



MEETING MINUTES

Minutes of the meeting held at North Shore Neighbourhood House,
on Wednesday, January 21, 2026

The City of North Vancouver respectfully acknowledges that this meeting is held on the traditional and unceded territories of the Sk̓wx̓wú7mesh (Squamish) and Səl̓ílwəṭəṭ (Tseil-Waututh) Nations.

Members Present

Anahita Naeini
Charles Pan
Farnoosh Fallah
Kathy McGrenera
Liza Feris (Chair)
Massoud Karimaei
Victoria Nwabuisi
Zeyus Spenta

Councillor Tony Valente

Absent

Edward Booker

Guests Present

Trish Alsop, North Shore Neighborhood House
Manager, Communication/Community/Resource
Development
Lisa Hubbard, North Shore Neighborhood House
Executive Director

Staff Present

Heather Evans, Community Planner
Jasleen Parmar, Committee Clerk
Tanis Huckell, Legislative Services Advisor
Greg Schalk, General Manager, GM, Public Safety &
Fire Chief Public Safety
Lisa Wambaa, Planner 1
Mike Friesen, Acting Director, Planning and
Development

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 pm.

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

1.1 The Agenda for January 21, 2025 was adopted as circulated.

2. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

2.1 Minutes of the meeting held on November 26, 2025 were not approved because of an edit noted by committee members.

3. FOOD BANK VISIT AND DISCUSSION

North Shore Neighborhood House's staff members Trish Alsop and Lisa Hubbard gave a tour of the food bank and a presentation, including information that 1200 people a week visit the North Shore Food Bank, which has increased significantly since before Covid. The operations are run by volunteers. Discussion and questions included the facilities and logistics of behind organizing the food and distribution. A video was shared about the Food Bank including the sharing garden, and role of volunteers and youth.

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

- a) Minutes of the meeting held on November 26, 2025 were not approved as circulated because of a typo error noted by committee members.

COMMUNITY SAFETY STRATEGY – UPDATE AND DISCUSSION

G. Schalk gave an introduction to the Community Safety Strategy, explained the strategic priorities, and the importance of understanding and gathering and information for the strategy.

Points of discussion included how to define community safety, and priorities for safety in the community.

5. DEBRIEF FROM ROUND 2 2025 COMMUNITY GRANTS REVIEW

H. Evans provided an update on Council’s consideration of Round 2 2025 community grants. H. Evans mentioned that Round 1 2026 applications are due March 2, 2026.

7. COUNCILLOR UPDATE

Councillor Valente provided an update including pay parking rollout in the City. Committee members pointed out difficulties with using the online parking pay apps that are not user friendly and make payment inaccessible to some people.

8. STAFF UPDATE

H. Evans mentioned that one new SPAC member will join from next month and elections for the chair and vice chair will happen in the next meeting. H. Evans introduced Mike Friesen, Acting Director, Planning. M. Friesen told the committee a bit about himself and advised he is here to support staff and the committee, and thanked the committee members.

9. ROUND TABLE

The committee members thanked Anahita Naeini for two terms at SPAC. Updates and discussions included housing, amenity cost charges, and provincial updates.

10. ADJOURN

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 7:54 pm.

Liza Feris, Chair

Date