

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

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Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of the Council for the District of North Vancouver held at 7:09 p.m. on Monday, April 13, 2015 in the Committee Room of the District Hall, 355 West Queens Road, North Vancouver, British Columbia.

Present: Mayor R. Walton
Councillor M. Bond
Councillor J. Hanson
Councillor R. Hicks
Councillor D. MacKay-Dunn
Councillor L. Muri

Absent: Councillor R. Bassam

Staff: Mr. D. Stuart, Chief Administrative Officer
Mr. B. Bydwell, General Manager – Planning, Properties & Permits
Mr. G. Joyce, General Manager – Engineering, Parks & Facilities
Mr. D. Milburn, Deputy General Manager – Planning and Permits
Mr. J. Gordon, Manager – Administrative Services
Ms. S. Rogers, Manager – Parks
Ms. L. Brick, Deputy Municipal Clerk
Ms. S. Dal Santo, Section Manager – Planning Policy
Ms. E. Geddes, Section Manager – Transportation
Mr. D. Rose, Section Manager – Parks Planning
Ms. K. Rendek, Policy Planner
Ms. S. Vukelic, Confidential Council Clerk

Also in

Attendance: Ms. C. Brenneis, Consultant, Ramsay Worden Architects
Ms. M. Farevaag, Consultant, PFS Studio

1. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

1.1. April 13, 2015 Committee of the Whole Agenda

**MOVED by Councillor MURI
SECONDED by Councillor BOND**

THAT the agenda for the April 13, 2015 Committee of the Whole be adopted as circulated, including the addition of any items listed in the agenda addendum.

2. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Nil

3. REPORTS FROM COUNCIL OR STAFF

3.1. Seylynn and Bridgman Parks Conceptual Master Plan Update

File No.

Mr. Douglas Rose, Section Manager – Parks Planning, provided an update regarding the Seylynn and Bridgman Park Conceptual Master Plan.

Mr. Douglas Rose outlined the following:

- The parking strategy would optimize existing parking in nearby parks with directional signage to advise the public of locations; upgrade the Bridgman parking lot, with time limits explored in parking lots;
- Both Bridgman and Seylynn playgrounds will be retained to address needs of a growing community. Staff noted that the Bridgman Park playground may be reconsidered after the Seylynn Park playground is installed. Staff advised that the Bridgman and Seylynn Park playgrounds are to be similar in size and the estimated cost for each park is in the range of \$50,000 to \$75,000..
- Find an alternate site for wood chips and storage in Bridgman Park in 2015, and restore the area to parkland once an alternative site is identified. In short term, reduce the footprint and potentially fence for safety, if required.

Ms. Erica Geddes, Section Manager – Transportation, spoke regarding the Hunter Creek Crossing project that will form part of the Spirit Trail. She noted that the new trail will be paved, 4 metres wide and able to accommodate cyclists.

Mr. Douglas Rose advised the timeline of the short and medium term phasing of the Master Plan elements.

Mr. Gavin Joyce, General Manager – Engineering, Parks & Facilities, advised that the funding for the Hunter Creek bridge was allocated in the 2015 budget.

Staff advised that the Crown Street bridge would be put on hold if the Hunter Street bridge goes ahead.

Public Input:

Resident of the District of North Vancouver commented on:

- Expressed her concern regarding the Crown Street bridge being installed at a later date; and,
- Noted that cyclists have a difficult time crossing Main Street to Crown Street.

Mr. Lyle Craver:

- Expressed concern with the District pursuing the Crown Street bridge without the approval of the Squamish First Nation.

**MOVED by Councillor BOND
SECONDED by Councillor HANSON**

THAT the March 25, 2015 joint report of the Park Planner and Section Manager – Parks Planning entitled Seylynn and Bridgman Parks Conceptual Master Plan Update be received for information.

CARRIED

Ms. Karen Rendek, Policy Planner, provided an update on the Lynn Valley Town Centre Public Realm and Design Guidelines. She noted that extensive public consultation provided the framework for the guidelines.

Ms. Cindy Brenneis, Consultant, Ramsay Worden Architects, and Ms. Marta Farevaag, Consultant, PFS Studio, presented on the design principles and objectives for Lynn Valley Town Centre. They noted that the design guidelines are to encourage a design that clearly reflects and responds to Lynn Valley's unique mountain setting and local climate.

Their presentation highlighted the principles of the Design Guidelines:

- The use of natural materials that integrate locally and regionally available materials;
- Choice of colours and materials inspired by the forest and mountains;
- Provide a vibrant mix of uses for High Street as the economic hub of the community;
- Integrate innovative and effective storm water management into the design of the architecture;
- Create a mountain village theme;
- Provide a network of streets providing connections within the town centre and surrounding community;
- Safe, walking, cycling and driving routes;
- Curved streets and pathways through the town centre;
- Plenty of greenways on paths, streets and through the town centre;
- Public plazas for community events;
- Park structures which reflect the mountain village theme; and,
- A variety of indigenous plants integrated into the landscaping.

Ms. Karen Rendek advised that:

- The Streetscape Design Guidelines contained in Bylaw 7157 will need to be repealed; and,
- The District of North Vancouver Servicing Bylaw, Bylaw 7388 will need to be amended to align with the Design Guidelines.

Council suggested the following comments:

- That staff identify ways of merging the different modes of transportation on the High Street to create a shared space and improve the pedestrian orientation;
- Use a model or other graphics to show how the multi-modal movement networks will function;
- Consider limiting parking within the central core and possibly including pay parking; and,
- Explore the use of stamped concrete rather than pavers on walk ways.

Council expressed concern:

- With the removal of graffiti on natural landscaping/rocks;
- Regarding the placement of lampstands on the sidewalks; and,
- Potential late night gatherings in the evening once the park is closed.

4. PUBLIC INPUT

4.1. Mr. Dan Ellis:

- Commented that he supports the Design Guidelines; however, would prefer pedestrian orientation be included as a guiding design principle and the concept of shared space is used in designing the High Street.

- 4.2. Mr. Doug Curran:
- Requested that the sidewalks be designed wider and the roadway narrower.
- 4.3. Mr. John Gilmour:
- Suggested that retail space for store fronts be limited in size, and not used by one tenant; and,
 - Suggested that more commercial space be placed near the bus stop on 27th Street to encourage more 'eyes on the street'.
- 4.4. Mr. Corrie Kost:
- Requested that documents for meetings be provided well before the meeting;
 - Recommended that the guidelines include lighting limitations, roll over curbing, receptacles for food waste and places to eat.

MOVED by Councillor MURI

SECONDED by Councillor HICKS

THAT the April 7, 2015 report of the Policy Planner, entitled Draft Lynn Valley Town Centre Public Realm and Design Guidelines be received for information;

AND THAT staff report back at a future meeting.

CARRIED

5. RISE AND REPORT

MOVED by Councillor MURI

SECONDED by Councillor BOND

THAT the April 13, 2015 Committee of the Whole rise and report.

CARRIED
(8:51 pm)

Mayor

Municipal Clerk