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, JULY 20, 2026**

PRESENT:

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

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by Councillor Shahriari, seconded by Councillor Valente

1. Regular Council Meeting Agenda, July 20, 2026

   THAT the Regular Agenda of July 20, 2026 be amended by moving Item 6 – "North Shore Wastewater Treatment Plant – Application of Settlement Proceeds, Independent Review, and Request for Public Inquiry by BC Inspector of Municipalities" after Item 3, as part of the Consent Agenda;

   AND THAT the Agenda, as amended, be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
R2026-07-20/1

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Moved by Councillor Back, seconded by Councillor McIlroy

2. Regular Council Meeting Minutes, July 13, 2026

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
R2026-07-20/2

PROCLAMATION

Mayor Buchanan declared the following proclamation:

Pride Week – July 25 - August 2, 2026 – read by Councillor Back

PUBLIC INPUT PERIOD

Moved by Councillor Bell, seconded by Councillor Shahriari

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- Mike McGraw, North Vancouver, spoke regarding Item 9 – Harbour Swimming Deck.
- Dennis Hilton, North Vancouver, spoke regarding municipal priorities.
- Ryan Benson, North Vancouver, spoke regarding Item 9 – Harbour Swimming Deck.
- Richard Short, North Vancouver, spoke regarding Item 9 – Harbour Swimming Deck.
- Tom Woywitka, North Vancouver, spoke regarding Item 9 – Harbour Swimming Deck.
- Andrew Robertson, North Vancouver, spoke regarding Item 8 – Establishing a Cooling Strategy for Multi-Unit Residential Buildings.
- Stephanie Wilson, North Vancouver, spoke regarding excessively loud vehicles in Lower Lonsdale.

CONSENT AGENDA

Moved by Councillor McIlroy, seconded by Councillor Valente

THAT the recommendations listed within the "Consent Agenda" be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

START OF CONSENT AGENDA

BYLAW – ADOPTION

3. "Taxation Exemption Bylaw, 2026, No. 9156"

Moved by Councillor McIlroy, seconded by Councillor Valente

THAT "Taxation Exemption Bylaw, 2026, No. 9156" be adopted, signed by the Mayor and Corporate Officer and affixed with the corporate seal.

(CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY BY CONSENT)
R2026-07-20/3

CONSENT AGENDA – Continued

MOTION

6. North Shore Wastewater Treatment Plant – Application of Settlement Proceeds, Independent Review, and Request for Public Inquiry by BC Inspector of Municipalities – File: 01-0400-60-0006/2026

Submitted by Mayor Buchanan

Moved by Councillor McIlroy, seconded by Councillor Valente

THAT Council amend the following resolution from the July 6, 2026 Regular meeting to replace the phrase "section 765 of the *Local Government Act*" with the phrase "relevant legislation, including section 59 of *An Act to Incorporate the Greater Vancouver Sewerage and Drainage District* and section 765 of the *Local Government Act*":

WHEREAS the City of North Vancouver has repeatedly raised concerns regarding the cost escalation of the North Shore Wastewater Treatment Plant (NSWWTP) from an original estimate of $700 million to $3.86 billion, and the disproportionate burden this places on North Shore residents;

WHEREAS on March 5, 2026, the Mayors of the City and District of North Vancouver met with the Premier of British Columbia and Minister of Housing and Municipal Affairs, and by joint letter dated April 28, 2026 reaffirmed the requests for a public inquiry into the NSWWTP cost overruns by the province, a provincial review of Metro Vancouver's governance framework, and a fairness mechanism to protect municipalities from bearing the cost of uncontrolled escalations on regional mega-projects;

WHEREAS on May 13, 2026, the GVS&DD Board announced a mediated settlement of its litigation with Acciona Wastewater Solutions LP under which Acciona provided $235 million to the GVS&DD, and the GVS&DD has not confirmed how those proceeds will be applied;

WHEREAS Metro Vancouver has since announced a review of the NSWWTP Program that is commissioned and funded by Metro Vancouver will proceed as litigation is complete;

WHEREAS a review commissioned by the very entity whose governance and processes are under examination cannot provide the independence, public confidence, and accountability that residents require and deserve;

AND WHEREAS the District of North Vancouver Council is concurrently considering a resolution to submit a complaint to the Inspector of Municipalities pursuant to relevant legislation, including section 59 of *An Act to Incorporate the Greater Vancouver Sewerage and Drainage District* and section 765 of the *Local Government Act*, and a united North Shore position materially strengthens both requests;

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6. North Shore Wastewater Treatment Plant – Application of Settlement Proceeds, Independent Review, and Request for Public Inquiry by BC Inspector of Municipalities – File: 01-0400-60-0006/2026 – Continued

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

1. THAT Council write to the GVS&DD Board requesting that the full $235 million settlement received by the GVS&DD from Acciona be applied to the North Shore subregion to reduce the cost of the NSWWTP, with the benefit allocated to North Shore ratepayers;

2. THAT Council re-affirm in writing to the Chair, Metro Vancouver Board of City of North Vancouver's position that any review of the NSWWTP Program must be truly independent, commissioned at arm's length from Metro Vancouver, preferably by the Province of British Columbia or the Inspector of Municipalities, with terms of reference not determined by Metro Vancouver;

3. THAT the Mayor, on behalf of Council, submit a complaint to the Inspector of Municipalities of British Columbia pursuant to relevant legislation, including section 59 of *An Act to Incorporate the Greater Vancouver Sewerage and Drainage District* and section 765 of the *Local Government Act*, regarding Metro Vancouver's management of the NSWWTP, specifically requesting: (a) a public inquiry into the NSWWTP cost overruns to establish an independent record of what occurred with recommendations; (b) a provincial review of Metro Vancouver's governance framework, particularly the *GVS&DD Act* and the mechanisms by which it can borrow billions of dollars on behalf of member municipalities without their meaningful consent; and (c) a fairness mechanism to protect municipalities from bearing the cost of massive, uncontrolled escalations on regional mega-projects over which they have no effective oversight;

4. AND THAT copies of this resolution be forwarded to the Premier of British Columbia; the Minister of Housing and Municipal Affairs; the Inspector of Municipalities; the Chair of the Metro Vancouver Board of Directors; the Chair of the GVS&DD Board; and the Councils of the District of North Vancouver and the District of West Vancouver.

(CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY BY CONSENT)

R2026-07-20/6

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

DELEGATION

Jennifer Belak, Executive Director, and Farah Steen, Director, Stakeholder and Community Engagement, Vancouver's North Shore Tourism Association (VNSTA)

Re: Major Initiatives and Program Highlights

Jennifer Belak and Farah Steen, Vancouver's North Shore Tourism Association, provided a video presentation regarding the "VNSTA's Major Initiatives and Program Highlights" and responded to questions from Council.

CORRESPONDENCE

4. Jennifer Belak, Executive Director, Vancouver's North Shore Tourism Association, June 4, 2026 – File: 01-0230-20-0037/2026

Re: Update on Vancouver's North Shore Tourism Association's Activities and Accomplishments

Moved by Councillor McIlroy, seconded by Councillor Girard

THAT the correspondence from Jennifer Belak, Executive Director, Vancouver's North Shore Tourism Association, dated June 4, 2026, regarding the "Update on Vancouver's North Shore Tourism Association's Activities and Accomplishments", be received for information with thanks.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
R2026-07-20/4

PRESENTATIONS

A. Public Safety Fire and Bylaws 2025 Annual Report – General Manager, Public Safety and Fire Chief; Deputy Fire Chief, Prevention and Public Safety; Deputy Fire Chief, Operations & Support; and Manager, Bylaw Services

Public Safety staff provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding the "Public Safety Fire and Bylaws 2025 Annual Report" and responded to questions from Council.

Councillor Girard left the meeting at 7:09 pm and returned at 7:11 pm.

B. E-Mobility Education and Safety-Focused Enforcement – Director, Transportation

Infrastructure, Transportation & Parks and Public Safety staff provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding "E-Mobility Education and Safety-Focused Enforcement" and responded to questions from Council.

Mayor Buchanan declared a recess at 8:45 pm and reconvened the meeting at 8:49 pm with all members of Council present.

PRESENTATIONS – Continued

C. Harbour Swim Deck Project – Gregary Ford, Vice President, Swim Drink Fish, and Lake Ontario Waterkeeper

Gregary Ford, Swim Drink Fish, and Infrastructure, Transportation & Parks staff provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding the "Harbour Swim Deck Project" and responded to questions from Council.

RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION

Moved by Councillor McIlroy, seconded by Councillor Girard

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The meeting recessed to the Committee of the Whole, Closed Session at 9:36 pm and reconvened at 9:43 pm with all members of Council present.

REPORT

5. 2026 Appropriation #2 – File: 05-1705-30-0019/2026

Report: Chief Financial Officer, July 2, 2026

Moved by Councillor Valente, seconded by Councillor McIlroy

PURSUANT to the report of the Chief Financial Officer, dated July 2, 2026, entitled "2026 Appropriation #2":

THAT the 2026-2030 Financial Plan Specific Appropriations, as set out in Attachment #1, 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
R2026-07-20/5

MOTION

6. North Shore Wastewater Treatment Plant – Application of Settlement Proceeds, Independent Review, and Request for Public Inquiry by BC Inspector of Municipalities – File: 01-0400-60-0006/2026

Item 6 was considered under the Consent Agenda.

NOTICES OF MOTION

7. Enhancing Pedestrian Safety Through E-Mobility Signage – File: 01-0530-12-0001/2026

Submitted by Councillor Shahriari

Moved by Councillor Shahriari, seconded by Councillor Back

WHEREAS the City of North Vancouver supports the safe and responsible use of electric mobility devices as an important transportation option for many residents and visitors;

WHEREAS the number and variety of electric mobility devices, including electric scooters, electric bicycles, electric cargo bicycles, and other forms of micromobility, have increased significantly in recent years, resulting in greater use of shared public spaces by both riders and pedestrians;

WHEREAS the City of North Vancouver participates in the Provincial Electric Kick Scooter Pilot Project and has regulations governing where electric mobility devices may operate, including restrictions on sidewalks, crosswalks, and certain roadways;

WHEREAS many residents, visitors, and riders may be unaware of these regulations and of where electric mobility devices may legally operate within the City;

WHEREAS Council has previously directed staff to explore opportunities to improve safety through education related to the use of electric mobility devices;

AND WHEREAS location-specific signage and pavement markings can improve public awareness, reduce conflicts between pedestrians and riders, and promote the safe sharing of public spaces;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT staff be directed to report back to Council with options, costs, and potential locations for a phased Pedestrian Safety and E-Mobility Signage Program that would:

a. Identify opportunities for early implementation of signage and pavement markings at priority “hot spot” locations, based on factors such as reported collision data, pedestrian volumes, and community feedback, to improve pedestrian safety and awareness of existing regulations governing electric mobility devices;

b. Consider ways to promote safe and lawful use of electric mobility devices in areas of high pedestrian activity, including shared pathways where signage may assist in promoting pedestrian priority, yielding behaviour, and safe interactions between riders and pedestrians;

c. Explore opportunities to improve public awareness of existing rules and regulations through signage at strategic locations throughout the City; and

d. Explore opportunities for consistent signage and messaging across the North Shore to improve public understanding and regional consistency.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
R2026-07-20/7

Moved by Councillor Valente, seconded by Councillor Back

THAT the meeting continue past 10:30 pm.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

NOTICES OF MOTION – Continued

8. Establishing a Cooling Strategy, including Maximum Indoor Temperature Standard, for Multi-Unit Residential Buildings – File: 01-0530-12-0001/2026

Submitted by Councillor Girard

Moved by Councillor Girard, seconded by Councillor Bell

WHEREAS it is known that the human body normally regulates its internal temperature through sweating, and during extended periods of extreme heat in the summer, the body's internal systems become increasingly stressed and for some, unable to cool the body effectively, with known impacts to and increased strain of the body's nervous, circulatory and respiratory systems;

WHEREAS the threat of the summer's extreme heat affects our community's most vulnerable members, such as seniors, children, individuals living with chronic diseases, and/or individuals living in housing without adequate cooling systems, and the risk to them of heat-related deaths and other serious health effects increases as the number of days of extreme heat increases;

WHEREAS while the City of North Vancouver has taken proactive measures to respond to times of prolonged extreme heat by providing cooling stations around the City for community members to seek respite during these times;

WHEREAS in 2024, the Provincial Government changed the B.C. Building Code to mandate that every Multi-Unit Residential Building have at least one "cool" room – by their definition, it must be cooler than 26°C;

WHEREAS Multi-Unit Residential Buildings built after 2024 will need to meet this Provincial requirement, and there are no requirements within the B.C. Building Code to require Multi-Unit Residential Buildings built before 2024 to meet this one "cool" room requirement;

WHEREAS a Toolkit was created for "Thermal Safety in Existing Multi-Unit Residential Buildings" which includes a series of recommendations for actions both at the municipal and provincial level;

WHEREAS the City of Vancouver recently considered a report dated May 5, 2026 entitled "Report Back – Giving Effect to Cooling Rights in a Climate Emergency Through the Licence Bylaw", which recommended, among other things, that Council request the Province amend the *Vancouver Charter* – the distinct provincial legislation that governs the City of Vancouver – to permit Vancouver to establish maximum indoor temperature standards, as Vancouver's own enabling legislation currently authorizes only the regulation of minimum indoor temperature;

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8. Establishing a Cooling Strategy, including Maximum Indoor Temperature Standard, for Multi-Unit Residential Buildings – File: 01-0530-12-0001/2026 – Continued

WHEREAS the City of North Vancouver is governed not by the *Vancouver Charter* but by the *Community Charter* and the *Local Government Act*, together with the provincial *Building Act*, which set out different rules than those applicable to the City of Vancouver regarding local government authority over building and temperature standards;

AND WHEREAS the City of New Westminster, a municipality governed by the *Community Charter*, as is the City of North Vancouver, has already enacted amendments to its Business Regulations and Licensing (Rental Units) Bylaw (May 2025 and June 2026) prohibiting restrictions on cooling devices and requiring at least one living space in a rental unit to be maintained at or below 26°C between 8:00 p.m. and 8:00 a.m., indicating that municipalities governed by the *Community Charter* may already have some authority to act in this area, distinct from the position of the City of Vancouver;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT staff investigate and report back on a Cooling Strategy for the City of North Vancouver to address periods of extreme heat and summertime cooling, which should include research on the City's existing authority under the *Community Charter* and *Building Act* to establish a maximum indoor temperature bylaw – set at 26°C – for existing and future rental Multi-Unit Residential Buildings;

THAT in the proposed Cooling Strategy, staff consider the following in their review:

- increased size of openable windows within the units themselves;
- mandatory HVAC cooling system for a building's common areas and within the units, with priority on the installation of heat pumps;
- accommodations for portable AC cooling devices and/or heat pumps where a building's HVAC cooling system does not extend to each individual unit; and
- investigate options for those who are unable to purchase a portable AC cooling device during extended times of extreme heat;

AND THAT the Mayor, on behalf of City Council, write to the BC Minister of Housing and Municipal Affairs to:

- advocate for the inclusion of the Right to Cool for Multi-Unit Residential Buildings in the *Strata Property Act* and the *Residential Tenancy Act*, and to prohibit landlords and strata corporations from restricting or preventing residents from using portable cooling devices; and
- request an update on the Province's effort to support Metro Vancouver local governments, outside the City of Vancouver, in establishing standards for cooling in Multi-Unit Residential Buildings.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
R2026-07-20/8

NOTICES OF MOTION – Continued

9. Harbour Swimming Deck – File: 01-0530-12-0001/2026

Submitted by Councillor Bell, Councillor Back and Councillor Shahriari

Moved by Councillor Bell, seconded by Councillor Back

WHEREAS the initial Public Engagement Process for the proposed Harbour Swimming Deck at Waterfront Park has now concluded and several questions are now being raised by the public;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT staff report back to Council with respect to the following items in relation to the Harbour Swimming Deck:

- Health risk to swimmers due to acknowledged industrial and harbour-related pollutants in the Vancouver Inner Harbour;
- Safety of swimmers, particularly young swimmers with typically lower body mass, in the traditionally cold temperatures of the relatively deep waters in the area of the proposed Deck Pool;
- Public release of the Feasibility Study for the projected capital and annual operating costs of the Swimming Deck;
- Indication as to what shoreside construction and facilities related to the Swimming Deck are planned or required, and how this affects the future overall plan for the future of Waterfront Park; and
- Consideration of any impact of the recently Federally announced dredging of the harbour bottom area East of the Second Narrows.

Moved by Mayor Buchanan, seconded by Councillor McIlroy

THAT the motion be amended by adding the following clause:

AND THAT staff report back with recommendations on how the City can collaborate with the Tsleil-Waututh Nation and the Province of British Columbia, building on the səlilwət/Burrard Inlet Water Quality Objectives established as formal Ministry policy, to advance ongoing water quality monitoring, scientific research, habitat restoration, public education, pollution reduction initiatives and long-term improvements to the ecological health of Burrard Inlet.

Amendment motion, **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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NOTICES OF MOTION – Continued

9. Harbour Swimming Deck – File: 01-0530-12-0001/2026 – Continued

Main motion, as amended:

WHEREAS the initial Public Engagement Process for the proposed Harbour Swimming Deck at Waterfront Park has now concluded and several questions are now being raised by the public;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT staff report back to Council with respect to the following items in relation to the Harbour Swimming Deck:

- Health risk to swimmers due to acknowledged industrial and harbour-related pollutants in the Vancouver Inner Harbour;
- Safety of swimmers, particularly young swimmers with typically lower body mass, in the traditionally cold temperatures of the relatively deep waters in the area of the proposed Deck Pool;
- Public release of the Feasibility Study for the projected capital and annual operating costs of the Swimming Deck;
- Indication as to what shoreside construction and facilities related to the Swimming Deck are planned or required, and how this affects the future overall plan for the future of Waterfront Park; and
- Consideration of any impact of the recently Federally announced dredging of the harbour bottom area East of the Second Narrows;

AND THAT staff report back with recommendations on how the City can collaborate with the Tsleil-Waututh Nation and the Province of British Columbia, building on the səlilwət/Burrard Inlet Water Quality Objectives established as formal Ministry policy, to advance ongoing water quality monitoring, scientific research, habitat restoration, public education, pollution reduction initiatives and long-term improvements to the ecological health of Burrard Inlet.

Main motion, as amended, **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**
R2026-07-20/9

PUBLIC CLARIFICATION PERIOD

Bonnie Miller asked clarification questions regarding the Harbour Swim Deck.

COUNCIL INQUIRIES

10. Canadian Legion Building – File: 01-0220-01-0001/2026

Inquiry by Mayor Buchanan

Mayor Buchanan inquired about the possibility of extending financial support to the Royal Canadian Legion Branch #118 to assist with a new building levy fee.

R2026-07-20/10

COUNCIL REPORTS

Councillor Bell commended the Royal Canadian Legion Branch #118 on their 100th Birthday on July 17, 2026.

Mayor Buchanan extended her thanks to all staff and stakeholder organizations that supported the Uber Eats Canada Soccer House at The Shipyards in support of the FIFA World Cup games.

NEW ITEMS OF BUSINESS

Nil.

NOTICES OF MOTION

Nil.

RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION

Moved by Councillor Valente, seconded by Councillor Back

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 10:56 pm and reconvened at 11:18 pm with all members of Council present.

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

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE (CLOSED SESSION)

Moved by Councillor Valente, seconded by Councillor Bell

THAT the actions directed regarding the following items from the Committee of the Whole (Closed Session) of July 20, 2026, be ratified:

11. Land Matter – File: 06-2260-01-0001/2026

Report: Manager, Real Estate, and General Manager, Planning, Development and Real Estate, July 2, 2026

PURSUANT to the report of the Manager, Real Estate, and the General Manager, Planning, Development and Real Estate, dated July 2, 2026, regarding a land matter:

THAT the wording of the resolution and the report of the Manager, Real Estate, and the General Manager, Planning, Development and Real Estate, dated July 2, 2026, remain in the Closed session.

R2026-07-20/11

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

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

Report: General Manager, Planning, Development and Real Estate, July 13, 2026

PURSUANT to the report of the General Manager, Planning, Development and Real Estate, dated July 13, 2026, regarding a land matter:

THAT the wording of the resolution and the report of the General Manager, Planning, Development and Real Estate, dated July 13, 2026, remain in the Closed session.

R2026-07-20/12

13. Legal Matter – File: 01-0110-10-0001/2026

Report: Chief Administrative Officer and City Solicitor, July 20, 2026

PURSUANT to the report of the Chief Administrative Officer and the City Solicitor, dated July 20, 2026, regarding a legal matter:

THAT the wording of the resolution and the report of the Chief Administrative Officer and the City Solicitor, dated July 20, 2026, remain in the Closed session.

R2026-07-20/13

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADJOURN

Moved by Councillor Girard, seconded by Councillor Back

THAT the meeting adjourn.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The meeting adjourned at 11:19 pm.

"Certified Correct by the Corporate Officer"

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CORPORATE OFFICER