

**DISTRICT OF NORTH VANCOUVER
COUNCIL WORKSHOP**

Minutes of the Council Workshop for the District of North Vancouver held at 5:03 p.m. on Monday, February 3, 2020 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. D. Stuart, Chief Administrative Officer
Mr. G. Joyce, General Manager – Engineering, Parks & Facilities
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 – Financial Planning
Ms. S. Simkin, Acting Deputy Municipal Clerk
Ms. S. Dale, Confidential Council Clerk

Also in

Attendance: Mr. Jason Emmert, Senior Planner – Metro Vancouver
Ms. Heather McNell, General Manager – Regional Planning and Housing
Services – Metro Vancouver
Mr. Conor Reynolds, Division Manager – Air Quality & Climate Change Policy –
Metro Vancouver

1. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

1.1. February 3, 2020 Council Workshop Agenda

MOVED by Councillor CURREN

SECONDED by Councillor FORBES

THAT the agenda for the February 3, 2020 Council Workshop is adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

2. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

2.1. December 2, 2019 Council Workshop

MOVED by Councillor BACK

SECONDED by Councillor CURREN

THAT the minutes of the December 2, 2019 Council Workshop are adopted.

CARRIED

2.2. December 9, 2019 Council Workshop

MOVED by Councillor BACK

SECONDED by Councillor CURREN

THAT the minutes of the December 9, 2019 Council Workshop are adopted.

CARRIED

3. REPORTS FROM COUNCIL OR STAFF

3.1. Metro Vancouver 2050 Regional Growth Strategy and Climate 2050 Update File No. 13.6440.10/000.000

Mr. Jason Emmert, Ms. Heather McNell and Mr. Conor Reynolds – Metro Vancouver, provided an update on the progress towards the new regional growth strategy, Metro 2050 and the regional climate strategy, Climate 2050. They advised that Metro 2050 and Climate 2050 represents a collaborative effort by Metro Vancouver, its member jurisdictions and other key stakeholders to plan for the region's future. These regional policy documents, in addition to others such as Transport 2050, illustrate the region's vision for land use, climate and transportation planning and helps to support the development and implementation of local plans and policies.

In response to a question from Council, staff from Metro Vancouver advised that the Conservation and Recreation land use designation is intended to help protect the important environmental and recreation areas throughout the region.

In response to a question from Council, staff from Metro Vancouver advised that input from residents and community groups can use the Metro 2050 Comment Form to comment on what is working and where the regional growth strategy could be improved and this form can be found at metrovancover.org.

In response to a question from Council, staff from Metro Vancouver advised that to respond to challenges of managing growth the Regional Growth Strategy highlights five key goals as follows:

- Create a compact urban area;
- Support a sustainable economy;
- Protect the environment and respond to climate change impacts;
- Develop complete communities; and,
- Support sustainable transportation choices.

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

- Suggested working with District staff to promote best practices relating to land use planning;
- Commented that Metro Vancouver, First Nations and adjacent municipalities should coordinate with each other to ensure that the Regional Growth Strategy, the Official Community Plan and First Nation's Land Management Plan are respectful and supportive of each other;
- Spoke regarding transit oriented affordable housing;

- Commented on the issue of affordability and the challenge to live and work in the same community;
- Expressed concern with transportation and mobility issues;
- Expressed concern with urban sprawl and noted that it extends commuting times;
- Suggested incentivizing municipalities to protect their forested areas and the importance of retaining greenspace;
- Expressed concern about meeting target demands and the importance of education and policy direction;
- Suggested focusing on enhancing natural assets;
- Suggested consulting the Province to address the issue of reducing greenhouse gas emissions;
- Requested an update on the carbon budget;
- Commented on the impact of making small changes; and,
- Questioned what Metro Vancouver is doing to demonstrate leadership in responding to climate change.

Public Input:

Mr. Peter Teevan, 1900 Block Indian River Crescent:

- Spoke to the challenges of managing growth and pursuing a carbon neutral region by 2050.

Mr. Corrie Kost, 2800 Block Colwood Drive:

- Spoke regarding regional greenhouse gas targets and trends;
- Suggested that the graph presented be updated to include the current population; and,
- Opined that thinking outside the box will be critical in addressing the climate and ecological emergency.

A District Resident:

- Commented that many residents think their actions won't make a difference; and,
- Commented on the importance of educating the community and providing them with resources and tools regarding climate action literacy.

Mr. Gavin Joyce, General Manager – Engineering, Parks & Facilities, reported on the repair of the water main break at Ramsey Road and Coleman Street that occurred on February 1, 2020.

4. ADJOURNMENT


MOVED by Councillor FORBES

SECONDED by Councillor BACK

THAT the February 3, 2020 Council Workshop is adjourned.

CARRIED
(6:34 p.m.)

Mayor



Municipal Clerk

