

**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, May 3, 2021. 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 L. Muri

Absent: Councillor J. Hanson

Staff: Mr. D. Stuart, Chief Administrative Officer
Mr. G. Joyce, General Manager – Engineering, Parks & Facilities
Mr. D. Milburn, General Manager – Planning, Properties & Permits
Ms. S. Walker, General Manager – Corporate Services
Mr. A. Wardell, General Manager – Finance/CFO
Ms. T. Atva, Manager – Community Planning
Mr. J. Gordon, Manager – Administrative Services
Ms. G. Lanz, Deputy Municipal Clerk
Mr. J. Smith, Senior Planner
Ms. S. Dale, Confidential Council Clerk
Ms. S. Clarke, Committee Clerk

Also in

Attendance: Mr. Eric Aderneck, Metro Vancouver

RESOLUTION TO HOLD PUBLIC MEETING WITHOUT THE PUBLIC IN ATTENDANCE

MOVED by Councillor BACK

SECONDED by Councillor BOND

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. May 3, 2021 Council Workshop Agenda

MOVED by Councillor BACK

SECONDED by Councillor MURI

THAT the agenda for the May 3, 2021 Council Workshop is adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

2. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Nil

3. REPORTS FROM COUNCIL OR STAFF

3.1. Metro Vancouver Regional Industrial Lands Strategy

File No. 13.6440.10/000.000

Mr. Jason Smith, Senior Community Planner, advised that the vision of the Regional Industrial Lands Strategy (RILS) is to ensure sufficient industrial lands to meet the needs of a growing and evolving regional economy to the year 2050. The RILS contains recommendations aimed at protecting and promoting industrial lands for employment and economic well-being.

Mr. Smith outlined the key directions contained in the Strategy and the potential impacts to the District of North Vancouver which include the following:

- A constrained land supply;
- Pressure on industrial lands;
- Site and adjacency issues; and,
- A complex jurisdictional environment.

The RILS provides 34 recommendations bundled into 10 priority actions organized around four Big Move categories, as described below.

Big Move One - Protect Remaining Industrial Lands:

1. Define Trade-Oriented Lands;
2. Undertake a Regional Land Use Assessment;
3. Strengthen Regional Policy;
4. Seek Greater Consistency in Local Government Zoning Definitions and Permitted Uses;

Big Move Two - Intensify and Optimize Industrial Lands:

5. Facilitate the Intensification / Densification of Industrial Forms Where Possible;

Big Move Three - Bring the Existing Land Supply to Market and Address Site Issues:

6. Prepare Bring-to-Market Strategies for Vacant or Under-developed Industrial Lands;
7. Ensure Transportation Connectivity;

Big Move Four - Ensure a Coordinated Approach:

8. Coordinate Strategies for Economic Growth and Investment;
9. Improve Data Monitoring; and,
10. Develop a Framework for Coordination.

Staff advised that as a policy reference document for the District, the RILS and its priority actions are an important background resource. They will be available for use by the District when undertaking policy research and deliberation in

relation to industrial land supply within the District. Over time and as appropriate, the RILS can aid in achieving employment and economic well-being that are aligned with Council directions and existing District policy.

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

- Commented that transportation infrastructure needs to be improved;
- Highlighted the benefits and importance of retaining industrial lands;
- Spoke to the importance of creating well-paying jobs in the District of North Vancouver;
- Noted that it is important to continue collaboration and cooperation between Metro Vancouver, the District of North Vancouver and other member municipalities and organizations;
- Questioned the vacancy rate of industrial land in the District;
- Expressed concern that increased cost of land will force businesses to relocate;
- Commented that businesses that create noise and odor issues cannot operate close to residential areas;
- Commented on the current Light Industrial zoning in regards to the intended use being dominated by accessory businesses;
- Requested further discussion regarding land use in the Maplewood area;
- Questioned First Nations involvement and input;
- Spoke to the challenges of housing affordability;
- Spoke in support of the circular economy strategy;
- Commented on opportunities to utilize waste reduction;
- Highlighted the connection between transportation, land use and the climate emergency;
- Suggested looking at businesses that support the Port of Metro Vancouver;
- Commented on the shortage of industrial lands in the District;
- Stated that industrial lands need to be protected;
- Suggested identifying areas of the District that are best suited to support industrial intensification; and,
- Commented that providing employee housing will help reduce traffic.

Public Input:

Mr. Peter Teevan:

- Spoke to the challenges of keeping manufacturing jobs in the District; and,
- Commented that transportation infrastructure is important to support commercial traffic supplying goods locally.

MOVED by Councillor BACK

SECONDED by Mayor LITTLE

THAT the April 15, 2021 report of the Community Planner entitled Metro Vancouver Regional Industrial Lands Strategy is received for information;

AND THAT the Metro Vancouver Regional Industrial Lands Strategy is referred to a Regular Meeting of Council for consideration.

CARRIED

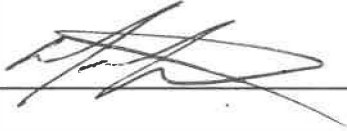
4. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Councillor BACK
SECONDED by Councillor MURI

THAT the May 3, 2021 Council Workshop is adjourned.

CARRIED
(6:21 p.m.)

Mayor



Municipal Clerk

