

DISTRICT OF NORTH VANCOUVER COUNCIL WORKSHOP

Minutes of the Council Workshop for the District of North Vancouver held at 5:32 p.m. on Tuesday, April 16, 2013 in the Committee Room of the District Hall, 355 West Queens Road, North Vancouver, British Columbia.

Present: Mayor R. Walton
Councillor R. Bassam
Councillor R. Hicks
Councillor M. Little (6:08 pm)
Councillor D. MacKay-Dunn
Councillor A. Nixon

Absent: Councillor L. Muri

Staff: Mr. D. Stuart, Chief Administrative Officer
Mr. A. Wardell, Manager – Financial Services
Mr. E. Iorio, Revenue & Taxation Manager
Ms. N. Letchford, Deputy Municipal Clerk
Ms. S. Berardo, Confidential Council Clerk

1. Opening by the Mayor

2. 2013 Tax Distribution

File No.

Presentation: Andy Wardell, Manager – Financial Services

Mr. Andy Wardell, Manager – Financial Services, provided an update on the Tax Strategy highlighting the 2013 implications and the history of industrial rates. Mr. Wardell noted that the tax strategy is in its fifth year with the objective of achieving the average tax rate for the region.

Mr. Wardell advised that:

- The light industrial region tax rate average target has been met;
- The heavy industrial class continues to benefit from heavy industry investments via new construction;
- Business tax rates are well below the regional average; and,
- No tax shifts are required between the heavy industrial class and the business class.

Mr. Wardell advised that the tax rate increase for 2013 is 2.5%.

Mr. Wardell acknowledged the success of the tax strategy as tax rates in the District of North Vancouver are well below the regional average, having dropped 20% since 2008.

As the tax policy ends in 2013 Council requested a meeting to discuss a future policy to set a new five year target.

Public Input:

Mr. Corrie Kost:

- Expressed concern with major industrial tax capping.

3. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:14 pm.

Committee Clerk