

**DISTRICT OF NORTH VANCOUVER
SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL**

Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Council for the District of North Vancouver held at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, November 25, 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. D. Milburn, General Manager – Planning, Properties & Permits
Mr. A. Wardell, General Manager – Finance/CFO
Ms. T. Atva, Manager – Community Planning
Mr. R. Danyluk, Manager – Business Planning & Decision Support
Mr. J. Gordon, Manager – Administrative Services
Mr. S. Ono, Manager – Engineering Services
Ms. C. Grafton, Manager – Strategic Communications & Community Relations
Mr. E. Iorio, Manager – Financial Services
Ms. N. Letchford, Senior Planner
Ms. A. Reiher, Confidential Council Clerk

Also in

Attendance: Ms. Sarah Stevens, Consultant, Urban Systems

1. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

1.1. November 25, 2019 Special Meeting Agenda

MOVED by Councillor MURI

SECONDED by Councillor FORBES

THAT the agenda for the November 25, 2019 Special Meeting of Council for the District of North Vancouver is adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

2. PUBLIC INPUT

2.1. Ms. Kim Hughes, 3600 Block Robinson Road:

- Spoke about item 8.6, noting that climate emergency is a primary concern of residents;
- Commented about eco-assets and suggested that one-hundred year old cedar trees are considered eco-assets; and,

- Commented about staff and their ability to establish long-standing relationships within the community and suggested that democratic governance and staff performance should be highly regarded.
- 2.2. Mr. Andy Hansen, 1100 Block Laity Street:**
- Commented about his previous request to Council to reconsider the Pigeon Prohibition Bylaw;
 - Spoke about the sport of fancy pigeons and suggested that feral pigeons, not domestic pigeons, are the cause of nuisance complaints and stated that domestic pets can also cause nuisance, such as excessive barking and pet waste;
 - Commented about a report by the National Pigeon Association Club of Canada regarding the hobby of pigeons, and common misconceptions about pigeons;
 - Suggested that real estate value would not be affected by the presence of pigeons; and,
 - Offered to share knowledge and expertise with the District as the Director of the Vancouver Poultry and Fancy Pigeons Association.
- 2.3. Mr. Leza Muir, 1100 Block Wellington Drive:**
- Requested that Council reconsider the Pigeon Prohibition Bylaw;
 - Stated that the raising of domestic pigeons assists with mental health and overall wellbeing and creates a positive impact on the community;
 - Suggested that hobbies allow residents to support the local economy, to keep busy and engaged and referenced an article from the Government of Australia stating the benefits of hobbies; and,
 - Suggested that the topic be further researched.
- 2.4. Mr. Vincent Santacroce, 600 Block Rosalyn Boulevard:**
- Commented about his previous public input opportunities regarding the Pigeon Prohibition Bylaw;
 - Spoke about an email authored by Councillor Forbes regarding pigeons that was released through an FOI request;
 - Thanked Mayor Little for calling an independent inquiry into the matter;
 - Commented about the *Community Charter* restrictions on Council participation in conflicts of interest; and,
 - Quoted a statement by Councillor Forbes and stated his desire to see the results of the investigation.
- 2.5. Mr. Peter Teevan, 1900 Block Indian River Crescent:**
- Commented about his previous public input opportunities regarding conflicts of interest and commented about other occasions where it could be observed during Council meetings;
 - Welcomed an inquiry into the matter of conflicts of interest and expressed support for good governance; and,
 - Commented about Metro Vancouver utility rate increases.
- 2.6. Mr. Givo Hassko, 1300 Block 92nd Avenue:**
- Queried the manner in which bylaws are passed and questioned the transparency behind them;
 - Expressed concern that certain members of Council remain in their role;

- Stated that pigeons do not empty their bowels when flying; and,
- Requested that the Pigeon Prohibition Bylaw be reconsidered and investigated on the grounds of prejudice, lack of honesty and facts.

2.7. Mr. Kulwunt Dulay, 2300 Block Kirkstone Road:

- Presented pictures of his domestic pigeons flying overtop his property;
- Presented pictures and email correspondence about different types of pigeon breeds, their activities and competitions; and,
- Expressed concern about the manner in which the complaints were raised and handled regarding his domestic pigeons.

2.8. Mr. Kamalbal Singh, 2000 Block Boulevard Crescent:

- Commented favourably about the keeping of domestic pigeons;
- Suggested that to be fair, a ban on pigeons should not be exclusive and include other breeds of birds;
- Stated that the pigeons do not cause harm to property or people, rather they create a positive emotional connection; and,
- Stated that Mr. Dulay is fond of his pigeons and would not willingly give them up.

2.9. Mr. Pala Singh, 2300 Block Kirkstone Road:

- Commented about research on diseases caused by pigeons and stated that homing pigeons do not spread these diseases;
- Stated that feral birds empty their bowels in vast areas; and,
- Spoke about the public interest in the matter and requested that the Pigeon Prohibition Bylaw be reconsidered.

2.10. Mr. Eric Andersen, 2500 Block Derbyshire Way:

- Suggested that there are more pigeon keepers in the District than portrayed in the media;
- Stated that Councillor Forbes properly recused herself from discussions on the Pigeon Prohibition Bylaw and suggested that other members of Council can follow her example with respect to conflicts of interest; and,
- Suggested that training on conflict of interest would be beneficial for all members of Council.

2.11. Mr. John Harvey, 1900 Block Cedar Village Crescent;

- Requested that Councillor Hanson provide a report about the North Vancouver Police Committee and suggested that the committee's terms of reference and meetings dates be updated on the District webpage;
- Requested a meeting with the Mayor to discuss a request for the return of a bus depot in North Vancouver;
- Presented a pamphlet of 2018 local government electoral candidates and stated that four members of Council that voted on the Pigeon Prohibition Bylaw have a conflict of interest.

Mr. David Stuart, Chief Administrative Officer, commented about a recent announcement by the Mayor stating an independent review will investigate the Pigeon Prohibition Bylaw matter. He advised that the results will be made available to the public prior to the bylaw coming into effect in spring 2020.

3. RECOGNITIONS

Nil

4. DELEGATIONS

Nil

5. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

5.1. November 4, 2019 Regular Council Meeting

MOVED by Councillor BACK

SECONDED by Councillor MURI

THAT the minutes of the November 4, 2019 Regular Council meeting are adopted.

CARRIED

6. RELEASE OF CLOSED MEETING DECISIONS

Nil

7. COUNCIL WORKSHOP REPORT

Nil

8. REPORTS FROM COUNCIL OR STAFF

8.1. 2020 Utility Rate Bylaws

File No. File No. 05.1700/2019

8.1.1. Bylaw 8387: Waterworks Regulation Bylaw 8387 (Amendment 65) User Charges and Service Fees for 2020 and Right of Entry Clarification
File No. 05.1700

MOVED by Councillor HANSON

SECONDED by Councillor MURI

THAT "Waterworks Regulation Bylaw 2279, 1958, Amendment Bylaw 8387, 2020 (Amendment 65)" is given FIRST, SECOND and THIRD Readings.

CARRIED

8.1.2. Bylaw 8388: Sewer Bylaw 8388 (Amendment 31) User Charges and Service Fees for 2020 and Right of Entry Clarification
File No. 05.1700

MOVED by Councillor HANSON

SECONDED by Councillor MURI

THAT "Sewer Bylaw 6656, 1994, Amendment Bylaw 8388, 2019 (Amendment 31)" is given FIRST, SECOND and THIRD Readings.

CARRIED

- 8.1.3. Bylaw 8389: Solid Waste Collection and Recycling Service Fees - 2020, Bylaw 8389**
File No. 05.1700

MOVED by Councillor HANSON

SECONDED by Councillor MURI

THAT "Solid Waste Removal Bylaw 7631, 2007, Amendment Bylaw 8389, 2019 (Amendment 17)" is given FIRST, SECOND and THIRD Readings.

CARRIED

- 8.2. Annual Review of Fees and Charges – 2020**
File No. 05.1930

MOVED by Mayor LITTLE

SECONDED by Councillor MURI

THAT "Fees and Charges Bylaw 6481, 1992 Amendment Bylaw 8401 (Amendment 63)" is given FIRST, SECOND and THIRD Readings.

CARRIED

- 8.3. Bylaws 8409, 8410 and 8411: Prohibiting Smoking in District Parks and Trails**
File No. 09.4020.20/007.000

MOVED by Councillor MURI

SECONDED by Councillor CURREN

THAT "Smoking Regulation Bylaw 7792, 2010 Amendment Bylaw 8409, 2019 (Amendment 2)" is ADOPTED;

AND THAT "Park Regulation Bylaw No. 8310, 2018 Amendment Bylaw 8411, 2019 (Amendment 1)" is ADOPTED;

AND THAT "Bylaw Notice Enforcement Bylaw 7458, 2004 Amendment Bylaw 8410, 2019 (Amendment 49)" is ADOPTED.

CARRIED

8.4. Consent to Metro Vancouver Regional Parks Service Amendment Bylaw No. 1290

File No. 01.0470.30/000.000

**MOVED by Councillor MURI
SECONDED by Councillor BACK**

THAT the Council of the District of North Vancouver consents to the approval of the adoption of Metro Vancouver Regional District Regional Parks Service Amending Bylaw No. 1290, 2019 on behalf of the electors.

CARRIED

8.5. 2019-2023 Financial Plan Amendment #2

File No. 05.1780/Financial Plan 2019

**MOVED by Councillor MURI
SECONDED by Councillor HANSON**

THAT "2019 - 2023 Financial Plan Approval Bylaw 8373, 2018 Amendment Bylaw 8413, 2019 (Amendment 2)" is given FIRST, SECOND, and THIRD Readings.

CARRIED

8.6. Targeted Official Community Plan (OCP) Review: Status Update and Council Input

File No. 13.6480.35/001.000

**MOVED by Mayor LITTLE
SECONDED by Councillor HANSON**

THAT the November 7, 2019 report of the Senior Community Planner entitled Targeted Official Community Plan (OCP) Review: Status Update and Council Input is received for information;

AND THAT the preliminary white paper outline as attached to the November 7, 2019 report of the Senior Community Planner entitled Targeted Official Community Plan (OCP) Review: Status Update and Council Input is endorsed.

CARRIED

9. REPORTS

9.1. Mayor

Mayor Little reported on the following:

- A visit to the Inter River Park pump track;
- His attendance at the Community Services Advisory Committee Meeting on November 20, 2019;
- His attendance at the Board of Variance Meeting on November 21, 2019;
- An upcoming visit to the Community Heritage Advisory Committee;

- An upcoming mock Council meeting for a class of Capilano University students; and,
- Spoke about the ongoing transit strike.

9.2. Chief Administrative Officer

Nil

9.3. Councillors

- 9.3.1.** Councillor Hanson reported on his attendance as Acting Mayor at the Kiwanis North Shore Housing Society's new affordable senior's development called Lynn Wood located at Whiteley Court on November 22, 2019.

9.4. Metro Vancouver Committee Appointees

9.4.1. Industrial Lands Strategy Task Force – Councillor Back

Nil

9.4.2. Housing Committee – Councillor Bond

Nil

9.4.3. Indigenous Relations Committee – Councillor Hanson

Nil

9.4.4. Board – Councillor Muri

Nil

9.4.5. Regional Parks Committee – Councillor Muri

Nil

9.4.6. Liquid Waste Committee – Mayor Little

Nil

9.4.7. Mayors Committee – Mayor Little

Nil

9.4.8. Mayors Council - TransLink – Mayor Little

Mayor Little reported on his attendance at the TransLink Investment Plan Workshop on November 22, 2019.

Councillor MURI left the meeting at 9:01 p.m. and returned at 9:02 p.m.

9.4.9. Performance & Audit Committee – Mayor Little

Nil

9.4.10. Zero Waste Committee – Mayor Little

Nil

10. ADJOURNMENT

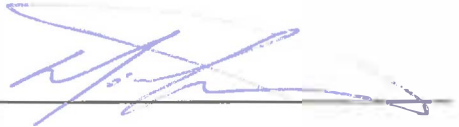
MOVED by Councillor MURI

SECONDED by Councillor FORBES

THAT the November 25, 2019 Special Meeting of Council for the District of North Vancouver is adjourned.

CARRIED
(9:05 p.m.)

Mayor



Municipal Clerk

