

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, June 22, 2020 in the Committee Room of the District Hall, 355 West Queens Road, North Vancouver, British Columbia. Council and two staff attended this meeting in person with all other participants appearing via video conference.

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 (in person)
Mr. J. Gordon, Manager – Administrative Services
Ms. C. Grafton, Manager – Strategic Communications & Community Relations
Mr. S. Ono, Manager – Engineering Services
Mr. S. Carney, Section Manager – Transportation (in person)
Mr. A. Khan, Transportation Engineer
Ms. B. Rahmani, Transportation Engineer
Ms. S. Dale, Confidential Council Clerk
Ms. C. Archer, Clerk Typist 3

RESOLUTION TO HOLD PUBLIC MEETING WITHOUT THE PUBLIC IN ATTENDANCE

MOVED by Councillor FORBES
SECONDED by Councillor BACK
WHEREAS:

- the Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General has issued Order M192; and,
- Order M192 requires British Columbia municipalities to use best efforts to allow members of the public to attend open meetings of council in a manner that is consistent with the applicable requirements or recommendations of the *Public Health Act*; and,
- the District has assessed its ability to allow members of the public to attend open meetings of council in a manner that is consistent with the applicable requirements or recommendations of the *Public Health Act*; and,
- the District has taken into consideration its Covid-19 Safety Plan as required by Worksafe BC; and,
- the District has determined that, at this time, it cannot safely allow members of the public to attend open meetings of council in a manner that is consistent with the applicable requirements or recommendations of the *Public Health Act* or its Covid-19 Safety Plan;

THEREFORE, this meeting of the Council for the District of North Vancouver is to be held without members of the public being physically present;

AND THAT the principles of openness, transparency, accessibility and accountability are being ensured through:

- Providing an online subscription service for residents to sign up and be apprised of upcoming meetings and the post-meeting availability of meeting minutes and meeting videos;
- Providing advance notice of this meeting in accordance with the *Community Charter* and advising the public on how they may participate in the meeting by providing public input;
- Providing the availability of the agenda for this meeting on the District's webpage six days in advance of the meeting;
- The live streaming of this meeting via a link readily available on the District's webpage;
- Maintaining the thirty minute public input opportunity at each regular meeting and the discretionary public input opportunity at each workshop;
- The ability of the public to provide input on agenda items by full two-way audio and video means;
- Adhering the rules of procedural fairness and acting with respect and courtesy at all times when hearing the public;
- Conducting meetings in a manner that resembles in-person meeting as much as possible;
- And reminding the public that they may contact Mayor and Council at any time on any topic via its council@dnv.org email address.

CARRIED

1. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

1.1. June 22, 2020 Council Workshop Agenda

MOVED by Councillor BACK

SECONDED by Councillor BOND

THAT the agenda for the June 22, 2020 Council Workshop is adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

2. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

2.1. February 24, 2020 Council Workshop

MOVED by Councillor HANSON

SECONDED by Councillor BACK

THAT the minutes of the February 24, 2020 Council Workshop meeting are adopted.

CARRIED

2.2. March 2, 2020 Council Workshop

MOVED by Councillor HANSON

SECONDED by Councillor BACK

THAT the minutes of the March 2, 2020 Council Workshop meeting are adopted.

CARRIED

2.3. March 3, 2020 Council Workshop

MOVED by Councillor HANSON

SECONDED by Councillor BACK

THAT the minutes of the March 3, 2020 Council Workshop meeting are adopted.

CARRIED

2.4. March 9, 2020 Council Workshop

MOVED by Councillor HANSON

SECONDED by Councillor BACK

THAT the minutes of the March 9, 2020 Council Workshop meeting are adopted.

CARRIED

3. REPORTS FROM COUNCIL OR STAFF

3.1. On-Street Parking Policy

File No. 11.5210.00/000.000

Mr. Gavin Joyce, General Manager – Engineering, Parks & Facilities, provided an updated on Metro Vancouver's residential permit parking pilot program and suggested working collaboratively with Metro Vancouver to address the on-going issues with parking, increased traffic and neighbourhood safety.

Mr. Steve Carney, Section Manager – Transportation, reported that a comprehensive parking management policy has been developed to manage curbside space for parking as a result of the growing popularity of District parks and employment and population growth in the region. The updated parking policy could enable staff to implement regulatory tools such as resident parking only (RPO), time restricted parking and pay parking systems.

Mr. Carney advised that parking issues in the district can be classified as either on-site private, on-street public or as park-related parking. He discussed the need to manage the on-street and off-street parking supply and public access to parks and schools. The District does not currently have a comprehensive parking management policy and criteria to establish parking regulations is necessary.

Mr. Carney provided an overview of parking management goals and strategies, including:

- Improve livability;
- Maintain access to public space;
- Promote economic activity;
- Encourage sustainable transportation;
- Support town centre development; and,
- Manage demand at parks and tourist sites.

He commented about the on-street parking regulatory tools including:

- Resident parking only (RPO);
- Unrestricted parking;
- Time-limited with resident exempt;
- Time-limited parking; and,
- Pay parking.

Mr. Carney commented about the principles of parking policies, including parking management goals, regulatory tools and key indicators for decision making.

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

- Expressed support for applying pressure to owners to park on their property;
- Suggested that residents should not have to pay for parking at District parks and that any revenue collected from parking should return to the parks;
- Expressed support for regulatory tools for parking;
- The District does not have the parking infrastructure to support local trails such as Quarry Rock;
- Questioned the cost to cover administration;
- Pay parking in areas across the District may encourage a move toward climate change targets and encourage other modes of transportation;
- The competing needs for public space, roadways and their uses and the limited space for parking within the District;
- The need to take into account the geographic nature of different areas for parking management, time restrictions and pay parking without restrictions for residents;
- Expressed concern that data can fluctuate based on the time of the year;
- The importance of communicating with residents of the District;
- Requested that staff report back on tourism management;
- Suggested providing shuttle services;
- Questioned what other municipalities charge for parking;
- Expressed concern with increased traffic;
- Commented on the balance of both liveability and access to parks;
- Acknowledged that it is nice when streets are used for more than just parking;

- Any revenue collected from pay parking from a certain neighbourhood should be returned to that particular neighbourhood as a local benefit;
- The need to understand the sharing of roadways between cyclists and vehicles and safety on challenging routes;
- Commented about parking spaces, traffic jams that occur within parking lots and the parking limitations for visitors at District parks;
- Suggested simplifying the criteria to apply for parking permits;
- Expressed concern that resident exempt parking creates problems as it pushes traffic into other neighbourhood streets; and,
- Spoke in support of enhancing accessibility for residents with disabilities.

Mayor LITTLE left the meeting at 6:17 pm and returned at 6:20 pm.

In response to a question from Council, staff advised that there is the ability to set different rates at different hours.

Public Input:

Mr. Cooper Quinn:

- Spoke in opposition to RPO;
- Commented that resident exempt parking would be sufficient in most areas;
- Noted that RPO is often exclusionary and it impacts seniors, children, young families and hikers;
- Spoke in support of applying pressure to owners to park on their property;
- Opined that the cost of a residents parking permit should accurately reflect its value, which is relatively high which may reduce the number of cars parked on streets near higher density developments, by increasing the annual costs of car ownership; and,
- Commented on increases in parks and trail usage.

3.2. Lynn Canyon Pay Parking Pilot Project

File No. 16.8620.20/059.001

Mr. Steve Carney, Section Manager – Transportation, provided an update on the plan for implementation of the Lynn Canyon pay parking pilot. He advised that installation of the pay parking pilot infrastructure is being completed in 2020 as part of the Lynn Canyon Park upgrades through a 12-month full turn-key operation contract, but parking fees will not be charged until spring 2021. This will allow opportunity for park user data collection and community input.

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

- Expressed support for the Lynn Canyon pay parking pilot project;
- Suggested that any revenue collected from parking should return to the parks;
- Provide residents the opportunity to apply for resident exempt parking;
- Questioned if pay parking would be seasonal;
- Spoke to the access issues into Lynn Canyon Park;
- Encouraged staff to work collaboratively with Metro Vancouver;
- Spoke to the opportunity to use technology to message residents when parks are full;

- Suggested providing options to get people to the park that are safe and still help achieve the District's climate target;
- Noted that local parks are exceeding the capacity that they can handle;
- Acknowledged the need for a proactive approach to demand management;
- Expressed concern regarding enforcement issues; and,
- Spoke to the challenges of accessibility within the park and noted that it is a critical issue.

In response to a question from Council, staff advised that the Lynn Canyon Central Area Improvements Project includes the addition of under-ground electrical conduit to facilitate the pay parking pilot and the future ability for installation of CCTV cameras for security and real time conditions and parking lot occupancy information.

Mr. David Stuart, Chief Administrative Officer, spoke to the Lynn Canyon pay parking pilot and noted that staff will continue to:

- Work with Metro Vancouver;
- Collect and analysis data;
- Communicate and provide opportunities for public engagement; and,
- Report back to Council at a future meeting.

4. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Councillor MURI

SECONDED by Mayor LITTLE

THAT the June 22, 2020 Council Workshop is adjourned.

CARRIED
(7:31 p.m.)

Mayor

Municipal Clerk