



**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD IN
THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL, 141 WEST 14th STREET,
NORTH VANCOUVER, B.C., ON **MONDAY, JANUARY 9, 2012**
AT 6:00 P.M.**

PRESENT:

COUNCIL MEMBERS

Mayor D.R. Mussatto
Councillor D.H. Bell
Councillor P.J. Bookham
Councillor L.C. Buchanan
Councillor R.C. Clark
Councillor R.G. Heywood
Councillor C.R. Keating

STAFF MEMBERS

A.K. Tollstam, City Manager
R.G. Anderson, City Clerk
K. Kenney, Deputy City Clerk
I Gordon, Director of Finance
L. Orr, Manager, Lands and Business Services
R. H. White, Director of Community Development
B. Themens, Deputy Director of Finance
F. Caouette, Director of Corporate Services
G. Penway, Deputy Director, Community
Development
S. Ono, City Engineer
I. Forsyth, Director, Cultural Services
E. Adin, City Planner
H. Turner, Director of Recreation, North
Vancouver Recreation Commission
S. Wilks, Timekeeper

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Moved by Councillor Bell, seconded by Councillor Keating

THAT the following Minutes be adopted as circulated:

1. Regular Council Meeting Minutes, December 12, 2011.
2. In Camera Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes, December 12, 2011.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

PUBLIC INPUT PERIOD – File: 0550-07-01

- Mr. R. Sostad, 312 E. 1st Street, North Vancouver, spoke regarding “Grants”.
- Mr. J. Harvey, 33 - 1910 Cedar Village Crescent, North Vancouver, spoke regarding “Public Input Period and Delegations”, “RCMP” and “North Vancouver Policing Committee”.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

{Items *8 and *9}

Moved by Councillor Bell, seconded by Councillor Clark

THAT the resolutions listed within the “Consent Agenda” of January 9, 2012 be approved, as follows:

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE (IN CAMERA) CONFIDENTIAL REPORTS

***8. Appointments to the Cemetery Advisory Board – File: 0360-20 CAB-06**

Report: City Clerk, January 4, 2012.

PURSUANT to the report of the City Clerk, dated January 4, 2012, entitled “Appointments to the Cemetery Advisory Board”:

THAT Mr. Don McDonald be reappointed as a District of North Vancouver member for a two year term to conclude on January 31, 2014;

AND THAT Ms. Carol McQuarrie be reappointed as the Artist member for a two year term to conclude on January 31, 2014;

AND THAT Ms. Anja Hintelmann be appointed as a City of North Vancouver member for a two year term to conclude on January 31, 2014.

(CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY)

***9. Appointment to the John Braithwaite Community Centre Governance Committee – File: 0360-20 JBCCGC-06**

Report: City Clerk, January 4, 2012.

PURSUANT to the report of the City Clerk, dated January 4, 2012 entitled “Appointment to the John Braithwaite Community Centre Governance Committee”:

THAT Mr. Daniel Hill be reappointed for a term two year term to conclude on January 31, 2014.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Moved by Councillor Clark, seconded by Councillor Keating

THAT the Council recess to the Committee of the Whole In Camera, to consider the items as listed under the Committee of the Whole Section of the Council Agenda, for the following reasons respectively for each item:

3. Section 90 (1)(e)
4. Section 90 (1)(a)
5. Section 90 (1)(a)
6. Section 90 (1)(a)
7. Section 90 (1)(a)
15. Section 90(1)(a)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The meeting recessed at 6:05 p.m. and reconvened at 6:40 p.m. with the same personnel present.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Moved by Councillor Keating, seconded by Councillor Clark that the following recommendation of the Committee of the Whole in camera be ratified:

3. Land Matter – File: 5280-17-02

Report: Manager, Engineering Planning & Design, December 23, 2011.

PURSUANT to the report of the Manager, Engineering Planning & Design, dated December 23, 2011, regarding “Land Matter”:

THAT the action taken by the Committee of the Whole in camera regarding “Land Matter” be ratified;

AND THAT the wording of the recommendation and the report of the Manager, Engineering Planning & Design, dated December 23, 2011, regarding “Land Matter” remain in camera.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Moved by Councillor Clark, seconded by Councillor Buchanan that the following recommendation of the Committee of the Whole in camera be ratified:

4. Appointments to the Board of Variance – File: 0360-20 BOV-06

Report: City Clerk, January 4, 2012.

PURSUANT to the report of the City Clerk, dated January 4, 2012, entitled “Appointments to the Board of Variance”:

THAT Mr. Abi Tur and Mr. Raymond Vesely be reappointed for a three year term to conclude on January 31, 2015;

AND THAT Mr. Noordin Somji and Mr. Michael Barber be appointed for a three year term to conclude on January 31, 2015.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Moved by Councillor Bell, seconded by Councillor Clark that the following recommendation of the Committee of the Whole in camera be ratified:

**5. Appointment to the Parks and Environment Advisory Committee
– File: 0360-20 PEAC-06**

Report: City Clerk, January 4, 2012.

PURSUANT to the report of the City Clerk, dated January 4, 2012, entitled “Appointment to the Parks and Environment Advisory Committee”:

THAT Mr. Steve Baldwin be appointed for a three year term to conclude on January 31, 2015.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Moved by Councillor Keating, seconded by Councillor Clark that the following recommendation of the Committee of the Whole in camera be ratified:

**6. Appointments to the Social Planning Advisory Committee
– File: 0360-20 SPAC-06**

Report: City Clerk, January 4, 2012.

PURSUANT to the report of the City Clerk, dated January 4, 2012, entitled “Appointments to the Social Planning Advisory Committee”:

THAT Ms. Tomoko Ito and Ms. Alison Watt be reappointed for a two year term to conclude on January 31, 2014;

AND THAT Ms. Nadia Louzado, Mr. Chris Nichols and Ms. Mary Tasi be appointed for a two year term to conclude on January 31, 2014.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Moved by Councillor Bell, seconded by Councillor Buchanan that the following recommendation of the Committee of the Whole in camera be ratified:

**7. Appointment to the Advisory Planning Commission
– File: 0360-20 BOV-06**

Report: City Clerk, January 4, 2012.

PURSUANT to the report of the City Clerk, dated January 4, 2012, entitled “Appointment to the Advisory Planning Commission”:

THAT Mr. Brad Phillips be reappointed for a three year term to conclude on January 31, 2015.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Moved by Councillor Keating, seconded by Councillor Buchanan

THAT item 12 “Board in Brief, December 16, 2011”, item 13, “M-4 Industrial-Commercial Zone Bylaw Amendment (E. Corlett Delegation)”, and item 14 “Zoning Bylaw, 1995, No. 6700, Amendment Bylaw, 2012, No. 8215 (M-4 Zone Text Amendment)” be brought forward for consideration at this time.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CORRESPONDENCE

12. Metro Vancouver, January 5, 2012.

Re: Board in Brief, December 16, 2011 – File: 0400-60 MV-02

Moved by Councillor Keating, seconded by Councillor Buchanan

THAT the Board in Brief, December 16, 2011 be received and filed.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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13. M-4 Industrial-Commercial Zone Bylaw Amendment (E. Corlett Delegation) – File: 3360-01-Zoning and Rezoning/2012

Report: Deputy Director, Community Development, January 3, 2012.

Moved by Councillor Clark, seconded by Councillor Keating

PURSUANT to the report of the Deputy Director, dated January 3, 2012, entitled “M-4 Industrial-Commercial Zone Bylaw Amendment (E. Corlett Delegation)”:

THAT Bylaw Option B of the report dated January 3, 2012, “Zoning Bylaw, 1995, No. 6700, Amendment Bylaw, 2012, No. 8215” (M-4 Zone Text Amendment), be considered and referred to a Public Hearing.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

BYLAWS - Introduction and First Reading Only

14. “Zoning Bylaw, 1995, No. 6700, Amendment Bylaw, 2012, No. 8215” (M-4 Zone Text Amendment).

Moved by Councillor Clark, seconded by Councillor Keating

THAT Bylaw No. 8215 be read a first time in short form, copies of same having been distributed to Council members and read by them.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Moved by Councillor Buchanan, seconded by Councillor Bookham

THAT item 15 “Council Appointments to the North Vancouver Recreation Commission” and item 16 “Shipbuilders’ Square: Report on 2011 Activities and Consideration of Future Options” be brought forward for consideration at this time.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOTIONS AND NOTICES OF MOTION

- 15. Council Appointments to the North Vancouver Recreation Commission** (Appointed Council Members actively participate as full voting members)
- File: 0360-20 NVRC-05

Requested by: Councillor P.J. Bookham

Moved by Councillor Buchanan, seconded by Councillor Keating

THAT Councillor D.H. Bell be appointed to the North Vancouver Recreation Commission to replace Councillor P.J. Bookham for the period December 5, 2011 to December 1, 2014 and that Councillor R.C. Clark be appointed to the North Vancouver Recreation Commission to replace Councillor D.H. Bell for the period June 1, 2013 to December 1, 2014.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- 16. Shipbuilders’ Square: Report on 2011 Activities and Consideration of Future Options – File: 3010-01**

Requested by: Councillor D.H. Bell.

The resolution adopted by Council on December 12, 2011 regarding “Shipbuilders’ Square: Report on 2011 Activities and Consideration of Future Options” was brought back to Council for reconsideration by Councillor D.H. Bell to rescind or amend as per Section 37(1)(b) of the “Council Procedure Bylaw, 2004, No. 7590”:

Moved by Councillor Bell, seconded by Mayor Mussatto

THAT the resolution adopted by Council on December 12, 2011 regarding “Shipbuilders’ Square: Report on 2011 Activities and Consideration of Future Options” be rescinded.

Following discussion, Councillor Bell subsequently withdrew his motion with the concurrence of Mayor Mussatto, seconder of the motion.

PROCLAMATIONS

Nil

DELEGATION

Ms. Gwenne Farrell, Vice President for Utilities, The Canadian Office and Professional Employees Union, Local 378 (COPE 378).

Re: BC Hydro Smart Meters – File: 5500-01

Ms. Gwenne Farrell, Vice President for Utilities, The Canadian Office and Professional Employees Union, Local 378 (COPE 378) gave a PowerPoint presentation to Council regarding “BC Hydro Smart Meters”, as follows:

- Smart Meters have big impact on province and on Canadian Office and Professional Employees Union, Local 378;
- COPE 378 represents 400 meter readers across the province;
- have been told layoffs could start as early as February, 2012;
- have been asking for transition plan from the government and BC Hydro as early as 2007;
- meter readers technically work for Accenture, but do BC Hydro work in BC Hydro uniforms, using BC Hydro equipment;
- provided key timelines regarding evolution of the Smart Meter initiative;
- Minister agreed to retraining of meter readers;
- MLAs also promised preferential hiring for meter readers for new jobs in BC Hydro;
- have been seeking meeting with either the Premier or the Minister but they have refused to meet;
- at meeting with BC Hydro management, COPE 378 was advised that BC Hydro had received no direction from the government to retrain or offer preferential hiring to meter readers;
- BC Hydro has indicated that new technological jobs will be created with the implementation of Smart Meters, however, these jobs aren't being offered to meter readers;
- COPE 378 suggests that meter readers be retrained to qualify them for these new jobs as they already have valuable knowledge of BC Hydro systems and structures;
- handful of meter readers have found work installing Smart Meters but it is only temporary work;
- BC Hydro rate review report recommended coupling Smart Meters with time of use billing and to save money by cutting subsidies for purchase of in home energy use monitors;
- COPE 378 has produced an alternative rate review;
- with the elimination of subsidies for in home usage monitoring, people will have to pay more to see their own meter data;

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Ms. Gwenne Farrell, Vice President for Utilities, The Canadian Office and Professional Employees Union, Local 378 (COPE 378). - Continued

- in response to Union of BC Municipalities' motion calling for a Smart Meter moratorium, the government advised it would still proceed with Smart Meter implementation;
- COPE 378 has prepared a sign that people can place on their meters to register their opposition to the Smart Meter initiative and loss of 400 jobs for meter readers;
- There are unanswered questions regarding Smart Meters including:
 - whether cost of the initiative is worth the investment in this kind of technology;
 - concerns regarding potential for time of use billing;
 - some studies by other countries that have implemented Smart Meters indicate they are not effective over time in reducing energy usage;
 - privacy concerns on how the information collected by Smart Meters on individual energy usage will be used and protected;
- COPE 378 is asking the government to provide an opt out provision, answer privacy and cost concerns and whether Smart Meters will actually be useful for conservation, and transition for workers;
- until government responds, COPE 378 is asking people to post a sign on their meter asking not to install Smart Meter.

Ms. Farrell then responded to questions from members of Council.

CORRESPONDENCE

- 10. Ms. Sage Aaron, Communications Officer, The Canadian Office and Professional Employees Union, Local 378 (COPE 378), December 8, 2011.**

Re: BC Hydro Smart Meters – File: 5500-01

Moved by Councillor Keating, seconded by Councillor Buchanan

THAT the correspondence received from Ms. Sage Aaron, Communications Officer, The Canadian Office and Professional Employees Union, Local 378 (COPE 378), dated December 8, 2011, regarding “BC Hydro Smart Meters” be received and filed.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

PRESENTATION

11. Ms. Fiona Taylor, Deputy Chief Project Officer and Ms. Cindy Verschoor, Manager, BC Hydro's Smart Metering & Infrastructure Program.

Re: BC Hydro Smart Meters – File: 5500-01

Ms. Fiona Taylor, Deputy Chief Project Officer and Ms. Cindy Verschoor, Manager, BC Hydro's Smart Metering & Infrastructure Program, gave a PowerPoint presentation regarding "BC Hydro Smart Meters", as follows:

- electricity is backbone of the economy;
- Smart Meters are key part of BC Hydro's necessary grid upgrades;
- electricity system is very large and complex;
- today we are using more electricity than ever before;
- grid was built in 1950s when we used very little digital technology;
- stresses put on the grid over the last 60 years have been considerable;
- using very outdated infrastructure;
- anticipate demand for electricity will grow by about 40 percent over the next 20 years;
- Smart Metering program assists in modernizing grid system;
- Allows us to measure flow of electricity through the system will be able to identify where losses are occurring, better manage voltage, provide feedback to customers;
- free on-line web portal where users can go to view usage from previous day;
- meter collects aggregate data, cannot and does not collect data regarding single uses in the home;
- data is protected by the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, and can't be used or sold to third parties for other purposes;
- in home feedback device installed in the home will indicate how much electricity the household is consuming at any given time;
- ability of BC Hydro to provide the device free of charge has to be put before the BC Utilities Commission and a decision on that has not yet been made;
- ability to measure the flow of electricity in the electricity grid allows BC Hydro to manage the grid more efficiently and cost effectively;
- helps to reduce the pressures on rates;
- 80 percent of benefits are realized from efficiencies on the BC Hydro side of the grid;

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Ms. Fiona Taylor, Deputy Chief Project Officer and Ms. Cindy Verschoor, Manager, BC Hydro's Smart Metering & Infrastructure Program - Continued

- key benefits:
 - will be able to address power outages more quickly, reducing operational costs;
 - will be able to target electricity to where it needs to go;
 - without detailed info BC Hydro is wasting electricity, more real time data will allow BC Hydro to save energy;
 - Can reduce electricity theft, which is an increasingly dangerous problem for BC Hydro;
- Smart Meter program went through rigorous procurement process;
- no wired option bids were received;
- Smart Meters communicate using radio frequency; radio frequency has been used for well over a century;
- Smart Meters operate for a maximum of one minute a day;
- radio frequency from a Smart Meter over its entire 20 year life span is equivalent to the exposure during a single 30 minute cell phone call;
- independent testing confirms average transmission time of the Smart Meter is closer to a couple of seconds a day;
- Smart Meters have been confirmed safe by the World Health Organization, Provincial Health Officer and Health Canada;
- customers who have questions or concerns should contact BC Hydro directly;
- information available on BC Hydro website;
- business case for program - \$930 million which will be amortized over 20 years and anticipate 1.6 billion dollars in benefits;
- 11 different benefit streams identified in business case, which is available on-line.

Ms. Taylor and Ms. Verschoor then responded to questions from members of Council.

Moved by Councillor Keating, seconded by Councillor Buchanan

THAT the presentation from Ms. Fiona Taylor, Deputy Chief Project Officer and Ms. Cindy Verschoor, Manager, BC Hydro's Smart Metering & Infrastructure Program, regarding "BC Hydro Smart Meters" be received.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

RECESS

Mayor Mussatto declared a recess at 8:02 p.m. for the public question period and reconvened the meeting immediately.

INQUIRIES

17. Design Work for Low Level Road – File: 5400-01

Inquiry by: Councillor R.C. Clark

Councillor Clark advised that he had received a number of calls from residents inquiring about the status of the design work for the Low Level Road and inquired of Mayor Mussatto when Council could expect to receive a status report on this issue.

Mr. Ken Tollstam, City Manager advised that a report would be forthcoming.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS – NEW ITEMS

Nil

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Councillor Keating, seconded by Councillor Clark

THAT the meeting adjourn.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The meeting adjourned at 8:04 p.m.