

**DISTRICT OF NORTH VANCOUVER
COUNCIL WORKSHOP**

Minutes of the Council Workshop held at 5:00 p.m. on Monday, January 16, 2017 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 L. Muri

Absent: Councillor D. MacKay-Dunn

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, General Manager – Planning, Properties & Permits
Mr. A. Wardell, Acting General Manager – Finance & Technology
Mr. R. Danyluk, Manager – Financial Planning
Mr. J. Gordon, Manager – Administrative Services
Ms. C. Archer, Confidential Council Clerk

1. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

1.1. January 16, 2017 Council Workshop Agenda

MOVED by Councillor MURI
SECONDED by Councillor BOND

THAT the agenda for the January 16, 2017 Council Workshop is adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

2. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

2.1. November 15, 2016 Council Workshop

MOVED by Councillor BOND
SECONDED by Councillor MURI

THAT the minutes of the November 15, 2016 Council Workshop are adopted.

CARRIED

2.2. November 29, 2016 Council Workshop

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

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

CARRIED

2.3. December 5, 2016 Council Workshop

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

THAT the minutes of the December 5, 2016 Council Workshop are adopted.

CARRIED

Prior to proceeding with the scheduled agenda item, Mr. Gavin Joyce, General Manager – Engineering, Parks and Facilities, provided an update on:

- A major rain event in the forecast and preparation for possible related flooding issues;
- Traffic for Mount Seymour; and,
- The Lynn Headwaters intake road closure, future parking capacity and demand.

3. REPORTS FROM COUNCIL OR STAFF

3.1. 2017-2021 Financial Plan Deliberations

File No. 05.1780/Financial Plan Process/2017

Mr. David Stuart, Chief Financial Officer, reviewed the Financial Plan process to date, noting that public input had been received at the January 9, 2017 Regular Meeting of Council and that earlier questions brought forward by Council have been addressed. Mr. Stuart further advised that the purpose of the Council Workshop was to discuss the 2017 - 2021 Financial Plan and address any additional questions.

Mr. Andy Wardell, Acting General Manager – Finance and Technology, provided a brief review of the 2017-2021 Financial Plan, including rates, revenue sources and projected future impacts. He noted the tax levy is three percent, with two percent for inflation and one percent for asset renewal. Mr. Wardell reviewed cost pressures outside of Town Centres and referred to the long-term funding plan, noting that \$100 million will be needed and \$50 million in revenue has been identified, primarily from development. Affordable housing is not included in this amount.

In response to a question from Council regarding the cost and future impact of the sewage treatment plant, Mr. Wardell advised that District rates have been increased in advance in order to mitigate the impact of future rate increases. Metro Vancouver has not provided a recent update on the full cost of the project.

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

- The deferral of tax levies being approved at the staff level;
- Identifying funding sources for unfunded projects including affordable housing;

- Upcoming discussions with the Provincial Government regarding possible reallocation of Development Cost Charges (DCC's) to transit;
- Depreciation and future operating and replacement costs of amenities;
- Funding for capital and operating costs of active transportation projects such as trails and bicycle lanes;
- Funding for pedestrian connections;
- Concern regarding funding for needs outside of town centres.
- The allocation of funds for increasing parking for recreational areas such as Fromme Mountain;
- Staffing levels to deal with the volume of applications and address concerns regarding processing times;
- Resources for the pressing needs of Parks, including higher rates of parks usage and interactions with a growing homeless population;
- Use of the Business Improvement Fund for projects in neighbourhoods across the District;
- Prioritizing funding for approved projects; and,
- Council expressed general approval for an increase to the Community Building Grant.

Staff advised that a report on sidewalk connections would be prepared for Council and that the budget can be amended by Council to address needs as priorities are identified.

Staff reviewed the procedure for forecasting Community Amenity Contribution (CAC) revenue, noting that amenities and demand are linked: if a particular development is not approved, the associated amenities are not required. Staff also reported that District CAC's and DCC's are comparable with those in other municipalities and DCC rates are based on cost recovery. It was noted that density bonusing for affordable housing could be used where appropriate to reduce foregone CAC revenue. Council requested staff provide additional information on CAC calculations.

Council and staff discussed the suitability of listing items in the budget that have not come before Council for approval, such as the Lynn Creek Community Centre. Staff advised that the amounts are included as potential costs and may be subject to approval of other processes.

**MOVED by Councillor BASSAM
SECONDED by Councillor BOND**

THAT staff be directed to prepare the 2017-2021 Financial Plan Bylaw.

CARRIED

4. PUBLIC INPUT

Nil

5. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Councillor BASSAM
SECONDED by Councillor MURI
THAT the January 16, 2017 Council Workshop is adjourned.

CARRIED
(6:48 p.m.)



Mayor



Municipal Clerk