

DISTRICT OF NORTH VANCOUVER COUNCIL WORKSHOP

Minutes of the Council Workshop for the District of North Vancouver held at 7:01 p.m. on Monday, December 14, 2020. The meeting was held virtually with participants appearing via video and telephone 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
Mr. G. Joyce, General Manager – Engineering, Parks & Facilities
Mr. R. Danyluk, Manager – Business Planning and Decision Support
Ms. C. Grafton, Manager – Strategic Communications & Community Relations
Ms. S. Rogers, Manager – Parks
Mr. S. Carney, Section Manager - Transportation
Mr. W. Maskall, Section Manager – Natural Parkland
Ms. G. Lanz, Deputy Municipal Clerk
Ms. J. Simpson, Confidential Council Clerk
Ms. C. Archer, Clerk Typist 3

RESOLUTION TO HOLD PUBLIC MEETING WITHOUT THE PUBLIC IN ATTENDANCE

MOVED by Councillor MURI

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. December 14, 2020 Council Workshop Agenda

MOVED by Councillor BACK

SECONDED by Councillor HANSON

THAT the agenda for the December 14, 2020 Council Workshop is adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

2. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

2.1. November 9, 2020 Council Workshop

MOVED by Councillor MURI

SECONDED by Councillor BACK

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

CARRIED

2.2. November 23, 2020 Council Workshop

MOVED by Councillor MURI

SECONDED by Councillor BACK

THAT the minutes of the November 23, 2020 Council Workshop meeting are adopted.

CARRIED

3. REPORTS FROM COUNCIL OR STAFF

3.1. Lynn Canyon Pay Parking Pilot Project – Update

File No. 16.8620.01/009.000

Mr. Gavin Joyce, General Manager – Engineering, Parks & Facilities, introduced the Lynn Canyon Pay Parking Pilot Project and stated that Council endorsed the project as a demand management tool at the November 2019 Transportation Workshop.

Mr. Steve Carney, Section Manager - Transportation, presented staff recommendations for the Lynn Canyon Pay Parking Pilot Project, stating that pay parking is a proven Transportation Demand Management (TDM) tool which encourages sustainable modes of transportation. The proposal is coordinated with Metro Vancouver's Lynn Headwaters Pay Parking Pilot and is proposed for March 1, 2021 to October 31, 2021 with a \$3.00 per hour rate and 3 hour maximum. Mr. Carney noted the changes of on-street parking regulations in the surrounding neighbourhood and commented on pay parking exemptions and permits. There is a total of 129 parking spaces, including 4 disability spaces and 2 staff spaces. The pricing model projects an annual revenue of \$315,000 to \$635,000 which is intended to be reinvested into parks or active transportation infrastructure.

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

- Commented on the COVID-19 pandemic increasing park users and noted the associated pressures on residential street parking;
- Suggested public communication be coordinated with Metro Vancouver's pilot project; and,
- Noted the negative public feedback received on social media.

In response to a question from Council, staff advised that Metro Vancouver plans to charge \$2 per hour, however, the District's proposed rate is to offset park

improvement costs. Additionally, an Advanced Traveller Information System (ATIS) may be implemented to enhance TDM and provide rate flexibility.

In response to a question from Council, staff noted that the on-street parking regulations have not been determined, however, a gradual transition between zones is proposed.

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

- Suggested applying TDM tools to other areas of the District;
- Questioned whether the residential parking pass could be free;
- Commented on Metro Vancouver's shuttle service provided in 2020;
- Noted the Lynn Valley Community Association requested broader consultation;
- Requested a clear communication plan;
- Suggested increasing traditional forms of public notification; and,
- Suggested revenue be reinvested in Lynn Canyon Park improvements only.

In response to a question from Council, staff advised that other pricing strategies and public communication options could be explored if Council does not approve the outcome of the pilot project.

In response to a question from Council, staff advised that the equipment for the project is provided on an annual contract, which can be extended.

In response to a question from Council, staff advised that the Communications Department is developing an engagement strategy.

In response to a question from Council, staff advised that the 3 hour maximum is intended to improve parking turnover and accessibility.

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

- Requested details of the desired and expected outcomes;
- Questioned what metrics will be observed during the project;
- Suggested using other communication methods rather than relying on social media;
- Commented on financial impacts due to the pandemic; and,
- Commented on behavioural changes regarding modes of transportation.

In response to a question from Council, staff advised that the Parks and Natural Environment Committee (PNEAC) is supportive of the pilot project.

In response to a question from Council, staff advised that they have requested Translink to increase frequency to Lynn Canyon and Deep Cove.

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

- Suggested engaging with community associations over the pilot year;
- Expressed concern with traffic on Robinson Road;
- Commented on transportation alternatives; and,
- Noted the majority of Council supports the residential parking pass.

In response to a question from Council, staff advised of the flexibility of using a dynamic pricing model.

In response to a question from Council, staff advised that 8 electric vehicle charging stations are planned for Lynn Canyon Park.

Staff advised that this item will be brought forward to a future Council meeting.

3.2. Seymour Trails Strategic Planning

File No. 12.6285.01 /000.000

Mr. Wayne Maskall, Section Manager – Natural Parkland, provided an update of the work completed over the past two years for Seymour Trails Strategic Planning and presented a plan to create a high quality, sustainable and multi-use trail network. Mr. Maskall noted that Fromme Mountain's established frameworks will be used as a precedent for developing Seymour Mountain's Best Management Practices (BMPs) and outlined the following key trail values: environmental protection, ecological sustainability, multi-use access and sustainable trail infrastructure and use.

Public input:

Mr. Steve Jones:

- Spoke in support of the planning process and budget;
- Commented on the trails positive impact on local businesses;
- Spoke to environmental concerns;
- Suggested collaboration with different user groups; and,
- Requested developing a plan with an open mind and collecting feedback.

Mr. Eric Andersen:

- Spoke in support of the study's budget;
- Expressed concerns with designated trails and preference towards multi-use trails;
- Requested the Blueridge Community Association be involved in the study; and,
- Expressed concerns with parking in the Berkley/Hyannis area.

Ms. Robyn Rennie:

- Spoke on behalf of the Greater Vancouver Orienteering Club;
- Commented on the Club's use of the North Shore trail networks;
- Spoke to the importance of learning navigation; and,
- Requested the club be involved in the consultation process.

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

- Spoke to the history of Seymour Mountain and keeping the forest;
- Noted environmental integrity and preservation is a priority;
- Requested involving all user groups in the discussion;
- Suggested that all trails across the North Shore be considered;
- Noted BC Parks is underfunded and understaffed;
- Suggested supporting the provincial parks;
- Commented on feedback requesting more technical trails;

- Suggested identifying opportunities with the land owners and users; and,
- Suggested recognizing the impacts on the surrounding neighbourhoods.

Councillor HANSON left the meeting at 8:35 p.m.

In response to a question from Council, staff advised that the Tsleil-Waututh Nation and Squamish Nation will be involved in the consultation process.

In response to a question from Council, staff advised that an environmental assessment of the trails has been completed, however, the entire forest will be assessed with a consultant.

Councillor HANSON returned to the meeting at 8:40 p.m.

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

- Suggested considering the cumulative and life cycle impacts;
- Suggested increasing community education;

Councillor CURREN left the meeting at 8:59 p.m. and returned at 9:00 p.m.

- Spoke to the benefits of the Districts partnership with the North Shore Mountain Biking Association (NSMBA);
- Suggested creating more trails and enhancing variety;
- Suggested reviewing the trail networks in Squamish and Whistler;
- Highlighted the significance of North Shore trails for recreational use;
- Expressed concern with the Fromme Mountain plan being a Trail Use and Classification Study;
- Suggested the importance of planning with an open mind;
- Noted the importance of public engagement;
- Spoke to protecting natural parkland and not tolerating illegal trail alteration;
- Suggested producing a plan for acquiring capital for trail maintenance;
- Suggested identifying a procedure for managing unsanctioned trails;
- Suggested consideration and awareness of wildlife;
- Questioned whether there is adequate staffing and resources for the study; and,
- Requested improved communication with the public.

Public input:

Mr. Cooper Quinn:

- Spoke on behalf of the NSMBA and supported the planning process;
- Spoke in support of ecological and environmental conservation;
- Suggested developing progressive trails;
- Commented on parking challenges;
- Opined that management and maintenance ensures sustainability; and,
- Noted increases in general and local ridership, as demonstrated in the 2020 trail statistics.

Mayor LITTLE advised that there will be input opportunities at future Council meetings.

4. PUBLIC INPUT

Nil

5. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Councillor MURI

SECONDED by Mayor LITTLE

THAT the December 14, 2020 Council Workshop is adjourned.

CARRIED
(9:33 p.m.)

Mayor



Municipal Clerk