

**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, April 29, 2019 in the Council Chambers of the District Hall, 355 West Queens Road, North Vancouver, British Columbia.

**Present:** Acting Mayor J. Hanson  
Councillor J. Back  
Councillor M. Bond  
Councillor M. Curren  
Councillor B. Forbes

**Absent:** Mayor M. Little  
Councillor L. Muri

**Staff:** Mr. D. Stuart, Chief Administrative Officer  
Mr. G. Joyce, General Manager – Engineering, Parks & Facilities  
Mr. R. Danyluk, Manager – Financial Planning  
Mr. J. Gordon, Manager – Administrative Services  
Ms. S. Rogers, Manager – Parks  
Mr. S. Carney, Section Manager - Transportation  
Ms. C. Drugge, Section Manager – Infrastructure Planning  
Ms. A. Reiher, Confidential Council Clerk  
Ms. I. Weisenbach, Transportation Planner

**1. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

**1.1. April 29, 2019 Council Workshop Agenda**

**MOVED by Councillor FORBES**

**SECONDED by Councillor CURREN**

THAT the agenda for the April 29, 2019 Council Workshop is adopted as circulated.

**CARRIED**

**2. ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

**2.1. April 1, 2019 Council Workshop**

**MOVED by Councillor FORBES**

**SECONDED by Councillor CURREN**

THAT the minutes of the April 1, 2019 Council Workshop are adopted.

**CARRIED**

### **3. REPORTS FROM COUNCIL OR STAFF**

#### **3.1. Response to Questions on Major and New Capital Projects File No.**

Ms. Caroline Drugge, Section Manager – Infrastructure Planning, provided an overview of selected new and major capital projects for the District. She discussed the Lynn Canyon Park central area upgrade and advised that this area has not been upgraded since the 1960's and the roads and parking lot are no longer up to standard. The park receives approximately 800,000 visitors per year. In addition to the roads and parking lot, utilities will also be updated. The cost is approximately \$1.6 million and has been previously identified in several park and asset management plans throughout the years. She advised that public consultation was held with the community in 2018. Construction is expected to be completed by 2020. A delay in the project would have an impact on safety.

Ms. Drugge spoke about the history of the Inter River Park artificial turf field, the park design which was approved in 2018 and the public consultation process. She advised that alternatives to crumb rubber infill will be evaluated based on safety, performance and maintenance requirements during the detailed design phase of the project. The cost is approximately \$6.2 million for the construction of all the amenities which is supported by \$1.79 of Development Cost Charge (DCC) funding and is expected to be completed by 2020.

Ms. Drugge reported that the Bridgman Park multi-use play structure upgrade cost is approximately \$250,000 which includes \$150,000 of Community Amenity Contribution (CAC) funding. The proposed play structure has been reviewed by local childcare facilities, schools and North Vancouver Recreation and Culture Commission (NVRCC) and construction is expected to be completed by fall of 2019. A delay to the project would result in the twenty-six year-old structure being removed without being replaced.

Ms. Drugge noted that the Seylynn Park Master Plan was approved by Council in 2015 and the park is expected to be upgraded in two phases. She reported that the first phase includes the multi-purpose field, Spirit Trail and entry plaza. She provided an overview of the consultation process with the community. The project is expected to go to tender in the spring of 2019 and construction of phase one is expected to commence in the fall of 2019.

Ms. Drugge reported that the Belle Isle Park renovation was identified as part of the 2013 Lions Gate Town Centre Implementation Plan and the upgrade cost is approximately \$2.9 million. She provided an overview of the public consultation process. The existing park will be used by neighbouring developments as part of their construction staging to reduce traffic impacts on residents. Park construction is not expected to commence until 2022. A delay in the project would result in the site remaining undeveloped.

Ms. Drugge provided an overview of the Lynn Creek Community Recreation Centre and the many amenities it will provide. She noted the centre is 24,000 square feet and will provide a full size gymnasium, express library, community spaces and daycare. She advised that the District will own the centre, but will be operated by

NVRCC. The project cost is approximately \$16.2 million and is funded by two-thirds CAC's and one-third District renewal reserve funds. Construction is expected to be completed by 2023. A delay in the opening of the centre may have financial impacts with respect to operating an empty building.

Ms. Drugge spoke about the Spirit Trail/Hunter Street Bridge and advised that it is part of a priority route in the North Shore cycling network. She reported that the estimated cost of design is approximately \$1.2 million and the cost of the bridge is approximately \$3.8 million, with funding of \$1.5 million in DCC's and \$2.8 million in TransLink grants. The construction is scheduled to commence by 2020. A delay to the project could jeopardize TransLink grant funding.

In response to a question from Council, staff advised that the Lynn Canyon Park central area upgrade is driven by safety and not to accommodate additional parking spaces.

In response to a question from Council in regard to pedestrian upgrades for Lynn Canyon Park central area, staff advised there will be a sidewalk that connects to the Ecology Centre and picnic area and that safety concerns in the gravel parking lot have been addressed.

In response to a question from Council, staff advised that Lynn Canyon Park central area design accommodates rescue vehicles.

In response to a question from Council, staff advised that the Inter River Park artificial turf field was historically a landfill for North Shore municipalities.

In response to a question from Council, staff advised that there was a transportation study for Inter River Park artificial turf field and that the main entry is on an arterial road, with improvements to the circulation.

In response to a question from Council regarding the Bridgman Park multi-use play structure, staff advised that metal playgrounds last longer than wood playgrounds. Plastic playgrounds work well for the shape of slides, however, the construction materials used for playgrounds constantly changes.

In response to a question from Council regarding Belle Isle Park renovation, staff advised that the park will be constructed after its use as a construction staging site by the neighbouring development and that the park renovation is projected to commence in 2022.

In response to a question from Council, staff advised that the Lynn Creek Community Recreation Centre interior is expected to be completed by 2023 and that staff is currently working on the interior design.

In response to a question from Council regarding the Lynn Creek Community Recreation Centre daycare, staff advised that a concept sketch will be provided to Council as well as comparison information with current daycares in the area.

Public Input:

Ms. Katherine Fagerlund, 1800 Block Deep Cove Road:

- Inquired about the cost of Belle Isle Park renovation.

Mr. Peter Teevan 1900 Block Indian River Crescent:

- Expressed concern that areas that are not considered high density may not receive the same investment;
- Queried if TransLink grants are funded by cuts in transit services;
- Commented about Provincial parks and infrastructure for bike networks; and,
- Provided suggestions for daycare services.

Mr. Corrie Kost, 2800 Block Colwood Drive:

- Queried about the lease rate for Belle Isle Park; and,
- Suggested that four to eight acres are required for local park capacity.

Ms. Kelly Bond, A District Resident:

- Queried about the Bridgman Park multi-use play structure cost.

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

- The need for further cycling and transit infrastructure;
- The need for shuttle buses to District parks with high visitor traffic;
- Community spaces are very important and the need to look at the use of CACs;
- The Spirit Trail/Hunter Street Bridge and the need to widen the paths for improved connectivity for trail users;
- The master plan of the Spirit Trail/Hunter Street Bridge;
- TransLink funding received in past years; and,
- Council be notified about projects going to tender.

### **3.2. Bike Share Program on North Shore - Update**

File No. 16.8450.01/004.000

Mr. Steve Carney, Section Manager – Transportation, provided an overview of the e-bike share pilot program proposal, a joint effort by the three North Shore municipalities. He advised that the Integrated North Shore Transportation Planning Project highlighted the need to provide transportation alternative options for residents and to decrease the barriers to cycling. Third-party operators are able to provide a bike share system with limited risk to the municipalities.

Mr. Carney noted that the program goals and benefits include improved mobility choices, topography challenges being address through e-bikes, a growing cycling mode sharing system, enhanced tourism opportunities and reduced parking pressures.

Mr. Carney commented about the launch timelines and advised that proposals are currently being reviewed. He advised that key Request for Proposal (RFP) considerations include public space management, enhanced mobility, safety, equity, data and evaluation.

He reported that the anticipated service areas for the District would be town centres and large portions of the Spirit Trail. The target fleet would be approximately 200 bikes with a target usage of two trips per day per bike. The bikes would be electric-assist, dockless bikes and would be returned to painted 'havens'. The havens are intended to be low-cost to install and exact locations are still being reviewed.

In response to a question from Council, staff advised that Kelowna, Victoria and Richmond use dockless systems and that over 140 cities in North America have a bike share program. He advised that a dockless system is adaptable and low-cost. The operator would ensure bike batteries are charged and redistribute bikes as necessary. The operator is required to provide helmets with messaging to encourage helmet use.

In response to a question from Council, staff advised that the havens would be located around key destinations that are yet to be determined. For the initial launch, all havens would be in the public realm and not on private property.

In response to a question from Council, staff advised that proposals are currently being evaluated and that the pilot is expected to launch by summer 2019.

In response to a question from Council, staff advised that more information will be provided on the details of the e-bikes which is dependant on the selected third-party vendor.

In response to a question from Council, staff advised that fee structures vary by operator and that more information will be brought back to Council.

#### Public Input:

Mr. Juan Palacio, 200 Block West Kings Road:

- Queried if e-bikes would be trail efficient and if there would be any restrictions on where they could be used.

Mr. Peter Teevan 1900 Block Indian River Crescent:

- Asked if the Seymour area would be included in the e-bike share program; and,
- Suggested there be public consultation ahead of an RFP.

Mr. Corrie Kost, 2800 Block Colwood Drive:

- Inquired regarding bike security, potential damage and bicycle baskets.

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

- Public realm management for bikes; and,
- Support for the e-bike pilot project and queried if infrastructure will be improved for bike lanes.

**MOVED by Councillor CURREN  
SECONDED by Councillor BOND**

THAT the April 17, 2019 report of the Section Manager – Transportation entitled Bike Share Program on North Shore – Update is received for information.

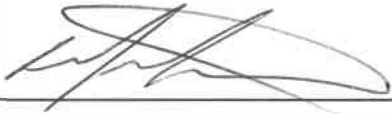
**CARRIED**

**4. ADJOURNMENT**

**MOVED by Councillor CURREN  
SECONDED by Councillor FORBES**

THAT the April 29, 2019 Council Workshop is adjourned.

**CARRIED  
(8:45 p.m.)**



Mayor



Municipal Clerk