DISTRICT OF NORTH VANCOUVER
COUNCIL WORKSHOP

Minutes of the Council Workshop for the District of North Vancouver held at 5:04 p.m. on Monday, July 10, 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 D. MacKay-Dunn

Absent: Councillor L. Muri

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. T. Lancaster, Manager – Community Planning
         Mr. S. Ono, Manager – Engineering Services
         Ms. J. Paton, Manager – Development Planning
         Ms. L. Brick, Deputy Municipal Clerk
         Ms. S. Dale, Confidential Council Clerk
         Ms. I. Weisenbach, Transportation Planner

Also in Attendance: Ms. Sarah Ross, Director, System Planning, Transportation Planning & Policy – TransLink

1. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

   1.1. July 10, 2017 Council Workshop Agenda

       MOVED by Councillor BASSAM
       SECONDED by Councillor BOND
       THAT the agenda for the July 10, 2017 Council Workshop is adopted as circulated.

       CARRIED

2. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

   2.1. June 13, 2017 Council Workshop

       MOVED by Councillor BASSAM
       SECONDED by Councillor MACKAY-DUNN
       THAT the minutes of the June 13, 2017 Council Workshop meeting are adopted.

       CARRIED
2.2. June 19, 2017 Council Workshop

MOVED by Councillor BASSAM
SECONDED by Councillor MACKAY-DUNN
THAT the minutes of the June 19, 2017 Council Workshop meeting are adopted.

CARRIED

3. REPORTS FROM COUNCIL OR STAFF

3.1. TransLink Mayors’ Vision and B-Line Update
File No. 16.8620.40/000.000

Ms. Sarah Ross, Director, System Planning, Transportation Planning & Policy – TransLink, provided an update on Phase 1 of TransLink’s 10-year Investment Plan to implement the Mayors’ Vision for Metro Vancouver Transit and Transportation, including the proposed B-Line service for the North Shore.

Ms. Ross advised that a notable improvement to transit on the North Shore will be the implementation of a B-Line service and will provide frequent transit levels of service between Dundarave in West Vancouver and Phibbs Exchange in North Vancouver, serving key centres in the Marine Drive/3rd Street/Main Street Corridor. It was also mentioned that extension of the B-Line to Maplewood is contemplated in coordination with current planning for the Maplewood area.

Identified transit improvements for the North Shore include the following:
• Seabus frequency increased to every 10 minutes at peak periods and the addition of a new vessel;
• Service increases to four key bus routes;
• Lonsdale Quay Bus Exchange facility upgrade;
• Phibbs Exchange facility upgrade; and,
• Capilano University route will focus on enhanced hours of service to address bus overcrowding.

Ms. Ross noted that the next steps include:
• Continuing collaboration on land use and transportation;
• Maximizing space and removing constraints along the route;
• Working towards the longer term vision;
• Reporting back to Council in the fall; and,
• Ongoing monitoring.

Council discussion ensued and the following comments and concerns were noted:
• Questioned if the Seabus corresponds with the Skytrain’s schedule;
• Questioned how walk and bike projects are funded;
• Questioned when the Phibbs Exchange upgrade would be complete;
• Suggested increasing transit frequency when special events are taking place;
• Commented on the issue of over crowding of buses on certain routes such as Capilano University;
• Noted that ongoing monitoring is important;
• Questioned how many riders are needed to operate a B-Line;
• Requested that staff provide information on extending the B-Line to the Maplewood area;
• Commented that transit is a key priority for people living in Metro Vancouver;
• Expressed concern regarding safety issues at Phibbs Exchange;
• Requested staff report back on the proposed changes to the park-and-ride at Phibbs Exchange;
• Suggested providing a shuttle to service the residents of Maplewood Village; and,
• Commented that transit is a key component to the development of town centres.

4. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Councillor BASSAM
SECONDED by Councillor MACKAY-DUNN
THAT the July 10, 2017 Council Workshop is adjourned.

CARRIED
(5:59 pm)