

DISTRICT OF NORTH VANCOUVER COUNCIL WORKSHOP

Minutes of the Council Workshop for the District of North Vancouver held at 5:05 p.m. on Monday, November 9, 2020. The meeting was held virtually with participants appearing via video conference.

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. Stuart, Chief Administrative Officer
Mr. G. Joyce, General Manager – Engineering, Parks & Facilities
Mr. A. Wardell, General Manager – Finance & CFO
Mr. R. Danyluk, Manager – Manager – Business Planning and Decision Support
Mr. J. Gordon, Manager – Administrative Services
Mr. L. Jensen, Manager – Public Works
Mr. S. Ono, Manager – Engineering Services
Ms. G. Lanz, Deputy Municipal Clerk
Mr. S. Carney, Section Manager – Transportation
Mr. M. Toland, Manager – Fleet and Solid Waste
Ms. I. Weisenbach, Transportation Planner
Ms. S. Goodman, Acting Solid Waste Coordinator
Ms. S. Dale, Confidential Council Clerk
Ms. C. Archer, Clerk Typist 3

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Attendance: Sargent Simon Gravel

RESOLUTION TO HOLD PUBLIC MEETING WITHOUT THE PUBLIC IN ATTENDANCE

MOVED by Councillor CURREN

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, given the current state of the pandemic in the province, it is prudent to limit in-person attendance to the minimum necessary meetings, being Regular Council meetings;

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. November 9, 2020 Council Workshop Agenda

MOVED by Councillor BACK

SECONDED by Councillor HANSON

THAT the agenda for the November 9, 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. Solid Waste Programs Update 2020

File No. 11.5360.90

Mr. Gavin Joyce, General Manager – Engineering, Parks & Facilities, provided an overview of the current and emerging Solid Waste programs and services.

Mr. Michael Toland, Manager – Fleet and Solid Waste, provided an update on the Solid Waste Management Bylaw and sought Council's feedback.

Mr. Toland advised that the Solid Waste Management Bylaw proposes the following changes:

- Single-family;
- Multi-family;
- Wildlife attractants;
- Assisted collections;
- Collection route and frequency; and,
- Environmental fees.

Sargent Gavel provided an update on wildlife attractants and acknowledged that the District is home to a variety of wild animals including black bears. He encouraged residents to properly handle and store food scraps, and avoid putting food waste into garbage carts to ensure they do not attract bears and other animals. He noted that bears are also attracted to foods that are not part of your garbage and will wander into neighbourhoods after being attracted by fruit trees bearing over-ripe fruit, or easily accessible bird feeders, among other things. He concluded by stating that with a few simple actions, human-bear conflict across the North Shore can be dramatically reduced.

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

- Questioned the process of relocating a bear;
- Stated that public safety is the primary concern;
- Commented on early intervention of bear behaviour;
- Spoke to the importance of educating residents;
- Questioned if bears are a threat to the safety of residents;
- Encouraged staff to continue to work with stakeholders within the community;
- Spoke to the issue of enforcement;
- Questioned how many fines and warnings were issued last year;
- Spoke to the issue of funding;
- Commented on staffing challenges;
- Spoke to the successes of Bear Smart programs in Squamish and Whistler;
- Commented on the increasing resident population;
- Noted the importance of becoming a Bear Smart Community; and,
- Thanked the conservation officers for their hard work.

Mr. Joyce advised that once revisions or changes to the draft Solid Waste Management Bylaw are made, staff will return the bylaw to a Regular Council meeting for their consideration.

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

- Expressed concerns with seniors struggling to bring their carts to the curbside;
- Suggested looking at what other municipalities do;
- Spoke to the challenges of accommodating individual requests;
- Acknowledged that the District of North Vancouver provides high level of services;
- Noted that greenwaste is still considered an attractant even if it is just grass clippings;
- Noted that many homes do not have enclosed carports;
- Expressed concerns regarding the contamination of organics and grass clippings;
- Commented that the proposed bylaw has flexibility to allow for future changes;
- Expressed concern that District residents are experiencing challenges with the transition to Recycle BC's services;
- Suggested working with residents to educate them on how to make their garbage less of an attractant;
- Expressed concern with enforcement issues;
- Expressed concern with deconstruction materials and the volume of waste generated;
- Noted extensive work has been done with single-family residences to reduce waste and suggested working with multi-family residences;
- Spoke to the advantages of bi-weekly pickup;
- Questioned if secondary suites have separate containers;
- Spoke to the issue of illegal dumping;
- Suggested looking at a four-day pickup rotation schedule;
- Commented on the importance of a robust communication system;
- Opined that the community does not want change;
- Expressed concerns with the overflow of garbage in District parks; and,
- Generally spoke in support of the proposed bylaw.

Public Input:

Ms. Maryam Ossanlou:

- Commented on the importance of protecting bears and wildlife;
- Noted that most neighbours keep waste and organics in their backyard;
- Commented that bears can access waste and organics stored in side and back yards as easily as curbside; and,
- Suggested improving cart locking systems.

Mayor LITTLE left the meeting at 6:41 p.m. and Councillor BACK assumed the Chair.

3.2. 2020 Annual Transportation Workshop

File No. 16.8620.01/023.000

Mr. Steve Carney, Section Manager – Transportation, provided an updated on the following:

- 2020 highlights;

- 2021 Active Transportation work plan;
- Priority cycling routes timeline; and,
- Project phasing for Lynn Valley Road Active Transportation project.

Mayor LITTLE returned to the meeting and assumed the Chair at 6:46 p.m.

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

- Suggested lobbying different levels of government for assistance;
- Requested the Lynn Valley Active Transportation project be expedited;
- Commented that further community engagement will be required with Lynn Valley residents;
- Thanked staff for their continued work to improve active transportation;
- Expressed concerns regarding bridge connectivity;
- Commented on the importance of educating residents on other modes of transportation;
- Highlighted the importance of walkable communities and improving connections;
- Requested that staff work with local business during phase two of the Lynn Valley Road Active Transportation project;
- Questioned how COVID-19 has impacted TransLink;
- Suggested linking bicycle routes to facilitate cycling between Town Centres;
- Expressed concern regarding the safety of the non-continuous Lynn Valley bike lane at Mtn. Highway;
- Spoke to the accessibility issues of Lynn Canyon Park;
- Expressed support for the Lynn Canyon pay parking pilot project;
- Spoke to the opportunity to use technology to message residents when parks are full;
- Suggested providing local residents the opportunity to apply for resident exempt parking;
- Encouraged staff to work collaboratively with Metro Vancouver;
- Expressed concerns with the safety of multi-use paths and how they will be managed going forward;
- Suggested clear directional signage is needed;
- Noted that small incremental changes overtime can be beneficial; and,
- Requested a second transportation workshop be brought forward to discuss broader transportation issues at a future Council Workshop.

Public Input:

Mr. Don Piercy, Chair – HUB North Shore Committee:

- Spoke in support for the proposed multi-year plan to implement a network of safe and connected bike infrastructure across the District;
- Requested that the completion of high priority routes be expedited; and,
- Requested staff examine alternatives for building priority cycling infrastructure that is dependant on future redevelopment that is likely be more than three years away.

4. **ADJOURNMENT**

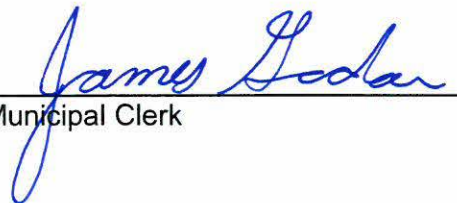
MOVED by Councillor MURI
SECONDED by Mayor LITTLE

THAT the November 9, 2020 Council Workshop is adjourned.

CARRIED
(8:06 p.m.)



Mayor



Municipal Clerk