



MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL, HELD ELECTRONICALLY FROM CITY HALL, 141 WEST 14TH STREET, NORTH VANCOUVER, BC, ON **MONDAY, MAY 17, 2021**

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

L. McCarthy, CAO
K. Graham, Corporate Officer
C. Baird, Deputy Corporate Officer
J. Peters, Assistant City Clerk
M. Epp, Director, Planning and Development
Y. Zeng, Manager, Development Planning
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
G. Schalk, Public Safety Director and Fire Chief
G. Bhayani, Superintendent, RCMP
A. Leclair, Inspector, RCMP

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 pm.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by Councillor Back, seconded by Councillor Girard

1. Regular Council Meeting Agenda, May 17, 2021

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Moved by Councillor McIlroy, seconded by Councillor Valente

2. Regular Council Meeting Minutes, May 10, 2021

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

PROCLAMATION

Mayor Buchanan declared the following proclamation:

International Day Against Homophobia, Transphobia and Biphobia – May 17, 2021

PUBLIC INPUT PERIOD

Moved by Councillor Valente, seconded by Councillor Back

THAT the Public Input Period be extended to hear more than 5 registered speakers listed on the sign-up sheet.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- Robert Overgaard, 2767 Eastern Avenue, North Vancouver, spoke regarding the development process and commended the City for its efforts in planning and development, Balanced Housing Lab and the proposed pedestrian overpass.
- Vanja Bezdrob, 250 East 15th Street, North Vancouver, spoke regarding Item 10 – Notice of Motion on Residential Tenant Displacement Policy.
- Ferona Yngveson, 101-250 East 15th Street, North Vancouver, spoke regarding Item 10 – Notice of Motion on Residential Tenant Displacement Policy.
- Joslyn Nerdahl, 250 East 15th Street, North Vancouver, spoke regarding Item 10 – Notice of Motion on Residential Tenant Displacement Policy.
- Kevin Lee, 15-133 West 13th Street, North Vancouver, spoke regarding Item 10 – Notice of Motion on Residential Tenant Displacement Policy.
- Riaan de Beer, 54-528 East 2nd Street, North Vancouver, spoke regarding Item 10 – Notice of Motion on Residential Tenant Displacement Policy.
- Don Peters, 678 West Queens Road, North Vancouver, spoke regarding Item 10 – Notice of Motion on Residential Tenant Displacement Policy.

CONSENT AGENDA

Moved by Councillor Back, seconded by Councillor Bell

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

START OF CONSENT AGENDA

BYLAW – ADOPTION

- *3. “Development Cost Charge (Transportation) Reserve Fund Bylaw, 2021, No. 8834” (2021 Capital Plan Funding)

Moved by Councillor Back, seconded by Councillor Bell

THAT “Development Cost Charge (Transportation) Reserve Fund Bylaw, 2021, No. 8834” (2021 Capital Plan Funding) be adopted, signed by the Mayor and Corporate Officer and affixed with the corporate seal.

(CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY)

CONSENT AGENDA – Continued

CORRESPONDENCE

- *4. Board in Brief, Metro Vancouver Regional District, April 30, 2021
– File: 01-0400-60-0006/2020

Re: Metro Vancouver – Board in Brief

Moved by Councillor Back, seconded by Councillor Bell

THAT the correspondence from Metro Vancouver, dated April 30, 2021, regarding the “Metro Vancouver – Board in Brief”, be received and filed.

(CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY)

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

PRESENTATION

North Vancouver RCMP 2019-2023 Strategic Plan – Superintendent Ghalib Bhayani and Inspector Andy LeClair

Superintendent Ghalib Bhayani, RCMP, and Inspector Andy LeClair, RCMP, provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding the “North Vancouver RCMP 2019-2023 Strategic Plan” and responded to questions of Council.

Mayor and Council presented congratulations to Superintendent Bhayani on his promotion as the new Operations Officer and Assistant District Commander for the Lower Mainland District Office and thanked him for his term of service.

BYLAWS – ADOPTION

5. “Zoning Bylaw, 1995, No. 6700, Amendment Bylaw, 2020, No. 8769” (Nacel Properties Ltd., 250 East 15th Street, CD-726)

Moved by Councillor McIlroy, seconded by Councillor Bell

THAT “Zoning Bylaw, 1995, No. 6700, Amendment Bylaw, 2020, No. 8769” (Nacel Properties Ltd., 250 East 15th Street, CD-726) be adopted, signed by the Mayor and Corporate Officer and affixed with the corporate seal.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6. “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 Bell

THAT “Housing Agreement Bylaw, 2020, No. 8770” (Nacel Properties Ltd., 250 East 15th Street, CD-726, Rental Housing Commitments) be adopted, signed by the Mayor and Corporate Officer and affixed with the corporate seal.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

REPORTS

7. Crickmay and Rodger Burnes Park Task Force – File: 12-6120-01-0001/2021

Report: Parks and Greenways Planner, May 5, 2021

Moved by Councillor Bell, seconded by Councillor Valente

PURSUANT to the report of the Parks and Greenways Planner, dated May 5, 2021, entitled “Crickmay and Rodger Burnes Park Task Force”:

THAT the Terms of Reference for the Crickmay and Rodger Burnes Park Task Force be endorsed;

AND THAT staff be directed to proceed with the promotion and recruitment process and report back to Council with the results.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8. Waterfront Park Master Plan Scope and Process – File: 12-6240-20-0043/1

Report: Manager, Parks and Environment, May 5, 2021

Moved by Councillor Girard, seconded by Councillor Back

PURSUANT to the report of the Manager, Parks and Environment, dated May 5, 2021, entitled “Waterfront Park Master Plan Scope and Process”:

THAT the proposed scope and process for the Waterfront Park Master Plan be endorsed.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9. Request to Increase the Municipal and Regional District Tax
– File: 13-6900-01-0001/2021

Report: Deputy Director, Community and Partner Engagement, May 12, 2021

Moved by Councillor Girard, seconded by Councillor Hu

PURSUANT to the report of the Deputy Director, Community and Partner Engagement, dated May 12, 2021, entitled “Request to Increase the Municipal and Regional District Tax”:

THAT the request from the Vancouver North Shore Tourism Association to increase the Municipal and Regional District Tax collected in the Vancouver’s North Shore area to 3%, for the purpose of funding tourism marketing projects and programs, effective February 1, 2022 to January 31, 2027, be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

NOTICE OF MOTION

10. Increased Financial Assistance and Support for Tenants Displaced by the Redevelopment of Older Purpose-Built Rental Buildings – File: 10-5040-08-0001/2021

Submitted by Councillor Girard

Moved by Councillor Girard, seconded by Councillor Bell

WHEREAS the City of North Vancouver (City), through its policies and in alignment with Metro Vancouver's regional strategies for the delivery of rental housing, is experiencing an increase in investment in the construction of new, purpose-built rental buildings;

WHEREAS renters account for a significant portion of the City's population and are an important part of the City's social fabric;

WHEREAS the goals and objectives of the Official Community Plan include the City being a compassionate community, which recognizes that all individuals and/or their families will require support at some point in their lives, and the City maintaining and enhancing the well-being and quality of life for all community members;

WHEREAS the City, through its Residential Tenant Displacement Policy adopted in 2015, requires enhanced notice and financial assistance for tenants who are displaced due to the redevelopment of older rental buildings to mitigate the impacts of displacement;

WHEREAS the Residential Tenant Displacement Policy requires the development applicant to provide compensation to a tenant equivalent to the value of three months' rent and an amount towards moving expenses, regardless of the number of years of tenancy, and any additional tenant support measures offered by the applicant are done as a voluntary commitment;

WHEREAS tenants living in older rental buildings being redeveloped are at an increased risk of displacement and have difficulties finding stable and affordable housing within the City at comparable rents, which can lead to financial and emotional distress further exacerbated by the effects of the pandemic;

WHEREAS tenants living on limited incomes or who may be facing additional barriers to finding stable and affordable housing, including (but not limited to) seniors and persons with disabilities, require more assistance in relocation given that there are fewer choices available to them;

AND WHEREAS the average rental rates have increased by approximately 25% in addition to other cost of living increases since the Residential Tenant Displacement Policy was adopted;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT staff be directed to report back on an updated Residential Tenant Displacement Policy that reflects increased financial assistance for tenants based on the length of tenancy, and increased support for low income and marginalized tenants who face additional barriers in securing stable and affordable housing.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

COUNCIL INQUIRIES / REPORTS

Nil.

NEW ITEMS OF BUSINESS

Nil.

NOTICES OF MOTION

Nil.

RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION

Moved by Councillor Back, seconded by Councillor Bell

THAT Council recess to the Committee of the Whole (Closed Session) pursuant to the *Community Charter*, Sections 90(1)(c) [employee relations] and 90(1)(e) [land matter].

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADJOURN IN CLOSED SESSION

The meeting recessed at 8:01 pm and did not reconvene. A motion to adjourn was approved in the Committee of the Whole (Closed Session) at 10:08 pm.

“Certified Correct by the Corporate Officer”

CORPORATE OFFICER