

**DISTRICT OF NORTH VANCOUVER
COUNCIL WORKSHOP**

Minutes of the Council Workshop of the Council for the District of North Vancouver held at 5:03 p.m. on Tuesday, April 5, 2016 in the Committee Room of the District Hall, 355 West Queens Road, North Vancouver, British Columbia.

Present: Mayor R. Walton
Councillor R. Bassam (via telephone)
Councillor M. Bond
Councillor J. Hanson
Councillor R. Hicks
Councillor L. Muri

Absent: Councillor D. MacKay-Dunn

Staff: Mr. D. Stuart, Chief Administrative Officer
Mr. A. Wardell, Acting General Manager – Finance & Technology
Ms. C. Grant, General Manager – Corporate Services
Mr. G. Joyce, General Manager – Engineering, Parks & Facilities
Mr. R. Danyluk, Manager – Financial Planning
Mr. J. Gordon, Manager – Administrative Services
Ms. S. Rogers, Manager – Parks
Ms. A. Reiher, Confidential Council Clerk

1. REPORTS FROM COUNCIL OR STAFF

1.1. 2016-2020 Financial Plan Deliberations
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Mr. David Stuart, Chief Administrative Officer, remarked the budget is consistent with the Policy Framework set by Council, that it is not presently a fixed budget, and that the purpose of the presentation on the Financial Plan Workbook is to seek Council direction on the Bylaws.

Mr. Andy Wardell, Acting General Manager – Finance & Technology, reported that the Financial Plan is part of the Council's long term funding strategy toward sustainable service delivery, which strives to provide service at the best value for money.

Mr. Wardell reported that over the past decade the District has become a leader by building strong financial foundations which enables the District to respond to community priorities and emerging needs.

Mr. Wardell reported that the main budgetary themes to the 2016 Financial Plan include long term infrastructure renewal, managing development and transportation impacts to the region, and strategies for climate change adaptation.

Mr. Wardell reported that a survey was conducted throughout the Lower Mainland and that the average increase of costs to municipalities is at 3.36%.

Mr. Rick Danyluk, Manager – Financial Planning, commented on the public input received from a previous meeting of Council in relation to the Financial Plan budget. Mr. Danyluk noted that the increased development revenue covers related cost increases.

Councillor MURI left the meeting at 6:25 pm and returned at 6:26 pm.

Council discussion ensued regarding the role and responsibilities of Community Associations. Staff advised that Council can consider increasing funding to the Community Building Fund through future policy discussions.

Council commented on the paving needs for the Deep Cove area noting that due to the increase in tourists to the area there is premature wear and tear to the roads and trails.

Staff acknowledged that the Deep Cove road networks are deteriorating and that it is considering work expansion to the roads but that currently there is no funding for the work. Staff suggested a policy shift is needed on local improvements of this type of work and staff will report back to Council at a future meeting.

Council commented on the volunteer work by the North Shore Mountain Bike Association (NSMBA) to District trails. It was noted that a grant to NSMBA for park trail maintenance that commenced in 2014 has now ended, and support for the continuance of the work by the Association was discussed.

Staff spoke of the value of the volunteer work by NSMBA and Community Housing Action Committee (CHAC) and suggested that funding support and criteria for an ongoing basis of the associations could be considered at a future meeting of Council.

A consensus was reached to direct staff to prepare the 2016-2020 Financial Plan Bylaw.


2. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Councillor BOND
SECONDED by Councillor MURI

THAT the April 5, 2016 Council Workshop for the District of North Vancouver be adjourned.

CARRIED
(7:02 pm)

Mayor



Municipal Clerk