



MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL, HELD ELECTRONICALLY FROM CITY HALL, 141 WEST 14TH STREET, NORTH VANCOUVER, BC, ON **MONDAY, MARCH 8, 2021**

PRESENT

COUNCIL MEMBERS

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

STAFF MEMBERS

L. McCarthy, CAO
B. Pearce, Deputy CAO / Director, Strategic and Corporate Services
K. Graham, Corporate Officer
C. Baird, Deputy Corporate Officer
J. Peters, Assistant City Clerk
H. Granger, City Solicitor
H. Reinhold, Deputy Director, Strategic and Corporate Services
G. Munro, Manager, Information Technology
B. Themens, Director, Finance
L. Garber, Deputy Director, Finance
D. Cameron, Budget Analyst
M. Epp, Director, Planning and Development
J. Draper, Deputy Director, Planning and Development
A. Devlin, Manager, Transportation Planning
R. de St. Croix, Manager, Long Range and Community Planning
C. Jackson, Manager, Environment
L. Lensink, Environmental Sustainability Specialist
D. Pope, Director, Engineering, Parks and Environment
K. Magnusson, Deputy Director, Engineering, Parks and Environment
R. Skene, Director, Community and Partner Engagement
L. Orr, Deputy Director, Community and Partner Engagement
G. Schalk, Public Safety Director and Fire Chief

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 pm.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by Councillor Bell, seconded by Councillor Back

1. THAT the Regular Agenda of March 8, 2021 be amended by removing the following items:
 - Item 3 – “Offer to Donate Funds for Shipyards Pier Electrical Bunker Building Public Art Project”;
 - Item 4 – “City of North Vancouver and the North Vancouver Board of Education – Memorandum of Understanding”;
 - Item 13 – “Help Cities Lead Initiative”;
 - Item 16 – “Council Remuneration Bylaw, 2021, No. 8820 (Council Remuneration Effective January 1, 2021)”; and
 - Item 17 – “Council Remuneration Bylaw, 2021, No. 8820” (Council Remuneration Effective January 1, 2021);

AND THAT the Agenda, as amended, be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Moved by Councillor Girard, seconded by Councillor Valente

2. Regular Council Meeting Minutes, March 1, 2021

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

PROCLAMATIONS

Mayor Buchanan recognized International Women's Day.

Mayor Buchanan declared the following proclamations:

World Down Syndrome Day – March 21, 2021

Stop the Sexual Exploitation of Children and Youth Awareness Week
– March 8 to 14, 2021 – read by Councillor Girard

PUBLIC INPUT PERIOD

- Laurie Parkinson, 634 East 4th Street, North Vancouver, spoke regarding Item 9 – “Mobility Strategy – Preliminary Goals and Strategies” and Item 10 – “Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure Requirements for New Non-Residential Development”.

CONSENT AGENDA

Moved by Councillor Back, seconded by Councillor Girard

THAT the recommendations listed within the “Consent Agenda” be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

START OF CONSENT AGENDA

REPORTS

- *3. Offer to Donate Funds for Shipyards Pier Electrical Bunker Building Public Art Project
– File: 15-7750-01-0001/2021

Report: Public Art Officer, North Vancouver Recreation and Culture Commission,
February 11, 2021

Item 3 was removed from the agenda.

- *4. City of North Vancouver and the North Vancouver Board of Education – Memorandum of Understanding – File: 01-0400-80-0001/2021

Report: Chief Administrative Officer, February 8, 2021

Item 4 was removed from the agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA – Continued

CORRESPONDENCE

- *5. Board in Brief, Metro Vancouver Regional District, February 26, 2021
– File: 01-0400-60-0006/2021

Re: Metro Vancouver – Board in Brief

Moved by Councillor Back, seconded by Councillor Girard

THAT the correspondence from Metro Vancouver, dated February 26, 2021, regarding the “Metro Vancouver – Board in Brief”, be received and filed.

(CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY)

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

Moved by Councillor Bell, seconded by Councillor Valente

THAT the meeting recess to the Finance Committee Meeting regarding “2021 Financial Plan”.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The meeting recessed to the Finance Committee Meeting at 5:39 pm and reconvened at 5:59 pm.

REPORT – RECOMMENDATION OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

6. 2021 Financial Plan – File: 05-1700-01-0001/2021

Report: Director, Finance, February 24, 2021

Moved by Councillor Bell, seconded by Councillor Valente

PURSUANT to the report of the Director, Finance, dated February 24, 2021, entitled “2021 Financial Plan”:

THAT the 2021-2030 Capital Plan, dated February 24, 2021, be endorsed;

THAT the 2021 Financial Plan be approved;

AND THAT staff bring forward a Financial Plan Bylaw (2021 to 2030) that reflects an overall tax rate increase of 3.98%, which includes 3.70% for the Operating Plan, 0% for Infrastructure Reserves and 0.28% for New Items.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

REPORT

7. 2021 Early Approvals – Funding Appropriations #2103 – #2105 and “Development Cost Charge (Transportation) Reserve Fund Bylaw, 2021, No. 8821” (2021 Capital Plan Funding) – File: 05-1705-30-0019/2021

Report: Director, Finance, February 24, 2021

Moved by Councillor Girard seconded by Councillor McIlroy

PURSUANT to the report of the Director, Finance, dated February 24, 2021, entitled “2021 Early Approvals – Funding Appropriations #2103 – #2105 and “Development Cost Charge (Transportation) Reserve Fund Bylaw, 2021, No. 8821” (2021 Capital Plan Funding)”:

THAT (Funding Appropriation #2103) an amount of \$564,625 be appropriated from the Civic Amenity Reserve Fund for the purpose of funding the 2021 Capital Plan;

THAT (Funding Appropriation #2104) an amount of \$196,000 be appropriated from the General Capital Reserve Fund for the purpose of funding the 2021 Capital Plan;

THAT (Funding Appropriation #2105) an amount of \$115,000 be appropriated from the Tax Sale Land Interest Reserve Fund for the purpose of funding the 2021 Capital Plan;

THAT “Development Cost Charge (Transportation) Reserve Fund Bylaw, 2021, No. 8821” (2021 Capital Plan Funding), a Bylaw to appropriate an amount of \$210,375 from Development Cost Charge (Transportation) Reserve Fund to fund the 2021 Capital Plan, be considered;

AND THAT should any of the amounts remain unexpended as at December 31, 2024, the unexpended balances shall be returned to the credit of the respective fund.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

BYLAW – FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD READINGS

8. “Development Cost Charge (Transportation) Reserve Fund Bylaw, 2021, No. 8821” (2021 Capital Plan Funding)

Moved by Councillor Girard seconded by Councillor McIlroy

THAT “Development Cost Charge (Transportation) Reserve Fund Bylaw, 2021, No. 8821” (2021 Capital Plan Funding) be given first and second readings.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Moved by Councillor Girard seconded by Councillor McIlroy

THAT “Development Cost Charge (Transportation) Reserve Fund Bylaw, 2021, No. 8821” (2021 Capital Plan Funding) be given third reading.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

PRESENTATION

Mobility Strategy: Preliminary Goals and Strategies – Manager, Transportation Planning

The Deputy Director, Planning and Development and the Manager, Transportation Planning provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding the “Mobility Strategy: Preliminary Goals and Strategies” and responded to questions of Council.

REPORTS

9. Mobility Strategy – Preliminary Goals and Strategies – File: 16-8350-20-0036/1

Report: Manager, Transportation Planning, February 24, 2021

Moved by Councillor Valente, seconded by Councillor Girard

PURSUANT to the report of the Manager, Transportation Planning, dated February 24, 2021, entitled “Mobility Strategy – Preliminary Goals and Strategies”:

THAT staff be directed to utilize the Mobility Strategy – Preliminary Goals and Strategies as the basis for community and stakeholder consultation;

AND THAT staff be further directed to consider feedback from Council and the public to refine the preliminary goals and strategies.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10. Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure Requirements for New Non-Residential Development – File: 11-5280-20-0004/1

Report: Environmental Sustainability Specialist, February 24, 2021

Moved by Councillor McIlroy, seconded by Councillor Valente

PURSUANT to the report of the Environmental Sustainability Specialist, dated February 24, 2021, entitled “Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure Requirements for New Non-Residential Development”:

THAT “Zoning Bylaw, 1995, No. 6700, Amendment Bylaw, 2021, No. 8818” (Non-Residential Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure) be considered and the Public Hearing be waived;

THAT notification be circulated in accordance with the *Local Government Act*;

THAT the Mayor and Corporate Officer be authorized to sign the necessary documentation to give effect to this motion;

AND THAT the Sustainable Development Guidelines be updated to encourage EV-Ready infrastructure beyond Zoning Bylaw requirements and the installation of EV charging stations.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

BYLAW – FIRST AND SECOND READINGS

11. “Zoning Bylaw, 1995, No. 6700, Amendment Bylaw, 2021, No. 8818”
(Non-Residential Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure)

Moved by Councillor McIlroy, seconded by Councillor Valente

THAT “Zoning Bylaw, 1995, No. 6700, Amendment Bylaw, 2021, No. 8818” (Non-Residential Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure) be given first and second readings.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Councillor Girard left the meeting at 7:43 pm and returned at 7:52 pm.

REPORTS

12. Balanced Housing Lab – Next Steps for Advancing Prototypes
– File: 10-5040-20-0002/1

Report: Planner 1, February 24, 2021

Moved by Councillor Bell, seconded by Mayor Buchanan

PURSUANT to the report of the Planner 1, dated February 24, 2021, entitled “Balanced Housing Lab – Next Steps for Advancing Prototypes”:

THAT staff be directed to continue to advance the middle-income housing ‘Prototypes’;

THAT staff be directed to proceed with up to 3 pilot projects for the proposed Housing Opportunity Area within the Residential Level 5 land use designation, including the zoning regulations and the implementation approach, as the basis for consultation;

AND THAT staff be directed to determine the level of interest for the proposed Housing Opportunity Area for the School and Institutional land use designation to permit non-market residential uses within this designation as the basis for consultation.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

13. Help Cities Lead Initiative – File: 11-5280-20-0004/1

Report: Manager, Environmental Sustainability, February 24, 2021

Item 13 was removed from the agenda.

REPORTS – Continued

14. COVID-19 Safe Restart Grant Allocation Phase 1 – File: 14-7130-20-0015/1

Report: Deputy Chief Administrative Officer, February 25, 2021

Moved by Councillor Valente, seconded by Councillor Back

PURSUANT to the report of the Deputy Chief Administrative Officer, dated February 25, 2021, entitled “COVID-19 Safe Restart Grant Allocation Phase 1”:

THAT the proposed four streams of funding in a phased approach be endorsed;

AND THAT the allocation of \$1,940,000 in funding for Phase 1 projects be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

15. Development Process Improvements and Proposed Amendments
– File: 13-6630-01-0001/2021

Report: Director, Planning and Development, and Deputy Director, Engineering, Parks and Environment, March 1, 2021

Moved by Councillor Bell, seconded by Councillor McIlroy

PURSUANT to the report of the Director, Planning and Development, and the Deputy Director, Engineering Parks and Environment, dated March 1, 2021, entitled “Development Process Improvements and Proposed Amendments”:

THAT staff be directed to advance the development process improvement initiatives to improve service and access to information, reduce backlog and provide predictable outcomes and for staff to report back on progress and measured improvements;

AND THAT staff be further directed to bring forward amendments to the “Subdivision and Developments Control Bylaw, 2010, No. 8014”, including updates to Part 7 – Servicing Requirements and to Schedule A – Required Levels of Service.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

16. Council Remuneration Bylaw, 2021, No. 8820 (Council Remuneration Effective January 1, 2021) – File: 01-0530-04-0001/2021

Report: Corporate Officer, February 22, 2021

Item 16 was removed from the agenda.

BYLAW – FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD READINGS

17. “Council Remuneration Bylaw, 2021, No. 8820” (Council Remuneration Effective January 1, 2021)

Item 17 was removed from the agenda.

NOTICE OF MOTION

18. Federal Declaration of Opioid Crisis as a National Public Health Emergency
– File: 10-4900-01-0001/2021

Submitted by Mayor Buchanan and Councillor McIlroy

Moved by Mayor Buchanan, seconded by Councillor McIlroy

WHEREAS the opioid crisis is one of the largest public health emergencies of our lifetime, with a death, on average, about every two hours and a death toll of over 16,360 since 2016 (January 2016 to March 2020);

WHEREAS there were 1,716 overdose deaths last year in BC, representing the most fatalities in a single year from any unnatural cause;

WHEREAS the overdose crisis rages, showing few signs of abating;

WHEREAS the paralleled public health crisis, the COVID-19 pandemic, has been met with large-scale, multi-jurisdictional, comprehensive response;

WHEREAS other countries have significantly reduced drug-related fatalities through harm-reduction and legislative reforms;

WHEREAS the federal and provincial governments have a responsibility to ensure services and supports are in place to protect the well-being of all residents;

AND WHEREAS the City of North Vancouver is committed to supporting the health and well-being of residents and to work collaboratively with the community, community partners, individuals and families with lived experience to improve outcomes;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor write to the Government of Canada, in particular, the Minister of Health, on behalf of Council, requesting that the overdose crisis be declared a national public health emergency and be met with the same urgency observed in the federal response to the COVID-19 pandemic;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Mayor write to Premier John Horgan, on behalf of Council, requesting that he advocate for a national overdose action plan that would work in tandem with provincial plans, such as The Pathway to Hope, at a future First Ministers Meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

COUNCIL INQUIRIES / REPORTS

Nil.

NEW ITEMS OF BUSINESS

Nil.

NOTICES OF MOTION

Nil.

RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION

Moved by Councillor Valente, seconded by Councillor Bell

THAT Council recess to the Committee of the Whole (Closed Session) pursuant to the *Community Charter*, Section 90(1)(e) [land matter].

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The meeting recessed to the Committee of the Whole (Closed Session) at 8:44 pm and reconvened at 9:33 pm.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE (CLOSED SESSION)

19. Land Matter – File: 02-0890-20-0038/1

Report: Manager, Real Estate, February 22, 2021

Moved by Councillor Hu, seconded by Councillor Valente

PURSUANT to the report of the Manager, Real Estate, dated February 22, 2021, regarding a land matter:

THAT the action taken by the Committee of the Whole (Closed Session) be ratified;

AND THAT the wording of the recommendation and the report of the Manager, Real Estate, dated February 22, 2021, remain in the Closed session.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

20. Land Matter – File: 06-2210-01-0001/2021

Report: City Solicitor, February 24, 2021

Moved by Councillor Hu, seconded by Councillor Valente

PURSUANT to the report of the City Solicitor, dated February 24, 2021, regarding a land matter:

THAT the action taken by the Committee of the Whole (Closed Session) be ratified;

AND THAT the wording of the recommendation and the report of the City Solicitor, dated February 24, 2021, remain in the Closed session.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADJOURN

Moved by Councillor Bell, seconded by Councillor Back

THAT the meeting adjourn.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The meeting adjourned at 9:34 pm.

“Certified Correct by the Corporate Officer”

CORPORATE OFFICER