



MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL, HELD IN THE CAO MEETING ROOM, CITY HALL, 141 WEST 14TH STREET, NORTH VANCOUVER, BC, ON **MONDAY, APRIL 27, 2020**

PRESENT

COUNCIL MEMBERS

Mayor L. Buchanan
Councillor H. Back*
Councillor D. Bell*
Councillor A. Girard*
Councillor T. Hu*
Councillor J. McIlroy*
Councillor T. Valente*

**Participated electronically*

STAFF MEMBERS

L. McCarthy, CAO*
K. Graham, City Clerk
C. Baird, Deputy City Clerk
H. Granger, City Solicitor*
H. Reinhold, Deputy Director, Strategic and Corporate Services*
B. Themens, Director, Finance*
M. Epp, Director, Planning and Development*
R. Skene, Director, Community and Partner Engagement*
D. Pope, Director, Engineering, Parks and Environment*
G. Schalk, Fire Chief*

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by Councillor Bell, seconded by Councillor Girard

1. Regular Council Meeting Agenda, April 27, 2020

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Moved by Councillor Girard, seconded by Councillor Valente

2. Regular Council Meeting Minutes, April 20, 2020

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

PROCLAMATIONS

Mayor Buchanan declared the following proclamations:

Youth Week – May 1-7, 2020

Day of Mourning – April 28, 2020

REPORT

3. 2020–2029 Financial Plan Bylaw – File: 05-1700-03-0001/2020

Report: Director, Finance, April 21, 2020

Moved by Councillor Bell, seconded by Councillor McIlroy

PURSUANT to the report of the Director, Finance, dated April 21, 2020, entitled “2020–2029 Financial Plan Bylaw”:

THAT “Financial Plan for the Years 2020 to 2029 Bylaw, 2020, No. 8771” be considered.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

BYLAW – FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD READINGS

4. “Financial Plan for the Years 2020 to 2029 Bylaw, 2020, No. 8771”

Moved by Councillor Bell, seconded by Councillor McIlroy

THAT “Financial Plan for the Years 2020 to 2029 Bylaw, 2020, No. 8771” be given first and second readings.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Moved by Councillor Bell, seconded by Councillor McIlroy

THAT “Financial Plan for the Years 2020 to 2029 Bylaw, 2020, No. 8771” be given third reading.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

BYLAW – ADOPTION

5. “Financial Plan for the Years 2020 to 2029 Bylaw, 2020, No. 8771”

Moved by Councillor Bell, seconded by Councillor McIlroy

THAT “Financial Plan for the Years 2020 to 2029 Bylaw, 2020, No. 8771” be adopted, signed by the Mayor and City Clerk and affixed with the corporate seal.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

PRESENTATION

2020 Property Tax Increase Distribution Options – Director, Finance

The Director, Finance provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding the “2020 Property Tax Increase Distribution Options” and responded to questions of Council.

REPORTS

6. 2020 Property Tax Increase Distribution Options – File: 05-1970-05-0005/2020

Report: Director, Finance, April 21, 2020

Moved by Councillor McIlroy, seconded by Councillor Back

PURSUANT to the report of the Director, Finance, dated April 21, 2020, entitled “2020 Property Tax Increase Distribution Options”:

THAT 2020 Property Tax Increase, Option 1 (2% Across the Board Tax Impact) be endorsed;

AND THAT staff bring forward a Tax Rate Bylaw (2020) for adoption before May 15, 2020, in accordance with the *Community Charter*.

CARRIED

Councillor Bell and Councillor Valente are recorded as voting contrary to the motion.

7. Funding Reallocation – 115 West Esplanade Community Amenity Space
– File: 02-0800-30-0001/1

Report: Deputy Director, Strategic and Corporate Services, April 14, 2020

Moved by Councillor Bell, seconded by Councillor Valente

PURSUANT to the report of the Deputy Director, Strategic and Corporate Services, dated April 14, 2020, entitled “Funding Reallocation – 115 West Esplanade Community Amenity Space”:

THAT \$124,000 of existing funding, approved from the General Reserve Fund for 2020 Civic Centre Improvements, be reallocated to fund property tax and strata fees for the Community Amenity Space at 115 West Esplanade.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8. COVID-19 – Considerations for Public Hearings/Meetings and Public Consultation Process – File: 13-6630-01-0001/2020

Report: Director, Planning and Development, and Corporate Officer, April 21, 2020

Moved by Mayor Buchanan, seconded by Councillor Back

PURSUANT to the report of the Director, Planning and Development, and the Corporate Officer, dated April 21, 2020, entitled “COVID-19 – Considerations for Public Hearings/Meetings and Public Consultation Process”:

THAT staff be directed to bring forward development applications for Council consideration (first and second readings of bylaws) (Option B);

REPORTS – Continued

8. COVID-19 – Considerations for Public Hearings/Meetings and Public Consultation Process – File: 13-6630-01-0001/2020 – Continued

THAT development applications given consideration by Council be placed in a queue for Public Hearing once a modified process for all application types is developed and enacted (Option B);

AND THAT staff be directed to develop and implement alternative methods of gathering public feedback on development applications.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

NOTICES OF MOTION

9. City of North Vancouver and School District No. 44 – Collaborative Working Relationship – File: 01-0400-80-0001/2020

Submitted by Mayor Buchanan

Moved by Mayor Buchanan, seconded by Councillor Bell

WHEREAS the City of North Vancouver and School District No. 44 have a good history of cooperative effort and planning to create the best potential for success;

WHEREAS the City of North Vancouver, through its policies, has retained and attracted families with school age children to the City;

WHEREAS School District No. 44 schools within the City of North Vancouver are near or at capacity and the updated Long Range Facilities Plan (2018) names 6 City schools for expansion or replacement;

AND WHEREAS City school sites play an important role within neighbourhoods beyond the public school use for a variety of formal and informal uses;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City of North Vancouver and School District No. 44 continue to work together more formally through annual meetings of City Council and the Board of Education;

AND FURTHER THAT staff be directed, through a formal working committee reporting to these governing bodies, to consider and develop options which may include other related partnerships that benefit the children, families and community of the City of North Vancouver.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

NOTICES OF MOTION – Continued

10. COVID-19 Provincial Action in Support of Homeowners – Expansion of Property Tax Deferment Program – File: 05-1970-06-0001/2020

Submitted by Councillor Valente

Moved by Councillor Valente, seconded by Councillor Bell

WHEREAS COVID-19 is impacting the economic well-being of all City of North Vancouver and Metro Vancouver residents, who have already faced an ongoing housing affordability crisis for more than a decade that has created substantial financial pressure;

WHEREAS Mayor Buchanan and Metro Vancouver Mayors have sent a letter in which they called for expansion of the existing Provincial Property Tax Deferment Program to include all property owners, including residential, business and non-profits;

WHEREAS many homeowners, including those in strata buildings, in the City of North Vancouver, face accelerating insurance rates and increasing costs to maintain their homes, which are an important part of a healthy housing mix;

AND WHEREAS the Province has a model program already in existence that allows the deferral of property tax (BC Property Tax Deferment Program / Families with Children Property Tax Deferment Program) that offers a low interest deferment program for qualifying British Columbia homeowners who are aged 55 or older, surviving spouses, persons with disabilities or those supporting dependent children under age 18, for assistance in paying the annual property taxes on their homes;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council call on other British Columbia local governments, UBCM, LMLGA and the Province of BC to act swiftly and decisively to expand the Property Tax Deferment Program to all British Columbians requiring assistance for the 2020 taxation year and that this motion be forwarded to all local MLAs and MPs.

Moved by Mayor Buchanan, seconded by Councillor Hu

THAT the active clause be deleted and replaced with the following:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Mayor, on behalf of Council, write to the Provincial government requesting that a Financial Hardship Program be added to the Provincial Property Tax Deferment Program for a limited time, similar to what was introduced in 2009;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to all BC local governments, UBCM, LMLGA and North Shore MLAs and MPs.

Amendment motion, **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Main motion, as amended, **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

COUNCIL REPORT

- Mayor Buchanan reported on writing a letter to the Lions Gate Rotary Club regarding cancellation of this year's Canada Day celebration planned at Waterfront and looking at alternate ways to celebrate Canada Day. She also reported that she will write to the Premier of BC, Prime Minister of Canada and local MLAs and MPs regarding an urgent call on regional transportation for emergency relief funding for TransLink.

COUNCIL INQUIRIES

Nil.

NEW ITEMS OF BUSINESS

Nil.

NOTICES OF MOTION

For consideration at the next Regular meeting of Council.

Submitted by: Councillor Bell

City of North Vancouver and Squamish Nation Collaborative Working Relationship

That, in the spirit of reconciliation, the City invite the Council of the Squamish Nation to continue to work together more formally through scheduled meetings of the two Councils to explore opportunities for greater cooperation and understanding that would benefit both communities.

ADJOURN

Moved by Councillor Girard, seconded by Councillor Back

THAT the meeting adjourn.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The meeting adjourned at 9:02 pm.

"Certified Correct by the City Clerk"

CITY CLERK