

**DISTRICT OF NORTH VANCOUVER
REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL**

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council for the District of North Vancouver held at 7:01 p.m. on Monday, June 21, 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 J. Hanson
Councillor L. Muri

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
Mr. R. Danyluk, Manager – Business Planning and Decision Support
Mr. J. Gordon, Manager – Administrative Services
Mr. M. Hartford, Manager – Development Planning
Ms. C. Jackson, Manager – Climate Action, Natural System & Biodiversity
Ms. S. Warriner, Acting Manager - Parks
Mr. R. Boase, Section Manager – Environmental Sustainability (Operations)
Ms. G. Lanz, Deputy Municipal Clerk
Ms. S. Clarke, Committee Clerk
Ms. K. Charters-Gabaneck, Corporate Planning and Intergovernmental Relations
Liaison
Ms. S. Dale, Confidential Council Clerk
Ms. K. Hebron, Committee Clerk
Ms. A. Reiher, Council Liaison/Support Officer

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. June 21, 2021 Regular Meeting Agenda

**MOVED by Councillor BACK
SECONDED by Councillor HANSON**

THAT the agenda for the June 21, 2021 Regular Meeting of Council for the District of North Vancouver is adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

Mayor Little recognized that June 21, 2021 as National Indigenous Peoples Day, and the month of June as National Indigenous History Month. Mayor Little commented that the entire month of June has been dedicated to missing children, the families left behind, and residential school survivors. He stated that the District is committed to meaningful action and, as a first step, will begin a series of educational opportunities for Council, Executive, and staff starting in Fall of this year.

2. PUBLIC INPUT

2.1. Ms. Gabrielle Koehle:

- Spoke in support of item 8.4 regarding Bylaws 8492, 8493, and 8494 - OCP Amendment, Rezoning, and Housing Agreement for a Townhouse Development at 3155-75 Canfield Crescent;
- Commented that the proposed development will allow residents to remain in their community;
- Commented that the proposed development will create more affordable housing options; and,
- Noted that the developer has agreed to provide tenants with a notice period of six months which is in excess of the requirements outlined in the Residential Tenancy Act, and one month of free rent.

2.2. Ms. Avril Whitney:

- Spoke in support of item 8.2 and encouraged Council to amend the Tree Protection Bylaw and report back at a future meeting;
- Stated that trees need to be protected and are an asset in the District;
- Expressed concern with inadequate tree protection; and,
- Opined that more community awareness is needed.

2.3. Mr. Robert Leighton:

- Spoke in opposition to item 8.6 regarding Development Permit 22.19 – 2048 Cardinal Crescent; and,
- Noted that there is a private restrictive covenant register on the title of the property and adjacent properties and the construction of the proposed detached garage may contravene these covenant restrictions.

2.4. Mr. Brayden Yuen:

- Spoke regarding the Windsor Green Team and the friendly street challenge from April 19-May 31, 2021; and,
- Thanked Council for their support.

3. RECOGNITIONS

Nil

4. DELEGATIONS

Nil

5. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Nil

6. RELEASE OF CLOSED MEETING DECISIONS

Nil

7. COUNCIL WORKSHOP REPORT

Nil

8. REPORTS FROM COUNCIL OR STAFF

8.1. Consumption of Alcohol in Public Spaces Pilot Project
File No.

MOVED by Councillor BACK
SECONDED by Councillor CURREN

THAT staff are directed to explore options to implement a pilot project for the 2021 summer season to permit the responsible consumption of alcohol in select public spaces, including parks, within the District of North Vancouver.

CARRIED

8.2. Tree Protection Bylaw Amendment
File No.

Public Input:

Mr. Corrie Kost:

- Spoke to the conflict between solar panels and trees;
- Commented that to compensate fully for twenty tonnes of carbon dioxide the average household needs to plant 300 trees;
- Noted that Canada's forests emit more carbon than they absorb; and,
- Suggested that no permits be required for cutting one tree annually on a property.

MOVED by Councillor FORBES
SECONDED by Councillor HANSON

THAT Council direct staff to report back on possible amendments for the "Tree Protection Bylaw 7671, 2012" and amendments for the "Fees and Charges Bylaws" at a Council Workshop;

AND THAT Council direct staff to report back on establishing an Urban Forest Management Strategy;

AND THAT Council direct staff to report back following the Council Workshop on recommendations to update the “Tree Protection Bylaw 7671, 2012” and “Fees and Charges Bylaws” and any relevant corporate policies.

CARRIED

- 8.3. Bylaws 8423, 8424 and 8425: Rezoning and Housing Agreement Bylaws for 904-944 Lytton Street (Seymour Estates)**
File No. 09.3900.20/000.000

MOVED by Councillor CURREN

SECONDED by Councillor BOND

THAT “District of North Vancouver Rezoning Bylaw 1396 (Bylaw 8423)” is ADOPTED;

AND THAT “Housing Agreement Bylaw 8424, 2020 (904 Lytton Street - No Rental Restrictions Except Short-term Rental)” is ADOPTED;

AND THAT “Housing Agreement Bylaw 8425, 2020 (904 Lytton Street - Market Rental Housing)” is ADOPTED.

CARRIED

Opposed: Councillors HANSON and MURI

- 8.4. Bylaws 8492, 8493, and 8494: OCP Amendment, Rezoning, and Housing Agreement for a Townhouse Development at 3155-75 Canfield Crescent**
File No. 08.3060.20/051.18

Ms. Joelle Calof:

- Spoke in support of the proposed development;
- Advised that NetZero compliance will be implemented;
- Commented that they have continued to receive community support;
- Advised that the developer has agreed to provide tenants with a notice period of six months which is in excess of the requirements outlined in the Residential Tenancy Act, and one month of free rent;
- Noted that an improved Construction Traffic Management Plan has been submitted; and,
- Noted that construction is anticipated to commence in 2022.

MOVED by Councillor BOND

SECONDED by Councillor BACK

THAT “District of North Vancouver Official Community Plan Bylaw 7900, 2011, Amendment Bylaw 8492, 2021 (Amendment 44)” is given FIRST Reading;

AND THAT “District of North Vancouver Rezoning Bylaw 1408 (Bylaw 8493)” is given FIRST Reading;

AND THAT “Housing Agreement Bylaw 8494, 2021 (3155-75 Canfield Crescent)” is given FIRST Reading;

AND THAT pursuant to Section 475 and Section 476 of the *Local Government Act*, additional consultation is not required beyond that already undertaken with respect to Bylaw 8492;

AND THAT in accordance with Section 477 of the *Local Government Act*, Council has considered Bylaw 8492 in conjunction with its Financial Plan and applicable Waste Management Plans;

AND THAT Bylaw 8492 and Bylaw 8493 are referred to a Public Hearing.

CARRIED

**8.5. Development Permit 34.20 – 2055 Purcell Way – Capilano University
Student Housing Building
File No. 08.3060.20/034.20**

Mr. Ryan Blades:

- Commented that the proposal will help address traffic challenges by reducing the need for students to drive to campus;
- Noted that the proposed design aims to minimize the use of fossil fuels;
- Advised that the design requirement targets an 86% improvement in greenhouse gas reduction over a LEED Gold equivalent design; and,
- Commented on the positive feedback throughout the community engagement process.

MOVED by Mayor LITTLE

SECONDED by Councillor MURI

THAT Development Permit 34.20 for a six-storey, 360-bed student housing building at 2055 Purcell Way is ISSUED.

CARRIED

**8.6. Development Permit 22.19 – 2048 Cardinal Crescent
File No. 08.3060.20/022.19**

Mr. Stefan Wiedemann:

- Commented on the pie-shaped lot, including its steep slope and the presence of a sanitary sewer right-of-way running through the centre of the property;
- Advised that a Slope Hazard Assessment Report was prepared and a Development Permit for Wildfire Hazard has been submitted;
- Noted that the majority of the trees on the site will be maintained; and,
- Advised that seven letters of support have been received.

Councillor BOND left the meeting at 9:15 p.m. and returned at 9:18 p.m.

MOVED by Mayor LITTLE

SECONDED by Councillor CURREN

THAT Development Permit 22.19 with variances to allow a new single-family house with detached garage, is ISSUED.

CARRIED

Opposed: Councillors FORBES, HANSON and MURI

8.7. Results of Election by Voting – 2021 School District 44 Trustee By-Election
File No. 01.0115.30/002.000

MOVED by Mayor LITTLE
SECONDED by Councillor BACK

THAT the report from the Chief Election Officer dated May 31, 2021 regarding Results of Election by Voting – 2021 School District 44 Trustee By-Election is received for information.

CARRIED

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

8.8. 2020 Annual Report
File No.

Councillor BACK left the meeting at 9:51 p.m. and returned at 9:52 p.m.

Public Input:

Mr. Corrie Kost:

- Commented on the 2020 Annual Report and provided feedback and suggestions for improvement;
- Spoke regarding the public notice requirements for the Annual Report;
- Suggested the Corporate Plan and the Annual Report be combined;
- Questioned what specific programs are documented by the District in the Annual Report that allow for grant applications to improve energy efficiency in the home;
- Opined that regulating minimum wage may be a useful tool to deal with housing challenges;
- Questioned how many workers commute to and from the District daily by way of private or public transport;
- Questioned the current status of the Lower Lynn Improvement Project;
- Questioned how many water mains were replaced in 2020;
- Commented that the increase over the past ten years in collecting organics from single-family residences indicate that the District is growing more vegetation and canopy for District properties;
- Questioned the percentage of residents who use the recreation centres;
- Questioned why the Reserve Funds have decreased in 2020 from 2019;
- Questioned why the Lions Gate Community Recreation Centre was not completed and opened in 2020;
- Commented that the Metro Regional Growth Strategy Amendment Bylaw 1310 changed the zoning of some lands in the District;
- Spoke regarding fire and rescue response time and value of property saved;
- Commented on the importance of a strong public engagement framework;

MOVED by Councillor BACK
SECONDED by Councillor FORBES

THAT the Regular Council meeting held on June 21, 2021 is authorized to carry on beyond 10:30 p.m.

CARRIED

- Questioned the impact of operating expenses due to facility closures;
- Questioned the steps taken to improve TransLink's Seabus service;
- Commented on the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on future ridership for public transportation;
- Commented on transparency and noted that not all citizens have access to technology;
- Questioned the percentage decline in Recreation and Cultural Services use;
- Opined that the District Organizational Chart lacks the appropriate detail; and,
- Suggested that an entire Council meeting be dedicated to the report.

Mr. Peter Teevan:

- Commented on the 2020 Annual Report;
- Thanked staff for meeting with NVCAN;
- Spoke to the District's five goals and noted that transportation and housing are the priority of the citizens of North Vancouver;
- Commented on the availability of social and affordable rental housing in the District;
- Spoke to the need for future transportation and infrastructure maintenance;
- Suggested that a Housing Needs Report should be included in the 2020 Annual Report and presented to the public;
- Opined that the state of the District's participatory democracy is in severe trouble at this time; and,
- Commented on the tax growth fund and commented on the importance of transparency.

Council discussed recessing and reconvening the June 21, 2021 Regular Council meeting to continue public input on the 2020 Annual Report and consider the remaining items 8.8 and 8.9.

MOVED by Councillor MURI

SECONDED by Councillor FORBES

THAT the Regular Council meeting held on June 21, 2021 recess and reconvene on June 28, 2021 following the Council Workshop.

CARRIED
(10:57 p.m.)

The Regular Council meeting reconvened on Monday, June 28, 2021 commencing at 7:39 p.m. 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

Absent: Councillor L. Muri

Staff: Mr. D. Stuart, Chief Administrative Officer
Mr. G. Joyce, General Manager – Engineering, Parks & Facilities
Ms. S. Walker, General Manager – Corporate Services
Mr. A. Wardell, General Manager – Finance/CFO
Mr. R. Danyluk, Manager – Business Planning and Decision Support
Mr. J. Gordon, Manager – Administrative Services
Ms. C. Jackson, Manager – Climate Action, Natural System & Biodiversity
Ms. C. Archer, Confidential Council Clerk
Ms. S. Clarke, Committee Clerk
Ms. K. Charters-Gabaneck, Corporate Planning and Intergovernmental Relations Liaison
Ms. K. Hebron, Committee Clerk

8.10. 2020 Annual Report (continued from June 21, 2021)
File No.

Public Input:

Mr. Peter Teevan (continued from June 21, 2021 by video submission):

- Commented on the use of technical terms in the annual report;
- Recommended moving the columns in the financial report so the Actual column appears first;
- Requested a detailed explanation of the meanings of annual surplus and debt since they do not cancel each other out;
- Opined that the amount the municipal pension plan for all of Metro Vancouver is overfunded should be paid to taxpayers;
- Expressed concern regarding the Tax Growth Reserve Fund and recommended setting the end of the current Official Community Plan (OCP) as the termination date of the fund;
- Commented on traffic congestion in Town Centres and opined that Town Centres are not vehicle-friendly;
- Complained that new Town Centres are being funded for future residents by current residents;
- Requested information on upcoming improvements to the Seymour area;
- Opined that building, living and transportation will become more expensive due to environmental policies supported by Council;

- Opined that public transit ridership levels will not return to pre-pandemic levels for years; and,
- Requested that the annual report be first on the agenda in the future.

Mr. Corrie Kost (speaking a second time):

- Commented on bike racks on buses;
- Commented on speed limit studies;
- Commented on the return to in-person council meetings in the future;
- Commented on the Council Procedure Bylaw;
- Suggested a summary of the annual report be included in tax notices mailed out to owners;
- Recommended lowering the voting age to engage younger voters;
- Commented on the purpose of the annual report;
- Commended Metro Vancouver for the water system; and,
- Noted that the District has good recreation areas, schools and a low crime rate.

MOVED by Councillor BACK

SECONDED by Councillor HANSON

THAT Council receive the District of North Vancouver 2020 Annual Report, including: the consolidated audited financial statements for 2020, permissive tax exemptions, a report on municipal services and operations, and municipal objectives for 2020, 2021 and 2022.

CARRIED

8.8. Biodiversity Action Plan

File No.

MOVED by Councillor CURREN

SECONDED by Councillor BOND

THAT Council support a Biodiversity Action Plan as an overarching strategy for monitoring, protecting, enhancing and restoring biodiversity and natural systems in the District of North Vancouver;

AND THAT staff are directed to report back to Council on the Biodiversity Action Plan.

CARRIED

8.9. Update Motion for UBCM Consideration: Old Growth Forests

File No.

MOVED by Councillor CURREN

SECONDED by Councillor HANSON

THAT Council rescind the following resolution passed at the April 26, 2021 regular meeting:

THAT the UBCM Resolution: Protecting 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.

AND THAT Council support the following UBCM Resolution:

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

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;

AND WHEREAS alternatives exist to increase protection of biodiversity and employment, through the immediate transition to sustainable management of second growth forests with expanded value added processing and manufacturing;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the UBCM and the District of North Vancouver call on the Government of British Columbia to immediately defer logging in all high productivity, rare, oldest, and most intact old growth forests as recommended by the Old Growth Strategic Review, until all 14 of the panel's recommendations have been implemented; including deferrals in such at-risk old-growth forests as the head waters of Fairy Creek, the Upper Walbran Valley, Nahmint Valley, Eden Grove, Edinburgh Mountain, Upper Tsitika Valley, East Creek, Klaskish Valley, Nimpkish Lake and the Inland Old-Growth Temperate Rainforest.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the District of North Vancouver formally oppose the logging of at-risk old-growth forests;

AND THAT the UBCM and the District of North Vancouver call on the Government of British Columbia to allocate funding to enact deferrals in an economically just manner, in the full spirit of reconciliation and to support the economic transition of affected First Nations and non-First Nation communities from unsustainable old growth logging for the development of long term sustainable local economies.

CARRIED

Opposed: Councillor FORBES

9. REPORTS

9.1. Mayor

Mayor Little congratulated the newly elected Tsleil-Waututh Nation Chief and Council.

9.2. Chief Administrative Officer

Mr. David Stuart, Chief Administrative Officer reported on:

- An email campaign by Yyoga owners and members regarding their lease dispute; and
- Ongoing discussions with Tsleil-Waututh Nation regarding their Addition to Reserve application.

9.3. Councillors

9.3.1. Councillor Bond reported that the Seymour River is a good place to cool down during the heat wave.

9.3.2. Councillor Curren reported on:

- An upcoming report from the Library Board on proposed initiatives;
- Her attendance at the opening of the Chief Dan George exhibit at Maplewood Flats; and,
- Acknowledged the continued interest in how the District is responding to the recommendations in the *Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada: Calls to Action*.

9.3.3. Councillor Back reported on:

- Discussions with the North Vancouver Chamber of Commerce regarding the recommendations for the business community in the *Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada: Calls to Action*; and,
- His participation in the Windsor Secondary School graduation parade.

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 BACK
SECONDED by Councillor HANSON**

THAT the June 21, 2021 Regular Meeting of Council for the District of North Vancouver is adjourned.

CARRIED
(9:08 p.m.)

Mayor



Municipal Clerk

