



COUNCIL MEETING M I N U T E S

Tuesday, February 11, 2025, 5:00 p.m.
Council Chamber, City Hall
4949 Canada Way, Burnaby, BC

PRESENT:

Mayor Mike Hurley
Councillor Pietro Calendino
Councillor Sav Dhaliwal
Councillor Alison Gu
Councillor Joe Keithley
Councillor Richard T. Lee
Councillor Maita Santiago
Councillor Daniel Tetrault
Councillor James Wang

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
Mary Morrison-Clark, General Manager Parks, Recreation & Culture
Ed Kozak, General Manager Planning & Development
May Leung, City Solicitor
Anita Bhandari, Chief Human Resources Officer
Nikki Best, Director Legislative Services / Corporate Officer
Blanka Zeinabova, Sr. Manager Legislative Services

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

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

2. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Mayor Hurley recognized the ancestral and unceded homelands of the hə́nq̓əmiḥə́m and Sk̓w̓x̓wú7mesh 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 February 11, 2025

Resolution No. 2025 - 047

THAT the agenda for the Open Council meeting of Monday, January 14, 2025, be adopted, **AS AMENDED**, to include the following items under Other Business:

- an announcement - BC's Top Employers;
- Parks, Recreation and Culture Committee 2025 Meeting Changes;
- Parks, Recreation and Culture Committee TOR Amendment;
- Item 1.3. Council Correspondence and Public Notice Submission package dated February 11, 2025; and
- NOM: Veteran Parking.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

4.1 Open Council Meeting Minutes January 28, 2025

Resolution No. 2025 - 048

THAT the minutes of the Open Council meeting held on January 28, 2025, be now adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5. DELEGATIONS AND INVITED PRESENTATIONS

5.1 Invited Presentation: Burnaby Hospital Redevelopment Project - Re: Project Update

The delegation withdrew prior to the meeting and was rescheduled to the March 11, 2025, Council meeting.

6. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

6.1 PROPOSED 2025 LMLGA AND UBCM RESOLUTIONS

The General Manager Corporate Services submitted a report presenting resolutions for submission to the 2025 Lower Mainland Local Government Association (LMLGA) Annual General Meeting and the Union of BC Municipalities (UBCM) Convention.

Resolution No. 2025 - 049

THAT the proposed resolutions outlined in Section 3.0 of the report titled "Proposed 2025 LMLGA and UBCM Resolutions" dated February 11, 2025, be approved for submission to the 2025 LMLGA Annual General Meeting and UBCM Convention; and

THAT staff be directed to submit the resolutions by the required deadline.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7. COMMITTEE REPORTS

7.1 ECC - RE: KUSHIRO CUP LOCAL HEROES AND AWARD PROGRAM OUTREACH REVIEW

The Executive Committee of Council (ECC) submitted a report providing information on the current Kushiro Cup and Local Heroes awards program and outreach undertaken.

Resolution No. 2025 - 050

THAT the report titled "Kushiro Cup and Local Heroes Award Program Outreach Review" dated January 20, 2025, of the Executive Committee of Council meeting, be received for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolution No. 2025 - 051

THAT staff be directed to enhance the branding and outreach for the Local Hero Award and Kushiro Cup awards through the campaign period each year to ensure an understanding that social change is part of the nomination criteria, and that staff report back on the Kushiro Cup criteria in an effort to differentiate the Outstanding Citizen of the Year Award.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7.2 ECC - RE: PROPOSED NAME FOR NEW CHILD CARE CENTRE AT 4838 ROWAN AVENUE

The Executive Committee of Council (ECC) submitted a report proposing a name for the new child care centre at 4838 Rowan Avenue.

The original recommendation was moved and seconded, and Councillor Dhaliwal advised that the current name is already in use and as a result, introduced the following amendment, which was seconded:

THAT the name Rowan Avenue Child Care Centre for the City's new child care centre at 4838 Rowan Avenue, as outlined in the report titled "Proposed Name for New Child Care Centre at 4838 Rowan Avenue, dated January 20, 2025, of the Executive Committee of Council meeting, be approved; and

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The amended motion was then put to a final vote:

Resolution No. 2025 - 052

THAT the name Rowan Avenue Child Care Centre for the City's new child care centre at 4838 Rowan Avenue, as outlined in the report titled "Proposed Name for New Child Care Centre at 4838 Rowan Avenue", dated January 20, 2025, of the Executive Committee of Council meeting, be approved; and

THAT staff be authorized to arrange an official opening event for the new centre at a future date to be determined.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7.3 SPC - RE: BURNABY INTERCULTURAL PLANNING TABLE

The Social Planning Committee submitted a report seeking Council approval for the Burnaby Intercultural Planning Table (BIPT) to be represented at the Social Planning Committee as an advisory member and to include resources from BIPT on the City of Burnaby website.

Resolution No. 2025 - 053

THAT a link to the Burnaby Intercultural Planning Table be added to the City of Burnaby Website.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolution No. 2025 - 054

THAT an invitation be extended to a member of the Burnaby Intercultural Planning Table to be represented at the Social Planning Committee as an advisory member.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8. CONSENT AGENDA

Council requested to vote on Item 8.1. Growth of Events & Funding and Item 8.2. ECC - Re: Food Sustainability and Grant Requests separately after Item 8.3.

Resolution No. 2025 - 055

THAT resolution for Item 8.3. on the Consent Agenda on the Regular Council Meeting of February 11, 2025, be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.3 TC - RE: BUS SPEED AND RELIABILITY PROGRAM - HOTSPOT STUDY

The Transportation Committee submitted a report presenting Council with an overview of the Bus Speed and Reliability Program (TransLink) - Hotspot Study.

Resolution No. 2025 - 056

THAT the report titled "Bus Speed and Reliability Program - Hotspot Study" dated January 22, 2025, of the Transportation Committee meeting, be received for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.1 GROWTH OF EVENTS & FUNDING

The General Manager Parks, Recreation and Culture submitted a report providing information on the expansion of events and other public space activations in Burnaby, following direction from Council in 2024 to explore Car Free Days and the expansion of the Blues & Roots Festival.

Resolution No. 2025 - 057

THAT the report titled "Growth of Events & Funding" dated February 11, 2025, be received for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.2 ECC - RE: FOOD SUSTAINABILITY GRANT REQUESTS

The Executive Committee of Council (ECC) submitted a report providing information on Community Grants as they relate to the Burnaby Food System Strategy.

The original recommendation was not moved, and Councillor Dhaliwal introduced the following motion, which was seconded:

Resolution No. 2025 - 058

THAT staff be directed to work with the Executive Committee of Council to develop a policy for Council's approval to support a grant program as recommended in the Burnaby Food Systems strategy;

THAT the grant funding be a separate standalone stream of funding; and

THAT the required funding be considered by Council for the 2025 budget.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9. INFORMATION REPORTS

No Information Reports were received.

10. BYLAWS

10.1 FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD READING

10.1.1 #14726 - Burnaby Housing Agreement (5980 Kathleen Avenue) Bylaw 2025

10.1.2 #14727 - Burnaby Housing Agreement (3770 Trinity Street) Bylaw 2025

Resolution No. 2025 – 059

THAT Bylaw No. 14726 and 14727 be now read a first, second and third time.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10.2 FINAL ADOPTION

10.2.1 #14716 - Burnaby Heritage Revitalization Agreement Bylaw No. 1, 2024

Resolution No. 2025 - 060

THAT Bylaw No. 14716 be now read a final time and adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11. CORRESPONDENCE

The following item of correspondence was received for Council's decision. All other items of correspondence were published at the Council Correspondence and Public Notice Submissions package dated February 11, 2025.

11.1 Canadian Union of Postal Workers - Re: Industrial Inquiry Commission Reviewing Canada Post

Correspondence was received from Jan Simpson, National President, Canadian Union of Postal Workers (CUPW), regarding the Industrial Inquiry Commission reviewing Canada Post. The Commission has been tasked with reviewing the obstacles to negotiated collective agreements, as well as making recommendations about the future structure of Canada Post. The Commission is seeking input from the municipalities, which will be included in the final report to the government by the May 15, 2025, deadline.

Resolution No. 2025 - 061

WHEREAS the Canada Industrial Relations Board, as instructed by the Federal Minister of Labour, Steven MacKinnon, ordered the end to the postal strike and the resumption of mail service at Canada Post on December 17, 2024, under Section 107 of the *Canada Labour Code*.

WHEREAS the Federal Minister of Labour, Steven MacKinnon, created an Industrial Inquiry Commission under Section 108 of *Canada Labour Code*, led by William Kaplan, that will work with the Canadian Union of Postal Workers (CUPW) and Canada Post to examine the future of the public post office, including possible changes to the *Canadian Postal Service Charter*.

WHEREAS Canada Post is, first and foremost, a public service.

WHEREAS the Commission has been tasked with reviewing the obstacles to negotiated collective agreements between CUPW and Canada Post, the financial situation of Canada Post, Canada Post's expressed need to diversify and/or alter its delivery models in the face of current business demands, the viability of the business as it is currently configured, CUPW's negotiated commitments to job security, full-time employment, and the need to protect the health and safety of workers.

WHEREAS the Commission only has until May 15, 2025, to submit its final report to the government and make recommendations about the future structure of Canada Post.

WHEREAS while there is room for written input, the Commission process is not widely publicized, nor equivalent to a full and thorough public service review of Canada Post's mandate allowing for all stakeholder input, as has been undertaken by previous governments.

WHEREAS it will be crucial for the Commission to hear our views on key issues, including maintaining Canada Post as a public service, the importance of maintaining the moratorium on post office closures, improving the *Canadian Postal Service Charter*, home mail delivery, parcel delivery, keeping daily delivery, adding postal banking, greening Canada Post, EV charging stations, food delivery, improving delivery to rural, remote and Indigenous communities, and developing services to assist people with disabilities and help older Canadians to remain in their homes for as long as possible – and at the same time, helping to ensure Canada Post's financial self-sustainability.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City of Burnaby provide input to the Commission in the form of a written submission.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City of Burnaby will write the Federal Minister of Labour, Steven MacKinnon, and the Federal Minister of Public Services and Procurement of Canada, Jean-Yves Duclos, who is responsible for Canada Post, to demand that no changes be made to the *Canada Post Corporation Act*, Canada Post's mandate or the *Canadian Postal Service Charter* without a full, thorough, public review of Canada Post, including public hearings, with all key stakeholders, in every region of Canada.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

12. OTHER BUSINESS

Descendants of the Komagata Maru Society

Councillor Tetrault referred to Item 1.3 of the Council Correspondence and Public Notice Submissions Package dated February 11, 2025, from Descendants of the Komagata Maru Society seeking a formal apology from Council for Burnaby's actions at its June 29, 1914, Council meeting, where Council unanimously approved a resolution opposing the landing in British Columbia of the passengers aboard the S.S. Komagata Maru.

Resolution No. 2025 - 062

THAT Item 1.3 titled "Descendants of the Komagata Maru Society" in the Council Correspondence and Public Notice Submissions packaged dated February 11, 2025, be **REFERRED** to the Community Heritage Commission for a recommendation to Council.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

12.1 Audit Committee Meeting Time Change

Resolution No. 2025 - 063

THAT the Audit Committee meeting scheduled to be held on Wednesday, April 2, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. be rescheduled to 5:00 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

NOM: Veterans Parking

Councillor Lee submitted the following Notice of Motion:

WHEREAS we value the contributions of veterans to our society;

WHEREAS vehicles bearing veterans licence plates can park for free in Vancouver, Coquitlam, Port Moody, Surrey and New Westminster;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT staff be directed to investigate the feasibility of providing free parking for veterans in the City of Burnaby and report back to Council regarding the costs, impacts and timelines of the proposed initiative.

With the notice given, the motion will appear on the February 25, 2025, Council agenda.

PRCC 2025 Meeting Changes

Resolution No. 2025 - 064

THAT the Parks, Recreation and Culture Committee meeting schedule, as outlined in the report titled "2025 Meeting Schedules for Council, Public Hearings, and Advisory Bodies and Boards", approved at the November 18, 2024, Regular Council meeting, be **AMENDED** as follows:

- Thursday, April 3, 2025 meeting be rescheduled to Thursday, April 17, 2025, at 5:00 p.m.;
- Thursday, June 5, 2025 meeting be rescheduled to Thursday, June 19, 2025, at 5:00 p.m.; and
- Thursday, October 2, 2025 meeting be rescheduled to Thursday, October 16, 2025, at 5:00 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

PRCC TOR Amendment

Resolution No. 2025 - 065

THAT section 3.1. of the Terms of Reference for the Parks, Recreation and Culture Committee be amended to increase the membership by one, so that the membership consists of up to six (6) resident representatives.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

BC's Top Employers

Mayor Hurley announced that the City has been selected as one of BC's Top Employers. The following were the Mayor's remarks:

"I would like to take this opportunity to highlight some exciting news for the City. For the second year in a row, the City of Burnaby has been selected as one of BC's Top Employers by Mediacorp Canada. This award is a reflection of the dedication from all our staff, who have worked hard to help make the City such a great place to work.

We've always been fortunate to have amazing, talented folks working at the City. And over the last few years, we've really dedicated a lot of time and effort into transforming our workplace to embrace innovation, teamwork and a sense of community among all staff. Because at the end of the day, when we improve our workplace, our systems and processes, we ultimately improve our service to residents.

That's why I'm thrilled to see the City included on this list again this year. It shows that our approach is working, and it signals to our community that we take our roles very seriously.

Thank you, and congratulations again to all staff who make this City a fantastic place to work."

13. RELEASE OF CLOSED MEETING DECISIONS

There were no additional items for public release at this time.

14. ADJOURNMENT

THAT the Open Council meeting adjourn at 6:03 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Mike Hurley, MAYOR

Nikki Best, CORPORATE OFFICER