275, 2021, be given Third Reading.

CARRIED.

All members of Council present voted in favour of the motion.

27. Bylaw Notice Enforcement Amendment Bylaw No. 8277, 2021

THREE READINGS

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Bylaw Notice Enforcement Amendment Bylaw No. 8277, 2021, be given First Reading.

CARRIED.

All members of Council present voted in favour of the motion.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Bylaw Notice Enforcement Amendment Bylaw No. 8277, 2021, be given Second Reading.

CARRIED.

All members of Council present voted in favour of the motion.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Bylaw Notice Enforcement Amendment Bylaw No. 8277, 2021, be given Third Reading.

CARRIED.

All members of Council present voted in favour of the motion.

28. Municipal Ticket Information Amendment Bylaw No. 8278, 2021

THREE READINGS

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Municipal Ticket Information Amendment Bylaw No. 8278, 2021, be given First Reading.

CARRIED.

All members of Council present voted in favour of the motion.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Municipal Ticket Information Amendment Bylaw No. 8278, 2021, be given Second Reading.

CARRIED.

All members of Council present voted in favour of the motion.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Municipal Ticket Information Amendment Bylaw No. 8278, 2021, be given Third Reading.

CARRIED.

All members of Council present voted in favour of the motion.

29. Bylaws for Adoption:

a. Zoning Amendment bylaw (Secondary Suite Requirements) No. 8154, 2021

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Zoning Amendment Bylaw (Secondary Suite Requirements) No. 8154, 2021, be adopted.

CARRIED.

All members of Council present voted in favour of the motion.

b. Bylaw Notice Enforcement Amendment Bylaw No. 8249, 2021

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Bylaw Notice Enforcement Amendment Bylaw No. 8249, 2021, be adopted.

CARRIED.

All members of Council present voted in favour of the motion.

c. Municipal Ticket Information Amendment Bylaw No. 8251, 2021

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Municipal Ticket Information Amendment Bylaw No. 8251, 2021, be adopted.

CARRIED.

All members of Council present voted in favour of the motion.

d. Delegation Amendment Bylaw No. 8270, 2021

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Delegation Amendment Bylaw No. 8270, 2021, be adopted.

CARRIED.

All members of Council present voted in favour of the motion.

Procedural Note: Council agreed to deal with items 30 and 31 as the next items of business. The minutes are recorded in chronological order.

NEW BUSINESS

30. Urban Farming

Councillor Nakagawa introduced the motion.

In discussion, Council members voiced support for the motion.

WHEREAS the City of New Westminster declared a climate crisis in 2019; and

WHEREAS the climate crisis is impacting and will continue to further impact food security in our community; and

WHEREAS actions 19 and 20 of the Food Security Action Plan are aimed at encouraging community gardens on public and private lands; and

WHEREAS not all members of our community have access to space to grow their own foods, especially in higher density neighbourhoods; and

WHEREAS fostering community connections and resilience are crucial as impacts of the climate crisis continue to be felt;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

THAT the City of New Westminster create and implement policy to support and encourage the climate crisis equivalent of victory gardens; and

THAT these gardens be understood to include forest gardens and orchards, pollinator pastures/bee hotels, compost systems, foraging opportunities, and rainwater harvesting so that we are considering complete and interconnected systems; and

THAT this work creatively considers underutilized space such as boulevards, industrial rooftops, multi-family common areas, and conversion of street space;

THAT the City create policy on and explore ways to incentivize front yard and boulevard gardens, with special consideration for condo and apartment buildings in high density neighbourhoods, where appropriate and in consideration of other needs such as accessibility and tree planting; and

THAT the City explore ways to support and incentivize container gardening in areas where it is not possible to garden at street level such as offering a starter plant sale for multi-family housing similar to the tree sale; and

THAT the City engage the community and provide learning opportunities through new and existing programs such as the hanging basket classes and Queens Park petting farm transition; and

THAT these plans incorporate Indigenous plant knowledge and principles of Indigenous land stewardship; and

THAT these plans include an equity lens.

CARRIED.

All members present voted in favour of the motion.

31. Recruitment 2021: CHC and EDAC Appointments

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council receive the August 30, 2021, report entitled "Recruitment 2021: CHC and EDAC Appointments" for information.

CARRIED.

All members present voted in favour of the motion.

At the Closed Council meeting on August 30, 2021, New Westminster City Council approved the following resolution:

THAT Council rescind the appointment of Rosanne Hood as Representative, New Westminster Heritage Preservation Society to the Community Heritage Commission (CHC); and,

THAT Council appoint Jill Davy as Representative, New Westminster Heritage Preservation Society to the Community Heritage Commission (CHC) for the term ending January 31, 2023; and,

THAT Council rescind the appointment of Rnold Smith as Representative, New Westminster Chamber of Commerce to the Economic Development Advisory Committee (EDAC); and,

THAT Council appoint Nikki Morris as Representative, New Westminster Chamber of Commerce to the Economic Development Advisory Committee (EDAC) for the term ending January 31, 2023; and,

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

Procedural Note: The City Clerk advised that all registered speakers were present at the meeting and that Council could approve a motion to start hearing speakers early, rather than at 7:00 p.m.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council waive section 15(1)(a) of the Procedure Bylaw in order to start hearing speakers prior to 7:00 p.m.

CARRIED.

All members present voted in favour of the motion.

PRESENTATIONS AND DELEGATIONS

24. Lawrence Reason provided a presentation on concerns with the proposed bike park for Queens Park.

In response, Council requested information from staff. Dean Gibson, Director of Parks and Recreation, and Erika Mashig, Manager, Parks and Open Space Planning, Design and Construction, provided the following information:

- The bike skills park was developed after engagement with a small, adhoc group that had been creating their own skills park; this led to conversations about relocating and formalising their activities ;
- The Queens Park Master plan envised the park serving a variety of interests and needs that support active, organized recreation;
- Alternative locations were considered, however the area proposed in Queens Park is the most optimally suited for this use;
- This project was an opportunity to speak to youth about the growing trend and sport of mountain biking, as well as provide opportunities for forest restoration;
- The tree roots in the last photograph in Mr. Reason's presentation are tertiary roots that had grown under a play structure, which had reached its end of life; the

removal of the play structure was done under the supervision of the City Arborist; and,

- Work on the bike park is planned for the end of September/beginning of October.

In response to Council questions, Mr. Gibson and Ms. Mashig advised that parks are beginning to see the consequences of extra use, particularly during the pandemic, and that Queens Park had been fortified with fresh mulch, will receive logs from various sites across the City and some additional trees in September/October.

Karl Sturmanis spoke regarding the importance of Queens Park and its role in protecting natural areas and recreation, and voiced concerns that the park is veering to incrementally addressing specific needs rather than allowing for a place where everyone can feel connected to nature and recharge. Mr Sturmanis also read a letter from Kwantlen First Nation asking the City to stop the creation of the bike park and preserve the natural habitation.

In response, Mayor Cote agreed that parks are important, with a special role for Queens Park, and the projects staff are engaging in such as the bike skills park will help protect it.

Margaret LeBlanc spoke regarding the proposed rezoning and development permit for a duplex at 819 Milton Street (item 14 on the agenda), and requested Council not approve the application noting:

- The design does not fit within the heritage area and
- The proposed build is contrary to the heritage value of the area.

She also opined that the City should not create undesirable precedents that cause declines in heritage value, and undermine the City's credibility.

Ashley Petrie identified herself as the applicant for the proposed rezoning and development permit for a duplex at 819 Milton Street (item 14 on the agenda) and advised that she had worked with the City and architects to ensure the proposal meets City requirements. She also noted that feedback received from the neighbourhood was generally positive, and feedback had been applied to simplify the design.

Procedural Note: Following speakers, Council considered items 14 and 25 on the agenda. The minutes are recorded in chronological order.

ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA – PART 2

- 14. 819 Milton Street: Rezoning and Development Permit for a Duplex - Bylaw for First and Second Readings**

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council consider Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 8266, 2021 for First and Second Readings; and

THAT Council consider waiving the Public Hearing, as Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 8266, 2021 is consistent with City's Official Community Plan.

CARRIED.

All members present voted in favour of the motion.

BYLAWS – PART 2

- 25. Zoning Amendment Bylaw (819 Milton St) No. 8266, 2021**

TWO READINGS

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Zoning Amendment Bylaw (819 Milton Street) No. 8266, 2021, be given First Reading.

CARRIED.

All members of Council present voted in favour of the motion.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Zoning Amendment Bylaw (819 Milton Street) No. 8266, 2021, be given Second Reading.

CARRIED.

All members of Council present voted in favour of the motion.

ADOURNMENT

On MOTION, the meeting adjourned at 7:14 p.m.

**JONATHAN COTE
MAYOR**

**JACQUE KILLAWEE
CITY CLERK**