

**DISTRICT OF NORTH VANCOUVER  
COUNCIL WORKSHOP**

Minutes of the Council Workshop for the District of North Vancouver held at 5:07 p.m. on Tuesday, October 18, 2016 in the Committee Room of the District Hall, 355 West Queens Road, North Vancouver, British Columbia.

**Present:** Acting Mayor D. MacKay-Dunn  
Councillor M. Bond  
Councillor J. Hanson  
Councillor R. Hicks  
Councillor L. Muri

**Absent:** Mayor R. Walton  
Councillor R. Bassam

**Staff:** Mr. D. Stuart, Chief Administrative Officer  
Ms. C. Grant, General Manager – Corporate Services  
Mr. J. Gordon, Manager – Administrative Services  
Mr. S. Ono, Manager – Engineering Services  
Ms. E. Geddes, Section Manager - Transportation  
Ms. I. Weisenbach, Transportation Planner  
Ms. S. Tejani, Transportation Planning Technologist  
Ms. S. Vukelic, Confidential Council Clerk

**1. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

**1.1. October 18, 2016 Council Workshop Agenda**

**MOVED by Councillor MURI**

**SECONDED by Councillor HANSON**

THAT the agenda for the October 18, 2016 Council Workshop be adopted as circulated.

**CARRIED**

**2. ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

Nil

**3. REPORTS FROM COUNCIL OR STAFF**

**3.1. Annual Transportation Update**

File No. 16.8620.01/000.000

Mr. Steve Ono, Manager – Engineering Services, provided an introduction regarding the District's current Transportation Master Plan that requires updating.

Ms. Erica Geddes, Transportation Section Manager, provided an update regarding the District's transportation projects, which include the following:

- New Philip Avenue Overpass;
- Keith Road Bridge;
- Lynn Valley Road Bike Lane Project;
- New sidewalk on the north side of East 29<sup>th</sup> Street;
- Cycling route from Barrow Street to Iron Workers Memorial Bridge; and,
- Phibbs Exchange project.

Ms. Geddes advised that the District continues to work on building new sidewalks, up-grading pedestrian crossings and reducing crash risks.

Ms. Ingrid Weisenbach, Transportation Planner, explained the need to integrate transportation and land use as part of the Transportation Master Plan. She noted the proposed update consists of a technical process along with public consultation that will guide projects and investments to address some of the common issues. She advised that the proposed changes to the District's Transportation Master Plan could focus on the following:

- Protected Bike Network;
- Marine Transit Corridor;
- Parking policy;
- System management; and,
- New safety initiative (Vision Zero).

Ms. Weisenbach reviewed the sources of funding for on-going transportation projects in the District.

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

- Concern regarding the traffic congestion on the North Shore and the urgency for a solution;
- Concern with the amount of people commuting to and from the North Shore due to escalating cost of land on the North Shore;
- Concern with the demographics of the North Shore;
- That infrastructure influences the driving behaviour of people;
- Usage of an incentives-based program to change driving habits;
- Tactics to encourage people to use other modes of transportation;
- That small incremental changes overtime can be beneficial;
- The use of pay parking as a traffic control measure;
- The need to support opportunities for land use that have a positive influence on transportation;
- Regarding lobbying different levels of government for assistance;
- How the density of new construction impacts the congestion on the North Shore;
- The need for reliable communal transportation structures as there are limited crossings to the North Shore;
- The need to facilitate more public transportation;
- Researching data on transportation habits on the North Shore;

- Support for the implementation of “Vision Zero”;
- Educating the public regarding different transportation methods;
- The flow of traffic signals in congested areas; and,
- Traffic models that other municipalities use.

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

THAT the October 12, 2016 joint report of the Transportation Section Manager, Transportation Planner and Transportation Planning Technologist entitled Annual Transportation Update be received for information.

**CARRIED**

#### **4. PUBLIC INPUT**

Ms. Fiona Walsh:

- Suggested focusing on a cohort of people who are able to change their driving behaviour.

Mr. Fredrick Rathje:

- Noted the importance of looking at traffic data to determine a solution.

Mr. Corrie Kost:

- Expressed concern regarding the negative aspects of LED lights and the lack of high paying jobs in the District;
- Commented on the lack of signage warning commuters of traffic congestion; and,
- Suggested a community based workshop to discuss transportation issues on the North Shore.

Ms. Antje Walh:

- Suggested implementing parking restrictions and additional bike lanes as a solution that can be implemented quickly.

Ms. Ruth Hanson:

- Questioned why stalled cars are not removed more quickly from the Second Narrows Bridge deck, ferry traffic congestion within peak traffic times and the shortage of buses.

Discussion ensued regarding the possibility of relocating the Ferry Terminal, traffic counters and the implementation of more buses.

Staff advised that congestion and mobility issues on the North Shore are the main traffic issues. It was noted that infrastructure, transit services and system improvements need to be reviewed and implemented in a timely matter. These and possible pilot projects will be discussed at a future Council meeting.

#### **5. ADJOURNMENT**

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

THAT the October 18, 2016 Council Workshop be adjourned.

**CARRIED**  
(7:05 pm)

  
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Mayor

  
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Municipal Clerk