

**DISTRICT OF NORTH VANCOUVER
COUNCIL WORKSHOP**

Minutes of the Council Workshop for the District of North Vancouver held at 6:03 p.m. on Monday, October 28, 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 (6:09 pm)

Staff: Mr. D. Stuart, Chief Administrative Officer
Ms. C. Grant, General Manager – Corporate Services
Mr. G. Joyce, General Manager – Parks and Engineering
Mr. D. Milburn, General Manager – Planning, Properties and Permits
Mr. A. Wardell, General Manager – Finance and Chief Financial Officer
Ms. T. Atva, Manager – Community Planning
Mr. J. Gordon, Manager – Administrative Services
Ms. S. Dale, Confidential Council Clerk
Ms. S. Tejani, Community Planner

Also in

Attendance: Ms. Lisa Westerhoff, Integral Group
Ms. Kerry Shaw, Integral Group

1. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

1.1. October 28, 2019 Council Workshop Agenda

**MOVED by Councillor FORBES
SECONDED by Councillor BACK**

THAT the agenda for the October 28, 2019 Council Workshop is adopted as circulated, including the addition of any items listed in the agenda addendum.

CARRIED

Absent for Vote: Councillor MURI

2. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

2.1. September 30, 2019 Council Workshop

**MOVED by Councillor FORBES
SECONDED by Councillor HANSON**

THAT the minutes of the September 30, 2019 Council Workshop are adopted.

CARRIED

Absent for Vote: Councillor MURI

3. REPORTS FROM COUNCIL OR STAFF

3.1. Community Energy and Emissions Plan (CEEP) – Actions to Meet 100% Emissions Reduction by 2050 File No. 13.6770/ENV Energy DNV/File

Councillor MURI arrived at this point in the proceedings.

Ms. Lisa Westerhoff, Integral Group, provided an overview of the final IMPACT2050 noting that it is a comprehensive Community Energy and Emissions Plan (CEEP) and is the District of North Vancouver's response to this global challenge. Mr. Westerhoff advised that it has been designed to reflect the Climate Emergency declared by Council in July 2019 and help the District to meet its ambitious targets (45% by 2030 and 100% by 2050).

Ms. Westerhoff noted that while each action in IMPACT2050 is important, the most important actions the District must focus on in the short-term to ensure it will meet its targets include the following:

Buildings & Energy:

- Implement a widespread energy efficiency and fuel switching retrofit program for existing buildings;
- Aggressively adopt the BC Energy Step Code to improve energy efficiency in new buildings; and,
- Adopt greenhouse gas emission targets to move towards zero-emission new construction projects.

Transportation & Land Use:

- Design for complete, connected communities and town centres that rely heavily on active transportation and comfortable and efficient transit systems;
- Use Transportation Demand Management strategies to complement good land use planning policy in order to further reduce the number of car trips in the District;
- Support Metro Vancouver's efforts to reduce traffic congestion through the use of mobility pricing;
- Support the federal and provincial government's zero-emission vehicle mandates and low carbon fuel standards; and,
- Accelerate implementation of electric vehicle (EV) and electric bicycle charging infrastructure to support electrified mobility.

Timely and aggressive implementation of the CEEP is critical to meeting the District's targets and include:

- Education and awareness;
- Partnerships, lobbying and advocacy;
- Resourcing; and,

- Regular monitoring of targets.

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

- Commented on the need to enforce policies and regulations;
- Noted the importance of retaining greenspace;
- Spoke to the challenges of meeting these targets by 2050;
- Spoke to the magnitude of the climate and ecological emergency; and,
- Commented that education may create awareness.

In response to a question from Council, the consultant advised that carbon neutrality is defined as achieving net-zero emissions by balancing the amount of human-caused carbon emissions in the atmosphere with an equivalent amount of human-caused carbon emission removals over a specific period of time.

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

- Requested an update on the carbon budget;
- Expressed concern that nature-based solutions were not presented;
- Questioned if residents are prepared to pay more to achieve these targets;
- Commented about the modeling for Village and Town Centres and the volume of cars due to a lack of alternatives;
- Expressed concern about building materials and the reliance on concrete;
- Expressed concern about the form of housing and its sustainability;
- Requested a copy of the survey to show what the community did not support;
- Highlighted the connection between transportation, land use and climate;
- Suggested focusing on building support within the community;
- Opined that North Vancouver has a distinct character that needs to be preserved; and,
- Thanked the consultants and staff for their work and requested regular updates on progress being made.

In response to a question from Council, staff advised that the cost of implementing the plan will be identified in the budget process.

In response to a question from Council, staff advised that the final plan will be brought forward to a Regular Meeting of Council for approval.

4. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Councillor MURI

SECONDED by Councillor FORBES

THAT the October 28, 2019 Council Workshop is adjourned.

CARRIED
(6:58 p.m.)

Mayor



Municipal Clerk

