

**DISTRICT OF NORTH VANCOUVER
COUNCIL WORKSHOP**

Minutes of the Council Workshop of the Council for the District of North Vancouver held at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 9, 2016 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 (5:01 pm)
Councillor J. Hanson
Councillor R. Hicks
Councillor L. Muri

Absent: Councillor D. MacKay-Dunn

Staff: Mr. G. Joyce, Acting Chief Administrative Officer
Mr. D. Desrochers, Manager – Engineering Projects & Development Services
Mr. J. Gordon, Manager – Administrative Services
Ms. C. Drugge, Program Manager – Construction Traffic Management
Ms. T. Smith, Project Manager – External Projects
Mr. B. Counihan, Project Engineer
Ms. S. Dale, Confidential Council Clerk
Mr. F. Donnelly, Research Assistant

Also in

Attendance: Mr. Jeff Busby, Acting Director – Infrastructure and Network Management, TransLink
Ms. Michelle Babjuk, Project Manager – Phibbs Exchange Design, TransLink
Ms. Shirley Samujh, Senior Advisor – Stakeholder Relations, TransLink

1. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

1.1. February 9, 2016 Council Workshop Agenda

MOVED by Councillor MURI

SECONDED by Councillor BASSAM

THAT the agenda for the February 9, 2016 Council Workshop be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

Absent for Vote: Councillor BOND

2. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

2.1. January 25, 2016 Council Workshop

MOVED by Councillor BASSAM
SECONDED by Councillor HANSON

THAT the minutes of the January 25, 2016 Council Workshop meeting be adopted.

CARRIED

Absent for Vote: Councillor BOND

3. REPORTS FROM COUNCIL OR STAFF

3.1. Major Projects Update – February 2016

File No. 16.8310.00/000.000

Councillor BOND arrived at this point in the proceedings.

Phibbs Transit Exchange

Mr. Jeff Busby, Acting Director – Infrastructure and Network Management, TransLink, provided an update on the Phibbs Transit Exchange. Mr. Busby advised that the project will improve bus operational efficiency and enhance the experience for users, with the goal of increasing transit ridership. Phibbs Exchange has also been identified as a gateway to the new Lynn Creek Town Centre. A solution has been developed with TransLink and the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure that is consistent with planned changes to the adjacent Highway 1 interchange. The project includes relocation of the highway off-ramp, enlargement of the exchange area, better pedestrian and cycling access, drainage improvements and upgraded customer amenities. Once the funding is in place for this project, it is expected that final design would begin immediately and the earliest expected construction date would be 2017.

Council Discussion:

- Commented on the importance of high quality lighting and weather protection;
- Questioned if a retail space and washrooms will be included in the design;
- Opined that Phibbs Exchange is a safe place but has a bad reputation in the District;
- Expressed concern that the left hand turn signal is being removed on Dollarton Highway;
- Suggested providing a designated parking area for park-and-ride;
- Questioned if there is a long term plan to include more parking in the future;
- Commented that taxis play a vital role for late night pickup and should have access; and,
- Commented that there is nowhere for cars to pull-in and drop-off.

Staff advised that the estimated cost of the project is \$19 million and will report back with a breakdown of those costs.

Project Delivery Office

Mr. David Desrochers, Manager – Engineering Projects & Development Services, advised that the Project Delivery Office was established in March 2015 with the goal of improving the quality and delivery of projects implemented in the District and leveraging opportunities presented through development and through senior government infrastructure implementation to obtain infrastructure contributions

that fulfill the ultimate vision of the Official Community Plan and other community plans. The purpose of the Project Delivery Office is to lead, facilitate, and support the delivery of complex projects that have multiple stakeholders.

Council Discussion:

- Commented on the importance of traffic management; and,
- Suggested that when work is being done on Keith Lynn Bridge traffic should be detoured through Kirkstone Road.

Montroyal Bridge

Mr. Brian Counihan, Project Engineer, advised that the existing bridge on Montroyal Boulevard crossing Mosquito Creek was built in 1955 and is at the end of its service life. Replacement is being fast-tracked to eliminate the risks of damage or collapse as the bridge is under capacity and in poor condition. In meeting current design standards, the new bridge will provide a minimum of 75 years of service and will include two vehicle lanes with bike lanes and sidewalks on both sides of the structure. This will result in a bridge 5.8 meters wider than the existing.

Council Discussion:

- Requested staff look at pedestrian safety at Skyline Drive;
- Suggested installing a time lapse camera for the public to view;
- Suggested holding a Public Meeting at Canyon Heights Elementary School; and,
- Questioned if the stairs leading to the bridge will need to be reconstructed.

Keith Road Bridge

Mr. David Desrochers, Manager – Engineering Projects & Development Services, provided an update on the Keith Road Bridge noting that after nine months of construction, the Keith Road Bridge construction project is now forty percent complete. The progress to date indicates the project will be completed on time in the fall of 2016 and within budget. The first half of the new bridge is currently being constructed to the south of the existing Keith Bridge. In March, traffic will be shifted to the new bridge, the old bridge will be demolished and the second half of the bridge will be built where the old bridge was located.

Council Discussion:

- Expressed concerns with regards to the acoustic treatments for under the bridge and questioned whether different treatments have been analyzed.

Capilano Water Main Project

Ms. Tegan Smith, Project Manager – External Projects, advised that since August 2015, Metro Vancouver has been constructing the Capilano Water Main Project which includes replacing an aging water main, installing new valve chambers and connecting the new main to the existing system. The new two metre diameter Regional water main is being installed from north to south along Capilano Road between Cleveland Dam and Edgemont Boulevard. The pipe installation will be completed within the coming weeks and then Edgemont

Boulevard will be closed east of Capilano Road until June while the crossover chamber is built.

Council Discussion:

- Suggested informing residents of the traffic control measures that will remain after the detour is removed.

Philip Overpass

Mr. Gavin Joyce, Acting Chief Administrative Officer, provided an update on the Phillip Overpass which is being built to connect truck traffic to the industrial waterfront lands without rail interruption. Mr. Joyce advised that construction of this link from 1st Street to McKen Avenue is approximately 80% complete.

Council Discussion:

- Expressed concerns with the noise of trucks braking; and,
- Suggested looking at the signalization and timing of the light to minimize trucks braking.

North Shore Transfer Station

Mr. Gavin Joyce, Acting Chief Administrative Officer, noted that Metro Vancouver is planning to reconfigure the North Shore Transfer Station due to the construction of a new Metro Vancouver water supply tunnel under the Second Narrows Bridge. The proposed reconfiguration will replace the existing queuing yard, which was originally built to alleviate the traffic queues along Riverside Drive, with a new vehicle queuing yard on the main North Shore Transfer Station site. The Recycling services will also be accommodated on the site. Mr. Joyce advised that Metro Vancouver anticipates to tender construction of the North Shore Transfer Station reconfiguration in March of 2016 with completion near the end of 2016.

Lynn Valley Road Underpass

Mr. Gavin Joyce, Acting Chief Administrative Officer, advised that the Lynn Valley Road Underpass project includes the construction of an additional southbound vehicular travel lane and facilities for pedestrians and cyclists at the Lynn Valley Road interchange with Highway 1. Such improvements are to be located between the existing west pier and the overpass abutment. This also includes any changes necessary to roads, sidewalks, services, or utilities to accommodate this construction. The Lynn Valley Road Underpass improvement project is a rezoning requirement of the Bosa development in the Lynn Valley Town Center (1175 Lynn Valley Road). Mr. Joyce noted that to date, there have only been conceptual design discussions with Bosa and no formal submission has been made yet. The Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure has been receptive to the design intent and will continue to be engaged in the project.

4. PUBLIC INPUT

Nil

5. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Councillor BOND
SECONDED by Councillor HICKS

THAT the February 9, 2016 Council Workshop be adjourned.

CARRIED
(6:26 pm)



Mayor


for Municipal Clerk