

**DISTRICT OF NORTH VANCOUVER
COUNCIL WORKSHOP**

Minutes of the Council Workshop for the District of North Vancouver held at 6:10 p.m. on Tuesday, November 29, 2016 in the Council Chambers 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
Councillor L. Muri

Staff: Mr. D. Stuart, Chief Administrative Officer
Ms. C. Grant, General Manager – Corporate Services
Mr. D. Milburn, General Manager – Planning, Properties & Permits
Mr. J. Gordon, Manager – Administrative Services
Mr. S. Ono, Manager – Engineering Services
Ms. S. Dal Santo, Section Manager – Planning Policy
Ms. S. Dale, Confidential Council Clerk

1. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

1.1. November 29, 2016 Council Workshop Agenda

MOVED by Councillor MURI

SECONDED by Councillor HANSON

THAT the agenda for the November 29, 2016 Council Workshop is adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

2. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

2.1. November 14, 2016 Council Workshop

MOVED by Councillor MURI

SECONDED by Councillor HANSON

THAT the minutes of the November 14, 2016 Council Workshop meeting are adopted.

CARRIED

3. REPORTS FROM COUNCIL OR STAFF

3.1. Review of the Official Community Plan
File No.

Mayor Richard Walton advised that the Official Community Plan, adopted by Council in 2011, is a statement of objectives and policies that support the District of North Vancouver's long-term vision. Mayor Walton noted that a high level review would provide Council and the community with a better understanding of the progress made in achieving the goals of the OCP, how new issues affect the OCP's goals and whether or not some adjustments are required. It was suggested that the scope of a high level review consist of the following:

- A comparison of what has been achieved at the five year mark;
- An analysis of how the emerging issues on the North Shore are impacting actual or expected progress with respect to the OCP goals; and,
- What adjustments in the goals or implementation strategies should be considered.

Council Discussion:

- Noted that the OCP Implementation Committee term ended on December 31, 2015 and questioned if the Committee should continue as on-going refinements are needed;
- Commented that the OCP is a living document;
- Suggested looking at individual targets such as affordable housing in more detail;
- Suggested that staff use a strategic approach to managing all the development projects on the North Shore;
- Commented that a relatively short period of time has elapsed since the OCP was adopted in 2011 and will take time to gather meaningful data;
- Commented on the importance of developing a framework to monitor the progress of the OCP;
- Commented on data limitations as indicator measures that rely on Statistics Canada information which is collected every five years;
- Commented that ongoing active engagement with the community is important;
- Questioned the best way to implement the goals of the OCP with the least amount of impact on the community;
- Acknowledged that Council is the decider of pace of development;
- Suggested looking at demand management pricing;
- Spoke to the importance of working collaboratively with outside agencies; and,
- Noted that key staff members involved in the OCP no longer work at the District.

Council spoke to issues that have affected the progress of implementation of the OCP which include:

- The delay in maintaining and improving regional transit to a level acceptable to the community;
- Substantive changes in traffic volumes within the North Shore and two bridgeheads producing gridlock and unacceptable commuting times;
- Loss of affordable market rental units due to the redevelopment of existing stock;
- A renewed interest by senior levels of government in supporting the creation of new affordable rental stock;

- Significant increases in the replacement or renovation of single family homes;
- The impact of development construction on roads and mobility;
- Pressure of development outside of, or on the periphery of, the town centres;
- The impact of utility infrastructure replacement and improvements occurring throughout the municipality both as a result of, and independent of, development;
- The timing of significant development projects;
- The significant escalation of real estate values; and,
- The extent of waterfront industrial redevelopment (Port, G3, Seaspán) in some cases displacing smaller light industry with no place to relocate to on the North Shore due to low vacancy rates and high lease prices.

Council requested that a high level, three month review of OCP implementation progress be conducted in the first quarter of 2017 and that staff report back at a future public meeting with those results.

4. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Councillor BASSAM

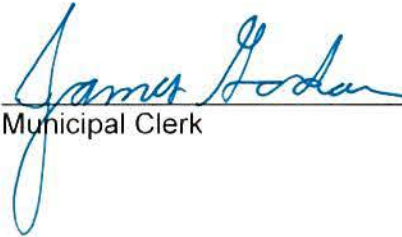
SECONDED by Councillor MACKAY-DUNN

THAT the November 29, 2016 Council Workshop is adjourned.

CARRIED
(7:33 pm)



Mayor



Municipal Clerk