

**DISTRICT OF NORTH VANCOUVER
COUNCIL WORKSHOP**

Minutes of the Council Workshop for the District of North Vancouver held at 5:41 p.m. on Monday, November 4, 2019 in the Council Chambers 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 B. Forbes
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. A. Wardell, General Manager – Finance/CFO
Mr. J. Gordon, Manager – Administrative Services
Mr. S. Ono, Manager – Engineering Services
Ms. J. Paton, Manager – Development Planning & Engineering
Mr. S. Carney, Section Manager - Transportation
Ms. A. Reiher, Confidential Council Clerk
Ms. I. Weisenbach, Transportation Planner

1. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

1.1. November 4, 2019 Council Workshop Agenda

MOVED by Councillor MURI

SECONDED by Councillor FORBES

THAT the agenda for the November 4, 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. On-Street Parking Management Strategies & Implementing a Connected Cycling Network
File No. 16.8620.01 /023.000

Councillor MURI left the meeting at 5:42 p.m. and returned at 5:43 p.m.

Mr. Steve Carney, Section Manager – Transportation, provided an overview of projects completed in 2019 and an overview of the proposed projects for 2020

including improvements for walking infrastructure, crosswalk improvement program, transit and cycling infrastructure, safe routes to school, the Spirit Trail multi-use pathway, Lower Lynn Interchanges, transportation system optimization, INSTPP-related studies and policy updates.

Mr. Carney reported that a comprehensive parking management policy is being developed to manage curb-side space for parking as a result of the growing popularity of District parks and employment and population growth in the region. The updated parking policy could enable staff to implement regulatory tools such as resident parking only (RPO), time restricted parking and pay parking systems.

Mr. Carney advised that parking issues in the district can be classified as either on-site private, on-street public or as park-related parking. He discussed the need to manage the on-street and off-street parking supply and public access to parks and schools. The District does not currently have a comprehensive parking management policy and criteria to establish parking regulations is necessary.

Mr. Carney provided an overview of parking management goals and strategies, including:

- Improve livability;
- Maintain access to public space;
- Promote economic activity;
- Encourage sustainable transportation;
- Support town centre development; and,
- Manage demand at parks and tourist sites.

He commented about the on-street parking regulatory tools including:

- Resident parking only (RPO);
- Unrestricted parking;
- Time-limited with resident exempt;
- Time-limited parking; and,
- Pay parking.

Mr. Carney commented about the principles of parking policies, including parking management goals, regulatory tools and key indicators for decision making.

In response to a question from Council, staff advised that pay parking would need to be looked at in the policy update.

Ms. Ingrid Weisenbach, Transportation Planner, provided an overview of the cycling network in the District. She commented about the OCP 2030 objective to have 35% of District resident trips by modes such as walking, cycling or transit and discussed the latest trip diary data from TransLink.

Ms. Weisenbach commented about the existing cycling priorities including the cycling network in town centres and direction to link priority routes and their progress to date, including:

- Lynn Valley Town Centre to Lynn Creek Town Centre;
- Lynn Creek Town Centre to Maplewood Village; and,
- Lions Gate Village to Lynn Creek Town Centre.

Ms. Weisenbach provided an update on the various stages of construction of other bike lanes in the District. She advised that staff are working towards a staff policy for bike parking and end-of-trip facilities and that research has been conducted on e-bikes, multi-use paths and transit/bike ridership to ensure best practises are employed and which show an increase in ridership.

Ms. Weisenbach discussed proposed staff recommendations for 2020-2023 priority routes. She also discussed concerns from residents including the speed of e-bikes on urban trails, safety and mobility issues and the maintenance of facilities. She advised that staff recommendations are to implement three priority routes and reallocate arterial road space for cycling in advance of the connected cycling network.

In response to a question from Council, staff advised that if road space is reallocated to cycling infrastructure, there would be consultation with Council and residents.

In response to a question from Council, staff advised that Deep Cove Road has been identified for a corridor plan if there is Council support.

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

- Expressed support for regulatory tools for parking and the need for a pilot to see what areas should be concentrated on first;
- The need to take into account the geographic nature of different areas for parking management, time restrictions and pay parking without restrictions for residents;
- Commented about parking spaces, traffic jams that occur within parking lots and the parking limitations for visitors at District parks;
- Suggested that residents should not have to pay for parking at District parks and that any revenue collected from parking should return to the parks;
- Pay parking in other areas across the District may encourage a move toward climate change targets and encourage other modes of transportation;
- Any revenue collected from pay parking from a certain neighbourhood should be returned to that particular neighbourhood as a local benefit;
- The need to solve mobility issues;
- The competing needs for public space, roadways and their uses and the limited space for parking within the District;
- The need to listen to residents that would be affected by regulations in a particular neighbourhood;
- The difficulties of plowing roads during snow storms with parked cars on both sides of the streets and the safety implications;
- Commented about land use and opined that it should not be viewed as a silo;
- The need to work with businesses to mitigate the effects parking restrictions may have on them;
- Commented about the proposed strategies for improved cycling lanes and parking infrastructure and queried where funds would be sourced to allow for their development;
- The need to understand the sharing of roadways between cyclists and vehicles and safety on challenging routes;

- Expressed support for the three priority cycling routes proposed by staff;
- Commented about the City of North Vancouver cycling priorities and the need to coordinate with them in planning of routes;
- Expressed support for the next phase of the cycling network and its importance around the bridge head plus the reallocation of road space;
- Commented about e-bikes and their potential to reduce co2 emissions and suggested that with proper cycling paths, ridership may rise;
- Commented about creating a cycling network that can encourage further ridership and suggested that workshops on cycling network projects be provided annually;
- Stated that end-of-line cycling infrastructure is important;
- Commented about the need for e-bikes to be transported on buses and the need to improve arterial roads;
- Commented about creating a cycling network that is safe for all ages and abilities;
- Expressed concern about funding for cycling networks and creative ways to find funding for such projects; and,
- Commented about the need to reduce the interaction between parked cars and cyclists.

4. ADJOURNMENT

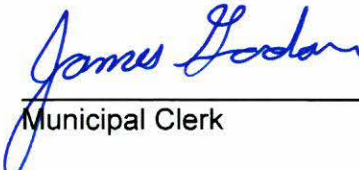
MOVED by Councillor FORBES

SECONDED by Councillor HANSON

THAT the November 4, 2019 Council Workshop is adjourned.

CARRIED
(6:58 p.m.)

Mayor



Municipal Clerk