

**DISTRICT OF NORTH VANCOUVER
COUNCIL WORKSHOP**

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Minutes of the Council Workshop of the Council for the District of North Vancouver held at 5:05 p.m. on Tuesday, September 18, 2012 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 (5:20 pm)
Councillor M. Little
Councillor D. MacKay-Dunn
Councillor A. Nixon

Absent: Councillor L. Muri

Staff: Mr. G. Joyce, Acting Chief Administrative Officer
Mr. B. Bydwell, General Manager – Planning, Properties & Permits
Mr. J. Gordon, Manager – Administrative Services
Mr. S. Ono, Manager of Engineering Services
Ms. E. Geddes, Section Manager – Transportation
Ms. S. Berardo, Confidential Council Clerk
Ms. A. Kim, Transportation Planning Technologist

**Also in
Attendance:**

1. Opening by the Mayor

2. Transportation Priorities

File No. 16.8620.01/000.000

Presentation: Mr. Steve Ono, Manager of Engineering Services/Deputy GM Engineering, Parks, and Facilities

Ms. Erica Geddes, Section Manager – Transportation, presented details on transportation improvements in 2012 as well as a list of potential transportation improvements for consideration in the 2013 budget deliberations. The list of potential improvements for 2013 has been compiled based on Council input as well as community priorities embedded in the District's approved Transportation Plan.

Ms. Geddes sought Council's feedback on two transportation improvements for 2012.

Queens Road at Mahon Avenue:

The existing special crosswalk on Queens Road at Mahon Avenue is slated for safety upgrades in the fall of 2012, including: curb bulges, new LED lights, and additional signal beacons. The curb bulge would be similar to the existing on Queens Road at William Griffin Recreation Centre. The benefits of curb bulges are to reduce crossing distance for pedestrians and reduce risk of multiple threat pedestrian collisions.

Council Discussion:

- Do not build the permanent curb bulges;
- Re-paint the crosswalk to be as visible as possible;

- Add advance warning signs (these already exist, but could add a flashing light); and,
- Put in rubber temporary curbs.

Boundary Kirkstone Traffic Calming – William Avenue Intersections:

As part of the Boundary Kirkstone traffic Calming project, temporary curb extensions were installed on William Avenue at 29th Street and at 26th Street in 2012 on a trial basis. Permanent curb bulges are planned to be constructed in 2012. The benefits of curb bulges are to reduce crossing distance for pedestrians and reduce risk of multiple threat pedestrian collisions.

Council Discussion:

- Keep the temporary curbs indefinitely;
- Let the bikes enter the bulge; and,
- Add some pavement markings to show where vehicles and bikes should position themselves at the stop.

Ms. Geddes spoke to a proposed list of transportation investments for consideration in the 2013 deliberation budgets and categorized them into six key areas which included: cycling, neighbourhood safety, sidewalks, traffic signals, trails, and roads.

Cycling projects include:

- Widen Mount Seymour Parkway;
- Barrow Street bike route; and,
- Capilano Road pavement markings.

Council discussion:

- Capilano Road is a good contender for marked bike lanes;
- Would like to see bike lanes connecting to Phibbs Exchange;
- Queried if the center lane of Lynn Valley Road could be narrowed;
- Requested an approximate number of cyclists along Lynn Valley Road;
- Requested a copy of the draft Bicycle Master Plan;
- Requested a workshop with adequate public input to discuss the Bicycle Master Plan; and,
- Questioned the number of commuting cyclists versus recreational cyclists.

Councillor HICKS left the meeting at 5:56 pm and returned at 5:57 pm.

Councillor MACKAY-DUNN left the meeting at 6:08 pm and returned at 6:09 pm.

Neighbourhood safety projects include:

- Berkley Road at Carnation Street;
- 29th Street at St. Georges Avenue;
- Ross Road at Allan Road;
- Kirkstone Road; and,
- Cleveland Elementary School.

Council Discussion:

- Commented that visibility is limited on Ross Road at Allan Road and questioned what can be done to improve this;
- Suggested focusing on pedestrian traffic; and,
- Spoke in opposition to speed bumps on Kirkstone Road.

Sidewalk projects include:

- Mountain Highway at Dempsey Road;

- West 22nd Street at Lloyd Avenue;
- Naughton Avenue at Panorama Drive; and,
- William Avenue to Fromme Road.

Council Discussion:

- Requested that Baird Road be included on the list; and,
- Requested that West Keith Road at 22nd and Pemberton be examined and implemented in 2014.

Traffic signal projects include:

- Broadview traffic signal upgrade;
- LED traffic signal replacement program;
- District-wide traffic signal infrastructure;
- Signal software system; and,
- District-wide traffic signal pole painting.

Council Discussion:

- Commented that the timing of traffic signals on Mountain Highway and Lynn Valley Road is not adequate;
- Queried the District of North Vancouver's ability to coordinate signals with the Ministry of Infrastructure and Technology; and,
- Requested sending a letter to the government requesting that the District of North Vancouver and the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure signals be coordinated.

Trail projects include:

- Spirit Trail bridge design across Lynn Creek

Council Discussion:

- Commented that this is a major project and the District of North Vancouver should first have discussions with the City of North Vancouver; and,
- Proposed looking at the concept first with Council and then coming back with a design at a future meeting.

Road projects include:

- Stop sign replacement;
- Keith Road bridge;
- Keith Road extension; and,
- District-wide sign and marking renewal.

Councillor HICKS left the meeting at 6:37 pm and returned at 6:38 pm.

Mayor WALTON left the meeting at 6:37 pm and Councillor MACKAY-DUNN resumed the position of the chair.

General discussion:

- Requested converting school zones into playground zones;
- Requested that bus stop signs be moved off sidewalks to allow for pedestrians;
- Commented on the need to better connect town centers;
- Proposed developing a campaign to inform residents of the importance of wearing reflective gear;
- Suggested that the reflective gear campaign be highlighted in the District Dialogue;
- Requested legalizing cycling on sidewalks; and,
- Remarked that the East Keith sidewalk should be made wider.

Councillor HICKS left the meeting at 6:40 pm and returned at 6:42 pm.

Public Input:

Mr. Corrie Kost:

- Requested a smarter light system on Capilano and Marine Drive;
- Suggested optimizing signal timing; and,
- Commented on the importance of having discussions with the City of North Vancouver with regards to cycling on sidewalks.

3. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:51 pm.

Confidential Council Clerk