



City of Port Moody

Minutes

Special Council Meeting

Electronic Webinar via Zoom
Tuesday, March 30, 2021
at 6:07pm

Present:

Mayor R. Vagramov
Councillor D.L. Dilworth
Councillor M.P. Lahti
Councillor A.A. Lubik
Councillor H. Madsen
Councillor S. Milani
Councillor P.Z.C. Royer (arrived at 6:20pm)

In Attendance:

Tim Savoie – City Manager
André Boel – City Planner
Theresa Cochran – General Manager of Community Services
Ron Coulson – Fire Chief
Mary De Paoli – Manager of Policy Planning
Ron Higo – Acting General Manager of Community Services
Philip Lo – Committee Coordinator
Rosemary Lodge – Manager of Communications and Engagement
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

Also In Attendance:

Catherine Berris, Consultant, Urban Systems

1. Call to Order

- 1.1 Mayor Vagramov called the meeting to order at 6:07pm.

2. General Matters

**Resolution to Go
Into Committee of
the Whole**

2.1 RC21/167

Moved, seconded, and CARRIED

THAT Council go into Committee of the Whole.

RC21/168

Moved, seconded, and CARRIED

THAT the agenda be reordered to address item 4.1 after 4.3.

3. Public Input

Wilhelmina Martin (Port Moody) expressed concerns about the Shaping the Next Port Moody report, suggesting that it is unnecessarily alarmist, and that Council should not proceed with its recommendations. Ms. Martin also expressed concerns about the proposed tax bill questionnaire, suggesting that both the survey questions and the results will be of questionable value.

Haven Lurbiecki (Port Moody) expressed support for the Shaping the Next Port Moody report, noting that the City should, in place of taking the piecemeal approach to reviewing development proposals, address the cumulative impact of development on the community as recommended in the report. Ms. Lurbiecki suggested that unchecked growth could have an irreversible impact on the quality of life, and that an Official Community Plan review should be conducted before considering any other development proposals.

Councillor Royer entered the meeting at this point.

Jeff Poste (Port Moody) expressed support for the Shaping the Next Port Moody report and the proposed tax bill questionnaire, and noted that over-development could strain City resources, and that low-rise developments would keep the City livable.

Barry Sharbo (Port Moody) expressed support for the Shaping the Next Port Moody report, suggesting that it is an overdue review in light of current developments and their projected impact. Mr. Sharbo also expressed support for the proposed tax bill questionnaire, suggesting that “arts and entertainment” in question six should be better defined for better responses.

Aaron Robinson (Port Moody) expressed concerns about the Shaping the Next Port Moody report, noting that the City has undertaken policy processes involving professionals and the community, and that recommendations made without due diligence and a valid consultation process should not be adopted by Council. Mr. Robinson also expressed concerns about the proposed tax bill questionnaire, noting that only property owners would be able to participate in the survey being proposed.

David Stuart (Port Moody) expressed support for the proposed tax bill questionnaire, suggesting that the topics are common across the region, and that Council should determine how to incorporate these themes into the engagement process or the survey.

Hazel Mason (Port Moody) expressed support for the Shaping the Next Port Moody report, noting that it takes a holistic approach to community planning. Ms. Mason also expressed support for the proposed tax bill questionnaire.

4. Committee of the Whole

4.2 Report: Community Development Department – Policy Planning Division, dated March 17, 2021

Staff and Catherine Berris, Consultant, gave a presentation on the Port Moody 2050 Official Community Plan engagement strategy, including information regarding the public engagement timeline, survey best practices and considerations, the purpose of the second survey, results from the first community survey, key themes, and additional Council considerations for the second community survey.

CW21/024

Moved, seconded, and CARRIED

THAT this meeting be recessed and reconvened after the Public Hearing and Special Council meeting scheduled at 7:00pm.

The meeting was recessed at 7:00pm and reconvened at 8:17pm with Council and the following in attendance:

- Acting General Manager of Community Services;
- City Manager;
- City Planner;
- Committee Coordinator;
- Corporate Officer;
- Deputy Corporate Officer;
- Fire Chief;
- General Manager of Community Development;
- General Manager of Community Services;
- General Manager of Engineering and Operations;
- General Manager of Finance and Technology;
- General Manager of People, Communications, and Engagement;
- Manager of Communications and Engagement;
- Manager of Policy Planning; and
- Catherine Berris, Consultant, Urban Systems.

Staff and Catherine Berris answered questions from Council regarding: the timing for incorporating potential questionnaire guidelines from the Shaping the Next Port Moody report into the engagement process; ensuring equal status for renters in the engagement process; community feedback on suggested changes to 2014 goal statements; the number of priorities that can be realistically addressed in one survey; phase four of the engagement process; surveying the public on the current community vision rather than the 2014 vision; providing context for survey respondents; survey promotion through media channels and other networks; potential survey questions regarding: housing affordability and needs, employment and economic development, social connectivity, and parks and greenspace use; the use of 3D modelling and the vision on which the model will be based; potential engagement opportunities during the summer months; considerations for participation incentives; and tools available on the Engage Port Moody platform.

Council selected six priority topics to be included in Community Survey No. 2 from a poll conducted on Zoom.

CW21/025

Moved and seconded

THAT staff be directed to develop questions for the Port Moody 2050 OCP Update Community Survey No. 2 based on key themes and topics identified by Council, in addition to the themes from the Community Survey No. 1 results as outlined in the report dated March 17, 2021 from the Community Development Department – Policy Planning Division regarding Port Moody 2050 Official Community Plan Update – Community Survey No. 2 – Key Themes and Topics.

CW21/026

Moved, seconded, and CARRIED

THAT the foregoing motion (CW21/025) be amended by adding: “AND THAT the following six priority topics be included in the survey:

- **Economic development and employment;**
- **Community and recreation amenities;**
- **Development and urban planning;**
- **Moody Centre revitalization/TOD;**
- **Parks and greenspace; and**
- **Population growth.”.**

CW21/027

Moved and seconded

THAT the foregoing motion (CW21/025) be amended by adding “AND THAT staff report back on the feasibility of continuing consultation throughout the summer months.”.

CW21/028

Moved, seconded, and CARRIED

THAT the foregoing amendment motion (CW21/027) be further amended by replacing “report back on” with “report back via email on”.

(Voting against: Councillors Dilworth, Lubik, and Madsen)

CW21/029

Moved, seconded, and CARRIED

THAT resolution CW21/028 be reconsidered.

The question on CW21/028 was reconsidered; the following amendment motion was DEFEATED:

THAT the foregoing amendment motion (CW21/027) be further amended by replacing “report back on” with “report back via email on”.

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

The question on the main amendment motion (CW21/027) was put to a vote; the following amendment motion was DEFEATED:

THAT the foregoing motion (CW21/025) be amended by adding “AND THAT staff report back on the feasibility of continuing consultation throughout the summer months.”.

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

The question on the main motion (CW21/025) as amended (by CW21/026) was put to a vote; the following motion was CARRIED:

THAT staff be directed to develop questions for the Port Moody 2050 OCP Update Community Survey No. 2 based on key themes and topics identified by Council, in addition to the themes from the Community Survey No. 1 results as outlined in the report dated March 17, 2021 from the Community Development Department – Policy Planning Division regarding Port Moody 2050 Official Community Plan Update – Community Survey No. 2 – Key Themes and Topics;

AND THAT the following six topics be included in the survey:

- **Economic development and employment;**
- **Community and recreation amenities;**
- **Development and urban planning;**
- **Moody Centre revitalization/TOD;**
- **Parks and greenspace; and**
- **Population growth.**

Catherine Berris left the meeting at this point and did not return.

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

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

CW21/030

Moved and seconded

THAT staff and its survey design professionals be directed to consider, as a framework for reference, the questions and imagery submitted by Councillor Madsen in item 4.3 as they craft the 2021 tax bill questionnaire;

AND THAT staff include the final tax bill questions in all approved forms of OCP public outreach (including online and formats designed to solicit input from renters and youth).

CW21/031

Moved, seconded, and DEFEATED

THAT the meeting be extended until 10:47pm.

(Voting against: Councillors Dilworth and Royer)

CW21/032

Moved, seconded, and CARRIED

THAT the meeting be extended until 10:27pm.

The question on the main motion (CW21/030) was put to a vote; the following motion was CARRIED:

THAT staff and its survey design professionals be directed to consider, as a framework for reference, the questions and imagery submitted by Councillor Madsen in item 4.3 as they craft the 2021 tax bill questionnaire;

AND THAT staff include the final tax bill questions in all approved forms of OCP public outreach (including online and formats designed to solicit input from renters and youth).

(Voting against: Councillor Royer)

CW21/033

Moved, seconded, and CARRIED

THAT staff consider including questions on green infrastructure, climate action, and smart growth in the items to be considered in new developments along with those proposed by Councillor Madsen.

**Shaping the Next
Port Moody –
Seven
Development
Pitfalls and Seven
Guidelines for
Prudent Growth**

4.1 Report: Councillor Hunter Madsen, dated March 21, 2021

This item was not addressed.

**Adoption of
Committee of the
Whole Report**

5. Rise and Report

5.1 This item was not addressed.

6. Legislative Matters

7. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:27pm.

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