



City of Port Moody

Minutes

Special Council Meeting

Electronic Webinar via Zoom
Tuesday, October 5, 2021
at 4:06pm

Present:

Mayor R. Vagramov
Councillor M.P. Lahti (arrived at 5:03pm)
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
André Boel – City Planner
Mary De Paoli – Manager of Policy Planning
Tyson Ganske – Manager of Financial Planning
Devin Jain – Acting GM of Community Services
Liam McLellan – Social Planner
Jeff Moi – General Manager of Engineering and Operations
Darcey O’Riordan – Fire Chief
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

Also in Attendance:

Ione Smith, Upland Agricultural Consulting Ltd.

1. Call to Order

Mayor Vagramov called the meeting to order at 4:06pm.

2. General Matters

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

2.1 RC21/411

Moved, seconded, and CARRIED

THAT Council go into Committee of the Whole.

3. Public Input

Hazel Mason (Port Moody) expressed concerns about a Council member's statement during the last Regular Council meeting regarding the statistical validity of responses to the Official Community Plan surveys.

Barry Sharbo (Port Moody) expressed concerns about the proposed Guide to Peaceful Public Assembly in item 4.6 being in contravention of the *Canadian Charter of Human Rights and Freedoms*.

4. New Business

Delegation – “Sameness Selfie” Sculpture Public Art Proposal

- 4.1 Presentation: Mostafa Keshvari
Delegation Request: Mostafa Keshvari

Mostafa Keshvari gave a presentation on his proposal for a public art sculpture titled *Sameness Selfie*, an interactive piece designed with the aims of raising awareness of racism, promoting diversity and inclusion, and celebrating people's similarities. Mr. Keshvari asked Council to consider installation of the proposed sculpture somewhere in Port Moody.

Mr. Keshvari responded to questions from Council regarding funding, materials to be used, potential locations, and interest from other municipalities.

CW21/105

Moved, seconded, and CARRIED

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

Tiered Approach to Water and Sewer Fees

- 4.2 Presentation: General Manager of Finance and Technology
Report: Finance and Technology Department – Financial Services
Division, dated September 7, 2021

Staff gave a presentation on a tiered approach to water and sewer fees, including information regarding background, fee scenarios, regional context, and the advisability of implementing a metering program. Staff responded to questions from Council regarding usage assumptions for different housing types, infrastructure, and financial impacts.

Councillor Lahti entered the meeting at this point.

CW21/106

Moved and seconded

THAT staff report back with options to reduce water and sewer rates for housing types that are generally considered to be affordable housing options, such as secondary suites and laneway houses.

CW21/107

Moved and seconded

THAT the foregoing motion be amended by adding “and set rates for churches that are consistent with rates for comparable benevolent and not-for-profit organizations”.

CW21/108

Moved, seconded, and CARRIED

THAT the foregoing amending motion be further amended by replacing “churches” with “churches within a new not-for-profit class”.

The question on the main amending motion (CW21/107) as further amended (by CW21/108) was put to a vote; the following motion was CARRIED:

THAT the foregoing motion be amended by adding “and set rates for churches within a new not-for-profit class that are consistent with rates for comparable benevolent and not-for-profit organizations”.

The question on the main motion (CW21/106) as amended (by CW21/107 and CW21/108) was put to a vote; the following motion was CARRIED:

THAT staff report back with options to reduce water and sewer rates for housing types that are generally considered to be affordable housing options, such as secondary suites and laneway houses and set rates for churches within a new not-for-profit class that are consistent with rates for comparable benevolent and not-for-profit organizations.

**City of Port Moody
Housing Needs Report**

4.3

Presentation:

Report: Community Development Department – Policy Planning Division, dated August 9, 2021

CW21/109

Moved, seconded, and CARRIED

THAT the City of Port Moody Housing Needs Report item be postponed to the October 19, 2021 Special Council (Committee of the Whole) meeting for consideration.

**Tri-Cities Region Food
Security Action Plan**

4.4

Presentation: Ione Smith, Upland Agricultural Consulting Ltd.

Report: Community Development Department – Policy Planning Division, dated June 24, 2021

Staff and the consultant gave a presentation on the Tri-Cities Food Security Action Plan, including information regarding funders, project steering committee, key engagement activities, project timeline, food security opportunities and threats. They provided an overview of the plan structure, key themes, key goals, recommendations, and implementation scenarios.

CW21/110

Moved, seconded, and CARRIED

THAT the Tri-Cities Region Food Security Action Plan be endorsed as recommended in the report dated June 24, 2021 from the Community Development Department – Policy Planning Division regarding the Tri-Cities Region Food Security Action Plan;

AND THAT the Tri-Cities Food Charter be endorsed as recommended in the report dated June 24, 2021, from the Community Development Department – Policy Planning Division regarding the Tri-Cities Region Food Security Action Plan.

RC21/412

Moved, seconded, and CARRIED

THAT Council rise and report.

RC21/413

Moved, seconded, and CARRIED

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

The meeting was recessed at 5:53pm.

The meeting was reconvened at 7:24pm with the following people in attendance:

- Mayor R. Vagramov;
- Councillor M.P. Lahti;
- Councillor A.L. Lubik (arrived at 7:30pm);
- Councillor H. Madsen;
- Councillor S. Milani;
- Councillor P.Z.C. Royer;
- City Manager;
- Acting GM of Community Services;
- City Planner;
- Corporate Officer;
- Deputy Corporate Officer;
- Fire Chief;
- General Manager of Community Development;
- General Manager of Engineering and Operations;
- General Manager of Finance and Technology;
- General Manager of People, Communications, and Engagement.

RC21/415

Moved, seconded, and CARRIED

THAT Council go into Committee of the Whole.

**Follow-up Direction on
May 4, 2021, Growth
Principles Motions**

4.5 Report: General Manager of Community Development, dated August 5, 2021

Councillor Lubik entered the meeting at this point.

CW21/111

Moved and seconded

THAT staff defer all OCP amendments for projects located in neighbourhoods currently part of the Official Community Plan review and update until such a time that:

- 1. the work related to Growth Principles is completed and adopted by Council; and**
- 2. the OCP Review Process is completed and adopted by Council.**

CW21/112

Moved and seconded

THAT the foregoing motion (CW21/111) be referred to the City Solicitor for review and comments.

CW21/113

Moved, seconded, and CARRIED

THAT the foregoing referral motion be amended by adding “, including rezoning applications”.

The question on the main referral motion (CW21/112) as amended (by CW21/113) was put to a vote; the following motion was CARRIED:

THAT the foregoing motion (CW21/111) be referred to the City Solicitor for review and comments, including rezoning applications.

Council discussed staff's recommendations regarding the May 5, 2021 Growth Principles motions.

Mayor Vagramov left the meeting and Acting Mayor Madsen assumed the role of Presiding Member at this point.

Mayor Vagramov returned to the meeting and resumed the role of Presiding Member at this point.

CW21/114

Moved, seconded, and CARRIED

THAT staff be directed to action the Principles of Growth Motions as recommended in the report dated August 5, 2021 from the General Manager of Community Development regarding Follow-up Direction on May 4, 2021, Growth Principles Motions;

AND THAT new capital project requests be included in 2022-2026 Capital Budget deliberations;

AND THAT Council refer the current (2021) budget request of \$5,000 related to Business Building in City Centre Neighbourhoods to the Finance Committee for identification of a funding source;

AND THAT items 5, 6.1, 7, 7.1, and 7.2 be expedited.

CW21/115

Moved, seconded, and CARRIED

THAT the meeting be extended until 9:30pm.

**Facilitating Peaceful
Public Assembly**

- 4.6 Report: General Manager of Community Development, dated June 14, 2021

CW21/116

Moved, seconded, and DEFEATED

THAT staff be directed to not regulate peaceful public assembly, and to amend all relevant bylaws and policies to this effect.

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

CW21/117

Moved, seconded, and CARRIED

THAT City of Port Moody Parks and Community Facilities Rules and Regulations Bylaw, 2021, No. 3321 be read a first, second, and third time as recommended in the report dated June 14, 2021 from the General Manager of Community Development regarding Facilitating Peaceful Public Assembly;

AND THAT the Guide to Peaceful Public Assembly for the City of Port Moody be endorsed with staff authorized to update the Guide from time to time to stay current with best practices and legislation, and to provide further clarity as topics arise;

AND THAT staff be authorized to waive applicable permit fees in facilitating peaceful public assembly activities in the City of Port Moody.

(Voting against: Councillor Milani and Mayor Vagramov)

**Developing Social and
Mental Health
Wellbeing Guidelines
for Buildings in
Port Moody**

4.7 Report: Councillor Amy Lubik, dated May 15, 2021

CW21/118

Moved, seconded, and CARRIED

WHEREAS Council has prioritized “healthy city” considerations for the evolution of Port Moody, and has often cited and shared ideas aimed at supporting social cohesion and mental wellbeing in our community;

AND WHEREAS developers welcome and benefit from getting clarity up front about goals and expectations in this regard before proposals go to Council;

AND WHEREAS Port Moody has established an advisory panel of design experts well suited to help us in proposing and assessing healthy-city guidelines;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council direct the Advisory Design Panel to strike a working group that, working in collaboration with staff, shall draft for Council consideration a set of proposed guidelines to enhance social cohesion and support general resident wellbeing and mental health in the design of new multi-family buildings, including townhouse developments, smaller multi-family unit buildings, and high-rises, as recommended in the report dated May 15, 2021 from Councillor Amy Lubik regarding Developing Social and Mental Health Wellbeing Guidelines for Buildings in Port Moody.

**Adoption of
Committee of the
Whole Report**

5. Rise and Report

5.1 RC21/416

Moved, seconded, and CARRIED

THAT the recommendations approved at the Committee of the Whole meeting of October 5, 2021 be ratified.

6. Legislative Matters

7. Adjournment

Mayor Vagramov adjourned the meeting at 9:28pm.

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