

DISTRICT OF NORTH VANCOUVER COUNCIL WORKSHOP

Minutes of the Council Workshop for the District of North Vancouver held at 5:03 p.m. on Monday, July 12, 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 (6:28 p.m.)
Councillor B. Forbes
Councillor J. Hanson
Councillor L. Muri

Staff: Mr. D. Milburn, General Manager – Planning, Properties & Permits
Ms. S. Walker, General Manager – Corporate Services
Ms. J. Paton, Assistant General Manager – Development Planning & Engineering
Ms. T. Atva, Manager – Community Planning
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. Grafton, Manager – Strategic Communications & Community Relations
Ms. G. Lanz, Deputy Municipal Clerk
Ms. S. Dale, Confidential Council Clerk
Ms. N. Foth, Planner
Ms. K. Hebron, Committee Clerk

Also in

Attendance: Mr. Brian Bydwell, Consultant
Ms. Allison Clavelle, Urban Systems Ltd.

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 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. July 12, 2021 Council Workshop Agenda

MOVED by Councillor BACK

SECONDED by Councillor HANSON

THAT the agenda for the July 12, 2021 Council Workshop is adopted as circulated.

2. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Nil

3. REPORTS FROM COUNCIL OR STAFF

3.1. Draft Targeted Official Community Plan Review Action Plan 2021-2030

File No. 13.6480.35/001.000

Mr. Dan Milburn, General Manager – Planning, Properties & Permits, advised that the purpose of the workshop is to present the draft Targeted Official Community Plan (OCP) Review Action Plan 2021-2030 and provide a summary of the Spring 2021 community engagement.

Ms. Tina Atva, Manager – Community Planning, introduced the consultants and provided a brief overview of the Targeted OCP Review to date. Ms. Atva advised that the draft Action Plan is a result of a two-year process that involved extensive research, analysis, and stakeholder and community engagement from across the District.

Ms. Nicole Forth, Planner, advised that the final phase of engagement took place in the Spring of 2021 seeking input on the broad set of actions being considered for the Action Plan. This community-wide engagement built on previous feedback on issues, opportunities, and potential actions. Due to the continuing public health constraints, the selected communications and engagement tools ensured safe opportunities for the community to participate.

Ms. Atva advised that the draft Action Plan identifies ways to make the biggest strides towards achieving the vision and goals identified in the 2011 OCP for the topic areas of transportation, housing, economy and employment lands, and climate emergency. The draft Action Plan includes eight priority actions, twenty-one supporting actions, and two implementing lenses.

The eight priority actions include:

1. Achieve Town and Village Centres that deliver low-carbon, compact and diverse housing, transportation choices, and supportive public amenities and employment space;
2. Advocate for infrastructure and service improvements, such as Rapid Transit, to get key transportation networks moving better;
3. Prioritize rental, social, and supportive housing projects to increase the range of housing options;
4. Make transit faster and more reliable on major routes;
5. Increase housing diversity to support a range of incomes, household types, and accessibility needs within and close to Town and Village Centres;
6. Create a continuous and connected network of walking and cycling routes to encourage more people of all ages and abilities to walk and cycle;
7. Strengthen the resiliency of natural and built environments to adapt to a changing climate; and,

8. Reduce greenhouse gas emissions from buildings, transportation, and waste to address the climate emergency.

The draft Action Plan also includes two implementing lenses:

1. Social equity lens: Include social equity considerations in District decision-making to strive for a more inclusive and equitable community; and,
2. Climate change lens: Include climate change considerations in decision-making to increase the District's climate leadership.

Staff advised that the Action Plan, if approved, would guide staff resources and work to continue to implement the OCP over the next nine years to 2030.

Councillor Forbes left the meeting at 5:33 p.m. and returned at 5:34 p.m.

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

- Opined that the draft Action Plan reflects Council's priorities;
- Commented that more multi-generalization housing is needed;
- Spoke to the challenges of the transportation system;
- Noted that both public and active transportation needs to be improved to be consistent and viable options;
- Stated that housing on the North Shore is not affordable;
- Opined that the climate emergency is a threat to the community and needs to become a top priority;
- Acknowledged that Council controls land use in the District;
- Suggested lobbying different levels of government for assistance;
- Suggested prioritizing development in Town Centres;
- Commented that the draft Action Plan is missing a sense of urgency and needs to be more aggressive with its' timelines;
- Suggested focusing on rapid implementation;
- Questioned if there will be more opportunities for Council discussion;
- Recognized the work of District staff and the consultants;
- Noted that addressing local economy and small businesses needs to be made a priority;
- Suggested looking at housing diversity within the single-family communities in the District;
- Commented that more development will not lower the cost of housing;
- Spoke to the loss of employment lands;
- Commented on the need to be flexible as the OCP is a living document and it is subject to change;
- Acknowledged that the community wants the pace of development to slow down;
- Commented on the need for more diverse housing options;
- Commented on the importance of communicating with the public;
- Expressed concern with the cost of implementing the Action Plan;
- Expressed concern regarding the safety of bike lanes;
- Opined that the draft Action Plan does not represent the greater community;

Councillor CURREN arrived at this point in the proceedings (6:28 p.m.).

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

- Acknowledged that ongoing communication with the public is needed;
- Highlighted the connection between improved housing and transportation issues and the benefits it will have to support local businesses;
- Questioned if the community is willing to pay higher taxes to support these goals;
- Suggested having a workshop with owners of small local businesses;
- Commented on the need to protect light industrial lands;
- Suggested making big bold moves and finding new way to engage with the community;
- Noted that climate change is an area where there is broad consensus within the community; and,
- Commented that using Zoom increases the opportunity for more public input.

Public Input:

Mr. Herman Mah:

- Opined that the community has been engaged;
- Suggested that progress made towards achieving the goals in the Action Plan be incorporated into the Annual Report;
- Suggested creating a third implementing lens entitled priority actions; and,
- Stated that change is needed.

Mr. Peter Teevan:

- Commented on the need for more social and market rental housing;
- Noted that better infrastructure is needed;
- Questioned why more density is needed; and,
- Questioned why single-family homes on Lynn Valley Road have loading zones.

Mr. Hazen Colbert:

- Requested a Public Meeting be held for further discussions; and,
- Commented on the need for more diversity in the community.

MOVED by Councillor FORBES

SECONDED by Mayor LITTLE

THAT the Committee of Council supports the Targeted Official Community Plan Review Action Plan 2021-2030 and refers it to a Public Meeting for discussion.

DEFEATED

Opposed: Councillors BACK, BOND, CURREN and HANSON

MOVED by Councillor HANSON

SECONDED by Councillor BACK

THAT the Committee of Council supports the Targeted Official Community Plan Review Action Plan 2021-2030 and refers it to a Regular Meeting of Council for consideration.

CARRIED

Opposed: Mayor LITTLE and Councillors FORBES and MURI

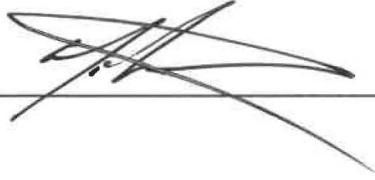
4. **ADJOURNMENT**

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

THAT the July 12, 2021 Council Workshop is adjourned.

CARRIED
(7:40 p.m.)

Mayor



Municipal Clerk

