DISTRICT OF NORTH VANCOUVER COUNCIL WORKSHOP

Minutes of the Council Workshop for the District of North Vancouver held at 5:01 p.m. on Monday, February 27, 2017 in the Committee Room of the District Hall, 355 West Queens Road, North Vancouver, British Columbia.

Present: Acting Mayor R. Hicks

Councillor R. Bassam Councillor M. Bond Councillor J. Hanson

Councillor D. MacKay-Dunn (5:05 pm)

Councillor L. Muri

Absent: Mayor R. Walton

Staff: Mr. G. Joyce, Acting Chief Administrative Officer

Ms. C. Grant, General Manager - Corporate Services

Mr. D. Milburn, General Manager – Planning, Properties & Permits Mr. A. Wardell, Acting General Manager – Finance & Technology

Mr. J. Gordon, Manager – Administrative Services Mr. T. Lancaster, Manager – Community Planning

Ms. A. Clarke, Planning Assistant
Ms. S. Dale, Confidential Council Clerk

1. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

1.1. February 27, 2017 Council Workshop Agenda

MOVED by Councillor MURI SECONDED by Councillor BASSAM

THAT the agenda for the February 27, 2017 Council Workshop be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

Absent for Vote: Councillor MACKAY-DUNN

2. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

2.1. January 30, 2017 Council Workshop

MOVED by Councillor MURI SECONDED by Councillor BASSAM

THAT the minutes of the January 30, 2017 Council Workshop meeting are adopted.

CARRIED

Absent for Vote: Councillor MACKAY-DUNN

2.2. January 31, 2017 Council Workshop

MOVED by Councillor MURI SECONDED by Councillor BASSAM

THAT the minutes of the January 31, 2017 Council Workshop meeting are adopted.

CARRIED

Absent for Vote: Councillor MACKAY-DUNN

2.3. February 6, 2017 Council Workshop

MOVED by Councillor MURI SECONDED by Councillor BASSAM

THAT the minutes of the February 6, 2017 Council Workshop meeting are adopted.

CARRIED

Absent for Vote: Councillor MACKAY-DUNN

3. REPORTS FROM COUNCIL OR STAFF

3.1. Industrial Land Use Change

File No. 13.6655.20/000.000

Mr. Dan Milburn, General Manager – Planning, Properties & Permits, acknowledged that land use change is occurring as a result of ongoing market forces and land use planning decisions of the District. Mr. Milburn noted that further research into the locational and operational needs of businesses will help guide new development, intensification and re-development.

Councillor MACKAY-DUNN arrived at this point in the proceedings.

Mr. Tom Lancaster, Manager – Community Planning, identified actions that can help mitigate potential negative impacts to businesses and the supply of industrial lands which include the following:

- Amending current Zoning provisions;
- Expanding Temporary Use Permit powers;
- Encouraging tenant relocation assistance; and,
- Significantly expanding the supply of employment lands in the Maplewood area.

Council discussion:

- Spoke to the economic opportunity;
- Stated that on-going communication with business owners is key;
- Spoke to the issue of affordability;
- Suggested providing a village shuttle supported by local businesses;
- Commented that providing employee housing will help reduce traffic:
- Spoke to the importance of creating a pedestrian friendly town centre; and,
- Spoke to the opportunity to try something new and innovative.

Councillor MACKAY-DUNN left the meeting at 5:33 pm and returned at 5:34 pm.

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

- Suggested looking at other successful light-industrial jurisdictions;
- Highlighted the importance of creating well-paying jobs in the District of North Vancouver;
- Acknowledged the opportunity to attract high-technology jobs in this area;
- · Spoke to the importance of providing businesses with temporary solutions;
- Spoke in support of replacing the 50m provision with the "Good Neighbour Guidelines" as certain industrial uses are prohibited within 50m of residentially zoned properties;
- Requested staff report back with an inventory of businesses in industrial zoned areas; and,
- Suggested phasing development to ensure natural sustainability occurs.

Acting Mayor HICKS left the meeting at 6:02 pm and returned at 6:03 pm.

Public Input:

Mr. Corrie Kost:

- Expressed concern that parking stalls provided in new developments have significantly decreased; and,
- Opined that the 50m provision is very conservative.

MOVED by Councillor BASSAM SECONDED by Councillor MURI

THAT the February 21, 2017 report of the General Manager – Planning, Properties & Permits entitled Industrial Land Use Change be received for information.

CARRIED

4. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Councillor BASSAM SECONDED by Councillor MURI

THAT the February 27, 2017 Council Workshop be adjourned.

(6:43 pm)

Mayor Suncle Brich
Municipal Clerk