

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

Minutes of the Council Workshop of the Council for the District of North Vancouver held at 6:03 p.m. on Monday, December 7, 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 D. MacKay-Dunn  
Councillor L. Muri

**Absent:** Councillor R. Hicks

**Staff:** Mr. D. Stuart, Chief Administrative Officer  
Mr. B. Bydwell, General Manager – Planning, Properties & Permits  
Mr. G. Joyce, General Manager – Engineering, Parks & Facilities  
Mr. A. Wardell, Acting General Manager – Finance & Technology  
Mr. D. Milburn, Deputy General Manager – Planning & Permits  
Ms. D. Mason, Director – North Shore Emergency Program  
Mr. J. Gordon, Manager – Administrative Services  
Ms. F. Dercole, Section Manager – Public Safety  
Ms. S. Dale, Confidential Council Clerk  
Mr. F. Donnelly, Research Assistant  
Ms. S. Murphy, Climate Change Adaptation Assistant

**1. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

**1.1. December 7, 2015 Council Workshop Agenda**

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

THAT the agenda for the December 7, 2015 Council Workshop be adopted as circulated, including the addition of any items listed in the agenda addendum.

**CARRIED**

**2. ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

Nil

**3. REPORTS FROM COUNCIL OR STAFF**

**3.1. Developing a Climate Change Adaptation Strategy for the District of North Vancouver**  
File No. 13.6770

Ms. Fiona Dercole, Section Manager – Public Safety, provided an overview of the inter-departmental, multi-year initiative to prepare a Climate Change Adaptation

Strategy consistent with the International Council on Local Environmental Initiatives framework being adopted by many member municipalities in Metro Vancouver. Ms. Dercole advised that this Initiative is part of the efforts to implement the District's Official Community Plan goals and objectives and supports the new Corporate Plan.

Ms. Sinead Murphy, Climate Change Adaptation Assistant, acknowledged that the District's geographic location, between the Pacific Ocean and the Coast Mountains and interspersed by many creeks and large forested areas, makes it physically vulnerable to climate change. Many of the developed areas of the District are exposed to natural hazards, anticipated to become more challenging to manage as climate change advances.

Recent local events such as windstorms, drought, poor air quality and flooding highlight the need to be prepared for ongoing and future climate-related challenges. To become resilient to climate change, two simultaneous approaches are needed: mitigation and adaptation. Mitigation focuses on reducing greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions to prevent future climate change from happening. The District's OCP has set a 2030 target for a 33% reduction in GHG emissions. Additionally, a number of initiatives and GHG reduction measures are being proposed or are underway including: updated green building strategy; renewable energy; waste diversion; transportation planning; and, support for low carbon vehicles.

However, even with extensive mitigation efforts, some degree of climate change is inevitable. Therefore, the District must also proactively prepare to reduce negative impacts on the community through adaptation. While adaptation-related work at the District has been happening on a variety of fronts for years, this work would benefit from an overarching Climate Change Adaptation Strategy to integrate existing plans and policies, identify gaps and coordinate actions.

Ms. Murphy advised that the next steps in developing a Climate Change Adaptation Strategy include:

- Develop actions and goals to address priority climate change impacts;
- Develop actions specific to our needs;
- Integrate actions into current operations and day to day work plans; and,
- Prepare for ongoing review and refinement.

Council Discussion:

- Questioned how vulnerable the District is to global climate change;
- Commented on the need for Provincial and Federal funding;
- Commented on the need to become more resilient when replacing infrastructure;
- Noted that climate change is a regional issue;
- Acknowledged that the District's role in the community is to provide fresh water and air but will have to look to other municipalities for agricultural needs;
- Commented on the importance of protecting our forest;
- Questioned the need to fight invasive species as they are adaptable to climate change;

- Requested that staff report back on the District's mitigation targets and how they compare internationally;
- Commented that the District does not have the staffing capacity to deal with the events caused by climate change; and,
- Requested a list of inappropriate land uses.

#### 4. PUBLIC INPUT

Mr. Corrie Kost:

- Acknowledged that climate change can be a long gradual change but also need to be prepared for the dramatic intense events; and,
- Opined that the District has the ability to adapt to climate change better than most cities.

Member of North Shore Stream Keepers Society:

- Thanked Council for addressing the issue of climate change.

#### 5. ADJOURNMENT

**MOVED by Councillor MACKAY-DUNN**

**SECONDED by Councillor BOND**

THAT the December 7, 2015 Council Workshop be adjourned.

**CARRIED**  
(6:59 pm)

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Mayor

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Municipal Clerk