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THE CORPORATION OF THE DISTRICT OF WEST VANCOUVER  
SPECIAL COUNCIL MINUTES  
MUNICIPAL HALL COUNCIL CHAMBER  
MONDAY, MARCH 30, 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 7:00 pm.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**1. Approval of March 30, 2009 Special Council Meeting Agenda**

MOVED by Evison, seconded by Soprovich:

THAT the March 30, 2009 Special Council meeting agenda be amended by:

- adding five correspondence items to Item 2 regarding 5 year Financial Plan Bylaw No. 4592, 2009;

AND THAT the agenda be approved as amended.

**CARRIED**

**BYLAWS**

**2. 5 Year Financial Plan Bylaw No. 4592, 2009 (File: 1610-20-4592)**

Correspondence: C. Reynolds, March 24, March 25, and March 29, 2009; and R. Laing, Director of Finance, March 30, 2009.

C. Reynolds (Editor WV Matters, 1497 Marine Drive) spoke relative to the budget process and timing, timing of strategic plan, budget process for 2010, queried whether the Finance Committee will review the budget, and requested more time to look at decisions made by Council.

R. Day (1210 Sinclair Street) spoke relative to the budget, maintenance of service levels, and spoke in support of the budget.

R. Laing (Director of Finance) informed that he had reviewed the written submissions to Council and prepared responses, spoke relative to the current economic situation and the budget, the proposed tax rate increase, expenditure structure, West Vancouver's costs as compared to North Vancouver and different factors attributable to service levels, staffing levels, lack of industrial tax base in West Vancouver and that residential property taxes bear the brunt of the tax load, the user pay emphasis resulting from the Fiscal Sustainability Task Force's recommendations, property taxes and local government taxation.

MOVED by Soprovich, seconded by Evison:

THAT 5 Year Financial Plan Bylaw No. 4592, 2009 be read a third time.

Discussion ensued relative to the work in developing the 2009 budget, timing of the budget process, strategic plan process and performance measurement, and monthly budget reviews. G. McRadu (Chief Administrative Officer) commented regarding the provision of future budget processes and timing. Mayor Goldsmith-Jones and G. McRadu responded to Council queries regarding the status of the Finance Committee, performance measurement, and examples of how budgeting could be done differently.

The question was called on the motion.

**CARRIED**

## **REPORTS**

### **3. Federal Infrastructure Funds (File: 1765-14/1815-05)**

MOVED by Lewis, seconded by Soprovich:

THAT Council authorizes submission of the following applications under the Building Canada Fund – Communities Component: the Ambleside Sewer Rehabilitation Project and the Montizambert Creek Water Treatment Project, as the municipality's first and second priorities, respectively.

Discussion ensued relative to Montizambert Creek, including water treatment, environmental impact, and project costs.

The question was called on the motion.

**CARRIED**

## **PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS**

### **4. Public Questions and Comments**

C. Reynolds (Editor WV Matters, 1497 Marine Drive) queried relative to preparation of the 2010 budget, whether the Finance Committee would be able to review the budget, and commented regarding the 2009 budget book. Mayor Goldsmith-Jones and B. Leigh (Deputy Chief Administrative Officer) provided information regarding the timing of the 2009 budget and the strategic planning process.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**5. Adjournment of March 30, 2009 Meeting of Council**

MOVED by Smith, seconded by Soprovich:

THAT the March 30, 2009 Meeting of Council be adjourned.  
(7:57 pm)

**CARRIED**

Certified Correct:

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