

**DISTRICT OF NORTH VANCOUVER
SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL**

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Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Council for the District of North Vancouver held at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 24, 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 L. Muri

Absent: Councillor D. MacKay-Dunn

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. A. Wardell, Director – Financial Services
Mr. R. Danyluk, Manager – Financial Planning
Mr. J. Gordon, Manager – Administrative Services
Ms. L. Brick, Deputy Municipal Clerk
Ms. S. Dale, Confidential Council Clerk

1. REPORTS FROM COUNCIL OR STAFF

1.1. 2015-2019 Financial Plan Deliberations

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Presentation: Nicole Deveaux, General Manager – Finance & Technology

Ms. Nicole Deveaux, General Manager – Finance & Technology, advised that the purpose of the Special Meeting was to discuss the 2015 - 2019 Financial Plan and address any questions.

Mr. Andy Wardell, Director – Financial Services, spoke regarding the infrastructure funding gap and the District of North Vancouver's plan going forward. Mr. Wardell acknowledged that the District of North Vancouver's work using international best practices is recognized as leading amongst Canadian municipalities and advised that asset management best practices have enabled the District to:

- Support long-term sustainment of services;
- Know the physical condition and risk profiles in each major asset group;
- Measure and assess asset utilization, demand and capacity;
- Strengthen the District of North Vancouver's long-term funding strategies and financial sustainability;
- Bring better alignment of funding to sustain lifecycle costs; and,
- Use debt holistically to augment the replacement of assets.

Council discussion focussed on:

- The importance of a coordinated approach between the three levels of government;
- How the District forecasts for the assets that are part of the town centres;
- Commented that significant growth in the District will help pay for major capital infrastructure;
- Questioned how the District is monitoring the Official Community Plan;
- Commented on the importance of being open and transparent to the community;
- Expressed concern that it is difficult to track year-to-year progress in the Financial Plan;
- Spoke in support of the Braemar parking lot and requested staff to investigate the option of pay parking;
- Commented that Maplewood Village Centre should be made a priority;
- Enquired if purchasing garbage and green waste carts for residents in the District is in the 2015 budget;
- Suggested bi-weekly garbage pick-up;
- Requested information on salary and benefit increases;
- Requested more funding for Quarry Rock Trail maintenance;
- Requested more funding for Fromme Mountain Trail maintenance;
- Commented that pay parking for trails and parks could generate revenue to fund trail maintenance;
- Commented that the Museum and Archives Commission artifact collections should be displayed in District buildings;
- Questioned why there was a budget spike for fleet services;
- Requested a centralized document of government grants;
- Expressed concern with how policing funds and resources are allocated between the District and City by the RCMP;
- Possible implementation of street calming measures on Kirkstone Road; and,
- Requested that the fiber-optic loop in the Maplewood area be completed by June 2015.

Mayor WALTON left the meeting at 6:39 pm and Councillor HANSON assumed the Chair.

Councillor BASSAM left the meeting at 6:43 pm.

Council discussion ensued and the following was suggested:

- A refresh of the Sport Field Need Assessment report will be refreshed;
- A street beautification account for smaller communities; and,
- Curb configurations be installed at William and 27th Street.

Staff advised that further discussions regarding the 2015-2019 Financial Plan Deliberations will continue on Tuesday, March 31, 2015 at 6:30 pm.

2. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Councillor MURI

SECONDED by Councillor BOND

THAT the March 24, 2015 Special Meeting of Council for the District of North Vancouver be adjourned.

CARRIED
(7:05 pm)

Mayor

Municipal Clerk