

**DISTRICT OF NORTH VANCOUVER
COUNCIL WORKSHOP**

Minutes of the Council Workshop for the District of North Vancouver held at 5:01 p.m. on Monday, March 9, 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 J. Hanson
Councillor L. Muri

Absent: Councillor B. Forbes

Staff: Mr. D. Milburn, General Manager – Planning, Properties & Permits
Ms. T. Atva, Manager – Community Planning
Mr. R. Danyluk, Manager – Business Planning and Decision Support
Mr. J. Gordon, Manager – Administrative Services
Ms. C. Grafton, Manager – Strategic Communications & Community Relations
Ms. J. Paton, Manager – Development Planning & Engineering
Mr. S. Carney, Section Manager – Transportation
Ms. S. Dale, Confidential Council Clerk
Ms. N. Letchford, Senior Planner
Ms. J. Simpson, Confidential Council Clerk

Also in

Attendance: Allison Clavelle, Transportation Engineer – Urban Systems
David Bell, Planner and Land Economics Team Lead – Urban Systems
Adam Mattinson, Consultant – Hemson Consulting
Brian Bydwell, Consultant

1. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

1.1. Monday, March 9, 2020 Council Workshop Agenda

MOVED by Councillor BOND

SECONDED by Councillor BACK

THAT the agenda for the Monday, March 9, 2020 Council Workshop is adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

2. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Nil

3. REPORTS FROM COUNCIL OR STAFF

3.1. Targeted Official Community Plan (OCP) Review: Workshop Series

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Mr. Brian Bydwell, Consultant, introduced the Targeted OCP Review noting the four categories:

- Improving Mobility and Transportation;
- Increasing Housing Diversity and Addressing Affordability;
- Supporting a Vibrant Economy and Jobs-Housing Balance; and,
- Taking Action on Climate Change.

Ms. Tina Atva, Manager – Community Planning, spoke to the timeline stating that the projected completion is summer 2020. Ms. Atva concluded with a brief overview of the five year financial plan, and identified the methods to increase the scope of public engagement input opportunities as:

- Stakeholder workshops;
- Information sessions;
- Pop ups;
- Online surveys; and,
- Focus groups.

Ms. Allison Clavelle, Transportation Engineer, introduced the Mobility and Transportation goal and provided an overview of the key issues and their causes, how it relates to other topics of the Targeted OCP Review and provided suggestions of what will make a difference.

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

- Commented on the feasibility of the Integrated North Shore Transportation Planning Project (INSTPP) in regards to the rapid transit connection to the North Shore; and,
- Suggested the eastern route identified in the INSTPP provides the greatest affordability.

In response to a question from Council, staff advised that the District has shortlisted six feasible routes from the INSTPP, and the next phase will focus on cost, constructability, land use planning and forecasting ridership. Furthermore, the three North Shore municipalities, Translink, the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure, First Nations and the business community are working together and will have an opportunity for public input in the second phase.

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

- Suggested that the District's use of space does not achieve the goals;
- Commented on transit priority measures;
- Spoke in support of the funding to electrify Translink vehicles;
- Questioned the effectiveness of parking restrictions;
- Questioned the differences of accommodating traditional bikes versus electric bikes; and,
- Spoke to the lack of transit reliability and congestion.

In response to a question from Council, the consultant advised that the number of service hours has increased and Translink has maintained their promise of service.

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

- Commented on the public's complaints in regards to service cuts; and,
- Questioned whether the decrease of transit ridership is correlated with affordability.

In response to a question from Council, the consultant advised that new buildings did not track in accordance with traffic and went in opposite directions. It was also noted that the Metro Vancouver region is driving more today than in 2011.

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

- Commented on the impact of growth and parking demand;
- Questioned the number of cars registered to a multi-family building;
- Suggested that parking costs are too high, pushing residents to park on side streets;
- Questioned how to deal with strata costs of parking stalls;
- Requested more detailed data in regards to traffic; and,
- Spoke in support of education around non-vehicle modes of transportation.

In response to a question from Council, the consultant advised that the new lanes in Lynn Creek are expected to provide traffic relief, however, additional road capacity may induce more traffic.

In response to a question from Council, the consultant advised that high density areas and residents that are located close to transit and services drive less. Additionally, the complexities with collecting in-depth information were explained.

In response to a question from Council, staff advised that a trip diary survey is being completed to add to the Translink study. This will exhibit the trends that assist the District in making planning decisions.

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

- Questioned whether further data could be provided in regards to ridership;
- Commented on the parking issues in regards to tourism; and,
- Questioned what amenities could be provided closer to homes to reduce the need to leave the community.

In response to a question from Council, the consultant noted that the increase in driving trips is due to shopping and personal business.

In response to a question from Council, staff advised that the recreational draw on the North Shore is substantial. Tourism and park usage has grown immensely and contributes to the increased weekend volume over the bridge. Staff are looking at increasing transit services to popular areas to minimize overflow parking issues and restrictions. Furthermore, it was noted that paid parking will be piloted in Lynn Canyon this summer.

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

- Questioned whether tourism was calculated in the transportation study;
- Commented on the City of Vancouver's traffic strategy of directing people through the city;
- Expressed concerns that the Ironworkers Memorial Second Narrows Crossing is becoming a regional bridge; and,
- Commented on the District of West Vancouver decreasing their population, but increasing transit ridership.

In response to a question from Council, staff advised that the surveys and focus groups being conducted in April will acquire greater local knowledge in terms of ridership.

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

- Suggested that focus groups should look into how people are living in regards to income and amenities;
- Commented on the difficulties of driving within the District; and,
- Spoke to the difficulty with obtaining public engagement.

In response to a question from Council, staff advised that the focus groups will be demographically representative and facilitated by a professional. The District is looking at a multitude of techniques to improve public engagement.

David Bell, Planner and Land Economics Team Lead, and Adam Mattinson, Consultant, introduced the Economy and Employment Lands goal and provided an overview of the key issues and their causes, how it relates to other topics of the Targeted OCP Review and provided suggestions of what will make a difference.

In response to a question from Council, the consultants highlighted the benefits and importance of retaining industrial lands.

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

- Commented on the current Light Industrial zoning in regards to the intended use being dominated by accessory businesses; and,
- Spoke to the cost of living and affordability in regards to the need for job creation.

In response to a question from Council, the consultants noted that businesses recognize the challenge to grow and stated that worker housing may address these issues. Additionally, the impact of shopping patterns was expressed.

In response to a question from Council, the consultants advised that 57% of jobs are filled by local residents and the stakeholder workshop revealed the challenges employers face to stay within the District.

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

- Commented on the feasibility challenges for small businesses;
- Spoke to the need of decarbonizing the industry at the port; and,
- Spoke to property tax increases and the unheard decreases.

In response to a question from Council, the consultants advised that there was significant growth in manufacturing, accommodation and retail jobs, and the main reason for this is tourism. Additionally, it was noted that there is a large proportion of home-based businesses.

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

- Commented on zoning types and specialized space in regards to managing the land base;
- Questioned what strategies will retain businesses and avoid displacement due to intensification of zoning;
- Suggested that the community's facilities are not sustainable;
- Suggested that highest and best use is a major problem;
- Spoke to the transportation and truck traffic issue;
- Commented on the noise and smell issues with Light Industrial areas;
- Suggested tightening the uses and size of retail and commercial units;
- Supported the recommendations from the Industrial Lands Task Force; and,
- Questioned how to promote more commercial space and employment opportunities within town centres.

In response to a question from Council, the consultants advised that specific zoning requirements, such as space restrictions, may aid in preventing larger companies from occupying available commercial spaces within town centres.

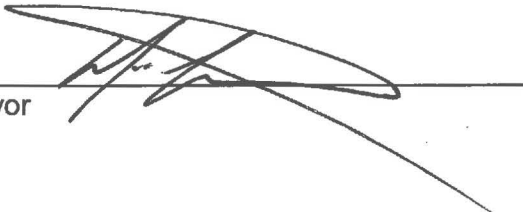
4. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Councillor MURI

SECONDED by Mayor LITTLE

THAT the Monday, March 9, 2020 Council Workshop is adjourned.

CARRIED
(7:00 p.m.)



Mayor



Municipal Clerk