



City of Port Moody

Minutes

Special Council Meeting

Electronic Meeting via Zoom
Tuesday, January 19, 2021
at 8:50pm

Present:

Mayor R. Vagramov
Councillor M.P. Lahti
Councillor A.A. Lubik
Councillor H. Madsen
Councillor S. Milani
Councillor P.Z.C. Royer

Absent:

Councillor D.L. Dilworth

In Attendance:

Tim Savoie – City Manager
Raman Braich – Manager of Information Services
André Boel – City Planner
Ron Coulson – Fire Chief
Mary De Paoli – Manager of Policy Planning
Tyson Ganske – Manager of Financial Planning
Ron Higo – General Manager of Community Services
Jennifer Mills – Committee Coordinator
Jeff Moi – General Manager of Engineering and Operations
Angie Parnell – General Manager of People, Communications,
and Engagement
Paul Rockwood – General Manager of Finance and Technology
Marc Saunders – Director of Library Services
Dorothy Shermer – Corporate Officer
Laura Sampliner – Sustainability and Energy Coordinator
Chad Siemens – Project Manager
Tracey Takahashi – Deputy Corporate Officer
Kate Zanon – General Manager of Community Development

1. **Call to Order**

Mayor Vagramov called the meeting to order at 8:50pm.

2. **General Matters**

**Resolution to Go
Into Finance
Committee**

- 2.1 RC21/022
Moved, seconded, and CARRIED
THAT Council go into Finance Committee.

Councillor Milani assumed the role of Presiding Member at this point.

3. Finance Committee

3.1 Report: Finance and Technology Department – Financial Services Division, dated January 4, 2021

Staff gave a presentation on the 2021-2025 Financial Plan Draft Operating budget, including information regarding the purpose of the Financial Plan; budget timelines, process, and principles; budget challenges; historical budget increases; 2020 budget reductions due to COVID-19; budget preparation and guidelines; and the 2021 draft operating budget, including service costs, new funding requirements and requests, impacts of COVID-19, budgeted growth, tax base, average and estimated tax impacts, and next steps.

Staff answered questions from Council regarding the reclassification of the Mill and Timber property and the impacts of Bill 42, low growth versus low value of properties, asset levy reductions, vehicle charge-outs, projected revenues from recreational programs, staff layoffs, funding for new positions, distribution of the tax base and impacts on the residential class, and budget adjustments due to the impacts of COVID-19.

FC21/013

Moved and seconded

THAT the report dated January 4, 2021 from the Finance and Technology Department – Financial Services Division regarding the Draft 2021-2025 Financial Plan – Operating Budget be received for information;

AND THAT a draft proposed budget increase of \$1,998,000, which represents an estimated 4.50% tax rate increase, be used for the City’s Public Budget Consultation.

FC21/014

Moved, seconded, and CARRIED

THAT the foregoing motion be amended by adding “AND THAT as part of the public consultation process, staff be directed to reach out to the public for suggestions of service areas they would accept being reduced in order to lower the tax increase.”.

FC21/015

Moved, seconded, and CARRIED

THAT the foregoing motion be amended by adding “AND THAT the Police Board be asked to consider amendments to their budget to stay within the allocation in the budget guidelines.”.

FC21/016

Moved, seconded, and CARRIED

THAT the foregoing motion be amended by adding “AND THAT staff be directed to report back with 1.5% of potential reductions in time for the first Finance Committee meeting following the public budget consultation.”.

The question on the main motion (FC21/013) as amended (by FC21/014, FC21/015, and FC21/016) was put to a vote; the following motion was CARRIED:

THAT the report dated January 4, 2021 from the Finance and Technology Department – Financial Services Division regarding the Draft 2021-2025 Financial Plan – Operating Budget be received for information;

AND THAT a draft proposed budget increase of \$1,998,000, which represents an estimated 4.50% tax rate increase, be used for the City’s Public Budget Consultation;

AND THAT as part of the public consultation process, staff be directed to reach out to the public for suggestions of service areas they would accept being reduced in order to lower the tax increase;

AND THAT the Police Board be asked to consider amendments to their budget to stay within the allocation in the budget guidelines;

AND THAT staff be directed to report back with 1.5% of potential reductions in time for the first Finance Committee meeting following the public budget consultation.

- 4. Rise and Report
 - 4.1 Mayor Vagramov resumed the role of Presiding Member at this point.
RC21/023
Moved, seconded, and CARRIED
THAT the recommendations approved at the Finance Committee meeting of January 19, 2021 be ratified.
- 5. General Matters
 - 5.1 RC21/024
Moved, seconded, and CARRIED
THAT Council go into Committee of the Whole.
RC21/025
Moved, seconded, and CARRIED
THAT Request to Advocate for Permanent Top-up to Disabilities and Social Assistance Rates be added to the agenda as item 7.5.
- 6. Public Input
 - There was no public input.

Resolution to Adopt Finance Committee Report

Resolution to Go Into Committee of the Whole

RC21/026

Moved, seconded, and CARRIED

THAT the meeting be extended until 11:50pm.

7. Committee of the Whole

**Delegation –
FortisBC**

- 7.1 Presentation: Darin Wong, Community and Indigenous Relations Manager, FortisBC
Delegation Request: Darin Wong

Darin Wong, Community and Indigenous Relations Manager, FortisBC, gave a presentation on Rethinking BC's Lower Carbon Future, including information on the Clean Growth Pathway, the province's CleanBC initiative, ten-year targets to reduce customers' greenhouse gas emissions, four pillars of the Clean Growth Pathway, and energy pathways to achieve the targeted reductions.

Mr. Wong answered questions from Council regarding plans to provide natural gas without fracking.

CW21/005

Moved, seconded, and CARRIED

THAT the delegation be received for information and the delegates thanked for their presentation.

**Recreation Complex
Chiller Replacement
– COVID-19
Resilience
Infrastructure
Stream (CVRIS)
Grant Application
2021**

- 7.2 Memo: Engineering and Operations Department – Project Delivery Services Division, dated January 8, 2021

CW21/006

Moved, seconded, and CARRIED

THAT staff be directed to apply for grant funding under the COVID-19 Resilience Infrastructure Stream (CVRIS) Grant as recommended in the memorandum dated January 8, 2021 from the Engineering and Operations Department – Project Delivery Services Division regarding Port Moody Recreation Chiller Replacement Project – COVID-19 Resilience Infrastructure Stream (CVRIS) Grant Application 2021;

AND THAT Port Moody City Council support the project and commit to any associated ineligible costs and cost overruns.

**Early Input –
Pre-Application –
3316-3330 Dewdney
Trunk Road (PC
Urban)**

- 7.3 Report: Community Development Department – Development Planning Division, dated December 14, 2020

Staff introduced the pre-application and noted that it is similar to other PC Urban projects in the area and that the design, except for the two extra storeys, aligns with the Official Community Plan.

The applicant introduced their proposal and gave a presentation on project statistics, including site area, floor area, building height, structure, housing type, unit breakdown, transportation amenities for vehicles and bicycles, neighbourhood context, site plan, proposed benefits, transit-oriented development practices, parking plans, typical unit plans, site challenges, land locking and daylighting concerns, and building form and character.

The applicant answered questions from Council regarding the proposed Environmentally Sensitive Areas Management Strategy and its impact, the current status of other PC Urban projects, parking, unit type variations, affordable unit components, footprint, drop-off and pick-up areas, massing, and rental fees.

Councillors Lahti and Royer left the meeting at this point and did not return.

CW21/007

Moved, seconded, and CARRIED

THAT staff and the applicant consider the comments provided during the Committee of the Whole meeting held on January 19, 2021 regarding the Pre-Application presented in the report dated December 14, 2020 from the Community Development Department – Development Planning Division regarding Early Input – Pre-Application – 3316-3330 Dewdney Trunk Road (PC Urban).

Phase One Climate Action Implementation Strategy

7.4

Report: Community Development Department – Policy Planning Division, dated December 2, 2020
On-Table Memo: Community Development Department – Policy Planning Division, dated January 13, 2021

CW21/008

Moved, seconded, and CARRIED

THAT item 7.4 be referred to the February 2, 2021 Special Council meeting.

CW21/009

Moved, seconded, and CARRIED

That the meeting be extended until midnight.

CW21/010

Moved, seconded, and CARRIED

THAT staff be directed to apply for the BC Hydro funding Sustainable Communities Project Implementation funding stream as outlined in the memo dated January 13, 2021 from the Community Development – Policy Planning Division regarding Funding Opportunity to Offset Building Related Climate Action Cost;

AND THAT staff be authorized to apply for grant opportunities as they become available to offset costs associated with the actions approved and funded in the Phase One Climate Action Implementation Strategy.

**Request to Advocate
for Permanent
Top-up to
Disabilities and
Social Assistance
Rates**

7.5 On-Table Memo: Councillor Amy Lubik, dated January 18, 2021

CW21/011

Moved, seconded, and CARRIED

THAT the City of Port Moody write to the Provincial Minister of Finance, the Premier, the Minister of Social Development and Poverty Reduction, and the MLAs for the Tri-Cities advocating that the government reinstate the \$300 monthly top-up for people receiving disability assistance and permanently raise the rates of income assistance and disability assistance to a livable rate that is above the market basket measure as recommended in the memo dated January 18, 2021 from Councillor Amy Lubik regarding Request to Advocate for Permanent Top-up to Disabilities and Social Assistance Rates.

**Adoption of
Committee of the
Whole Report**

8. Rise and Report

8.1 RC21/027

Moved, seconded, and CARRIED

THAT the recommendations approved at the Committee of the Whole meeting of January 19, 2021 be ratified.

9. Legislative Matters

10. Adjournment

Mayor Vagramov adjourned the meeting at 11:57pm.

Certified correct in accordance with section 148(a) of the *Community Charter*.

T. Takahashi, Deputy Corporate Officer

Confirmed on the ____ day of _____, 2021.

R. Vagramov, Mayor