

THE CORPORATION OF THE DISTRICT OF WEST VANCOUVER
REGULAR COUNCIL MINUTES
MUNICIPAL HALL COUNCIL CHAMBER
FEBRUARY 2, 2009

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, Acting Director of Parks and Community Services; and M. Chan, Deputy Municipal Clerk.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 pm.

Mayor Goldsmith-Jones spoke relative to the issuing of the occupancy permit for the new Community Centre and the upcoming opening day event.

B. Brink (Chair, Community Centres Services Society) spoke in relation to the opening day event at the Community Centre to be held on March 28, 2009.

Mayor Goldsmith-Jones provided her State of the Community speech (originally presented at the West Vancouver Chamber of Commerce Breakfast Meeting on January 28, 2009) as follows:

Have you read Jim Collins' book Good to Great? Our CAO, Grant McRadu, is a fan of this book, so I am going to say that this morning is not just a good morning, this is a great morning. It isn't snowing; Bill Soprovich actually made it this morning; last night the Streamkeepers hosted Barry Penner, Minister of the Environment up at Mulgrave School and our School Board hosted a first class forum on substance abuse. Also, it is an honour to serve as Mayor, for a second term.

We have a wonderful new Council. They bring with them great energy and new thinking, which, along with our two experienced Councillors has brought palpable enthusiasm and focus at City hall. Each of us campaigned as individuals and each of us brings a different perspective. Our priority as we begin this term is our commitment to creating and implementing a strategic plan, tied to a long term financial plan, and driven by annual budgets.

The election in November was competitive, challenging and provided the community with very different viewpoints and leadership styles from each of the candidates for Mayor. Although none of us put it this way at the time, I think the question for the community was "Are we going to take our eyes up off the dashboard and envision what

the 21st century should look like, for West Vancouver?” And not only that, but where does the hope lie, for creating sustainability in every sense of the word – for our elders and young people, for those living with a disability; for our tax base; for our water supply, creeks, forests and foreshore; for our local economy; for the people our housing stock is supposed to be for.

Looking back, previous Councils have made some very sound long term planning decisions, such as the creation of the Endowment Fund from the long term pre-paid lease of 320 Taylor Way, the planning and implementation of the Recreation Facilities Master Plan, the Eagle Lake Water Filtration Plant and water metering, an updated Official Community Plan, and the new direction for sustainable development in the Upper Lands through the Rodgers Creek Area Plan.

To return to the imperative this Council has set for itself, and building on the beginning of the previous Council, we know that a strong, restorative economy demands that tax dollars be invested in securing clean air, clean energy, healthy living, and shared responsibility for our quality of life and the quality of life for the generations to follow us. We have seen the success of building partnerships that contribute to community goals. We know we need to focus on asset management to maintain and be able to replace municipal facilities including underground infrastructure. This is obviously receiving new attention as a result of the federal government’s interest in infrastructure investment. We know we can improve our tax base as well, by capitalizing on our land assets, and by using our legislative tools better.

Budget and taxation were front and centre in this past election. Although our tax increases have stayed the lowest or second lowest in the region for 8 years, and although we know we have services that are above average and also very rooted in the local character of West Vancouver, and although the three most recent polls taken show that the majority of people support the services we provide, this Council remains very concerned about how to continue to provide these levels of service.

A November 2008 report by the Canada West Foundation argues two things: one, across Canada municipal taxation is not out of control, in fact property taxes are currently at some of the lowest levels seen in the past 45 years. Analysis shows that municipal property taxes are at their lowest level relative to personal disposable income since 1990. However, and secondly, property taxation alone is just not going to be able to cope with future demands for investment. What we need to be shooting for is a way to reduce property taxation somewhat, and to replace the gap with other revenue sharing alternatives.

Council and staff have spent a lot of time in our first few months figuring out how to construct a 2009 budget to reflect the current economic reality, how we move quickly to a strategic planning process, and how we tie future annual budgets beginning in 2010 and our long term financial health, to that plan. I am grateful to be working with Councillors who are capable and willing to put aside small “p” politics in favour of the big picture.

We have real confidence in the working group process initiated in the last term. New members of Council served on working groups or on the Finance Committee – the talent that has developed through community engagement is now hard at work combining long term community health with long term financial planning.

To use the Rodgers Creek working group as an example, its efforts have generated quite a bit of interest in the urban planning, academic and development communities. I have just finished writing the foreward to a book that is being published on the subject, which I would like to read an excerpt from.

In 2006 our Council took the bold step of abandoning its advisory committees and embarking on an entirely new approach to citizen involvement through what we call "Working Groups."

We wanted to reinvigorate citizen engagement and bring a fresh approach to working out our key public policy questions. We also wanted to move away from Council led solutions, tested at town hall meetings or public hearings, where new thoughts or opposing views often end up having nowhere to go. We felt that we would be better able to create a winning outcome through a step-by-step process that was more accessible and interactive.

This book tells the remarkable story of the synergy that takes hold when the traditional roles of developer, Council and community become more closely linked. The Rodgers Creek Area Plan represents the promise of a democratic society. We collaborated as equals, and I hope others will benefit from the approach we took. It has helped put us on our way towards our goal of building a more sustainable community in West Vancouver.

In that spirit – of connecting all the players and believing we can change course for the better - we have been at work developing our approach to strategic planning. At next Monday's Council meeting – tonight - Council will be discussing the Strategic and Financial Planning report that outlines this process.

There are several central questions about our financial picture that we need to be able to get at, within the strategic plan. Perhaps the most important is to be able to rationalize our community projects – big or small – with a business plan approach. Examples of success in the past are the fact that the water fund borrowing we did for the Eagle Lake Filtration Plant and water meters is being repaid fully through the water user rate. Similarly, the Vancouver Coastal Health partnership represents debt that is fully repaid through the health authority's lease agreement with us.

Critical to Council's success is our professional staff team. As you know, we hired a new Chief Administrative Officer, Grant McRadu, last May. Council was looking for a leader who would be able to restructure the organization in order to achieve a couple of things: maximize the talent we've already got by making sure the right people are in the right jobs; create a culture that is collaborative, team oriented and flexible; and control or reduce the cost to the taxpayer. Grant worked extremely hard from day one to understand the corporation he's been charged with leading, and made some difficult changes early on.

Most recently, he has restructured various departments to further cross departmental collaboration. Collaboration is critical to how we wil move forward. A good example of this is our Manager of Culture and Partnerships, Cathy Matheson, who has just recently been placed to work half of her time as the community centre society's new Executive Director. The synergy between her talents, her staff team and the citizen led board are positioning the organization to connect with community partners and volunteers better.

This is good governance because we are using our staff to be facilitators, and we are setting an expectation that all of us – elected officials, staff, citizens – are responsible for the strength, efficacy and affordability of community services. It gets us on the road to small government. It definitely challenges Council to steer the ship, not get down into the minor course adjustments.

I should mention that this restructuring is going to make it possible, in part, to bring in a very conservative budget for 2009. And, that management have anticipated, within current resources, the creation of our new strategic plan in their work plans for 2009, including the initiation of a performance management system that will track our progress – and that will be available on-line so that everyone can track our progress.

Of course, external agencies like Metro Vancouver and Translink, for example, will continue to put great pressure on our property tax base. Translink, for instance, has no real plan for how to pay the operating costs of the Canada Line. It is using surpluses now, which will run out in a few years. It also has only partial funding for the \$14 billion worth of public transit investments that have been announced. It was relying on a booming real estate market to provide future revenue. The Mayors Council has been very vocal about our aversion to property taxation to fill the gap, and I give a lot of credit to the Chair of the Translink Board, Dale Parker, who has gone to bat for the municipalities in this regard. But, I believe this will be an ongoing battle and creates even more pressure for us to get on with this long term plan.

Our capital budget may be a little difficult to predict, as we don't know what communities will benefit by federal and provincial infrastructure investment – nor do we know if their priorities will align with ours, and how willing local government will be to contribute its expected share. Sherry Cooper at the Board of Trade's annual economic forecast breakfast two weeks ago opened by saying "It is unrealistic to be optimistic," and also stated that she believes the only good news in 2009 is that the federal government will be investing in infrastructure. Last week at a Fraser Institute lunch, Mark Mullins felt the opposite – that deficit financing is a gigantic compromise we will pay dearly for at some point.

In fairness to local governments across the country, infrastructure investment by senior levels of government has been an all-out campaign for years. Of the G8 countries, it is estimated that Canada spends the least on its cities, which are now widely regarded as being the economic engines of the country and where the vast majority of people live.

Our infrastructure priorities range from sewer upgrades along the waterfront, at a cost of over \$2 million, to the Marine Drive/Taylor Way intersection recommendations arising from Ralph Sultan's report awhile ago. This is the Ministry of Transportation's jurisdiction, but we are really pushing to have the intersection addressed. We have had excellent attention from our MP John Weston, and strong collaboration and communication with both MLAs, Joan McIntyre and Ralph Sultan. Our relationships at all levels are absolutely critical, and we appreciate the community's help in fostering those.

Our Ambleside strategy was passed last term, and we are getting quite a bit of interest in what could happen in the 1300 block of Marine Drive. I look forward to your participation in supporting a strengthened local economy in the village. The entrance

that is now complete is a good example of replacing our underground infrastructure, combined with the vision generated in the Ambleside Plan. It is my hope that every single proposal we entertain will benefit by the strategy the working group created.

Related to the success of Ambleside are some of the new programs our Police Department has implemented. Under the leadership of Chief Heed, Crime Free Multi Housing was officially launched last May. This is a crime prevention initiative designed to help apartment managers, residents, police and other agencies work together to keep illegal and nuisance activity off rental property. In 2008, interest was identified on a number of properties. Completion of certification on the first two apartment complexes at Park Royal Towers is expected early this year.

Business Watch is a Crime Prevention Program that we've had for some time, which has had a real boost from our new e-policing approach. At no charge, participating businesses have access to current crime trends, crime alerts and/or any other statistical information pertinent to that particular business, crime prevention presentations, and access to after hours emergency contact numbers. To date, there are 808 businesses listed in the program.

In 2008, enhanced communication and liaison was also developed with Park Royal administration, security and merchants, to address a number of offences and trends identified through CompStat.

Operation Safeguard was implemented in 2008, to combat gang problems in local licensed establishments. Patrol officers had noted increasing numbers of known gang members and associates at bars and restaurants on the North Shore, as they attempting to avoid new pressure applied at downtown nightclubs by the Integrated Gang Violence Suppression Initiatives.

WVPD adapted key elements of the successful Bar Watch program to actively search out known gang members and remove them from licensed establishments. WVPD has obtained signed letters of authorization from six popular local lounges and restaurants, authorizing police to remove any individuals associated with violent criminal activity, having known gang associations or who actively pose a public safety concern. In 2008, 65 liquor act inspections were conducted in places participating in the program. It will interest you to know that in 15 cases, 39 known gang members were removed from these premises.

I could talk for a long time about where I think this Council is wishing to go. We've had a robust public discussion on housing needs that opens the door to the provision of a better range of housing choice. We've got new permanent daycare facilities where we didn't before. Our Climate Action Engagement working group is ready to go.

Our very big local news is that the Community Centre has its occupancy permit, and staff is moving in. Gymnastics starts on February 15th. Together with Council, the Chairman of the Board, Barbara Brink, will be announcing the date of the official opening for everyone, shortly. You will be completely turned on by this space. The seven guiding principles of the Board –community, innovation, learning, partnership, inclusiveness, responsibility and integration – absolutely come to life when you are in the building. You feel healthier just walking around in there. I will leave the rest to your outstanding Board of Directors and the staff. Our work is almost done, and it is time to

turn this spectacular place over to the community and your sense of belonging and contributing, there.

I would like to thank the West Vancouver Community Foundation for sponsoring this event again this year. Their longstanding commitment to the health of West Vancouver is remarkable. Even in this challenging economy, they will be able to provide \$70 – 80,000 worth of grants this spring. They are really great partners to have, and are very open to your ideas for leveraging not just funds, but the capacity of each of us to contribute to others we care about. I would recommend contacting Helen Vanee if your business wishes to hear first hand stories of the life changing impact of some of the programs the foundation supports.

This will be the 4th Chamber talk I've given in January, where I've spoken about the Olympics. Starting out three years ago, we were nowhere in our relationship with Vanoc. Today, thanks to the vision of citizens who believed that Venue City status was critical for West Vancouver, we are an official venue for the 2010 Winter Olympics and Paralympic Games.

The Torino slogan was "Passion Lives Here" and because passion does live here in West Van, our involvement with 2010 has leveraged one million dollars in private donations to Vanoc's success in delivering the games. World Cup events come to Cypress in February, we have 300 tickets available to us – we'll sell them at the Aquatic Centre for \$10 - that's a pretty good deal for what others will see next year for a lot more money. We will be having our own countdown to 2010 on February 12, but again, I will leave that to the Leadership Team to launch.

Our project manager for 2010 is Rob Whittle who has a wealth of private industry experience in advertising and special events planning. His team is gearing up in the space shared with the Chamber in Ambleside, and I believe we'll all be getting an invitation to that opening shortly.

This morning has been all about collaboration, and we need your participation in Council's strategic planning process. We aren't just saying the words, West Vancouver is pulling together, and the services and experiences the municipality provides are benefiting tremendously. Our goal when the world comes next year is to be ourselves. And so I'll end by showing the dvd that we showed the World Press when several hundred journalists recently descended on Cypress Mountain, to learn about the venue and West Vancouver.

A video was then shown regarding the District of West Vancouver as a 2010 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games Venue City.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

1. **Approval of February 2, 2009 Regular Council Meeting Agenda**

MOVED by Panz, seconded by Soprovich:

THAT the February 2, 2009 Regular Council Meeting agenda be amended by:

- moving Item 9 – North Shore Waterfront Liaison Committee Initiation to the Consent Agenda as Item 15.1

AND THAT the agenda be approved as amended.

CARRIED

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

2. **Adoption of January 12 and January 19, 2009 Regular Council Minutes**

MOVED by Walker, seconded by Evison:

THAT the following Minutes be adopted as circulated:

- January 12, 2009 Regular Council Meeting; and
- January 19, 2009 Regular Council Meeting.

CARRIED

DELEGATIONS

3. **North Shore Emergency Management Office (NSEMO) (File: 0180-16)**

D. Mason (Director, North Shore Emergency Management Office) provided a PowerPoint presentation and spoke relative to the North Shore Emergency Management Office, its activities, the development of emergency plans, training for North Shore municipalities, the emergency operations centre, goals and recent activities.

In response to a Council query D. Mason provided information regarding educating strata councils regarding emergency planning for apartment buildings.

MOVED by Evison, seconded by Lewis:

THAT Council thank D. Mason, Director, North Shore Emergency Management Office for the presentation regarding the North Shore Emergency Management Office.

CARRIED

REPORTS

4. **Status Report on Remedial Action for Excavation at 856 Anderson Crescent** (File: 1605-05)

L. Holitzki (Acting Manager of Permits, Inspections and Bylaws) provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding remedial action taken, spoke relative to the related Council resolutions of December 15, 2008 and January 12, 2009, and the status of the construction.

Councillor Smith left the meeting at 7:43 pm and returned at 7:46 pm.

Discussion ensued relative to the further remedial action to be taken and L. Holitzki provided information in response.

MOVED by Lewis, seconded by Panz:

THAT Council receive for information the January 21, 2009 report by the Acting Manager of Permits, Inspections and Bylaws entitled "Status Report on Remedial Action for Excavation at 856 Anderson Crescent".

CARRIED

5. **Strategic and Financial Planning** (File: 0005-01)

B. Leigh (Deputy Chief Administrative Officer) introduced the report and spoke relative to the process, community engagement, the anticipated completion date, performance measures, and the meeting scheduled for April 1, 2009 at the Morris J. Wosk Centre.

G. McRadu (Chief Administrative Officer) spoke relative to challenges facing the community and the goals of the corporate strategic plan.

MOVED by Soprovich, seconded by Evison:

THAT Council create a long term strategic vision and plan to guide District of West Vancouver policy and budget decisions.

Discussion ensued relative to the development of the plan and components to be considered.

The question was called on the motion.

CARRIED

Mayor P. Goldsmith-Jones requested that B. Leigh refine and redistribute the report to the public.

6. Community Centre Quarterly Update - Volume X - January 23, 2009

(File: 3002-04/0592-02)

J. Chuback (Director, Olympic Services and Projects) provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding construction of the new centre, and spoke relative to the process including challenges, partnerships with health and community groups, environmental aspects, pending renovation to the aquatic centre change rooms, budget issues, and the post-completion process for reviewing the project.

B. Davis (Project Manager) spoke relative to the construction process including the challenges, schedule, costs, budget, and quality issues.

Discussion ensued relative to parking availability in general, parking for seniors and staff, access issues, signage, the possibility of covered access to the Seniors' Centre, costs and construction delays.

A. Mooi (Acting Director of Parks and Community Services), B. Davis and J. Chuback responded to Council queries. J. Chuback spoke relative to the allocation of parking spaces and informed that staff would provide information regarding a management plan for on-site parking.

G. McRadu (Chief Administrative Officer) spoke relative to the project review and the draft terms of reference.

MOVED by Smith, seconded by Walker:

THAT the report dated January 23, 2009 from the Director of Olympic Services & Projects titled Community Centre Quarterly Update - Volume X be received for information.

CARRIED

7. Item withdrawn.

8. Fisherman's Cove Marine Fuelling Facility (File: 1147-20-5908)

B. Sokol (Director of Planning, Lands and Permits) spoke relative to the background and current status of the facility.

MOVED by Panz, seconded by Lewis:

THAT Council receive for information the January 23, 2009 report from the Director of Planning, Lands and Permits entitled, "Fisherman's Cove Marine Fuelling Facility".

Discussion ensued relative to the terms of indemnification, and next steps.

The question was called on the motion.

CARRIED

9. North Shore Waterfront Liaison Committee Initiation (File: 0115-01)

Moved to Consent Agenda – Item 15.1.

10. Amendment to Council Meeting Schedule (File: 0120-01)

MOVED by Walker, seconded by Soprovich:

THAT the Council Meeting scheduled for March 16, 2009 be cancelled and that a Council Meeting be scheduled for March 23, 2009 at 7:00 pm in the Municipal Hall Council Chamber.

CARRIED

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

11. Consent Agenda Items – Reports and Correspondence

MOVED by Evison, seconded by Soprovich:

THAT the Consent Agenda items as follows be approved:

- Item 12 – Re-appointment to the North Shore Advisory Committee on Disability Issues (ACDI)
- Item 13 – Appointments to Design Review Committee
- Item 14 – Dundarave Physiotherapist Corporation – Physiotherapist Clinic Lease at the Aquatic Centre
- Item 15 – Development Applications Status List
- Item 15.1 – North Shore Waterfront Liaison Committee Initiation
- Item 16 – Correspondence List with the exception of items (1), (7), (11), (12), and (14).

CARRIED

REPORTS FOR CONSENT AGENDA

12. Re-appointment to the North Shore Advisory Committee on Disability Issues (ACDI) (File: 0180-18)

THAT the re-appointment of Rosamund Van Leeuwen and Brigitte Vogelsang to the North Shore Advisory Committee on Disability Issues for the term January 1, 2009 to December 31, 2010, be approved.

13. Appointments to Design Review Committee (File: 0116-20-DRC)

THAT the following reappointments and new appointments be made to the Design Review Committee for the term ending January 31, 2010:

Reappointments:

Alexandra Bennett
Eric Lees
Jennifer Marshall
Karl Ray

New Appointments:

Duane Siegrist
Tom Bunting
Michael Richardson
Donal O'Callahan.

14. Dundarave Physiotherapist Corporation – Physiotherapist Clinic Lease at the Aquatic Centre (File: 1145-02)

THAT the report dated January 23, 2009 entitled “Dundarave Physiotherapist Corporation – Physiotherapist Clinic Lease at the Aquatic Centre” be received for information.

15. Development Applications Status List (File: 1010-01)

THAT the Development Applications Status List be received for information.

15.1 North Shore Waterfront Liaison Committee Initiation (File: 0115-01)

THAT the report from the Deputy Chief Administrative Officer entitled “North Shore Waterfront Liaison Committee Initiation” be received for information.

CORRESPONDENCE LIST FOR CONSENT AGENDA

16. Correspondence List (File: 0120-24)

With respect to correspondence item (1) regarding 2009 British Columbia Female Pee Wee Hockey Championships, A. Mooi (Acting Director of Parks and Community Services) responded to a Council query and explained the District's efforts to support the tournament.

With respect to correspondence item (7) regarding Neighbourhood Electric Vehicles in West Vancouver, R. Fung (Director of Engineering and Transportation) responded to a Council query and spoke relative to the federal regulations and current discussion among the North Shore municipalities.

With respect to correspondence items (11) and (12) regarding 2010 Olympic Torch Relay and Community Tourism Program – Marketing for 2010 Olympics, respectively, Mayor Goldsmith-Jones and G. McRadu (Chief Administrative Officer) provided information regarding the Olympic Torch Relay and West Vancouver's involvement.

With respect to correspondence item (14) regarding the Federation of Canadian Municipalities Call for Infrastructure Projects, G. McRadu spoke relative to the application process.

MOVED by Soprovich, seconded by Panz:

THAT correspondence items (1), (7), (11), (12), and (14) be received for information.

CARRIED

Correspondence Received up to January 16, 2009

Requests for Delegation

No items presented.

Action Required

- (1) P. Nicolson and C. Currie, North Shore Female Ice Hockey Association, January 9, 2009, regarding 2009 British Columbia Female Pee Wee Hockey Championships

Referred to Acting Director of Parks and Community Services for consideration and response.

- (2) January 13, 2009, regarding Completion Date for the West Vancouver Community Centre

Referred to Acting Director of Parks and Community Services for consideration and response.

No Action Required (receipt only)

- (3) L. Sundquist, Ministry of Environment, January 7, 2009, regarding Invitation to North Shore Bear Working Group Strategic Planning Session
- (4) C. Fair, BC Assessment, January 5, 2009, regarding 2009 Property Assessment Roll
- (5) P. Simpson, Greater Vancouver Home Builders' Association, January 13, 2009, regarding Ottawa Citizen Newspaper Column
- (6) A. Spencer-Chubey, Greater Vancouver Home Builders' Association, January 14, 2009, regarding Report on the Housing Market

Responses to Correspondence

No items presented.

Responses to Questions in Question Period

No items presented.

Correspondence Received up to January 23, 2009

Requests for Delegation

No items presented.

Action Required

- (7) January 18, 2009, regarding Neighbourhood Electric Vehicles in West Vancouver
Referred to Director of Engineering and Transportation for consideration and response.

No Action Required (receipt only)

- (8) January 21, 2009, regarding West Vancouver Community Center
- (9) January 18, 2009, regarding Opposition Members of Parliament
- (10) January 19, 2009, regarding British Columbia Ferry Commissioner's Office
- (11) Hon. G. Lunn, Minister of State (Sport), January 8, 2009, regarding 2010 Olympic Torch Relay
- (12) S. Clark, Union of British Columbia Municipalities, January 16, 2009, regarding Community Tourism Program – Marketing for 2010 Olympics
- (13) L. Jackson, Metro Vancouver, January 9, 2009, regarding Nominations for Metro Vancouver Agricultural Advisory Committee
- (14) H. Schoemaker, Metro Vancouver, January 15, 2009, regarding Federation of Canadian Municipalities Call for Infrastructure Projects
- (15) S. Dowey, City of North Vancouver, January 22, 2009, regarding North Shore Waterfront Liaison Committee

Responses to Correspondence

No items presented.

Responses to Questions in Question Period

No items presented.

REPORTS FROM MAYOR AND COUNCILLORS

17. Oral Reports from Mayor and Councillors

Councillor Panz reported on Heritage Week (February 16-22, 2009), the upcoming Heritage Achievement Awards and the event to be held for award recipients on February 17, 2009 at the Seniors' Centre.

Councillor Evison reported on the first meeting of the Arts and Cultural Facilities Working Group, the Lionsview Seniors' Coalition meeting, the Translink meeting in Burnaby, the meeting regarding drug abuse at the Kay Meek Centre, the Lower Mainland Treaty Advisory Committee's inaugural meeting, the North Shore Emergency Management Office meeting and the Chinese New Year parade in Chinatown.

Councillor Lewis reported on the North Shore Disability Working Group meeting, and the walk through done at the new Community Centre to evaluate access and the first meeting of the North Shore Substance Abuse Committee.

Councillor Soprovich informed that the Seniors' Centre Advisory Board would like to participate in the opening of the new Community Centre.

Mayor Goldsmith-Jones reported on Councillor Lewis's appointment to the Metro Vancouver Finance Committee and her appointment to the Metro Vancouver Housing and Waste Committee and spoke relative to her efforts to appoint other Council members to Metro Vancouver committees. Mayor Goldsmith-Jones further reported relative to the Police Board meeting held on January 29, 2009 regarding youth issues in West Vancouver, informed that the matter would return to Council in March 2009 and informed that the Chief Constable and Police staff have been invited to report to Council on March 2, 2009 regarding the CompStat (Computer Statistics) program and traffic safety. Mayor Goldsmith-Jones further informed that the Metro Vancouver Sustainability Report would be on the March 2, 2009 Council agenda.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS

18. Public Questions and Comments

C. Reynolds (Editor WV Matters, 1497 Marine Drive) spoke relative to Heritage Week events.

Mayor Goldsmith-Jones requested a motion to receive the Oral Reports from Mayor and Councillors.

MOVED by Lewis, seconded by Evison:

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

CARRIED

Mayor Goldsmith-Jones asked whether there were any further public questions and comments.

T. Verrall thanked Councillor Panz for her position on having sustainability reflected in the budget, and spoke relative to the condition of public parks.

ADJOURNMENT

19. Adjournment of February 2, 2009 Meeting of Council

MOVED by Smith, seconded by Soprovich:

THAT the February 2, 2009 Meeting of Council be adjourned.
(9:17 pm)

CARRIED

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