

**DISTRICT OF NORTH VANCOUVER
COUNCIL WORKSHOP**

Minutes of the Council Workshop for the District of North Vancouver held at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, October 17, 2017 in the Committee Room of the District Hall, 355 West Queens Road, North Vancouver, British Columbia.

Present: Mayor R. Walton
Councillor R. Bassam (5:36 pm)
Councillor M. Bond
Councillor J. Hanson
Councillor R. Hicks
Councillor D. MacKay-Dunn

Absent: Councillor L. Muri

Staff: Mr. D. Stuart, Chief Administrative Officer
Mr. D. Milburn, General Manager – Planning, Properties & Permits
Mr. J. Gordon, Manager – Administrative Services
Ms. S. Dale, Confidential Council Clerk

Also in

Attendance: Mr. Bal Brach, Operations Support Officer – Inspector, North Vancouver RCMP

1. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

1.1. October 17, 2017 Council Workshop Agenda

MOVED by Councillor MACKAY-DUNN

SECONDED by Councillor BOND

THAT the agenda for the October 17, 2017 Council Workshop is adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

Absent for Vote: Councillor BASSAM

2. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

2.1. September 18, 2017 Council Workshop

MOVED by Councillor MACKAY-DUNN

SECONDED by Councillor BOND

THAT the minutes of the September 18, 2017 Council Workshop are adopted.

CARRIED

Absent for Vote: Councillor BASSAM

2.2. October 2, 2017 Council Workshop

MOVED by Councillor MACKAY-DUNN

SECONDED by Councillor BOND

THAT the minutes of the October 2, 2017 Council Workshop are adopted.

CARRIED
Absent for Vote: Councillor BASSAM

2.3. October 3, 2017 Council Workshop

MOVED by Councillor MACKAY-DUNN
SECONDED by Councillor BOND

THAT the minutes of the October 3, 2017 Council Workshop are adopted.

CARRIED
Absent for Vote: Councillor BASSAM

3. REPORTS FROM COUNCIL OR STAFF

3.1. Cannabis Legalization and Regulation

File No. 13.6410.01/000.000

Mr. Dan Milburn, General Manager – Planning, Properties & Permits, provided an overview regarding cannabis legalization and regulations. Mr. Milburn noted that the Federal Government intends to assume responsibility for licensing cannabis producers and regulating production standards, however, provinces and territories will be responsible for many of the decisions about how non-medical cannabis is regulated in their jurisdiction. These include, but are not limited to: distribution and retail systems; compliance and enforcement regimes; age limits; restrictions on possession, public consumption and personal cultivation and amendments to safety laws. Mr. Milburn advised that the Province is seeking input from local governments in advance of preparing cannabis regulations when the non-medical use of cannabis becomes legal in July 2018.

Councillor BASSAM arrived at this point in the proceedings.

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

- Set the minimum age to buy, grow, and publicly possess up to 30 grams of non-medical cannabis at 19 years;
- Persons under 19 should be prohibited from possessing any amount of cannabis, but they should not be criminally convicted; however a law enforcement officer should be able to confiscate it and issues fine/ticket;
- Extend existing restrictions on tobacco smoking and vaping to cannabis;
- Launch a public education and awareness campaign about the risks and potential consequence of cannabis-impaired driving;
- Set a zero-tolerance standard in respect of blood THC content for drivers in the Graduated Licensing Program (drivers with an “L” or “N” designation);
- Invest in Standard Field Sobriety Test and Drug Recognition Expert training for more police officers;
- Expand the Immediate Roadside Prohibition and Administrative Driving Prohibition programs to include drug-impaired driving;
- Support four plants per household;
- No restrictions with plants being grown on District owned land which is rented;

- Supports the government distribution model being responsible for warehousing and distribution of cannabis;
- Cannabis sold should be controlled by zoning; and,
- The retail model for the sale of cannabis be a mix of both public and private as currently exists for alcohol.

Public Input:

Mr. Corrie Kost:

- Expressed concern regarding the risks and potential consequences of cannabis-impaired driving; and,
- Opined that on-line distribution is the way of the future.

Ms. Betty Forbes:

- Emphasized the importance of educating the public about the risks and potential consequences of cannabis; and,
- Suggested that the sale of cannabis be dedicated to storefronts which may reduce the cost of enforcement.

Staff advised that a letter will be submitted to the Provincial Government respecting Council's feedback to the matters described in the *Cannabis Legalization and Regulation in British Columbia Discussion Paper*.

4. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Councillor MACKAY-DUNN

SECONDED by Councillor BASSAM

THAT the October 17, 2017 Council Workshop is adjourned.

CARRIED
(6:48 pm)

Mayor

Municipal Clerk