

**DISTRICT OF NORTH VANCOUVER
COUNCIL WORKSHOP**

Minutes of the Council Workshop for the District of North Vancouver held at 5:04 p.m. on Monday, February 26, 2018 in the Council Chamber of the District Hall, 355 West Queens Road, North Vancouver, British Columbia.

Present: Acting Mayor R. Hicks
Councillor R. Bassam
Councillor M. Bond
Councillor J. Hanson
Councillor D. MacKay-Dunn
Councillor L. Muri

Absent: Mayor R. Walton

Staff: Mr. D. Stuart, Chief Administrative Officer
Mr. G. Joyce, General Manager – Engineering, Parks & Facilities
Mr. D. Milburn, General Manager – Planning, Properties & Permits
Mr. A. Wardell, Acting General Manager – Finance & Technology
Superintendent C. Kennedy, RCMP – North Vancouver Detachment
Ms. S. Rogers, Manager – Parks
Ms. L. Brick, Deputy Municipal Clerk
Mr. S. Carney, Section Manager – Transportation
Ms. C. Walker, Chief Bylaw Officer
Ms. S. Dale, Confidential Council Clerk
Ms. C. Girard, Parks Planner

1. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

1.1. February 26, 2018 Council Workshop Agenda

MOVED by Councillor MURI

SECONDED by Councillor MACKAY-DUNN

THAT the agenda for the February 26, 2018 Council Workshop is adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

2. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

2.1. January 23, 2018 Council Workshop

MOVED by Councillor MURI

SECONDED by Councillor MACKAY-DUNN

THAT the minutes of the January 23, 2018 Council Workshop meeting are adopted.

CARRIED

2.2. February 5, 2018 Council Workshop

MOVED by Councillor MURI

SECONDED by Councillor MACKAY-DUNN

THAT the minutes of the February 5, 2018 Council Workshop meeting are adopted.

CARRIED

2.3. February 19, 2018 Council Workshop

MOVED by Councillor MURI

SECONDED by Councillor MACKAY-DUNN

THAT the minutes of the February 19, 2018 Council Workshop meeting are adopted.

CARRIED

3. REPORTS FROM COUNCIL OR STAFF

3.1. Inter River Park Sportsfields

File No. 12.6100.01/019.000

Ms. Susan Rogers, Manager – Parks, provided an update in response to questions raised by Council at the November 14, 2017 Council Workshop with regards to Inter River Park Sportsfields highlighting the following:

- Alternate potential locations for a second artificial turf field (ATF) in the Inter River area;
- Benefits of two ATF's in proximity;
- Inter-River Sub-Area Transportation Study in relation to Inter River Park;
- Mitigation of ATF site access and traffic impacts; and,
- Mitigation of ATF light and noise impacts.

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

- Questioned if the proposed ATF at Argyle Secondary School will be a multi-purpose, tournament size lit field;
- Noted that the Province is not funding a track at Handsworth Secondary School;
- Commented regarding the community impact of noise and light from sports fields;
- Expressed support for the one-field option;
- Acknowledged the preference for one or two fields is different for nearby residents and the broader community;
- Noted that the fields could be used by Lynnmour Elementary School and Capilano University students;
- Spoke to the construction cost saving benefits of two ATF's in one park location;
- Commented that two ATF's at Inter River Park would allow field users to relocate from Delbrook, where there are currently issues with parking and crowding;

- Encouraged staff to look at sponsorship opportunities;
- Commented on the importance of high quality facilities;
- Commented on the urgent need for more playable hours as demand is already high and growing;
- Questioned the costs associated with maintaining Field #8 at Inter River Park;
- Questioned how many ATF's are on the North Shore;
- Sympathized with the local community;
- Commented regarding the value of natural parkland and forested areas;
- Acknowledged that a second ATF would support the 1996 referendum to create Inter River Park as a tournament facility;
- Discussed possible alternate sites, including the District Fire Training Centre;
- Advised that there are no other suitable locations in the District for side-by-side ATF's;
- Spoke to the benefits of having two side-by-side ATF's and the ability to play simultaneous tournament games throughout the day, rather than being redirected to an alternate park site;
- Questioned the timing of the conversion of the existing grass field to an ATF should the second field option be approved;
- Queried what other noise and light mitigation measures could be taken;
- Recommended protecting forested areas near residential areas; and,
- Requested staff report back on the size of the forested area.

Public Input:

Ms. Analise Saely, District Resident:

- Commented on the importance of preserving the forest;
- Noted that the forest is well used by the local community, local school and families; and,
- Expressed concern regarding the negative impacts the artificial turf field may have on wildlife.

Mr. Stuart Ince, President – North Vancouver Football Club:

- Advised that there are only six ATF's in North Vancouver;
- Expressed support for the two field option; and,
- Spoke in support for creating a tournament facility.

MOVED by Councillor BASSAM

SECONDED by Councillor MACKAY-DUNN

THAT the February 14, 2018 report of the Manager – Parks entitled Inter River Park Sportsfields be received for information;

AND THAT this item be referred to a Regular Council meeting with the information requested which include the size issues, the make-up of the forest and what can be done to mitigate noise and lite.

CARRIED

3.2. Update on the Legalization of Non-Medical Cannabis

File No. 12.6410.01/000.000

Mr. Dan Milburn, General Manager – Planning, Properties & Permits, provided an update on cannabis legalization and regulations. Mr. Milburn noted that the Federal Government intends to assume responsibility for licensing cannabis producers and regulating production standards; however, provinces and territories will be responsible for many of the decisions about how non-medical cannabis is regulated in their jurisdiction. These include, but are not limited to: distribution and retail systems; compliance and enforcement regimes; age limits; restrictions on possession, public consumption and personal cultivation and amendments to safety laws. Mr. Milburn advised that the District of North Vancouver participated in the engagement process with the Province in advance of preparing cannabis regulations when the non-medical use of cannabis becomes legal in 2018.

Councillor MACKAY-DUNN left the meeting at 5:56 pm and returned at 5:58 pm.

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

- Commented on the need to invest in Standard Field Sobriety Test and Drug Recognition Expert training for more police officers;
- Noted that the regulation of non-medical cannabis should be consistent in all three North Shore municipalities;
- Commented on the risks and potential consequences of cannabis-impaired driving; and,
- Questioned how to regulate a zero-tolerance standard in respect of blood THC content for drivers in the Graduated Licensing Program (drivers with an “L” or “N” designation).

Councillor MURI left the meeting at 6:45 pm and returned at 6:46 pm.

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

- Opined that cannabis sold should be controlled by zoning;
- Acknowledged that the use of medical marijuana has become more mainstream;
- Spoke to the future of the edible market;
- Opined that the BC government should be responsible for warehousing and distribution of cannabis to provide consistency with alcohol distributed in BC;
- Spoke in support of advertising restrictions; and,
- Discussed the appropriate location of dedicated businesses for the sale of cannabis.

Councillor BASSAM left the meeting at 6:58 pm.

Councillor MACKAY-DUNN left the meeting at 6:58 pm and returned at 6:59 pm.

MOVED by Councillor MURI

SECONDED by Councillor MACKAY-DUNN

THAT the February 21, 2018 report of the General Manager – Planning, Properties & Permits entitled Update on the Legalization of Non-Medical Cannabis be received for information;

AND THAT staff be authorized to prepare amendments to the Zoning Bylaw, Business License Bylaw and Smoking Regulation Bylaw for consideration at a Regular meeting of Council.

CARRIED

Absent for vote: Councillor BASSAM

4. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Councillor MURI

SECONDED by Councillor MACKAY-DUNN

THAT the February 26, 2018 Council Workshop is adjourned.

CARRIED

Absent for vote: Councillor BASSAM

(7:00 p.m.)



Mayor



Municipal Clerk