

AGENDA ADDENDUM

SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL

Monday, April 27, 2015

7:00 p.m.

Council Chamber, Municipal Hall

355 West Queens Road,

North Vancouver, BC

Council Members:

Mayor Richard Walton

Councillor Roger Bassam

Councillor Mathew Bond

Councillor Jim Hanson

Councillor Robin Hicks

Councillor Doug MacKay-Dunn

Councillor Lisa Muri



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THE FOLLOWING LATE ITEMS ARE ADDED TO THE PUBLISHED AGENDA

7. RELEASE OF CLOSED MEETING DECISIONS

7.2. April 13, 2015 Closed Special Meeting of Council

7.2.1. Oil Spill Response

File No.

Memo: Section Manager – Environmental Sustainability
Director – North Shore Emergency Management Office

9. REPORTS FROM COUNCIL OR STAFF

9.4. Development Permit 4.15 – 2695 Newmarket Drive

File No. 08.3060.20/004.15

Recommendation:

THAT Development Permit 4.15, to allow for a renovation and addition to the existing house at 2695 Newmarket Drive, is ISSUED.

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Memo

April 24, 2015
File: MV Marathassa Spill

TO: David Stuart, CAO

FROM: Julie Pavey, Section Manager Environmental Sustainability
Dorit Mason, Director North Shore Emergency Management Office

SUBJECT: MV Marathassa Spill Event Briefing

Incident

- An oil spill was detected and reported to 911 by a member of the public at 1705 hrs Wednesday, April 8th, 2015.
- The MV Marathassa was found to be leaking bunker fuel into English Bay.
- The vessel is a Panamax sized bulk grain carrier which was commissioned in 2015 and under the Cyprus flag.
- The estimate of the spill volume was provided by Unified Command at the Incident Command Post (ICP) at 2,700 litres (which has been updated to 3,000 litres) and there is work underway to provide more certainty on the spill volume.
- The bunker C oil was used to fuel the vessel and is considered toxic.

Response

- The initial assessment was undertaken by Port Metro Vancouver.
- As it became apparent that there was heavier product that was recoverable, spill response was initiated and booming was put in place around the vessel by the Western Canada Marine Response Corporation (WCMRC) to contain the spill. It is reported that it was 6 hours before the booms were put in place.
- Thursday May 9th, 2015 – the City of Vancouver EOC was activated at 0600 hrs.
- WCMRC contacted NSEMO and the District of North Vancouver via email to provide a heads up for a spill in the area at 0715hrs.
- NSEMO staff immediately contacted Port Metro Vancouver for further situation awareness.
- NSEMO staff were called to assist the City of Vancouver and arrived at Vancouver EOC at 0930 hrs.
- NSEMO staff at Vancouver EOC activated North Shore EOC at 1440 hrs when Coast Guard map of the spill became available showing extent of spill closer to the North Shore. The North Shore EOC was activated at Level 1 and was primarily West Vancouver focused.

- Thursday May 9th, 2015 , it was confirmed that there was oil on North Shore in West Vancouver – Ambleside (1836hrs), Sandy Cove (1852 hrs), Caulfield Cove and Erwin Park (1941 hrs).
- Friday, May 10th, 2015 – The North Shore EOC was active and Shoreline Cleanup Assessment techniques Team (SCAT) worked with the Ministry of Environment and municipal staff doing assessments followed by cleanup crews from WCMRC.
- An Integrated Incident Command Post (ICP) was activated in Port Metro Vancouver's Operation Centre with Unified Command in place with Canadian Coast Guard (lead agency), Western Canadian Marine Response Corporation (WCMRC), Polaris Applied Sciences (on behalf of responsible party), Port Metro Vancouver
- The estimated volume of the spill was 2,700 litres.
- Transport Canada have communicated as of today that the spill appears to have been caused by the mechanical problems with ship's pumping system combined with an unrelated problem that caused fuel to be released into the water.
- No details are available yet on the cost of the response and cleanup. Staff have been tracking time related to the spill event and will look to recover costs through the claim process

Impacts to the District of North Vancouver

- Environmental Impacts. There are 15-20 confirmed oiled birds and a rehabilitation centre has been set up; the majority of the birds have been found at Jericho and Vanier Park. District staff have been in regular communication with the Wildbird Trust/Maplewood Conservation Area and there have been no sightings to date in the District of North Vancouver.
- Park Monitoring. Parks staff have been regularly monitoring parks along the shoreline including Cates and Deep Cove. There have been no sightings to date in the District of North Vancouver. The closest area of oiled shoreline is east of Capilano River on the Squamish lands on the north side of Burrard Inlet and in New Brighton Park on the south side of Burrard Inlet. The SCAT team have assessed Cates Park with no signs of impact and District staff have done an assessment of Maplewood today with no signs of impact.
- There is a single reporting number 604-837-7000 for any calls related to oiled shoreline, oiled wildlife, etc.

Next Steps

- Staff will continue to support the Integrated Incident Command Post (ICP) through the coordination of NSEMO.
- There is additional monitoring for oiled shorelines east of the Second Narrows including Maplewood Conservation Area that is expected to continue for the next couple days. We are anticipate that there will be no issues but have asked for confirmation through assessment.
- There will be ongoing shoreline assessment and clean up activity concentrated in West Vancouver and just east of Capilano River.

- There is work underway for water, sediment and tissue sampling including the areas impacted in the City of Vancouver and on the North Shore.
- A statement of work to develop an environmental monitoring and assessment plan has been developed with North Shore input.
- NSEMO staff will be reviewing the north shore response for lessons learned.

Council may wish to discuss the communication of District concerns on the notification timing for the initial response.

April 24, 2015
File:

Coast Guard - Government of Canada
Ministry of Environment, BC
Port Metro Vancouver

Dear:

Re: MV Marathassa Oil Spill

The District of North Vancouver contains 40 kilometres of shoreline along the north side of Burrard Inlet and west side of Indian Arm including the Conservation Area at Maplewood Flats, operated by the Wild Bird Trust, the last remaining undeveloped waterfront wetland on the North Shore. Our Cates Park is immediately across the harbour and within one kilometre of the Kinder Morgan facility.

This letter is being forwarded to express our concerns about the initial notification and response timing of the MV Marathassa spill event, and stress the strong importance of local government input at the Unified Command level at the Incident Command Post.

We understand the MV Marathassa spill was initially reported by a member of the public at 5:05 p.m. on April 8th. The communication of the incident to the District of North Vancouver and the North Shore Emergency Management Office (NSEMO) did not occur until 14 hours later when emails and phone messages were received from the Western Canada Marine Response Corporation (WCMRC) at 7:15 am on April 9th. Our ability to respond effectively to incidents of this nature is significantly related to the timeliness of communication. The timelines noted above are totally adequate for our community to respond to future incidents, and we seek dramatic improvement in this regard.

As part of our review of the Trans Mountain Expansion proposal, our Council was advised by WCMRC in late 2013 that the anticipated spill response time in Vancouver Harbour would be virtually immediate and that it would take up to six hours to boom off Maplewood Flat as a protective measure if the spill was in the vicinity. However, we understand that the on-site response to the recent spill event was not immediate and that the MV Marathassa was not fully boomed off for almost 12 hours after the initial call was received. This is inconsistent with the response timelines communicated to our Council, which has us very concerned, and ask to be a party to results of any post incident investigations.

Local government involvement at the Unified Command level at the Incident Command Post is extremely important, to ensure adjacent affected communities remain up-to-date on emergency situations and that local needs including concerns for long-term impacts are communicated directly to those in charge of the response.

In summation, we request involvement in the review and discussion concerning critical improvements for notification protocol and the results of any post incident investigations. While we are appreciative that this particular event was of limited impact to our community, this event could just as easily taken place in the inner harbour, and with strong tidal pulls, could have had

alarming impacts in Indian Arm. As such, we look forward to working with our partners such as the Canadian Coast Guard, Transport Canada, Environment Canada and the BC Ministry of Environment, to see continued improvement in spill response that meets our community's expectations.

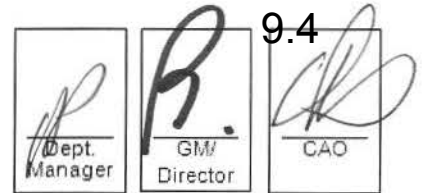
Sincerely,

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Mayor Richard Walton

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**The Corporation of the District of North Vancouver
REPORT TO COUNCIL**

File: 3060.20/004.15

April 24, 2015

AUTHOR: Kathleen Larsen, Community Planner

SUBJECT: **NEIGHBOURHOOD RESPONSE TO DEVELOPMENT VARIANCE PERMIT BEING CONSIDERED April 27, 2015**

RECOMMENDATION: That Council receive this report for information.

REASON FOR REPORT:

In accordance with Council's request to receive an indication as to the number of residents receiving notification, being in support or in opposition, the following information is submitted for the development variance permit being considered on April 27, 2015.

DISCUSSION:

As of 10:00 a.m. on April 24, 2015.

Development Variance Permit 4.15 – 2695 Newmarket Drive:

Seven notices were sent out to property owners/residents adjacent to the subject property. One response in support (attached) was received in response to the notice. This neighbour also provided one of three letters of support received during the processing of the application.

Kathleen Larsen
Community Planner

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March 23, 2015

North Vancouver District
355 West Queens Rd.
North Vancouver, BC
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Attention: Mayor and Council

Re: Proposal for Development Variance Permit at 2695 Newmarket Dr.

We the undersigned, Elizabeth and Robert McLenehan, neighbours of the applicants Sarah and Stuart Kerr, wish to provide our support and approval for their redevelopment plans as outlined in the letter dated March 11, 2015 that we received from the district's Development community planner.

When this property was sold in 2008, it was a pleasure and relief that the new owners, the Kerrs, wished to preserve the unique architectural elements of the house and property. In fact they quickly made improvements to the landscaping and made some renovations both to the exterior and interior that enhanced the function and appearance of the house. With the rampant destruction of original residences and building of gargantuan new homes in this area, we appreciate those who make a positive effort to retain the special character of our neighbourhood that has made it so attractive.

Prior to submitting their recent application, the Kerrs invited us together with our other neighbours to view and discuss their redevelopment plans. Without exception, we were all impressed with and in full support of their intended renovations. Indeed, the proposed changes will significantly enhance the existing property while retaining the architectural integrity of the original home; it should be noted this house was featured in *Architectural Digest* when built in 1946. We are impressed with the careful considerations the Kerrs have made in their design to preserve the essential character of the original house while at the same time improving and updating it to meet modern standards.

One of the benefits of the applicants' proposed redevelopment is the building of a new garage that will accommodate their vehicles and allow for better and safer access than the existing garage. All of the variances outlined are acceptable and have little or no impact on us as neighbours.

We therefore approve the Kerr's proposed redevelopment of their property including all variances identified in the variance permit application.

Yours sincerely,

Robert and Elizabeth McLenehan
(604-924-4924/ emclenehan@telus.net)

cc. Kathleen Larsen, Community Planner
Development Services Dept.
Sarah & Stuart Kerr