

**DISTRICT OF NORTH VANCOUVER  
COUNCIL WORKSHOP**

Minutes of the Council Workshop for the District of North Vancouver held at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 16, 2017 in the Council Chambers of the District Hall, 355 West Queens Road, North Vancouver, British Columbia.

**Present:** Mayor R. Walton  
Councillor R. Bassam  
Councillor M. Bond  
Councillor J. Hanson  
Councillor R. Hicks

**Absent:** Councillor D. MacKay-Dunn  
Councillor L. Muri

**Staff:** Ms. C. Grant, Acting Chief Administrative Officer  
Mr. G. Joyce, General Manager – Engineering, Parks & Facilities  
Mr. D. Milburn, General Manager – Planning, Properties & Permits  
Mr. J. Gordon, Manager – Administrative Services  
Ms. S. Rogers, Manager – Parks  
Ms. S. Dale, Confidential Council Clerk

**1. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

**1.1. May 16, 2017 Council Workshop Agenda**

**MOVED by Councillor BASSAM  
SECONDED by Councillor BOND**

THAT the agenda for the May 16, 2017 Council Workshop is adopted as circulated.

**CARRIED**

**2. ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

**2.1. April 10, 2017 Council Workshop**

**MOVED by Councillor BOND  
SECONDED by Councillor BASSAM**

THAT the minutes of the April 10, 2017 Council Workshop meeting are adopted.

**CARRIED**

**2.2. April 18, 2017 Council Workshop**

**MOVED by Councillor BOND  
SECONDED by Councillor BASSAM**

THAT the minutes of the April 18, 2017 Council Workshop meeting are adopted.

**CARRIED**

### 2.3. April 24, 2017 Council Workshop

**MOVED by Councillor BOND**  
**SECONDED by Councillor BASSAM**

THAT the minutes of the April 24, 2017 Council Workshop meeting are adopted.

**CARRIED**

## 3. REPORTS FROM COUNCIL OR STAFF

### 3.1. Parks Update

File No. 6660.01/000.000

Ms. Susan Rogers, Manager – Parks, provided an update on District Parks and topics for discussion included the following:

- Fromme Mountain and Seymour recreational trails and staging;
- Inter River Park Bike Park;
- Sportsfield Program;
- Park Management and the Summer Ranger Program;
- Park Policies for Commercial Use; and,
- Park Bylaw Revisions.

Council discussion ensued and the following comments and concerns were noted:

- Enquired about the type of complaints from residents of the Braemar and Dempsey Road area;
- Requested that proper flush toilets be installed at the Braemar staging area;
- Noted that people need to be encouraged to use the staging area instead of changing on residents lawns;
- Questioned if Braemar Road is a busy enough street to have a parking lot;
- Commented on how busy Kilmer Park is and suggested focusing on that area;
- Commented that trail connectivity is critical;
- Requested that staff provide information on the number of mountain bikers versus the number of hikers using the Braemar trails;
- Expressed concern that the proposed parking lot would encroach into the forest;
- Suggested monitoring the impacts of decommissioning trails;
- Expressed concern that teenagers may use the staging area to party;
- Requested staff report back on incidents of heavy parking in the Braemar area and what stretches of roads are busiest;
- Noted that Quarry Rock is over utilized and suggested advertising alternative trails to reduce traffic and parking issues in Deep Cove; and,
- Noted that some alternative trails do not have proper bridges over the creeks and the installation of creek crossings would be an expensive solution.

Councillor BASSAM left the meeting at 6:01 pm and returned at 6:03 pm.

Councillor HICKS left at 6:06 pm and returned at 6:07 pm.

Council discussion ensued and the following comments and concerns were noted:

- Acknowledged the increased popularity of BMX riding;

- Questioned what the long-term Pump Park renovations would entail;
- Requested an update on the status of the proposed fieldhouse at Inter River Park;
- Expressed concern regarding the traffic issues experienced by recreational users exiting parking areas;
- Acknowledged the good work from the volunteers of the Adopt-A-Street Program;
- Inquired about the percentage of people who drive to Lynn Canyon Park versus the percentage of people who take transit;
- Commented that the demand on District parks is excessive and the change in the last three years has been significant;
- Suggested that social media has played a significant role in increased growth in District parks;
- Spoke in opposition to limiting park hours during the peak season;
- Noted that pay parking could help to alleviate the cost of maintaining trails;
- Expressed concern regarding the dumping of garbage in District parks;
- Spoke in support of capping the number of commercial permits issued; and,
- Suggested looking at similar jurisdictions and the best practices they have used to manage the demands of their parks.

Public Input:

Mr. Corrie Kost, 2800 Block Colwood Drive:

- Opined that risk management is important for District parks.

Mr. Cooper Quinn, North Shore Mountain Biking Association:

- Thanked staff for being proactive with trail maintenance and for their continued funding partnership with NSMBA.

Mr. Barry Rueger, North Shore Professional Dogwalkers' Alliance:

- Suggested advertising alternative trails to help avoid people using the same trails; and,
- Suggested looking at ways the trail systems can work better.

**MOVED by Councillor BASSAM**

**SECONDED by Councillor HANSON**

THAT the May 9, 2017 memo of the Manager – Parks entitled Parks Update be received for information.

**CARRIED**

#### 4. ADJOURNMENT

**MOVED by Councillor BOND**

**SECONDED by Councillor HANSON**

THAT the May 16, 2017 Council Workshop is adjourned.

**CARRIED**  
(6:34 pm)

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Mayor

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Municipal Clerk