

**DISTRICT OF NORTH VANCOUVER  
COUNCIL WORKSHOP**

Minutes of the Council Workshop for the District of North Vancouver held at 5:03 p.m. on Monday, October 24, 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 (5:05 pm)  
Councillor D. MacKay-Dunn  
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. J. Gordon, Manager – Administrative Services  
Ms. S. Rogers, Manager – Parks  
Ms. S. Dale, Confidential Council Clerk

**Also in**

**Attendance:** Ms. Catherine Eiswerth, Project Manager – Binnie & Associates

**1. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

**1.1. October 24, 2016 Council Workshop Agenda**

**MOVED by Councillor MURI**

**SECONDED by Councillor MACKAY-DUNN**

THAT the agenda for the October 24, 2016 Council Workshop be adopted as circulated, including the addition of any items listed in the agenda addendum.

**CARRIED**

Absent for Vote: Councillor HICKS

**2. ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

**2.1. July 11, 2016 Council Workshop**

**MOVED by Councillor MURI**

**SECONDED by Councillor MACKAY-DUNN**

THAT the minutes of the July 11, 2016 Council Workshop meeting are adopted.

**CARRIED**

Absent for Vote: Councillor HICKS

### 3. REPORTS FROM COUNCIL OR STAFF

#### 3.1. DNV Sportsfield Program File No.

Councillor HICKS arrived at this point in the proceedings.

Ms. Susan Roger, Manager – Parks, identified the need for additional artificial turf fields (ATF) in the District to increase playable hours and allow for year-round use to accommodate growing demand. Ms. Rogers noted that playable hours at Inter River Park have been very low and conversion to an ATF would increase the current usage from 147 to approximately 2600 hours and open the field to more uses.

Ms. Catherine Eiswerth, Project Manager – Binnie & Associates, presented three options for Inter River Park field renovations and included cost estimates:

- One field and warm-up area (\$5-5.9 million);
- Two fields (\$9.5-10.5 million); and,
- Natural grass field concept (\$1.9 million).

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

- Support for the two field option;
- A field house will be required to use the site as a tournament centre;
- The importance of high quality facilities;
- The need for more playable hours is urgent as demand is high and growing;
- Facilities such as bike lockers, a bike wash, showers and meeting space could be included in renovations to meet the needs of all user groups;
- Whether Inter River Park would be a good staging area for mountain biking;
- Sport user groups be engaged in this process;
- There are existing traffic issues for recreational users exiting parking areas; and,
- Environmental concern regarding artificial turf and questioned if there are alternative materials that could be used.

Public Input:

Mr. Stuart Ince, President – North Vancouver Football Club:

- Expressed support for the two field option; and,
- Spoke in support for creating a tournament facility.

Mr. Tony Pascuzzi, General Manager – North Vancouver Football Club:

- Thanked staff for engaging sport users in the consultation process;
- Expressed support for the two field option; and,
- Commented on the need for additional artificial turf fields in the District.

**MOVED by Councillor BASSAM**  
**SECONDED by Councillor MURI**

THAT staff be directed to form a working group with senior staff, Council and partner representatives to explore the opportunities for facility development at Inter River Park.

**CARRIED**

With the agreement of Council, Mayor Walton varied the agenda as follows:

### **3.2. Lynn Valley Loop Trail Proposal from Lynn Valley Community Association**

Mayor Walton provided an overview of the proposed Lynn Valley Loop Trail. Mayor Walton advised that the trail route follows and interconnects approximately fifteen kilometres of existing trails in key Lynn Valley parks and roadways to form a trail that defines the perimeter of the Lynn Valley community, with a trail connection into the Lynn Valley Town Centre. Signage and kosks would provide information to celebrate and acknowledge the Lynn Valley history, culture and environment.

Public Input:

Ms. Gillian Konst, President - Lynn Valley Community Association:

- Noted that the Lynn Valley Community Association supports the Lynn Valley Loop Trail proposal.

Ms. Suzanne Mazoret, Vice-President - Lynn Valley Community Association:

- Commented that the proposed trail loop will connect existing gaps;
- Noted that signage will identify existing and non-existing trails; and,
- Commented that the proposed trail loop will be a great community asset.

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

- Support for the proposed Lynn Valley Loop Trail;
- Engagement of the community;
- The opportunity to promote trails on the North Shore;
- That signage be one consistent brand;
- That staff explore other areas in the District for possible connected loops;
- That staff submit an application to the Canada 150 Fund;
- The opportunity to plot historical land marks providing history of North Vancouver; and,
- The trails should be used for pedestrians only.

**MOVED by Councillor MURI**  
**SECONDED by Councillor BASSAM**

THAT Council support the proposed Lynn Valley Loop trail/route as outlined in the October 18, 2016 report of the Mayor entitled Lynn Valley Loop Trail Proposal from Lynn Valley Community Association;

AND THAT staff be authorized to submit an application to the Canada 150 Fund and be directed to include the project in the 2017 Financial plan with \$50,000 in grant funding;

AND THAT staff explore and report back on other possible similarly connected loop trails elsewhere in the District.

**CARRIED**

Mayor Walton returned to consideration of item 3.1 DNV Sportsfield Program.

#### **Kirkstone ATF Feasibility Study June 2016**

Ms. Susan Roger, Manager – Parks, reported on the possible conversion of the all-weather gravel field at Kirkstone Park to an ATF in order to expand playable hours at a relatively low cost, noting the field is currently underused. This field is a good candidate for conversion as it already has key infrastructure required by an ATF which include:

- Existing field lighting;
- Existing drainage;
- Existing parking;
- Existing washroom building;
- Located on a bus route; and,
- Is next to the Lynn Valley Town Centre.

**MOVED by Councillor MURI**

**SECONDED by Councillor BASSAM**

THAT funding for an artificial turf field at Kirkstone be included in the 2017 capital budget.

**CARRIED**

#### **Argyle Secondary School ATF**

Ms. Susan Roger, Manager – Parks, provided an update on the possible conversion of the all-weather gravel field at Argyle Secondary School to an ATF and noted that staff are exploring this option to see if it is feasible.

Council identified this site as a good opportunity to connect trails along Hastings Creek.

4. ADJOURNMENT

**MOVED** by Councillor MURI

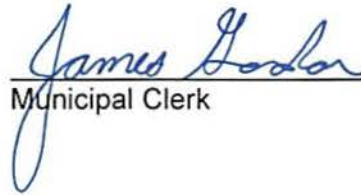
**SECONDED** by Councillor MACKAY-DUNN

THAT the October 24, 2016 Council Workshop be adjourned.

**CARRIED**  
(6:36 pm)



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Mayor



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Municipal Clerk