

**DISTRICT OF NORTH VANCOUVER
COUNCIL WORKSHOP**

Minutes of the Council Workshop for the District of North Vancouver held at 5:03 p.m. on Tuesday, October 22, 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: Ms. C. Grant, Acting Chief Administrative Officer
Mr. D. Milburn, General Manager – Planning, Properties & Permits
Mr. A. Wardell, General Manager – Finance/CFO
Mr. R. Danyluk, Manager – Financial Planning
Mr. J. Gordon, Manager – Administrative Services
Mr. S. Ono, Manager – Engineering Services
Ms. S. Dale, Confidential Council Clerk

1. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

1.1. October 22, 2019 Council Workshop Agenda

**MOVED by Councillor MURI
SECONDED by Councillor FORBES**

THAT the agenda for the October 22, 2019 Council Workshop is adopted as circulated, including the addition of any items listed in the agenda addendum.

CARRIED

2. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Nil

3. REPORTS FROM COUNCIL OR STAFF

3.1. Financial Plan Orientation
File No. 05.1780/Financial Plan Process/2020

Mr. Rick Danyluk, Manager – Financial Planning, provided an overview of the five-year financial plan and advised that the plan is adopted annually. Mr. Danyluk highlighted the following:

- The fiscal environment;
- The long-term plan and priorities;
- Guiding principles and affordability;
- Capital, lands and funding; and,

- Next steps.

In response to a question from Council, staff advised that the draft 2020 to 2024 Financial Plan will be presented in January including provisions for Council priorities. It was noted that these provisions will be amended as the targeted OCP review and Council's white papers on housing, transportation, the economy and climate are completed.

In response to a question from Council, staff advised that the estimated increase in property taxes is four percent for 2020 and noted that these increases are similar to previous years.

In response to a question from Council, staff advised that as debt is retired, funding that had been allocated to debt servicing will be added to the infrastructure reserve in order to stabilize future costs of major infrastructure replacement.

In response to a question from Council, staff advised that the money available in the District housing fund is as follows:

- \$2.6 million available at end of 2018;
- \$500,000 new contribution in 2019; and,
- \$3.1 million total available this year.

In response to a question from Council, staff advised that an updated reserve funds bylaw is being proposed at the next Finance and Audit Committee meeting. The updated reserve funds bylaw will enable Council to see all of the District's reserves and their purpose in one place. It was further noted that staff are planning to bring back definitions for each reserve fund once the committee confirms the proposal.

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.

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

- When DCC fees may be waived for affordable housing projects;
- Continuing the 1% asset renewal policy and best practices for asset management; and,
- The long-term capital plan.

Public Input:

Mr. Peter Teevan, 1900 Block Indian River Drive:

- Spoke regarding regional growth and its increasing costs and demands;
- Requested information regarding the cost to run a municipality each year; and,
- Expressed concern about the perceived lack of engagement with the community and encouraged the District to be as transparent as possible.

Mr. Corrie Kost, 2800 Block Colwood Drive:

- Expressed concern regarding density bonusing;
- Commented on regional inflation;
- Questioned if the Province is providing funding to address the issue of reducing green house gas emissions; and,

- Requested that staff report back on infrastructure that is in poor condition and will need to be replaced.

A District Resident:

- Commented that DCC's are fees that local governments may choose to collect from new development to help pay for the costs of off-site infrastructure services that are needed to accommodate growth; and,
- Questioned how the District is managing staffing levels with regards to declining development activity.

MOVED by Councillor MURI

SECONDED by Councillor BOND

THAT the October 22, 2019 presentation of the Manager – Financial Planning is received for information.

CARRIED

4. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Councillor MURI

SECONDED by Councillor BOND

THAT the October 22, 2019 Council Workshop is adjourned.

CARRIED

(6:16 p.m.)

Mayor



Municipal Clerk

