

## DISTRICT OF NORTH VANCOUVER

### COUNCIL WORKSHOP

Minutes of the Council Workshop of the Council for the District of North Vancouver held at 7:07 p.m. on Monday, February 13, 2012 in the Committee Room of the District Hall, 355 West Queens Road, North Vancouver, British Columbia.

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

**Absent:** Mayor R. Walton

**Staff:** Mr. D. Stuart, Chief Administrative Officer  
Mr. B. Bydwell, General Manager – Planning, Properties & Permits  
Ms. N. Deveaux, General Manager – Finance & Technology  
Mr. G. Joyce, General Manager – Engineering, Parks & Facilities  
Mr. R. Danyluk, Manager – Financial Planning  
Mr. J. Gordon, Manager – Administrative Services  
Ms. S. Haid, Manager – Sustainable Community Development  
Mr. D. Doyle, Section Manager – Engineering Development Services  
Ms. E. Geddes, Section Manager – Transportation  
Ms. L. Brick, Confidential Council Clerk  
Ms. A. Kim, Transportation Planning Technologist  
Ms. T. Smith, Transportation Planner

#### Also in

**Attendance:** Ms. Madeline Kostanza, Transportation Planning Committee Co-Chair

#### 1. Opening by the Mayor

Acting Mayor Hicks called the meeting to order and welcomed members of the public and staff.

#### 2. Financial Update - Commercial Enterprises

This item was withdrawn from the agenda.

#### 3. Long Term Transportation Vision & Strategic Priorities

Presentation:

- Doug Doyle, Section Manager – Engineering Development Services,
- Susan Haid, Manager – Sustainable Community Development, and,
- Rick Danyluk, Manager – Financial Planning

Ms. Susan Haid provided an overview of how the Draft Transportation Plan fits with the Official Community Plan. Ms. Haid advised that the transportation strategies are interwoven in the Town and Village Centre Implementation Plans, which are being undertaken for Lynn Valley, Lower Lynn, Lower Capilano/Marine Drive, and Maplewood, and focus on facilitating a shift in transportation modes for residents.

The OCP's Vision and Priorities focus on facilitating greater choice for transportation modes and achieving a target by 2030 of 35 percent of all trips by transit, cycling, or walking; currently this is at 21 percent. This is a big goal and shift. The intent is to shift transit ridership from 10 percent to 15 percent, and to increase other modes, i.e. cycling and walking, from 11% - 20%; however, it is expected that car trips will continue to be the dominant mode of transportation, particularly outside of the centres.

Mr. Doug Doyle provided an overview of strategies to align the OCP with the proposed frequent and rapid transit corridors between the centres (as proposed in vision of the upcoming North Shore Area Transit Plan). Projects then were identified based on their alignment with Official Community Plan's objectives to produce a list of short term priorities for the town centres, as well as other projects throughout the municipality.

Mr. Rick Danyluk summarized the financial impacts of the priorities of the OCP and the draft Transportation Plan, advising that the proposed centres development will generate revenue for capital projects and recommended that affordability be reviewed on a regular basis going forward.

Staff advised the five-year cost estimate of the transportation plan projects is \$17 million dollars: 60 percent on pedestrian and cycling projects, and 40 percent on corridor and safety projects (such as multi-modal road corridor improvements and traffic calming). Funding sources include an estimated 70 percent from external agencies such as developers, senior levels of government, and ICBC in the form of grants, development revenue, or partnerships; 30 percent would then be funded from District surplus and reserves.

Staff advised that the next steps include:

- 1) Bringing forward the long term vision for adoption;
- 2) Public open house consultations in March 2012; and,
- 3) Online consultation survey and stakeholder consultations.

Discussion:

Council raised a concern that proactive rezoning in advance of redevelopment may limit negotiating tools for improvements. Ms. Haid advised that the town and village centre implementation plans are trying to identify all of the transportation improvements needed before any rezoning.

Council expressed concern at the possibility that density would be increased substantially without a significant expansion of road capacity outside of the town centres. Staff advised that the short term priority focus of the Transportation Plan is to make the town centres work, but does include projects to improve transportation outside of the centres.

Council expressed concern regarding the safety issues at Phibbs Exchange. Staff advised that TransLink staff have committed to study improvements of Phibbs Exchange starting in April 2012. Current joint planning indicates a preference to keep Phibbs Exchange at its current location. TransLink may be invited to discuss this subject with Council.

Council expressed support for staff to have a plan in place to ensure that the District doesn't miss out on development opportunities where needed.

Council commented on development projects in the City of North Vancouver and encouraged District staff to work with City staff to ensure the transportation network across the North Shore is in unison.

Council expressed concern that the proposed TransLink plan is a vision extending to 2040. It suggested that the community would be better served with a shortened 2020 plan.

#### **4. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 8:13 pm.

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Confidential Council Clerk