

**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 7:07 p.m. on Monday, November 26, 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
Councillor L. Muri (7:09 pm)
Councillor A. Nixon

Absent: Councillor M. Little
Councillor D. MacKay-Dunn

Staff: Mr. D. Stuart, Chief Administrative Officer
Mr. G. Joyce, General Manager – Engineering, Parks & Facilities
Mr. J. Gordon, Manager – Administrative Services
Ms. E. Geddes, Section Manager – Transportation
Ms. L. Brick, Confidential Council Clerk
Ms. T. Smith, Transportation Planner

1. Opening by the Mayor

Mayor Walton opened the meeting and welcomed members of the public.

Councillor MURI arrived at this point in the meeting.

2. Road Classification Bylaw

File No. 16.8620.25/011.000

Ms. Tegan Smith, Transportation Planner, provided an overview of the road classification system and reviewed the criteria for different levels of road such as local, collector, minor arterial, and major arterial. Ms. Smith advised that staff are proposing that eighteen road segments be downgraded, seven road segments be upgraded, and a new classification of rural road be implemented. The proposed changes would provide clarity to staff regarding maintenance and servicing requirements. Staff noted that the proposed changes reflect the current Official Community Plan vision and align with the requirements for future development.

Council discussion:

Council expressed concern that some roads would now have more than one classification along their length and queried the implications of having different classifications and levels of servicing. Staff noted that there are two roads which will have three classifications along their route and they will be cognizant of this during snow events.

Staff clarified that the classifications are a tool to provide guidance for services such as snow clearing, sidewalk installation, and street sweeping.

In response to Council inquiries, staff advised that the proposed changes are housekeeping amendments which will align the District policies with the practices which are being implemented. These changes will also align with national standards. Staff advised that they have considered disaster response routes, truck routes, and neighbourhood needs during the development of this proposal.

Staff advised that they will remove the “future collector road” signs which are posted on the roads which are proposed to be downgraded.

Council directed staff to report back on the possible impacts of the proposed street reclassifications with regard to street maintenance.

Public Input:

Mr. Corrie Kost:

- Expressed concern that some upgrades in classification may mean there will be more driveways on major arterials; and,
- Opined that the proposed changes may conflict with what the local community requests.

Mr. Lyle Craver:

- Queried if the School District had been consulted regarding the proposed reclassifications;
- Expressed concern regarding bus route volumes on reclassified routes; and,
- Queried what the impact will be of a reclassification for Pemberton Avenue.

Mr. Eric Andersen:

- Queried when this item will be returned to Council for further consideration.

3. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm.

Confidential Council Clerk