

**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 5:08 p.m. on Tuesday, March 5, 2013 in the Committee Room of the District Hall, 355 West Queens Road, North Vancouver, British Columbia.

Present: Mayor R. Walton
Councillor R. Bassam
Councillor R. Hicks
Councillor D. MacKay-Dunn
Councillor L. Muri

Absent: Councillor M. Little
Councillor A. Nixon

Staff: Mr. D. Stuart, Chief Administrative Officer
Ms. N. Deveaux, General Manager – Finance & Technology
Mr. R. Danyluk, Manager – Financial Planning
Mr. S. Ono, Manager – Engineering Services
Ms. N. Letchford, Deputy Municipal Clerk
Ms. L. Brick, Confidential Council Clerk

1. REPORTS FROM COUNCIL OR STAFF

1.1. 2013 – 2017 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 2013 - 2017 Financial Plan and address any questions.

Mayor WALTON and Councillor MURI left the meeting at 5:10 pm and returned at 5:11 pm.

Council discussed:

- The Information Technology Roadmap and opportunities for efficiencies with partner agencies;
- Improvements to accessibility for seniors to the trails and parks at Parkgate; and,
- The revenue and expenditures for sports fields. Staff advised that there are escalating costs for maintenance of turf fields and the natural field rates are set at a cost recovery level.

Council discussed the Fromme Mountain staging area parking lot line item. Staff noted this item is a place holder and will be brought back to Council at a future date to determine the level of support. Feedback has been received by residents in the area requesting increased parking restrictions on the streets. Discussion ensued regarding paid parking in areas which provide easy access to trails to encourage users to pay for the trail system. Staff advised they will investigate opportunities for partnerships at the staging area to defray costs.

In response to a Council inquiry regarding recycling and garbage pick-up, staff advised that a report will be brought forward in March regarding proposed changes to the collection schedule, costing options, and the impact on service. Staff noted that the recycling structure on the North Shore will be reviewed in

September, 2013.

Council expressed concern regarding the RCMP contract obligations, regional policing, and future costs. Staff clarified that the RCMP costs will be added in addition to the municipal budget in future years.

Discussion ensued regarding increased policing staff to enforce traffic laws and the increased cost without increased revenue. Staff advised that the Mt. Seymour speed readers are currently being improved to provide remote readings. Staff suggested holding a workshop with the RCMP regarding traffic issues.

Council discussed the Museum and Archives Commission, including options for creating a mobile display rather than focusing on the creation of a museum in the City of North Vancouver. Councillor Hicks reported on the Museum and Archives current space planning process and considerations for development of a site in lower Lonsdale. Staff noted that the Council is moving towards a decentralized component for historical displays.

Council requested that staff engage Council and the public earlier in preparations for the 2014 budget.

Council discussed the investment in fire halls, recreation centres, and public facilities, and the costs associated with these decisions. Concern was expressed regarding the long term cost of facilities and services which are being added through community amenity contributions to areas which are increasing in density.

Councillor MACKAY-DUNN left the meeting at 5:57 pm and returned at 5:58 pm.

Staff commented that the key to moving forward in areas which have been identified for increased density is partnerships for peripheral services and programs.

Staff discussed the tax rates as they apply to the average home in West Vancouver, North Vancouver District, and the City of North Vancouver noting that the rates are similar across the three municipalities.

MOVED by Councillor HICKS

SECONDED by Councillor BASSAM

THAT staff be instructed to prepare the 2013 – 2017 Financial Plan Bylaw as per the draft plan.

CARRIED

2. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Councillor HICKS

SECONDED by Councillor MACKAY-DUNN

THAT the March 5, 2013 Special Meeting of Council for the District of North Vancouver be adjourned.

CARRIED

(6:17 pm)

Mayor

Municipal Clerk