

DISTRICT OF NORTH VANCOUVER REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council for the District of North Vancouver held at 7:02 p.m. on Monday, April 26, 2021. The meeting was held virtually with participants appearing via video and telephone conference.

Present: Mayor M. Little
Councillor J. Back
Councillor M. Bond (7:03 p.m.)
Councillor M. Curren
Councillor B. Forbes
Councillor J. Hanson
Councillor L. Muri

Staff: Mr. D. Stuart, Chief Administrative Officer
Mr. D. Milburn, General Manager – Planning, Properties & Permits
Ms. S. Walker, General Manager – Corporate Services
Mr. A. Wardell, General Manager – Finance/CFO
Ms. J. Paton, Assistant General Manager – Planning
Mr. J. Gordon, Manager – Administrative Services
Mr. E. Iorio, Manager – Financial Services
Ms. G. Lanz, Deputy Municipal Clerk
Mr. M. Hartford, Section Manager – Development Planning
Mr. R. Boase, Section Manager – Environmental Sustainability (Operations)
Ms. A. To, Business Relations Coordinator
Ms. C. Archer, Confidential Council Clerk
Ms. E. Brandson, Planner
Ms. S. Clarke, Committee Clerk

RESOLUTION TO HOLD PUBLIC MEETING WITHOUT THE PUBLIC IN ATTENDANCE

MOVED by Councillor BACK
SECONDED by Councillor HANSON
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 Public Health Officer orders; 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 Public Health Officer orders; 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 physically 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 virtually and without members of the public, or Council, 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. April 26, 2021 Regular Meeting Agenda

MOVED by Councillor CURREN
SECONDED by Councillor BACK

THAT the agenda for the April 26, 2021 Regular Meeting of Council for the District of North Vancouver is adopted as circulated, including the addition of any items listed in the agenda addendum.

CARRIED

Councillor BOND arrived at this point in the proceedings.

With the consent of Council, Mayor Little varied the agenda as follows:

5. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

5.1. March 29, 2021 Regular Meeting of Council

MOVED by Councillor MURI

SECONDED by Councillor BACK

THAT the minutes of the March 29, 2021 Regular Meeting of Council are adopted.

CARRIED

5.2. March 30, 2021 Public Hearing

MOVED by Councillor MURI

SECONDED by Councillor BACK

THAT the minutes of the March 30, 2021 Public Hearing are received.

CARRIED

2. PUBLIC INPUT

2.1. Ms. Laurie Parkinson:

- Spoke to item 8.1 regarding the measurement and reduction of carbon in new construction;
- Noted that embodied carbon from the production of building materials is a source of pollution; and,
- Recommended that the District create an embodied carbon policy.

2.2. Mr. Karl Wein:

- Spoke in support of item 8.1, noting that he is the applicant;
- Provided information on the site and the proposal, including plans for streamside protection work;
- Noted that the property does not have lane access in the rear, and requires a variance to access the coach house from the front;
- Advised that the proposal includes four parking spaces on the site, including one on a parking pad next to the proposed coach house; and,
- Noted that the proposed driveway incorporates a turning area to allow vehicles to leave the property without reversing onto Capilano Road.

2.3. Ms. Margaret Harrington:

- Spoke regarding the Elder Rights Day of Action;
- Noted that she is speaking on behalf of the North Vancouver University Women's Club;
- Advised that the Canadian Federation of University Women is sponsoring a Day of Action on May 4th to promote the rights of elderly persons and the quality of elder care in Canada;

- Commented on the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on North Shore seniors, including deaths of elderly persons in care homes and increased isolation; and,
- Noted that community support is a key factor in healthy aging; and,
- Invited Mayor, Council and District residents to attend the virtual National Town Hall on Long-term Care and Human Rights on May 4th.

2.4. Mr. Eric Andersen:

- Spoke regarding temporary parking restrictions in the Blueridge neighbourhood;
- Advised that he is speaking on behalf of the Blueridge Community Association on visitor parking to Blueridge area trails;
- Noted that street parking has been an issue in the Blueridge neighbourhood due to increased trail use during the COVID-19 pandemic; and,
- Requested temporary resident-only parking be implemented in the Blueridge neighbourhood during spring and summer 2021.

2.5. Mr. John Lawless:

- Commented regarding the Naughton Avenue detour, noting that residents were advised that the route would be temporary;
- Expressed concern that the District may be considering making permanent changes;
- Commented on the use of the path by children and recreational users;
- Expressed concern about the steep grade of the road being used by trucks;
- Advised that a petition will be presented to Council demanding the removal of the detour after sewer and culvert work has been completed;
- Requested that staff recommendations be circulated to the community for comment before Council consideration of the matter.

2.6. Ms. Christine Elsey:

- Spoke regarding the Naughton Avenue detour;
- Advised that she represents the Upper Naughton Nature Protection Group;
- Noted that residents were advised the detour route would be temporary;
- Expressed concern that the District may be considering making permanent changes; and,
- Commented on recreational use of the area as well as bird and riparian habitat.

3. RECOGNITIONS

Nil

4. DELEGATIONS

4.1. Mr. Peter Larose, Vancouver's North Shore Tourism Association

Re: Value of Tourism

Ms. Jennifer Belak, Executive Director, Vancouver's North Shore Tourism Association (VNSTA), provided an overview of a study conducted in 2018 on the value of tourism to North Shore businesses and spin-off benefits. Ms. Belak noted that the report provides insights on the future of tourism following the COVID-19 pandemic.

Mr. Peter Larose, Larose Research and Strategy, provided highlights of the study, including visitor spending, taxes generated and employment. Mr. Larose noted that visitor spending tripled between 2013 and 2018 with only a 25 % increase in the number of visitors, indicating that people were staying longer and spending more. Mr. Larose further commented on the different capacity management strategies for tourism promoters, businesses and municipalities.

Ms. Belak responded to questions from Council regarding short-term rentals, staffing challenges due to housing costs on the North Shore and the projected long-term impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic.

MOVED by Councillor HANSON

SECONDED by Councillor MURI

THAT the delegation of Vancouver's North Shore Tourism Association is received for information.

CARRIED

6. RELEASE OF CLOSED MEETING DECISIONS

Nil

7. COUNCIL WORKSHOP REPORT

Nil

8. REPORTS FROM COUNCIL OR STAFF

8.1. Development Variance Permit 28.20 (Coach House) 4544 Capilano Road

File No. 08.3060.20/028.20

Public Input:

Ms. Anne-Marie Boston:

- Spoke in opposition to Development Variance Permit 28.20 (Coach House) 4544 Capilano Road;
- Commented on the removal of trees from the property, noting the environmental and visual impact; and,
- Opined that the forested nature of the neighbourhood attracts people to the area.

Mr. Will Bridger:

- Commented on the process and timing of tree removal on the site; and,
- Expressed concern that approval of the proposal would set a precedent leading to mature tree loss in the community.

MOVED by Mayor LITTLE

SECONDED by Councillor HANSON

THAT Development Variance Permit 28.20, to allow for construction of a coach house at 4544 Capilano Road, is ISSUED.

CARRIED

Opposed: Councillor FORBES and MURI

8.2. Bylaw 8404: 2021-2025 Financial Plan Bylaw Amendment

File No.

This item was withdrawn from the agenda.

8.3. Bylaw 8503: Tax Rates Bylaw

File No.

MOVED by Mayor LITTLE

SECONDED by Councillor CURREN

THAT Tax Rates Bylaw 8503, 2021 is given FIRST, SECOND and THIRD Readings.

CARRIED

8.4. Bylaws 8486, 8487 & 8488: OCP Amendment, Rezoning and DCC Waiver for West 16th Street

File No. 09.3900.20/000.000

MOVED by Councillor BACK

SECONDED by Councillor HANSON

THAT "District of North Vancouver Official Community Plan Bylaw 7900, 2011, Amendment Bylaw 8486, 2021 (Amendment 43)" is given SECOND and THIRD Readings;

AND THAT "District of North Vancouver Rezoning Bylaw 1407 (Bylaw 8487)" is given SECOND and THIRD Readings;

AND THAT "West 16th Street Development Cost Charges Waiver Bylaw 8488, 2021" is given SECOND and THIRD Readings.

CARRIED

The meeting recessed at 9:15 p.m. and resumed at 9:19 p.m.

8.5. UBCM 2021 Local Government Development Approvals Program Grant

File No. 13.6410.01/000.000

MOVED by Mayor LITTLE

SECONDED by Councillor BOND

THAT staff are directed to submit a grant application to support the identification of challenges and potential opportunities to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of the District's development approval processes as described in the April 8, 2021 report

of the Senior Community Planner entitled UBCM 2021 Local Government Development Approvals Program Grant.

CARRIED

8.6. 2021 Centennial Bursary Trust Fund

File No.

MOVED by Councillor BACK

SECONDED by Councillor MURI

THAT bursaries are awarded to fourteen students from the District of North Vancouver in the amount of \$805 per bursary.

CARRIED

8.7. UBCM Resolution: Protection of Old Growth Forests

File No.

MOVED by Councillor MURI

SECONDED by Mayor LITTLE

THAT the UBCM Resolution: Protection of Old Growth Forests is supported for UBCM resolution:

WHEREAS ancient high productivity (big tree) old growth ecosystems are globally one of the most valuable climate mitigation and resiliency assets in terms of carbon storage, sequestration, protection against wildfire, storage of water and bank of biodiversity;

AND WHEREAS, of the miniscule fraction (2.7%) of the original high productivity (big tree) old growth forests (less than 1% of BC's total current forested area), 75% are still slated to be eliminated through logging;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the District of North Vancouver call on the Government of British Columbia to immediately defer logging in all and at-risk old-growth forests, as identified by the independent April 2020 Old Growth Strategic Review Panel to the Minister of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development¹, until all 14 of the panel's recommendations have been implemented;

AND THAT the District of North Vancouver formally oppose the logging of at-risk old-growth forests, including the headwaters of Fairy Creek watershed.

CARRIED

Opposed: Councillor CURREN

8.8. DNV Support for Penticton City Council Request to UBCM

File No.

MOVED by Councillor MURI

SECONDED by Mayor LITTLE

THAT Council write a letter to the Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM) President in support of the City of Penticton as requested in the April 13, 2021 letter

regarding reconsideration of the Provincial Paramourncy as it relates to the City of Penticton's Zoning Bylaws at 352 Winnipeg Street, Penticton, British Columbia;

AND THAT the letter of support be sent to UBCM members and the City of Penticton Council.

CARRIED

Opposed: Councillors BACK, BOND and CURREN

Councillors FORBES and MURI left the meeting at 10:19 p.m.

8.9. Bylaw 8470 & 8485: Pigeon Regulation Bylaw & Amendment to Bylaw Notice Enforcement Bylaw

File No. 09.3900.20/000.000

Public Input: -

Mr. Peter Teevan:

- Spoke in opposition to the proposed bylaws;
- Commented on the process to date and accusations made against a member of Council;
- Accused Council of having reached a conclusion before hearing input from the public; and,
- Commented on the health impacts of pigeons and the welfare of racing pigeons.

MOVED by Councillor HANSON

SECONDED by Mayor LITTLE

THAT "Pigeon Regulation Bylaw 8470, 2021" is given SECOND and THIRD Readings;

AND THAT "Bylaw Notice Enforcement Bylaw 7458, 2004 Amendment Bylaw 8485, 2021 (Amendment 58)" is given SECOND and THIRD Readings.

CARRIED

Absent for Vote: Councillors FORBES and MURI

MOVED by Councillor BOND

SECONDED by Councillor BACK

THAT the Regular Council meeting held on April 26, 2021 is authorized to proceed beyond the 10:30 p.m. automatic end time.

CARRIED

Absent for Vote: Councillors FORBES and MURI

9. REPORTS

9.1. Mayor

Nil

9.2. Chief Administrative Officer

Nil

9.3. Councillors

Nil

9.4. Metro Vancouver Committee Appointees

9.4.1. Housing Committee – Councillor Bond

Nil

9.4.2. Indigenous Relations Committee – Councillor Hanson

Nil

9.4.3. Board – Councillor Muri

Nil

9.4.4. Regional Culture Committee – Councillor Muri

Nil

9.4.5. Regional Parks Committee – Councillor Muri

Nil

9.4.6. Regional Planning Committee – Councillor Muri

Nil

9.4.7. Liquid Waste Committee – Mayor Little

Nil

9.4.8. COVID-19 Response & Recovery Task Force – Mayor Little

Nil

9.4.9. Mayors Committee – Mayor Little

Nil

9.4.10. Mayors Council – Translink – Mayor Little

Nil

9.4.11. Zero Waste Committee – Mayor Little

Nil

10. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Councillor HANSON

SECONDED by Mayor LITTLE

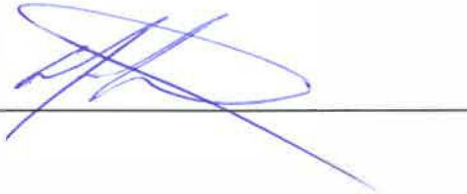
THAT the April 26, 2021 Regular Meeting of Council for the District of North Vancouver is adjourned.

CARRIED

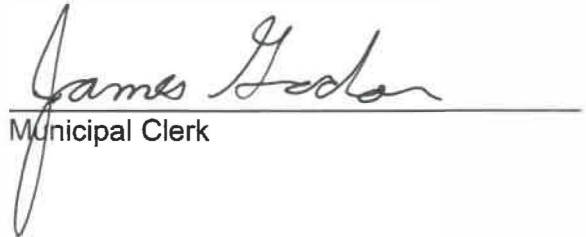
(10:35 p.m.)

Absent for Vote: Councillors FORBES and MURI

Mayor

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Municipal Clerk

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