

**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 Wednesday, February 5, 2014 in the Council Chambers of the District Hall, 355 West Queens Road, North Vancouver, British Columbia.

**Present:** Mayor R. Walton  
Councillor R. Bassam  
Councillor R. Hicks  
Councillor D. MacKay-Dunn  
Councillor L. Muri  
Councillor A. Nixon (7:12 pm)

**Absent:** Councillor M. Little

**Staff:** Mr. B. Bydwell, General Manager – Planning, Properties, and Permits  
Ms. S. Haid, Manager – Sustainable Community Development  
Ms. N. Letchford, Deputy Municipal Clerk  
Mr. D. Hawkins, Community Planner  
Ms. T. Smith, Transportation Planner  
Ms. S. Berardo, Confidential Council Clerk

**Also in**

**Attendance:** Mr. Adrian Chaster, Chair – Edgemont Village Planning Working Group

**1. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

**1.1. February 5, 2014 Committee of the Whole Agenda**

**Moved by Councillor MURI**

**Seconded by Councillor BASSAM**

THAT the agenda for the February 5, 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**

**3. REPORTS FROM COUNCIL OR STAFF**

**3.1. Edgemont Village Centre Plan and Design Guidelines**

File No. 13.6480.30/002.005

Mr. David Hawkins, Planner, provided an overview of the proposed Edgemont Village Centre Plan and Design Guidelines.

Mr. Adrian Chaster, Chair – Edgemont Village Planning Working Group, noted the collaborative community planning process that created the proposed plan and guidelines. Mr. Chaster discussed the following common themes:

- Maintain the atmosphere of Edgemont Village;

- Residents are in opposition of high-rise buildings;
- Stated that building heights should be kept to three storeys;
- Maintain open spaces;
- Maximize sunlight;
- Keep the view of Grouse Mountain;
- Encourage small business;
- Avoid long empty block frontages;
- Make Edgemont Village more bike friendly;
- Commented on the need for bus shelters; and,
- Focus on pedestrian safety.

Mr. David Hawkins stated that the Edgemont 'refresh' was undertaken consistent with the Plan Implementation directions provided in the Official Community Plan. Mr. Hawkins identified seven sections in the proposed Edgemont Village Centre Plan and Design Guidelines:

- The Introduction describes the purpose, intent, scope, and organization of the document;
- General planning and design considerations articulate elements of the Village and community values that should be considered in all development proposals and civic improvements;
- Land Use policies provide direction on how existing uses in the commercial core should be managed and identify locations where potential new low-rise housing forms could be introduced in the residential periphery;
- Build Form Guidelines outline the design tools to manage building height, massing, transitions, architectural character expected to accompany any redevelopment to ensure new buildings add the Village's distinctive sense of place;
- Public Realm and Streetscape Guidelines describe the improvements to different components of the public realm that are expected to be provided as and when redevelopment occurs to enhance walkability opportunities for community interaction, and Village ambiance;
- Transportation and Parking policies identify options for improvements to key intersections and to the bicycle network, in addition to strategies for optimizing the on-street and off-street parking supply in the Village; and,
- Illustrative Plan summarizes the overall vision for the Village proposed in the plan and guidelines.

Mr. Hawkins sought Council's feedback and public discussions on the proposed Edgemont Village Centre Plan and Design Guidelines.

At 7:34 pm Council engaged in informal discussions with the public on the proposed Edgemont Village Centre Plan and Design Guidelines. Council reconvened at 8:09 pm.

Councillor HICKS left the meeting at 8:09 pm.

#### Council Discussion:

- Commented that there has been very little criticism from the community;
- Spoke in opposition to underground parking;
- Suggested investigating a community shuttle;
- Requested that the median in Edgemont Village remain;
- Queried how the village atmosphere has been defined;
- Thanked members of the Edgemont Village Planning Working Group for all their hard work;
- Commented on the importance of maintaining the Edgemont Village experience;
- Suggested improving the laneways;
- Suggested widening the sidewalks to create a place to gather; and,
- Reassured the public that changes in Edgemont Village will have to go through an extensive

Public Hearing process.

**Moved by Councillor NIXON**  
**Seconded by Councillor BASSAM**  
THAT it be recommended to Council:

THAT staff finalize the Edgemont Village Centre Plan and Design Guidelines for Council's consideration.

**CARRIED**

**4. PUBLIC INPUT**

**5. RISE AND REPORT**

**Moved by Councillor MURI**  
**Seconded by Councillor BASSAM**  
THAT the February 5, 2014 Committee of the Whole rise and report.

**CARRIED**  
(8:31 pm)

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Mayor

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Municipal Clerk