



CITY COUNCIL MEETING

MINUTES

Monday, May 30, 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:

Mayor Jonathan Côté
Councillor Chinu Das
Councillor Patrick Johnstone
Councillor Jamie 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. Rod Carle	General Manager, Electrical Utility
Mr. Brad Davie	Assistant Deputy Fire Chief
Ms. Lisa Leblanc	Director of Engineering Services
Ms. Lorraine Lyle	Senior Manager, Financial Services
Ms. Erica Mashig	Acting Director of Parks and Recreation
Ms. Serena Trachta	Manager, Building Inspection Services
Ms. Stephanie Trasolini	Acting Manager, Aquatics
Ms. Harji Varn	Chief Financial Officer and Director of Finance
Mr. Erin Williams	Acting Chief, New Westminster Fire and Rescue Services
Ms. Eva Yip	Acting Director, Human Resources and Information Technology
Ms. Debbie Reynolds	Recording Secretary

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

Mayor Cote opened the meeting at 7:01 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 as New Business Item 6.1. to the agenda:

- Recruitment 2022: Appointments to the Arts Advisory Committee.

Carried.

All members present voted in favour of the motion.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council add the amended motion for Item 4.3, as presented to Council, to the agenda.

Carried.

All members present voted in favour of the motion.

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

3.1 **Heritage Revitalization Agreement (328 Second Street) Bylaw No. 8309, 2022**

To subdivide one lot into two and enable the construction of an infill house on the new lot. Primary relaxations to the proposed HRA include relaxations to the lot size (both lots), density (heritage house) and minor siting or site design ones related to the panhandle lot configuration. This bylaw is on the agenda for **THIRD READING** and **ADOPTION**.

In discussion, Council members noted:

- Concern regarding the relationship between home and yard size;
- Subdivision is not a solution to long-term affordable housing;
- Basements and basement suites do not impact surrounding homes; and,
- A heritage home will be protected.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Heritage Revitalization Agreement (328 Second Street) Bylaw No. 8309, 2022 be given Third Reading.

Carried.

Councillor Puchmayr opposed.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Heritage Revitalization Agreement (328 Second Street) Bylaw No. 8309, 2022 be adopted.

Carried.

Councillor Puchmayr opposed.

3.2 Heritage Designation Bylaw (328 Second Street) No. 8310, 2022

To designate the 1889 house at 328 Second Street as a protected heritage property. This bylaw is on the agenda for **THIRD READING**.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Heritage Designation Bylaw (328 Second Street) No. 8310, 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, 4.4 to 4.8, 4.10 and 4.11 on consent.

Carried.

All members present voted in favour of the motion.

4.1 British Columbia Electoral Boundaries Commission Reform Submission – May 2022

This report will outline the work of and submission to the BC Electoral Boundaries Commission regarding the need for increased Provincial representation in New Westminster.

THAT Council accept this report for information on the submission to the British Columbia Electoral Boundaries Commission.

Adopted on Consent.

4.2 Budget 2023: Proposed Framework and Timelines

To seek Council's endorsement of the 2023 budget framework and timelines.

In response to questions from Council, Harji Varn, Director of Finance, advised:

- In February 2022, a budget of \$453 million for five years was approved for capital projects:
 - \$170 million allotted to capital projects have commenced;
 - \$20 million dollars has been spent to date; and,
 - Three major projects will be completed in 2023;
- The new Council will be onboarded prior to final approval of the budget; and,
- The budget allows for quarterly capital adjustments.

In discussion, Council members noted that in an election year, Council would consider time sensitive projects and roll-over projects, but new capital expenditures would require approval by the new Council.

MOVED AND SECONDED

THAT Council endorse the 2023 budget framework and timelines.

Carried.

All members present voted in favour of the motion.

4.3 Construction Noise Bylaw Exemption Request: 330 East Columbia Street (Royal Columbian Hospital Redevelopment Project)

To request that Council grant an exemption from the Construction Noise Bylaw to EllisDon Design Build from Construction Noise Bylaw No. 6063, 1992 to enable specialized concrete slab surface finishing to meet operational specifications in the facility within the ongoing construction of

the Royal Columbian Hospital Redevelopment Project at 330 East Columbia Street, New Westminster.

Serena Trachta, Manager, Building Inspection Services, reviewed the new recommendation brought on table to reduce the hours for the noise variances on the Royal Columbia Hospital Redevelopment project to minimize the impact to families and neighbourhoods.

In response to questions from Council, Ms. Trachta advised:

- City staff are attempting to locate contractors responsible for noise complaints;
- Staff have confirmed that EllisDon contractors are not on site outside the permitted working hours; and,
- A contact number for a site supervisor could be provided to residents to address immediate concerns.

MOVED AND SECONDED

THAT Council grant an exemption extension to EllisDon Design Build from Construction Noise Bylaw No. 6063, 1992 from 8 PM to 11:00 PM from Monday to Friday and 6 PM to 11:00 PM on Saturdays starting May 30, 2022 to January 31, 2023 (excluding Sundays, Statutory Holidays, and the period from December 24, 2022 to January 1, 2023) an average of three (3) evenings per month, to enable concrete slab surface finishing within the ongoing construction of the Royal Columbian Hospital Redevelopment Project at 330 East Columbia Street, New Westminster.

Carried.

All members present voted in favour of the motion.

4.4 Construction Noise Bylaw Exemption 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, slip-lining, excavation and installation of new sewer pipes for two nights per week from Wednesday June 1, 2022 to Wednesday, November 30, 2022.

THAT Council grant an exemption to Oscar Renda Contracting of Canada (ORCC) from Construction Noise Bylaw No. 6063, 1992 for two nights per week between Wednesday June 1, 2022 and Wednesday November 30, 2022, excluding Sundays and Statutory Holidays, to conduct maintenance

of the existing sewer, slip-lining, excavation, and installation of new sewer pipes along the 100 Block to 300 Block of Columbia Street.

Adopted on Consent.

4.5 Development Variance Permit for Works & Services Security (823-841 Sixth Street Affordable Housing Project) – Notice of Consideration of Issuance

The purpose of this report is to request that Council issue notice that it will consider varying the definition of “Security” in the Subdivision and Development Control Bylaw No. 7142, 2007, as amended, by including an Indemnification Servicing Agreement from BC Housing and Management Commission, plus a reduced letter of credit from the Developer, as an acceptable form of security for the affordable housing project located at 823-841 Sixth Street.

THAT Council provide notice that it will consider issuance of Development Variance Permit No. DVP00699 to vary the definition of “Security” in the *City’s Subdivision and Development Control Bylaw No. 7142, 2007, as amended*, to include the use of an Indemnification Agreement from British Columbia Housing Management Commission (BCHMC) and a reduced letter of credit from the Developer, for Works and Services Agreement, and to proceed to Public Notification.

Adopted on Consent.

4.6 Downtown Livability Strategy – Update

To provide an update on the continued implementation of the Downtown Livability Strategy, previously presented January 10, 2022.

THAT Council receive this report for information.

Adopted on Consent.

4.7 Regional Growth Strategy Update: Metro 2050 Acceptance

To seek Council acceptance of the updated Regional Growth Strategy, Metro 2050.

1. **THAT** the proposed Metro 2050 Regional Growth Strategy (*Metro Vancouver Regional District Regional Growth Strategy Bylaw No. 1339, 2022*) be accepted, as presented, pursuant to section 436 of the *Local Government Act*;

2. **THAT** staff be directed to forward the Council resolution of acceptance of Metro 2050 Regional Growth Strategy (*Metro Vancouver Regional District Regional Growth Strategy Bylaw No. 1339, 2022*) to Metro Vancouver Regional District; and
3. **THAT** staff be directed to include in the letter conveying acceptance of Metro 2050 that the City of New Westminster encourages further consideration of including municipal-scale population and housing targets in regional plans going forward.

Adopted on Consent.

4.8 Rezoning and Development Permit for Infill Townhouses: 102 – 128 East Eighth Avenue and 721 Cumberland Street – Preliminary Report

To seek Council support for proceeding with processing a proposal for an infill townhouse development in the McBride-Sapperton neighbourhood.

THAT Council instruct staff to process the proposed Zoning Bylaw Amendment and Development Permit applications for 102-128 East Eighth Avenue and 721 Cumberland Street as outlined in the Application Review Process and Next Steps section of this report.

Adopted on Consent.

4.9 Staffing Resource Challenges and Implications on Departments' Service Delivery Work Plans

To inform City Council and the community of adjustments being made within the organization to address staff resourcing challenges. Departments are adjusting work plans in order to continue prioritizing core services and Council's Strategic Priorities.

In discussion, Council members noted:

- This situation is not unique to this City and staff need to know that Council has heard them;
- Staffing shortages are impacting the community;
- Request to maintain summer swimming lessons; and
- Suggestion to prioritize the hiring of summer staff in the interests of public health and safety.

MOVED AND SECONDED

THAT Council receive this report for information.

Carried.

All members present voted in favour of the motion.

4.10 Zoning Bylaw Text Amendment and Event-Driven Liquor Primary Licence: 735 Eighth Avenue (Massey Theatre) – Bylaw for First and Second Readings

To request that Council consider the proposed zoning amendment bylaw, which would allow a Liquor Primary licence as a permitted use on the subject property.

THAT Council consider Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 8341, 2022 for First and Second Readings, and forward the Bylaw to a Public Hearing.

Adopted on Consent.

4.11 Minutes for Adoption

- a. May 9, 2022 City Council Meeting (9:00 a.m.)
- b. May 9, 2022 City Council Meeting (6:00 p.m.)
- c. May 16, 2022 Special City Council Meeting (11:30 a.m.)
- d. May 16, 2022 Special City Council Meeting (12:00 p.m.)

Adopted on Consent.

5. BYLAWS

5.1 Bylaws for readings

a. Zoning Amendment Bylaw (735 Eighth Avenue) No. 8341, 2022

To allow a Liquor Primary licence as a permitted use at 735 Eighth Avenue (Massey Theatre). This bylaw is on the agenda for **TWO READINGS**.

A Public Hearing will be held for this bylaw.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Zoning Amendment Bylaw (735 Eighth Avenue) No. 8341, 2022 be given First Reading.

Carried.

All members present voted in favour of the motion.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Zoning Amendment Bylaw (735 Eighth Avenue) No. 8341, 2022 be given second reading.

Carried.

All members present voted in favour of the motion.

b. Zoning Amendment Bylaw (122 Eighth Avenue) No. 8325, 2022

To enable construction of a duplex at 122 Eighth Avenue. This bylaw is on the agenda for **THIRD READING**.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Zoning Amendment Bylaw (122 Eighth Avenue) No. 8325, 2022 be given Third Reading.

Carried.

All members present voted in favour of the motion.

c. Zoning Amendment Bylaw (337 and 339 Keary Street) No. 8324, 2022

To enable construction of a 9-unit infill townhouse project at 337 and 339 Keary Street. This bylaw is on the agenda for **THIRD READING**.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Zoning Amendment Bylaw (337 and 339 Keary Street) No. 8324, 2022 be given Third Reading.

Carried.

All members present voted in favour of the motion.

d. Zoning Amendment Bylaw (817 St. Andrews Street) No. 8323, 2022

To enable construction of a triplex at 817 St. Andrews Street. This bylaw is on the agenda for **THIRD READING**.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Zoning Amendment Bylaw (817 St. Andrews Street) No. 8323, 2022 be given Third Reading.

Carried.

All members present voted in favour of the motion.

6. **NEW BUSINESS**

6.1 **Recruitment 2022: Appointments to the Arts Advisory Committee**

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council release the following resolution regarding the appointments to the Arts Advisory Committee from closed council.

Carried.

All members present voted in favour of the motion.

At the Closed Council meeting on May 30, 2022, Council approved the following:

THAT Council rescind the appointment of Stephen O'Shea as Representative, Arts Council of New Westminster to the Arts Advisory Committee; and,

THAT Council appoint Laura Grady as Representative, Arts Council of New Westminster to the Arts Advisory Committee for the term ending January 31, 2024;

THAT Council appoint Stephen O'Shea as Artist, New Westminster Based, to the Arts Advisory Committee for the term ending January 31, 2024; and,

THAT the appointments be released to the public.

7. **ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF COUNCIL**

Councillor Puchmayr provided an update regarding the completed surgery of MLA Aman Singh and commended him for being open regarding his health issues in support of others with similar illnesses.

8. **END OF THE MEETING**

The meeting ended at 7:33 p.m.

Jonathan Cote

MAYOR

Jacque Killawee

CITY CLERK