



City of Port Moody

Minutes

Regular Council Meeting

Electronic Webinar via Zoom
Tuesday, May 11, 2021
at 7:11pm

Present:

Mayor R. Vagramov
Councillor D.L. Dilworth
Councillor A.A. Lubik
Councillor H. Madsen
Councillor S. Milani
Councillor P.Z.C. Royer

Absent:

Councillor M.P. Lahti

In Attendance:

Tim Savoie – City Manager
André Boel – City Planner
Raman Braich – Manager of Information Services
Theresa Cochran – General Manager of Community Services
Ron Coulson – Fire Chief
Angela Crampton – Environmental Technician
Tyson Ganske – Manager of Financial Planning
Devin Jain – Manager of Cultural Services
Jennifer Mills – Committee Coordinator
Jeff Moi – General Manager of Engineering and Operations
Angie Parnell – General Manager of People, Communications,
and Engagement
Julie Pavey-Tomlinson – Director of Environment and Parks
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 7:11pm.

Recognition for Life Saving Efforts

1.1 Verbal Report: Mayor Vagramov

Mayor Vagramov provided an overview of the life saving efforts that occurred on April 4, 2021, noting that three local citizens, Ed Lefebvre, Cole Learn, and an anonymous individual, took quick action and came to the rescue of three drowning kayakers in the Burrard Inlet.

Mayor Vagramov expressed gratitude to the rescuers for their extraordinary efforts and presented them with certificates of recognition for their heroic and selfless acts of bravery.

Art at Council

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

Councillor Royer, Chair, Arts and Culture Committee, introduced the evening's Art at Council, a video presentation of local artist Cezar Salaveria's past, present, and future artwork, noting that Mr. Salaveria began his creative journey as a filmmaker and then transitioned from telling stories on film to expressing stories through functional art created with wood and metal.

Mr. Salaveria thanked Council for the opportunity to showcase his work, including installations featuring recycled materials at Coquitlam Centre and Tsawwassen Mills and a cedar slab bench titled "*Oceans Apart*", and noted that his present and future work includes creating art space at his local business, Grit Café, where creativity can be nourished and the community can connect with arts and culture.

2. Public Input

Ryan Sayer (Port Moody) expressed concerns about the Shaping the Next Port Moody – 7 Development Pitfalls and 7 Guidelines for Prudent Growth report recommendations and the Environmentally Sensitive Area Management Strategy Update, noting that development helps create a vibrant and economically stable community, and that such reports and strategies negatively impact development opportunities. Mr. Sayer further noted that undertaking significant initiatives that affect residents and their livelihoods should be delayed until after the pandemic to ensure optimal education outreach and public engagement.

Wilhelmina Martin (Port Moody), on behalf of The Residents of Pleasant-side loco Communities Association, expressed concerns about the Environmentally Sensitive Area Management Strategy Update, noting that the designation of a Development Permit Area (DPA) for environmentally sensitive areas and associated DPA guidelines could set an undesirable precedent, and suggested that they should be eliminated from the Strategy.

Patty Sahota (Burnaby), Mill and Timber, expressed concerns about the Environmentally Sensitive Area Management Strategy Update, noting that more public consultation is needed to ensure that affected property owners are aware of the impacts to their properties. Ms. Sahota noted that the Strategy should consider a more reasonable approach to balancing protecting the shoreline environment with the community's access to the ocean. Ms. Sahota expressed support for the staff recommendation to pause implementation of the Strategy, but suggested that the Strategy be eliminated altogether.

Hazel Mason (Port Moody) expressed concerns about capturing written public input, noting that inclusion of all public input in Council minutes provides fair representation for those who cannot attend meetings live and that this information has yet to be made available since approval of Councillor Milani's recommendations regarding Capturing Public Input in October 2020.

Michael van Hemmen (Port Moody) expressed concerns about Rocky Point Pool not opening this year, noting that the pool provides local recreation and seasonal work opportunities, and requested that the City find a way to open the pool for the summer.

Patrick Dennett (Port Moody) expressed concerns about the Environmentally Sensitive Area Management Strategy Update, noting that the process lacked transparency and consultation with impacted land and home owners. Mr. Dennett requested that work on the designation of a DPA for environmentally sensitive areas and associated DPA Guidelines be stopped, and that efforts be focused on the Environmentally Sensitive Area Guidelines in the Official Community Plan.

Gaëtan Royer (Port Moody) expressed concerns about the Environmentally Sensitive Area Management Strategy Update, noting that the current online map identifies proposed sensitive areas that overlap existing buildings and infrastructure, which could have a negative impact on future development. Mr. Royer suggested that, if the Strategy is paused, the mapping could be updated to ensure the information is accurate.

Christy Thomson (Port Moody) expressed concerns about the Environmentally Sensitive Area Management Strategy Update, noting that the new mapping identifies previously unrecognized watercourses that will have a negative impact on home owners and limit opportunities for future development.

Daphne Herberts (Port Moody) expressed support for the Environmentally Sensitive Area Management Strategy Update recommendations, noting that pausing the Strategy during the pandemic will provide a future opportunity to conduct transparent and productive dialogue with the community.

Barry Sharbo (Port Moody) expressed concerns about capturing written public input at Council meetings, noting that both written and verbal public input forms part of the public record and should be included in the minutes, and urged Council to ensure that all public input is equitably represented.

Franco Ciolli (Port Moody) expressed concerns about the Environmentally Sensitive Area Management Strategy Update, noting that the Strategy requires further public engagement and education to ensure that affected property owners are informed of the impacts. Mr. Ciolli thanked Council for listening to residents' concerns and pausing work on the Strategy. Mr. Ciolli suggested that the Strategy should be eliminated as current policies provide adequate environmental protection.

Dennis Nisbet (Port Moody) expressed concerns about the Environmentally Sensitive Area Management Strategy Update, noting that the number of concerned residents indicates that there is significant concern and confusion over the proposed updates, and that residents need clarity regarding the associated impacts to properties.

Jeff McLellan (Port Moody) expressed concerns about the 2021 Annual Property Tax Rates Bylaw, noting that efforts to minimize tax increases should consider the effects on future years' increases. Mr. McLellan also expressed concerns about the Environmentally Sensitive Area Management Strategy Update, noting that staff efforts should be allocated to higher-priority initiatives such as a seniors centre. Mr. McLellan also expressed concerns about the recommendations regarding recordkeeping for Closed Council meetings, noting that elected officials are expected to conduct themselves responsibly in all meeting formats and that the increased access to information will only benefit Council, not the public.

RC21/289

Moved, seconded, and CARRIED

THAT the agenda be reordered to address item 9.2 immediately following item 3.1.

**Delegation –
Regenerative Garden
Farming – Climate
Change Mitigation
Strategies**

3. General Matters

- 3.1 Presentation: Keith and Dana Dunne
Delegation Request: Keith Dunne

Keith and Dana Dunne gave a presentation on the benefits of backyard chickens, such as improvement of soil health, increased food security, and opportunities to educate children on a variety of topics related to regenerative garden farming. The delegates requested that Bylaw No. 2937 be amended to permit backyard chickens in Port Moody and answered questions from Council regarding wildlife attractant concerns.

RC21/290

Moved, seconded, and CARRIED

THAT the delegation request be placed on a subsequent Council agenda for consideration.

The agenda order was varied to address item 9.2 at this point.

**Environmentally
Sensitive Area
Management Strategy
Update – Community
Feedback**

- 9.2 Report: Community Services Department – Environment Division, dated April 16, 2021

RC21/291

Moved, seconded, and CARRIED

THAT the two community feedback reports be received for information as recommended in the report dated April 16, 2021 from the Community Services Department – Environment Division regarding Environmentally Sensitive Area Management Strategy Update – Community Feedback;

AND THAT staff be directed to cancel work on the current revision of the ESA Management Strategy Update, report back to Council with a revised direction and revised scope of work, confirm alignment with Council’s vision for managing our natural areas, and seek direction on project completion.

RC21/292

Moved, seconded, and CARRIED

THAT all affected property owners be notified by mail to inform them of the ESA Management Strategy Update if the process is restarted.

The agenda order was resumed at this point.

Minutes

4. Adoption of Minutes

4.1 RC21/293

Moved, seconded, and CARRIED

THAT the minutes of the following meetings be adopted:

- **Special Council (to Close) – April 20, 2021;**
- **Special Council (FC and COTW) – April 20, 2021;**
- **Special Council – April 22, 2021;**
- **Special Council (to Close) – April 27, 2021; and**
- **Regular Council – April 27, 2021.**

RC21/294

Moved, seconded, and CARRIED

THAT approval of the April 13, 2021 Regular Council meeting minutes be rescinded.

RC21/295

Moved, seconded, and CARRIED

THAT the minutes of the April 13, 2021 Regular Meeting of Council be adopted with the following addition in item 9.3:

“The question on the first clause was put to a vote; the motion was CARRIED.”.

5. Consent Agenda

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

- 5.1 – 2021-2025 Five-Year Financial Plan Bylaw – Adoption;
- 5.2 – 2021 Annual Property Tax Rates Bylaw – Adoption; and
- 5.7 – City Participation at Golden Spike Days Canada Day Drive-Through Event.

RC21/296

Moved, seconded, and CARRIED

THAT the recommendations contained in the following items in the May 11, 2021 Regular Council Consent agenda be approved:

- **5.3 – Alternative Municipal Tax Collection Scheme Bylaw – Adoption;**
- **5.4 – Corporate Policy – Review of Liquor Licence Applications;**
- **5.5 – Union of BC Municipalities Renewal Invoice 2021; and**
- **5.6 – Metro 2050 Regional Growth Strategy – Opportunity to Request Update from Metro Staff.**

The items and recommendations referred to above are as follows:

**Alternative Municipal
Tax Collection Scheme
Bylaw – Adoption**

5.3 Memo: Legislative Services Division, dated May 5, 2021

Bylaw No. 3311, a Bylaw to establish an alternative municipal tax collection scheme that clearly establishes when penalties are added to unpaid taxes.

Recommendation adopted on consent:

THAT City of Port Moody Alternative Tax Collection Scheme Bylaw, 2021, No. 3311 be now adopted as recommended in the memo dated May 5, 2021 from the Legislative Services Division regarding Alternative Municipal Tax Collection Scheme Bylaw – Adoption.

**Corporate Policy –
Review of Liquor
Licence Applications**

5.4 Report: Community Development Department – Building, Bylaw, and Licensing Division, dated April 16, 2021

Recommendation adopted on consent:

THAT revised Corporate Policy – 09-4300-2016-01 – City Review of Liquor Licence Applications be adopted as recommended in the report dated April 16, 2021 from the Community Development Department – Building, Bylaw, and Licensing Division regarding Corporate Policy – Review of Liquor Licence Applications.

**Union of BC
Municipalities Renewal
Invoice 2021**

5.5 Memo: Executive Assistant to Mayor and Council, dated April 30, 2021

Recommendation adopted on consent:

THAT the City of Port Moody renew its membership in the Union of BC Municipalities (UBCM) and remit the 2021 annual UBCM dues of \$14,311.84 as recommended in the memo dated April 30, 2021 from the Executive Assistant to Mayor and Council regarding Union of BC Municipalities Renewal Invoice 2021.

**Metro 2050 Regional
Growth Strategy –
Opportunity to Request
Update from Metro
Staff**

5.6 Memo: Community Development Department – Policy Planning Division, dated April 27, 2021

Recommendation adopted on consent:

THAT Metro staff be invited to an upcoming Committee of the Whole meeting to provide an update on the development of Metro 2050 as recommended in the memo dated April 27, 2021 from the Community Development Department – Policy Planning Division regarding Metro 2050 Regional Growth Strategy – Opportunity to Request Update from Metro Staff.

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| 2021-2025 Five-Year
Financial Plan Bylaw –
Adoption | 6. Items Removed from the Consent Agenda |
| | 6.5.1 Memo: Legislative Services Division, dated May 3, 2021

<i>Bylaw No. 3309, a Bylaw to establish the budget for the 2021-2025 Five-Year Financial Plan.</i> |
| | <u>RC21/297</u>
Moved, seconded, and CARRIED
THAT City of Port Moody Financial Plan Bylaw, 2021, No. 3309 be now adopted as recommended in the memo dated May 3, 2021 from the Legislative Services Division regarding 2021-2025 Five-Year Financial Plan Bylaw – Adoption.
(Voting against: Councillor Dilworth and Mayor Vagramov) |
| 2021 Annual Property
Tax Rates Bylaw –
Adoption | 6.5.2 Memo: Legislative Services Division, dated May 3, 2021 |
| | <i>Bylaw No. 3310, a Bylaw to establish the City of Port Moody Property Tax Rates for 2021.</i> |
| | <u>RC21/298</u>
Moved, seconded, and CARRIED
THAT City of Port Moody Annual Property Tax Rates Bylaw, 2021, No. 3310 be now adopted as recommended in the memo dated May 3, 2021 from the Legislative Services Division regarding 2021 Annual Property Tax Rates Bylaw – Adoption. |
| City Participation at
Golden Spike Days
Canada Day
Drive-Through Event | 6.5.7 Memo: Community Services Department – Cultural Services Division, dated April 29, 2021 |
| | <u>RC21/299</u>
Moved, seconded, and CARRIED
THAT staff arrange for City participation at the option 2 level as recommended in the memo dated April 29, 2021 from the Community Services Department – Cultural Services Division regarding City Participation at Golden Spike Days Canada Day Drive-Through Event; |
| | AND THAT the \$1,000 budget be forwarded to the Finance Committee to identify a funding source. |
| | 7. Legislative Matters |
| | 8. Unfinished Business |

Temporary Use Permit – 3015-3093 Murray Street (Mosaic Homes) – Follow-up	<p>9. New Business</p> <p>9.1 Memo: Community Development Department – Development Planning Division, dated April 23, 2021</p> <p>This item was not addressed at the request of the applicant.</p>
Recommendation to Update Record-Keeping for Closed Meetings of City Council	<p>9.3 Report: Mayor Rob Vagramov, dated April 25, 2021</p> <p><u>RC21/300</u></p> <p>Moved, seconded, and DEFEATED</p> <p>THAT staff report back with options and costs to begin conducting and archiving the audio recording of Closed Council meetings going forward, accessible for subsequent reference by attendees and others only as authorized, and include with that report a legal opinion on issues and suggested procedures to minimize any related legal risks as recommended in the report dated April 25, 2021 from the Office of Mayor Rob Vagramov regarding Recommendation to Update Record-Keeping for Closed Meetings of City Council;</p> <p>AND THAT a full report of decisions regarding the issue of audio recording of Closed Council meetings be provided at an open meeting of Council.</p> <p>(Voting against: Councillors Dilworth, Lubik, and Royer)</p>
Proclamation Request – National Public Works Week	<p>10. Other Business</p> <p>10.1 Email: Donna Bucsis, dated May 3, 2021</p> <p><u>RC21/301</u></p> <p>Moved, seconded, and CARRIED</p> <p>THAT May 16-22, 2021 be proclaimed National Public Works Week in the City of Port Moody.</p>
Council Verbal Reports	<p>11. Verbal Reports from Council and Staff</p> <p>11.1 Councillor Dilworth expressed gratitude to the many non-profit groups supporting the community during the pandemic, noting that the Noons Creek Hatchery tulip bulb sale is open Monday to Saturday from 9am to 11am, and encouraged residents to purchase a \$5 bag of tulip bulbs.</p> <p>Councillor Royer expressed concerns about interpersonal conflict on Council and noted that Council must respect and honour residents by resolving divisiveness and focusing on the community's best interests.</p>

Councillor Lubik encouraged residents to participate in upcoming events for the Tri-Cities Local Immigration Partnership, including workshops supporting anti-racism and inclusion and in the Tri-Cities Region Food Security Assessment and Action Plan survey, which closes on May 16, 2021. Councillor Lubik noted that the City of Coquitlam has applied for a grant for staff training regarding homelessness, and that, if the grant is approved, Port Moody and Port Coquitlam staff will be invited to participate in the training. Councillor Lubik also expressed gratitude to the Port Moody Fire Department for their compassion and care for the community and her family during a recent incident.

Councillor Milani expressed gratitude to the residents who take the time to share their concerns and compliments with the City.

Staff Verbal Reports

11.2 There were no updates at this time.

12. Information Items

Committees, Commissions, and Boards – Minutes

- 12.1
- Transportation Committee – March 17, 2021
 - Climate Action Committee – March 22, 2021

Council Correspondence

- 12.2
- Letter dated April 15, 2021 from UBCM re Provincial Response to 2020 Resolutions
 - Letter dated April 20, 2021 from AP Group of Companies re March 16, 2021 Finance Committee discussion

13. Public Input

Barry Sharbo (Port Moody) expressed concerns about the recommendation to update recordkeeping for Closed Council meetings, noting that elected officials are accountable for their actions in closed and open meetings and that the recording of meetings should not impact their behaviour.

Wilhelmina Martin (Port Moody) expressed concerns about statements made regarding community associations and their communication outreach efforts with residents, noting that the shared information was received from City staff and that the association strives to educate the community on an important initiative.

14. Adjournment

Mayor Vagramov adjourned the meeting at 9:24pm.

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