

**DISTRICT OF NORTH VANCOUVER
COUNCIL WORKSHOP**

Minutes of the Council Workshop Meeting of the Council for the District of North Vancouver held at 5:34 p.m. on Monday, April 18, 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
Councillor J. Hanson
Councillor R. Hicks
Councillor D. MacKay-Dunn (5:37 pm)
Councillor L. Muri

Staff: Mr. D. Stuart, Chief Administrative Officer
Ms. C. Grant, General Manager – Corporate Services
Mr. G. Joyce, General Manager – Engineering, Parks & Facilities
Mr. D. Milburn, Acting General Manager – Planning, Properties & Permits
Mr. A. Wardell, Acting General Manager – Finance & Technology
Mr. D. Desrochers, Manager – Engineering Projects & Development Services
Mr. J. Gordon, Manager – Administrative Services
Ms. S. Rogers, Manager – Parks
Ms. A. Reiher, Confidential Council Clerk
Ms. T. Smith, Project Manager – External Projects

Also in

Attendance: Kirsten Pederson, Regional Director, Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure
Jay Porter, Senior Project Manager, Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure

1. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

1.1. April 18, 2016 Council Workshop Agenda

MOVED by Councillor MURI

SECONDED by Councillor BOND

THAT the agenda for the April 18, 2016 Council Workshop be adopted as circulated, including the addition of any items listed in the agenda addendum.

CARRIED

2. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

2.1. March 29, 2016 Workshop Agenda

MOVED by Councillor MURI

SECONDED by Councillor BOND

THAT the minutes of the March 29, 2016 Council Workshop are adopted.

CARRIED

3. REPORTS FROM COUNCIL OR STAFF

3.1. Lower Lynn Interchanges Update File No.

Ms. Tegan Smith, Project Manager – External Projects, presented an overview of the new concept for the Highway 1 interchanges and how the system would work in either direction highway. Ms. Tegan commented that an update by the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure (MoTI) should be available in June 2016 and staff will report back to Council.

Councillor MACKAY-DUNN arrived at this point in the proceedings.

Ms. Smith noted a similar collection distribution system is used in the City of Coquitlam and the City of Surrey. Ms. Smith reported that the model provides alternate connectivity for local residents which should improve traffic flow on the North Shore.

Ms. Smith reported that construction is anticipated to begin in the fall by MoTI, and that there is a close collaboration with MoTI and the District. It was further noted that comments from the community will be taken into account. Ms. Smith commented that an update on the next steps will be reported back to Council once the public consultation has finalized.

Mr. Jay Porter, Senior Project Manager, MoTI, commented that MoTI staff met with District staff to verify the sketch details and that a traffic model will be made available to staff by June 2016. Mr. Porter advised that the next open house session will focus on Mountain Highway.

Council discussion ensued and the following comments and concerns were noted:

- Commented that a concern is the volume of traffic coming off the Iron Workers Memorial Bridge and queried if the proposed infrastructure would be able to handle the volume;
- Mentioned that a small number of cars (400) can cause a tipping point and queried if the upcoming model will use a model of cars to see what relief would be provided;
- Queried if the model is based on economic factors to the region such as commuters coming to the North Shore for work, and if congestion problems are being addressed;
- Queried if other alternatives will be presented in June;
- Commented that this would be a long term investment to the region; and,
- Queried if there is an appropriate access for emergency vehicles within the proposed design.

3.2. Pay Parking in the District of North Vancouver Parks with Regional Use File No. 5460-49.00

Ms. Susan Rogers, Manager – Parks, provided an overview of the pay parking pilot for use in four DNV park locations and that the purpose is to recover the seasonal operational costs from May to September.

Ms. Rogers provided an overview of the 2015 summer season data of visitors to the popular District Parks and reported that the statistics show half of the visitors were from outside of the District.

Ms. Rogers reported that the guiding principles to support the pay parking pilot in the District Parks include:

- That the revenue be directed to recover operational costs at the highly visited parks and for pay parking to be from Spring to Fall during the high volume use;
- To provide a balance of pay and free parking to support resident access;
- To apply pay parking for commercial operators year round and to encourage the use of alternate transportation to parks; and,
- To minimize the impacts of pay parking to the surrounding neighborhoods.

Ms. Rogers provided an overview of the proposed parking rates and the proposal to evaluate the pay parking program in one years' time from the implementation date.

Council discussion ensued and the following comments and concerns were noted:

- Commented on the currently congested parkways within the District;
- Opined that local fees would not hinder residents visiting to the Parks;
- Expressed support for the pilot program and that all revenue be channeled back to the District Parks;
- Suggested that residents should receive a free parking pass for District Parks;
- Questioned how non-paying vehicles would be monitored;
- Commented on the increased cost caused by the high use of District Parks and queried how the proposed pilot would assist with this; and,
- Expressed support for a business case analysis.

4. PUBLIC INPUT

Nil

5. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Councillor MURI

SECONDED by Councillor BOND

THAT the April 18, 2016 Council Workshop be adjourned.

CARRIED
(6:54 pm)

Mayor

Municipal Clerk