

**DISTRICT OF NORTH VANCOUVER  
COUNCIL WORKSHOP**

Minutes of the Council Workshop for the District of North Vancouver held at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, February 20, 2019 in the Committee Room of the District Hall, 355 West Queens Road, North Vancouver, British Columbia.

**Present:** Mayor M. Little  
Councillor J. Back  
Councillor M. Bond  
Councillor M. Curren  
Councillor J. Hanson  
Councillor L. Muri

**Absent:** Councillor B. Forbes

**Staff:** Mr. D. Stuart, Chief Administrative Officer  
Ms. L. Brick, Deputy Municipal Clerk  
Ms. A. Reiher, Confidential Council Clerk

**Also in**

**Attendance:** North Vancouver Community Associations Network (NVCAN)

**1. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

**1.1. February 20, 2019 Council Workshop Agenda**

**MOVED by Councillor MURI**

**SECONDED by Councillor HANSON**

THAT the agenda for the February 20, 2019 Council Workshop is adopted as circulated.

**CARRIED**

**2. ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

Nil

**3. REPORTS FROM COUNCIL OR STAFF**

Before proceeding Mayor Little had the representatives of the North Vancouver Community Associations Network (NVCAN) introduce themselves.

**3.1. Official Community Plan Review**

File No.

Ms. Irene Davidson, Vice President, NVCAN, provided an overview of NVCAN and advised that the mandate is to facilitate effective community associations. She advised that members of the Board are:

- Mr. John Miller, President;
- Ms. Irene Davidson, Vice President;

- Ms. Babs Perowne, Secretary – Treasurer;
- Mr. Eric Anderson, Member-at-large;
- Mr. Peter Teevan, Member-at-large; and,
- Mr. Corrie Kost, Communications.

Mayor Little provided an overview of the Official Community Plan (OCP) and the items foreseen in its review. He also discussed the structure of Council Workshop discussions and advised that from these discussions, a staff report is produced for presentation at a Regular Council meeting where public input opportunities are also permitted. Mayor Little commented on the 'Meet The Mayor' days that are held at various locations in the community.

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

- Commented about the need to address climate change through a revision to the OCP;
- Discussed the Community Energy Emissions Plan and the Strategic Energy Management Plan;
- Spoke about the business community and the challenges that they face, including the challenges seen by light industrial businesses;
- Suggested that it would be beneficial to allow public input opportunities at the start of Council Workshops;
- Commented about the implementation of the OCP and the areas of focus that have changed since its implementation;
- Commented on the public engagement opportunities in the period 2009 – 2011 during the creation of the OCP; and,
- Suggested that the OCP review would need to address housing affordability and traffic issues, and that consultation would need to involve the entire community.

In response to a question regarding the process for the OCP review, Mayor Little advised that the scope has not yet been defined.

Mr. David Stuart, Chief Administrative Officer, commented about upcoming strategic planning and orientation sessions for Council. He also discussed the OCP review and next steps.

General discussion ensued and the following comments and concerns were noted by NVCAN members:

- Suggested that a debriefing session and facilitated public input opportunity at Council Workshop may be beneficial.
- Suggested Town Hall meetings be held in each community in the District where questions may be posed by the public;
- Provided suggestions for public input opportunities at Council meetings;
- Requested that historical Council information be made available to the public on the website;
- Expressed concern about Council agenda package production timeline and the timing of the Council meetings; and,
- Queried about the depth of the OCP review, anticipated timeline and public involvement.

### **3.2. Construction Vehicle Management**

File No.

General discussion ensued and the following comments and concerns were noted by NVCAN members:

- Commented about the challenges of consultation for development proposals and expressed concern to the perceived lack of detail regarding the proposals;
- Requested that information regarding developments be reported to community associations and that the District webpage include more comprehensive information about proposals;
- Expressed concern about staff reports regarding development proposals;
- Commented on the challenges of public consultation and suggested that further efforts be made to engage a younger audience;
- Suggested that more information be made available to the public;
- Commented about the GIS system, suggested that a summary page be included to enhance the user experience and that 2016 census data be included;
- Expressed concern about the timeline required to obtain a building permit;
- Suggested that the OCP engage the missing middle;
- Expressed concerns about construction proposals for Handsworth School;
- Expressed concern about the effects of construction traffic on local businesses;
- Commented about workload retention and the difficulties in obtaining appropriate staffing levels and suggested that a solution may be to streamline processes;
- Expressed that the developers who breach regulations should face consequences by way of fines;
- Suggested that a social policy may assist with regulating housing and traffic issues; and,
- Suggested that meetings to accommodate NVCAN be held four times per year.

Councillor BACK left the meeting at this point in the proceedings. (8:27 p.m.)

Councillor CURREN left the meeting at this point in the proceedings. (8:31 p.m.)

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

- Commented about the challenges of construction traffic;
- Commented about the challenges of retaining staff; and,
- Commented about the possibility of producing Council agendas a week in advance.

Councillor CURREN returned to the meeting at 8:34 p.m.

### **3.3. What would Mayor & Council like to see the North Vancouver Community Associations Network do?**

File No.

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

- Commented about the recent Council Workshops which have addressed traffic issues on the North Shore;

- Spoke about community associations, their roles in the community and with public engagement;
- Suggested that community associations should become more diverse and include the youth and newcomers in the communities;
- Spoke about community outreach and advised that suggestions on ways to further engage with residents are welcome;
- Commented about the importance of diversity;
- Spoke regarding small business owners and suggested that merchant associations be approached by community associations to create synergies;
- Expressed the desire for Council to meet more frequently with community associations; and,
- Suggested that public engagement may be done in a variety of different ways and that District community associations should work collaboratively.

A NVCAN member expressed concern about the lack of funds in the Community Building Fund.

Mr. Stuart commented that fees have been waived for community associations wishing to use municipal meeting rooms after hours and the Community Building Fund was increased during the last budget process.

#### 4. ADJOURNMENT

**MOVED by Councillor MURI**

**SECONDED by Mayor LITTLE**

THAT the February 20, 2019 Council Workshop is adjourned.

**CARRIED**

Absent for Vote: Councillor BACK  
(9:14 p.m.)

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Mayor

  
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Municipal Clerk