

**DISTRICT OF NORTH VANCOUVER
COUNCIL WORKSHOP**

Minutes of the Council Workshop for the District of North Vancouver held at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, February 6, 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 R. Hicks
Councillor D. MacKay-Dunn
Councillor L. Muri

Absent: Councillor J. Hanson

Staff: Mr. D. Stuart, Chief Administrative Officer
Mr. G. Joyce, General Manager – Engineering, Parks & Facilities
Mr. A. Wardell, Acting General Manager – Finance & Technology
Mr. R. Danyluk, Manager – Financial Planning
Mr. J. Gordon, Manager – Administrative Services
Ms. S. Rogers, Manager – Parks
Ms. S. Dale, Confidential Council Clerk

1. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

1.1. February 6, 2017 Council Workshop Agenda

MOVED by Councillor MURI
SECONDED by Councillor BASSAM
THAT the agenda for the February 6, 2017 Council Workshop be adopted.

CARRIED

2. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

2.1. January 16, 2017 Council Workshop

MOVED by Councillor MURI
SECONDED by Councillor BASSAM
THAT the minutes of the January 16, 2017 Council Workshop meeting are adopted.

CARRIED

2.2. January 17, 2017 Council Workshop

MOVED by Councillor MURI
SECONDED by Councillor BASSAM

THAT the minutes of the January 17, 2017 Council Workshop meeting are adopted.

CARRIED

3. REPORTS FROM COUNCIL OR STAFF

3.1. Long Term DNV Sports Field Program and Funding Strategy

File No.

Ms. Susan Rogers, Manager – Parks, provided an update on the District's Sports Field Needs Assessment report and identified capacity challenges. Ms. Rogers outlined the ten-year framework for the sports field program including new artificial turf fields, fieldhouses and washrooms to meet the current and future program demands. The key projects include:

- Inter River Park;
- Kirkstone Park; and,
- Argyle Secondary School.

Mr. Rick Danyluk, Manager – Financial Planning, discussed a ten-year capital framework with options for diversified funding strategies based on the program's costs and benefits to the users and the community. Mr. Danyluk advised that funding options could include the following:

- Grants, sponsorships and partnerships;
- Increased user fees based on a cost recovery target of 25%;
- Introduce peak and non-peak rates to manage current demand;
- Introduce a price differentiation with a higher rate for elite use, extended seasons, adults and others;
- Cost sharing with sports group through an exclusive use agreement (e.g. for a portion of fieldhouse, extended hours of field use, etc.);
- Developer contributions (Development Cost Charges and Community Amenity Contributions);
- Increase residential tax levy; or,
- A combination of funding options.

Ms. Rogers advised that the next steps include:

- Complete the needs assessment report;
- Define boundaries between recreational use and other uses;
- Refine the sports field program scope and costs;
- Council direction on the extent of the package for the long term funding strategy (priorities and timing); and,
- Continue to meet with stakeholders to review options, impacts and funding mechanisms.

Councillor MURI left the meeting at 7:49 and returned at 7:51 pm.

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

- Spoke in support of the long-term funding model;
- Noted that user groups have been engaged in this process;
- Advised that the sport field users support advancing these projects;
- Commented that the ten-year capital plan will meet current and future program demands;
- Commented that a tournament centre and fieldhouse will expand future possibilities at Inter River Park and spoke to the economic opportunities;
- Noted that sport field users contribute annual funding to assist in capital and maintenance costs associated with fields;
- Encouraged staff to look at sponsorship opportunities;
- Commented on the importance of high quality facilities;
- Commented on the urgent need for more playable hours as demand is already high and growing;
- Suggested phasing the development of the proposed artificial turf fields to help minimize annual costs;
- Commented on the importance of fairness for all user groups;
- Questioned if the land at the District's Fire Department Training Centre was considered for development of an artificial turf field;
- Noted environmental concern regarding artificial turf and questioned if there are alternative materials that could be used; and,
- Acknowledged that there will be lots of time to discuss the design of the proposed fields.

Staff advised that the long-term funding model will be discussed at a future Council Workshop.

MOVED by Councillor MURI

SECONDED by Councillor BASSAM

THAT the January 27, 2017 report of the Manager – Parks entitled Long Term DNV Sports Field Program and Funding Strategy be received for information.

CARRIED

4. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Councillor BASSAM

SECONDED by Councillor MURI

THAT the February 6, 2017 Council Workshop be adjourned.

CARRIED
(8:21 pm)



Mayor



Municipal Clerk