DISTRICT OF NORTH VANCOUVER REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council for the District of North Vancouver held at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, November 29, 2021 in the Council Chamber of the District Hall, 355 West Queens Road, North Vancouver, British Columbia.

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

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. R. Danyluk, Deputy General Manager Finance and Deputy CFO
 - Ms. T. Atva, Manager Community Planning
 - Mr. M. Hartford, Manager Development Planning
 - Mr. E. Iorio, Manager Financial Services
 - Ms. C. Jackson, Manager Climate Action, Natural Systems & Biodiversity
 - Mr. S. Rooney, Acting Manager -- Utilities
 - Ms. G. Lanz, Deputy Municipal Clerk
 - Mr. J. Cairns, Community Planner
 - Mr. R. Gilmore, Community Planner
 - Ms. E. Lee, Housing Planner
 - Ms. A. Reiher, Council Liaison / Support Officer
 - Mr. K. Zhang, Development Planner
 - Ms. C. Archer, Confidential Council Clerk
 - Ms. K. Hebron, Committee Clerk

Mr. Gavin Joyce, General Manager – Engineering, Parks & Facilities, provided an update on recent extreme weather events, noting that a third storm is in the forecast and that staff have been responding to and preparing for localized flooding. Mr. Joyce advised that the Naughton Avenue detour has been reopened temporarily as the current weather conditions have affected the roads under construction in Deep Cove.

1. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

1.1. November 29, 2021 Regular Meeting Agenda

MOVED by Councillor BACK SECONDED by Councillor HANSON

THAT the agenda for the November 29, 2021 Regular Meeting of Council for the District of North Vancouver is adopted as circulated, including the addition of any items listed in the agenda addendum.

CARRIED

2. PUBLIC INPUT

2.1. Ms. Emma Campbell:

- Spoke in support of item 8.9;
- Commented on the impacts of climate change, including the fire in Lytton and deaths due to the June 2021 heat dome in BC;
- Commented on the impact of fossil fuel use on climate change; and,
- Encouraged Council to endorse the Call for a Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty.

2.2. Mr. Harrison Johnston:

- Spoke in support of item 8.9;
- Commented on the local impacts of climate change;
- Noted that fossil fuels contribute to climate change and that a transition away from their use is needed; and,
- Encouraged Council to endorse the Call for a Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty.

2.3. Ms. Katherine Fagerlund:

- Spoke regarding item 8.6;
- Noted that she had been a member of the Rental Social Affordable Housing Task Force;
- Commented on the timing of the release of the staff response to the report;
- Noted that the Task Force had recommended a new committee be formed to monitor the implementation of their recommendations;
- Opined that an action plan and timeline are missing from the staff report and expressed hope that these will be brought forward;
- Noted that the priority actions in the staff report address the amount of available housing, but not affordability; and,
- Commented on the need to monitor the delivery of housing for a range of incomes and new development in Town and Village Centres.

2.4. Mr. Eric Andersen:

- Spoke regarding the proposed Policy with Respect to Campaign Contributions;
- Encouraged Council to enact the policy before the 2022 General Local Elections;
- Requested an update on the timing of consideration of the item; and,
- Encouraged Council to endorse the Call for a Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty.

2.5. Ms. Jennifer Brun:

- Spoke regarding traffic issues at the intersection of Hyannis Drive and Berkley Avenue;
- Expressed concerns regarding safety and overcrowding as well as the frequency of bylaw infractions observed in the area;
- Noted increased parking and trail use in the area since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic;
- Expressed appreciation for the implementation of No Parking Zones and noted they are not sufficient to address all the issues;
- Commented on the impact of traffic volume, littering, and nuisances such as public urination, nudity and trespassing; and,
- Requested street markings, a marked crosswalk and a No Parking to Corner sign.

2.6. Ms. Linda Dong:

- Spoke regarding traffic issues at the intersection of Hyannis Drive and Berkley Avenue;
- Advised that vehicles park too close to the intersection and that the stop sign has been removed from the corner;
- Commented on property damage due to the use of private driveways to turn around, including dented garage doors;
- Commented on ongoing illegal dumping issues;
- Requested more No Parking signs be installed as well as a stop sign and a safe turnaround area at the top of Berkley Avenue; and,
- Requested that the District repair the boulevards on the street.

2.7. Ms. Genevieve Noel:

- Spoke regarding the preservation of forest land and management of invasive species;
- Advised that English ivy burrows into trees, causing damage and tree death;
- Commented on the increased likelihood of damaged trees coming down in windstorms;
- Noted that other municipalities are addressing invasive plants;
- Recommended that the District educate residents and businesses on the issue, prohibit the use of invasive plants on private property and make the issuance of permits conditional on the removal of invasive species; and,
- Suggested alternatives to ivy and other invasive species, including wild ginger, kinnikinnick and coastal strawberry.

2.8. Ms. Kendra Low:

- Spoke on behalf of the Canyon Heights Elementary School Parents Advisory Council regarding traffic safety;
- Thanked Council for their support of school safety initiatives;
- Noted measures have been implemented to create safer routes to school;
- Advised that there are safety concerns at drop-off and pick-up times, including dangerous driving manoeuvers leading to many near misses;
- Requested new street markings, including delineators, a pedestrian-controlled light at Highland Boulevard and Handsworth Road and funding to hire paid crossing guards due to the ongoing challenge of filling volunteer shifts.

2.9. Mr. Maginnis Cocivera:

- Spoke regarding net zero carbon emissions and expressed support of the District's decision to set Step 3 of the BC Energy Step Code as the minimum standard for new construction;
- Advised that retrofitting existing homes to achieve carbon neutrality could be achieved by adding seven inches of external insulation, which would not be permitted for many properties as they are built to the minimum setbacks under the Zoning Bylaw;
- Noted that the alternative to add internal insulation is not desirable as it would remove living space;
- Recommended amending the Zoning Bylaw to use the face of the structural sheating to calculate setbacks to permit the use of external insulation to achieve net zero carbon emissions on individual properties.

3. **RECOGNITIONS**

Nil

4. **DELEGATIONS**

4.1. Ms. Julia Kaisla, Canadian Mental Health Association Re: Our New Peer Assisted Care Team

Ms. Julia Kaisla, Executive Director, Canadian Mental Health Association (CMHA) North and West Vancouver Branch, provided an overview of CMHA's new civilian Peer Assisted Care Team (PACT) pilot project. Ms. Kaisla advised that the program pairs a mental health professional with a peer worker to respond to mental health crisis calls that do not require police attendance. She noted that support is available from 6:00 p.m. to midnight, Thursday through Sunday, in person as well as by telephone and text, with services including de-escalation, community resource referral, and advocacy for individuals ages 13 and up. Ms. Kaisla further clarified that the PACT team cannot provide transportation, assessments, medical referrals or fast-tracking for support services such as housing and mental health services.

MOVED by Mayor LITTLE SECONDED by Councillor CURREN

THAT the delegation of the Canadian Mental Health Association North and West Vancouver Branch is received for information.

CARRIED

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. 2022 Utility Rates

File No. Financial Plan Process / 2022

8.1.1. Bylaw 8535: Waterworks Regulation Bylaw 8535 (Amendment 67) User Charges and Service Fees for 2022 File No.

MOVED by Councillor MURI SECONDED by Mayor LITTLE

THAT "Waterworks Regulation Bylaw 2279, 1958, Amendment Bylaw 8535, 2021 (Amendment 67)" is given FIRST, SECOND, and THIRD Readings.

CARRIED

8.1.2. Bylaw 8536: Sewer Bylaw 8536 (Amendment 33) User Charges and Service Fees for 2022 File No.

MOVED by Councillor MURI SECONDED by Mayor LITTLE THAT "Sewer Bylaw 6656, 1994, Amendment Bylaw 8536, 2021 (Amendment 33)" is given FIRST, SECOND, and THIRD Readings. CARRIED

8.1.3. Bylaw 8537: Solid Waste Management Bylaw 8537 (Amendment 1) Collection and Recycling Fees for 2022 File No. 05.1700

MOVED by Councillor MURI SECONDED by Mayor LITTLE

THAT "Solid Waste Removal Bylaw 7631, 2007, Amendment Bylaw 8471, 2020 (Amendment 19)" is given FIRST, SECOND and THIRD Readings. CARRIED

8.2. Annual Review of Fees and Charges – 2022 File No. 05.1930

MOVED by Mayor LITTLE SECONDED by Councillor CURREN

THAT "Fees and Charges Bylaw 6481, 1992, Fees and Charges Bylaw Amendment 8534 (Amendment 67)" is given FIRST, SECOND, and THIRD Readings.

CARRIED

8.3. 2021 – 2025 Financial Plan Amendment #2 File No. 05.1780/Financial Plan/2021

MOVED by Mayor LITTLE SECONDED by Councillor CURREN

THAT "2021 – 2025 Consolidated Financial Plan Approval Bylaw 8502, 2021 Amendment Bylaw 8546, 2021 (Amendment 2)" is given FIRST, SECOND, and THIRD Readings.

CARRIED

Opposed: Councillor MURI

8.4. Development Variance Permit 32.21 (Coach House) – 947 Frederick Road File No. 08.3060.20/032.21

Public Input:

Ms. Patricia Beaton:

- Advised that she is the owner of the subject property;
- Noted that they plan to move into the coach house and have their daughter's family move into the main house, allowing them to age in place;
- Advised that the coach house would not alter the footprint of the property and that the height variance is required due to the contours of the site;
- Noted that only the top storey will be visible outside the property;

- Commented on planned green building measures, including Step 5 of the BC Energy Step Code:
- Noted that three parking spaces will be provided behind the main house; and,
- Thanked staff for their assistance with the application.

MOVED by Councillor MURI SECONDED by Councillor BACK

THAT Development Variance Permit 32.21 to allow for a coach house at 947 Frederick Road, is ISSUED.

CARRIED

8.5. Development Permit 47.20 – 600 West Queens Road File No. 08.3060.20/047.20

Public Input:

Ms. Joy Hayden:

- Spoke in support of the proposal on behalf of Hollyburn Family Services Society;
- Commented on the need for safe and affordable housing in the District;
- Advised that Hollyburn Family Services Society is the housing provider for the site;
- Commented on the benefits of pre-zoning the property; and,
- Advised that the architect and development consultant are available to answer questions.

MOVED by Councillor MURI SECONDED by Councillor HANSON

THAT Development Permit 47.20 for an 86-unit social housing rental apartment building at 600 West Queens Road, is ISSUED.

CARRIED

Councillor BOND left the meeting at 9:35 p.m. and returned at 9:36 p.m.

Councillor BACK left the meeting at 9:59 p.m. and returned at 10:00 p.m.

MOVED by Councillor FORBES SECONDED by Councillor BACK

THAT the Regular Council meeting held on November 29, 2021 is authorized to carry on beyond 10:30 p.m.

CARRIED

8.6. Final Report from the Rental, Social and Affordable Housing Task Force: **Staff Response to Recommendations** File No. 01.0360.20/078.000

MOVED by Mayor LITTLE SECONDED by Councillor HANSON

THAT Council approve the proposed new actions as detailed in the November 10, 2021 joint report of the Housing Planner and Community Planner entitled Final Report from the Rental, Social and Affordable Housing Task Force: Staff Response to Recommendations;

AND THAT staff are directed to proceed with implementation.

MOVED by Councillor MURI SECONDED by Councillor FORBES

THAT Final Report from the Rental, Social and Affordable Housing Task Force: Staff Response to Recommendations is referred to a Council Workshop for further discussion.

DEFEATED

Opposed: Mayor LITTLE, Councillors BACK, BOND, CURREN and HANSON

The question was then called on the Main Motion.

MOVED by Mayor LITTLE SECONDED by Councillor HANSON

THAT Council approve the proposed new actions as detailed in the November 10, 2021 joint report of the Housing Planner and Community Planner entitled Final Report from the Rental, Social and Affordable Housing Task Force: Staff Response to Recommendations;

AND THAT staff are directed to proceed with implementation.

CARRIED

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

8.8. 2021 Community Heritage Grants

File No. 13.6800.01/010.000

MOVED by Councillor BOND SECONDED by Mayor LITTLE

THAT the nine 2021 District of North Vancouver Community Heritage Grants totalling \$38,355 detailed in the October 29, 2021 report of the Community Planner entitled 2021 Community Heritage Grants, are APPROVED;

AND THAT \$3,306, of the \$38,355, is drawn from the Community Heritage Grants Fund held with the North Shore Community Foundation to be disbursed as outlined in the October 29, 2021 report of the Community Planner entitled 2021 Community Heritage Grants.

CARRIED

8.7. District Contributions to Affordable Housing

File No. 13.6440.01/000.000

MOVED by Councillor MURI SECONDED by Councillor HANSON

THAT the November 9, 2021 report of the Community Planner entitled District Contributions to Affordable Housing is received for information.

This item was deferred to the December 13, 2021 Regular Meeting of Council.

8.9. Endorsing the Call for a Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty File No.

This item was deferred to the December 13, 2021 Regular Meeting of Council.

The meeting automatically adjourned at 11:00 pm as there was no resolution to continue beyond that time.

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James Jodan Mulicipal Clerk