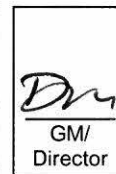
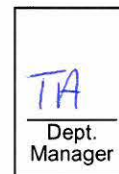


AGENDA INFORMATION☒ Regular Meeting

Date: July 20, 2020

☐ Other:

Date: _____



The District of North Vancouver

REPORT TO COUNCIL

July 7, 2020

File: 10.5040.30/000.000

AUTHOR: Arielle Dalley, Community Planner**SUBJECT:** Notice of Motion regarding Cross-Jurisdictional Action on Homelessness**RECOMMENDATION:**

THAT staff be directed to participate in the development of a framework for a North Shore cross-jurisdictional Steering Committee and Working Group that will include government, staff, and relevant community agencies, and that will develop short, medium and long term actions that are focused on clear, comprehensive and coordinated strategies to prevent homelessness, to serve the people who are currently experiencing homelessness, and to create pathways out of homelessness;

AND THAT these actions will specifically include working to deliver permanent supportive housing with wrap-around services, and one point of entry for people across the North Shore who are experiencing or at risk of homelessness;

AND THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to local MLAs and MPs, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Minister of Health and B.C. Housing.

REASON FOR REPORT:

This report seeks Council's direction to participate in the development of a North Shore Steering Committee and Working Group to address challenges related to homelessness.

BACKGROUND:

Although the 2017 Metro Vancouver Homeless Count counted 100 individuals experiencing homelessness on the North Shore, other data sources suggest the number of people experiencing homelessness on the North Shore is much higher. According to the North Shore Homelessness Data Report, which gathered data from six major providers of homelessness services on the North Shore, 736 unique individuals were considered absolutely homeless in 2016. Results from the 2020 Homelessness Count conducted in early March have not yet been released.

Many community-based organizations on the North Shore provide support for those who experience homelessness or who are at risk of homelessness. However, the COVID-19 pandemic has highlighted that further support is needed.

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On June 22, 2020, the City of North Vancouver approved a motion to direct staff to create a North Shore cross-jurisdictional Steering Committee and Working Group of government, staff, and relevant community agencies, to develop short, medium, and long-term actions to prevent homelessness, serve people who are currently homeless, and create pathways out of homelessness (**Attachment 1**). On July 6, 2020, the District of West Vancouver approved a similar motion, with some minor amendments (**Attachment 2**).

EXISTING POLICY:

The District's Official Community Plan contains several policies aimed at supporting our most disadvantaged residents and eliminating and preventing homelessness on the North Shore. The Rental, Social and Affordable Housing Strategy (2016) also seeks to address the housing needs of vulnerable populations at risk of being homeless.

ANALYSIS:

Financial Impacts:

Should District of North Vancouver staff be directed to participate in the North Shore Steering Committee and Working Group, the cost to the District would primarily consist of in-kind staff time for the duration of the initiative.

Options:

1. THAT staff be directed to participate in the development of a framework for a North Shore cross-jurisdictional Steering Committee and Working Group that will include government, staff, and relevant community agencies, and that will develop short, medium and long term actions that are focused on clear, comprehensive and coordinated strategies to prevent homelessness, to serve the people who are currently experiencing homelessness, and to create pathways out of homelessness;
2. AND THAT these actions will specifically include working to deliver permanent supportive housing with wrap-around services, and one point of entry for people across the North Shore who are experiencing or at risk of homelessness;
3. AND THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to local MLAs and MPs, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Minister of Health and B.C. Housing.

OR

4. THAT Council provides staff with alternative direction.

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Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A. Dalley'.

Arielle Dalley
Community Planner

Attachment 1: Excerpt from City of North Vancouver Regular Council Meeting Minutes,
June 22, 2020

Attachment 2: District of West Vancouver, Notice of Motion regarding Cross-Jurisdictional
Action on Homelessness, June 17, 2020

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- ☒ Planning _____

External Agencies:

- ☐ Library Board _____
- ☐ NS Health _____
- ☐ RCMP _____
- ☐ NVRC _____
- ☐ Museum & Arch. _____
- ☐ Other: _____

NOTICE OF MOTION

18. Cross Jurisdictional Action on Homelessness – File: 10-5040-04-0001/2020

Submitted by Mayor Buchanan

Moved by Mayor Buchanan, seconded by Councillor McIlroy

WHEREAS the right to safe, suitable, adequate and affordable housing is a fundamental human right that we all share and housing is essential to the vitality, health and well-being of individuals, families and communities;

WHEREAS housing is a key responsibility of the federal and provincial governments with support from local government;

WHEREAS Metro Vancouver released Addressing Homelessness in Metro Vancouver (2017);

WHEREAS the provincial government released TogetherBC: British Columbia's Poverty Reduction Strategy (2019);

WHEREAS homelessness is a symptom of many underlying causes that demand inter-sectoral collaboration and a system-based approach;

WHEREAS the North Shore municipalities have contributed by support and/or initiatives, such as the Emergency Shelter, Youth Safe House, Seniors Safe House, transitional and supportive housing, as well as financial support for outreach workers and employment initiatives;

WHEREAS the North Shore is rich in community-based organizations that provide support to people experiencing homelessness or at risk of homelessness;

WHEREAS the number of people experiencing homelessness or are at risk is not decreasing;

WHEREAS COVID-19 has illuminated the need for an additional emergency shelter to support people across the North Shore who are experiencing homelessness that is temporary;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT staff be directed to create a North Shore cross-jurisdictional Steering Committee and Working Group (government, staff and relevant community agencies) to develop short, medium and long-term actions that are focused on clear, comprehensive and coordinated strategies to prevent homelessness, to serve the people who are currently homeless and to create pathways out of homelessness;

THAT these actions will specifically include working to deliver permanent supportive housing with wrap-around services creating one point of entry for people across the North Shore who are experiencing or at risk for homelessness;

AND THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to local MLA's and MP's.

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MEMORANDUM

Date: June 17, 2020
To: Council
From: Mayor Booth and Councillor Soprovich
Re: Notice of Motion regarding Cross-Jurisdictional Action on Homelessness

File: 0120-06

Notice of the following motion regarding "Cross-Jurisdictional Action on Homelessness" will be given at the June 22, 2020, special Council meeting. At the July 6, 2020, regular Council meeting, after the proposed motion is moved and seconded, discussion on the proposed motion may be held.

Take notice that at the July 6, 2020, regular Council meeting, Mayor Booth, with Councillor Soprovich as seconder, will move:

WHEREAS the right to safe, suitable, adequate and affordable housing is a fundamental human right that we all share, and housing is essential to the vitality, health and well-being of individuals, families and communities;

AND WHEREAS housing is a key responsibility of the federal and provincial governments with support from local government;

AND WHEREAS Metro Vancouver released *Addressing Homelessness in Metro Vancouver* (2017);

AND WHEREAS the provincial government released *TogetherBC: British Columbia's Poverty Reduction Strategy* (2019);

AND WHEREAS homelessness is a symptom of many underlying causes that demand inter-sectoral collaboration and a systems-based approach;

AND WHEREAS the North Shore municipalities have contributed by providing support and/or initiatives such as the Emergency Shelter, Youth Safe House, Seniors Safe House, transitional and supportive housing, as well as financial support for outreach workers and employment initiatives;

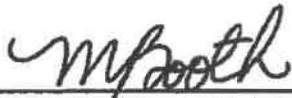
AND WHEREAS the North Shore is rich in community-based organizations which provide support to people experiencing homelessness or at risk of homelessness;

AND WHEREAS the number of people experiencing homelessness or are at risk is not decreasing;

AND WHEREAS COVID-19 has highlighted the need for an additional emergency shelter to support people across the North Shore who are experiencing homelessness that is temporary;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT

- 1) staff be directed to develop a framework for a North Shore cross-jurisdictional Steering Committee and Working Group (government, staff and relevant community agencies) that will develop short, medium and long term actions that are focused on clear, comprehensive and coordinated strategies to prevent homelessness; to serve the people who are currently homeless; and to create pathways out of homelessness;
- 2) these actions will specifically include working to deliver permanent supportive housing with wrap-around services, and one point of entry for people across the North Shore who are experiencing or at risk of homelessness;
- 3) staff be directed to bring forward a brief report prior to the end of July outlining the implications of adding the objective proposed in 1) above, under Council's Strategic Goal regarding Housing, including consideration of District resources and the District's current participation in the North Shore Homelessness Task Force;
- 4) staff be further directed to address what planned Strategic Objectives may need to be reconsidered and the implications of doing so; and
- 5) a copy of this resolution be sent to local MLA's and MP's, the Minister of Housing, Minister Dix, and B.C. Housing.



MOVER: Mayor Booth


SECONDER: Councillor Soprovich

Information Supporting the Notice of Motion

West Vancouver is not immune from the challenges of residents who are homeless. Across the North Shore, it has been estimated that there are approximately 200 people living on the streets, in parks, and in their cars. The Covid-19 pandemic has illuminated this issue as many public facilities such as libraries, community centres, and public washrooms, used by those without homes, were closed to them.

For further information, please review the following resources:

Metro Vancouver Addressing Homelessness in Metro Vancouver (2017)

<http://www.metrovancouver.org/services/regional-planning/homelessness/homelessness-taskforce/plan/Documents/HomelessnessStrategy2017.pdf>

TogetherBC: British Columbia's Poverty Reduction Strategy (2019)

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/british-columbians-our-governments/initiatives-plans-strategies/poverty-reduction-strategy/togetherbc.pdf>

Vancity Community Foundation

<https://www.vancitycommunityfoundation.ca/initiatives/2020-homeless-count>

Financial Implications

There will be financial implications if the Steering Committee and Working Group is created. It is hoped that staff can prepare a high level estimate of these costs in the report referenced in part 3) of the resolution.