



**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER AND ELECTRONICALLY (HYBRID) FROM CITY HALL, 141 WEST 14<sup>TH</sup> STREET, NORTH VANCOUVER, BC, ON MONDAY, MARCH 30, 2026**

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**PRESENT:** Mayor L. Buchanan  
Councillor H. Back  
Councillor D. Bell  
Councillor A. Girard  
Councillor J. McIlroy  
Councillor S. Shahriari  
Councillor T. Valente (joined at 6:03 pm)

The meeting was called to order at 6:01 pm.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Moved by Councillor Bell, seconded by Councillor Back

1. Regular Council Meeting Agenda, March 30, 2026

THAT the Regular Agenda of March 30, 2026 be amended:

- after Item 4, by adding Presentation – Life Sciences in the Metro Vancouver Region; and
- under New Items of Business, by adding Item 15 – North Shore Wastewater Treatment Plant: Accountability and Fairness;

AND THAT the Agenda, as amended, be approved.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

R2026-03-30/1

**ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

Moved by Councillor Shahriari, seconded by Councillor Girard

2. Regular Council Meeting Minutes, March 9, 2026

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

R2026-03-30/2

**PROCLAMATION**

Mayor Buchanan declared the following proclamation:

Green Shirt Day – April 7, 2026

Councillor Valente joined the meeting at 6:03 pm.

## **PUBLIC INPUT PERIOD**

Moved by Councillor Bell, seconded by Councillor Girard

THAT the Public Input Period be extended to hear all the speakers listed on the sign-up sheet.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

- Dennis Hilton, North Vancouver, spoke regarding productivity in the City.
- Matt du Toit, North Vancouver, spoke regarding Cloverley Street sidewalks.
- Richard Short, North Vancouver, spoke regarding various City projects.
- Gary Nishimura, North Vancouver, spoke regarding community engagement and communication.
- Patricia Galvao, North Vancouver, spoke regarding Cloverley Street sidewalks.
- Connie Doerksen, North Vancouver, spoke regarding the Lonsdale Great Street project.
- Robert Morrison, North Vancouver, spoke regarding Cloverley Park and the new Cloverley school experience.
- Letitia Lipp, North Vancouver, spoke regarding Cloverley Street parking and the new Cloverley school.
- Nicola Edwards, North Vancouver, spoke regarding Cloverley Street crosswalks.
- Inderjeet Ghuman, North Vancouver, spoke regarding Cloverley Street parking.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

Moved by Councillor Girard, seconded by Councillor Bell

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

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

## **START OF CONSENT AGENDA**

### **BYLAWS – ADOPTION**

3. “Delegation Bylaw, 2026, No. 9157”

Moved by Councillor Girard, seconded by Councillor Bell

THAT “Delegation Bylaw, 2026, No. 9157” be adopted, signed by the Mayor and Corporate Officer and affixed with the corporate seal.

**(CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY BY CONSENT)**

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4. “Officers Bylaw, 2026, No. 9158”

Moved by Councillor Girard, seconded by Councillor Bell

THAT “Officers Bylaw, 2026, No. 9158” be adopted, signed by the Mayor and Corporate Officer and affixed with the corporate seal.

**(CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY BY CONSENT)**

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## **END OF CONSENT AGENDA**

## **PRESENTATION**

City of North Vancouver Health Innovation District – Katie Fitzmaurice, Executive Vice President, Invest Vancouver at Metro Vancouver, and Rowena Rizzotti, Lead Consultant, Osprey Point Consulting

Katie Fitzmaurice, Invest Vancouver at Metro Vancouver, and Rowena Rizzotti, Osprey Point Consulting, provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding the “City of North Vancouver Health Innovation District” and responded to questions from Council.

Councillor Girard left the meeting at 7:28 pm and returned at 7:30 pm.

## **REPORTS**

5. Health Innovation District – Early Progress and Next Steps – File: 13-6750-20-0008/1

Report: Manager, Economic Development, March 11, 2026

Moved by Councillor Valente, seconded by Councillor Back

PURSUANT to the report of the Manager, Economic Development, dated March 11, 2026, entitled “Health Innovation District – Early Progress and Next Steps”:

THAT Council direct staff to prepare a Stakeholder Roundtable Terms of Reference and develop a draft Memoranda of Understanding, in collaboration with prospective Stakeholder Roundtable members, for the Health Innovation District, and present to Council for consideration and approval;

AND THAT Council direct staff to provide a further update on the development progress of the Stakeholder Roundtable in fall 2026.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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6. North Point Brewing Corp. – Application for Curbside Patio Liquor Service Area – Public Consultation and Recommendation – File: 09-4320-50-0002/2026

Report: Manager, Economic Development, March 11, 2026

Moved by Councillor Valente, seconded by Mayor Buchanan

PURSUANT to the report of the Manager, Economic Development, dated March 11, 2026, entitled “North Point Brewing Corp. – Application for Curbside Patio Liquor Service Area – Public Consultation and Recommendation”:

THAT the application for a curbside patio liquor service area for North Point Brewing Corp., be supported, provided that the establishment first enter into a Good Neighbour Agreement with the City of North Vancouver;

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## **REPORTS – Continued**

6. North Point Brewing Corp. – Application for Curbside Patio Liquor Service Area – Public Consultation and Recommendation – File: 09-4320-50-0002/2026 – Continued

AND THAT the Liquor and Cannabis Regulation Branch be informed of this resolution and recommendation that the application be approved on the basis that:

- The impact of noise on the community in the immediate vicinity of the establishment, in general, is expected to be minimal, if managed diligently;
- The proposed curbside patio liquor service area is consistent with the vision for the Shipyards Brewery District;
- The proposed curbside patio liquor service area will not result in business operations of a manner that is contrary to the primary purpose of the business; and
- The results of the public feedback conducted by City staff found a majority of respondents in support of the proposed curbside patio liquor service area.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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7. Business Licence Bylaw Amendment – File: 13-6750-01-0001/2026

Report: Manager, Business Services, March 11, 2026

Moved by Councillor Bell, seconded by Councillor Valente

PURSUANT to the report of the Manager, Business Services, dated March 11, 2026, entitled “Business Licence Bylaw Amendment”:

THAT “Business Licence Bylaw, 2018, No. 8640, Amendment Bylaw, 2026, No. 9155” (Second-Hand Dealer Exemptions) be considered for readings.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

R2026-03-30/7

## **BYLAW – FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD READINGS**

8. “Business Licence Bylaw, 2018, No. 8640, Amendment Bylaw, 2026, No. 9155” (Second-Hand Dealer Exemptions)

Moved by Councillor Bell, seconded by Councillor Valente

THAT “Business Licence Bylaw, 2018, No. 8640, Amendment Bylaw, 2026, No. 9155” (Second-Hand Dealer Exemptions) be given first, second and third readings.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

R2026-03-30/8

## **REPORT**

9. North Shore Emergency Management Bylaws Update – File: 01-0110-01-0001/2026

Report: General Manager, Public Safety and Fire Chief; General Manager, Infrastructure, Transportation and Parks; and City Solicitor, March 20, 2026

Moved by Councillor McIlroy, seconded by Councillor Valente

PURSUANT to the report of the General Manager, Public Safety and Fire Chief, the General Manager, Infrastructure, Transportation and Parks, and the City Solicitor, dated March 20, 2026, entitled “North Shore Emergency Management Bylaws Update”:

THAT the following bylaws be considered for readings:

- “North Shore Emergency Management Establishing Bylaw, 2026, No. 9159”;  
and
- “North Shore Emergency Management Delegation Bylaw, 2026, No. 9160”.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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## **BYLAWS – FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD READINGS**

10. “North Shore Emergency Management Establishing Bylaw, 2026, No. 9159”

Moved by Councillor McIlroy, seconded by Councillor Valente

THAT “North Shore Emergency Management Establishing Bylaw, 2026, No. 9159” be given first, second and third readings.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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11. “North Shore Emergency Management Delegation Bylaw, 2026, No. 9160”

Moved by Councillor McIlroy, seconded by Councillor Valente

THAT “North Shore Emergency Management Delegation Bylaw, 2026, No. 9160” be given first, second and third readings.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

R2026-03-30/11

## **REPORTS**

12. 2026 Property Tax Rate Distribution Options – File: 05-1970-05-0005/2026

Report: Chief Financial Officer, March 11, 2026

Moved by Councillor McIlroy, seconded by Councillor Valente

PURSUANT to the report of the Chief Financial Officer, dated March 11, 2026, entitled “2026 Property Tax Rate Distribution Options”:

THAT an across-the-board 2026 Property Tax Rate Distribution be endorsed.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

R2026-03-30/12

13. Metro Vancouver South of the Fraser Mayors’ Request – File: 13-6500-01-0001/2026

Report: Manager, City Design and Planning, March 23, 2026

Moved by Councillor Bell, seconded by Councillor McIlroy

PURSUANT to the report of the Manager, City Design and Planning, dated March 23, 2026, entitled “Metro Vancouver South of the Fraser Mayors’ Request”:

THAT staff be directed to respond to Metro Vancouver’s correspondence, dated January 20, 2026, titled, “Consultation of Proposed *Metro 2050* Amendment Options in Response to South of the Fraser Mayors’ Request” outlining the need for additional information, as outlined in the “Proposed Response”;

AND THAT a copy of the correspondence to Metro Vancouver be distributed to Council.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

R2026-03-30/13

## **PUBLIC CLARIFICATION PERIOD**

Nil.

## **COUNCIL INQUIRIES**

14. St. Andrews Avenue Improvement Project – File: 01-0220-01-0001/2026

Inquiry by Councillor Shahriari

Councillor Shahriari requested information regarding monitoring data of the St. Andrews Avenue Improvement Project, including:

- Do we have any historical data from the area between April-May? If not, how are we benchmarking the data we are collecting?

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## **COUNCIL INQUIRIES – Continued**

14. St. Andrews Avenue Improvement Project – File: 01-0220-01-0001/2026 – Continued

- Has there been any monitoring since the project concluded in 2024? If not, how are we assessing the area?
- Does our historical data include all modes of transportation?
- Does the data collected differentiate between northbound and southbound traffic volumes?
- Previously there was some historical data on the St. Andrews project website. Where can the new data be found?
- Council was advised that staff are exploring cell phone data. How would cell phone data be used for tracking volumes?

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## **COUNCIL REPORTS**

Nil.

## **NEW ITEMS OF BUSINESS**

15. North Shore Wastewater Treatment Plant: Accountability and Fairness  
– File: 01-0530-12-0001/2026

Moved by Mayor Buchanan, seconded by Councillor Bell

WHEREAS the North Shore Wastewater Treatment Plant was originally budgeted at \$700 million and has since escalated to \$3.86 billion, an increase of more than 400%;

WHEREAS under the current Metro Vancouver cost-sharing formula, North Shore residents are responsible for 37% of these costs while representing only approximately 8% of Metro Vancouver's population;

WHEREAS households in the City of North Vancouver and the District of North Vancouver now face significant additional sewerage and drainage costs on their utility bills for up to 30 years;

WHEREAS concerns regarding cost escalation, cost allocation and an independent review have been raised repeatedly through Metro Vancouver without resolution;

WHEREAS Metro Vancouver's independent review, initiated in 2025, was halted within months and deferred until the conclusion of litigation with Acciona, currently scheduled for March 2027, delaying transparency and accountability for residents already facing these costs;

WHEREAS Metro Vancouver and the Greater Vancouver Sewerage and Drainage District are bodies created under provincial legislation, and the Province of British Columbia therefore has the authority to intervene where regional governance and cost allocation are not functioning fairly;

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## **NEW ITEMS OF BUSINESS – Continued**

15. North Shore Wastewater Treatment Plant: Accountability and Fairness  
– File: 01-0530-12-0001/2026 – Continued

AND WHEREAS on March 5, 2026, Mayor Buchanan and Mayor Little met with Premier David Eby, who publicly committed to reviewing their request for provincial action;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council support the joint request by Mayor Buchanan (City of North Vancouver) and Mayor Little (District of North Vancouver) for an independent public inquiry into the cost overruns of the North Shore Wastewater Treatment Plant;

THAT Council call on the Province of British Columbia to conduct an independent review of Metro Vancouver and the Greater Vancouver Sewerage and Drainage District, including governance structures and cost-sharing practices, and require meaningful reforms with binding outcomes;

THAT the Province establish a clear and equitable framework for cost-sharing on regional infrastructure projects, including mechanisms to fairly address major cost overruns;

THAT the Province address the democratic accountability gap in Metro Vancouver's sewerage borrowing framework so municipalities and residents have safeguards comparable to those required under the *Community Charter* and *Local Government Act*;

AND THAT Council direct the Chief Administrative Officer to keep residents informed through updates, City actions and advocacy on the City's website, and that this resolution be forwarded to Premier David Eby, Minister Christine Boyle, North Shore MLAs, and the Metro Vancouver Board.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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## **NOTICES OF MOTION**

Nil.

## **RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION**

Moved by Councillor Shahriari, seconded by Councillor Back

THAT Council recess to the Committee of the Whole, Closed Session, pursuant to the *Community Charter*, Sections 90(1)(c) [labour relations], 90(1)(e) [land matter], 90(1)(i) [legal advice], and 90(1)(k) [proposed service].

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

The meeting recessed to the Committee of the Whole, Closed Session at 8:41 pm.

A motion was passed in the Closed Session to continue the meeting past 10:30 pm.

A motion was passed in the Closed Session to continue the meeting past 11:00 pm.

The Regular meeting reconvened at 11:15 pm with the following members of Council present: Mayor Buchanan, Councillor Back, Councillor Bell, Councillor McIlroy, Councillor Shahriari and Councillor Valente.

### **REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE (CLOSED SESSION)**

Moved by Councillor Valente, seconded by Councillor McIlroy

THAT the actions directed regarding the following items from the Committee of the Whole (Closed Session) of March 30, 2026, be ratified:

16. Land Matter – File: 02-0890-20-0092/1

Report: General Manager, Planning, Development and Real Estate, March 11, 2026

PURSUANT to the report of the General Manager, Planning, Development and Real Estate, dated March 11, 2026, regarding a land matter:

THAT the wording of the resolution and the report of the General Manager, Planning, Development and Real Estate, dated March 11, 2026, remain in the Closed session.

R2026-03-30/16

17. Proposed Service – File: 02-0800-30-0028/1

Report: Deputy Director, Civic Development and Strategic Initiatives, March 12, 2026

PURSUANT to the report of the Deputy Director, Civic Development and Strategic Initiatives, dated March 12, 2026, regarding a proposed service:

THAT the wording of the resolution and the report of the Deputy Director, Civic Development and Strategic Initiatives, dated March 12, 2026, remain in the Closed session.

R2026-03-30/17

18. Labour Relations – File: 01-0560-20-0001/2026

Report: Director, People and Culture, March 23, 2026

PURSUANT to the report of the Director, People and Culture, dated March 23, 2026, regarding labour relations:

THAT the wording of the resolution and the report of the Director, People and Culture, dated March 23, 2026, remain in the Closed session.

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**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**ADJOURN**

Moved by Councillor Valente, seconded by Councillor McIlroy

THAT the meeting adjourn.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

The meeting adjourned at 11:16 pm.

*“Certified Correct by the Corporate Officer”*

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