



MEETING MINUTES

Minutes of the meeting held at City Hall in Conference Room A,
141 West 14th Street, North Vancouver, BC on Wednesday, March 26, 2025

The City of North Vancouver respectfully acknowledges that this meeting is held on the traditional and unceded territories of the Skwxwú7mesh Úxwumixw (Squamish Nation) and səílwətaʔ (Tseil-Waututh Nation).

Members Present

Edward Booker
Farnoosh Fallah
Liza Feris
Massoud Karimaei*
Kathy McGrenera
Anahita Naeini
Victoria Nwabuisi
Charles Pan
Zeyus Spenta

Absent

Councillor Tony Valente

Staff Present

Zahra Asgarizadeh, Planning Assistant
Edytha Barker, Administrative Coordinator I
Heather Evans, Community Planner
Eleanor Parrott, Committee Clerk – Secretary

**participated electronically*

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 pm.

1. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

1.1 The Agenda for March 26, 2025 was adopted as circulated.

2. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

2.1 Minutes of the meeting held on February 26, 2025 were approved as circulated.

3. UPDATES

Councillor

3.1 As per the terms of reference, Councillor Valente did not attend the meeting as the substantive items were focussed on the community grants allocation discussion. Councillor Valente provided the following update to the Community Planner to share on his behalf:

- March 3, 2025 – Council discussed the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Framework. Council updated the Financial Plan and made some early appropriations. Councillor Valente brought forward two Notices of Motion that will be put forward to the Lower

Mainland Local Government Association and the Union of British Columbia
Municipalities:

- The first requests Provincial funding for libraries to be increased to \$30M per year Province wide, as it has been stuck at \$14M since 2010 and this will impact the City Library and others across the Province soon if not addressed.
 - The second requests Provincial funding for the BC First Responder Resiliency Program, an educational retreat operating in partnership between the University of British Columbia, Vancouver General Hospital, Vancouver Coastal Health, the British Columbia Professional Fire Fighters Association, the British Columbia Police Association, the Vancouver Police Union, and the Vancouver Police Department, resulting in positive, evidence-based outcomes lasting six months past program completion.
 - March 10, 2025 – Council received a delegation from North Shore Community Resources. Council discussed updates to the Investment Policy, which had not been reviewed since 2009. Council reviewed the Fees and Charges Bylaw. Council discussed a Notice of Motion from Mayor Buchanan regarding the response to the US Tariffs at the local level. There was good coverage of this item by the North Shore News.
- 3.2 Members noted that it is important for municipalities to be aware of changes at the Federal level and consider the potential resulting local impacts.

Staff

- 3.3 The Community Planner informed members that the Mahon Park Childcare Centre construction is underway and close to completion. This has been a multi-year project. The City applied to the Province for a grant to share costs. The YMCA has been appointed as the facility operator. This project will also serve as a pathway to update the Mahon Park fieldhouse.

4. COMMUNITY GRANTS ROUND ONE REVIEW GROUPS

- 4.1 Members separated into their review groups to discuss their assigned community grant applications.

5. COMMUNITY GRANTS ROUND ONE

- 5.1 The Community Planner presented the matrix of Round One applications.
- 5.2 Members discussed their high and low funding recommendations.

A.Naeini left the meeting at 7:48pm. C.Pan left the meeting at 8:02pm.

- 5.3 Members agreed to table the allocation of final funding amount recommendations to the next meeting.

6. ROUNDTABLE

- 6.1 None raised.

7. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

7.1 The next regular meeting is scheduled for April 23, 2025.

8. ADJOURN

8.1 The Chair adjourned the meeting at 8:05 pm.

“Certified Correct by the Chair”

Liza Feris, Chair