DISTRICT OF NORTH VANCOUVER COUNCIL WORKSHOP

Minutes of the Council Workshop for the District of North Vancouver held at 5:04 p.m. on Tuesday, January 16, 2018 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

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. R. Danyluk, Manager – Financial Planning Mr. J. Gordon, Manager – Administrative Services

Ms. A. Reiher, Confidential Council Clerk

1. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

1.1. January 16, 2018 Council Workshop Agenda

No motion passed.

2. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Nil

3. REPORTS FROM COUNCIL OR STAFF

3.1. 2018-2022 Financial Plan Deliberations

File No. 05.1780/Financial Plan Process/2018

Mr. David Stuart, Chief Administration Officer, reviewed the Financial Plan process to date and advised that the purpose of the Council Workshop was to discuss the 2018 - 2022 Financial Plan and to address any questions.

Councillor BOND left the meeting at 5:06 p.m. and returned at 5:07 p.m.

Mr. Rick Danyluk, Manager – Financial Planning, provided a review of the 2018-2022 Financial Plan, including rates, revenue sources and projected future impacts. He noted that the tax levy allows one percent for asset renewal which allows for future financing through to 2022.

Mr. Danyluk reviewed the budget highlights which included:

- Parks and Bylaw staffing adjustments;
- Growth management and development charges;
- Active transportation and park improvements;
- Sport fields;
- Lions Gate community hub;
- Maplewood fire facility; and,
- A three percent property tax increase.

Mr. Danyluk reported that the draft Budget Workbook was made available to Council and to the public on December 11, 2017, and that the public has provided input by means of email, phone and a community meeting that was held on January 10, 2018.

Mr. Danyluk provided an overview of the four types of reserves which include land, renewal, upgrade and expansion, and utilities.

In response to a question from Council, staff advised that the Financial Plan Public Input spreadsheet does not reflect all the comments received from the public and that more input will continue to be received.

In response to a question from Council regarding the provision of a washroom and fresh drinking water on course at the Seymour Golf and Country Club, staff advised that they will report back on the relative priority of the project.

In response to a question from Council regarding budget reserves and asset forecast, staff advised that it will be reflected in the long-term financial plan.

In response to a question from Council regarding the budget for affordable housing, staff advised that the budget has allocated three million dollars for this purpose and that two affordable housing projects are planned in the Lynn Creek and Delbrook communities.

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

- The growth of affordable housing and addressing short term rentals;
- Transit and transportation infrastructure;
- Tax allocation and it's impact on small businesses;
- Continuing the 1% asset renewal policy and best practices for asset management;
- The cost of Community Amenity Contributions (CAC);
- Strategic priorities to increase funding;
- Resident levels of satisfaction on services within the District and if a new survey to residents should be issued;
- Public input and strategies for further engagement;
- Water and sewage rates, solid waste and third party negotiations;
- · Funding for additional Inspector, Bylaw and Park Ranger positions; and,
- Future financing for accessible childcare services and playgrounds for toddlers.

4. PUBLIC INPUT

Nil

5. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Councillor MURI SECONDED by Councillor BASSAM

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THAT the January 16, 2018 Council Workshop is adjourned.

CARRIED

(6:47 p.m.)

Mayor

Municipal Clerk