

**DISTRICT OF NORTH VANCOUVER  
COUNCIL WORKSHOP**

Minutes of the Council Workshop for the District of North Vancouver held at 6:08 p.m. on Monday, December 2, 2019 in the Committee Room 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. A. Wardell, Acting 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. B. Dwyer, Assistant General Manager, Regulatory Review and Compliance  
Ms. T. Atva, Manager – Community Planning  
Mr. R. Danyluk, Manager – Business Planning & Decision Support  
Mr. D. Desrochers, Manager – Engineering Projects & Development Services  
Mr. J. Gordon, Manager – Administrative Services  
Mr. S. Ono, Manager – Engineering Services  
Ms. J. Paton, Manager – Development Planning & Engineering  
Ms. C. Grafton, Manager – Strategic Communications & Community Relations  
Mr. E. Iorio, Revenue & Taxation Manager  
Ms. A. Reiher, Confidential Council Clerk

**1. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

**1.1. December 2, 2019 Council Workshop Agenda**

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

THAT the agenda for the December 2, 2019 Council Workshop is adopted as circulated.

**CARRIED**

**2. ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

**2.1. November 4, 2019 Council Workshop**

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

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

**CARRIED**

## **2.2. November 18, 2019 Council Workshop**

These minutes were withdrawn from the agenda.

## **3. REPORTS FROM COUNCIL OR STAFF**

### **3.1. 2020-2024 Financial Plan Workshop (Part 1) December 2**

File No. Financial Plan/2020

Mr. Rick Danyluk, Manager – Business Planning & Decision Support, provided an overview of the 2020 – 2024 Financial Plan and Draft Capital Plan. He commented about the planning framework for the long-term plan, including Council direction received, legislated and historic services, strategies and asset management plan.

Mr. Danyluk commented about possible changes to the tax legislation and noted that it allows municipalities to split business class assessments between into existing use and development potential. He spoke regarding the guiding financial principles that support the financial plan and the many factors that influence affordability. He noted that staff continue to explore alternative revenue sources and cost reduction strategies and recommend capital investments based on priorities in the strategic plan, guiding financial principles and Council direction.

Mr. Danyluk provided an overview of capital investments over the next five years, the Official Community Plan (OCP) and whitepapers review, which will be included in the long-term financial plan. He stated that there are many factors that influence affordability including property assessment methodologies, service levels, geography and density.

Mr. Danyluk provided a high level summary of the Draft Capital Plan, focusing on new capital totaling \$220.6 million. He commented about the renewal capital plan that is supported by a series of asset management plans, asset management strategy and Council policy.

Mr. Danyluk reported that the District is considered a leader in asset management and is a key contributor to the BC Asset Management Framework. He stated that the five-year capital plan recommends over \$200 million in capital renewal to maintain assets in good repair. He commented about grant opportunities and alternative revenue sources that are being explored, such as pay-parking, development charges and changes to the municipal and regional tax.

Mr. Danyluk stated that highlights of the new capital plan over the next five years include investments of:

- \$44 Million for transportation and mobility improvements;
- \$8 Million for social and supportive housing;
- \$9 Million for climate adaptation, mitigation and wildfire protection;
- \$43 Million for the Maplewood Fire and Rescue Centre;
- \$44 Million for community facilities, arts and culture; and,
- \$40 Million for new parks and open spaces.

Mr. Danyluk noted that these provisions will be confirmed in part two of the financial plan workshop, scheduled for late January, following a final analysis of funding and project timing

In response to a question from Council regarding the replacement of the Ron Andrews Community Recreation Centre, staff advised that they are working on an overview of all community centres and will be reporting back to Council with a facilities plan and the proposed timing for all projects.

In response to a question from Council, staff advised that as a result to increased rain intensity, there is additional work for storm drains and culvert replacement.

In response to a question from Council regarding the replacement of culverts, staff advised that these are replaced as part of their life cycle or for a collection area as part of the design process.

In response to a question from Council regarding flood plains and development, staff advised that this information will be brought back to a future Council Workshop.

In response to a question from Council, staff advised that artificial fields are made of plastic material and that there is ongoing discussion around the health aspects.

In response to a question from Council, staff advised that Council priority items have been 'included' in the five-year financial plan and that due to limited funding, other Council priority items are listed as 'not included' but may be added, subject to funding availability, at Council's request.

In response to a question from Council regarding renewal for Capilano Library, staff advised that they will report back with further information at a future Council Workshop.

In response to a question from Council, staff advised a petition was received from the community for an upgrade to the park facilities at the Eliza Kuttner Park. The matter will be brought back to Council in 2021.

In response to a question from Council about the public trails and parking at Fromme Park, staff advised that they have retained \$100,000 for the project should Council decide to proceed.

In response to a question from Council regarding the status of work for Seymour trail study, staff advised that the item will be brought back to Council in 2020.

In response to a question from Council, staff advised that there is \$2.5 million funding for housing from 2019 that has not yet been allocated and it will be included as a contribution to housing capital in the five-year financial plan.

Public Input:

A District Resident:

- Requested clarification about the funding of public art projects for plazas.

- Mr. Corrie Kost, 2800 Block Colwood Drive,
- Suggested improvements to the staff report format.

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

- Discussed options for turf fields and requested a workshop on the topic;
- Spoke regarding changing weather patterns and the need to adjust infrastructure accordingly;
- The need to understand the planning process for recreation centres and plazas within Town Centres;
- Expressed concern about staffing levels for child care centres in the District;
- Stated that the street lighting on Fern Street requires an upgrade;
- The need to discuss park upgrades and future planning with the Sports Council;
- The need to review asset allocations for housing and transportation;
- Commented about the Affordable and Social Housing Committee and Community Amenity Contributions; and,
- Commented about the film industry and electrical infrastructure in parks.

#### 4. ADJOURNMENT


**MOVED by Councillor MURI**

**SECONDED by Councillor FORBES**

THAT the December 2, 2019 Council Workshop is adjourned.

**CARRIED**  
(6:52 p.m.)

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Mayor

  
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Municipal Clerk