

**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 7:01 p.m. on Monday, September 30, 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
Councillor A. Nixon

Absent: Councillor M. Little

Staff: Mr. D. Stuart, Chief Administrative Officer
Mr. B. Bydwell, General Manager – Planning, Properties & Permits
Mr. G. Joyce, General Manager – Engineering, Parks & Facilities
Ms. S. Haid, Manager – Sustainable Community Development
Ms. E. Geddes, Section Manager – Transportation
Ms. N. Letchford, Deputy Municipal Clerk
Ms. L. Brick, Confidential Council Clerk
Ms. T. Smith, Transportation Planner
Mr. R. Taylor, Planner

1. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

1.1. September 30, 2013 Committee of the Whole Agenda

MOVED by Councillor MURI

SECONDED by Councillor BASSAM

THAT the agenda for the September 30, 2013 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. September 16, 2013 Committee of the Whole

MOVED by Councillor MURI

SECONDED by Councillor BASSAM

THAT the minutes of the September 16, 2013 Committee of the Whole meeting be adopted.

CARRIED

3. REPORTS FROM COUNCIL OR STAFF

3.1. Marine Drive Corridor Planning

File No. 16.8620.15/001.002

Mr. Ross Taylor, Planner, provided an overview of the land use and character of Marine Drive highlighting:

- That commercial and mixed use neighbourhoods are developing on Marine Drive;
- Staff are developing unique design guidelines for the Lower Capilano Marine Village neighbourhood and the Pemberton Village neighbourhood;
- Central Marine Drive streetscape standards will provide continuity; and,
- Staff are recommending to retain the C9 Zoning but relax the commercial at grade requirement within the Central Marine Drive area.

Discussion ensued regarding concerns raised by the community that the retail spaces on the ground level in the Central Marine Drive are not fully occupied. Council noted the need to maintain small individual shops in the area. Council noted that they do not support the option of fully moving away from commercial retail on the main level of developments and expressed interest in being creative with options such as live/ work units on the main floors.

Ms. Tegan Smith, Transportation Planner, spoke regarding parking requirements on Marine Drive. Developers have received feedback from potential renters that there is a hesitancy to lease space on Marine Drive due to limited on street parking.

Ms. Smith presented shared parking solutions including:

- Publically accessible parkades;
- Creation of a business improvement district;
- Review how security gates in underground parking garages are located;
- Joint study with City on parking signage;
- Parking study once all buildings are occupied; and,
- Providing parking in laneways.

Marine Drive is the busiest transit corridor on the North Shore; the current transit lane goes from the bridge to Tatlow Avenue; there are congestion issues starting at Philip Avenue. Staff recommend that the District take a long term view of extending the transit lane as far back as Bridgeman Avenue and begin securing land through redevelopment. On street parking can only be accommodated on Marine Drive from Bridgeman to Mackay Avenue; staff are requesting to move forward with parking pockets where they fit and implement lane access to increase circulation and use some of the DCC funds to incrementally purchase lands for improved transit lanes in the future. Council discussed the potential option of one-way verses two way lanes.

Council discussed options for improving gridlock in the Marine Drive Corridor including engaging the City of North Vancouver to contribute to the purchase of land for transit lanes. Council requested that staff consider the option of reopening 15th Street as a bus route. Council asked that more information on transit priority for Marine Drive be provided.

Council requested staff investigate how the off-street parking in developments impacts the on-street parking situation.

Council requested that the City be invited to a meeting with the District to discuss the additional traffic planning for the area. Council requested that the District provide comments on the Harbourfront development in the City of North Vancouver.

MOVED by Councillor MURI

SECONDED by Councillor BASSAM

THAT it be recommended to Council:

THAT the September 18, 2013 report of the Transportation Planner and Planner be received and staff report back to Council.

CARRIED

4. PUBLIC INPUT

4.1 Mr. Corrie Kost:

- Commented on the consideration of change in use on the ground floor of developments in the C9 zoning; and,
- Commented on the transit situation during rush hour to Vancouver.

4.2. Mr. Lyle Craver:

- Commented on the C9 zoning regulation discussion;
- Expressed concern regarding circulation and parking in the laneways; and,
- Encouraged further exploration of moving the buses off of Marine Drive.

4.3 Ms. Cathy Adams:

- Spoke in support of parking pockets being limited to 15 minutes;
- Commented on laneway access and circulation routes;
- Spoke in opposition to the option of purchasing land for transit lanes; and,
- Spoke in opposition to changing the C9 zoning regulations.

4.4 Ms. Val Moller:

- Commented on the development designs envisioned for the Marine Drive corridor.

5. RISE AND REPORT

MOVED by Councillor BASSAM

SECONDED by Councillor MURI

THAT the September 30, 2013 Committee of the Whole rise and report.

CARRIED

(8:23 pm)

Mayor

Municipal Clerk