



COUNCIL MEETING

MINUTES

Tuesday, January 14, 2025, 5:00 p.m.
Council Chamber, City Hall
4949 Canada Way, Burnaby, BC

PRESENT: Councillor Pietro Calendino, Acting Mayor
Councillor Sav Dhaliwal
Councillor Alison Gu
Councillor Joe Keithley
Councillor Richard T. Lee
Councillor Maita Santiago
Councillor Daniel Tetrault
Councillor James Wang

ABSENT: Mayor Mike Hurley

STAFF: Leon Gous, Chief Administrative Officer (CAO)
Noreen Kassam, Deputy CAO / Chief Financial Officer
Dave Critchley, General Manager Community Safety
Juli Halliwell, General Manager Corporate Services
May Phang, General Manager Engineering
James Lota, General Manager Lands & Facilities
Carmen Gonzalez, Acting General Manager Parks, Recreation & Culture
Ed Kozak, General Manager Planning & Development
May Leung, City Solicitor
Nikki Best, Director Legislative Services / Corporate Officer
Blanka Zeinabova, Sr. Manager Legislative Services

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Acting Mayor Calendino called the Open Council meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

2. **LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

Acting Mayor Calendino recognized the ancestral and unceded homelands of the hən̓q̓əmi̓nəm̓ and Skwxwú7mesh speaking peoples, and extended appreciation for the opportunity to hold a meeting on this territory.

3. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

3.1 Open Council Meeting Agenda for January 14, 2025

Resolution No. 2025 - 001

THAT the agenda for the Open Council meeting of Monday, January 14, 2025, be adopted, **AS AMENDED**, to include the passing of Dr. Egon Nikolai after the adoption of the minutes.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

4.1 Open Council Meeting Minutes December 16, 2024

Resolution No. 2025 - 002

THAT the minutes of the Open Council meeting held on December 16, 2024, be now adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Announcement - Remembering Dr. Egon Nikolai

Acting Mayor Calendino expressed condolences to family and friends of Dr. Egon Nikolai. The following were remarks of the Acting Mayor:

"I would like to take a moment to share our condolences to the friends and family of Dr. Egon Nikolai, on behalf of the entire community of Burnaby. Nikolai passed away on December 27.

Nikolai was one of the very few individuals who have been awarded the title of Freeman by the City of Burnaby. This award is reserved for Burnaby residents who have a record of outstanding service and significant contributions to the wellbeing of Burnaby's citizens and the community.

Nikolai practiced dentistry in Burnaby for over 14 years, before he ran for City Council and served for 12 years. During his time on Council, Egon worked tirelessly to promote expanded block watch programs and increase the number of civilian staff in the RCMP offices, allowing the officers to focus on crime prevention, not administrative tasks. He

also served on a committee to oversee the phasing out of the Oakalla Prison and advocated for crime prevention.

While he worked tirelessly to help improve our community, Egon was known for his generosity outside of our borders as well. Over four decades, Egon devoted countless hours to international aid missions. He first started volunteering in the 1960s when he took his skills to the isolated communities of Nootka Sound. He and his family travelled to Ecuador, Jamaica, Peru, Nicaragua and Honduras, providing medical and dental aid and education to those who need it the most.

And when he was back home, he still found time to give back to this community, having served on the Burnaby Hospital Board, the South Burnaby Men's Club, United Way and numerous other organizations and groups.

Our deepest condolences to Freeman Egon Nikolai's friends and family during this difficult time."

5. DELEGATIONS AND INVITED PRESENTATIONS

5.1 Burnaby Horsemen's Association - Re: Paving of the Freeway Trail in Burnaby Lake Regional Park

Speakers: Erika Nassichuk and Nicole Foth, Directors

Erika Nassichuk and Nicole Foth, Directors of the Burnaby Horsemen's Association, appeared before Council expressing opposition to the City's plan to pave the Freeway Trail/powerlines within Burnaby Lake Regional Park, and seeking Council rescind the decision to pave the specified section. The delegates requested the City create and implement a detailed, multi-phase plan that accommodates equestrian usage and promotes a safe, multi-use trail environment for all park visitors.

Resolution No. 2025 - 003

THAT the delegation comments of the Burnaby Horsemen's Association, included on the January 14, 2025, Open Council agenda, be **REFERRED** to the Parks, Recreation and Culture Department.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

6.1 REZ #24-16 - 4900 KINGSWAY, PORTION OF 4940 KINGSWAY AND 6446, 6450 NELSON AVENUE AND PORTION OF LANE - HIGH DENSITY MIXED-USE DEVELOPMENT

The General Manager Planning and Development submitted a report seeking Council authorization to forward REZ #24-16 to First and Second Reading at a future Council meeting. The purpose of the proposed zoning bylaw amendment is to allow for high-density mixed-use development of the property comprised of 469 residential units including a mix of strata, market rental and non-market rental tenures, and commercial spaces including offices, retail and community-oriented commercial uses. The proposed built form includes a 72-storey tower at the corner of Kingsway and Nelson Street with a podium terracing down from Kingsway to Bennet Street. The proposed development includes a publicly accessible elevated plaza and north-south laneway from Kingsway to Bennett Street.

Resolution No. 2025 - 004

THAT a Rezoning Bylaw for REZ #24-16 be prepared and advanced to First and Second Reading at a future Council meeting;

THAT a Housing Agreement be authorized according to the terms outlined in Section 3.7 of the report titled “REZ #24-16 – 4900 Kingsway, Portion of 4940 Kingsway and 6446, 6450 Nelson Avenue – High Density Mixed-Use Development” dated December 16, 2024, and the City Solicitor be authorized to bring forward a Housing Agreement Bylaw for Final Adoption concurrently with Final Adoption of the Rezoning Bylaw for REZ #24-16;

THAT the introduction of a Highway Closure Bylaw be authorized according to the terms outlined in Section 3.12 of the report, contingent upon the granting by Council of Second Reading of the Rezoning Bylaw for REZ #24-16;

THAT the sale be approved in principle of City-owned property for inclusion within the subject development site in accordance with the terms outlined in Section 3.12 of the report, and subject to the applicant pursuing the rezoning proposal to completion; and

THAT the items listed in **Attachment 3** to the report be established as prerequisites to consideration of Final Adoption of the Rezoning Bylaw for REZ #24-16.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6.2 CE - LICENSES, INSPECTIONS AND PERMITS SYSTEM RENEWAL (ENERGOV)

The Deputy General Manager Finance submitted a report seeking Council approval to award a Contract Extension (CE) to Tyler Technologies Inc., for renewal of software support and maintenance of the EnerGov software suite.

Resolution No. 2025 - 005

THAT a one-year contract extension to Tyler Technologies Inc., for a total cost of \$314,492 USD, including GST and PST in the amount of \$33,696 as outlined in the report titled “CE – Licenses, Inspections and Permits System Renewal” dated January 14, 2025 be approved; and

THAT final payment will be based on the actual quantity of services delivered.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6.3 DESIGNATED FIELD HOCKEY TURF UPDATE

The Deputy General Manager Parks, Recreation and Culture submitted a report providing Council with an update on the need for a water-based field in Burnaby and seeking direction to review the need for a water-based field in Burnaby as part of the analysis required for the upcoming Sport Field Strategy.

The original recommendation was moved and seconded, and Councillor Dhaliwal then introduced a minor amendment to remove the word “explore”, which was seconded.

THAT direction be given to staff to proceed with Option 1, as outlined in the report titled "Designed Field Hockey Turf Update" dated January 14, 2025, to explore the replacement of Field #2 at Burnaby Lake Sports Complex West with a hybrid soccer/field hockey turf field.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The amended motion was then put to a final vote:

Resolution No. 2025 - 005

THAT direction be given to staff to proceed with Option 1, as outlined in the report titled "Designed Field Hockey Turf Update" dated January 14, 2025, to replace Field #2 at Burnaby Lake Sports Complex West with a hybrid soccer/field hockey turf field.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

No Committee Reports for discussion or presentation were received.

8. **CONSENT AGENDA**

There were no reports on the Consent Agenda.

9. **INFORMATION REPORTS**

9.1 **OCTOBER TO DECEMBER 2024 RETIREMENTS**

The Chief Human Resources Officer submitted a report informing Council of City retirements from October to December 2024:

Mark Boutilier

Resolution No. 2025 - 007

THAT the report titled "October to December 2024 Retirements", dated January 14, 2025, from the Chief Human Resources Officer, be received for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10. **BYLAWS**

10.1 **FIRST AND SECOND READING**

10.1.1 #14723 - Burnaby Zoning Bylaw 1965, Amendment Bylaw No. 37, 2024 -
Text Amendment

Resolution No. 2025 - 008

THAT Bylaw No. 14723 be now read a first and second time.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10.2 **FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD READING**

10.2.1 #14714 - Burnaby Highway Closure Bylaw No. 7, 2024

10.2.2 #14715 - Burnaby Highway Closure Bylaw No. 8, 2024

10.2.3 #14724 - Burnaby Housing Agreement (Kwasen Village Phase 1, Lot 3)
Bylaw 2025

10.2.4 #14725 - Burnaby Housing Agreement (Kwasen Village Phase 1, Lot 5)
Bylaw 2025

Resolution No. 2025 - 009

THAT Bylaw No. 14714, 14715, 14724 and 14725 be now read a first, second and third time.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10.3 THIRD READING

10.3.1 #14692 - Burnaby Housing Agreement (5227 Lane Street) Bylaw 2024

Resolution No. 2025 - 010

THAT Bylaw No. 14692 be now read a third time.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10.4 THIRD READING AND FINAL ADOPTION

10.4.1 #14713 - Burnaby Zoning Bylaw 1965, Amendment Bylaw No. 30, 2024 -
Text Amendment

Resolution No. 2025 - 011

THAT Bylaw No. 14713 be now read a third time and final time and adopted.

CARRIED
(Opposed: Councillor Calendino)

11. CORRESPONDENCE

No items of correspondence were received for Council's decision. All other items of correspondence were published at the Council Correspondence and Public Notice Submissions package dated January 14, 2025.

Metro 2050 Type 3 Proposed Amendment – City of Surrey (15238 – 63 Avenue)

Councillor Gu referred to Item 3.8.3. on the Council Correspondence and Public Notice Submissions Package dated January 14, 2025, from Metro Vancouver regarding Metro 2050 Type 3 Proposed Amendment – City of Surrey (15238 – 64 Avenue).

Resolution No. 2025 – 015

THAT Item 3.8.3. on the Council Correspondence and Public Notice Submissions Package dated January 14, 2025, from Metro Vancouver regarding Metro 2050 Type 3 Proposed Amendment – City of Surrey (15238 – 64 Avenue) be **REFERRED** to the Planning and Development Committee for discussion.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

12. OTHER BUSINESS

12.1 Councillor Wang - Proposed Motion: Landmark City of Burnaby Sign

Councillor Wang brought forward a Proposed Motion seeking Council direct staff to investigate and report back on potential opportunities, locations, and associated costs for installing a landmark "City of Burnaby" sign, with consideration for its impact on tourism, community identity, and public space enhancement.

Resolution No. 2025 - 012

THAT staff be directed to investigate and report back on potential opportunities, suitable locations, and associated costs for installing a landmark "City of Burnaby" sign to enhance civic identity and support tourism.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

12.2 Councillors Dhaliwal, Gu, Santiago, Tetrault, Wang - Proposed Motion: Increasing Preparedness and Resiliency in the OCP

Councillors Dhaliwal, Gu, Santiago, Tetrault and Wang brought forward a Proposed Motion seeking Council direct staff to plan for and mitigate the risk of extreme weather events, such as flooding and wildfire, in the Official Community Plan (OCP).

Resolution No. 2025 - 013

WHEREAS the risk of extreme weather events, such as flooding and wildfire, has increased significantly, and will continue to increase, due to climate change;

WHEREAS the Official Community Plan is an overarching land-use strategy for the next 25 years;

WHEREAS land-use designation as a tool should be utilized to increase preparedness, resiliency, and the mitigation of risk to people from hazards such as flooding and wildfire;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT staff identify the areas of the City of Burnaby that are at high risk of flooding and wildfire in the next 25 years and designate appropriate land uses in the Official Community Plan to prevent, to the largest extent possible, the risk to people and property;

THAT staff embed other forms of proactive, nature-based risk mitigation strategies within engineering and planning standards, prioritizing areas where people already live that are at high risk of flooding and wildfire; and,

THAT staff identify and report back to Council with other strategies to improve resiliency and preparedness, such as but not limited to leveraging Development Permit processes, rezoning requirements, and municipally owned land.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

12.3 Electronic Attendance by Councillor Keithley

Resolution No. 2025 - 014

THAT Councillor Joe Keithley will be permitted to electronically attend Council and Committee meetings from February 3, 2025 to March 28, 2025, to accommodate for recuperation from surgery; and

THAT the attendance of these meetings shall not be counted as electronic participation in accordance with section 6.5(c) of the Procedure Bylaw.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

13. RELEASE OF CLOSED MEETING DECISIONS

13.1 Resolution No. C2024 – 160

THAT staff be directed to collaborate with School District 41 to thoroughly investigate and develop a transition plan for the City's operation of the Michael J. Fox Theatre to sustain community access;

THAT proposed terms, conditions, and financial implications be brought back to Council for further direction; and

THAT the recommendation of the report titled "Michael J. Fox Theatre", dated December 16, 2024, be released to the Open Council meeting on January 14, 2025.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

14. **ADJOURNMENT**

THAT the Open Council meeting adjourn at 6:13 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Pietro Calendino, ACTING MAYOR

Nikki Best, CORPORATE OFFICER