RESOLUTION TO HOLD PUBLIC MEETING WITHOUT THE PUBLIC IN ATTENDANCE

Recommendation:
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.