

**DISTRICT OF NORTH VANCOUVER
COUNCIL WORKSHOP**

Minutes of the Council Workshop for the District of North Vancouver held at 6:02 p.m. on Monday, September 30, 2019 in the Committee Room of the District Hall, 355 West Queens Road, North Vancouver, British Columbia.

Present: Mayor M. Little
Councillor B. Forbes
Councillor J. Back
Councillor M. Bond
Councillor M. Curren
Councillor J. Hanson
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. R. Danyluk, Manager – Financial Planning
Mr. D. Desrochers, Manager – Engineering Projects & Development Services
Ms. S. Rogers, Manager – Parks
Ms. S. Dale, Confidential Council Clerk
Mr. E. Villeneuve, Project Engineer

Also in

Attendance: Mr. Mike Coulthard, Principal & Senior Forester/Biologist – Diamond Head Consulting

1. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

1.1. September 30, 2019 Council Workshop Agenda

MOVED by Councillor MURI

SECONDED by Councillor FORBES

THAT the agenda for the September 30, 2019 Council Workshop is adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

2. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

2.1. September 16, 2019 Council Workshop

MOVED by Councillor MURI

SECONDED by Councillor BACK

THAT the minutes of the September 16, 2019 Council Workshop are adopted.

CARRIED

3. REPORTS FROM COUNCIL OR STAFF

3.1. Lynn Canyon Park

File No. 12.6110/Lynn Canyon Park

Ms. Susan Rogers, Manager – Parks, and Mr. Eric Villeneuve, Project Engineer, provided an overview of the Lynn Canyon Park Central Area Improvements project highlighting the following:

- The origin of the project;
- The existing challenges;
- An overview of the site plan, objectives and improvements;
- Environmental management tools; and,
- Demand management tools.

Mr. Mike Coulthard, Principal & Senior Forester/Biologist – Diamond Head Consulting, was invited to answer Council questions regarding the trees.

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

- Thanked staff for retaining as many trees as possible;
- Spoke to the challenges of accessibility within the park and noted that it is a critical issue;
- Expressed support for the design which will eliminate vehicles at the front of the park;
- Commented on the current congestion of parks within the District;
- Expressed concern with increased garbage;
- Requested that staff report back on the implementation of pay parking before Spring 2020;
- Spoke to the opportunity for a tree planting program in the District;
- Spoke to the opportunity to use technology to message residents when parks are full;
- Commented on the importance of implementing resident only parking;
- Suggested including charging stations in the new park design;
- Suggested working with TransLink to provide shuttles from the SeaBus;
- Acknowledged that the community does not support the removal of trees to facilitate traffic;
- Expressed concern with environmental issues;
- Noted that local parks are exceeding the capacity that they can handle;
- Questioned if large diameter trees that are removed are being replaced with other trees which then become protected, and how this affects long term sustainability;
- Commented on the conflict of erosion with greater rainfalls;
- Spoke to the access issues into Lynn Canyon Park;
- Commented on the importance of safety issues;
- Expressed support for pedestrian improvements;
- Questioned if there is a way to eliminate the second loop in the parking lot;
- Commented on discouraging the use of cars;
- Commented on the opportunities for car share programs;
- Questioned if there is information on visitor statistics; specifically, how many are local residents versus tourist coming from out of town;

- Acknowledged the need for a proactive approach to demand management; and,
- Suggested providing options to get people to the park that are safe and still help achieve the District's climate target.

Public Input:

Mr. Bill Hughes, 3600 Block Robinson Road:

- Suggested holding a Public Meeting so residents of this area are informed and involved in these discussions.

Mr. Corrie Kost, 2800 Block Colwood Drive:

- Questioned if there are parking time limits in Lynn Canyon Park.

Mr. Peter Teevan, 1900 Block Indian River Crescent:

- Commented that it is hard to navigate the bus schedule to get to Lynn Canyon Park; and,
- Suggested putting the project on hold until the District receives support from TransLink and TransLink provides a route into the park.

A District Resident:

- Expressed concern with the removal of healthy trees;
- Spoke in support of enhancing accessibility for residents with disabilities; and,
- Noted that safety is a concern.

A District Resident:

- Urged Council to consider the environmental impact of the proposed project.

Mr. Munro, District Resident:

- Expressed concern that cars are the focus of the design; and,
- Commented that alternate modes of transportation should be encouraged.

MOVED by Councillor MURI

SECONDED by Councillor BACK

THAT the September 30, 2019 presentation of the Manager – Parks is received for information.

CARRIED

Mr. David Stuart, Chief Administrative Officer, advised Council that staff are seeking support of the project. The majority of Council directed staff to proceed with awarding the tender to shift into construction.

4. **ADJOURNMENT**

MOVED by Councillor MURI

SECONDED by Councillor HANSON

THAT the September 30, 2019 Council Workshop is adjourned.

CARRIED
(6:59 p.m.)

Mayor



Municipal Clerk

