

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

Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of the Council for the District of North Vancouver held at 7:06 p.m. on Monday, January 12, 2015 in the Committee Room 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
Councillor D. MacKay-Dunn
Councillor L. Muri

Staff: Mr. D. Stuart, Chief Administrative Officer
Mr. B. Bydwell, General Manager – Planning, Properties & Permits
Ms. N. Deveaux, General Manager – Finance & Technology
Ms. C. Grant, General Manager – Corporate Services
Mr. G. Joyce, General Manager – Engineering, Parks & Facilities
Mr. J. Gordon, Manager – Administrative Services
Mr. S. Ono, Manager – Engineering Services
Ms. S. Rogers, Manager – Parks
Ms. M. Welman, Manager – Strategic Communication & Community Relations
Ms. S. Carroll, Section Manager, Utility Technical Services
Ms. L. Brick, Deputy Municipal Clerk
Mr. D. Rose, Section Manager – Parks Planning and Design & Development
Mr. S. Loader, Project Engineer
Mr. S. Rooney, Project Engineer
Ms. S. Dale, Confidential Council Clerk
Ms. C. Girard, Parks Planner

Also in

Attendance: Mr. Steve Billington, Community Liaison Officer, Metro Vancouver
Mr. Goran Oljaca, Engineering and Construction Division Manager, Water Services Department, Metro Vancouver
Ms. Vanessa Anthony, Consultation and Community Relations Coordinator, Liquid Waste and Water Services Departments, Metro Vancouver
Mr. Peter Thompson, Chair, CMAC

1. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

1.1. January 12, 2015 Committee of the Whole Agenda

**MOVED by Councillor MURI
SECONDED by Councillor HICKS**

THAT the agenda for the January 12, 2015 Committee of the Whole be adopted as circulated, including the addition of any items listed in the agenda addendum.

CARRIED

2. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

3. REPORTS FROM COUNCIL OR STAFF

3.1. Metro Vancouver Capilano Watermain #9

File No.

Memo: Sean Rooney, Project Engineer

Mr. Steve Billington, Community Liaison Officer, Metro Vancouver, provided an overview of the Capilano Watermain No. 9 installation on Capilano Road. Watermain No. 9 will be installed under Capilano Road from the Capilano Dam to Edgemont Boulevard and replace Metro Vancouver's Watermain No. 4. It was noted that Watermain No. 4 has reached the end of its design life, is in a location which is vulnerable to seismic activity, and located within the Capilano Regional Park.

Mr. Billington highlighted the following:

- The pipe would be placed in 200 metre sections;
- Local traffic will be maintained for residents adjacent to the construction with local detour routes;
- Single lane traffic will be one direction only on weekdays between 8 pm and 7 am and on Sundays;
- There will be shuttle buses operating on either side of the construction zone taking transit riders to connection points on Ridgewood or Montroyal to join the regularly-scheduled Coast Mountain buses;
- During construction sidewalks will remain open to pedestrians and dismounted cyclists at all times; and,
- In conjunction with the District of North Vancouver, Metro Vancouver will add new improvements such as sidewalk upgrades and a bike lane on Capilano Road.

At a previous meeting, Council questioned if two crews working at the same time could reduce the overall time that the project interfered with Capilano Road traffic. Mr. Billington advised that the impact of two crews would be too great because of the heavier truck traffic and increased difficulties in local access as well as the inefficiencies of two major construction operations working so close together.

Mr. Billington noted that construction would commence in August 2015 and run to the third week of April 2016 with Capilano Road having closures for approximately 3.5 months through the fall.

Mr. Peter Thompson, Chair, CMAC, commented that the Capilano Watermain project is not the largest project in the District of North Vancouver but will have the greatest impact on the community.

Council commented on the importance of communicating to the public that all businesses will be open during construction. Mr. Billington advised that Metro Vancouver has been working with the District of North Vancouver's Communications team to coordinate messaging and cross-posting on websites.

MOVED by Councillor MURI

SECONDED by Councillor BASSAM

THAT the presentation of Metro Vancouver regarding Metro Vancouver Capilano Watermain #9 be received for information.

CARRIED

Council recessed at 7:51 pm and reconvened at 7:53 pm.

3.2. Seylynn & Bridgman Parks Conceptual Master Plan and Report

Councillor BOND returned to the meeting at 7:54 pm.

Ms. Carolyn Girard, Parks Planner, advised that the purpose of the Seylynn and Bridgman Parks Conceptual Master Plan is to guide the revitalization of the parks by recommending improvements to the natural environment and park amenities to support existing and future recreation activities.

Ms. Girard noted that the planning was accomplished through a comprehensive design and public engagement process guided by the following objectives:

- Respond to the anticipated growth of the Lower Lynn Town Centre;
- Provide innovative design features and elements inspired by the dynamic interface between the natural landscapes and the urban environment;
- Increase access and connectivity within, between and to the parks, with consideration for active transportation, universal design, parking and service access;
- Improve opportunities for recreation, play, art and cultural events;
- Improve safety and security in the parks;
- Increase opportunities for nature appreciation, interpretation, education and stewardship;
- Provide the opportunity to enjoy Lynn Creek while protecting the sensitive ecosystem;
- Provide opportunities for dog use that respect the ecological sensitivity; and,
- Protect and enhance creek, riparian and forest habitats.

Ms. Girard highlighted the following elements of the Conceptual Master Plan:

- Creek access will be formalized and habitat protection fencing will be installed along the length of the creek to keep people and dogs on trails;
- The forest and riparian areas will be expanded and enhanced;
- Features will be installed where necessary to minimise storm water flows in sensitive areas and to help improve baseline water flows and water quality;
- A new hierarchy of connecting paths will be built in the parks, including the upgrading and resurfacing of existing paths;
- The proposed alignment of the Spirit Trail extends on the east side of Lynn Creek from the proposed Crown Street Bridge through Seylynn Park to the path under the Keith Road Bridge;
- The existing playground in Bridgman Park will be upgraded and expanded with new features and a new playground, including water play features, will be built in Seylynn Park;
- New park benches and picnic tables will be installed along paths and at gathering areas;
- Open grass areas will be provided for informal gatherings and unprogrammed uses;
- An event space will be provided in Seylynn Park to accommodate community gatherings;
- A field suitable for diverse activities including sports, special events and informal play will be provided in Seylynn Park;
- The existing skate park in Seylynn Park will be resurfaced;
- The parking lot in Seylynn Park will be removed and replaced with angle parking along Hunter Street that will accommodate 45 vehicles;
- The parking lot in Bridgman Park will be reconfigured to provide 35 parking spaces;
- A new park building, with washroom facilities, will be constructed at a central location in Seylynn Park;
- A consistent system of directional, identification and regulatory signs will be installed throughout the park, including kiosks at key staging areas;
- Although not a Master Plan element, Keith Road Bridge will be rebuilt with improvements for pedestrians, cyclists and vehicles;
- Crown Street Bridge, a new pedestrian and bike bridge aligned with Crown Street and connected to the south end of Seylynn Park, is proposed;

- Hunter Street Bridge, a new pedestrian and cyclist bridge from the end of Hunter Street to Bridgman Park, is identified as optional in the Master Plan;
- A viewing deck will be built on the east bank;
- A potential community space/facility will be considered in a nearby location in the Town Centre, to be integrated with new development;
- The transition from natural park to urban centre will be accomplished through tree-lined promenades along Hunter Street and Mountain Highway;
- An entrance plaza to Seylynn Park will act as a gateway from the urban centre;
- Opportunities for temporary and permanent public art will be made available at park entrances and at gathering areas;
- There will be a raised platform in the event space that will serve as a picnic shelter and/or stage for community events; and,
- A community garden will be constructed at the north end of the open space in Seylynn Park.

Next steps include:

- Council approval in principal;
- Communicate approved plan to the public;
- Strategize plan implementation; and,
- Continue discussions with sport users.

Council commented on the Seylynn & Bridgman Parks Conceptual Master Plan as follows:

- Stated that Hunter Street Bridge is a priority;
- Requested the chip yard be relocated;
- Concerned with the shortage of parking;
- Suggested residents park at Inter-River Park;
- Commented that the sport field should be maintained to sport field standards but used as a passive field; and,
- Commented that there is not a need for two playgrounds in such close proximity.

MOVED by Councillor MURI

SECONDED by Councillor HANSON

THAT staff report back with information regarding further modifications to the Seylynn & Bridgman Parks Conceptual Master Plan.

CARRIED

4. PUBLIC INPUT

5. RISE AND REPORT

MOVED by Councillor MURI

SECONDED by Councillor MACKAY-DUNN

THAT the January 12, 2015 Committee of the Whole rise and report.

CARRIED
(8:56 pm)

Mayor

Municipal Clerk