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THE CORPORATION OF THE DISTRICT OF WEST VANCOUVER
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MUNICIPAL HALL COUNCIL CHAMBER
MONDAY, JANUARY 16, 2012

COUNCIL:

Mayor M. Smith; Councillors M. Booth, C. Cameron, N. Gambioli, M. Lewis, and W. Soprovich. Absent: Councillor T. Panz.

STAFF:

G. McRadu, Chief Administrative Officer; B. Leigh, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer; S. Scholes, Municipal Clerk; R. Fung, Director of Engineering and Transportation; N. Leemhuis, Director of Financial Services; A. Mooi, Director of Parks and Community Services; and B. Sokol, Director of Planning, Lands and Permits.

CALL TO ORDER OPEN SESSION

1. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm.

EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC

2. MOVED by Lewis, seconded by Soprovich:

   THAT in the public interest, members of the public be excluded from part of the January 16, 2012 regular Council Meeting on the basis of matters to be considered under the following section of the *Community Charter*:

   90. (1) A part of a council meeting may be closed to the public if the subject matter being considered relates to or is one or more of the following:

   (c) labour relations or other employee relations; and

   (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.

CARRIED

ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION

3. MOVED by Lewis, seconded by Soprovich:

   THAT the January 16, 2012 Council Meeting open session be adjourned.

CARRIED

Council then proceeded with the closed session.

Following adjournment of the Public Hearing, the following items were considered:

RECONVENE OPEN SESSION

4. At 7:44 pm Mayor Smith reconvened the open session of the January 16, 2012 regular Council meeting with the same staff and the following Members of Council present: Councillors M. Booth, N. Gambioli, M. Lewis, and W. Soprovich.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

5. Approval of January 16, 2012 Regular Council Meeting Agenda

Councillor Cameron entered the Council Chamber at 7:45 pm.

MOVED by Lewis, seconded by Soprovich:

THAT the January 16, 2012 regular Council meeting agenda be amended by:

- adding Items 12.1 to 12.12, excluding item 12.7, regarding correspondence to the Other Items section;

AND THAT the agenda be approved as amended.

CARRIED

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

6. Adoption of Meeting Minutes

MOVED by Cameron, seconded by Soprovich:

THAT the following Minutes be adopted as circulated:

- December 12, 2011 Regular Council Meeting;
- December 14, 2011 Special Council Meeting; and
- January 11, 2012 Special Council Meeting.

CARRIED

7. Reports from Mayor and Councillors on Boards, Committees, and Working Groups

Councillor Booth reported on attendance:

- at two Youth Services Review and Implementation Committee meetings.

Councillor Soprovich reported on attendance:

- at the West Vancouver Community Centres Services Society meeting; and
- at the first meeting of the Centennial Planning Committee.

Councillor Gambioli reported on attendance:

- at the Community Grants Committee meeting on January 13, 2012;
- at the Awards Committee meeting;

- with Councillors Booth and Panz at the Environmental Protection Network Student presentation at West Vancouver Secondary School.

Mayor Smith informed that the West Vancouver Streamkeeper Society will be providing a presentation to Council at the January 23, 2012 Council meeting.

MOVED by Booth, seconded by Lewis:

THAT the oral reports from the Mayor and Councillors be received for information.

CARRIED

REPORTS

8. Development Variance Permit Application No. 11-014 (981 Kings Avenue)
(File: 1010-20-11-014)

Reports received up to and including January 16, 2012:

NAME:	DATE:	FOR COUNCIL CONSIDERATION:
Development Variance Permit Application No. 11-014 (981 Kings Avenue)	November 30, 2011	December 12, 2011/ January 16, 2012

Written Submissions received up to and including January 16, 2012:

NAME:	DATE:	FOR COUNCIL CONSIDERATION:
None received.		

A PowerPoint presentation was provided and B. Sokol (Director of Planning, Lands and Permits) spoke relative to the subject report dated November 30, 2011, site plan, building permit history and construction, details of the requested variances, and informed that the applicant was available to answer any questions.

S. Scholes (Municipal Clerk) informed that on December 12, 2011 Council set the date for consideration of the proposed Development Variance Permit for January 16, 2012 and statutory notification was provided to owners and occupiers within the notification area on December 29, 2011.

M. Evison (4087 Rose Crescent) spoke in support of the application.

Mayor Smith queried if there was anyone further wishing to speak. There was no response.

Discussion ensued and B. Sokol responded to queries of Council.

MOVED by Soprovich, seconded by Lewis:

THAT all written and verbal submissions regarding Development Variance Permit Application No. 11-014 for 981 Kings Avenue up to and including the Council Meeting held on January 16, 2012 be received for information.

CARRIED

MOVED by Soprovich, seconded by Lewis:

THAT Development Variance Permit Application No. 11-014 for 981 Kings Avenue, which would allow for an existing two-storey addition, with attached deck and stairs, to the existing dwelling to be retained, be approved.

CARRIED

9. Ambleside Village Centre Streetscape Standards Project (File: 2515-21)

A PowerPoint presentation was provided and B. Sokol (Director of Planning, Lands and Permits) spoke relative to the subject report dated January 10, 2012, the Ambleside revitalization strategy, streetscape and public realm, proposed project area and scope, proposed public engagement strategy and stakeholder consultation, and informed that the first public meeting will be held on February 9, 2012 at 6:30 pm in the Welsh Hall of the West Vancouver Memorial Library.

Discussion ensued and B. Sokol and R. Fung (Director of Engineering and Transportation) responded to queries of Council.

M. Evison (4087 Rose Crescent) requested that the Horseshoe Bay community be included in the proposed Ambleside study.

Discussion continued and B. Sokol, R. Fung and S. Scholes (Municipal Clerk) responded to queries of Council.

MOVED by Gambioli, seconded by Cameron:

THAT the report from the Manager of Community Planning dated January 10, 2012 regarding the Ambleside Village Centre Streetscape Standards Project be received for information.

CARRIED

10. Provincial Community Recreation Program Grant (File: 2160-03-JLPA1)

A. Mooi (Director of Parks and Community Services) spoke relative to the subject report dated January 3, 2012 and provided background on the Community Recreation Program Grant.

MOVED by Lewis, seconded by Soprovich:

THAT Council authorize the submission of a grant application to the British Columbia Community Recreation Program to renew, update and expand the playground and surrounding area of John Lawson Park.

Discussion ensued and A. Mooi responded to queries of Council.

The question was called on the motion.

CARRIED

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

11. Consent Agenda Items

MOVED by Cameron, seconded by Soprovich:

THAT the Consent Agenda item as follows be received for information:

- Item 11.1 – Correspondence List.

CARRIED

11.1 Correspondence List (File: 0120-24)

THAT the correspondence list be received for information.

Council Correspondence Update to December 6, 2011 (4:30 pm)

Received for Information

(1) Committee and Board Meeting Minutes – Board of Variance – September 21, 2011

(2) TransLink, November 23, 2011, regarding Moving Forward 2012 Supplemental Business Plan and Outlook

(3) City of North Vancouver, November 30, 2011, regarding Family Court and Youth Justice Committee

(4) BC Communities in Bloom, December 1, 2011, regarding Communities in Bloom Evaluation Program

Council Correspondence Update to December 9, 2011 (Noon)

Referred for Action

(1) TransLink's Access Transit Users' Advisory Committee, December 6, 2011, regarding Increase in Accessible Bus Stops in West Vancouver (Referred to Director of Engineering and Transportation for consideration and response)

Received for Information

(2) J. Harder, December 1, 2010, regarding Parking Ticket

(3) E. Schoenhoeffer, December 3, 2011, regarding Ambleside

(4) B. Copeland, December 6, 2011, regarding Bike Lane on Westport Road

(5) Owners' Strata BCS 1593 (2115-2133 Gordon Avenue) December 8, 2011, regarding Proposed Conversion of Gordon Avenue Tennis Courts to Temporary Parking

(6) Union of British Columbia Municipalities, December 8, 2011, regarding Update: RCMP Contract Negotiations

Council Correspondence Update to December 16, 2011 (Noon)

Referred for Action

(1) R. Parsons and Dr. R. Didcott, December 5, 2011, regarding Traffic Safety – 1200 Block Clyde Avenue (Referred to Director of Planning, Lands and Permits for consideration and response)

(2) 13 submissions dated December 12-15, 2011, regarding Public Tennis Courts at Civic Site – Parking (Referred to Director of Parks and Community Services for consideration and response)

Received for Information

(3) Committee and Board Meeting Minutes – Design Review Committee – September 29 and November 17, 2011

(4) 11 submissions dated December 12-15, 2011, regarding Public Tennis Courts at Civic Site – Parking

(5) C. and M. Hunter, December 13, 2011, regarding Memorial Park

(6) 2 submissions from the Union of British Columbia Municipalities, December 14, 2011, regarding UBCM Membership and RCMP Contract Management Committee: Appointments

(7) MetroVanWatch (CityHallWatch), December 15, 2011, regarding Metro Vancouver: Our aspirations for this 3-year term

Responses to Correspondence

(8) B. Sokol, Director of Planning, Lands and Permits, December 8, 2011, response to N. Thompson regarding Correspondence sent to Mayor and Council

Council Correspondence Update to December 23, 2011 (Noon)

Referred for Action

(1) Lower Mainland Treaty Advisory Committee (LMTAC), November 28, 2011, regarding LMTAC Restructuring and Next Steps (Referred to Chief Administrative Officer for consideration and response)

(2) K. Talvila, December 7, 2011, regarding Oil tanker traffic (Referred to Chief Administrative Officer for consideration and response)

(3) Real Estate Board of Greater Vancouver, December 15, 2011, regarding Home Economics: A Taxing Imbalance - Presentation to the Select Standing Committee on Finance and Government Services (Referred to Chief Administrative Officer for consideration and response)

(4) December 17, 2011, regarding Tennis Courts (Referred to Director of Parks and Community Services for consideration and response)

(5) 2 submissions dated December 17 and 18, 2011, regarding Float Plane Traffic Over Caulfeild and Noise (Referred to Chief Administrative Officer for consideration and response)

(6) M. Viswanathan, December 20, 2011, regarding Lighting (Referred to Director of Engineering and Transportation for consideration and response)

(7) J. Erlichman, undated, regarding Traffic Calming Measures on 21st Street (Referred to Director of Engineering and Transportation for consideration and response)

Received for Information

(8) Committee and Board Meeting Minutes – Community Grants Committee – July 15, October 14, and December 6, 2011

(9) Lower Mainland Treaty Advisory Committee, December 5, 2011, regarding Lower Mainland Local Government Treaty Table Representatives

(10) 2 submissions dated December 17 and 18, 2011, regarding Public Tennis Courts at Civic Site – Parking

(11) Lower Mainland Local Government Association (LMLGA), December 9, 2011, regarding Invitation to Apply to LMLGA Board

(12) 2 submissions from the Union of British Columbia Municipalities, dated December 19 and 21, 2011, regarding RCMP Contract: Technical Briefing Sessions and BC Police and Crime Data

(13) D. Gostling, December 22, 2011, regarding A letter to Dr. Perry Kendall with Crucial information re Smart Meters

Responses to Correspondence

(14) R. Fung, Director of Engineering and Transportation, December 19, 2011, response to R. Sleath and H. McCain regarding Increase in Accessible Bus Stops in West Vancouver

(15) A. Mooi, Director of Parks and Community Services, December 20, 2011, response to 12 submissions regarding Public Tennis Courts at Civic Site – Parking

(16) R. Fung, Director of Engineering and Transportation, December 21, 2011, response to A. Laird regarding Street Light at Haywood between 15th and 16th

(17) R. Fung, Director of Engineering and Transportation, December 21, 2011, response to J. Erlichman regarding 21st Street Pedestrian Safety and Traffic Calming Project

(18) R. Fung, Director of Engineering and Transportation, December 22, 2011, response to M. Viswanathan regarding Lighting

Council Correspondence Update to December 30, 2011 (Noon)

Referred for Action

(1) BC Community Living Action Group, December 23, 2011, regarding Crisis in BC's Community Living Sector – Request for Support (Referred to Mayor for consideration and response)

(2) R. Sultan, December 15, 2011, regarding Tennis Courts (Referred to Director of Parks and Community Services for consideration and response)

(3) December 15, 2011, regarding Property Assessment Concerns (Referred to Director of Financial Services for consideration and response)

(4) J. Menzies, December 29, 2011, regarding Traffic Problems (Referred to Director of Engineering and Transportation for consideration and response)

Received for Information

(5) G. Ortynsky, December 23, 2011, regarding Waterfront Houses

Council Correspondence Update to January 6, 2012 (Noon)

Referred for Action

(1) K. Pendreigh, January 3, 2012, regarding Tennis Court Removal (Referred to Director of Parks and Community Services for consideration and response)

(2) L. Anderson, January 4, 2012, regarding Correspondence Dated November 21, 2011 (Pedestrians and Speeding Vehicles) (Referred to Chief Constable for consideration and response)

Received for Information

(3) Hollyburn Heritage Society, January 3, 2012, regarding Hollyburn Heritage Society Annual Report for 2011

(4) BC Hydro, December 22, 2011, regarding Congratulations On 2011 Local Government Election and BC Hydro Planning For The Next 50 Years

(5) A. and B. Machesney, January 1, 2012, regarding Aircraft Traffic Over Caulfeild

(6) Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM), December 22, 2011, regarding Nominations: UBCM Small Water Systems Working Group

(7) P. Hundal, January 3, 2012, regarding Navvy Jack House

Responses to Correspondence

(8) A. Mooi, Director of Parks and Community Services, January 5, 2012, response to P. Stott regarding Gordon Avenue Parking

Council Correspondence Update to January 10, 2012 (4:30 pm)

Referred for Action

(1) Dundarave Festival of Lights Society, January 3, 2012, regarding Request for Delegation - Dundarave Festival of Lights 2011 (Referred to Municipal Clerk for response)

Received for Information

(2) Committee and Board Meeting Minutes – West Vancouver Memorial Library Board, November 16, 2011

(3) Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM), January 6, 2012, regarding RCMP Contract – Technical Briefings Update.

OTHER ITEMS

12. At Council's request the following correspondence was brought forward for discussion.

12.1 Lower Mainland Treaty Advisory Committee (LMTAC), November 28, 2011, regarding LMTAC Restructuring and Next Steps (Referred to Chief Administrative Officer for consideration and response)

12.2 R. Parsons and Dr. R. Didcott, December 5, 2011, regarding Traffic Safety – 1200 Block Clyde Avenue (Referred to Director of Planning, Lands and Permits for consideration and response)

12.3 R. Sultan, December 15, 2011, regarding Tennis Courts (Referred to Director of Parks and Community Services for consideration and response)

12.4 N. Thompson, December 16, 2011, regarding Proposed Changes to Public Skating Times at West Vancouver Ice Arena

12.5 D. Johnstone, December 17, 2011, regarding Public Tennis Courts at Civic Site - Parking

12.6 D. Gostling, December 22, 2011, regarding A letter to Dr. Perry Kendall with Crucial information re Smart Meters

12.8 J. Menzies, December 29, 2011, regarding Traffic Problems (Referred to Director of Engineering and Transportation for consideration and response)

12.9 K. Pendreigh, January 3, 2012, regarding Tennis Court Removal (Referred to Director of Parks and Community Services for consideration and response)

12.10 December 15, 2011, regarding Property Assessment Concerns

12.11 J. Milligan, December 17, 2011, regarding Float Plane Traffic Over Caulfeild and Noise

12.12 December 18, 2011, regarding Float Plane Traffic Over Caulfeild and Noise.

With respect to item 12.1 regarding Lower Mainland Treaty Advisory Committee (LMTAC) Restructuring and Next Steps, G. McRadu (Chief Administrative Officer) spoke relative to funding provided by Metro Vancouver to the Aboriginal Affairs Committee, the

purpose and membership of the LMTAC, and staff's recommendation regarding funding.

With respect to item 12.2 regarding Traffic Safety – 1200 Block Clyde Avenue, discussion ensued and Council requested that staff report back regarding potential interim remedial efforts to address the safety concerns of residents. B. Sokol (Director of Planning, Lands and Permits) noted that the Planning department will consult with the Engineering and Transportation department on this matter.

A. Mooi (Director of Parks and Community Services) responded to queries of Council regarding item 12.4 - Proposed Changes to Public Skating Times at West Vancouver Ice Arena and provided information regarding arena use and scheduling, establishment of a community consultation group, and informed that a report would be provided to Council on the group's progress.

Discussion ensued relative to item 12.6 - Smart Meters. Council requested staff to provide Council with copies of the work that has been done with respect to this issue.

With respect to item 12.8 regarding Traffic Problems, G. McRadu and R. Fung (Director of Engineering and Transportation) noted that staff will review this matter and if appropriate will refer the matter to the West Vancouver School District Traffic and Safety Committee.

With respect to items 12.3, 12.5, and 12.9 regarding Tennis Courts, discussion ensued relative to the number of correspondence items received regarding conversion of the public tennis courts at the civic site.

In response to a Council query regarding item 12.10 regarding Property Assessment Concerns, N. Leemhuis (Director of Financial Services) spoke relative to the role of BC Assessment, notification to home owners with increased assessments, and the potential impacts on the 2012 budget.

Discussion ensued relative to items 12.11 and 12.12 regarding Float Plane Traffic Over Caulfeild and Noise.

MOVED by Soprovich, seconded by Lewis:

THAT staff be directed to send a letter to the scheduled airlines that operate float plane service over West Vancouver notifying of residents concerns with the noise and copy to Transport Canada and Nav Canada.

Discussion continued.

The question was called on the motion.

CARRIED

MOVED by Cameron, seconded by Gambioli:

THAT items 12.1 to 12.12 be received for information.

CARRIED

PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS

13. Public Questions and Comments

I. Bodie (1376 11th Street) spoke relative to the secondary suite program and the annual licensing fee, licensing fees in other municipalities, and conveyed concerns regarding the extension of the registration date.

Discussion ensued and B. Sokol (Director of Planning, Lands and Permit provided information relative to secondary suites.

C. Reynolds (Editor, West Van Matters) spoke relative to adjournment of the Public Hearing regarding secondary suite parking and expressed appreciation for the public consultation process and inclusion of residents associations as part of the Ambleside Village Centre Streetscape Standards Project.

Mayor Smith queried if there was anyone further wishing to speak. There was no response.

ADJOURNMENT

14. Adjournment of January 16, 2012 Council Meeting

MOVED by Booth, seconded by Soprovich:

THAT the January 16, 2012 Council Meeting be adjourned.
(8:57 pm)

CARRIED

Certified Correct:

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MAYOR

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MUNICIPAL CLERK