



COUNCIL MEETING M I N U T E S

Tuesday, July 8, 2025, 5:00 p.m.
Council Chamber, City Hall
4949 Canada Way, Burnaby, BC

- PRESENT:** Acting Mayor Daniel Tetrault
Councillor Pietro Calendino (*participated electronically*)
Councillor Sav Dhaliwal
Councillor Alison Gu
Councillor Joe Keithley (*participated electronically*)
Councillor Richard T. Lee
Councillor Maita Santiago
Councillor Daniel Tetrault
- ABSENT:** Mayor Mike Hurley
- STAFF:** Noreen Kassam, Acting Chief Administrative Officer / Chief Financial Officer
May Leung, Acting General Manager Corporate Services / City Solicitor
Graham De La Gorgendiere, General Manager Community Safety
May Phang, General Manager Engineering
Anita Bhandari, Chief Human Resources Officer
James Lota, General Manager Lands & Facilities
Mary Morrison-Clark, General Manager Parks, Recreation & Culture
Ed Kozak, General Manager Planning & Development
Miles Ritchie, Fire Chief
Blanka Zeinabova, Sr. Manager Legislative Services / Deputy Corporate Officer
Kathryn Matts, Administrative Officer 2

1. CALL TO ORDER

Acting Mayor Tetrault called the Open Council meeting to order at 5:00 pm.

2. TERRITORIAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Acting Mayor Tetrault respectfully acknowledged that the City of Burnaby is located on the unceded territories of the xʷməθkʷəy̓əm (Musqueam), Skwxwú7mesh (Squamish),

səlilwətał (Tsleil-Waututh), and kwikwəłəm (Kwikwetlem) Peoples. Each Nation has distinct histories and distinct traditional territories that fully or partially encompass the city. The City encourages you to learn more about the Host Nations whose ancestors have occupied and used these lands, including parts of present-day Burnaby, for thousands of years.

3. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There were no announcements.

4. **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

4.1 **Open Council Meeting Agenda for July 8, 2025**

Resolution No. 2025 - 336

THAT the agenda for the Open Council meeting of Tuesday, July 8, 2025, be adopted, **AS AMENDED**, to include cancellation of the Social Planning Committee meeting under Other Business.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5. **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

5.1 **Open Council Meeting Minutes June 24, 2025**

Resolution No. 2025 - 337

THAT the minutes of the Open Council meeting held on June 24, 2025, be now adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6. **DELEGATIONS AND INVITED PRESENTATIONS**

6.1 **Invited Presentation: BCIT - Re: Collaborating for a Vibrant & Prosperous Community**

Presenter: Jeff Zabudsky, President BCIT

Jeff Zabudsky, President, BCIT, appeared before Council and provided information on the BCIT new strategic commitments for partnering learners and industry for success.

The speaker noted the environmental partnerships formed to work on stormwater management, Guichon Creek daylighting and fish habitat restoration. The speaker further noted the importance of the built environment and emphasized the BCIT long-term development forecasts inform civic infrastructure planning. The speaker highlighted the Tall Timber Student Housing project which will provide affordable, sustainable student housing for almost 500 students as of September 2025.

In conclusion, J. Zabudsky noted future infrastructure plans for a Trades and Technology Complex, and the South Campus Infrastructure Project. In addition, the speaker spoke of BCIT as active participants in the Burnaby Official Community Plan.

6.2 Invited Presentation: FortisBC – Re: Supporting Burnaby’s Energy Needs
Presenter: Doug Slater, Vice President Regulatory Affairs and Indigenous Relations

Doug Slater, Vice President, Regulatory Affairs and Indigenous Relations, FortisBC, appeared before Council and provided updates on current initiatives and programs to support Burnaby’s growing energy needs and climate goals.

The speaker noted that FortisBC directly employs 2,700 British Columbians and serves 135 communities across BC and 58 Indigenous communities across 10 traditional territories. The speaker advised that FortisBC delivers energy to nearly 1.3 million homes and businesses across BC, with 40,000 customers in Burnaby.

D. Slater advised that there are multiple demands on BC’s Energy Infrastructure due to a growing population and new demands for energy such as artificial intelligence. In addition, aging assets need to be replaced and upgraded. The speaker stressed the new pressures of changing climate and adapting infrastructure to be more resilient in extreme weather. The speaker emphasized that protecting the energy in the face of these new risks is vital to maintaining reliability.

**Councillor Keithley left at 5:26 pm and returned at 5:28 pm*

The speaker further advised that North American Energy Reliability Council (NERC) has found BC at elevated reliability risk during winter periods, and stated that this demonstrates BC’s need for additional capacity resources.

D. Slater emphasized that integrating the gas and electric systems through hybrid heating and renewable fuels will greatly help BC reach its GHG targets affordably, reliably and resiliently.

The speaker provided information on Dual Fuel Systems noting that early pilot results show up to 40% lower energy consumption and a combined efficiency exceeding 150%. The speaker noted dual fuel systems optimize the use of gas and electric systems and uses the strengths of each system while lowering GHG's.

**Councillor Keithley left at 5:41 pm and returned at 5:43 pm*

In conclusion, D. Slater noted that FortisBC has invested almost \$700 million to help customers lower energy use. FortisBC Programs include:

- Deep energy retrofits;
- Gas-fired heat pumps;
- Dual-fuel (hybrid) energy systems;
- Income-qualified Program; and
- Programs for Indigenous Communities.

7. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

7.1 CA - (CA-3233) VICTORY STREET – GRAY AVENUE ROAD UPGRADES

The Deputy General Manager Finance submitted a report seeking Council approval for a Contract Award (CA) for the Victory Street – Gray Avenue Road Upgrades project.

Resolution No. 2025 - 338

THAT a contract award to Crown Contracting Ltd., for an estimated total of \$2,913,245 including taxes, as outlined in the report titled “CA – (CA-3233) Victory Street – Gray Avenue Road Upgrades” dated July 8, 2025 be approved; and

THAT final payment be based on the actual quantities of services delivered and unit prices as tendered.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7.2 CA - (CA-7030) VANCOUVER TO SFU CYCLING CONNECTION

The Deputy General Manager Finance submitted a report seeking Council approval for a Contract Award (CA) for the Vancouver to Simon Fraser University Cycling Connection project.

Resolution No. 2025 - 339

THAT a contract award to Crown Contracting Ltd., for an estimated total of \$506,999 including taxes, as outlined in the report titled “CA – (CA-7030) Vancouver to SFU Cycling Connection” dated July 8, 2025, be approved; and

THAT final payment will be based on the actual quantities of services delivered and unit prices as tendered.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7.3 CA - (CB-8049) WESTMINSTER AVENUE BRIDGE (STILL CREEK) APPROACH REPAIR

The Deputy General Manager Finance submitted a report seeking Council approval for a Contract Award (CA) for the Westminster Avenue Bridge (Still Creek) Approach Repair project.

Resolution No. 2025 - 340

THAT a contract award to Chandos Construction LP, for an estimated total cost of \$518,276 including taxes, as outlined in the report titled “CA – (CB-8049) Westminster Avenue Bridge (Still Creek) Approach Repair” dated July 8, 2025, be approved; and

THAT final payment be based on the actual quantities of services delivered and unit prices as tendered.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7.4 CA - WILLINGDON HEIGHTS BASKETBALL COURTS CONSTRUCTION

The Deputy General Manager Finance submitted a report seeking Council approval for a Contract Award (CA) for the construction of two new basketball courts at Willingdon Heights Park¹

Resolution No. 2025 - 341

THAT a contract award to Palmieri Bros. Paving Ltd. for an estimated cost of \$639,515 including taxes, as outlined in the report titled “CA – Willingdon Heights Basketball Courts Construction” dated July 8, 2025 be approved; and,

THAT final payment will be based on the actual quantity of goods and services delivered and hourly rates submitted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7.5 CC - RECESSED REFLECTIVE PAVEMENT MARKERS

The Deputy General Manager Finance submitted a report seeking Council approval for a Contract Change (CC) for the Recessed Reflective Pavement Markers project.

Resolution No. 2025 - 342

THAT a contract change to Sutton Road Markings Ltd., for an estimated cost of \$32,778 including taxes, as outlined in the report titled “CC – Recessed Reflective Pavement Markers” dated July 8, 2025 be approved; and

THAT final payment be based on the actual quantities of services delivered and unit prices as tendered.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7.6 CC - SUBCOMPACT CROSSOVER SUV ELECTRIC VEHICLES

The Deputy General Manager Finance submitted a report seeking Council approval for a Contract Change (CC) for the supply and delivery of Electric Vehicles.

Resolution No. 2025 - 343

THAT a contract change to Applewood Autogroup Ltd., for an estimated cost of \$837,852 including taxes as outlined in the report titled “CC – Subcompact Crossover SUV Electric Vehicles” dated July 8, 2025 be approved; and

THAT final payment will be based on unit prices submitted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7.7 CC - COMMERCIAL GUTTER CLEANING, MAINTENANCE AND MINOR REPAIRS

The Deputy General Manager Finance submitted a report seeking Council approval for a contract change (CC) for commercial gutter cleaning, maintenance and minor repair services at various City-owned buildings.

Resolution No. 2025 - 344

THAT a contract change to Marine Roofing Repair & Maintenance Service (2003) Ltd. for an estimated total cost of \$273,000 including taxes, as outlined in the report titled “CC – Commercial Gutter Cleaning, Maintenance and Minor Repair Services” dated July 8, 2025, be approved; and

THAT final payment will be based on the actual quantity of services delivered and hourly rate submitted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7.8 CR - SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF PORTLAND CEMENT CONCRETE

The Deputy General Manager Finance submitted a report seeking Council approval for a Contract Renewal (CR) for Portland Cement Concrete.

Resolution No. 2025 - 345

THAT a contract renewal to Coquitlam Concrete (1993) Ltd., for an estimated cost of \$747,000 including taxes, as outlined in the report titled "CR – Supply and Delivery of Portland Cement Concrete" dated July 8, 2025, be approved; and

THAT final payment will be based on actual quantities ordered and unit prices proposed.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS

8.1 TC - RE: ELECTRIC-BIKE SHARE PILOT PROGRAM

The Transportation Committee (TC) submitted a report seeking Council approval of the Electric-Bike Share Pilot Program.

Resolution No. 2025 - 346

THAT the Electric-Bike Share Pilot Program, as outlined in the report titled "Electric-Bike Share Pilot Program" dated June 18, 2025, of the Transportation Committee meeting, be endorsed;

THAT staff be directed to initiate the procurement of a share micromobility operator through the Request for Proposal (RFP) process; and

THAT the City Solicitor be authorized to bring forward the necessary bylaw amendment to support the Electric-Bike Share Pilot Program.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Council noted the importance of integrating systems with neighbouring municipalities to allow for cross-border trips for residents.

9. CONSENT AGENDA

Council requested to vote on Item 9.1 Burnaby Lake Regional Park Management Plan separately after Items 9.2, 9.3, 9.4, 9.5, 9.6, 9.7, 9.8 and 9.9.

THAT resolutions for Items 9.2, 9.3, 9.4, 9.5, 9.6, 9.7, 9.8 and 9.9 on the Consent Agenda on the Regular Council Meeting of July 8, 2025, be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.2 DEVELOPMENT LEGISLATION UPDATE - BILL 13: MISCELLANEOUS STATUTES AMENDMENT ACT, 2025 AND BILL 15: INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS ACT, 2025

The General Manager Planning and Development submitted a report providing Council with an update on recent changes to the *Community Charter* and *Local Government Act* in respect to housing, development and Provincial authority with respect to infrastructure projects.

Resolution No. 2025 - 347

THAT the report titled “Development Legislation Update – Bill 13: Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act, 2025 and Bill 15: Infrastructure Projects Act, 2025”, dated July 8, 2025 be received for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.3 CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION SAFETY AUDIT WORKSAFEBC CREDITS

The Chief Human Resources Officer submitted a report providing Council with information on the Certificate of Recognition program and how the City of Burnaby continues to meet safety standards and industry best practices.

Resolution No. 2025 - 348

THAT the report titled “Certificate of Recognition Safety Audit WorkSafeBC Credits” dated July 8, 2025, be received for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.4 SU: BUILDING PERMIT TABULATION REPORT NO. 05 FROM MAY 1 - MAY 31, 2025

The General Manager Planning and Development submitted a report providing Council with information on construction activity as reflected by the building permits that have been issued for the subject periods.

Resolution No. 2025 - 349

THAT the report titled "SU: Building Permit Tabulation Report No. 05 from May 1 – May 31, 2025" dated July 8, 2025, be received for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.5 PRCC - RE: RECREATION INDOOR STORAGE

The Parks, Recreation and Culture Committee (PRCC) submitted a report presenting Council with an overview on the recent review of recreation indoor storage facilities and practices, share key findings, outline recommendations for improvement, and seek feedback to help shape implementation and next steps.

Resolution No. 2025 - 350

THAT the report titled "Recreation Indoor Storage" dated June 19, 2025, of the Parks, Recreation and Culture Committee meeting, be received for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.6 PSC - RE: SU: FIRE DEPARTMENT ANNUAL REPORT 2024

The Public Safety Committee (PSC) submitted a report providing Council with the Burnaby Fire Department's Annual Report available to the end of December 2024.

Resolution No. 2025 - 351

THAT the report titled "SU: Fire Department Annual Report 2024" dated June 25, 2025, of the Public Safety Committee meeting, be received for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.7 PSC - RE: SU: FIRE DEPARTMENT STATUS REPORT (APRIL 2025)

The Public Safety Committee (PSC) submitted a report providing Burnaby Fire Department's status update (SU) available to end of April 2025.

Resolution No. 2025 - 352

THAT the report titled "SU: Fire Department Status Report (April 2025)" dated June 25, 2025, of the Public Safety Committee meeting, be received for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.8 PSC - RE: SU: RCMP STATUS REPORT (FEBRUARY - MARCH 2025) AND ANNUAL PERFORMANCE PLAN QUARTERLY REPORT (JANUARY - MARCH 2025)

The Public Safety Committee (PSC) submitted a report providing Council with a status update (SU) on policing operations covering February to March 2025 and the Annual Performance Plan (APP) quarterly report covering January to March 2025.

Resolution No. 2025 - 353

THAT the report titled "SU: RCMP Status Report (February – March 2025) and Annual Performance Plan Quarterly Report (January – March 2025)" dated June 25, 2025, of the Public Safety Committee meeting, be received for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.9 PSC - SU: SPRING 2025 BUILDING SAFER COMMUNITIES FUND PROJECT UPDATE

The Public Safety Committee (PSC) submitted a report providing Council with a status update (SU) on the work and initiatives undertaken through the 'Building Safer Communities Fund' three-year workplan.

Resolution No. 2025 - 354

THAT the report titled "SU: Spring 2025 Building Safer Communities Fund Project Update" dated June 25, 2025, of the Public Safety Committee meeting, be received for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.1 BURNABY LAKE REGIONAL PARK MANAGEMENT PLAN

The Deputy General Manager Parks, Recreation and Culture submitted a report providing Council with an overview of the upcoming Burnaby Lake Regional Park Management Plan, a collaborative initiative led by Metro Vancouver.

**Councillor Keithley left at 6:11 pm and returned at 6:13 pm*

Resolution No. 2025 - 355

THAT the report titled "Burnaby Lake Regional Park Management Plan" dated July 8, 2025, be received for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Council requested that the Burnaby Lake Park Association be invited to attend a future Council meeting to provide an update on activities.

10. INFORMATION REPORTS

No Information Reports were received.

11. BYLAWS

11.1 FINAL ADOPTION

11.1.1 #14690 - Burnaby Zoning Bylaw 1965, Amendment Bylaw No. 20, 2024 -
REZ #24-05 (4170 Still Creek Drive)

Resolution No. 2025 - 356-1

THAT Bylaw No. 14690 be now read a final time and adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11.1.2 #14752 - Burnaby Housing Agreement (4990 Bennett Street) Bylaw 2025

Resolution No. 2025 - 356-2

THAT Bylaw No. 14752 be now read a final time and adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11.1.3 #14753 - Burnaby Housing Agreement (4612, 4664 Lougheed Highway
and 2040, 2140 and 2150 Alpha Avenue) Bylaw 2025

Resolution No. 2025 - 356-3

THAT Bylaw No. 14753 be now read a final time and adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

12. 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 July 8, 2025.

13. OTHER BUSINESS

13.1 Councillors Gu and Dhaliwal - Proposed Motion: Improving Traffic Safety in Construction Zones

Councillors Gu and Dhaliwal brought forward a Proposed motion seeking Council approval to improve transparency and accessibility of traffic management plans and traffic safety-related bylaws, and to modernize Traffic Control Permit fees.

Councillor Gu noted the importance of improving transparency and compliance of the traffic management plan at constructions sites for the betterment of residents. Councillor Gu further noted that the main goal of the motion is to improve traffic safety for pedestrians who are in the most precarious positions if a sidewalk is blocked and they are adjacent to quickly moving traffic.

Councillor Dhaliwal noted that having information on the website and on-site would go a long way to inform the public.

Resolution No. 2025 - 357

WHEREAS construction projects that temporarily close a sidewalk, cycling lane, road, or any other portion of a City of Burnaby right-of-way are required to apply for a Traffic Control Permit, which includes both a fee and a traffic management plan that details how safety for pedestrian, cyclist, and vehicular traffic will be maintained during construction activity;

WHEREAS there is nowhere for the public to view the City-approved traffic management plan on site or online, making it extremely prohibitive for the public to understand or report violations of the traffic management plan and leading to unsafe conditions for pedestrians, cyclists, and vehicular road users;

WHEREAS it is extremely difficult for the public to access and understand the City's bylaws as it relates to traffic safety and permitted activity in construction zones in general;

WHEREAS the traffic control permit fees are \$310 per week for a sidewalk or cycling lane closure and \$520 per week for a road lane closure, which do not adequately reflect the scale of disruption that construction, storage of construction materials, and other closures have on residents, particularly the number of impacted individuals in higher density neighbourhoods;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City of Burnaby require construction sites to submit to the City and display a public-facing and up-to-date traffic management plan on site in a visible location on the perimeter of the construction site, which summarizes the traffic safety plan in easily accessible language and in map-form, to improve public awareness, compliance, and enforcement; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the City of Burnaby create an easily accessible page on its website that allows the public to view the public traffic management plan of a construction project by searching the address of the construction site, and that includes all general bylaws related to traffic safety in construction zones in accessible language.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Councillor Calendino left at 6:27 pm and did not return*

13.2 Councillor Gu - Cancellation of the July 16, 2025, Social Planning Committee Meeting

Resolution No. 2025 - 358

THAT due to there being no items of business, the Social Planning Committee meeting scheduled to be held on Wednesday, July 16, 2025, at 5:00 pm in the Council Chamber, be **CANCELLED**.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Councillor Keithley left at 6:29 pm and did not return*

14. RELEASE OF CLOSED MEETING DECISIONS

There were no items for public release at this time.

15. ADJOURNMENT

THAT the Open Council meeting adjourn at 6:30 pm.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Daniel Tetrault
ACTING MAYOR

Blanka Zeinabova
DEPUTY CORPORATE OFFICER