



**MINUTES OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD IN
THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL, 141 WEST 14th STREET,
NORTH VANCOUVER, BC, ON **MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2014.****

PRESENT:

COUNCIL MEMBERS

Mayor D. Mussatto
Councillor D. Bell
Councillor P. Bookham
Councillor L. Buchanan
Councillor R. Clark
Councillor G. Heywood
Councillor C. Keating

STAFF MEMBERS

K. Tollstam, CAO
K. Graham, City Clerk
J. Ficocelli, Deputy City Clerk
B. Pearce, Director, Special Projects
I. Gordon, Director, Finance
G. Penway, Director, Community Development
B. Themens, Acting Director, Finance
D. Cameron, Budget Analyst
N. Chand, Manager, Financial Planning
L. Garber, Manager, Accounting, Reporting and
Collections
D. Pope, City Engineer
P. Navratil, Deputy City Engineer
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M. Hunter, Manager, Parks and Environment
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N. LaMontagne, Manager, Community and Long-
Range Planning
T. Germaine, Manager, Finance and Administration
A. Kurnicki, Streetscape Planner
D. Watson, Transportation Planner
D. Pistilli, Fire Chief
C. Kennedy, Superintendent, Officer in Charge
P. Penner, Community Planner
N. LaMontagne, Manager, Community and Long-
Range Planning
S. Smith, Planner 2
J. Hodgins, Timekeeper

The Finance Committee Meeting was called to order at 7:09 pm.

**Re: City of North Vancouver 2014 – 2023 Draft Financial Plan
- File: 1715-01**

Chair: Mayor Darrell R. Mussatto

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FINANCE COMMITTEE - Continued

Purpose: The community is invited to attend and participate in consideration by the Finance Committee of the City of North Vancouver's 2014-2023 Financial Plan. As part of the 2014-2023 Financial Plan process, the updated 2014 Operating Programs Plan and proposed Tax Rate will be presented.

(a) 2014 – 2023 Financial Plan Update

The Director of Finance introduced the 2014 – 2023 Financial Plan Update and responded to questions from Finance Committee members.

(b) Questions/Comments

The Mayor called for speakers from the gallery:

- John Harvey, 1910 Cedar Village Crescent, North Vancouver, requested the balance of the Civic Amenity Fund.
- Kerry Morris, 784 East 15th Street, North Vancouver, expressed concern for the increase in expenditures and requested clarification on property tax rates between the City and the District of North Vancouver.
- Robin Newton, 2104 Grand Boulevard, North Vancouver, expressed concern for the redirection of funds from the Affordable Housing fund to the General Infrastructure fund.

The Director of Finance responded to questions from members of the gallery and Council.

(c) Recommendation

Moved by Councillor Clark seconded by Councillor Buchanan

PURSUANT to the report of the Director of Finance, dated February 19, 2014, entitled "2014 Financial Plan Update":

THAT Tax Rate Option 1, presented at the January 27, 2014 Finance Committee Meeting, which consists of the following:

2014 General Operating Programs Tax Rate Increase	0.00%
2014 Tax Rate Increase for Infrastructure	<u>0.00%</u>
Total	0.00%

be endorsed;

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FINANCE COMMITTEE - Continued

(c) RECOMMENDATION – Continued

THAT the following requested new items be included in the City’s Final 2014 Financial Plan and funded by program budget adjustments identified subsequent to the January 27, 2014 Finance Committee Meeting:

1) Fire Department, Training	31,000
2) Library, Materials Collection	8,000
3) NSNH, Edible Garden, Food Bank Program	5,000
4) NSNH, Community Schools, Ridgeway	10,000
5) Capilano Community Services, Youth Worker	18,000
6) NS Women’s Centre, Health and Wellness	2,500
7) NV Restorative Justice Society, Operating	<u>5,000</u>
Total	<u>\$ 79,500</u>

THAT the request (New Item #8) from the North Vancouver School District, for an increase in funding for the School Crossing Guard Program in the amount of \$23,800, consisting of \$8,200 for salary increases for existing locations and \$15,600 for an additional crossing guard location at Moody Avenue and East 19th Street for Queensbury Elementary School, be supported;

THAT any identified savings not used to fund new items be redirected to general infrastructure funding;

THAT the \$260,000 current contribution to the Affordable Housing Fund be redirected to general infrastructure funding;

AND THAT an additional 1.00% be levied and set aside for the redevelopment of Harry Jerome Community Recreation Centre.

Moved by Councillor Keating, seconded by Councillor Buchanan

THAT the second last active clause:

“**THAT** the \$260,000 current contribution to the Affordable Housing Fund be redirected to general infrastructure funding”,

be removed from the recommendation.

A recorded vote was taken on the motion.

Voting in favour: Councillor Buchanan
Councillor Keating
Mayor Mussatto

FINANCE COMMITTEE - Continued

(c) RECOMMENDATION – Continued

Voting against: Councillor Bell
Councillor Bookham
Councillor Heywood
Councillor Clark

The motion was **DEFEATED** by a vote of 3 to 4.

The main motion was then **CARRIED**

(d) Next Steps

The next Finance Committee meeting is scheduled for March 31, 2014.

(e) Adjournment

Moved by Councillor Keating, seconded by Councillor Bookham

THAT the Finance Committee Meeting adjourn.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Finance Committee Meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

“Certified Correct by the City Clerk”

Karla D. Graham, City Clerk