



COUNCIL MEETING

MINUTES

Monday, December 6, 2021, 5:00 p.m.

Council Chamber, City Hall

4949 Canada Way, Burnaby, BC

PRESENT:

- His Worship, Mayor Mike Hurley
- Councillor Pietro Calendino
- Councillor Sav Dhaliwal
- Councillor Alison Gu (*participated electronically*)
- Councillor Mike Hillman
- Councillor Dan Johnston (*participated electronically*)
- Councillor Colleen Jordan (*participated electronically*)
- Councillor Joe Keithley
- Councillor James Wang

STAFF:

- Mr. Leon Gous, Chief Administrative Officer
- Ms. Noreen Kassam, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer / Chief Financial Officer
- Mr. Dipak Dattani, Director Corporate Services
- Mr. James Lota, Director Engineering
- Mr. Dave Ellenwood, Director Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services
- Mr. Ed Kozak, Director Planning and Building
- Mr. Dave Critchley, Director Public Safety and Community Services
- Ms. May Leung, City Solicitor
- Ms. Blanka Zeinabova, City Clerk
- Ms. Eva Prior, Acting Deputy City Clerk

1. CALL TO ORDER

His Worship, Mayor Mike Hurley, called the Open meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. and conducted the roll call. Councillors Gu, Johnston and Jordan participated electronically.

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR HILLMAN

SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR GU

THAT the Open Council meeting reconvene at 5:00 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

His Worship, Mayor Mike Hurley, recognized the ancestral and unceded homelands of the hən̓qəmin̓əŋ and Skwxwú7mesh speaking peoples, and extended appreciation for the opportunity to hold a meeting on this territory.

2. MINUTES

2.1 Open Council Meeting held 2021 November 22

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR CALENDINO
SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR DHALIWAL

THAT the minutes of the Open Council meeting held on 2021 November 22 be now adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2.2 Public Hearing (Zoning) held 2021 November 23

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR JORDAN
SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR WANG

THAT the minutes of the Public Hearing (Zoning) held on 2021 November 23 be now adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2.3 Special Open Council Meeting held 2021 November 30

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR JOHNSTON
SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR HILLMAN

THAT the minutes of the Special Open Council meeting held on 2021 November 30 be now adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. DELEGATION

3.1 Jack Maddong - Re: Parking/traffic concern at 7484 Aldous Ct. Speaker: Jack Maddong

Mr. Maddong was not present at the meeting.

4. REPORTS

4.1 His Worship, Mayor Mike Hurley - Re: 2022 Council and Committee Appointments and Reappointments

His Worship, Mayor Mike Hurley, submitted a report announcing Council members appointments to regional and local organizations, and Council members and resident representatives appointments and reappointments to Boards, Committees and Commissions of Council for 2022.

His Worship, Mayor Mike Hurley, recommended:

1. THAT Council receive the report for information.

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR GU

SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR CALENDINO

THAT the recommendation of His Worship, Mayor Mike Hurley, be adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4.2 His Worship, Mayor Mike Hurley - Re: Acting Mayor Appointments - 2022

His Worship, Mayor Mike Hurley submitted the 2022 Acting Mayor Appointments report for Council's consideration.

His Worship, Mayor Mike Hurley recommended:

1. THAT the following Council members be appointed as Acting Mayor for the months indicated in 2021:

January - Councillor Sav Dhaliwal

February - Councillor Alison Gu

March - Councillor Mike Hillman

April - Councillor Dan Johnston

May - Councillor Colleen Jordan

June - Councillor Joe Keithley

July - Councillor James Wang

August - Councillor Pietro Calendino

September - Councillor Sav Dhaliwal

October - Councillor Alison Gu

November - Councillor Mike Hillman

December - Councillor Dan Johnston

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR DHALIWAL

SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR JORDAN

THAT the recommendation of His Worship, Mayor Mike Hurley be adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4.3 Community Heritage Commission - Re: Heritage Program 2-Year Work Plan Review

The Community Heritage Commission submitted a report providing status of the work plan items identified in the 2020-21 Community Heritage Commission Work Plan.

The Community Heritage Commission recommended:

1. THAT Council receive the report for information.
2. THAT a copy of the report be forwarded to the Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission.

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR WANG

SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR JOHNSTON

THAT the recommendations of the Community Heritage Commission be adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4.4 Community Heritage Commission - Re: Heritage Program 2-Year Work Plan for 2022 and 2023

The Community Heritage Commission submitted a report outlining a two-year work plan for the Community Heritage Commission's Heritage Program.

The Community Heritage Commission recommended:

1. THAT Council receive the report for information.
2. THAT a copy of the report be forwarded to the Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission.

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR HILLMAN
SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR GU

THAT the recommendations of the Community Heritage Commission be adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4.5 Executive Committee of Council - Re: Community Grant Applications

The Executive Committee of Council submitted a report recommending the following grants for Council approval:

#21.30. - DENIED - Dutch Liberation 2020 Canadian Society (*Dutch Heritage Day*)

#21.31. - DENIED - Rotary Club of Burnaby Metrotown (*Operating - Rotary Coats for Kids*)

#21.32. - DENIED - British Columbia Institute of Technology (*Evolution '22 Festival of Learning*)

#21.33. - DENIED - Ryan's Rainbow Emergency Food Outreach Society (*Operating*)

The Executive Committee of Council recommended:

1. THAT Council approve the grant recommendations, as outlined in the report.

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR CALENDINO
SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR DHALIWAL

THAT the recommendation of the Executive Committee of Council be adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4.6 Executive Committee of Council - Festivals Burnaby Grant Program Applications

The Executive Committee of Council submitted the following Festivals Burnaby grant application/s for Council consideration:

#21-L-002 - \$8,000 - Scandinavian Community Centre (*2022 Scandinavian Midsummer Festival*)

#21-L-003 - \$6,500 - African Canadian Soccer and Cultural Association (*2022 African Soccer and Cultural Festival*)

The Executive Committee of Council recommended:

1. THAT Council approve the Festivals Burnaby grant recommendation, as outlined in the report.

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR JORDAN

SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR WANG

THAT the recommendation of the Executive Committee of Council be adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4.7 Planning and Development Committee - Re: HOME: Burnaby's Housing + Homelessness Strategy

The Planning and Development Committee submitted a report seeking Council approval of HOME: Burnaby's Housing + Homelessness Strategy.

The Planning and Development Committee recommended:

1. THAT Council approve HOME: Burnaby's Housing + Homelessness Strategy, attached as Appendix A.

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR JOHNSTON

SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR HILLMAN

THAT the recommendation of the Planning and Development Committee be adopted.

AMENDED

Ms. Lee-Ann Garnett, Deputy Director Planning and Building provided the Committee with an overview of HOME: Burnaby's Housing + Homelessness Strategy (Strategy) which is a 10-year plan of action addressing housing and homelessness as a system. The Strategy responds to the housing needs of the City's residents, as documented in the Burnaby Housing Needs Report and Mayor's Task Force on Community Housing recommendations.

The Strategy identifies the following five goals, and strategies and actions to facilitate their implementation:

- inclusive and livable neighbourhoods;
- options for secure tenure;
- renter-friendly community;
- healthy supply of non-market housing; and
- a place where homeliness is rare, brief, and one time.

Should Council approve the Strategy, the next steps would include:

- public communications;
- preparation of the first implementation report, detailing the actions to be undertaken in 2022; and
- advancement of Phase I of the infill program, including amendment of the Official Community Plan and development of detailed guidelines and Zoning regulations to permit laneway homes and suites in duplexes.

Council expressed concern regarding Actions in Phase 1 of the Strategy which would launch a multi-phase program to expand housing choices in R District neighbourhoods, and requested that staff ensure that all residents are aware of the proposed changes.

Staff advised that Actions which have broad reaching implications would require additional public consultation, in addition to Council approval.

Arising from discussion, the following motion was introduced:

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR JORDAN

SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR JOHNSTON

1. THAT the recommendation be **AMENDED** to read as follows: THAT Council approve in principle HOME: Burnaby's Housing + Homelessness Strategy, attached as Appendix A.

DEFEATED

(Opposed: Mayor Hurley, Councillors Calendino, Dhaliwal, Gu, Hillman, Keithley and Wang)

As the motion to amend the recommendation was **DEFEATED**, the original motion was then put:

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR DHALIWAL

SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR HILLMAN

THAT the recommendation of the Planning and Development Committee be adopted.

CARRIED

(Opposed: Councillors Johnston and Jordan)

Council thanked staff, residents and stakeholders for their participation and effort in bringing forward this resident driven report.

4.8 Planning and Development Committee - Re: Willingdon Lands Conceptual Master Plan

The Planning and Development Committee submitted a report seeking Council endorsement of the preliminary concepts and vision for the Willingdon Lands Conceptual Master Plan, as a basis for receiving community input.

The Planning and Development Committee recommended:

1. THAT Council endorse the preliminary concepts and vision for the Willingdon Lands Conceptual Master Plan, as a basis for receiving community input, as outlined in the report.
2. THAT Council authorize the advancement of the proposed OCP bylaw amendment, as outlined in Section 3.0 of the report.
3. THAT Council authorize staff to undertake a public consultation process to receive public input on the proposed OCP bylaw amendment and the preliminary concepts and vision for the Willingdon Lands site, as outlined in the report.

**Councillor Hillman left at 6:02 p.m. and returned at 6:04 p.m.*

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR GU

SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR CALENDINO

THAT the recommendations of the Planning and Development Committee be adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Staff introduced **Ms. Johnna Sparrow**, Aboriginal Relations Advisor, Aquilini Development, who provided opening remarks regarding the Willingdon Lands proposal.

Ms. Sparrow advised that this proposal provides the Musqueam and Tsleil-Waututh Nations a living legacy as traditional stewards and owners of the lands, and to continue to advance reconciliation and create a positive legacy for future generations. The speaker thanked Aquilini Developments and the City for the opportunity to partner on this proposal to advance economic self-determination, training and employment.

Staff noted that the history of the lands, and historical and contemporary values, will be reflected in all aspects of the site development. The concept vision for the Contemporary Musqueam and Tsleil-Waututh Urban Village will balance the goals of cultural, social and economic self-determination for the Nations. The vision is supported by the following guiding principles:

- respect the past and embrace the future;
- nurture a sense of place,
- connect with the land and water; and
- advance reconciliation and accommodation.

The guiding principles will each have a set of design directives that will inform the site design. The Master Plan will be comprised of four character areas (districts) that include a Park District, Trade District, Storytelling District, and Residential District.

The next steps would be to seek Council endorsement of the preliminary concepts and vision, an Official Community Plan bylaw amendment, community consultation and feedback, and a finalized master plan to Public Hearing.

4.9 Planning and Development Committee - Re: Rental Housing Summary - Updated to 2021 September 30

The Planning and Development Committee submitted a report providing an update on recent rental housing developments in Burnaby, including developments on City lands, non-profit led housing developments and rental units achieved through the City's Rental Use Zoning Policy.

The Planning and Development Committee recommended:

1. THAT Council receive the report for information.

**Councillor Keithley left at 6:25 p.m. and returned at 6:27 p.m.*

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR DHALIWAL
SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR JORDAN

THAT the recommendation of the Planning and Development Committee be adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Council requested that under the 'funding category' subsequent reports include information regarding Federal and/or Provincial funding and density value contributions.

4.10 Traffic Safety Committee - Re: 2022 Local Area Service Program for Speed Humps

The Traffic Safety Committee submitted a report reviewing applications for the 2022 speed hump program and recommending streets that should proceed to the Local Area Service Programs (LASP) process.

The Traffic Safety Committee recommended:

1. THAT Council advance the requested speed humps, as discussed and recommended in the report, to the 2022 LASP process.
2. THAT Council send a copy of the report to the residents who requested speed humps as part of the 2022 LASP.

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR WANG

SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR JOHNSTON

THAT the recommendations of the Traffic Safety Committee be adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4.11 Chief Administrative Officer's Report, 2021 December 06

The Chief Administrative Officer submitted a report dated 2021 December 06 on the following matters:

5. CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S REPORTS

5.1 REQUEST FOR STATUTORY RIGHT OF WAY AT 4949 CANADA WAY FOR BC HYDRO PAD MOUNTED TRANSFORMER AND JUNCTION BOX

The Chief Administrative Officer submitted a report from the Director Engineering seeking Council approval in principle to grant a Statutory Right of Way over City land and authorization to negotiate the terms of the right of way agreement.

The Chief Administrative Officer recommended:

1. THAT Council approval in principle be given to the granting of a Statutory Right of Way on a portion of City land at 4949 Canada Way in favor of the British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority (BC Hydro) for the purpose of installing and maintaining a pad mounted transformer and adjacent underground electrical junction box, as described in the report.
2. THAT Council authorize staff to negotiate the terms of a new Statutory Right of Way Agreement with BC Hydro under the terms and conditions outlined in the report.

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR HILLMAN
SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR GU

THAT the recommendations of the Chief Administrative Officer be adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5.2 SIGNING OFFICERS - BANK

The Chief Administrative Officer submitted a report from the Deputy Chief Administrative Officer & Chief Financial Officer changing signing officers on City bank accounts.

The Chief Administrative Officer recommended:

1. THAT the signing officers for the operating investment transaction account, the operating disbursement and deposit accounts, payroll bank account and the U.S. bank account be as follows, any two of:

N. Kassam, R. Klimek, R. Grewal, R. Rowley, K. Lai, W. Kwan, R. Mester, G. Mooney, J. Cheu, the Mayor.

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR CALENDINO
SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR DHALIWAL

THAT the recommendation of the Chief Administrative Officer be adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5.3 CONTRACT AWARD - FRASER FORESHORE PARK - PUBLIC WASHROOM

The Chief Administrative Officer submitted a report from the Deputy Chief Administrative Officer / Chief Financial Officer seeking Council approval to award a contract for the Fraser Foreshore Park - Public Washroom project.

The Chief Administrative Officer recommended:

1. THAT Council approve a contract award to Holaco Construction (1997) Ltd. for an estimated total cost of \$1,663,809 including GST in the amount of \$79,229 as outlined in the report. Final payment will be based on the actual quantity of goods and services delivered and unit prices as tendered.

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR JORDAN
SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR WANG

THAT the recommendation of the Chief Administrative Officer be adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5.4 HOMELESSNESS RESPONSE: WINTER 2021/2022

The Chief Administrative Officer submitted a report from the Director Planning and Building and Director Public Safety and Community Services providing Council with information on the homelessness response for the 2021/2022 winter season.

The Chief Administrative Officer recommended:

1. THAT Council receive the report for information purposes.
2. THAT a copy of the report be forwarded to the Social Planning Committee and the Public Safety Committee for information.

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR JOHNSTON
SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR HILLMAN

THAT the recommendations of the Chief Administrative Officer be adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5.5 PROPOSED NON-PROFIT OCCUPANT FOR CITY-OWNED COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTRE LOCATED AT 2038 ROSSER AVENUE

The Chief Administrative Officer submitted a report from the Director Planning and Building advising that Cameray Child and Family Services was selected as the occupant for the City-owned community resource centre space located at 2038 Rosser Avenue

The Chief Administrative Officer recommended:

1. THAT Council receive the report for information.
2. THAT a copy of the report be forwarded to the Social Planning Committee for information.

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR GU
SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR CALENDINO

THAT the recommendations of the Chief Administrative Officer be adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5.6 REZONING APPLICATIONS

The Chief Administrative Officer submitted a report from the Director Planning and Building regarding the current series of new rezoning applications for Council consideration:

Rez. #21-29	5650 Beresford Street
Rez. #21-30	Portion of 2160 Springer Avenue, 2210 Springer Avenue and Portion of 5334 Loughheed Highway
Rez. #21-36	6470 and 6508 Silver Avenue
Rez. #21-38	9000 Glenlyon Parkway
Rez. #21-39	6540 and 6592 Telford Avenue
Rez. #21-40	5535 Hastings Street
Rez. #21-41	4955 Newton Street
Rez. #21-42	9861 Austin Road
Rez. #21-43	5675 and 5691 Rumble Street

The Chief Administrative Officer recommended:

1. THAT the Planning and Building Department be authorized to continue to work with the applicants towards the preparation of a suitable plans of development for presentation to future Public Hearings on the understanding that more detailed reports will be submitted at a later date.

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR DHALIWAL
SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR JORDAN

THAT the recommendation of the Chief Administrative Officer be adopted.

AMENDED

Arising from discussion, the following motion was introduced:

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR DHALIWAL
SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR JORDAN

THAT the report be **AMENDED** by removing Rezoning #21-40; and

THAT Rezoning #21-40 be **REFERRED** back to staff to ensure consistency with previous Council direction.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR DHALIWAL
SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR JORDAN

THAT the recommendation of the Chief Administrative Officer be adopted, **AS AMENDED**.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6. BYLAWS

6.1 FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD READING

- 6.1.1 #14413 - Burnaby Capital Works, Machinery and Equipment Reserve Fund Expenditure Bylaw No. 28, 2021
- 6.1.2 #14414 - Burnaby Waterworks Regulation Bylaw 1953, Amendment Bylaw No. 1, 2021
- 6.1.3 #14415 - Burnaby Sewer Parcel Tax Bylaw 1994, Amendment Bylaw No. 1, 2021
- 6.1.4 #14416 - Burnaby Sewer Charge Bylaw 1961, Amendment Bylaw No. 1, 2021
- 6.1.5 #14417 - Burnaby Sewer Connection Bylaw 1961, Amendment Bylaw No. 2, 2021

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR WANG

SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR JOHNSTON

THAT the Bylaw No. 14413, 14414, 14415, 14416 and 14417 be now introduced and read three times.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6.2 SECOND READING

- 6.2.1 #14383 - Burnaby Zoning Bylaw 1965, Amendment Bylaw No. 26, 2021 - Rez. #17-10000 (5868 Olive Avenue)
- 6.2.2 #14384 - Burnaby Zoning Bylaw 1965, Amendment Bylaw No. 27, 2021 - Rez. #17-10001 (5900 Olive Avenue)
- 6.2.3 #14385 - Burnaby Zoning Bylaw 1965, Amendment Bylaw No. 28, 2021 - Rez. #18-03 (6280 & 6350 Willingdon Avenue)
- 6.2.4 #14386 - Burnaby Zoning Bylaw 1965, Amendment Bylaw No. 29, 2021 - Rez. #17-14 (2100/60, 2210 Springer Avenue, and 5334 Lougheed Highway)
- 6.2.5 #14387 - Burnaby Zoning Bylaw 1965, Amendment Bylaw No. 30, 2021 - Rez. #19-51 (1508 Hatton Avenue)
- 6.2.6 #14388 - Burnaby Zoning Bylaw 1965, Amendment Bylaw No. 31, 2021 - Rez. #21-20 (4250 Canada Way)

6.2.7 #14389 - Burnaby Zoning Bylaw 1965, Amendment Bylaw No. 32, 2021 - Rez. #21-00037 (3713 Kensington Avenue)

6.2.8 #14390 - Burnaby Zoning Bylaw 1965, Amendment Bylaw No. 33, 2021 - Text Amendment

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR HILLMAN

SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR GU

THAT the Bylaw No. 14383, 14384, 14385, 14386, 14387, 14388, 14389 and 14390 be now read a second time.

DIVIDED

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR JORDAN

SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR JOHNSTON

THAT the Bylaw No. 14383, 14384, 14385, 14386, 14388, 14389 and 14390 be now read a second time.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR DHALIWAL

SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR KEITHLEY

THAT the Bylaw No. 14387 be now read a second time.

CARRIED

(Opposed: Councillors Johnston and Jordan)

6.3 CONSIDERATION AND THIRD READING

6.3.1 #14368 - Burnaby Zoning Bylaw 1965, Amendment Bylaw No. 22, 2021 - Rez. #20-38 (7300 Market Crossing)

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR CALENDINO

SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR DHALIWAL

THAT the Bylaw No. 14368 be now considered and read a third time.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6.4 RECONSIDERATION AND FINAL ADOPTION

- 6.4.1 #14278 - Burnaby Zoning Bylaw 1965, Amendment Bylaw No. 60, 2020 - Rez. #15-10 (7911/15/23 Edmonds Street and 7908 Wedgewood Street)
- 6.4.2 #14365 - Burnaby Zoning Bylaw 1965, Amendment Bylaw No. 20, 2021 - Rez. #20-37 (#2-4615 Lougheed Highway)
- 6.4.3 #14395 - Burnaby Local Area Service Construction (Project No. 22-303) Bylaw No.6, 2021
- 6.4.4 #14396 - Burnaby Local Area Service Construction (Project No. 22-601) Bylaw No. 7, 2021
- 6.4.5 #14397 - Burnaby Solid Waste and Recycling Bylaw 2010, Amendment Bylaw No. 2, 2021
- 6.4.6 #14398 - Burnaby Solid Waste and Recycling Bylaw 2010, Amendment Bylaw No. 3, 2021
- 6.4.7 #14406 - Burnaby Emergency Program Bylaw 1998, Amendment Bylaw No. 1, 2021
- 6.4.8 #14407 - Burnaby Freedom of Information Bylaw 1995, Amendment Bylaw No. 1, 2021
- 6.4.9 #14408 - Burnaby Investment Authorization Bylaw 2003, Amendment Bylaw No. 1, 2021
- 6.4.10 #14409 - Burnaby Officer Positions Bylaw 1998, Amendment Bylaw No. 1, 2021
- 6.4.11 #14410 - Burnaby Routine Transactions Authority Bylaw 1999, Amendment Bylaw No. 1, 2021

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR JORDAN

SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR WANG

THAT the Bylaw No. 14278, 14365, 14395, 14396, 14397, 14398, 14406, 14407, 14408, 14409 and 14410 be now reconsidered and finally adopted, signed by the Mayor and Clerk and the Corporate Seal affixed thereto.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7. NEW BUSINESS

Dr. Ambedkar

Councillor Dhaliwal apprised Council that 2021 December 06 is the 66th anniversary of the passing of Dr. Ambedkar who was instrumental in drafting the Constitution of India. Dr. Ambedkar was an advocate for civil liberties, which included economic and social empowerment, freedom of religion, evolution of untouchability, as well as gender equality and all forms of discrimination.

Councillor Dhaliwal also thanked and acknowledged the work of the Chetna Association, which continues to bring awareness to Dr. Ambedkar's contributions to India, and democracies all over the world.

Ecole Polytechnique Mass Shooting

Councillor Jordan and Councillor Gu recognized 2021 December 06 as the 32nd anniversary of the mass shooting at Montreal's Ecole Polytechnique, which took the lives of 14 young women. In 1991, the Parliament of Canada declared 6 December to be a National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women.

In recognition, a moment of silence was observed.

Bill 26 – Municipal Affairs Statutes Amendment Act (No. 2)

Councillor Jordan advised that Bill 26 was passed through the House last week and requested that staff bring forward information regarding the implications of this legislation.

Staff undertook to provide this information.

Burnaby Village Museum – Heritage Christmas

Councillor Wang advised that the family friendly Heritage Christmas event at Burnaby Village Museum is now officially open to the public. The event will run until January 03, gate admission is free and advanced reservations are not required.

Snow Forecast

His Worship Mayor Hurley asked residents to check-in on their neighbours, and assist them with snow removal where needed.

8. **INQUIRIES**

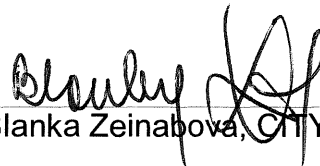
There were no inquiries brought before Council at this time.

9. **ADJOURNMENT**

Without objection, the Open Council meeting adjourned at 7:01 p.m.



Mike Hurley, MAYOR



Blanka Zeinabova, CITY CLERK