

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL, 141 WEST 14th STREET, NORTH VANCOUVER, B.C., ON MONDAY, MARCH 13, 2006 AT 6:00 P.M.

PRESENT:

COUNCIL MEMBERS

Mayor D.R. Mussatto
Councillor P.J. Bookham
Councillor R.J. Fearnley
Councillor R.N. Heywood
Councillor C.R. Keating
Councillor B.W. Perrault
Councillor S.A. Schechter

STAFF MEMBERS

A.K. Tollstam, City Manager

S.E. Dowey, City Clerk

R.G. Anderson, Deputy City Clerk

T. Christie, Director of Finance

S. Ono, City Engineer

F.A. Smith, Director, Community Development

P. Penner, Planner, Community Development

R.H. White, Co-Waterfront Project-Development Manager/Deputy Director, Community Development

I. Gordon, Co-Waterfront Project-Development Manager/Deputy Director of Finance

B. Themens, Manager, Financial Planning

G. Penway, City Planner

B. Susak, Deputy City Engineer

M. Hunter, Environmental Coordinator

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Moved by Councillor Heywood, seconded by Councillor Fearnley

THAT the following Minutes be adopted as circulated:

- 1. Special Council Meeting Minutes, March 6, 2006.
- 2. In Camera Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes, March 6, 2006.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

PUBLIC INPUT PERIOD - File: 1090-21

- Mr. Edgar Spallek, 342 East 8th Street, spoke regarding item 7 on the agenda, "Mid Block Area Policy Options".
- Mr. Pip Carroll, 343 East 12th Street, spoke regarding item 7 on the agenda, "Mid Block Area Policy Options".

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PUBLIC INPUT PERIOD - File: 1090-21 - Continued

- Ms. Ivana Kucera, 329 East 11th Street, spoke regarding item 7 on the agenda, "Mid Block Area Policy Options".
- Mr. Catalin Comsia, 339 East 11th Street, spoke regarding item 7 on the agenda, "Mid Block Area Policy Options".

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

{Items *14, *15, *16, *17, *18, *19, *20, *21 and *22}

Moved by Councillor Fearnley, seconded by Councillor Perrault

THAT the resolutions listed within the "Consent Agenda" of March 13, 2006, with the exception of item *18 be approved, as follows:

CORRESPONDENCE

*14. Councillor Sharon Gaetz, President, Lower Mainland Municipal Association (LMMA), March 7, 2006.

Re: 2006 Annual General Meeting and Conference, May 10 – 12, 2006, Harrison Hot Springs Resort and Spa, Harrison Hot Springs, B.C. – File: 1040-03-L5-01

PURSUANT to the correspondence received March 7, 2006, from Councillor Sharon Gaetz, President, Lower Mainland Municipal Association (LMMA) regarding "2006 Annual General Meeting and Conference, May 10 – 12, 2006, Harrison Hot Springs Resort and Spa, Harrison Hot Springs, B.C.":

THAT Council members be authorized to attend the "2006 Annual General Meeting and Conference", to be held at the Harrison Hot Springs Resort and Spa, Harrison Hot Springs, B.C., May 10 – 12, 2006;

AND THAT the expenses be paid in accordance with City Policy;

AND THAT the funds be provided from the 2006 Legislative Conventions and Delegations Account.

CORRESPONDENCE

*15. Greater Vancouver Regional District, The Board in Brief, February 17, 2006 - File: 1180-01

THAT the Greater Vancouver Regional District, The Board in Brief, dated February 17, 2006, be received and filed.

(CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY)

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES, COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES AND STAFF

*16. Proposed Revisions to Advisory Committee on Disability Issues' (ACDI) Term of Reference – File: 1085-03-N17-01

Report: Planner, Community Development, March 6, 2006.

PURSUANT to the report of the Planner dated March 6, 2006, entitled "Proposed Revisions to Advisory Committee on Disability Issues' (ACDI) Terms of Reference":

THAT the proposed revisions to the Terms of Reference, as per Attachment No. 2 of the March 6, 2006 report, be endorsed.

(CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY)

*17. Letter to City of Vancouver re National Maritime Centre – File: 3330-02-W1-02

Report: Waterfront Project Development Manager, March 8, 2006.

PURSUANT to the report of the Waterfront Project Development Manager, dated March 8, 2006, entitled "Letter to City of Vancouver re National Maritime Centre":

THAT a letter regarding the National Maritime Centre Project be forwarded to the Mayor of the City of Vancouver;

AND THAT staff be authorized to enter into discussions with the City of Vancouver regarding loan or de-acquisition of portions of the Vancouver Maritime Museum collection, including the *St. Roch*, to the National Maritime Centre.

*19. 2006 – 2015 Financial Plan – File: 1650-06

Recommendation: Finance Committee, March 6, 2006

PURSUANT to the report of the Director of Finance dated, February 28, 2006 entitled "2006 - 2015 Financial Plan":

WHEREAS the City has an increasing population base requiring services;

WHEREAS the City is facing cost pressures, many beyond its control;

WHEREAS the City is facing potential loss of significant property taxation revenues associated with ports properties appeals and is facing the potential loss of significant property taxation revenues associated with other property assessment appeals;

WHEREAS the City is facing a significant increase in the cost of its Police Contract:

WHEREAS all Department budgets have been reviewed by the City Manager, Department Heads and senior staff for cost containment and revenue enhancements;

WHEREAS some extraordinary adjustments have been made to contain the 2006 tax rate increase;

WHEREAS the City does not wish to reduce service levels in any significant way; and

WHEREAS the City's tax and utility rates compare favourable with other Greater Vancouver Regional District local governments;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

- 1. **THAT** a tax rate increase of 4.86% to balance the 2006 Base Operating Budget be adopted (Option A);
- 2. **AND THAT** continued implementation of the long term tax strategy commenced in 2005 be deferred for one year;
- 3. **AND THAT** the "2006 2015 Capital Plan" dated February 28, 2006, Attachment No. 8 to the report, be adopted.

BYLAWS - Reconsideration and Final Adoption

- *20. "Financial Plan for the Years 2006 to 2015 Bylaw, 2006, No. 7763".
- *21. "Tax Rates Bylaw, 2006, No. 7769".

THAT the said Bylaws Nos. 7763 and 7769 be reconsidered.

(CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY)

THAT the said Bylaws Nos. 7763 and 7769 be finally adopted, signed by the Mayor and City Clerk and sealed with the Corporate Seal.

(CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY)

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES, COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES AND STAFF

*22. 2006 Spring Approvals – Capital Program - Funding Appropriations #0603 – 0612 – File: 1645-07

Report: Financial Analyst, March 8, 2006

PURSUANT to the report of the Financial Analyst, dated March 8, 2006, entitled "2006 Spring Approvals – Capital Program – Funding Appropriations #0603 – 0612":

THAT (Funding Appropriation #0603) an amount of \$1,577,000 be appropriated from the Tax Sale Land Reserve Fund (Interest) for the purpose of funding the 2006 Capital Program;

AND THAT (Funding Appropriation #0604) an amount of \$75,000 be appropriated from the Amenity Reserve Fund for the purpose of funding the 2006 Capital Program;

AND THAT (Funding Appropriation #0605) an amount of \$7,952 be appropriated from the General Building Reserve Fund for the purpose of funding the 2006 Capital Program;

AND THAT (Funding Appropriation #0606) an amount of \$200,000 be appropriated from the Local Area Services Reserve Fund for the purpose of funding the 2006 Capital Program;

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*22. 2006 Spring Approvals – Capital Program - Funding Appropriations #0603 – 0612 – File: 1645-07 - Continued

AND THAT (Funding Appropriation #0607) an amount of \$85,000 be appropriated from the Public Art Reserve Fund for the purpose of funding the 2006 Capital Program;

AND THAT (Funding Appropriation #0608) an amount of \$75,000 be appropriated from the Parking Reserve Fund for the purpose of funding the 2006 Capital Program;

AND THAT (Funding Appropriation #0609) an amount of \$633,667 be appropriated from the Machinery and Equipment Depreciation and Obsolescence Reserve for Computer Equipment for the purpose of funding the 2006 Capital Program;

AND THAT (Funding Appropriation #0610) an amount of \$130,000 be appropriated from the Machinery and Equipment Depreciation and Obsolescence Reserve for Fire Equipment for the purpose of funding the 2006 Capital Program;

AND THAT (Funding Appropriation #0611) an amount of \$485,000 be appropriated from the Machinery and Equipment Depreciation and Obsolescence Reserve for Engineering Equipment for the purpose of funding the 2006 Capital Program;

AND THAT (Funding Appropriation #0612) an amount of \$52,450 be appropriated from the Affordable Housing Reserve Fund for the purpose of funding the 2006 Capital Program;

AND THAT should any of the above amounts remain unexpended after three years from the date of adoption of this resolution, the unexpended balance shall be returned to the credit of the said Reserve Fund.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

END OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

Moved by Councillor Fearnley, seconded by Councillor Schechter

THAT the Council recess to the Committee of the Whole In Camera, to consider the items as listed under the Committee of the Whole Section of the Council Agenda, for the following reasons respectively for each item:

- 3. Section 90 (1) (f)
- 4. Section 90 (1) (e)
- 5. Section 90 (1) (k)
- 6. Section 90 (1) (e)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The meeting recessed at 6:08 p.m. and reconvened at 6:59 p.m., with the same personnel present.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

3. CORRESPONDENCE: Applicant for Renewal of Chauffeur's Permit, January 9, 2006.

Re: Chauffeur's Permit Renewal Refusal – File: 3040-15

Moved by Councillor Heywood, seconded by Councillor Fearnley that the following recommendation of the Committee of the Whole in camera be ratified:

THAT the R.C.M.P.'s refusal to renew the Chauffeur's Permit for Mr. Hossein Farahani be endorsed;

AND THAT Mr. Hossein Farahani's appeal be denied.

A recorded vote was taken on the motion.

Voting in favour: Councillor Fearnley

Councillor Bookham Councillor Perrault Councillor Heywood

Voting against: Councillor Keating

Councillor Schechter Mayor Mussatto

The motion was **CARRIED** by a vote of 4 to 3.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE - Continued

Mayor Mussatto left the meeting declaring a perceived bias with regard to Item 4 on the agenda, as he is a neighbour of the property owners.

Councillor Keating assumed the Chair as Acting Mayor.

4. Sale of City Land – 820 St. Andrews Avenue – File: 3345-02 St. Andrews 820 / 3375-07 / 4140-10-01

Report: Property Valuator-Negotiator, March 8, 2006.

Moved by Councillor Heywood, seconded by Councillor Fearnley that the following recommendation of the Committee of the Whole in camera be ratified:

PURSUANT to the report of the Property Valuator-Negotiator, dated March 8, 2006, entitled "Sale of City Land – 820 St. Andrews Avenue":

THAT the Manager – Lands prepare a Stopping Up and Closing Bylaw for a portion of East 9th Street for the purpose of consolidation with the adjacent lot at 820 St. Andrews Avenue owned by Gurli Thora Kristensen;

AND THAT the Manager – Lands be authorized to execute an Offer to Purchase Agreement for the sale of the closed City road, subject to consolidation, to Gurli Thora Kristensen for the Purchase Price of \$15,000.00;

AND THAT notice of the proposed sale of the City road be advertised in accordance with the Community Charter;

AND THAT the report of the Property Valuator-Negotiator, dated March 8, 2006, entitled "Sale of City Land – 820 St. Andrews Avenue" remain in camera.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Mayor Mussatto returned to the meeting and resumed the Chair.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE - Continued

Lonsdale Energy Corp. – Resolutions of the Shareholder – File: 4165-05-04

Report: Manager, Financial Planning, March 8, 2006.

Moved by Councillor Heywood, seconded by Councillor Perrault that the following recommendation of the Committee of the Whole in camera be ratified:

PURSUANT to the report of the Manager, Financial Planning, dated March 8, 2006, entitled "Lonsdale Energy Corp. – Resolutions of the Shareholder":

THAT the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to sign the consent resolutions of the shareholder approving the transition under the British Columbia Business Corporation Act (Attachment 1 of the March 8, 2006 report) and the special resolutions of the shareholder amending the authorized share structure of the Lonsdale Energy Corp. (Attachment 2 of the March 8, 2006 report);

AND THAT the report of the Manager, Financial Planning, dated March 8, 2006, entitled "Lonsdale Energy Corp. – Resolutions of the Shareholder" remain in camera.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6. Waterfront Enquiry – File: 3330-02-W1-01

Confidential Information Report: Waterfront Development Project Manager, March 6, 2006.

Moved by Councillor Perrault, seconded by Councillor Fearnley that the following recommendation of the Committee of the Whole in camera be ratified:

THAT the action taken by the Committee of the Whole in camera this evening regarding the "Waterfront Enquiry" be ratified, and the wording of the recommendation and the confidential information report of the Waterfront Development Project Manager, dated March 6, 2006, remain in camera.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

PROCLAMATIONS

Nil.

7. Mid Block Area Policy Options – File: 3380-02-M2

Report: Planner, Community Development, March 8, 2006.

Moved by Councillor Perrault, seconded by Councillor Keating

PURSUANT to the report of the Planner dated March 8, 2006, entitled "Mid Block Area Policy Options":

THAT staff be requested to proceed with Option No. 3 – Amend the Official Community Plan to Residential Level II Throughout and Extend the Current Policy, as described in the March 8, 2006 report;

AND THAT staff be requested to utilize Public Input Process B – Proceed to First Reading and referral to a Public Hearing on the preferred option, as described in the March 8, 2006, report.

A recorded vote was taken on the motion.

Voting in favour: Councillor Keating

Councillor Perrault Councillor Schechter Mayor Mussatto

Voting against: Councillor Bookham

Councillor Heywood Councillor Fearnley

The motion was **CARRIED** by a vote of 4 to 3.

DELEGATIONS

Cheryl Leia, Resident, North Vancouver.

Re: Request for Youth Athletic Grant – U12 Soccer Tournament in France and the Ukraine – File: 1670-03-04

Ms. Cheryl Leia, Resident, North Vancouver, advised that a group of boys from the North Shore Premier Players Program (NSPPP) are planning to attend two international soccer tournaments in France and the Ukraine from May 22-June 7, 2006. She requested on behalf of the group, that City Council provide financial assistance for the trip. She advised that the group does meet the requirements of the North Vancouver Recreation Commission Sport and Travel Funding Program Guidelines.

Ms. Leia then responded to questions from members of Council.

Ms. Bernie Duffy, Community Sport Coordinator, advised that the North Vancouver Recreation Commission Sport and Travel Grant maximum is \$500 and that this group does not meet the requirements of the North Vancouver Recreation Commission Sport and Travel Funding Program Guidelines.

CORRESPONDENCE

8. Jeff Plato, Resident, North Vancouver, February 8, 2006.

Re: Request for Youth Athletic Grant – U12 Soccer Tournament in France and the Ukraine – File: 1670-03-04

Moved by Councillor Keating, seconded by Councillor Perrault

PURSUANT to the correspondence dated February 8, 2006 received from Jeff Plato, regarding the "Request for Youth Athletic Grant – U12 Soccer Tournament in France and the Ukraine":

THAT the City of North Vancouver grant \$1,000.00 to the North Shore Premier Players Program for the U12 Soccer Tournament in France and the Ukraine:

AND THAT the \$1,000.00 be taken from the Sports/Arts Travel Grants.

Moved by Councillor Fearnley, seconded by Councillor Schechter

THAT the motion be amended to replace the amount of \$1000.00 with \$500.00.

DEFEATED

The original motion was then **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

DELEGATIONS

Larry Wilson, Chair, North Shore Sport Awards Committee and Bernie Duffy, Community Sport Coordinator, North Shore Sport Awards Committee.

Re: Sports Walk of Fame – File: 1035-08

Mr. Larry Wilson, Chair, North Shore Sports Awards Committee, introduced the members of the Committee. He provided information with regards to the background, key objectives and mandate of the Committee. He described the North Shore Sports Awards Ceremony and how the recipients of the awards are chosen.

Mr. Wilson played a DVD showing the Annual North Shore Sports Awards Ceremony.

Mr. Wilson then described the concept and vision of the proposed Sports Walk of Fame to celebrate Sport Award winners and other athletes who have brought recognition to the North Shore. He advised that the Walk of Fame would be a legacy and asset in the community and the target for completion of the project is 2009, if not sooner.

Mr. Wilson then responded to questions from members of Council.

CORRESPONDENCE

9. Bernie Duffy, Community Sport Coordinator, North Shore Sport Awards Committee, February 22, 2006.

Re: Sports Walk of Fame – File: 1035-08

Moved by Councillor Keating, seconded by Councillor Fearnley

PURSUANT to the correspondence dated February 22, 2006, from Bernie Duffy, Community Sport Coordinator, North Shore Sport Awards Committee, regarding "Sports Walk of Fame":

THAT the City of North Vancouver supports the North Shore Sports Awards and the establishment of a Sports Walk of Fame on the North Shore;

AND THAT Councillor Bookham be appointed as the Council representative to the Sports Walk of Fame Steering Committee.

DELEGATIONS

Brian Bell and Janet Bednarczyk, Members of the Interfit Society.

Re: Off Road Chair (ORC) - Update - File: 4230-06-01

Mr. Brian Bell, President of the Integrated Fitness Society, presented an update on the development and testing of the Off Road Chair (ORC) and displayed the Off Road Chair.

Ms. Janet Bednarczyk, Secretary of Integrated Fitness Society, reviewed the benefits of the new Off Road Chair.

Mr. Bell played a video showing the operation of the Off Road Chair.

Ms. Bednarczyk invited members of Council to the Spring Frolic to be held at the Delbrook Recreation Centre on April 1, 2006

Mr. Bell and Ms. Bednarczyk then responded to questions from members of Council.

CORRESPONDENCE

10. Janet Bednarczyk, Interfit Society, March 4, 2006.

Re: Off Road Chair (ORC) - Update - File: 4230-06-01

Moved by Councillor Heywood, seconded by Councillor Fearnley

THAT the correspondence dated March 4, 2006, from Janet Bednarczyk, Interfit Society, regarding "Off Road Chair (ORC)" be received and filed with thanks.

11. Grant to 'Artists for Kids Trust' – File: 1670-03

Report: Budget Analyst, March 7, 2006.

Councillor Schechter left the meeting declaring a possible conflict of interest with regards to Item 11 on the agenda as his mother does programs for the Artist for Kids Gallery.

Moved by Councillor Perrault, seconded by Councillor Bookham

PURSUANT to the report of the Budget Analyst, dated March 7, 2006, entitled "Grant to 'Artists for Kids Trust":

THAT the City of North Vancouver provide a current year grant of \$5,000 for the Artists for Kids Trust;

AND THAT the \$5,000 be provided from the 2006 General Contingency Account:

AND THAT an annual grant of \$2,500 for the "Artist for Kids Trust" be included in the 2007 and 2008 base budgets in future Financial Plans.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Councillor Schechter returned to the meeting.

12. Ridgeway Annex Elementary School Tree Planting – Community Enhancement Fund Application – File: 3345-02 08E 420 / 4310-08

Report: Environmental Coordinator, March 7, 2006.

Moved by Councillor Bookham, seconded by Mayor Mussatto

PURSUANT to the report of the Environmental Coordinator, dated March 7, 2006, entitled "Ridgeway Annex Elementary School Tree Planting – Community Enhancement Fund Application":

THAT the Ridgeway Annex Elementary School Tree Planting Project be endorsed;

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12. Ridgeway Annex Elementary School Tree Planting – Community Enhancement Fund Application – File: 3345-02 08E 420 - Continued

AND THAT (funding appropriation #0602) an amount of \$6,000 be appropriated from the Community Enhancement Fund reserve to support the supply, installation and establishment services for trees in and around the Ridgeway Annex Elementary School grounds;

AND THAT should any of the above amount remain unexpended after three years from the date of adoption of this resolution, the unexpended balance shall be returned to the credit of the said Reserve Fund.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

13. Waterfront Forum – Next Steps – File: 3330-02-W1-02

Report: Waterfront Development Project Manager, February 28, 2006.

Moved by Councillor Fearnley, seconded by Councillor Heywood

PURSUANT to the report of the Waterfront Development Project Manager, dated February 28, 2006, entitled "Waterfront Forum – Next Steps":

THAT the Waterfront Project be directed to continue to pursue the establishment of a waterfront oriented multiple use path from St. George's Avenue to the City's western boundary as presented at the February 23, 2006 Waterfront Forum:

AND THAT the Waterfront Project be directed to refine plans for SeaBus Gateway improvements in cooperation with TransLink and nearby owners to be developed in time for the introduction to service of a third SeaBus;

AND THAT Concert Properties be requested to develop and proceed with the required waterfront pathway improvements linking the foot of Fell Avenue with Gostick Place;

AND THAT Waterfront Project staff be requested to develop a proposal for consideration by Council to study the introduction of a public marina, including the potential of cooperation with existing marina operators in the City of North Vancouver;

AND THAT this report be forwarded to all participants in the Waterfront Forum with the City's thanks for their involvement in this event.

18. Lonsdale Classic Cycling Event in 2006 – File: 3040-25

Report: Transportation Planner, March 8, 2006.

Moved by Mayor Mussatto, seconded by Councillor Schechter

PURSUANT to the report of the Transportation Planner, dated March 8, 2006, entitled "Lonsdale Classic Cycling Event in 2006":

THAT the City of North Vancouver support regional activities and events to promote cycling as an alternative to the motor vehicle as a mode of transportation;

AND THAT funding of \$500 be contributed towards the Lonsdale Classic Cycling Event, as authorized from the Commercial Bicycle Rack Program Account.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

23. Proposed 2006 Planning Division Work Program – File: 1010-04

Report: City Planner, Community Development, March 8, 2006.

Mr. Gary Penway gave a presentation on the Proposed 2006 Planning Division Work Program.

Mr. Penway responded to questions from members of Council.

Moved by Councillor Keating, seconded by Councillor Schechter

PURSUANT to the report of the City Planner dated March 8, 2006, entitled "Proposed 2006 Planning Division Work Program":

THAT the 2006 Planning Division Work Program attached to the March 8, 2006 report, as Attachment No. 1, be endorsed.

RECESS:

Mayor Mussatto declared a recess at 9:01 p.m., for the public question period and reconvened the meeting immediately

INQUIRIES

24. Review of Translink Governance by the Provincial Government - File: 1180-37-01

Inquiry by: Councillor R.J. Fearnley

Councillor Fearnley inquired of Mayor Mussatto if he could provide any information on the Translink Governance Review being undertaken by the Province of B.C. and whether there would be any opportunities for input by the City of North Vancouver.

Mayor Mussatto and Mr. Ken Tollstam, City Manager, advised that they had no information on this. Mayor Mussatto advised that if his office receives any information, he will forward it to Council. He further advised that any member of Council could put forward a notice of motion on this matter. He suggested that Council could invite the committee being set up to undertake the review to appear before Council.

25. Status of Joint Study on the Cultural Position - File: 4420-01

Inquiry by: Councillor R.N. Heywood

Councillor Heywood inquired of Mayor Mussatto as to the status of the joint study with the District of North Vancouver on the cultural position.

Mr. Tollstam, City Manager, advised that he would follow up on the status of the study.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Councillor Fearnley, seconded by Councillor Heywood

THAT the meeting adjourn.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.