

THE CORPORATION OF THE DISTRICT OF WEST VANCOUVER  
REGULAR MEETING COUNCIL MINUTES  
MUNICIPAL HALL COUNCIL CHAMBER  
MONDAY, MARCH 23, 2009

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**COUNCIL:**

Mayor P. Goldsmith-Jones; Councillors M. Evison, M. Lewis, T. Panz, M. Smith, W.S. Soprovich and S. Walker.

**STAFF:**

G. McRadu, Chief Administrative Officer; B. Leigh, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer; S. Scholes, Municipal Clerk; R. Fung, Director of Engineering and Transportation; R. Laing, Director of Finance; B. Sokol, Director of Planning, Lands and Permits; A. Mooi, Director of Parks and Community Services; and M. Panneton, Recording Clerk.

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 pm.

B. Brink (Chair, West Vancouver Community Centres Services Society) informed of the West Vancouver Community Centre official opening on March 28, 2009 and activities planned throughout the day.

Mayor Goldsmith-Jones spoke relative to Earth Hour at 8:30 pm on March 28, 2009 when West Vancouverites can join millions of Canadians in turning out their lights for an hour, and commented regarding the District's signing of the Climate Action Charter.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

1. Approval of March 23, 2009 Regular Council Meeting Agenda

MOVED by Walker, seconded by Soprovich:

THAT the March 23, 2009 Regular Council Meeting agenda be amended by:

- moving Item 9 (2010 Olympic Games Transportation Plan) to new Item 3.1;
- adding to Item 5 (5 Year Financial Plan Bylaw No. 4592, 2009) a revised Schedule B;
- adding to Item 7 (Remedial Action for Excavation at 856 Anderson Crescent) a report dated March 23, 2009 regarding Amended Resolution – Remedial Action for Excavation at 856 Anderson Crescent;

- moving Item 10 (Development Permit Application No. 09-008, Area 2 of Rodgers Creek, 2600 Block Chippendale Road) and Item 11 (Development Permit Application No. 09-010, Mulgrave School, Early Learning Centre, 2330 Cypress Bowl Lane) to the Consent Agenda as Items 17.1 and 17.2, respectively;
- adding to the Correspondence List items (7.1), (16.1a), (16.1b), (16.1c) and (21.1)

AND THAT the agenda be approved as amended.

**CARRIED**

### **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

#### **2. Adoption of March 2, 2009 Regular Council Minutes**

Mayor Goldsmith Jones referred to Item 4 (Draft 2009 Proposed Budget Presentation) of the March 2, 2009 minutes and requested an amendment to the last line of the third paragraph.

MOVED by Lewis, seconded by Evison:

THAT the Minutes of the March 2, 2009 regular Council Meeting be amended in Item 4 (Draft 2009 Proposed Budget Presentation) in the last line of the third paragraph to delete the word “have”; AND THAT the March 2, 2009 Minutes, as amended, be adopted.

**CARRIED**

### **DELEGATIONS**

#### **3. D. Bickford and J. Morningstar, regarding Spuraway Bus Service (File: 3294-01)**

D. Bickford spoke relative to the benefits of the Spuraway bus service and requested that the service be extended to include weekends and holidays.

J. Morningstar spoke on behalf of the Spuraway Strata Council relative to the need for increased bus services in the growing community, and thanked Council for implementing the community shuttle service.

MOVED by Soprovich, seconded by Smith:

THAT Council thank D. Bickford and J. Morningstar for the delegation regarding Spuraway Bus Service; and that staff provide a report to Council in relation to the requested bus service.

**CARRIED**

## REPORTS

### **3.1 2010 Olympic Games Transportation Plan (File: 0155-07)**

B. Dozzi (Manager, Roads and Transportation) provided a PowerPoint presentation and spoke relative to the 2010 Olympic Games Transportation Plan, including strategies to relieve traffic congestion in West Vancouver and collaboration with Olympic partners on transportation issues.

Discussion ensued relative to the transportation plans for the Olympic events to be held at Cypress Mountain.

MOVED by Panz, seconded by Soprovich:

THAT the oral update regarding 2010 Olympic Games Transportation Plan be received for information.

CARRIED

### **4. University of British Columbia Masters of Landscape Architecture Studio Partnership (File: 2190-01)**

S. Jenkins (Manager, Sustainability, Environment and Healthy Communities) introduced the presentation and described the partnership with the University in supporting the students' project exploring the role of landscape planning in the British Properties.

S. Sheppard (Professor, University of British Columbia) provided a PowerPoint presentation and spoke relative to the project origin, why the British Properties was chosen as the study area, local climate change visioning, the students' course work, findings and recommendations, and project goals.

E. Pond spoke relative to presentation slides regarding energy usage, carbon accounting, renewable energy, transportation alternatives, and provided information on project components, research techniques, data, and project results.

M. Kashani spoke relative to presentation slides regarding the study area of one household for high tech solutions that was used for her project and described household renewable energy options, emission sources, reductions and retrofits.

E. Pond and S. Jenkins introduced a short video of a funicular system for the British Properties that was developed by one of the students.

Discussion ensued relative to the final report's completion, whether the report could be provided to the Climate Action Working Group, and expectations to reduce emission sources by 2012. S. Jenkins informed that a report would be brought forward to Council in 2009.

MOVED by Evison, seconded by Panz:

THAT

1. Council receive for information the report dated February 24, 2009 from the Manager of Environment and Sustainability and presentation material regarding the findings of the UBC graduate students;
2. Council request staff to consider the findings and recommendations of the studio for implementation where feasible; and
3. Council support similar partnerships with academic institutions; and
4. Council refer the findings to the Climate Action Working Group.

Discussion ensued relative to the report, challenges regarding infill housing and possible requirements for new bylaws.

The question was called on the motion.

CARRIED

**5. 5 Year Financial Plan Bylaw No. 4592, 2009** (File: 1610-20-4592/0860-01)

D. Marley spoke relative to his written submission regarding the 2009 budget, operating costs of government, economic crisis, and the proposed tax increase .

A. Orr-Ewing (Caulfeild Drive) on behalf of ITAC, spoke relative to specific components of the budget, current economic climate, capital budget and spending.

Councillor Soprovich left the meeting at 8:04 pm and returned at 8:05 pm.

G. Polman (2635 Westhill Way) for ITAC, spoke relative to his written submission regarding the 2009 budget, the proposed tax increase, economic crisis, and referred to recommendations in the written submission.

C. Reynolds (Editor WV Matters) spoke relative to salary increases, zero base budgeting, reorganization, and suggested more opportunity and time should be provided to review the budget and provide recommendations.

G. McRadu (Chief Administrative Officer) spoke relative to the proposed budget and tax rate, changes in senior staff, strategic planning, the implementation of the Balanced Scorecard method of performance measurement and the current economic situation.

Mayor Goldsmith-Jones provided introductory comments relative to the 5 Year Financial Plan Bylaw.

*Tonight marks the introduction of this Council's first budget.*

*We have invested hours as a group, working with staff, to bring forward a 2.95% increase for public debate and consideration. This budget process has enabled our new Council to learn about the organization, and for our staff to hear Council's common expectation that the corporation needs to be ready to partner with others, ready to leverage dollars from senior levels of government, and ready to change the way we do business.*

*We know that our first job as a Council is to work with the community to create a long term strategic plan. Without testing the ideas Councillors have brought forward –reduction of energy use and solid waste, development of taxpayer owned properties to increase revenue, relocation of the Museum to play a stronger role in the economy of Ambleside, piloting alternative forms of housing, partnering in policing initiatives – in a proper strategic planning process, this budget is bare bones. It assumes that the strategic planning we will begin in April will inform the next budget AND will describe the way we see the future of West Vancouver, not the past.*

*We have, however, taken immediate action to:*

- *Restructure the corporation to reduce the size of government and achieve better synergy and performance of our staff*
- *require the Fire Department to manage within its overtime budget*
- *keep recreation fees current with costs, but also to introduce a super seniors fee in recognition of those over 75*
- *make significant cuts, but stop short of closure of facilities*

*We continue to aggressively target investment by senior levels of government. This budget provides for matching dollars required for:*

- *childcare spaces*
- *Ambleside sewer upgrade*
- *Montizambert Creek water filtration*
- *A 3<sup>rd</sup> artificial turf field*

*At a lunch with the Premier today, he talked about the necessity of long term planning, and the challenge as a politician, of not getting sidetracked by short term thinking. I believe in this Council, and this Executive Team, and in our common desire to move as quickly as we can to plan for the long term in a changed world.*

*The introduction of this budget is also an indicator of our first quarter achievements as a Council. Compared to others in the Lower Mainland, we're coming in with the lowest increase. We're motivated to treat local government initiatives as business units, and having performance measures in place by the fall. We meet twice a month instead of every Monday, to maximize staff efficiency between meetings. We're keen to diversify our tax base. Our new working groups are focused on the Spirit Trail, climate change and transportation overall. We want to make decisions that are the right ones for the next 100 years, which means that the strategic planning process will take into account what we need to let go of.*

*We set out to bring forward a very modest budget and to signal that we are tackling the assumptions local government has been founded upon.*

MOVED by Soprovich, seconded by Evison:

THAT "5 Year Financial Plan Bylaw No. 4592, 2009" be introduced and read a first and second time.

Discussion ensued relative to development of the 2009 budget, public input, strategic planning process, introduction of key performance indicators, operating costs of district facilities, fire and police department budgets, labour costs, zero base budgeting, improvements to the budget cycle, monthly verbal reports on the budget, the need for new revenue sources, and planning for development of the 2010 budget.

The question was called on the motion.

**CARRIED**

## **6. Special Council Meeting**

MOVED by Smith, seconded by Evison:

THAT a Special Council Meeting be scheduled for Monday, March 30, 2009 at 7:00 pm in the Municipal Hall Council Chamber.

**CARRIED**

7. **Remedial Action for Excavation at 856 Anderson Crescent** (File: 1605-07)  
**Additional Information Report: Amended Resolution – Remedial Action for Excavation at 856 Anderson Crescent**

MOVED by Panz, seconded by Soprovich:

THAT Council considers that the excavation located on the Property at 856 Anderson Crescent, West Vancouver, and legally described as Lot 5, block 3, DL 1048, Plan 6735 (the "Property") creates an unsafe condition that poses a significant risk to the safety of both persons on the Property and to persons on adjoining properties;

AND THAT Council therefore resolves that within 30 days of receiving a copy of this resolution, the owner of the Property is required to:

1. Place excavated soil backfill against the west, north and east sides of the excavation such that it extends from the base of the excavation to the top of the existing scarp of the excavation at a slope angle not exceeding 1V:1.5 H (34°). The backfill should be well compacted by impacting it with the bucket of an excavator or by other conventional compaction methods;
2. Remove the remnant piece of rock and concrete wall resting on the gas line. Provide protection to the exposed portion of the gas line in accordance with regulatory requirements;
3. Extend existing portions of the soil backfill up to the base of the concrete staircase;
4. Completely cover the west, north and east walls of the excavation with polyethylene sheeting;
5. Install suitable works to intercept and collect surface water flowing down the driveway at 866 Anderson Crescent such that it cannot flow into the excavation;
6. Position the existing steel fence such that it is setback a minimum of 1 metre from the crest (top of scarp) of the excavation;
7. Maintain the existing lighting and signage;
8. Block pedestrian access to the concrete staircase;
9. A registered professional geotechnical engineer must monitor the stability of the excavation on a bi-monthly basis.

**CARRIED**

**8. March 23, 2009 Strategic Planning Update (File: 0270-07)**

B. Leigh (Deputy Chief Administrative Officer) provided a PowerPoint presentation and spoke relative to his report and components of the strategic planning process including timeline, public consultation, and establishment and implementation of goals and priorities.

MOVED by Walker, seconded by Soprovich:

THAT Council support the outline of deliverables and attendant schedule for Strategic Planning as presented in the Deputy CAO's report of March 23, 2009.

Discussion ensued relative to upcoming meetings for the strategic planning process, on-line forum, timing and methods for public consultation.

The questioned was called on the motion.

CARRIED

**9. 2010 Olympic Games Transportation Plan (File: 0155-07)**

Moved to Item 3.1.

**10. Development Permit Application No. 09-008 for Area 2 of Rodgers Creek (2600 block Chippendale Road) (File: 1010-20-09-008)**

Moved to Item 17.1.

**11. Development Permit Application No. 09-010, 2330 Cypress Bowl Lane (Mulgrave School, Early Learning Centre) (File: 1010-20-09-010)**

Moved to Item 17.2.

**12. Update on Terms of Reference for a Social Action Plan Working Group**  
(File: 0117-20-CGNS/0117-20-SOCA)

MOVED by Soprovich, seconded by Panz:

THAT

1. The development of a Terms of Reference for the Social Action Plan Working Group be deferred to 2010 pending completion of the District's Strategic Planning process in 2009;
2. The "Blueprint for Social Responsibility and Change" be included as background in the District's Strategic Planning Process.

Discussion ensued relative to the terms of reference for a Social Action Plan Working Group.

The question was called on the motion.

**CARRIED**

**13. North Shore Advisory Committee on Disability Issues Review of 2008 Committee Work and 2009 Workplan and Budget** (File: 0180-18-06)

MOVED by Lewis, seconded by Walker:

THAT

1. The North Shore Advisory Committee on Disability Issues 2009 Workplan be approved; and
2. The budget request for a one third share (\$4,200) of the total budget (\$12,600) be approved utilizing existing funds within the Grants in Aid budget (the funds of which have already been provisionally allocated in the draft 2009 Budget).

Council commented relative to the work of the Committee.

The question was called on the motion.

**CARRIED**

**14. Management of Single-Use/Disposable Shopping Bags (File: 0190-09-01)**

MOVED by Panz, seconded by Soprovich:

THAT

1. Council informs the Ministry of Environment and Metro Vancouver that the District of West Vancouver supports an Extended Producer Responsibility program for the management of disposable shopping bags; and
2. Whereas the Retail industry has voluntarily committed to a 50% reduction in the use of disposable shopping bags over the next 5 years, Council supports Metro Vancouver's education and outreach initiatives designed to encourage this goal.

Discussion ensued relative to the management of disposable shopping bags.

The question was called on the motion.

**CARRIED**

**BYLAWS**

**15. Delegation Bylaw No. 4580, 2008, Amendment Bylaw No. 4591, 2009**

(File: 1610-20-4591)

MOVED by Smith, seconded by Soprovich:

THAT Delegation Bylaw No. 4580, 2008, Amendment Bylaw No. 4591, 2009 be adopted.

**CARRIED**

**CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**

**16. Consent Agenda Items – Reports and Correspondence**

MOVED by Evison, seconded by Walker:

THAT the Consent Agenda items as follows be approved:

- Item 17 – 2009 Appointments to Working Groups
- Item 18 – Correspondence List with the exception of items (10), (14) and (15).

**CARRIED**

**REPORTS FOR CONSENT AGENDA**

**17. 2009 Appointments to Working Groups (File: 0117-01)**

THAT the memorandum dated March 17, 2009 titled "2009 Appointments to Working Groups" be received for information.

**17.1 Development Permit Application No. 09-008 for Area 2 of Rodgers Creek (2600 block Chippendale Road) (File: 1010-20-09-008)**

Discussion ensued and B. Sokol (Director of Planning, Lands and Permits) responded to queries.

THAT the report from the Manager, Community Planning dated March 11, 2009 regarding Development Permit Application No. 09-008 for Area 2 of Rodgers Creek (2600 block Chippendale Road) be received for information.

Councillor Walker informed of a potential conflict of interest with respect to Item 17.2 noting that her daughter will be attending the Mulgrave School Early Learning centre and left the meeting at 9:27 pm.

**17.2 Development Permit Application No. 09-010, 2330 Cypress Bowl Lane (Mulgrave School, Early Learning Centre) (File: 1010-20-09-010)**

Discussion ensued.

THAT the Council Report from the Senior Urban Design Planner, dated March 10, 2009, entitled Development Permit 09-010, 2330 Cypress Bowl Lane (Mulgrave School, Early Learning Centre) be received for information.

MOVED by Evison, seconded by Soprovich:

THAT Item 17.1 (Development Permit Application No. 09-008 for Area 2 of Rodgers Creek, 2600 block Chippendale Road) and Item 17.2 (Development Permit Application No. 09-010, 2330 Cypress Bowl Lane, Mulgrave School, Early Learning Centre) be received.

**CARRIED**

Councillor Walker returned to the meeting at 9:29 pm.

**CORRESPONDENCE LIST FOR CONSENT AGENDA**

**18. Correspondence List (File: 0120-24)**

Discussion ensued relative to item (10) regarding Concerns about Property Development.

Discussion ensued relative to item (14) regarding Update on the Status of the Fisherman's Cove Fuel Barge, and B. Sokol (Director of Planning, Lands, and Permits) responded to queries.

Discussion ensued relative to item (15) regarding Trees and Invasive Species, and A. Mooi (Director of Parks and Community Services) responded to queries.

MOVED by Evison, seconded by Walker:

THAT correspondence items (10), (14), and (15) be received for information.

**CARRIED**

*Correspondence received up to February 27, 2009*

Requests for Delegation

No items presented.

Action Required

- (1) February 21, 2009, regarding West Vancouver Police Department  
Referred to Acting Chief Constable for consideration and response.

No Action Required (receipt only)

- (2) Committee and Board Meeting Minutes
  - (a) Design Review Committee – October 9, 2008
  - (b) West Vancouver Memorial Library Board – January 21, 2009
- (3) February 21, 2009, regarding Proposed Rezoning of 2190 Camelot Road
- (4) R. Matthies, Vancouver Gadgeteers, February 24, 2009, regarding Water Boosted Gasoline Scooter
- (5) J. Godey, The Rotary Clubs of the North Shore, February 16, 2009, regarding Operation Red Nose 2008
- (6) Mayor D. Corrigan, City of Burnaby, February 18, 2009, regarding Burnaby School Lands

Responses to Correspondence

- (7) Mayor Goldsmith-Jones, February 23, 2009, response regarding April as Oral Health Month
  - (7.1) Mayor Goldsmith Jones, February 23, 2009, response regarding Chief Heed's Trip

Responses to Questions in Question Period

No items presented.

*Correspondence received up to March 6, 2009*

Requests for Delegation

No items presented.

Action Required

- (8) March 5, 2009, regarding Snow Removal/Maintenance on 18th Street between Queens Avenue and Rosebery Avenue  
Referred to Director of Engineering and Transportation for consideration and response.
- (9) March 1, 2009, regarding North Side Sidewalks on Marine Drive at 24<sup>th</sup> Street  
Referred to Director of Engineering and Transportation for consideration and response.

(10) Undated, regarding Concerns about Property Development

Referred to Director of Planning, Lands and Permits for consideration and response.

No Action Required (receipt only)

(11) March 4, 2009, regarding Policing Costs and Effectiveness

(12) Hon. D. Black, Member of Parliament, February 24, 2009, regarding Support for Bill C-315 to Amend Criminal Code

(13) March 6, 2009, regarding Budget 2009

Responses to Correspondence

(14) B. Sokol, Director of Planning, Lands and Permits, February 27, 2009, regarding Update on the Status of the Fisherman's Cove Fuel Barge

(15) A. Mooi, Director of Parks and Community Services, March 6, 2009, regarding Trees and Invasive Species

Responses to Questions in Question Period

No items presented.

*Correspondence received up to March 13, 2009*

Requests for Delegation

No items presented.

Action Required

(16) March 15, 2009, regarding Dog Walking and the Seawall

Referred to Director of Planning, Lands and Permits for consideration and response.

No Action Required (receipt only)

(16.1) 2009 Proposed Budget (On-Table)

(a) D. O. Marley, March 23, 2009

(b) Interested Taxpayer's Action Committee (S. Hean, President),  
March 23, 2009

(c) Interested Taxpayer's Action Committee (G. Polman), March 23, 2009

(17) S. Dowey, City of North Vancouver, March 5, 2009, regarding Lights Out Across Canada For Earth Hour - March 28, 2009

(18) M. Hunt, Metro Vancouver Waste Management Committee, March 6, 2009, regarding Upcoming Public Meetings on the Proposed Waste Export Amendment to Metro Vancouver's Solid Waste Management Plan

(19) A. Sundberg and S. Papadionissiou, Greater Vancouver Regional Steering Committee on Homelessness, March 9, 2009, regarding Revised 2008 Homeless Count Report

- (20) March 12, 2009, regarding Marine Drive Bridge over Capilano River
- (21) C. Day, Office of Canada's Transport and Infrastructure Minister, and A. Paine, Ministry of Community Development, March 13, 2009, regarding Canada, BC Support Infrastructure, Small Communities
- (21.1) G. Kabatoff, Canada Post Corporation, March 19, 2009, regarding Canada Post Outlet in Dundarave

#### Responses to Correspondence

- (22) A. Mooi, Director of Parks and Community Services, March 12, 2009, regarding West Vancouver Family Place Society – Request to Establish a Service Agreement and Funding

#### Responses to Questions in Question Period

No items presented.

### **REPORTS FROM MAYOR AND COUNCILLORS**

#### **19. Oral Reports from Mayor and Councillors**

Councillor Soprovich spoke relative to the origin of District's helmet bylaw, the District's resolution regarding helmet safety considered by the Federation of Canadian Municipalities and the progress of the private member's bill regarding helmet standards, lack of helmet safety standards in Canada, 2010 Olympics, and noted that West Vancouver was the first municipality to pass a helmet bylaw.

Councillor Panz reported on the first meeting of the Climate Action Working Group and the provision of progress reports on the group's work.

Councillor Evison reported on a recent West Vancouver Youth Band concert, attendance with the Mayor at the opening of the Lyle Wilson exhibit at the museum, and the Ali Shahidi exhibition at the Ferry Building Gallery.

Mayor Goldsmith-Jones with respect to Norwuz, wished everyone a happy new year.

MOVED by Lewis, seconded by Soprovich:

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

**CARRIED**

### **PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS**

#### **20. Public Questions and Comments**

C. Reynolds queried relative to the capital plan, monthly budget reports, consideration of road ends for sale, whether the Finance Committee will be reviewing the budget before March 30, and suggested that some facility be provided at the Library, Community Centre and Seniors' Centre for the public to comment on the strategic plan, for those who unable to participate online.

G. McRadu informed that there will not be a Finance Committee meeting before March 30 and Mayor Goldsmith-Jones provided information regarding the capital budget.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**21. Adjournment of March 23, 2009 Meeting of Council**

MOVED by Smith, second by Panz:

THAT the March 23, 2009 Meeting of Council be adjourned.  
(9:43 pm)

**CARRIED**

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