

**DISTRICT OF NORTH VANCOUVER
PUBLIC HEARING**

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REPORT of the Public Hearing held in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Hall, 355 West Queens Road, North Vancouver, B.C. on Tuesday, April 1, 2014 commencing at 6:04 p.m.

Present: Mayor R. Walton
Councillor R. Bassam
Councillor R. Hicks
Councillor D. MacKay-Dunn (6:07 pm)
Councillor A. Nixon

Absent: Councillor M. Little
Councillor L. Muri

Staff: Mr. B. Bydwell, General Manager – Planning, Permits, & Properties
Ms. S. Haid, Manager, Sustainable Community Development
Ms. J. Paton, Manager – Development Planning
Ms. N. Letchford, Deputy Municipal Clerk
Ms. S. Berardo, Confidential Council Clerk

Bylaw 8026: The District of North Vancouver Official Community Plan Bylaw 7900, 2011, Amendment Bylaw 8026, 2013 (Amendment 9)

Purpose of Bylaw:

The District is attending to some housekeeping changes to the Regional Context Statement within the Official Community Plan to reflect Metro Vancouver's current Regional Growth Strategy.

1. OPENING BY THE MAYOR

Mayor Walton welcomed everyone and advised that the purpose of the Public Hearing was to receive input from the community and staff on the proposed bylaw as outlined in the Notice of Public Hearing.

2. INTRODUCTION OF BYLAW BY CLERK

Ms. Natasha Letchford, Deputy Municipal Clerk, introduced the proposed bylaw and advised that all those who consider that their interest in property may be affected by the proposed bylaw are welcome to speak.

3. INTRODUCTION OF BYLAW STAFF

Presentation: Ms. Susan Haid, Manager – Sustainable Community Development

Ms. Susan Haid, Manager – Sustainable Community Development, advised that a Regional Context Statement is a linking document that identifies the relationship between a municipality's OCP and the Regional Growth Strategy. It identifies how the OCP is generally consistent with the Regional Growth Strategy and if applicable, how it will be made consistent over time. A Regional Context Statement is required in an OCP under the *Local Government Act* (Section 866) and must be accepted by the Regional Board. Regional Context Statements are the key to achieving important regional goals including:

- Protection of green space and agricultural lands;
- Containing urban growth;

- Coordinating land use, transportation and utility planning to make it most effective; and,
- Protecting industrial lands.

Why do we need to update the District's Regional Context Statement when the District's OCP was adopted, the previous Livable Region Strategic Plan was still in effect and the new RGS was about to be adopted? The District's Regional Context Statement relates to both regional plans. It needs to be updated to recognize the now adopted RGS as well as best practices in current context statements.

Overall, there are no changes to the OCP policies associated with the Regional Context Statement update. The update to the Regional Context Statement primarily:

1. Removes references to the former Liveable Region Strategic Plan;
2. Provides further detail taken from the OCP on projections for employment, housing, population;
3. Acknowledges that as the OCP plans to 2030 and the RGS to 2040, the District will consider and work towards consistency with RGS 2041 projections in subsequent OCP reviews;
4. References recent OCP Implementation Plans: Town and Village Centre Plans, Transportation Plan, Parks and Open Space Strategic Plan;
5. References new adopted Development Permit Areas for the Natural Environment and Natural Hazards;
6. Updates Frequent Transit Development Areas from 'proposed' to 'designated' as supported by TransLink and Metro Vancouver;
7. Provides greater clarity on several RGS policies such as:
 - a. RGS "Major Office" uses are targeted to our centres and Frequent Transit Development Areas;
 - b. Rural uses (Indian Arm) do not support subdivision, intensification or servicing; and,
8. Additional references to the District's intention to seek an RGS amendment in the future, once development has progressed, to designate Lower Lynn as a Municipal Town Centre (now a Frequent Transit Development Area).

4. REPRESENTATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

4.1 Mr. Corrie Kost, 2800 Block Colwood Drive: COMMENTING

- Requested that the public be informed on how a Regional Context Statement is amended;
- Discussed population projection and past growth;
- Noted that Schedule A.1 is not included in the document; and,
- Requested clarity on types of jobs being proposed in the future.

6. QUESTIONS FROM COUNCIL

In response to a question from Council, staff advised that the population projection in the Regional Context Statement is based on BC Stats as well as Census data.

7. COUNCIL RESOLUTION

MOVED by Councillor BASSAM

SECONDED by Councillor NIXON

THAT the April 1, 2014 Public Hearing be closed;

AND THAT Bylaw 8026 "The District of North Vancouver Official Community Plan Bylaw 7900, 2011, Amendment Bylaw 8026, 2013 (Amendment 9)", be returned to Council for further consideration.

CARRIED
(6:32 p.m.)

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

Confidential Council Clerk