



City of Port Moody

Minutes

Special Council Meeting

Electronic Webinar via Zoom
Tuesday, March 16, 2021
at 8:08pm

Present:

Mayor R. Vagramov
Councillor D.L. Dilworth
Councillor M.P. Lahti (arrived at 9:04pm)
Councillor H. Madsen
Councillor S. Milani
Councillor P.Z.C. Royer

Absent:

Councillor A.A. Lubik

In Attendance:

Tim Savoie – City Manager
André Boel – City Planner
Raman Braich – Manager of Information Services
Ron Coulson – Fire Chief
Dave Fleugel – Chief Constable, Port Moody Police
Tyson Ganske – Manager of Financial Planning
Ron Higo – General Manager of Community Services
Paul Leblanc – Manager of Solid Waste, Fleet, and Shared 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
Marc Saunders – Director of Library Services
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 8:08pm.

RC21/130

Moved, seconded, and CARRIED

THAT Offering COVID Vaccination Space be added to the agenda as item 4.2.

Resolution to Go Into Finance Committee	<p>2. General Matters</p> <p>2.1 <u>RC21/131</u> Moved, seconded, and CARRIED THAT Council go into Finance Committee.</p>
	<p>Councillor Milani assumed the role of Presiding Member at this point.</p>
2021 Budget Consultation Summary	<p>3. Finance Committee</p> <p>3.1 Report: Finance and Technology Department – Financial Services Division, dated March 5, 2021</p> <p>Staff gave a presentation on the 2021 Public Budget Consultation, including information regarding the consultation scope and tools; survey results, responses, and comments; key findings; and results of the 2018 citizen Ipsos Public Affairs survey.</p> <p>Staff answered questions from Council regarding the impacts of COVID-19 on the survey results, survey comments related to balancing service levels and tax rates, and engagement of the Citizen Advisory Group.</p> <p><u>FC21/025</u> Moved, seconded, and CARRIED THAT the report dated March 5, 2021 from the Finance and Technology Department – Financial Services Division regarding 2021 Budget Consultation Summary be received for information.</p>
Revenue Policy Disclosure – Policies and Objectives	<p>3.2 Report: Finance and Technology Department – Financial Services Division, dated February 26, 2021</p> <p><u>FC21/026</u> Moved, seconded, and CARRIED THAT the report dated February 26, 2021 from the Finance and Technology Department – Financial Services Division regarding Revenue Policy Disclosure – Policies and Objectives be received for information.</p>
2021 Budget Deliberations	<p>3.3 Memo: Finance and Technology Department – Financial Services Division, dated March 5, 2021</p> <p>Staff gave a presentation on the 2021-2025 Five-Year Financial Plan Draft Operating Budget, including information regarding: purpose; timelines; process; historic budget increases; guidelines; impacts of COVID-19; impacts of the Mill and Timber closure; regional context; Capital Budget; average and estimated tax impacts; next steps; and staff recommendations.</p> <p>Councillor Lahti joined the meeting at this point.</p>

FC21/027

Moved and seconded

THAT \$33,050 from the digital billboard lighting bonus be transferred to the New Initiatives Reserve as recommended in the memo dated March 5, 2021 from the Finance and Technology Department – Financial Services Division regarding 2021 Budget Deliberations;

AND THAT staff be directed to prepare the 2021-2025 Financial Plan Bylaw and 2021 Tax Rates Bylaw for Council consideration based on the 3.55% tax rate increase as discussed in the memo dated March 5, 2021 from the Finance and Technology Department – Financial Services Division regarding 2021 Budget Deliberations.

FC21/028

Moved, seconded, and DEFEATED

THAT this item be postponed until April 5, 2021 to give staff and Committee members an opportunity to bring forward further reductions.

(Voting against: Councillors Dilworth, Lahti, Milani, and Royer)

The question on the main motion (FC21/027) was put to a vote; the following motion was CARRIED:

THAT \$33,050 from the digital billboard lighting bonus be transferred to the New Initiatives Reserve as recommended in the memo dated March 5, 2021 from the Finance and Technology Department – Financial Services Division regarding 2021 Budget Deliberations;

AND THAT staff be directed to prepare the 2021-2025 Financial Plan Bylaw and 2021 Tax Rates Bylaw for Council consideration based on the 3.55% tax rate increase as discussed in the memo dated March 5, 2021 from the Finance and Technology Department – Financial Services Division regarding 2021 Budget Deliberations.

(Voting against: Councillor Lahti and Mayor Vagramov)

**Funding Source –
Port Moody Rotary's
2021 Ribfest**

3.4 Memo: Finance and Technology Department – Financial Services Division, dated March 8, 2021

FC21/029

Moved, seconded, and CARRIED

THAT the memo dated March 8, 2021 from the Finance and Technology Department – Financial Services Division regarding Funding Source – Port Moody Rotary's 2021 Ribfest be received for information.

- Resolution to Adopt Finance Committee Report**
4. Rise and Report
- 4.1 Mayor Vagramov resumed the role of Presiding Member at this point.

RC21/132

Moved, seconded, and CARRIED

THAT the recommendations approved at the Finance Committee meeting of March 16, 2021 be ratified.

Offering COVID Vaccination Space

- 4.2 Memo: Mayor Rob Vagramov dated March 15, 2021

RC21/133

Moved and seconded

THAT Council offer the City Hall Roundabout and Galleria space for immediate and indefinite vaccination use to Fraser Health and the BC Ministry of Health.

RC21/134

Moved, seconded, and CARRIED

THAT the foregoing motion be amended by adding:

“AND THAT the City of Port Moody offer use of the Recreation Complex parking lot to facilitate a drive-through COVID-19 vaccination clinic similar to the Fall 2020 Flu Vaccine Clinic.”.

The question on the main motion (RC21/133) as amended (by RC21/134) was put to a vote; the following motion was CARRIED:

THAT Council offer the City Hall Roundabout and Galleria space for immediate and indefinite vaccination use to Fraser Health and the BC Ministry of Health;

AND THAT the City of Port Moody offer use of the Recreation Complex parking lot to facilitate a drive-through COVID-19 vaccination clinic similar to the Fall 2020 Flu Vaccine Clinic.

**Environmentally
Sensitive Area
Update Input**

**5. Items Postponed from the Regular Council Meeting
of March 9, 2021**

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

The following was moved and seconded at the Regular Council meeting of March 9, 2021 and was on the table for consideration:

RC21/127

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 report back on options for adjusting the 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).

RC21/135

Moved, seconded, and DEFEATED

THAT this item be postponed until staff report back with public consultation results.

(Voting against: Councillors Madsen and Milani, and Mayor Vagramov)

The question on the main motion (RC21/127) was put to a vote; the following motion was DEFEATED:

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 report back on options for adjusting the 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).

(Voting against: Councillors Dilworth, Lahti, Madsen, Milani and Royer)

Moved, seconded, and CARRIED

THAT the recommendations contained in the following items be approved:

- **5.2 – Proclamation Request – Celiac Awareness Month;**
- **5.3 – Lighting Request – World Parkinson's Day;**
- **5.4 – Lighting Request – World MS Day; and**
- **5.5 – Lighting Request – National Purple Day (Epilepsy Awareness).**

The items and recommendations referred to above are as follows:

Proclamation Request – Celiac Awareness Month

5.2 Email: Julie Clement, dated January 29, 2021

Recommendation adopted on consent:

THAT the month of May 2021 be proclaimed Celiac Awareness Month in the City of Port Moody.

Lighting Request – World Parkinson's Day

5.3 Email: Laura Halas, dated February 11, 2021

Recommendation adopted on consent:

THAT the City Hall theme lighting be illuminated teal and magenta on April 11, 2021 in recognition of World Parkinson's Day.

Lighting Request – World MS Day

5.4 Email: Therese Guieb, dated February 18, 2021

Recommendation adopted on consent:

THAT the City Hall theme lighting be illuminated red on May 30, 2021 to commemorate World MS Day.

Lighting Request – National Purple Day (Epilepsy Awareness)

5.5 Email: Laura Cherrille, dated February 18, 2021

Recommendation adopted on consent:

THAT the City Hall theme lighting be illuminated purple on March 26, 2021 in recognition of National Purple Day for Epilepsy Awareness.

6. Public Input

Wilhelmina Martin (Port Moody) expressed support for the Port Moody Heritage Society's loco 100th delegation, and expressed concerns about the tax bill questionnaire proposed in item 8.4. Ms. Martin urged Council to offer more public engagement opportunities and return to meetings in Council Chambers as soon as possible.

Cindy Zhou (Port Moody) expressed concerns about the Environmentally Sensitive Areas Update, noting that it will have a negative impact on property values, and urged Council to ensure that the initiative considers the best interests of property owners as well as the environment.

John Hopson (Port Moody) expressed concerns about the Environmentally Sensitive Areas Update, noting that it will have a negative impact on property values and the environment, and urged Council to consider such impacts.

Eric Hedekar (Port Moody) expressed concerns about the tax bill questionnaire proposed in item 8.4, noting that any consultation undertaken by the City should be free from personal bias. Mr. Hedekar suggested that Council members refrain from submitting reports for the Council agenda in order to improve business efficiency.

Barry Sharbo (Port Moody) expressed concerns about the Environmentally Sensitive Areas Update, noting that it will have a negative impact on property owners, and urged Council to offer more public engagement opportunities on this issue.

Jeff McLellan (Port Moody) expressed support for the Port Moody Heritage Society's loco 100th delegation, and expressed concerns about the tax bill questionnaire proposed in item 8.4, noting that City surveys should be developed using best practice standards.

Daphne Herberts (Port Moody), read a letter from two long-time Port Moody residents, expressing concerns about the Environmentally Sensitive Areas Update, noting that it will have a negative impact on property values and development opportunities.

Councillor Lahti left the meeting at this point.

7. General Matters

Resolution to Go Into Committee of the Whole

- 7.1 RC21/137
Moved, seconded, and CARRIED
THAT Council go into Committee of the Whole.

8. Committee of the Whole

Delegation – Port Moody Heritage Society loco 100th

- 8.1 Presentation: Kirsten Gerllays, Vice President, and Jim Millar, Executive Director
Delegation Request: Jim Millar

Councillor Lahti returned to the meeting at this point.

CW21/021
Moved, seconded, and DEFEATED
THAT the meeting be extended until 12:08am.
(Voting against: Councillors Dilworth and Royer)

CW21/022
Moved, seconded, and CARRIED
THAT the meeting be extended until 11:28pm.

Delegates Laura Dick, Kirsten Gerllays, and Jim Millar entered the meeting at this point.

The delegation provided an overview of planning for the loco 100th Anniversary, including information regarding grants, events, and legacy projects such as a walking tour and a virtual book.

The delegation requested an update on the resolutions passed at the October 13, 2020 Regular Council meeting regarding the loco Townsite, and asked for approval to install signage and benches on the loco Townsite road allowances. The delegation further requested that washrooms be installed at the loco Townsite, and that the City facilitate the donation of a public art piece for the loco Townsite.

The delegation answered questions from Council regarding the proposed location of signage and benches, traffic considerations, washroom provisions, budget, and fundraising efforts.

CW21/023

Moved, seconded, and CARRIED

THAT the delegation request be placed on a subsequent Council agenda for consideration, addressing all points of delegation request.

The delegates left the meeting at this point and did not return.

The meeting automatically adjourned at 11:28pm.

**Early Input –
Pre-Application –
1601 Barnet Highway
(Alair Homes)**

8.2 Report: Community Development Department – Development Planning Division, dated January 29, 2021

This item was postponed to a future Council meeting.

**Corporate Policy –
Vehicles and
Equipment**

8.3 Report: Engineering and Operations Department – Solid Waste, Fleet, and Shared Services Division, dated February 1, 2021

This item was postponed to a future Council meeting.

**Tax Bill
Questionnaire to
Gather Public Input
on Key Community
Issues for the Next
Official Community
Plan Update**

8.4 Report: Councillor Hunter Madsen, dated March 8, 2021

This item was postponed to a future Council meeting.

9. Rise and Report

10. Adjournment

The meeting automatically adjourned at 11:28pm.

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