

DISTRICT OF NORTH VANCOUVER COUNCIL WORKSHOP

Minutes of the Council Workshop for the District of North Vancouver held at 5:02 p.m. on Monday, March 2, 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
Ms. C. Grant, General Manager – Corporate Services
Mr. G. Joyce, General Manager – Engineering, Parks & Facilities
Mr. D. Milburn, General Manager – Planning, Properties & Permits
Mr. R. Danyluk, Manager – Business Planning and Decision Support
Mr. J. Gordon, Manager – Administrative Services
Mr. E. Iorio, Manager – Financial Services
Ms. S. Dale, Confidential Council Clerk
Ms. J. Simpson, Confidential Council Clerk

1. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

1.1. March 2, 2020 Council Workshop Agenda

MOVED by Councillor BACK

SECONDED by Councillor CURREN

THAT the agenda for the March 2, 2020 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. Financial Plan Deliberations

File No.

Mr. Rick Danyluk, Manager – Business Planning and Decision Support, reviewed the Financial Plan process to date, noting that public input had been received at the February 24, 2020 Regular Meeting of Council and that earlier questions brought forward by Council have been addressed. Mr. Danyluk further advised that the purpose of the Council Workshop was to discuss the 2020 - 2024 Financial Plan and address any additional questions.

In response to a question from Council, staff advised that the budget could be amended at any time and is typically amended each spring and fall based on new information and Council direction received during the course of the year.

In response to a question from Council, staff advised that the community's feedback plays a critical role in shaping the Financial Plan. In addition to providing written feedback, the public can attend Council deliberations on the draft plan to provide input as well as annual public planning workshops.

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

- Expressed concern that not all responses to questions received during the financial plan process from the public were reflected in the budget;
- Expressed concern that the \$150 million for affordable housing approved in a 2018 referendum has not been included and requested further discussions;
- Spoke about public consultation with the community;
- Commented that cycling routes need to be made a priority;
- Suggested creating a trail linking the Blueridge area to Parkgate Centre; and,
- Opined that there is a good balance of Council directed priorities in the new capital budget that have been well articulated to the public.

In response to a question from Council regarding transportation demand management, staff advised that this information will be brought back to a future Council Workshop.

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

- Encouraged the District to be as transparent as possible;
- Requested that the bicycle master plan be brought forward to a future Council Workshop;
- Noted that sufficient funds have been allocated to wastewater management;
- Opined that the District's website is difficult to navigate;
- Expressed concern with safety issues in the Riverside area;
- The need to discuss park upgrades and future planning with the Sports Council;
- Discussed options for turf fields and requested a workshop on the topic;
- Requested reviewing the Maplewood Plan;
- Commented that property tax increases are similar to previous years and are stable;
- Requested that the long-term financial plan be discussed at a future Council Workshop;
- Spoke to the opportunity to use the tax notice to educate the public;
- Commented on the need for future transportation and infrastructure maintenance;
- The need to review asset allocations for housing;
- Identified the desire to commit to employment housing;
- Commented on the need to educate the public on the carbon budget;
- Questioned when the Long-term Financial Plan will be further discussed;
- Spoke regarding amalgamation and noted that the District needs the support of the other North Shore Municipalities to move forward; and,

- Suggested working with the City of North Vancouver and noted the possible benefits of collaborating on planning and transportation.

Public Input:

Mr. Peter Teevan, 1900 Block Indian River Crescent:

- Requested information regarding the cost to run a municipality each year;
- Expressed concern about the perceived lack of engagement with the community and encouraged the District to be as transparent as possible; and,
- Expressed concern that it is hard to find public information on the District's website.

Mr. Corrie Kost, 2800 Block Colwood Drive:

- Spoke regarding the question of the \$150 million for affordable housing approved in a 2018 referendum; and,
- Expressed concern that historical information is no longer available on the District's website.

3.2. COVID-19 Virus Update

Ms. Charlene Grant, General Manager – Corporate Services, provided an update on the COVID-19 virus and spoke to the District's responsibilities.

Mr. Corrie Kost, 2800 Block Colwood Drive:

- Spoke regarding the Corona Virus and commented that the elderly are at high risk.

Mr. Peter Teevan, 1900 Block Indian River Crescent:

- Advise that Japanese music students scheduled to perform at Seycove High School has been cancelled due to the Corona Virus.

4. ADJOURNMENT

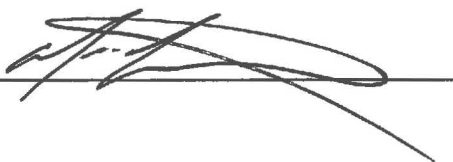
MOVED by Councillor CURREN

SECONDED by Mayor LITTLE

THAT the March 2, 2020 Council Workshop is adjourned.

CARRIED
(6:41 p.m.)

Mayor



Municipal Clerk

