

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

COUNCIL:

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

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. Chan, Deputy Municipal Clerk.

CALL TO ORDER

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

1. Approval of March 2, 2009 Regular Council Meeting Agenda

MOVED by Evison, seconded by Panz:

THAT the March 2, 2009 Regular Council meeting agenda be amended by adding:

- to Item 4 – District of West Vancouver 2009 Proposed Budget Book;
- to Item 6 – Report titled Consideration of Awning at 1434 Marine Drive – BC Liquor Store;
- new Item 8.1 regarding Strategic Community Investment Funds with the Province of British Columbia;
- to the Correspondence List new item (6.1) regarding West Vancouver's Participation in Canada's Economic Action Plan;

AND THAT the agenda be approved as amended.

CARRIED

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

2. **Adoption of February 16, 2009 Regular Council Minutes**

MOVED by Lewis, seconded by Soprovich:

THAT the following Minutes be adopted as circulated:

- February 16, 2009 Regular Council meeting.

CARRIED

PRESENTATIONS

3. **West Vancouver Police Department: COMPSTAT (Comparative Statistics) Program (File: 2900-01)**

Mayor Goldsmith-Jones spoke relative to the resignation of former Chief Constable K. Heed and thanked him for his contributions, and to the goals of the West Vancouver Police Department's (WVPD) Strategic Plan.

J. Almas (Acting Chief Constable) introduced the WVPD members present and spoke relative to former Chief Constable Heed's accomplishments, key strategic priorities, accountability, and the COMPSTAT program.

M. Brander (WVPD COMPSTAT Coordinator) provided a PowerPoint presentation and spoke relative to the COMPSTAT program and crime statistics for West Vancouver.

T. Kravjanski (Traffic Sergeant) provided a PowerPoint presentation and spoke relative to traffic safety, enforcement and statistics, public education, and the future of West Vancouver traffic enforcement.

L. Wanless (Constable, Community Services Unit) spoke relative to the WVPD's youth initiatives, program phases and priorities.

Discussion ensued relative to the Ministry of Transportation's position on the West Vancouver Police Department's initiative for enhancing traffic safety on the Lions Gate Bridge, and Sgt. T. Kravjanski provided information. Further discussion ensued relative to concerns regarding traffic and accidents on the Lions Gate Bridge and at the intersections of Marine Drive and Taylor Way and Highway #1 and Taylor Way, and whether Council should send a letter to the Ministry of Transportation addressing these issues.

MOVED by Soprovich, seconded by Evison:

THAT Council write to Kevin Falcon, Minister of Transportation, and inform him of West Vancouver's traffic safety concerns with regards to the Lions Gate Bridge and the intersections at Marine Drive and Taylor Way and Highway #1 and Taylor Way.

CARRIED

MOVED by Soprovich, seconded by Lewis:

THAT Council thank Acting Chief Constable J. Almas and the West Vancouver Police Department for their presentations regarding the 2008 COMPSTAT Report.

CARRIED

4. **Draft 2009 Proposed Budget Presentation** (File: 0860-01)

Additional information: District of West Vancouver Proposed Budget Book
Mayor Goldsmith-Jones provided remarks on the proposed 2009 budget as follows:

Our Official Community Plan's Financial Framework is out of date. Adopted by Council in June of 2004, almost five years later we are in a different world.

That plan described 3 year Corporate Business Plan budgets that would guide annual budgets. We completed two of those cycles with the past two Councils. While those business plans described the objectives our Councils had, they did not create the impetus for an overall strategic approach. We did complete the Recreational Facilities Master Plan, the Eagle Lake Water Filtration Plant and water metering, and we have embarked on an aggressive user pay strategy for cost recovery – all of which have reflect new approaches to financing.

The Financial Framework in the OCP does anticipate, however, that West Vancouver in 2004 was about to change. We are in it now.

- *Our residential tax base will not be able to cope under increasing external pressures. Our tax base must be diversified.*
- *The demographics of West Vancouver are shifting ever older, which means we need to change our housing choices and services that we deliver.*
- *We need to maintain flexibility as senior levels of government make their demands, and offer opportunities to us.*

The world's economy has fallen apart. The recession is hitting families, corporations, and all levels of government hard.

We may not run a deficit. But, we should be ready to take advantage of this new interest in infrastructure funding – and take advantage of competitive bids and low commodity prices.

We need to trim fat and build muscle – which is what our restructuring plan is all about.

We need to actively manage for performance – which is why performance measures are critical, and a main focus this year.

We need to push for simplicity – which is a key challenge in all departments. I am impressed with the members of the new Executive Team and their ability to problem solve quickly, especially in collaboration with the community.

We need to stop spending before it occurs – which is why our capital budget is pared right down, and may be cut further in our deliberations.

We are all asked to make each tax dollar go further, which is why business travel, conferences and vacancies are cancelled, curtailed and not filled.

Here's the good news:

Council is on the same page, so far. We wish to show:

- *Good VALUE for the dollars invested.*
- *Targeted REDUCTION in energy consumption and costs.*
- *LONG RANGE strategic planning to guide financial decisions.*
- *Proper PERFORMANCE MEASURES for optimum management of performance.*
- *Leveraging opportunities through new PARTNERSHIPS.*

This Budget Proposal takes us a long way towards achieving the Government Finance Officers Association best practices in budgeting, so that we can all see where we are going.

G. McRadu (Chief Administrative Officer) introduced the proposed 2009 budget and spoke relative to the economic downturn, fiscal management initiatives and taxation in West Vancouver.

R. Laing (Director of Finance) provided a PowerPoint presentation and spoke relative to the context and process of creating the 2009 budget, recommendations of the Finance Committee, the need for a new strategic plan, and public consultation on the proposed budget.

C. Reynolds (Editor WV Matters, 1497 Marine Drive) queried relative to the District reorganization and wage and hiring freezes.

MOVED by Lewis, seconded by Soprovich:

THAT Council receive the presented information in the District of West Vancouver Proposed Budget Book as the basis for the 2009 budget and that a Budget Information Meeting be held on March 4, 2009 at 7:00 pm in the Municipal Hall Council Chamber.

Discussion ensued relative to departmental work plans for 2009.

The question was called on the motion.

CARRIED

REPORTS

5. Recreational Dog Walking in Parks – Follow-Up Report (File: 2365-00)

R. Black (1060 Clyde Avenue) thanked Council for listening to residents' concerns and spoke relative to collaboration with the District on dog policies.

A. Mooi (Director of Parks and Community Services) introduced the report and spoke relative to balancing the needs of dog owners with those of other residents.

MOVED by Walker, seconded by Soprovich:

THAT

1. Council receive the report from the Acting Manager of Parks dated March 2, 2009 as an assessment and follow-up to the recommendations approved on May 5, 2008 entitled "Regulating Recreational Dog Walking in West Vancouver Parks";
2. The Park Ranger position be approved in the 2009 Budget and funded;
3. The Park Ranger position include bylaw enforcement capability;
4. Council direct staff to continue to work with local residents who are interested in forming a "Responsible Dog Owners Group".

Discussion ensued relative to a collaborative approach with residents and dog owners and the nature of the park ranger position and A. Mooi informed that the park ranger position would be operational from June to September 2009. Mayor Goldsmith-Jones requested a follow-up report in October.

The question was called on the motion.

CARRIED

6. **Consideration of Awning at 1434 Marine Drive - BC Liquor Store**
(File: 1010-20-08-026)

B. Sokol (Director of Planning, Lands and Permits) introduced the report, provided background information, spoke relative to public art, the proposed awning, the involvement of the Design Review Committee, and the Ambleside Town Centre Strategy.

Councillor Walker declared a potential conflict of interest due to the proximity of her office to the subject property and left the meeting at 8:23 pm.

MOVED by Evison, seconded by Soprovich:

1. Development Permit No. 08-026 for 1434 Marine Drive which would allow for internal and external tenant improvements be amended to:
 - a. provide for the extension of the canopy to the full width of the glazing to preserve the architectural character of the building and allow for the opportunity for public art on the entire existing brick wall;
 - b. remove the Marine Drive frontage graphics and replace it with an opaque film to screen the office space; and
 - c. provide an option to retain the existing punched openings of the night deposit boxes for public art; and
2. Council direct staff to work with the applicant to address the issues of internal lighting.

Discussion ensued relative to public art on the building and the process for application referral to the Design Review Committee.

The question was called on the motion.

CARRIED
Councillor Panz voted in the negative

Councillor Walker returned to the meeting at 8:29 pm.

7. **Zoning Bylaw Rewrite – Creating a Contemporary Bylaw** (File: 2515-24)

B. Sokol (Director of Planning, Lands and Permits) provided a PowerPoint presentation and spoke relative to the background of the Zoning Bylaw rewrite, complexities and technical issues with the current bylaw, the rewrite process, consultation opportunities, and goals.

MOVED by Soprovich, seconded by Lewis:

THAT Council endorse the recommended public consultation process for undertaking a technical rewrite of the Zoning Bylaw governing land use, as described in the February 23, 2009 report of the Director of Planning, Lands and Permits and summarized as follows:

Specific dates/times will be set aside in April for interested residents and building industry members to meet with staff to review the draft bylaw. Meetings during those times could be scheduled with staff in advance or members of the public can “drop in”. The format of the meetings will not be an open house, but will provide opportunities for various individuals or small groups to hold focused meetings with staff to identify issues, answer questions or address areas of concern. The draft bylaw will be ready for Council review in June.

Discussion ensued relative to the Zoning Bylaw rewrite process and B. Sokol provided information.

The question was called on the motion.

CARRIED

8. **Ethics and Integrity Policy Adoption and Delegation Bylaw No. 4580, 2008, Amendment Bylaw No. 4591, 2009** (File: 3085-01/1610-20-4591)

MOVED by Panz, seconded by Soprovich:

THAT Council adopt the 2010 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games Ethics and Integrity Policy (Appendix A) attached to the February 23, 2009 report from the Chief Administrative Officer.

CARRIED

MOVED by Panz, seconded by Soprovich:

THAT Delegation Bylaw No. 4580, 2008, Amendment Bylaw No. 4591, 2009 (to establish a West Vancouver 2010 Olympic Fundraising subcommittee) be read a first, second, and third time.

CARRIED

8.1 Strategic Community Investment Funds Agreement with the Province of British Columbia (File: 0910-01)

R. Laing (Director of Finance) spoke relative to the report and the requirement for the District to enter into the Strategic Community Investment Funds Agreement in order to access the funding.

MOVED by Lewis, seconded by Evison:

THAT:

1. The District of West Vancouver enter into the Strategic Community Investment Funds Agreement with the Province of British Columbia (which provides for the temporary replacement of annual payments of small community, regional district, and traffic fine revenue sharing grants for the 2009/10 and 2010/11 fiscal years) in order to receive funds under the Province's new funding structure; and
2. the Corporate Officer be authorized to sign the Strategic Community Investment Funds Agreement with the Province of British Columbia.

Discussion ensued relative to the amount and use of Strategic Community Investment Funds and the potential impact on the Proposed 2009 Budget. Mayor Goldsmith-Jones requested that information regarding the Strategic Community Investment Funds be made available as part of the 2009 Budget process.

The question was called on the motion.

CARRIED

BYLAWS

9. Fees and Charges Bylaw No. 4414, 2005, Amendment Bylaw No. 4589, 2009 (File: 1610-20-4589)

M. Sharp (Treasurer, West Vancouver Minor Hockey Association, 6239 Wellington Avenue) spoke relative to the Association and the impact of the fee increase on its members.

Discussion ensued. A. Mooi (Director of Parks and Community Services), S. Ketler (Manager of Community Services/Director of Operations - West Vancouver Community Centres Services Society) and P. Fretz (Business Manager, Parks and Community Services) responded to queries relative to the implementation of the new fees, rates and subsidy percentage, participation numbers for minor hockey and previous fee increases.

MOVED by Soprovich, seconded by Lewis

THAT Fees and Charges Bylaw No. 4414, 2005, Amendment Bylaw No. 4589, 2009 be adopted.

CARRIED

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

10. Consent Agenda Items – Reports and Correspondence

MOVED by Panz, seconded by Soprovich:

THAT the Consent Agenda items as follows be approved:

- Item 12 – Appointments to Design Review Committee and West Vancouver Memorial Library Board
- Item 13 – Correspondence List with the exception of items (1) and (4).

CARRIED

REPORTS FOR CONSENT AGENDA

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

In response to a Council query regarding the development application for 2190 Camelot Road, B. Sokol (Director of Planning, Lands and Permits) provided information and noted that the developer had distributed information to residents in advance of the regular notification process conducted by District staff.

12. Appointments to Design Review Committee and West Vancouver Memorial Library Board (File: 0116-20-DRC / 1905-04)

THAT

1. Stuart Hood be appointed to the Design Review Committee for the term ending January 31, 2010; and
2. Rod Day be appointed to the West Vancouver Memorial Library Board to fill the second year of the term vacated by Nicole Brown ending December 31, 2009.

CORRESPONDENCE LIST FOR CONSENT AGENDA

13. Correspondence List (File: 0120-24)

In response to a Council query relative to correspondence item (1) regarding the Request for Support for Extending Route 101, Mayor Goldsmith-Jones provided information regarding a response to the request.

In response to a Council query relative to correspondence item (4) regarding the Royal Canadian Legion's request for a permissive tax exemption, R. Laing (Director of Finance) informed of the parameters for tax exemptions.

MOVED by Evison, seconded by Panz:

THAT Item 11 and correspondence items (1) and (4) be received for information.

CARRIED

Correspondence received up to February 13, 2009

Requests for Delegation

No items presented.

Action Required

- (1) N. Proach, Route 101 Society, February 9, 2009, regarding Support for Extending Route 101

Referred to Mayor and Council for consideration and response.

No Action Required (receipt only)

- (2) February 10, 2009, regarding Crime Issues
- (3) O. Dickie, February 6, 2009, Canadian Association of Home and Property Inspectors (British Columbia), regarding Support for Licensing of Property Inspectors

Responses to Correspondence

No items presented.

Responses to Questions in Question Period

No items presented.

Correspondence received up to February 20, 2009

Requests for Delegation

No items presented.

Action Required

- (4) V. MacGregor, The Royal Canadian Legion, February 12, 2009, regarding Application for Permissive Tax Exemption

Referred to Director of Finance for consideration and response.

No Action Required (receipt only)

- (5) B. O'Neill, Canadian Union of Public Employees – British Columbia, February 17, 2009, regarding Public Private Partnerships
- (6) A. Van Eden, North Shore Family Court/Youth Justice Committee, February 9, 2009, regarding Membership Recommendation for 2009
- (6.1) Honourable J. Weston, February 28, 2009, regarding West Vancouver's Participation in Canada's Economic Action Plan

Responses to Correspondence

No items presented.

Responses to Questions in Question Period

No items presented.

REPORTS FROM MAYOR AND COUNCILLORS

14. Oral Reports from Mayor and Councillors

Mayor Goldsmith-Jones spoke relative to the retirement of West Vancouver Blue Transit Manager G. Curry after 36 years of service; reported on the Seniors' Center fundraiser underway to save the shuttle bus, and acknowledged J. Rea, (Community Recreation Supervisor) for her efforts; and reported on requests received for a youth working group and follow up by A. Mooi (Director of Parks and Community Services).

Councillor Panz reported on the Fraser Basin Council on Sustainability conference on February 19-20, 2009.

Mayor Goldsmith-Jones and A. Mooi (Director of Parks and Community Services) spoke relative to the opening of the new Community Centre.

MOVED by Walker, seconded by Lewis:

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

CARRIED

PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS

15. Public Questions and Comments

T. Verrall (6652 Nelson Avenue) queried relative to the inclusion of drug related crime statistics in the COMPSTAT program. Mayor Goldsmith-Jones noted that an upcoming report would provide further information, and requested that a COMPSTAT presentation be made annually.

C. Reynolds (Editor WV Matters, 1497 Marine Drive) commented and queried relative to the Royal Canadian Legion's request for a permissive tax exemption and R. Laing (Director of Finance) provided background information.

ADJOURNMENT

16. Adjournment of March 2, 2009 Meeting of Council

MOVED by Soprovich, seconded by Panz:

THAT the March 2, 2009 Meeting of Council be adjourned (9:32 pm).

CARRIED

Certified Correct

MAYOR

MUNICIPAL CLERK