

**DISTRICT OF NORTH VANCOUVER
COUNCIL WORKSHOP**

Minutes of the Council Workshop for the District of North Vancouver held at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, June 14, 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. S. Ono, Deputy 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 & Decision Support
Mr. J. Gordon, Manager – Administrative Services
Mr. S. Carney, Acting Section Manager – Facilities
Ms. G. Lanz, Deputy Municipal Clerk
Ms. C. Archer, Confidential Council Clerk
Ms. S. Ferguson, Committee Clerk
Ms. T. Guppy, Facilities Planner
Mr. M. Schofield, Facilities Project Manager

RESOLUTION TO HOLD PUBLIC MEETING WITHOUT THE PUBLIC IN ATTENDANCE

MOVED by Councillor BACK

SECONDED by Councillor CURREN

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 14, 2021 Council Workshop Agenda

MOVED by Councillor BACK

SECONDED by Councillor CURREN

THAT the agenda for the June 14, 2021 Council Workshop is adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

2. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

2.1. May 3, 2021 Council Workshop Minutes

MOVED by Councillor BACK

SECONDED by Mayor LITTLE

THAT the minutes of the May 3, 2021 Council Workshop are adopted.

CARRIED

3. REPORTS FROM COUNCIL OR STAFF

3.1. Strategic Facilities Planning Framework

File No.

Mr. Steve Ono, Deputy General Manager – Engineering, Parks & Facilities provided an overview of the Strategic Facilities Planning Framework (SFPF), noting that it was created in response to Council direction regarding capital asset management. Mr. Ono advised that a \$200 million funding gap has been identified through the ten-year Financial Plan process, which will need to be addressed, and that there are opportunities to renew facilities in coordination with community renewal projects. He noted that new buildings will be highly efficient and operate with reduced greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions.

Ms. Tamsin Guppy, Facilities Planner provided background on the SFPF project, noting that staff evaluated all District-owned buildings from the perspective of location and how they can work better in the future. Ms. Guppy reviewed the date of construction of the approximately 100 District-owned buildings by decade, noting that older structures are more likely to require replacement, not simply due to age but because the community and its needs have changed. She added that seismic requirements came into effect in the 1970's and accessibility requirements in the 1980's, therefore buildings constructed before then may not meet current standards.

Ms. Guppy reviewed the SFPF guiding principles for managing District buildings:

1. Implement the District's goals and user group strategic plans as endorsed by Council
 - This principle helps facilities meet the needs of the District and user groups as well as the District's larger overall goals and objectives.
2. Locate services where most needed and most easily accessed
 - Putting facilities and services where they will be used and accessible to transit helps ensure greater fairness and inclusion and reduces GHG's and traffic congestion.
3. Consolidate uses into shared buildings or sites
 - Reducing the number of buildings reduces operating costs, land costs and energy use and creates opportunities to use District-owned land for other purposes.
4. Optimize energy efficiency and reduce GHG emissions, achieving zero emissions well in advance of the 2050 target
 - This principle helps address climate change as well as operating costs.

5. Invest in building maintenance and refurbishment to extend the life cycle of buildings and improve the economic, environmental, and social sustainability of facilities
 - Maintenance and refurbishment of existing buildings can bring older buildings up to a higher standard and delay the need to replace buildings that are still meeting the needs of the community.
6. Plan for the closure of buildings reaching the end of their useful life
 - The community is very attached to some public buildings but they must be decommissioned when refurbishment will not meet the District's goals.
7. Plan ahead – thereby allowing time to plan for improved service and reduced net costs
 - More time to plan provides better opportunities to plan for capital costs, combine uses into new spaces and leverage amenity contributions from development.

Ms. Guppy advised that upcoming workshops on financial planning, child care needs and the budget process will inform future decisions on facilities planning.

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

- Expressed support for the seven principles presented by staff;
- Commented on the sense of place public buildings create for the community;
- Recommended considering the biophilic design principle for future District facilities, noting lower operating costs over time, and positive physical and mental health impacts; and,
- Commented on the need for more indoor and outdoor green spaces to allow recreation during future pandemics.

Councillor Curren left the meeting at 7:27 p.m. and returned at 7:29 p.m.

Mayor Little left the meeting at 7:29 p.m. Councillor Hanson assumed the chair.

In response to a question from Council, staff advised that the useful lifespan of most public buildings is approximately 50 years. By that age, a building may no longer serve the purposes of a community that has changed considerably over that time. If the facility continues to be useful in its form and location, it may be refurbished. If not, replacement would be considered.

Mayor Little returned to the meeting at 7:31 p.m.

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

- Commented that the services and spaces at the new recreation centre opening soon will benefit visitors as well as residents;
- Recommended consulting District committees for their input on the future of facilities planning;
- Commented on the value of public spaces;
- Noted that the SFPF principles will allow Council and staff to look at future District buildings through a variety of lenses;
- Commented on the value of learning from past designs to find what does and does not work;

- Recommended building to a higher standard to allow buildings to last longer than 50 years;
- Noted that the funds reserved for building replacement rarely cover the actual costs;
- Recommended building structures for uses that will grow over time so they are not immediately at or over capacity on completion;
- Queried why District buildings have not been constructed with solar panels;
- Commented on the need to build in flexibility for multiple uses;
- Cautioned against taking risks with facility design;
- Commented on community needs; and,
- Commended staff for strong capital replacement planning and the dedicated allocation of funds for this purpose.

Public Input:

Mr. Peter Teevan:

- Commented on the need for facilities to be in proximity to schools and residential neighbourhoods.

Mr. Hazen Colbert:

- Recommended amalgamation of the municipalities in the region into one large municipality to reduce redundancy and the total number of buildings required.

MOVED by Mayor LITTLE

SECONDED by Councillor HANSON

THAT the Strategic Facilities Planning Framework, as detailed in the May 31, 2021 report of the Facilities Planner entitled Strategic Facilities Planning Framework, is endorsed in principle and is referred to a future Regular Meeting of Council.

CARRIED

4. ADJOURNMENT

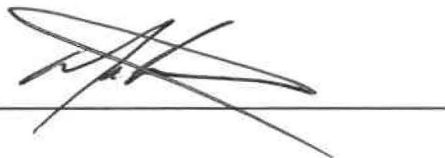
MOVED by Councillor BACK

SECONDED by Mayor LITTLE

THAT the June 14, 2021 Council Workshop is adjourned.

CARRIED
(8:23 p.m.)

Mayor



Municipal Clerk

