

**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 7:00 p.m. on Monday, February 23, 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. S. Ono, Manager – Engineering Services
Ms. M. Welman, Manager – Strategic Communication & Community Relations
Ms. L. Brick, Deputy Municipal Clerk
Mr. D. Desrochers, Section Manager – Engineering Development Services
Ms. E. Geddes, Section Manager – Transportation
Mr. C. McLuckie, Section Manager – Business Applications
Ms. C. Drugge, Project Engineer
Ms. S. Dale, Confidential Council Clerk

1. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

1.1. February 23, 2015 Committee of the Whole Agenda

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

THAT the agenda for the February 23, 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

2.1. January 12, 2015 Committee of the Whole

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

THAT the minutes of the January 12, 2015 Committee of the Whole meeting be adopted.

CARRIED

2.2. January 20, 2015 Committee of the Whole

MOVED by Councillor BOND

SECONDED by Councillor BASSAM

THAT the minutes of the January 20, 2015 Committee of the Whole meeting be adopted.

CARRIED

2.3. January 26, 2015 Committee of the Whole

MOVED by Councillor BOND

SECONDED by Councillor BASSAM

THAT the minutes of the January 26, 2015 Committee of the Whole meeting be adopted.

CARRIED

3. REPORTS FROM COUNCIL OR STAFF

3.1. Traffic Management

File No.

3.1.1. Construction Traffic Management Program Update

File No.

Memo: Erica Geddes, Section Manager – Transportation

Ms. Carolyn Drugge, Project Engineer, provided an update on the implementation of the Construction Traffic Management Program.

Ms. Drugge advised that the primary goals of the program include:

- North Shore-wide view of activities that affect traffic;
- Providing clear terms and conditions for permitted activities;
- Providing up-to-date information to the travelling public; and,
- Providing comprehensive communication about activities to staff and other jurisdictions for planning and operation needs.

Ms. Drugge highlighted the following accomplishments of the program:

- Establishing program goals;
- Strengthening the Highway Use Permitting System by cutting processing time in half and providing clear terms and conditions;
- Revising the language in the Engineering Servicing Agreement; and,
- The coordination of projects to minimize impact to the community and the travelling public.

Mr. Chris McLuckie, Section Manager – Business Applications, presented a GEO Tools app that will provide relevant information about current and up-coming projects on arterial and collector streets. Mr. McLuckie noted that it will also feature traffic camera views of major corridors and other key locations.

Ms. Drugge advised that over the next six months of the program staff expect to further develop tools, increase coordination capacity, and will report back to Council seeking approval of bylaw amendments that will strengthen the ability to regulate street activities.

Council commented on the Construction Management Program as follows:

- Questioned if the City of North Vancouver and District staff have had discussions regarding Construction Management;

- Stated that coordination between municipalities is essential;
- Noted the importance of informing the public through social media;
- Suggested looking at other cities online traffic management websites;
- Commented on the importance of controlling private construction at the rezoning phase;
- Commented that the priority of Construction Management is to maintain traffic flow; and,
- Requested a meeting to discuss the construction at single family residential homes.

Public Input:

Mr. Corrie Kost:

- Commented that the Construction Management Program does not address construction at single family residential homes.

Mr. Peter Thompson:

- Spoke in support of the Construction Management Program.

3.1.2. Highway 1 Traffic Patterns

File No.

Memo: Erica Geddes, Section Manager – Transportation

Ms. Erica Geddes, Section Manager – Transportation, provided an update on the congestion patterns that have recently developed on Highway 1 near the Ironworkers Memorial Bridge.

Ms. Geddes advised that the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure have engaged a consultant to review Highway 1 traffic operations. Staff have also been investigating the Highway 1 southbound traffic over the last two months using cameras and Google traffic maps. A preliminary review of the Highway 1 traffic volumes over the Ironworkers Memorial Bridge indicates that:

- Traffic volumes over the Bridge are not increasing overall;
- Traffic variability may be resulting in unpredictable conditions;
- Traffic changes may be related to employees or workers now travelling to the North Shore during the day; and,
- A traffic change that appears to start around 3:30 pm near one of the Lower Lynn interchanges may have created the recent variable congestion.

Ms. Geddes advised that once the cause of significant congestion along Highway 1 has been identified through the study, mitigation measures will be taken.

Council commented on the Highway 1 Traffic Patterns as follows:

- Suggested lengthening the traffic light time on Fern Street;
- Expressed concern with traffic congestion on the Lower Level Road;
- Stated that coordination between municipalities is essential; and,
- Suggested using ramp metering to reduce traffic congestion.

4. PUBLIC INPUT

Resident of the District of North Vancouver:

- Commented that traffic problems are not going to be solved quickly; and,
- Commented on the importance of coordination between municipalities.

Mr. Corrie Kost:

- Opined that traffic incidents need to be cleared up more efficiently.

Mr. Peter Thompson:

- Thanked staff for the presentation.

Mr. Doug Curran:

- Expressed concern with the proposal coming forward from the Earl's site; and,
- Commented that coordination between municipalities is essential.

5. RISE AND REPORT

MOVED by Councillor HICKS

SECONDED by Councillor BASSAM

THAT the February 23, 2015 Committee of the Whole rise and report.

CARRIED
(8:40 pm)

Mayor

Municipal Clerk