

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF NORTH VANCOUVER
Regular meeting of the Social Planning Advisory Committee
Held via WEBEX
On Wednesday, May 26, 2021 at 6:00pm

MINUTES

PRESENT:

Raashi Ahluwalia
Kate Galicz, Vice Chair
Anna Boltenko
Jasreen Janjua
June Maynard
Martyna Purchla
Etienne Normandin-Poitras

Angela Girard, Councillor

ABSENT:

Jasreen Janjua
Jolene Kennett
Tina Parbhakar, Chair

STAFF:

Heather Evans, Community Planner
Edytha Barker, Committee Clerk / Admin
Coordinator II
Renée de St. Croix, Manager, Long Range &
Community Planning
Jennifer Draper, Deputy Director, Planning
and Development

9 members – quorum = 5

1 Councillor (non-voting) 2 staff (non-voting)

1. CALL TO ORDER AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Noting the absence of the Chair and Vice-Chair, the committee unanimously agreed to have E. Normandin-Poitras act as Chair. The meeting was called to order by E. Normandin-Poitras at 6:06 pm.

The approval of the agenda was moved and seconded and the agenda was approved with one amendment. Item 5 a) will be moved to immediately after Item 2.

2. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF UNCEDED TERRITORY

6:10 pm - K. Galicz joined the meeting and took over as Vice-Chair.

3. PRESENTATION

Community Well-Being Strategy and Environment Strategy

R. de St. Croix and J. Draper presented.

Key points included:

- The purpose is to introduce a new draft strategic framework that includes the Community Well-Being Strategy and the Environment Strategy.
- These strategies all tie back to the Council Strategic Plan and will be coordinated with the Economic Investment Strategy and the Mobility Strategy.
- We are re-imagining our approach and shifting scopes and focus. A plan is now a playbook and the horizon is changing from 30-year to 10-year as things are constantly changing.
- Principles will be shared through engagement activities this year to help the public understand how key directions and priorities are arrived at.
- Shared principles include: health, resilience, equitability and timeliness.
- Both the CWB and the Environment strategy are actively in Phase 1, Action, Implementation and Monitoring will take place in Phase 2.
- The Community Well-Being Strategy will serve as a holistic and collective guide to building a City where everyone belongs. The working draft goals are:
 - Build neighbourhoods of short distance.
 - Make room for community.
 - Be a just city.
 - Reposition social investments.
- The strategies we are focusing on within the CWB are: Healthy Design, Human Essentials, Supporting People and Working Together.

Questions & Comments re: Community Well-Being:

- This is great information; a lot to unpack. What does healthy design mean for 15 minute City?
 - This would include all the things we would attribute to a healthy City and the building of that City. This includes walking circles - from your home, what is 5 minutes in any direction, is there green space or public space to enjoy, then 10 minutes, local grocery store or school, looking at what belongs. Then we stretch to 15 minutes – there should be bigger stores, things you don't need every day but regularly. It's taking it from a perspective of three key components; timeframe, mode, and use (what you need).
- I appreciate hearing the language to change investments in social rather than a cost.
- Within each bullet, is the intention to prioritize? Some of this seems ambitious; partnerships with federal government, etc. may be required. In a 10 year period is this achievable?
 - Within the framework, we are looking at a couple of core actions we can undertake or look toward over the next 10 years. We are looking at what we can move the dial on now and set ourselves up better to take advantage of partnerships or funding as it comes along. We will be continuously building. We'll complete each action but City building is never done.
- Food security means to me a more reactive approach; we already have a food insecurity to work on. It might be more proactive to include food security in 15 minute City.
 - In some cases, we weren't sure where some things would sit. It came down to human essentials as a base point, food, shelter, water. You have an interesting point; we will take that back.
 - Food and food security are an example of things that we could have landed in two or three buckets. We decided to put them there as it meets a need around human essentials. As we are building out strategies, what are these 10 year

things are related to food – healthy food access in neighbourhoods, etc. We will be hashing out the sorting of what action belongs where.

- This is also a great example of how the three strategies will work together holistically.
- We plan to have “shout-outs” to other documents (references) to connect certain topic areas.

Key Points regarding Environment Strategy:

- The Environment Strategy will be the City’s roadmap for achieving the emissions reduction targets of 80% below 2007 levels by 2040 and 100% by 2050.
- The four plan theme areas are:
 - Climate Action: Reducing Emissions
 - Climate Resilience: Preparing for Impact
 - Ecosystem Health & Biodiversity
 - Zero Waste
- We need to work towards a more interim target.
- The strategy chapters are:
 - Resilient ecosystems and City
 - Pathway to net zero
 - Empowered choices and awareness
 - Leading by example

Questions & Comments re: Environment Strategy:

- What types of incentives does the City have for green buildings? We recently built a passive house and because we were not a retrofit, we didn’t qualify for anything. It was an amazing journey and so happy we did it but we felt that there weren’t a lot of incentives.
 - While we have incentivized low carbon emissions with our heat pump project and have had a great uptake, we note that there are no real incentives for a new passive house project.
- The City will have to be aggressive to meet these targets.
- Are you building equity into these strategies?
 - This is definitely an area that we know we need support. There are barriers to being able to participate in all. We want to be more inclusive. Have signed up for support from UBC. Is equity showing up for you in terms of how we are expressing our goals and actions?
 - We are looking to find gaps; we have a long way to go but great work is happening on the ground.
- Amazing work, everything sounds great. Where this is a shortcoming is decolonization and indigenisation are not mentioned at all; this is a concern for a City surrounded by an indigenous region. It’s strategic as well as the right thing.
 - We are purposefully silent on this at this moment, but we realize it is important. We are not here to alter. We want to find reciprocity. It will be a journey to figure out the right way of doing it.
 - What I have seen as successful is investing in indigenous relationships, hire someone to advise on this scope.
- Regarding the Community Well-Being Plan, education and culture seem to be missing.
 - We have grappled with where that fits. We felt that the education piece was more around training and other areas rather than needing to be called out as the

school board manages it and there is not a huge amount of space for us to do things. With art, we felt it fit under social infrastructure initially but there are many places we could fit it. We will bring this back during consultation.

7:04 pm – Councillor Girard left the meeting.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

The adoption of the minutes of the meeting of April 28, 2021 was moved and seconded and the minutes were adopted as circulated.

5. UPDATES

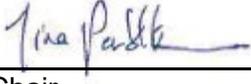
- Councillor
 - Three Living City Award recipients received awards, which were presented virtually.
 - 123 – 127 East 13th Street, the Millennium building received first and second reading and was referred to a Public Hearing.
 - A Notice of Motion was made regarding the naming of the Harry Jerome Community Centre arena. Staff were given direction to work with the Squamish Nation for the Naming and Recognition of the HJCRC Arena to honour the history of the sport of lacrosse on the North Shore.
 - A Notice of Motion was made directing staff to create a coordinated City of North Vancouver after-school program initiative with key partners such as School District No. 44 and the North Vancouver Recreation and Culture Commission.
 - A motion was passed with respect to the creation of the Crickmay and Rodger Burns Park Task Force.
 - The Waterfront Park Master Plan Scope and Process was endorsed by Council.
 - A Notice of Motion was passed regarding increased financial assistance and support by tenants displaced by the redevelopment of older purpose-built rental buildings. Staff has been directed to report back to Council on an updated Residential Tenant Displacement Policy that reflects increased financial assistance for tenants.

- Staff
 - The City received the grant funding from the Province for the Mahon Park Child Care Facility. This will be next to Fen Burdett stadium but in a new building. It will be two levels; the lower level will be the child care with the outdoor space facing the pickleball courts. The lower level will have a 37 space child care with 12 infant toddler and 25 3-5 year spaces. It will be owned by the CNV and leased to a child care operator. The upper level will be a City public facility.
 - The City was successful in receiving the Poverty Reduction grant and are in the preliminary stages of getting that rolling. Will be completed early next year.

5. ROUND TABLE

7. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:06 p.m.



Chair

September 22, 2021

Date