



MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER AND ELECTRONICALLY (HYBRID) FROM CITY HALL, 141 WEST 14TH STREET, NORTH VANCOUVER, BC, ON MONDAY, JANUARY 26, 2026

PRESENT

COUNCIL MEMBERS

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

**participated electronically*

STAFF MEMBERS

L. McCarthy, CAO
A. Cifarelli, Director, Legislative Services & Corporate Officer
J. Peters, Manager, Legislative & Election Services
L. Sawrenko, Chief Financial Officer
D. Van Heerden, Manager, Financial Planning
A. Pogosjan, City Solicitor
K. Magnusson, General Manager, Infrastructure, Transportation & Parks
D. Hutch, Director, Parks & Public Spaces
J. Draper, Director, Transportation
M. Revesz, Director, Infrastructure Management
M. Chan, General Manager, Planning, Development & Real Estate
M. Friesen, Acting Director, Planning
D. Fergusson, Manager, City Design and Planning
E. Doran, General Manager, Corporate Services
G. Schalk, General Manager, Public Safety & Fire Chief
A. Gibbs, Director, Communications & Engagement
S. Peters, Manager, Special Projects & Initiatives
T. Huckell, Legislative Services Advisor

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by Councillor Back, seconded by Councillor Valente

1. Regular Council Meeting Agenda, January 26, 2026

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

R2026-01-26/1

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Moved by Councillor Shahriari, seconded by Councillor Back

2. Regular Council Meeting Minutes, January 12, 2026

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

R2026-01-26/2

Councillor Shahriari expressed his support for the people of Iran during this difficult time.

PROCLAMATION

Mayor Buchanan declared the following proclamation:

International Holocaust Remembrance Day – January 27, 2026 – read by Councillor Girard

PUBLIC INPUT PERIOD

- Andrew Robertson, North Vancouver, spoke regarding the engagement of Item 3 – Provincial Legislation Alignment: Implementation of Bill 25.
- Lesley Henry, North Vancouver, spoke regarding density in the Moodyville area.
- Laurie Parkinson, North Vancouver, spoke regarding Item 3 – Provincial Legislation Alignment: Implementation of Bill 25.

PRESENTATIONS

- A. Infrastructure, Transportation and Parks Department 2025 Year in Review
– General Manager, Infrastructure, Transportation and Parks; Director, Transportation; and Director, Parks and Public Spaces

Infrastructure, Transportation and Parks staff provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding the “Infrastructure, Transportation and Parks Department 2025 Year in Review” and responded to questions from Council.

Councillor Back left the meeting at 7:15 pm and returned at 7:16 pm.

- B. Provincial Legislation Alignment Implementation of Bill 25 – Manager, City Design and Planning

Planning, Development and Real Estate staff provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding the “Provincial Legislation Alignment Implementation of Bill 25” and responded to questions from Council.

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3. Provincial Legislation Alignment: Implementation of Bill 25 – File: 09-3900-30-0017/1

Report: Manager, City Design and Planning, January 7, 2026

Moved by Councillor Valente, seconded by Councillor Girard

PURSUANT to the report of the Manager, City Design and Planning, dated January 7, 2026, entitled “Provincial Legislation Alignment: Implementation of Bill 25”:

THAT staff be directed to initiate bylaw amendments as described as “Option B: Consistent Block Approach”;

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3. Provincial Legislation Alignment: Implementation of Bill 25 – File: 09-3900-30-0017/1 – Continued

THAT staff be directed to proceed with community engagement and schedule an ‘OCP Facilitated Town Hall’ to gather feedback on the proposed amendments to the Official Community Plan;

AND THAT staff be directed to bring back proposed changes to the Official Community Plan and Zoning Bylaw prior to June 30, 2026, for Council’s consideration.

CARRIED
Councillor Back opposed.
R2026-01-26/3

4. 2025 Round Two Community Grant Recommendations – File: 05-1850-20-0005/2025

Report: Community Planner, January 7, 2026

Moved by Councillor Valente, seconded by Councillor Girard

PURSUANT to the report of the Community Planner, dated January 7, 2026, entitled “2025 Round Two Community Grant Recommendations”:

THAT the 2025 Round Two Community Grants be allocated to the following organizations, in the total amount of \$73,850, from the 2025 Community Grants budget:

Avalon Recovery Society - Operating	\$3,000
Blackout Art Society - Operating	\$1,000
Blackout Art Society - Program - Echoes of Tradition	\$2,000
Canadian Mental Health Association - North & West Vancouver Branch - Program - STEPS - Youth Program	\$2,000
Cinderella Project Society - Program - Boutique Day	\$500
Crisis Intervention and Suicide Prevention Centre of BC - Program - Suicide Awareness for Youth	\$2,500
Family Services of the North Shore - Program - Wonder Wheels	\$1,500
Habitat for Humanity Greater Vancouver - Program - Youth Skills Training Program	\$2,000
Hollyburn Community Services Society - Program - Morning Star Seniors Safe House (previously named the Seniors Safe House)	\$750
Hollyburn Community Services Society - Program - North Shore Youth Safe House	\$2,500
Hollyburn Community Services Society - Program - Youth Empowerment (previously ReWired, Youth Education Navigator & Life Success)	\$2,500
Hollyburn Community Services Society - Program - Family Homeless Case Worker	\$892

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4. 2025 Round Two Community Grant Recommendations – File: 05-1850-20-0005/2025 – Continued

Intellectual Disabilities Society North & West Vancouver (formerly NS ConneXions Society) - Program - Explore CNV – Inclusive Community Outings	\$2,000
Iranian Music Society of BC - Program - Nowruz in Harmony: A Community Music Celebration	\$1000
Kids Life Foundation - Program - Festivibe 2025 (Retroactive)	\$500
Leave Out Violence (LOVE) BC - Program - Art 4 Youth in North Van	\$3,500
Lionsview Seniors' Planning Society, North and West Vancouver - Program - Tech Connect for Seniors: Digital Literacy Program	\$1,500
Living Systems: Family Systems Counselling, Education, Training & Research Society - Program - Access Counselling	\$3,000
North Shore Alliance Church - Program - North Shore Community Christmas Dinner 2025	\$3,000
North Shore Disability Resource Centre - Program - Wellness Sensory Room	\$1000
North Shore Neighbourhood House - Program - Food Bank Security	\$12,000
North Shore Polish Association Belweder - Program - Canadian Polish Active Club - Seniors Club	\$500
North Shore Stroke Recovery Centre - Program - Art Therapy	\$2,000
North Shore Stroke Recovery Centre - Program - Exercise Therapy	\$2,000
Parkgate Community Services Society - Program - Youth Outreach Program/Services	\$3,500
Pathways Serious Mental Illness Society - Operating	\$3,000
Presentation House Theatre - Program - Golden Firefly	\$3,000
St. Andrew's United Church - Program - St. Andrew's Emergency Weather Shelter	\$4,208
Shiraz Seniors Services Society - Program - Shiraz Seniors Services Society Health Support	\$1,000
Squamish Nation - Program - Sk̓w̓x̓wú7mesh Úxwumixw Constitution Project	\$2,500
Sutherland Secondary - Community Connections - Program - Impact Initiative	\$500
Vancouver Iranian Choir Society - Operating	\$500
Volunteer Cancer Drivers Society - Operating	\$1,500
Wonder Wonders Foundation - Program - North Shore Kids Festival	\$1,000
Total	\$73,850

AND THAT the following organizations be notified that their application for a 2025 Community Grant will not be funded:

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4. 2025 Round Two Community Grant Recommendations – File: 05-1850-20-0005/2025 – Continued

Arts Hub Creative Society – Operating
Arts Hub Creative Society - Program - Expressive Arts Therapy Group for Children/Youth
Better Not Bitter Society – Operating
Better Not Bitter Society - Program - (The) Ally Buddy Program
Better Not Bitter Society - Program - BNBS Masterclass Series
FENS4LIFE Association - Program - Safe Community: A Path to Serenity
Habitat for Humanity Greater Vancouver - Program - Critical Repairs Program
Habitat for Humanity Greater Vancouver - Program - Kitchen Salvage Program
Iranian Music Society of BC – Operating
Junior Achievement of BC (JABC)- Program - Success Skills and Mental Wellbeing for North Vancouver Youth
Nisa Foundation - Program - Nisa Homes – Children's Program
North Shore Table Tennis Society - Operating
Presentation House Theatre – Operating
Reframe Voices Society - Program - The “Beyond Body Talk” Workshop
Royal Canadian Legion Branch #118 - Operating
Upper Lonsdale Preschool – Operating
Vancouver Iranian Choir Society - Program - CLUB Community Bridging (Connection for Leadership, Unity, and Business)
Vancouver Iranian Professionals Society - Operating
Vancouver Iranian Professionals Society - Program - Club Community Bridging (Connection for Leadership, Unity, and Business)
Vancouver Iranian Professionals Society - Program - Club Project - Expansion to the CLUB Community Bridging
Variety - The Children's Charity of BC - Program - Specialized Therapies for Low-Income North Vancouver Families
Wellwishers Professional Volunteer Society - Operating
Wonder Wonders Foundation – Operating

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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REPORTS – Continued

5. 2025 Appropriation #4 – Specific Projects – File: 05-1705-30-0019/2026

Report: Chief Financial Officer, January 7, 2026

Moved by Councillor Bell, seconded by Councillor Girard

PURSUANT to the report of the Chief Financial Officer, dated January 7, 2026, entitled “2025 Appropriation #4 – Specific Projects”:

THAT (Funding Appropriation #2542) an amount of \$503,022 be appropriated from the Growing Community Reserve for the purpose of funding the 2025-2029 Capital Plan;

THAT (Funding Appropriation #2543) an amount of \$135,000 be appropriated from the NSNH and City Parks Reserve for the purpose of funding the 2025-2029 Capital Plan;

AND THAT should any of the amounts remain unexpended as at December 31, 2028, the unexpended balances shall be returned to the credit of the respective reserves.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

R2026-01-26/5

6. 2026-2030 Financial Plan Bylaw – File: 05-1700-03-0001/2026

Report: Chief Financial Officer, January 7, 2026

The vote on the recommendation was taken separately as follows:

Moved by Councillor Girard, seconded by Councillor Bell

PURSUANT to the report of the Chief Financial Officer, dated January 7, 2026, entitled “2026-2030 Financial Plan Bylaw”:

THAT “Financial Plan for the Years 2026 to 2030 Bylaw, 2026, No. 9149” be considered;

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Moved by Councillor Valente, seconded by Councillor Girard

THAT 2026-2030 Financial Plan Reserve Fund General Appropriations, as set out in Attachment #1, be approved;

THAT 2026-2030 Financial Plan Reserve Fund Specific Appropriations, as set out in Attachment #2, be approved;

AND THAT should any of the amounts remain unexpended as at December 31, 2029, the unexpended balances shall be returned to the credit of the respective reserves.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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BYLAW – FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD READINGS

7. “Financial Plan for the Years 2026 to 2030 Bylaw, 2026, No. 9149”

Moved by Councillor Shahriari, seconded by Councillor Valente

THAT “Financial Plan for the Years 2026 to 2030 Bylaw, 2026, No. 9149” be given first, second and third readings.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

R2026-01-26/7

PUBLIC CLARIFICATION PERIOD

Nil.

COUNCIL INQUIRIES

Nil.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Nil.

NEW ITEMS OF BUSINESS

Nil.

NOTICES OF MOTION

Councillor Valente advised of his intention to bring forward a Notice of Motion at the next Regular Council meeting regarding Repair Café Events on the North Shore.

RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION

Moved by Councillor Girard, seconded by Councillor Bell

THAT Council recess to the Committee of the Whole, Closed Session, pursuant to the *Community Charter*, Sections 90(1)(a) [personal information], 90(1)(c) [labour relations], 90(1)(d) [security of City property] and 90(1)(e) [land matter].

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The meeting recessed to the Committee of the Whole, Closed Session, at 8:45 pm and reconvened at 9:14 pm with all members of Council present.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE (CLOSED SESSION)

Moved by Councillor Shahriari, seconded by Councillor Back

THAT the actions directed regarding the following items from the Committee of the Whole (Closed Session) of January 26, 2026, be ratified:

8. Proposed Density Transfer Extension: 120-128 East 14th Street (Three Shores)
– File: 08-3010-01-0001/2025

Report: Manager, Real Estate, and General Manager, Planning, Development and Real Estate, January 7, 2026

PURSUANT to the report of the Manager, Real Estate, and the General Manager, Planning, Development and Real Estate, dated January 7, 2026, entitled “Proposed Density Transfer Extension: 120-128 East 14th Street (Three Shores)”:

THAT the City enter into, and that the Manager, Real Estate be authorized to execute, a 12-month extension, expiring February 11, 2027, of the Density Transfer Agreement with 120-128 East 14th Street Holdings Ltd., doing business as Three Shores, to sell transferable density from the City-owned ‘donor’ site at 2300 Lonsdale Avenue and 116 East 23rd Street (the site of the new Harry Jerome Community Recreation Centre) to the ‘recipient’ site at 120-128 East 14th Street, at a rate of \$195.00 per buildable square foot, with the transfer being subject to the adoption of rezoning bylaws for both the donor and recipient sites, at Council’s sole discretion;

AND THAT the report of the Manager, Real Estate, and the General Manager, Planning, Development and Real Estate, dated January 7, 2026, entitled “Proposed Density Transfer Extension: 120-128 East 14th Street (Three Shores)”, remain in the Closed session.

R2026-01-26/8

9. Labour Relations Matter – File: 07-2700-20-0002/1

Report: Director, People and Culture, January 12, 2026

PURSUANT to the report of the Director, People and Culture, dated January 12, 2026, regarding a labour relations matter:

THAT the wording of the resolution and the report of the Director, People and Culture, dated January 12, 2026, remain in the Closed session.

R2026-01-26/9

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE (CLOSED SESSION) – Continued

10. Appointments to the Integrated Transportation Committee – File: 01-0360-20-0040/2026

Report: Director, Legislative Services and Corporate Officer, January 7, 2026

PURSUANT to the report of the Director, Legislative Services and Corporate Officer, dated January 7, 2026, entitled “Appointments to the Integrated Transportation Committee”:

THAT Amber Harder be appointed as the Business Representative to the Integrated Transportation Committee for the term commencing on February 1, 2026 and concluding on January 31, 2028;

THAT Matthew Cusanelli, Brady Faught and Richard Walton be re-appointed to the Integrated Transportation Committee for the term commencing on February 1, 2026 and concluding on January 31, 2028;

AND THAT the resolution be released and the report of the Director, Legislative Services and Corporate Officer, dated January 7, 2026, entitled “Appointments to the Integrated Transportation Committee”, remain in the Closed session.

R2026-01-26/10

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADJOURN

Moved by Councillor Bell, seconded by Councillor Girard

THAT the meeting adjourn.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The meeting adjourned at 9:15 pm.

“Certified Correct by the Corporate Officer”

CORPORATE OFFICER