

DISTRICT OF NORTH VANCOUVER PUBLIC MEETING

Minutes of the Public Meeting held at 7:02 p.m. on Tuesday, September 21, 2021 in the Council Chamber of the District Hall, 355 West Queens Road, North Vancouver, British Columbia.

Present: Mayor M. Little
Councillor J. Back (via Zoom)
Councillor M. Bond (via Zoom)
Councillor M. Curren (via Zoom)
Councillor B. Forbes (via Zoom)
Councillor L. Muri

Absent: Councillor J. Hanson

Staff: Mr. D. Stuart, Chief Administrative Officer
Mr. R. Danyluk, Deputy General Manager – Finance & Deputy CFO
Mr. G. Joyce, General Manager – Engineering, Parks & Facilities
Mr. D. Milburn, General Manager – Planning, Properties and Permits
Ms. S. Walker, General Manager – Corporate Services
Ms. T. Atva, Manager – Community Planning
Mr. J. Gordon, Manager – Administrative Services
Ms. C. Jackson, Manager – Climate Action, Natural Systems & Biodiversity
Mr. S. Carney, Acting Section Manager – Transportation
Ms. G. Lanz, Deputy Municipal Clerk
Ms. C. Archer, Confidential Council Clerk
Mr. K. Cai, User Support Specialist
Mr. J. Cairns, Community Planner
Ms. S. Hebron, Committee Clerk
Ms. A. Reiher, Council Liaison/Support Officer
Mr. J. Smith, Community Planner

Also in attendance: Ms. Caitlin Cooper, Project Manager – Regional Transportation Strategy, Translink
Mayor Jonathan Cote, Chair, Metro Vancouver Regional Planning Committee
Mr. Jerry Dobrovolsky, Commissioner/Chief Administrative Officer, Metro Vancouver
Ms. Heather McNell, General Manager, Regional Planning and Housing Services, Metro Vancouver

1. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

1.1. September 21, 2021 Public Meeting Agenda

MOVED by Councillor BACK

SECONDED by Councillor CURREN

THAT the agenda for the September 21, 2021 Public Meeting for the District of North Vancouver is adopted as circulated, including the addition of any items listed in the agenda addendum.

CARRIED

2. REPORTS FROM COUNCIL OR STAFF

2.1. Draft Metro 2050: Updates to the Regional Growth Strategy – Public Information Meeting

File No. 13.6440.10/001.000

Mayor Jonathan Cote, Chair, Metro Vancouver Regional Planning Committee; Mr. Jerry Dobrovolsky, Commissioner/Chief Administrative Officer, Metro Vancouver; and Heather McNell, General Manager, Regional Planning and Housing Services, Metro Vancouver, provided an overview of the proposed updates to the Regional Growth Strategy (RGS), Metro 2050, noting the document builds on the successes and lessons learned from the Metro 2040 RGS. It was further noted that input from member municipalities will be received until November 26, 2021 and that the timing of the update will align with an update to the Transport 2050 Regional Transportation Strategy (RTS).

The presentation covered the purpose and history of the RGS, public consultation and engagement on the project, as well as challenges such as the COVID-19 pandemic, affordability and the cost of infrastructure. It was noted that regional population projections are estimates and not targets, used to provide guidance for planning services and infrastructure needs into the future.

It was noted that although much of the content is carried forward from the Metro 2040 RGS, updates include focus on urban centres and transit growth corridors, climate actions, equity outcomes, housing and employment lands, and building relationships with First Nations.

Ms. Caitlin Cooper, Project Manager – Regional Transportation Strategy, Translink, provided an overview of the draft Transport 2050 RTS, highlighting the document's alignment with Metro 2050. Ms. Cooper noted that the engagement period for the RTS will begin in October 2021 and that there have been delays due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Ms. Cooper reviewed the purpose and goals of the RTS, including transportation that is convenient, reliable, affordable, safe, comfortable and carbon-free.

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

- Regional use of North Shore parks and natural areas;
- Increased local use of parks due to the COVID-19 pandemic;
- Interest by District residents in the consultation process;
- Competing interests of different municipalities;
- Population growth projections and increased commuting distances;
- Social equity considerations;
- Impacts on small businesses;
- Impact of the COVID-19 pandemic;
- Implementation and measurement of progress;
- First Nations participation and engagement;
- Air quality and greenhouse gas emissions;
- Climate change and the health impacts of extreme weather;
- Transportation mode use and shifts;
- Population and social changes since the implementation of Metro 2040;

- Transit services on the North Shore; and,
- Housing affordability.

Councillor Bond left the meeting at 8:46 p.m.

Public input:

Mr. Peter Teevan:

- Commented on urban sprawl and traffic and parking issues in North Shore parks on weekends;
- Opined that compact communities in larger municipalities such as Vancouver and Burnaby drive traffic to North Shore parks;
- Commented on empty homes, density and housing affordability; and,
- Commented on the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on transportation mode share.

Ms. Katherine Fagerlund:

- Commented on transit access to popular destinations such as Deep Cove;
- Opined that destination parks do not require better transit access as there are already too many visitors;
- Commented on affordability and wages; and,
- Commented on densification, non-market housing and secondary suites.

3. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Councillor MURI


SECONDED by Councillor BACK

THAT the September 21, 2021 Public Meeting for the District of North Vancouver is adjourned.

CARRIED

(9:00 p.m.)

Absent for Vote: Councillor BOND



Mayor



Municipal Clerk