



City of Port Moody

Minutes

Regular Council Meeting

Electronic Webinar via Zoom
Tuesday, March 9, 2021
at 8:07pm

Present:

Mayor R. Vagramov
Councillor D.L. Dilworth (left at 10:25pm)
Councillor A.A. Lubik
Councillor M.P. Lahti (left at 10:25pm)
Councillor H. Madsen
Councillor S. Milani
Councillor P.Z.C. Royer

In Attendance:

Tim Savoie – City Manager
André Boel – City Planner
Ron Coulson – Fire Chief
Mary De Paoli – Manager of Policy Planning
Ron Higo – General Manager of Community Services
Rosemary Lodge – Manager of Communications and Engagement
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
Dorothy Shermer – Corporate Officer
Tracey Takahashi – Deputy Corporate Officer
Kate Zanon – General Manager of Community Development

1. Call to Order

Mayor Vagramov called the meeting to order at 8:07pm.

Art at Council

1.1 Verbal Report: Councillor Zoë Royer, Chair, Arts and Culture Committee

Councillor Royer, Chair, Arts and Culture Committee, introduced the evening's Art at Council, an acrylic painting from the City's private collection by Adrienne Peacock titled *Mossom Creek*. Councillor Royer noted that Ms. Peacock painted this piece when she attended a plein air painting session at the Mossom Creek Hatchery, where she attempted to capture the energy of Mossom Creek's water flow and the surrounding dense forest scenery.

2. Public Input

Wilhelmina Martin (Port Moody) expressed concerns about the Environmentally Sensitive Areas Update, noting that property owners are eager to review the updates and continue working with Council and staff to address their concerns.

Patrick Dennett (Port Moody) expressed concerns about the Environmentally Sensitive Areas Update and urged Council to ensure that all affected residents are informed of the changes.

Elena Reziapova (Port Moody) expressed concerns about the increase in traffic on Hope Street since the implementation of the traffic calming measures on St. George Street, and urged Council to consider restricting access on Hope Street to local traffic only.

Eric Hedekar (Port Moody) expressed concerns about the report in item 9.3, noting that its recommendations are in conflict with the Climate Action Plan, and urged Council to ensure that decisions to regulate building practices are based on scientifically sound evidence from unbiased sources.

Jeff McLellan (Port Moody) noted that the practice of Council members submitting reports is unique to Port Moody, and that this practice increases staff workloads and the duration of meetings, and is not in the best interests of Port Moody residents.

Patrick Dennett (Port Moody) expressed additional concerns regarding the Environmentally Sensitive Areas Update, noting that the Burrard Inlet falls within the Port of Vancouver's jurisdiction and suggested that it should be removed from the designated Environmentally Sensitive Areas.

3. General Matters

RC21/113

Moved, seconded, and CARRIED
THAT Public Input be continued.

Colin Burton (Port Moody) expressed concerns regarding the potential impact of the Environmentally Sensitive Areas Update on properties and urged Council to ensure that all affected property owners are consulted.

4. Adoption of Minutes

4.1 RC21/114

Moved, seconded, and CARRIED

THAT the minutes of the following meetings be adopted:

- **Special Council (to Close) – February 16, 2021;**
- **Special Council (FC and COTW) – February 16, 2021;**
- **Special Council (to Close) – February 23, 2021;**
- **Public Hearing – February 23, 2021;**
- **Special Council – February 23, 2021; and**
- **Regular Council – February 23, 2021.**

5. Consent Agenda

At the request of Council, the following items were removed from the Consent Agenda for consideration under section 6:

- 5.3 – 2021 Work Plan – Economic Development Committee;
- 5.6 – 2021 Work Plan – Seniors Focus Committee; and
- 5.7 – Pedestrian Traffic Signal at St. Johns Street and Elgin Street.

RC21/115

Moved, seconded, and CARRIED

THAT the recommendations contained in the following items on the March 9, 2021 Regular Council Consent Agenda be approved:

- **5.1 – Fees Bylaw Amendment – Adoption;**
- **5.2 – 2021 Work Plan – Climate Action Committee;**
- **5.4 – 2021 Work Plan – Heritage Commission;**
- **5.5 – 2021 Work Plan – Parks and Recreation Commission; and**
- **5.8 – Port Moody Legion Liquor Licence Application.**

The items and recommendations referred to above are as follows:

Fees Bylaw Amendment – Adoption

5.1 Memo: Legislative Services Division, dated March 1, 2021

Recommendation adopted on consent:

THAT City of Port Moody Fees Bylaw, 2020, No. 3278, Amendment Bylaw No. 1, 2021, No. 3298 be now adopted as recommended in the memo dated March 1, 2021 from the Legislative Services Division regarding Fees Bylaw Amendment – Adoption.

2021 Work Plan – Climate Action Committee	5.2	<p>Report: Climate Action Committee, dated February 24, 2021</p> <p><i>Recommendation adopted on consent:</i> THAT the 2021 Climate Action Committee Work Plan be approved as recommended in the report dated February 24, 2021 from the Climate Action Committee regarding 2021 Work Plan – Climate Action Committee.</p>
2021 Work Plan – Heritage Commission	5.4	<p>Report: Heritage Commission, dated February 16, 2021</p> <p><i>Recommendation adopted on consent:</i> THAT the 2021 Heritage Commission Work Plan be approved as recommended in the report dated February 16, 2021 from the Heritage Commission regarding 2021 Work Plan – Heritage Commission.</p>
2021 Work Plan – Parks and Recreation Commission	5.5	<p>Report: Parks and Recreation Commission, dated February 16, 2021</p> <p><i>Recommendation adopted on consent:</i> THAT the 2021 Parks and Recreation Commission Work Plan be approved as recommended in the report dated February 16, 2021 from the Parks and Recreation Commission regarding 2021 Work Plan – Parks and Recreation Commission.</p>
Port Moody Legion Liquor Licence Application	5.8	<p>Report: Community Development Department – Building, Bylaw, and Licensing Division, dated February 23, 2021</p> <p><i>Recommendation adopted on consent:</i> THAT staff be directed to advise the Liquor and Cannabis Regulation Branch that the City of Port Moody wishes to opt out of the public consultation process for the Port Moody Legion as recommended in the report dated February 23, 2021 from the Community Development Department – Building, Bylaw, and Licensing Division regarding Port Moody Legion Liquor Licence Application;</p> <p>AND THAT staff be directed to draft an amendment to Corporate Policy – 09-4300-2016-01 – City Review of Liquor Licence Applications to establish criteria within the Policy for opting out of a City-led consultation process.</p>

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| 2021 Work Plan –
Economic
Development
Committee | 6. Items Removed from the Consent Agenda | |
| | <p>6.5.3 Report: Economic Development Committee, dated February 4, 2021</p> <p><u>RC21/116</u>
Moved, seconded, and CARRIED
THAT the OCP/Master Plan Working Group and all G1 items be removed from the 2021 Economic Development Committee Work Plan.
(Voting against: Mayor Vagramov)</p> <p><u>RC21/117</u>
Moved, seconded, and CARRIED
THAT “Incorporating Metro Vancouver Industrial Land Strategy” be added to the 2021 Economic Development Committee Work Plan.</p> <p><u>RC21/118</u>
Moved, seconded, and CARRIED
THAT the 2021 Economic Development Committee Work Plan be approved as amended at the March 9, 2021 Regular Council meeting.</p> | |
| | 2021 Work Plan –
Seniors Focus
Committee | <p>6.5.6 Report: Seniors Focus Committee, dated February 4, 2021</p> <p><u>RC21/119</u>
Moved, seconded, and CARRIED
THAT “Investigation of the Social Prescribing Services from SHARE” be added to the 2021 Seniors Focus Committee Work Plan.</p> <p><u>RC21/120</u>
Moved, seconded, and CARRIED
THAT the 2021 Seniors Focus Committee Work Plan be approved as amended at the March 9, 2021 Regular Council meeting.</p> |
| | | Pedestrian Traffic
Signal at St. Johns
Street and Elgin
Street |
| | 7. Legislative Matters | |
| | 8. Unfinished Business | |

- OCP Update Project Public Engagement and Project Timeline Update**
9. New Business
- 9.1 Memo: Community Development Department – Policy Planning Division, dated February 23, 2021
- RC21/122
 Moved, seconded, and CARRIED
THAT the updated OCP Project and consultation timeline be approved as outlined in the memo dated February 23, 2021 from the Community Development Department – Policy Planning Division regarding OCP Update Project Public Engagement and Project Timeline Update.
 (Voting against: Councillor Milani)
- Union of British Columbia Municipalities and Lower Mainland Local Government Association Resolution Requesting Enabling Legislation for Municipalities to Have the Ability to Require Green Roofs**
- 9.2 Report: Councillor Amy Lubik, dated February 18, 2021
- RC21/123
 Moved, seconded, and CARRIED
THAT the following resolution regarding requesting enabling legislation for municipalities to have the ability to require green roofs be endorsed by the City of Port Moody and forwarded for consideration at the 2021 Lower Mainland Local Government Association and subsequent Union of British Columbia Municipalities convention as recommended in the report dated February 18, 2021 from Councillor Amy Lubik regarding Union of British Columbia Municipalities and Lower Mainland Local Government Association Resolution Requesting Enabling Legislation for Municipalities to Have the Ability to Require Green Roofs:
- WHEREAS** Green roofs serve multiple societal goals, including improved stormwater management, better regulation of building temperatures, reduced urban heat island effects, and increased urban wildlife habitat and biodiversity;
- AND WHEREAS** currently the *Local Government Act* (LGA) allows a local government to require landscaping under section 527 and to control runoff under section 523, but the LGA and *Community Charter* do not empower local governments to require and enforce the related building standard of construction (prohibited under the *Building Act*) or require and enforce maintenance of green roofs, including with security requirements;
- THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** UBCM request that the Province amend the *Local Government Act* to provide enabling legislation for local governments, should they choose to do so, to expressly require green roofs and enforce the related building standard of construction and maintenance of green roofs, including with security requirements.

9.3 Report: Councillor Steve Milani, dated March 1, 2021

RC21/124

Moved and seconded

THAT staff report back to Council with options and recommendations on how best to:

- a) **prioritize and incentivize Mass Timber (Cross-Laminated Timber (CLT)) construction for buildings over six storeys in height; and**
- b) **discourage the use of concrete as the main component of buildings over six storeys in height;**

as recommended in the report dated March 1, 2021 from the Office of Councillor Steve Milani regarding Sustainable Building Practices;

AND THAT this item be classified as High Priority to address the current state of climate emergency.

Separation was requested.

Councillor Royer left the meeting at this point.

RC21/125

Moved, seconded, and CARRIED

THAT the foregoing motion be amended by deleting “and recommendations” and “as recommended in the report dated March 1, 2021 from the Office of Councillor Steve Milani regarding Sustainable Building Practices”.

The question on the first clause of the main motion (RC21/124a) as amended (by RC21/125) was put to a vote; the following motion was CARRIED:

THAT staff report back to Council with options on how best to:

- a) **prioritize and incentivize Mass Timber (Cross-Laminated Timber (CLT)) construction for buildings over six storeys in height; and**
- b) **discourage the use of concrete as the main component of buildings over six storeys in height.**

The question on the second clause of the main motion (RC21/124b) was put to a vote; the following motion was DEFEATED:

THAT this item be classified as High Priority to address the current state of climate emergency.

(Voting against: Councillors Dilworth, Lahti, Lubik, and Madsen, and Mayor Vagramov)

Councillor Royer returned to the meeting at this point.

RC21/126

Moved, seconded, and CARRIED

THAT this item be referred to the Climate Action Committee for consideration and establishment of a subcommittee to investigate the environmental, economic, public safety, and affordability issues related to mass timber construction being the primary building form in Port Moody;

AND THAT the subcommittee be directed to research and invite industry experts and academics in an effort to provide direction on the most sustainable building practices available.

**Environmentally
Sensitive Area
Update Input**

9.4 Report: Mayor Rob Vagramov and Councillor Steve Milani, dated February 11, 2021

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

RC21/127

Moved and seconded

WHEREAS a significant amount of community concern has arisen from the lack of predictability related to environmental regulations in the draft Environmentally Sensitive Area (ESA) Update;

AND WHEREAS the lack of a coherent, easy to understand environmental vision is leading to a slew of theories regarding the purpose of the draft ESA update;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT staff be directed to include a high-level vision of any long-range goals that the City might have for future environmental enhancement or habitat restoration goals for the Alderside foreshore, as well as any specific concerns in foreshore conditions (or the assessment zone along the foreshore) that staff might already be monitoring for the purposes of restoration as recommended in the report dated February 11, 2021 from the Offices of Mayor Rob Vagramov and Councillor Steve Milani regarding Environmentally Sensitive Area Update Input;

AND THAT staff be directed to assist the public in anticipating and understanding whether (and if so, then how) their properties might present possible environmental concerns now or in the future, based on common or already known coastal ecological protection and restoration concerns;

AND THAT staff be directed to adjust proposed ESA regulations to allow for a static flowchart (printed and digital) to provide homeowners in affected areas easy access to the measures that will be required of them in various redevelopment scenarios to provide a better degree of predictability (e.g. "Property contains map-identified riparian watercourse, If YES then..., if NO then..."; or "Foreshore contains marine dock, If YES then..."; or "...contains known recurrent nesting by any of the following protected waterfowl If YES then..." etc.).

Separation was requested.

RC21/128

Moved, seconded, and CARRIED

THAT the foregoing motion be amended by replacing “adjust” with “report back on adjusting the”.

RC21/129

Moved, seconded, and DEFEATED

THAT the meeting be extended to 11:22pm.

(Voting against: Councillor Royer)

The meeting automatically adjourned at 11:07pm.

10. Other Business

**Proclamation
Request – Celiac
Awareness Month**

10.1 Email: Julie Clement, dated January 29, 2021

This item was postponed to the March 16, 2021 Special Council meeting.

**Lighting Request –
World Parkinson's
Day**

10.2 Email: Laura Halas, dated February 11, 2021

This item was postponed to the March 16, 2021 Special Council meeting.

**Lighting Request –
World MS Day**

10.3 Email: Therese Guieb, dated February 18, 2021

This item was postponed to the March 16, 2021 Special Council meeting.

**Lighting Request
– National Purple
Day (Epilepsy
Awareness)**

10.4 Email: Laura Cherrille, dated February 18, 2021

This item was postponed to the March 16, 2021 Special Council meeting.

11. Verbal Reports from Council and Staff

11.1 Council Verbal Reports

11.2 Staff Verbal Reports

**Committees,
Commissions, and
Boards – Minutes**

12. Information Items

- 12.1
- Environmental Protection Committee – January 18, 2021
 - Transportation Committee – January 20, 2021
 - Library Board – January 21, 2021
 - Climate Action Committee – January 25, 2021
 - Arts and Culture Committee – February 1, 2021

**Council
Correspondence**

- 12.2 Letter dated February 5, 2021 from Deputy Minister Tara Richards
re Flood Risk Mitigation

13. Public Input

14. Adjournment

The meeting automatically adjourned at 11:07pm.

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

D. Shermer, Corporate Officer

Confirmed on the __ day of ____, 2021.

R. Vagramov, Mayor