



City of Port Moody

Minutes

Regular Council Meeting

Electronic Webinar via Zoom
Tuesday, October 26, 2021
at 7:03pm

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

In Attendance:

Tim Savoie – City Manager
Tim Aucott – Senior Project Engineer
Mary De Paoli – Manager of Policy Planning
Ron Higo – General Manager of Community Services
Devin Jain – Manager of Cultural Services
Jeff Moi – General Manager of Engineering and Operations
Darcey O’Riordan – Fire Chief
Julie Pavey-Tomlinson – Director of Environment and Parks
Paul Rockwood – General Manager of Finance and Technology
Virgelene Rutherford – Acting GM of People, Communications,
and Engagement
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 7:03pm.

Art at Council

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

Councillor Royer introduced the evening’s Art at Council, *Red Canoe*, a photograph on natural maple veneer by Paul Shannon, noting that Mr. Shannon creates functional and decorative art using fine art photography and a variety of media such as wood, marble, and textured surfaces. Councillor Royer also noted that Mr. Shannon strives to capture special moments and share them with others in his wall art panels, marble and wooden coasters, and textured wood blocks.

Councillor Royer invited Mr. Shannon to speak about his work.

Mr. Shannon thanked Council for the opportunity to showcase some of his work, noting that he works in a variety of media, including wood, marble, and textured surfaces. Mr. Shannon noted that he is a member of the Blackberry Artist's Society and displays his work in the Blackberry Gift Shop located at PoMoArts. Mr. Shannon invited everyone to visit the 25th Annual Blackberry Christmas Marketplace at the Blackberry Gift Shop from November 12 to December 22, 2021 at PoMoArts, and also to visit the Blackberry Gift Shop online.

2. Public Input

Judy Taylor-Atkinson (Port Moody) expressed support for the staff recommendation regarding backyard chickens in Port Moody, noting that City staff are working towards achieving Bear Smart status.

Carla Parr-Pearson (Port Moody) expressed support for the staff recommendation regarding backyard chickens in Port Moody, noting that backyard chickens would put more bears at risk.

Wilhelmina Martin (Port Moody) asked Council to consider banning fireworks in Port Moody, asked for more information about the riparian protection area project in the strategic plan update, and requested that public input speakers refrain from making repetitive comments about a Council member's potential conflict of interest due to her employment.

Kyla Knowles (Port Moody) expressed support for the staff recommendation regarding backyard chickens in Port Moody, and asked Council not to focus on making Port Moody more dog friendly when there are far more pressing concerns. Ms. Knowles expressed concerns about the language used by certain members of Council when discussing development proposals, and about members of Council using Council meetings as a forum to impose their own views on the public.

Tracy Green (Port Moody) noted that Dr. Mary Anne Cooper is turning 107 on October 30, 2021 and encouraged everyone to perform an act of kindness on her behalf. Birthday wishes and notes about acts of kindness can be shared with Dr. Cooper at www.spiritofportmoody.ca.

Jeff McLellan (Port Moody) encouraged everyone to take part in the 107 acts of kindness birthday gift for Dr. Mary Anne Cooper. Mr. McLellan expressed support for the staff recommendation regarding backyard chickens in Port Moody and asked for an update on the Westhill Youth Centre, noting that it is an important facility for Port Moody's youth.

Barry Sharbo (Port Moody) expressed concerns about members of Council using discussions about development proposal as a platform to campaign for re-election by promising more jobs in the city. Mr. Sharbo noted that private business creates jobs, not politicians.

Hazel Mason (Port Moody) expressed support for the staff recommendation regarding backyard chickens in Port Moody, and expressed concerns about a Council member's potential conflict of interest due to her employment.

**Delegation –
Cameron Hutt**

3. General Matters

- 3.1 Presentation: Cameron Hutt
Delegation Request: Cameron Hutt

Cameron Hutt gave a presentation on financial literacy, noting that education on financial literacy is important for students, but that the concepts are not being well taught in the education system.

Council thanked Mr. Hutt for his presentation.

RC21/444

Moved, seconded, and CARRIED

THAT the delegation be received for information and the delegates thank for their presentation.

**Library 2022-2026
Operating Financial
Plan**

- 3.2 Presentation: Port Moody Public Library Board
Memo: Library Board, dated October 15, 2021

Pat Merrett, Chair of the Port Moody Public Library Board, gave a presentation on Library 2022-2026 Operating Financial Plan, including information regarding challenges and successes, circulation, program attendance, capital and operating projects, and the operating budget request.

Council thanked Ms. Merrett for her presentation.

RC21/445

Moved, seconded, and CARRIED

THAT the Port Moody Public Library Board's 2022-2026 Operating Financial Plan be received for information and referred to the Finance Committee for budget deliberation as recommended in the memo dated October 15, 2021 from the Library Board regarding Library 2022-2026 Operating Financial Plan.

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4. Adoption of Minutes

- 4.1 RC21/446
Moved, seconded, and CARRIED
THAT the minutes of the following meetings be adopted:

- **Special Council (COTW) – October 5, 2021;**
- **Public Hearing – October 5, 2021;**
- **Special Council (with PH) – October 5, 2021; and**
- **Regular Council – October 12, 2021.**

5. Consent Agenda

RC21/447

Moved, seconded, and CARRIED

THAT the recommendations contained in following items in the October 26, 2021 Regular Council Consent Agenda be approved:

- **5.1 – Commercial Activities in Parks;**
- **5.2 – Considerations for Backyard Chickens (Hens);**
- **5.3 – Komagata Maru Storyboard Project; and**
- **5.4 – St. Johns Street Redesign Public Engagement Strategy.**

The items and recommendations referred to above are as follows:

Commercial Activities in Parks

5.1

Report: Community Services Department – Cultural Services Division, dated September 7, 2021

Recommendation adopted on consent:

THAT community engagement relating to the Rocky Point Park Master Plan include consultation on hosting commercial special events at Rocky Point Park as recommended in the report dated September 7, 2021 from the Community Services Department – Cultural Services Division regarding Commercial Activities in Parks;

AND THAT staff proceed with establishing designated locations at Rocky Point Park for the purposes of allowing qualified groups to engage with the public;

AND THAT the proposed pilot fees for commercial events at Pioneer Memorial Park be referred to the Parks and Recreation Commission for comments.

Considerations for Backyard Chickens (Hens)

5.2

Report: Community Development Department – Policy Planning Division, dated October 13, 2021

Recommendation adopted on consent:

THAT the keeping of backyard chickens (hens) be prohibited in the City of Port Moody as recommended in the report dated October 13, 2021 from the Community Development Department – Policy Planning Division regarding Considerations for Backyard Chickens (Hens).

**Komagata Maru
Storyboard Project**

- 5.3 Report: Community Development Department – Policy Planning Division, dated October 12, 2021

Recommendation adopted on consent:

THAT staff be directed to design and install a storyboard commemorating the Komagata Maru incident as recommended in the report dated October 12, 2021 from the Community Development Department – Policy Planning Division regarding the Komagata Maru Storyboard Project;

AND THAT a budget of up to \$1,815 be approved for the Komagata Maru Storyboard Project, allocated from the 2021 Heritage Commission budget.

**St. Johns Street
Redesign Public
Engagement Strategy**

- 5.4 Report: Engineering and Operations Department – Project Delivery Services Division, dated September 27, 2021

Recommendation adopted on consent:

THAT the St. Johns Street Redesign Public Engagement Strategy be endorsed as recommended in the report dated September 27, 2021 from the Engineering and Operations Department – Project Delivery Services Division regarding St. Johns Street Redesign Public Engagement Strategy.

6. Items Removed from the Consent Agenda

8. Unfinished Business

9. New Business

**Council Strategic Plan
2021 Q3 Update**

- 9.1 Presentation: Corporate Planning Advisor
Report: City Manager, dated October 7, 2021

RC21/448

Moved, seconded, and CARRIED

THAT strategic plan item 3.3.3 be referred to an upcoming Closed Council meeting.

RC21/449

Moved, seconded, and CARRIED

THAT the report dated October 7, 2021 from the City Manager regarding Council Strategic Plan 2021 Q3 Update be received for information.

10. Other Business

11. Verbal Reports from Council and Staff

Council Verbal Reports

- 11.1 Councillor Dilworth invited everyone to join the Crossroads Hospice I'll Be Home for Christmas...Again? Virtual Gala on November 20. Councillor Dilworth noted that the Vancouver Sun published an article featuring Peter Hulbert, noting that Mr. Hulbert was an exceptional photographer and long-time Port Moody resident who advocated for accessibility in the city. Councillor Dilworth wished Dr. Mary Anne Cooper a happy 107th birthday and encouraged everyone to perform acts of kindness to celebrate.

Councillor Lahti wished Dr. Mary Anne Cooper a happy 107th birthday and encouraged everyone to perform acts of kindness to celebrate. Councillor Lahti encouraged everyone to join the CleanBC Community Webinar on November 24 at 7:00pm via Zoom and noted that the mass-timber subcommittee has had its final meeting and will be reporting back to Council soon.

Councillor Milani wished Dr. Mary Anne Cooper a happy 107th birthday. Councillor Milani noted that the Moray Street traffic calming proposal presentation is still available to view and that the public can submit input on that presentation as well as on the St. George Street slow zone pilot project at www.engageportmoody.ca.

Councillor Lubik wished Dr. Mary Anne Cooper a happy 107th birthday and expressed appreciation for the work done by Port Moody's civic committees.

Mayor Vagramov wished Dr. Mary Anne Cooper a happy 107th birthday.

Staff Verbal Reports

- 11.2 There were no staff reports.

12. Information Items

Committees, Commissions, and Boards – Minutes

- 12.2
- Economic Development Committee – September 1, 2021
 - Seniors Focus Committee – September 2, 2021
 - Youth Focus Committee – September 8, 2021
 - Parks and Recreation Commission – September 8, 2021
 - Heritage Commission – September 9, 2021

13. Public Input

Barry Sharbo (Port Moody) asked when staff and Council would be returning to Council Chambers for meetings and questioned the relevance of Council discussions.

Wilhelmina Martin (Port Moody) requested the public disclosure of the alternative measures agreed to by the Mayor.

14. Adjournment

Mayor Vagramov adjourned the meeting at 8:49pm.

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