



MINUTES OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING FOR DRAFT 2024-2028 FINANCIAL PLAN HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER AND ELECTRONICALLY (HYBRID) FROM CITY HALL, 141 WEST 14TH STREET, NORTH VANCOUVER, BC, ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2024

PRESENT

COUNCIL MEMBERS

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

STAFF MEMBERS

L. McCarthy, CAO
B. Pearce, Deputy CAO
A. Cifarelli, Corporate Officer
J. Peters, Manager, Legislative and Election Services
L. Sawrenko, Chief Financial Officer
D. Van Heerden, Manager, Financial Planning
H. Granger, City Solicitor
K. Magnusson, Director, Engineering, Parks and Environment
B. Willock, Deputy Director, Infrastructure Management
D. Hutch, Deputy Director, Parks and Public Spaces
J. Hall, Manager, Public Realm Infrastructure
D. Priestly, Section Manager, Parks Operations
J. Klochnyk, Manager, Public Works
M. Kwaterska, Manager, Shipyards and Waterfront
S. Galloway, Director, Planning and Development
J. Draper, Deputy Director, Planning and Development
T. Ryce, Chief Building Official
G. Schalk, Public Safety Director and Fire Chief
S. Smith, Manager, Economic Development
E. Doran, Director, People and Culture
A. Gibbs, Senior Manager, Communications and Engagement
H. Turner, Director, Recreation and Culture, NVRC
P. Rooke, Manager, Finance, NVRC
D. Koep, Chief Librarian, NVCL
D. Foldi, Senior Project Manager
S. Peters, Manager, Client and Technical Services
S. Tandon, Committee Clerk
V. Webb, Administrative Coordinator

The Finance Committee Meeting was called to order at 6:49 pm.

INTRODUCTION

The purpose of the Finance Committee Meeting is to consider the City of North Vancouver's Draft 2024-2028 Financial Plan.

1. STAFF PRESENTATION

The Chief Financial Officer provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding the Draft 2024-2028 Financial Plan and responded to questions of Council.

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Councillor Girard left the meeting at 6:59 pm and returned at 7:01 pm.

2. SUMMARY OF CORRESPONDENCE

Members of the public were given until 11:59 pm on Thursday, February 1, 2024 to submit written input regarding the Draft 2024-2028 Financial Plan. As of the deadline, a total of 157 written submissions were received providing input on multiple topics. The main themes of the submissions included topics such as sustainable transportation, recreation (including the need for more tennis courts), parks and environment, general infrastructure and the need for affordable taxes.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

- Duncan Brown, 408 West 6th Street, North Vancouver, expressed concern for the Draft 2024-2028 Financial Plan, citing the need for more tennis courts in the City.
- Cathy Still, 1008 West Keith Road, North Vancouver, expressed concern for the Draft 2024-2028 Financial Plan, citing the integration of new tennis courts in the budget process.
- Bill Mason, 557 East 5th Street, North Vancouver, expressed concern for the Draft 2024-2028 Financial Plan, citing opposition to the proposed tax rate increase of 8.5% and that some capital costs should be removed.
- Elisha Lee, 348 East 14th Street, North Vancouver, expressed concern for the Draft 2024-2028 Financial Plan, citing the need to provide quality services to residents at an affordable rate.
- Blair Durnon, 1778 Kilkenny Road, North Vancouver, expressed concern for the Draft 2024-2028 Financial Plan, citing the need for a community skate park facility and the community grants available to support the need.
- Jon Lundgren, 1231 Lennox Street, North Vancouver, expressed concern for the Draft 2024-2028 Financial Plan, citing the need for a covered skateboarding facility in the City.
- Robert Morrison, 550 Kennard, North Vancouver, expressed concern for the Draft 2024-2028 Financial Plan, citing the need to keep the tennis courts at the Cloverley redevelopment site.

4. QUESTIONS / COMMENTS OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

The Finance Committee asked questions of staff and provided comments regarding the “Draft 2024-2028 Financial Plan”.

Councillor Girard left the meeting at 7:58 pm and returned at 8:00 pm.

Mayor Buchanan declared a recess at 8:45 pm and reconvened the meeting at 8:51 pm.

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5. RECOMMENDATION

Moved by Councillor Bell, seconded by Councillor Girard

PURSUANT to the report of the Chief Financial Officer, dated January 25, 2024, entitled “Draft 2024-2028 Financial Plan”:

THAT Council provide input on the 2024 Draft Operating Budget, 2024 Draft Shipyards Budget, 2024 Draft Cemetery Budget, and Proposed New Items that reflect options for a baseline tax rate increase of 6.5-7.5%;

THAT Council provide feedback on the 2024-2028 Draft Capital Plan;

THAT the 2024 Draft Operating Budget, 2024 Draft Shipyards Budget, 2024 Draft Cemetery Budget, and 2024-2028 Draft Capital Plan be amended based on the feedback received and brought back to a subsequent meeting for Council’s consideration;

AND THAT “Affordable Housing Reserve Fund Bylaw, 1996, No. 6757, Amendment Bylaw, 2024, No. 9007” (Text Amendment) be considered.

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6. ADJOURN

Moved by Councillor Girard, seconded by Councillor Shahriari

THAT the Finance Committee Meeting, regarding the “Draft 2024-2028 Financial Plan”, adjourn.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Finance Committee Meeting adjourned at 9:20 pm.

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CORPORATE OFFICER