MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL, HELD IN THE CAO MEETING ROOM, CITY HALL, 141 WEST 14TH STREET, NORTH VANCOUVER, BC, ON MONDAY, JUNE 22, 2020

PRESENT

COUNCIL MEMBERS

Mayor L. Buchanan
Councillor H. Back*
Councillor D. Bell* (joined at 5:43 pm)
Councillor A. Girard*
Councillor T. Hu*
Councillor J. McIlroy*
Councillor T. Valente*

*Participated electronically

STAFF MEMBERS

L. McCarthy, CAO*
K. Graham, City Clerk
C. Baird, Deputy City Clerk
H. Granger, City Solicitor*
B. Themens, Director, Finance*
B. Pearce, Director, Strategic and Corporate Services*
M. Epp, Director, Planning and Development*
M. Friesen, Interim Manager, Development Planning*
A. Devlin, Manager, Transportation Planning*
C. Jackson, Manager, Environment*
D. Pope, Director, Engineering, Parks and Environment*
M. Hunter, Manager, Parks and Environment*
R. Skene, Director, Community and Partner Engagement*
L. Orr, Deputy Director, Community and Partner Engagement*
P. Duffy, Manager, Bylaw Services*
G. Schalk, Fire Chief*

The meeting was called to order at 5:31 pm.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by Councillor McIlroy, seconded by Councillor Valente

1. THAT the Regular Agenda of June 22, 2020 be amended by adding Item 3 – “Ministerial Order No. M192 – Local Government Meetings and Bylaw Process (COVID-19)” and renumbering the remaining items accordingly;

   AND THAT the agenda, as amended, be approved.

   CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Moved by Councillor Girard, seconded by Councillor Valente

2. Regular Council Meeting Minutes, June 15, 2020

   CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Report: Corporate Officer, June 22, 2020

Moved by Councillor Girard, seconded by Councillor McIlroy

PURSUANT to the report of the Corporate Officer, dated June 22, 2020, entitled “Ministerial Order No. M192 – Local Government Meetings and Bylaw Process (COVID-19)”: 

THAT Ministerial Order No. M192, issued by the Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General, was provided to the City on June 18, 2020, after notices of public hearings had already been published. The recent Order requires Council to state the basis for holding meetings without members of the public in physical attendance and the means by which the City is ensuring openness, transparency, accessibility and accountability in respect of meetings;

THAT the basis for holding Council meetings without members of the public in physical attendance is because City Hall and civic buildings continue to remain closed to the public for safety precautions regarding COVID-19;

THAT the means by which the City is ensuring openness, transparency, accessibility and accountability in respect of the meeting is:

• publishing notices in the North Shore News as to the process by which the public can attend the meetings electronically;
• posting notices on the City’s website with staff contact information and instructions to participate in Council meetings;
• posting background information on the City’s website regarding each development application scheduled for Council consideration;
• posting on the City’s website the PowerPoint presentations that are the subject of a public hearing/public meeting;
• posting on the City’s website and in the North Shore News instructions for members of the public to pre-register to attend a public hearing/public meeting by electronic means or by phone;
• posting to the City’s website staff contact information and instructions on how to participate in a Council meeting if the member of the public has not pre-registered;
• posting information on the City’s social media accounts with instructions for the public to participate in Council meetings; and
• live-streaming the Council meetings, including public hearings/public meetings, and posting the meeting agendas and minutes on the City’s website;

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REPORT – Continued


THAT Council direct staff to work toward creating a safe environment for the public to attend Regular Council meetings and public hearings in the coming months, and move forward to purchase the necessary technological equipment to conduct Council meetings in the Council Chamber, and create physical distance requirements that would encourage members of the public to attend Council meetings in the future;

AND THAT Council agrees to continue to hold its meetings electronically, including public hearings, as long as City Hall remains closed to the public and physical distancing measures are necessary.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

PUBLIC HEARING – 250 East 15th Street

Moved by Councillor McIlroy, seconded by Councillor Girard

THAT the meeting recess to the Public Hearing regarding “Zoning Bylaw, 1995, No. 6700, Amendment Bylaw, 2020, No. 8769” (Nacel Properties Ltd., 250 East 15th Street, CD-726) and “Housing Agreement Bylaw, 2020, No. 8770” (Nacel Properties Ltd., 250 East 15th Street, CD-726, Rental Housing Commitments).

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The meeting recessed to the Public Hearing at 5:39 pm and reconvened at 7:03 pm.

BYLAWS – THIRD READING


Moved by Councillor McIlroy, seconded by Councillor Valente


CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Moved by Mayor Buchanan, seconded by Councillor Valente

THAT staff work with the applicant to reduce parking by 10% from what was presented to Council at the Public Hearing, to be secured though legal agreements prior to adoption of the bylaw.

CARRIED

Councillor Back and Councillor Bell are recorded as voting contrary to the motion.
BYLAWS – THIRD READING – Continued

5. “Housing Agreement Bylaw, 2020, No. 8770” (Nacel Properties Ltd., 250 East 15th Street, CD-726, Rental Housing Commitments)

Moved by Councillor McIlroy, seconded by Councillor Valente

THAT “Housing Agreement Bylaw, 2020, No. 8770” (Nacel Properties Ltd., 250 East 15th Street, CD-726, Rental Housing Commitments) be given third reading.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CONSENT AGENDA

Moved by Councillor Back, seconded by Councillor McIlroy

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

START OF CONSENT AGENDA

REPORTS


Report: Director, Finance, June 11, 2020

Moved by Councillor Back, seconded by Councillor McIlroy


THAT the Statement of Financial Information be approved and forwarded to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing.

(CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY)


Report: Director, Finance, June 9, 2020

Moved by Councillor Back, seconded by Councillor McIlroy

PURSUANT to the report of the Director, Finance, dated June 9, 2020, entitled “Statutory Report Required Under Bill 27”:

THAT the report be received and filed.

(CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY)

END OF CONSENT AGENDA
REPORTS


Report: Manager, Internal Control and Performance, June 10, 2020

Moved by Councillor Girard, seconded by Councillor Bell

PURSUANT to the report of the Manager, Internal Control and Performance, dated June 10, 2020, entitled “2019 Annual Municipal Report”:

THAT the 2019 Annual Municipal Report be approved.  

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9. 2020 Project Plan – Funding Appropriations #2045 - #2047
– File: 05-1705-30-0019/2020

Report: Director, Finance, June 10, 2020

Moved by Councillor McIlroy, seconded by Councillor Girard

PURSUANT to the report of the Director, Finance, dated June 10, 2020, entitled “2020 Project Plan – Funding Appropriations #2045 - #2047”:

THAT (Funding Appropriation #2045) an amount of $65,000 be appropriated from the Annual Budget – Transfer to General Reserve Fund for the purpose of funding the 2020 Project Plan;

THAT (Funding Appropriation #2046) an amount of $220,000 be appropriated from the Civic Amenity Reserve Fund for the purpose of funding the 2020 Project Plan;

THAT (Funding Appropriation #2047) an amount of $20,000 be appropriated from the General Reserve Fund for the purpose of funding the 2020 Project Plan;

AND THAT should any of the amounts remain unexpended as at December 31, 2023, the unexpended balances shall be returned to the credit of the respective fund.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10. Funding Appropriation for Shipping Container Parklet Project
– File 13-6750-01-0001/2020

Report: Deputy Director, Community and Partner Engagement, June 17, 2020

Moved by Councillor Girard, seconded by Councillor McIlroy

PURSUANT to the report of the Deputy Director, Community and Partner Engagement, dated June 17, 2020, entitled “Funding Appropriation for Shipping Container Parklet Project”: 

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REPORTS – Continued

10. Funding Appropriation for Shipping Container Parklet Project
    – File 13-6750-01-0001/2020 – Continued

    THAT (Funding Appropriation #2048) an amount of $20,000 be appropriated from the
    Tax Sale Land Reserve Fund for the purpose of funding the Shipping Container
    Parklet Project;

    AND THAT should any of the amount remain unexpended as at December 31, 2023,
    the unexpended balance shall be returned to the credit of the Tax Sale Land Reserve
    Fund.

    CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

PRESENTATION

Fire Department 2019 Annual Report – Fire Chief

The Fire Chief provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding the “Fire Department 2019
Annual Report” and responded to questions of Council.

REPORT

11. Rezoning and OCP Amendment Application: 350 East 2nd Street (Hamersley House)
    – File: 08-3400-20-0002/1

    Report: Planner 1, June 10, 2020

Moved by Councillor Girard, seconded by Councillor Hu

PURSUANT to the report of the Planner 1, dated June 10, 2020, entitled “Rezoning
and OCP Amendment Application: 350 East 2nd Street (Hamersley House)”:

8782” (Thomas Grimwood / Grimwood Architecture, 350 East 2nd Street, Land Use
Designation Change) be considered and referred to a Public Hearing;

THAT “Zoning Bylaw, 1995, No. 6700, Amendment Bylaw, 2020, No. 8783” (Thomas
Grimwood / Grimwood Architecture, 350 East 2nd Street, CD-427 Text Amendment) be
considered and referred to a Public Hearing;

THAT the Right of Way and Encroachment Agreement listed in the report section
“Inter-Departmental Implications” be secured, through agreements at the applicant’s
expense, as conditions of the rezoning;

THAT the review contained in the report concerning statutory requirements for “Official
Community Plan Bylaw, 2014, No. 8400, Amendment Bylaw, 2020, No. 8782” be
considered;

AND THAT notification be circulated in accordance with the Local Government Act.

    CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
BYLAWS – FIRST AND SECOND READINGS


Moved by Councillor Girard, seconded by Councillor Hu


CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY


Moved by Councillor Girard, seconded by Councillor Hu


CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

REPORTS


Report: Section Manager, Engineering Design, June 10, 2020

Moved by Councillor Valente, seconded by Councillor Bell

PURSUANT to the report of the Section Manager, Engineering Design, dated June 10, 2020, entitled “Sewer Utility Funding Reallocation for Sanitary Sewer Replacement – 500 Block Chesterfield Avenue”:

THAT $110,000 of capital funds be transferred from Project 54073 to fund the replacement of the sanitary sewer in the 500 Block of Chesterfield Avenue.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
REPORTS – Continued

15. 2009 Mahon Avenue – Remedial Action Order (Demolition and Site Clean-Up)
    – File: 09-3900-01-0001/2020
    Report:    Manager, Bylaw Services, June 10, 2020

Moved by Councillor Girard, seconded by Councillor Bell

PURSUANT to the report of the Manager, Bylaw Services, dated June 10, 2020, entitled “2009 Mahon Avenue – Remedial Action Order (Demolition and Site Clean-Up)” and whereas Division 12 of Part 3 of the Community Charter authorizes Council to impose a remedial action requirement on the owner of a building or other structure, including a requirement to remove or demolish the building or structure where it is a nuisance or is so dilapidated or unclean as to be offensive to the community:

THAT Council, after considering the above-referenced report and viewing the photographs of property having a civic address of 2009 Mahon Avenue, North Vancouver, legally described as: Lot 27, Block 4, District Lot 548, Plan 3846; PID 004-812-603 (the “Property”):

i. DECLARES, pursuant to the authority provided in Section 74 of the Community Charter, that the fire-damaged structure of the main house on the Property (the “Main Building”) and the surrounding construction debris and refuse identified in the photographs at Attachment #1 to the report (the “Debris”) are a nuisance and are so dilapidated and unclean as to be offensive to the community; and

ii. IMPOSES, pursuant to the authority provided in Section 72 of the Community Charter, the following remedial action requirements (the “Remedial Action Order”) to be completed by the registered owner in fee simple of the Property (the “Owner”) at his sole cost within 45 days, commencing on the date that notice of this Remedial Action Order is sent to the Owner:

- Completion of demolition of the Main Building and the foundation of the Main Building;
- Removal of all components of the Main Building, its foundation and the Debris from the Property and disposal of such material at an appropriate disposal facility; and
- Following the demolition and removal of the Main Building and its foundation and the Debris, filling in and covering the excavated area and levelling the area to a natural state;

THAT staff be directed to provide notice pursuant to the requirements of Section 77 of the Community Charter, of the Remedial Action Order to the Owner and to each holder of a registered charge in relation to the Property whose name is included on the assessment roll;

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15. 2009 Mahon Avenue – Remedial Action Order (Demolition and Site Clean-Up)  
   – File: 09-3900-01-0001/2020 – Continued

   THAT Council set the time limit for a notice to request Council reconsideration of the Remedial Action Order at 14 days, commencing on the date that notice of the Remedial Action Order is sent to the Owner;

   AND THAT Council, in the event that the Owner has not fully complied with the Remedial Action Order within 45 days of the date that notice of the Remedial Action Order is sent to the Owner, authorize staff and contractors of the City to take all appropriate actions in accordance with Section 17 of the Community Charter, including carrying out any and all of the requirements set out in the Remedial Action Order, with all costs incurred by the City to be at the expense of the Owner and recoverable from the Owner in accordance with Sections 17, 80, 258 or 259 of the Community Charter.

   **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

16. Proposed Consultation on Low Carbon Building Bylaw Amendments  
   – File: 11-5280-14-0001/2020

   Report:  Manager, Environmental Sustainability, and Chief Building Official, June 17, 2020

   Moved by Councillor McIlroy, seconded by Councillor Girard

   PURSUANT to the report of the Manager, Environmental Sustainability, and Chief Building Official, dated June 17, 2020, entitled “Proposed Consultation on Low Carbon Building Bylaw Amendments”:

   THAT staff be directed to consult with stakeholders with respect to proposed low carbon amendments to “Construction Regulation Bylaw, 2003, No. 7390”.

   **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

17. Lonsdale Energy Corp. – City Loan Reimbursement Schedule  
   – File 11-5500-06-0001/1

   Report:  Director, Lonsdale Energy Corp., June 15, 2020

   Moved by Councillor Valente, seconded by Councillor Girard

   PURSUANT to the report of the Director, Lonsdale Energy Corp., dated June 15, 2020, entitled “City Loan Reimbursement Schedule”:

   THAT Council support Lonsdale Energy Corp.’s proposed repayment schedule and confirm that a 12-month notice will be provided to Lonsdale Energy Corp. if the City wishes to request loan reimbursements prior to the planned schedule.

   **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**
NOTICE OF MOTION


Submitted by Mayor Buchanan

Moved by Mayor Buchanan, seconded by Councillor McIlroy

WHEREAS the right to safe, suitable, adequate and affordable housing is a fundamental human right that we all share and housing is essential to the vitality, health and well-being of individuals, families and communities;

WHEREAS housing is a key responsibility of the federal and provincial governments with support from local government;

WHEREAS Metro Vancouver released Addressing Homelessness in Metro Vancouver (2017);

WHEREAS the provincial government released TogetherBC: British Columbia’s Poverty Reduction Strategy (2019);

WHEREAS homelessness is a symptom of many underlying causes that demand inter-sectoral collaboration and a system-based approach;

WHEREAS the North Shore municipalities have contributed by support and/or initiatives, such as the Emergency Shelter, Youth Safe House, Seniors Safe House, transitional and supportive housing, as well as financial support for outreach workers and employment initiatives;

WHEREAS the North Shore is rich in community-based organizations that provide support to people experiencing homelessness or at risk of homelessness;

WHEREAS the number of people experiencing homelessness or are at risk is not decreasing;

WHEREAS COVID-19 has illuminated the need for an additional emergency shelter to support people across the North Shore who are experiencing homelessness that is temporary;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT staff be directed to create a North Shore cross-jurisdictional Steering Committee and Working Group (government, staff and relevant community agencies) to develop short, medium and long-term actions that are focused on clear, comprehensive and coordinated strategies to prevent homelessness, to serve the people who are currently homeless and to create pathways out of homelessness;

THAT these actions will specifically include working to deliver permanent supportive housing with wrap-around services creating one point of entry for people across the North Shore who are experiencing or at risk for homelessness;

AND THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to local MLA’s and MP’s.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
COVID-19 UPDATE
Nil.

COUNCIL INQUIRIES

Inquiry by Councillor Bell

Councillor Bell inquired of Mayor Buchanan regarding the Open Streets process and reconsideration of no left-turns from Lonsdale Avenue onto 15th Street. He also asked for increased public communication regarding Open Streets.

Mayor Buchanan advised that staff will report back on the matter.

NEW ITEMS OF BUSINESS
Nil.

NOTICES OF MOTION
Nil.

CITY CLERK’S RECOMMENDATION

Moved by Councillor McIlroy, seconded by Councillor Valente

THAT Council recess to the Committee of the Whole, Closed session, pursuant to the Community Charter, Sections 90(1)(e) [land matter] and 90(1)(g) [legal matter].

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The meeting recessed to the Committee of the Whole, Closed session, at 9:02 pm and reconvened at 10:18 pm.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE (CLOSED SESSION)

20. Land Matter / Legal Matter – File: 06-2210-01-0001/2020

Report: Director, Community and Partner Engagement, June 17, 2020

Moved by Councillor Girard, seconded by Councillor Hu

PURSUANT to the report of the Director, Community and Partner Engagement, dated June 17, 2020, regarding a land / legal matter:

THAT the action taken by the Committee of the Whole, Closed Session, be ratified;

AND THAT the wording of the recommendation and the report of the Director, Community and Partner Engagement, dated June 17, 2020, remain in the Closed session.

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


   Report: Director, Strategic and Corporate Services, June 8, 2020

Moved by Councillor Girard, seconded by Councillor Hu

   PURSUANT to the report of the Director, Strategic and Corporate Services, dated June 8, 2020, regarding a land / legal matter:

   THAT the action taken by the Committee of the Whole, Closed Session, be ratified;

   AND THAT the wording of the recommendation and the report of the Director, Strategic and Corporate Services, dated June 8, 2020, remain in the Closed session.

   CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADJOURN

Moved by Councillor Girard, seconded by Councillor Back

   THAT the meeting adjourn.

   CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The meeting adjourned at 10:19 pm.

“Certified Correct by the City Clerk”

CITY CLERK