DISTRICT OF NORTH VANCOUVER
COUNCIL WORKSHOP

Minutes of the Council Workshop for the District of North Vancouver held at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 16, 2017 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

Absent: Councillor D. MacKay-Dunn
         Councillor L. Muri

Staff: Ms. C. Grant, Acting Chief Administrative Officer
       Mr. G. Joyce, General Manager – Engineering, Parks & Facilities
       Mr. D. Milburn, General Manager – Planning, Properties & Permits
       Mr. J. Gordon, Manager – Administrative Services
       Ms. S. Rogers, Manager – Parks
       Ms. S. Dale, Confidential Council Clerk

1. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

   1.1. May 16, 2017 Council Workshop Agenda

       MOVED by Councillor BASSAM
       SECONDED by Councillor BOND
       THAT the agenda for the May 16, 2017 Council Workshop is adopted as circulated.

       CARRIED

2. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

   2.1. April 10, 2017 Council Workshop

       MOVED by Councillor BOND
       SECONDED by Councillor BASSAM
       THAT the minutes of the April 10, 2017 Council Workshop meeting are adopted.

       CARRIED

   2.2. April 18, 2017 Council Workshop

       MOVED by Councillor BOND
       SECONDED by Councillor BASSAM
       THAT the minutes of the April 18, 2017 Council Workshop meeting are adopted.

       CARRIED
2.3. April 24, 2017 Council Workshop

MOVED by Councillor BOND
SECONDED by Councillor BASSAM
THAT the minutes of the April 24, 2017 Council Workshop meeting are adopted.

CARRIED

3. REPORTS FROM COUNCIL OR STAFF

3.1. Parks Update

File No. 6660.01/000.000

Ms. Susan Rogers, Manager – Parks, provided an update on District Parks and topics for discussion included the following:
- Fromme Mountain and Seymour recreational trails and staging;
- Inter River Park Bike Park;
- Sportsfield Program;
- Park Management and the Summer Ranger Program;
- Park Policies for Commercial Use; and,
- Park Bylaw Revisions.

Council discussion ensued and the following comments and concerns were noted:
- Enquired about the type of complaints from residents of the Braemar and Dempsey Road area;
- Requested that proper flush toilets be installed at the Braemar staging area;
- Noted that people need to be encouraged to use the staging area instead of changing on residents lawns;
- Questioned if Braemar Road is a busy enough street to have a parking lot;
- Commented on how busy Kilmer Park is and suggested focusing on that area;
- Commented that trail connectivity is critical;
- Requested that staff provide information on the number of mountain bikers versus the number of hikers using the Braemar trails;
- Expressed concern that the proposed parking lot would encroach into the forest;
- Suggested monitoring the impacts of decommissioning trails;
- Expressed concern that teenagers may use the staging area to party;
- Requested staff report back on incidents of heavy parking in the Braemar area and what stretches of roads are busiest;
- Noted that Quarry Rock is over utilized and suggested advertising alternative trails to reduce traffic and parking issues in Deep Cove; and,
- Noted that some alternative trails do not have proper bridges over the creeks and the installation of creek crossings would be an expensive solution.

Councillor BASSAM left the meeting at 6:01 pm and returned at 6:03 pm.

Councillor HICKS left at 6:06 pm and returned at 6:07 pm.

Council discussion ensued and the following comments and concerns were noted:
- Acknowledged the increased popularity of BMX riding;
• Questioned what the long-term Pump Park renovations would entail;
• Requested an update on the status of the proposed fieldhouse at Inter River Park;
• Expressed concern regarding the traffic issues experienced by recreational users exiting parking areas;
• Acknowledged the good work from the volunteers of the Adopt-A-Street Program;
• Inquired about the percentage of people who drive to Lynn Canyon Park versus the percentage of people who take transit;
• Commented that the demand on District parks is excessive and the change in the last three years has been significant;
• Suggested that social media has played a significant role in increased growth in District parks;
• Spoke in opposition to limiting park hours during the peak season;
• Noted that pay parking could help to alleviate the cost of maintaining trails;
• Expressed concern regarding the dumping of garbage in District parks;
• Spoke in support of capping the number of commercial permits issued; and,
• Suggested looking at similar jurisdictions and the best practices they have used to manage the demands of their parks.

Public Input:

Mr. Corrie Kost, 2800 Block Colwood Drive:
• Opined that risk management is important for District parks.

Mr. Cooper Quinn, North Shore Mountain Biking Association:
• Thanked staff for being proactive with trail maintenance and for their continued funding partnership with NSMBA.

Mr. Barry Rueger, North Shore Professional Dogwalkers’ Alliance:
• Suggested advertising alternative trails to help avoid people using the same trails; and,
• Suggested looking at ways the trail systems can work better.

MOVED by Councillor BASSAM
SECONDED by Councillor HANSON
THAT the May 9, 2017 memo of the Manager – Parks entitled Parks Update be received for information.

CARRIED

4. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Councillor BOND
SECONDED by Councillor HANSON
THAT the May 16, 2017 Council Workshop is adjourned.

CARRIED

(6:34 pm)