

**DISTRICT OF NORTH VANCOUVER
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

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Minutes of the Committee of the Whole of the Council for the District of North Vancouver held at 5:03 p.m. on Tuesday, February 11, 2014 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 M. Little
Councillor D. MacKay-Dunn (5:05 pm)
Councillor L. Muri
Councillor A. Nixon

Staff: Ms. N. Deveaux, General Manager – Finance & Technology
Ms. J. van Dyk, Director of Library Services
Ms. N. Letchford, Deputy Municipal Clerk
Ms. L. Brick, Confidential Council Clerk

Also in

Attendance: Ms. Lucy Cayuela, Chair, Municipal Library Board
Ms. Gopi Chande, Municipal Library Board
Mr. Matthew De Bock, Municipal Library Board
Mr. Frank Sullivan, Municipal Library Board
Mr. Sanford Osler, Municipal Library Board
Ms. Fiona Kelly, Municipal Library Board
Mr. Ken Lim, Municipal Library Board
Mr. Mike McGraw, Municipal Library Board
Ms. Corinne McConchie, North Vancouver District Library
Ms. Susan Larsen, North Vancouver District Library
Ms. Kate Grossman, North Vancouver District Library
Ms. Helen Kaiser, North Vancouver District Library
Ms. Leanne Erickson, North Vancouver District Library

1. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

1.1. February 11, 2014 Committee of the Whole Agenda

MOVED by Councillor LITTLE

SECONDED by Councillor NIXON

THAT the agenda for the February 11, 2014 Committee of the Whole be adopted as circulated, including the addition of any items listed in the agenda addendum.

CARRIED

2. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Nil

3. REPORTS FROM COUNCIL OR STAFF

Councillor MACKAY-DUNN arrived at this point in the proceedings.

3.1. Municipal Library Board

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Ms. Lucy Cayuela, Chair, Municipal Library Board, presented a video highlighting the Library Board's vision for the future of library services. It was noted that 2014 is the 50th anniversary of the District Library.

The Library Board is changing the direction of the library from a conventional library service to a place of open learning and supporting the community and will be revisiting their strategic plan. There is a vision to become a more active partner with the District to help achieve the goals of the community and work to facilitate conversations about the issues which face the community.

It was noted that the Library Board is faced with the challenge to move past the traditional vision of library services and work within the community to create broader engagement. Discussion ensued regarding opportunities to overcome these challenges. The opportunities identified include:

- Community kiosks;
- Library discussion groups;
- Increased visibility as a source of accurate and evidence based information;
- Improved conversation areas in the libraries; and,
- Creating a cross connection between the Library and the North Vancouver Museum and Archives.

The Library Board advised they are working with the School Board to facilitate integration of library programs into the schools.

Council queried what the Library Board's vision is for Council's role in the governance and strategic direction of libraries; the Board advised that they envision a more meaningful partnership with Council, continued alignment of the values of the Official Community Plan and the Library Board. The Library Board challenged Council to advise them what additional programs they envision the library offering to the community moving forward into the future.

The ideas which were expressed included:

- Strengthening the image of the library as a meeting place for the community;
- Providing higher visibility for the research expertise and information finding services that are offered by the librarians;
- That the Library Board develop a vision of what a library would look like in 2040 and present this vision to Council; and,
- Review what municipal services could be delivered at the library.

Discussion ensued regarding improvement opportunities to Capilano Library; it was suggested that this building should be redesigned.

Council inquired about how the library has changed its services to serve the financially disadvantaged in the community; members of the Library Board advised that the library has become more valuable to the community since other services such as book stores and video rental stores have closed. A social inclusivity study was commissioned recently to identify ways which the library can become more relevant to different socio-economic levels. The library has also implemented a Teen Advisory Council to assist in engaging youth.

The Library Board is conducting strategic planning sessions to find new ways to measure services. It was noted that there is a changing use of the libraries; the current trend is that people stay longer and for different reasons.

In conclusion the Library Board advised that they are starting a strategic process to develop their vision; the Library Board will return to Council to present the completed vision.

4. PUBLIC INPUT

4.1. Mr. Corrie Kost,

- Encouraged improved access to scholarly sites on the internet; and,
- Spoke regarding the importance of libraries in the community.

5. RISE AND REPORT

MOVED by Councillor LITTLE

SECONDED by Councillor NIXON

THAT the February 11, 2014 Committee of the Whole rise.

CARRIED
(7:00 pm)

Mayor

Municipal Clerk