

**DISTRICT OF NORTH VANCOUVER
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

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Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of the Council for the District of North Vancouver held at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, January 27, 2014 in the Committee Room of the District Hall, 355 West Queens Road, North Vancouver, British Columbia.

Present: Mayor R. Walton
Councillor R. Hicks
Councillor M. Little
Councillor D. MacKay-Dunn
Councillor L. Muri
Councillor A. Nixon

Absent: Councillor R. Bassam

Staff: Mr. D. Stuart, Chief Administrative Officer
Mr. B. Bydwell, General Manager – Planning, Properties & Permits
Mr. G. Joyce, General Manager – Engineering, Parks & Facilities
Mr. J. Gordon, Manager – Administrative Services
Ms. S. Haid, Manager – Sustainable Community Development
Mr. S. Jenkins, Manager – Energy Projects
Mr. D. Hawkins, Policy Planner
Ms. S. Berardo, Confidential Council Clerk

Also in

Attendance: Ms. Heather McNeil, Regional Planning Division Manager - Metro Vancouver
Mr. Jaspal Marwah, Regional Planner – Metro Vancouver

1. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

1.1. January 27, 2014 Committee of the Whole Agenda

Moved by Councillor MURI

Seconded by Councillor LITTLE

THAT the agenda for the January 27, 2014 Committee of the Whole be adopted as circulated, including the addition of any items listed in the agenda addendum.

CARRIED

2. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

2.1. January 13, 2014 Committee of the Whole

Moved by Councillor MURI

Seconded by Councillor NIXON

THAT the minutes of the January 13, 2014 Committee of the Whole meeting be adopted.

CARRIED

3. REPORTS FROM COUNCIL OR STAFF

With the consent of Council, Mayor Walton altered the agenda as follows:

3.2. Energy Projects Update

File No.

Memo: Mr. Stephen Jenkins, Manager - Energy Projects

Mr. Stephen Jenkins, Manager – Energy Projects, provided an update on the District of North Vancouver’s progress on the following projects:

- District Building Retrofit Program;
- Lower Lynn/Maplewood District Energy Project;
- Lower Capilano Town Centre District Energy Project; and,
- Karen Magnussen Recreation Centre Biomass Energy Project.

Mr. Jenkins advised that these projects are aimed at lowering operating expenses for the District and demonstrating leadership on greenhouse gas reduction through the implementation of conservation strategies, technology advances, and renewable energy opportunities. Mr. Jenkins noted that the District will continue to work independently, identifying the best ‘business case’ supported opportunities.

Mr. Corrie Kost commented that the graphs shown during the presentation do not show an overall improvement.

Mr. John Hunter questioned how much money the District is putting at risk and what the guaranteed rate of return is.

3.1. Update of OCP Regional Context Statement

File No.

Ms. Susan Haid, Manager – Sustainable Community Development, advised that a regional context statement is a linking document that identifies the relationship between a municipality’s OCP and the Regional Growth Strategy. It identifies how the OCP is generally consistent with the Regional Growth Strategy and if applicable, how it will be made consistent over time. A Regional Context Statement is required in an OCP under the *Local Government Act* (Section 866) and must be accepted by the Regional Board. Regional Context Statements are the key to achieving important regional goals including:

- Protection of green space and agricultural lands;
- Containing urban growth;
- Coordinating land use, transportation and utility planning to make it most effective; and,
- Protecting industrial lands.

Councillor MURI left the meeting at 7:43 pm and returned at 7:45 pm.

Why do we need to update the District’s Regional Context Statement?

When the District’s OCP was adopted, the previous regional plan (LRSP) was still in effect and the new RGS was about to be adopted. The District’s Regional Context Statement relates to both regional plans. It needs to be updated to recognize the now adopted RGS as well as best practices in current context statements.

Overall, there are no changes to the OCP policies associated with the Regional Context Statement update. The update to the Regional Context Statement primarily:

1. Removes references to the former Liveable Regional Strategic Plan;

2. Provides further detail taken from the OCP on projections for employment, housing, population;
3. Acknowledges that as the OCP plans to 2030 and the RGS to 2040, the District will consider and work towards consistency with RGS 2041 projections in subsequent OCP reviews;
4. References recent OCP Implementation Plans: Town and Village Centre Plans, Transportation Plan, Parks and Open Space Strategic Plan;
5. References new adopted Development Permit Areas for the Natural Environment and Natural Hazards;
6. Updates Frequent Transit Development Areas from 'proposed' to 'designated' as supported by TransLink and Metro;
7. Provides greater clarity on several RGS polices such as:
 - a. RGS "Major Office" uses are targeted to our centres and Frequent Transit Development Areas;
 - b. Rural uses (Indian Arm) do not support subdivision, intensification or servicing; and,
8. Additional references to the District's intention to seek an RGS amendment in the future, once development has progressed, to designate Lower Lynn as a Municipal Town Centre (now a Frequent Transit Development Area).

Councillor LITTLE left the meeting at 7:48 pm and returned at 7:51 pm.

Ms. Haid sought Council's feedback on the proposed Regional Context Statement update.

Council recognized the importance of the Regional Context Statement and advised staff to prepare a bylaw to amend the OCP.

Mr. Corrie Kost requested that the public should be informed on how a Regional Context Statement is amended.

Moved by Councillor NIXON

Seconded by Councillor LITTLE

THAT it be recommended to Council:

THAT staff prepare the bylaw for amending the Regional Context Statement and forward it to Council for consideration.

CARRIED

4. RISE AND REPORT

Moved by Councillor MURI

Seconded by Councillor LITTLE

THAT the January 27, 2014 Committee of the Whole rise and report.

CARRIED
(8:21 pm)

Mayor

Municipal Clerk

