

**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 5:06 p.m. on Tuesday, May 29, 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 M. Little (5:11 pm)
Councillor L. Muri
Councillor A. Nixon

Absent: Councillor R. Hicks
Councillor D. Mackay-Dunn

Staff: Mr. D. Stuart, Chief Administrative Officer
Mr. B. Bydwell, General Manager – Planning, Properties & Permits
Mr. G. Joyce, General Manager – Engineering, Parks & Facilities
Mr. R. Boulton, Manager – Parks
Mr. B. Dwyer, Manager – Development Services
Ms. N. Letchford, Deputy Municipal Clerk
Ms. M. Weston, Section Manager – Strategic Initiatives
Ms. K. Larsen, Planner
Ms. S. Berardo, Confidential Council Clerk

1. Opening by the Mayor

Mayor Walton welcomed members of the public and staff to the meeting.

2. District of North Vancouver Heritage Register Workshop

File No. 13.6800.01/000.000

Report: Kathleen Larsen, Community Planner

Ms. Kathleen Larsen, Community Planner, provided Council with an update of the results of the Public Information Meeting regarding the Heritage Register held on March 27, 2012. Ms. Larsen noted that a Heritage Register is a list of properties that are formally recognized by local government for their heritage value or character and must be adopted by Council by way of resolution. The meeting, facilitated by Heritage Consultant Donald Luxton, was intended to improve understanding and awareness of the Register as a heritage conservation tool, review common misconceptions, and to inform owners of the opportunities and any constraints associated with a listing on the Register. Approximately ninety people attended the meeting. Owners of fifty-three of the listed properties were at the meeting.

At the meeting staff and Mr. Luxton provided clarification on issues which included:

- Perceived impacts on property and redevelopment rights;
- Clarification regarding the difference between the Heritage Register and Heritage Designation;
- Potential tax incentives for those properties on the Heritage Register;
- Potential increase in funding available in 2012 through the District of North Vancouver Heritage Grants

- Program to encourage participation on the Register; and,
- The Building Permit process and potential impacts of Building Code Equivalencies on Heritage Register Properties.

Following the meeting, staff received written requests from eight property owners to not be included on the proposed Heritage Register.

Staff advised that the next steps include:

- Notifying residents listed on the Heritage Register;
- Holding a Public Meeting; and,
- Adoption of the Heritage Register.

Council discussed the community benefits of including properties on the Heritage Register versus the individual property rights to not be included on the registry.

Council recessed at 5:58 pm and returned at 6:00 pm.

3. Adopt-a-Program

File No.

Presentation: Gavin Joyce, General Manager – Engineering, Parks & Facilities

Ms. Michelle Weston, Section Manager – Strategic Initiatives, provided an overview of the existing volunteer based Beautification Program for District of North Vancouver streets, parks, and trails.

The proposed Beautification Program intends to:

- Centralize all projects under one cohesive program;
- Implement Adopt-a-Street and Bike Trail Litter Program;
- Expand Adopt-a-Bulge Program to lanes and streets;
- Create a Community Beautification Award Program;
- Fund utility box wrapping and seek additional corporate sponsorship;
- Actively market volunteer opportunities on social media and the District's website; and,
- Promote community partnerships and sponsorships.

Mayor WALTON left the meeting at 6:28 pm and returned at 6:29 pm.

Council requested that different ideas be looked at to better recognize volunteer's efforts.

4. RCMP

File No.

Presentation: David Stuart, Chief Administrative Officer

Mr. David Stuart, Chief Administrative Officer, provided Council with an update regarding the Police Unit Agreement. In March 2012 the Province provided municipalities policed by the RCMP with a new contract to replace the current twenty year agreement which expired March 31, 2012. In April, the Province confirmed that they had reached agreement with the Federal Government on a new RCMP contract and gave the municipalities until May 31, 2012 to approve the Police Unit Agreements. Since that time staff has worked with a sub-committee of Council and other staff around the region to identify issues, analyze available material, attend numerous meetings, and engage in direct communication with Ministry staff in an attempt to get as many answers as possible. As of last week, according to Ministry staff, only fifteen municipalities in the

Province had not signed the agreements.

The three key objectives for the negotiations were:

- Relationship change from client based to one of true partnership;
- Improved transparency and accountability of the RCMP; and,
- Cost containment and control.

Issues include:

- Provincial policing resources;
- Allocation of resources and costs for joint or shared detachments;
- The North Shore's utilization of, and financial contribution to, the Integrated Teams; and,
- The Province's willingness to consider alternative policing models for North Vancouver.

Mr. Stuart advised that next steps would include:

- Requesting an extension of the deadline to get the outstanding questions addressed;
- Meeting with the City of North Vancouver to discuss options;
- Signing the Municipal Police Unit Agreement;
- Engaging consultants to complete detailed operational and cost analysis; and,
- If an alternative option is preferred, begin discussion and consultation with the public, interested parties, and agencies.

5. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:04 pm.

Confidential Council Clerk