



MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL, 141 WEST 14TH STREET, NORTH VANCOUVER, BC, ON **MONDAY, JANUARY 20, 2020**

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

B. Pearce, Acting CAO/Director, Strategic and Corporate Services
K. Graham, City Clerk
C. Baird, Deputy City Clerk
J. Peters, Assistant City Clerk
B. Themens, Director, Finance
R. Skene, Director, Community and Partner Engagement
M. Epp, Director, Planning and Development
S. Galloway, Manager, Planning
H. Evans, Community Planner

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by Councillor McIlroy, seconded by Councillor Back

1. Regular Council Meeting Agenda, January 20, 2020

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Moved by Councillor Valente, seconded by Councillor McIlroy

2. Regular Council Meeting Minutes, December 9, 2019

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

PROCLAMATION

Mayor Buchanan declared the following proclamation:

Alzheimer's Awareness Month – January 2020

Mayor Buchanan further acknowledged that Chinese New Year begins on Saturday, January 25, 2020.

PUBLIC INPUT PERIOD

- Ron Sostad, 231 East 15th Street, North Vancouver, spoke regarding public hearings.

CONSENT AGENDA

Moved by Councillor Bell, seconded by Mayor Buchanan

THAT Item 3 – Board in Brief, Metro Vancouver Regional District, November 29, 2019 and Item 4 – Recommended Museum Deaccessions #15 be removed from the Consent Agenda.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CORRESPONDENCE

3. Board in Brief, Metro Vancouver Regional District, November 29, 2019
– File: 01-0400-60-0006/2020

Re: Metro Vancouver – Board in Brief

Moved by Councillor Bell, seconded by Mayor Buchanan

THAT the correspondence of Metro Vancouver, dated November 29, 2019, regarding the “Metro Vancouver – Board in Brief”, be received and filed.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

REPORTS

4. Recommended Museum Deaccessions #15 – File: 15-7930-01-0001/2019

Report: Director, North Vancouver Museum and Archives, December 9, 2019

Moved by Mayor Buchanan, seconded by Councillor Bell

PURSUANT to the report of the Director, North Vancouver Museum and Archives, dated December 9, 2019, entitled “Recommended Museum Deaccessions #15”:

THAT Council authorize the North Vancouver Museum and Archives Commission (NVMAC) to deaccession 863 artifacts owned solely by the City of North Vancouver and 11 artifacts jointly owned by the City and District of North Vancouver;

AND THAT all proceeds from the sale of deaccessioned materials shall be deposited in a Special Purpose Fund for the NVMAC’s use in maintaining the Museum and Archives collections and acquiring new items to augment the collections.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

REPORTS – Continued

5. 2019 Round Two Community Grants – Staff Response to Referral from Council
– File: 05-1850-20-0005/2019

Report: Community Planner, January 9, 2020

Moved by Councillor Girard, seconded by Councillor Valente

PURSUANT to the report of the Community Planner, dated January 9, 2020, entitled “2019 Round Two Community Grants – Staff Response to Referral from Council”:

THAT, in addition to the \$1,500 that was allocated to the 6 Field Engineer Squadron Museum, grants be allocated to the following organizations from the 2019 Community Grants budget:

North Shore Table Tennis Society (Operating)	\$7,000
North Shore Stroke Recovery Centre (Program – Young Survivor of Stroke)	\$1,500

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6. Development Variance Permit Application, 829 West 15th Street (Little Buddies Daycare) – File: 08-3400-20-0010/1

Report: Community Planner, January 8, 2020

Moved by Councillor Girard, seconded by Councillor Hu

PURSUANT to the report of the Community Planner, dated January 8, 2020, entitled “Development Variance Permit Application, 829 West 15th Street (Little Buddies Daycare)”:

THAT Development Variance Permit No. PLN2019-00010 (Little Buddies Daycare) be considered for issuance under Section 498 of the *Local Government Act*,

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

AND THAT the Public Meeting be waived.

CARRIED

Councillor Back is recorded as voting contrary to the motion.

NOTICE OF MOTION

7. Review of Possible Split Assessments for Small Businesses
– File: 05-1950-01-0001/2020

Submitted by Councillor Bell and Councillor Valente

Moved by Councillor Bell, seconded by Councillor Valente

WHEREAS Council's new Strategic Plan includes a Vision and Priority for "A Prosperous City" that includes the goal of making the "City a destination of choice for economic development by supporting the local business community to increase the number of jobs and business opportunities and to improve services to our residents through actions to reduce barriers and challenges to local business";

WHEREAS the City of North Vancouver has endorsed Long-Term Strategy to "adjust the Business (Class 6) Tax Rate over a 10-year period so that the tax ratio to the Residential Class (Class 1) is no higher than the regional median";

WHEREAS local small businesses feel there are negative impacts of the economic pressures of the current taxation strategy;

WHEREAS on April 8, 2019, Council endorsed a motion to identify "Assessment Averaging and Assessment Phasing Options", which included requesting a review of "property's highest and best use" methodology for property assessment purposes to reduce the impact this practice is having on small business;

WHEREAS Mayor Buchanan has written to Minister James and held a meeting with BC Assessment representatives about Council's concerns;

AND WHEREAS a Private member's Bill "Assessment (Split Assessment Classification) Amendment Act, 2019" is being presented to the Provincial Government;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that staff be directed to consider and report back to Council on the potential benefits and impacts of an additional tool that could enable municipalities, at their discretion, to split the zoning of tax-assessed properties by creating a new commercial property sub-class for the unused airspace above local businesses in select areas of the community.

Moved by Mayor Buchanan, seconded by Councillor Bell

THAT the Notice of Motion be amended by deleting the last 2 clauses and replacing with the following:

WHEREAS the Provincial Government, on January 17, 2020, announced impending interim legislation to address economic issues associated with the current "highest and best use" assessment methodology;

AND WHEREAS the business community, including the Lower Lonsdale Business Improvement Association and the North Vancouver Chamber of Commerce, be consulted;

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NOTICE OF MOTION – Continued

7. Review of Possible Split Assessments for Small Businesses
– File: 05-1950-01-0001/2020 – Continued

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that staff be directed to follow up with the Provincial Government on the specific details of the proposed new legislation and report back to Council on the implications to the City and next steps.

Amendment motion, **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Main motion, as amended, **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

PUBLIC CLARIFICATION PERIOD

Mayor Buchanan declared a recess at 6:52 pm for the Public Clarification Period and reconvened the meeting immediately after.

COUNCIL INQUIRIES

Nil.

NEW ITEMS OF BUSINESS

Mayor Buchanan declared a moment of silence in recognition of the 176 people who lost their lives on January 8, 2020 on Flight 752 in Tehran; the Australian wildfires; the recent loss of loved ones by City colleagues; and the community's loss of a local artist, Gordon Smith, who passed away at the age of 100 years. Mayor Buchanan reflected that the last few weeks have amplified the many complex global environmental, economic and social issues, which reinforces the local commitment of Council through its Strategic Plan.

NOTICES OF MOTION

Nil.

ADJOURN

Moved by Councillor Back, seconded by Councillor McIlroy

THAT the meeting adjourn.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The meeting adjourned at 7:02 pm.

“Certified Correct by the City Clerk”

CITY CLERK