



City of Port Moody

Minutes

Special Council Meeting

Electronic Webinar via Zoom
Tuesday, March 1, 2022
at 7:18pm

Present:

Mayor R. Vagramov
Councillor D.L. Dilworth
Councillor M.P. Lahti
Councillor A.A. Lubik
Councillor H. Madsen (arrived at 7:28pm)
Councillor S. Milani
Councillor P.Z.C. Royer (arrived at 8:02pm)

In Attendance:

Tim Savoie – City Manager
André Boel – City Planner
Mary De Paoli – Manager of Policy Planning
Dave Fleugel – Chief Constable, Port Moody Police
Tyson Ganske – Manager of Financial Planning
Devin Jain – Manager of Cultural Services
Stephen Judd – Manager of Infrastructure Engineering Services
Anna Matheson – General Manager of Community Services
Jennifer Mills – Committee Coordinator
Jeff Moi – General Manager of Engineering and Operations
Darcey O’Riordan – Fire Chief
Paul Rockwood – General Manager of Finance and Technology
Angie Parnell – General Manager of People, Communications, and Engagement
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 7:18pm.

RC22/082

Moved, seconded, and CARRIED

THAT Support for Ukraine – Lighting Request be added to the agenda as item 5.2;

AND THAT Support Ukraine be added to the agenda as item 5.3.

RC22/083

Moved, seconded, and CARRIED

THAT Support for Bereavement Services to Be Included in the BC Mental Health Plan be added to the agenda as item 5.4.

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

2. General Matters

2.1 RC22/084

Moved, seconded, and CARRIED

THAT Council go into Committee of the Whole.

3. Public Input

Wilhelmina Martin (Port Moody) expressed support for the recommendations regarding Ukraine and sympathies to those affected. Ms. Martin expressed support for the proposed Coronation Park Official Community Plan (OCP) amendment and urged Council to support the amendment. Ms. Martin expressed concerns about the re-investing in electric vehicle (EV) infrastructure recommendations, noting that the City is not in a financial position to subsidize EV infrastructure.

Frankie Vaide (Port Moody) expressed support for the proposed Coronation Park OCP amendment, noting that the proposal will benefit the community with additional childcare spaces, greenspace, and housing options for residents to live, work, and play in Port Moody. Ms. Vaide urged Council to approve the amendment and refer the item to a Public Hearing.

Haven Lurbiecki (Port Moody) expressed concerns about the response to her delegation regarding OCP land use planning maps. Ms. Lurbiecki requested that OCP amendments be required in all areas outside of the Evergreen Line Sub-Area until public consultation about the changes has been undertaken. Ms. Lurbiecki expressed concerns about the Coronation Park OCP amendment, noting that the proposed density is too high and does not provide the appropriate unit mix to meet the community's housing needs.

Councillor Madsen entered the meeting at this point.

Kirsten Ueland (Port Moody) expressed support for the Coronation Park OCP amendment, noting that the developer has extensively consulted with Council, staff, and the community, and that the development will provide new park space, amenities, childcare spaces, and office space and serve as a blueprint for future transit-oriented developments in the city. Ms. Ueland urged Council to approve the amendment.

John Terwiel (Abbotsford) expressed support for the Coronation Park OCP amendment, noting that approval delays have negatively affected Coronation Park homeowners, and urged Council to approve the amendment.

Darren Guy (Port Moody) expressed support for the Coronation Park OCP amendment and urged Council to approve the amendment and refer the item to a Public Hearing.

Jeff McLellan (Port Moody) expressed support for the Coronation Park OCP amendment, noting that continual requests from Council for amendments to the proposal and approval delays have negatively affected Coronation Park homeowners, and urged Council to approve the amendment and refer the item to a Public Hearing.

Natalie Jatskevich (Vancouver), President of the Ukrainian Canadian Congress' BC Provincial Council, expressed support for the recommendations regarding Ukraine, noting that many members of the community have connections to Ukraine and urged Council to support the recommendations.

Barry Sharbo (Port Moody) expressed support for the recommendations regarding Ukraine, noting that Ukrainians are fighting for democracy, and urged Council to support the recommendations.

Joan Stuart (Port Moody) expressed concerns about the Coronation Park OCP amendment, noting that a comprehensive traffic study should be completed and affordable housing impacts on density should be clarified prior to referral to a public hearing.

Patricia Mace (Port Moody) expressed concerns about the response to the delegation on OCP land use planning maps and about the lack of neighbourhood planning and community benefits. Ms. Mace expressed concerns about the Coronation Park OCP amendment, noting that the area needs redevelopment but that the proposed density is too high. Ms. Mace also requested that City Hall be reopened for public attendance at Council meetings.

Svitlana Kominko (Vancouver), Co-Founder of Maple Hope Foundation, expressed support for the recommendations regarding Ukraine and thanked Council for supporting Canada's Ukrainian community.

Besso Gotsadze (Vancouver), President of the Georgian Diaspora in BC, expressed support for the recommendations regarding Ukraine and thanked Council for standing in solidarity with Ukraine.

Laura Dick (Port Moody) expressed support for the recommendations regarding Ukraine and thanked the Canadian Government and all who stand with Ukraine for their support. Ms. Dick expressed support for the Coronation Park OCP amendment and urged Council to approve the amendment and refer the item to a Public Hearing.

Bonita Zarrillo (Ottawa), Member of Parliament for Port Moody and Coquitlam, expressed support for the recommendations regarding Ukraine, noting that the House of Commons is working on ending visa requirements for Ukrainian travel to Canada to remove barriers for refugees. MP Zarrillo also noted that the Federal Government has pledged to match donations for Ukraine up to \$10 million and that House of Commons Petition 3889 regarding the removal of the channel Russia Today from the Canadian broadcast system is open for signature.

Hazel Mason (Port Moody) expressed concerns about the response to the delegation regarding OCP land use planning maps, noting that the staff memo does not address the concerns brought forward by the delegation and that the focus of previous public engagement was on the Evergreen Line Sub-Areas.

CW22/024

Moved, seconded, and CARRIED

THAT the Public Input period be extended by 15 minutes.

Terra Varey (Port Moody) expressed support for the Coronation Park OCP amendment, noting that the location is appropriate for this type of development and that densification near rapid transit will be beneficial for the future of Port Moody.

Lorri Farquharson Petrie (Port Moody) expressed support for the Coronation Park OCP amendment and urged Council to approve the amendment to support regional growth and give Coronation Park homeowners the opportunity to move forward without more delays.

Hazel Mason (Port Moody) expressed concerns about the Coronation Park OCP amendment, noting that the proposal should be scaled back significantly.

4. Committee of the Whole

Delegation – Golden Spike Days

- 4.1 Presentation: Ken Nielsen, President
Delegation Request: Ken Nielsen

Ken Nielsen provided an overview of plans for the 2022 Golden Spike Days, including information on scheduling, events, activities, performances, and vendors. Mr. Nielsen requested City partnership and participation in the Canada Day daytime celebrations and support for the headliner performance in the evening.

Councillor Royer entered the meeting at this point.

CW22/025

Moved, seconded, and CARRIED

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

Response to February 15, 2022 Delegation – Clarifying the OCP – Interpretation of the Land Use Planning Maps

- 4.2 Memo: Community Development Department – Policy Planning Division, dated February 16, 2022

Councillor Madsen left the meeting at this point.

CW22/026

Moved, seconded, and CARRIED

THAT the memo dated February 16, 2022 from the Community Development Department – Policy Planning Division regarding Response to February 15, 2022 Delegation – Clarifying the OCP – Interpretation of Land Use Planning Maps be received for information.

**Official Community
Plan Amendment –
Coronation Park
(Wesgroup Properties)**

- 4.3 Presentation: City Planner
Presentation: Wesgroup Properties
Report: Community Development Department – Development
Planning Division, dated February 3, 2022

Staff gave a presentation on the proposed Official Community Plan amendment, including information regarding location, timelines, land use, population density, employment, affordable housing, and next steps.

Councillor Madsen returned to the meeting at this point.

Staff answered questions from Council about affordable housing, population density, job space targets, environmental considerations, Happy City guidelines, and commercial floor area.

The applicant gave a presentation on the Official Community Plan amendment, including information regarding feedback received, revisions to the proposal, affordable housing options, examples of other developments, and public benefits.

The applicant answered questions from Council about the park design and layout, Happy City's feedback, affordable housing, and the developer's preferred option.

CW22/027

Moved and seconded

THAT the report dated February 3, 2022 from the Community Development Department – Development Planning Division regarding Official Community Plan Amendment – Coronation Park (Wesgroup Properties) be received for information;

AND THAT discussion on the previous iteration of the proposed Official Community Plan Amendment for Coronation Park from Wesgroup Properties continue.

Separation was requested.

The question on the first part of the main motion (CW22/027a) was put to a vote; the following motion was CARRIED:

THAT the report dated February 3, 2022 from the Community Development Department – Development Planning Division regarding Official Community Plan Amendment – Coronation Park (Wesgroup Properties) be received for information.

The question on the second part of the main motion (CW22/027b) was put to a vote; the following motion was CARRIED:

THAT discussion on the previous iteration of the proposed Official Community Plan Amendment for Coronation Park from Wesgroup Properties continue.
(Voting against: Councillor Milani and Mayor Vagramov)

Councillor Madsen left the meeting at this point and did not return.

CW22/028

Moved, seconded, and CARRIED

THAT staff report back with costs and options of expanding EV charging infrastructure in the City of Port Moody, including an assessment of potential sites for EV charging (to include City-owned lands near Rocky Point Park, Snake Hill, along the Murray-Clarke corridor, and the former Barnet Landfill site), as recommended in the report dated February 17, 2022 from the Office of Mayor Rob Vagramov regarding Re-Investing in EV Infrastructure;

AND THAT the foregoing report include an assessment of, and options for, lowering Port Moody's charging rates for EV charging to increase uptake;

AND THAT staff solicit private-sector interest in increasing public charging opportunities at rates similar or lower to current Port Moody rates, including developers of upcoming or existing large-scale development projects;

AND THAT the City of Port Moody call on all levels of government (federal, provincial, regional, and local) and BC Hydro to increase investment in EV infrastructure and decrease user fees (including Step 2 EV exemptions) until EV uptake is sufficient;

AND THAT the City of Port Moody call on the Government of Canada to make all necessary regulatory changes to allow for pricing EV charging by unit of energy;

AND THAT the following resolution be endorsed and sent to the Lower Mainland LGA:

WHEREAS British Columbia and Metro Vancouver have shown exceptional leadership for electric vehicle (EV) uptake due in large part to generous incentives and early infrastructure upgrades;

AND WHEREAS the current level of EV ownership must increase to meet agreed-upon climate targets and cannot be considered sufficient at this time;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT all levels of government (federal, provincial, regional, and local) and BC Hydro increase investment in EV infrastructure and decrease user fees (including Step 2 EV exemptions) until EV uptake is sufficient;

AND THAT the Government of Canada to immediately make all necessary regulatory changes to allow for pricing EV charging by unit of energy.

Adoption of Committee of the Whole Report	<p>5. Rise and Report</p> <p>5.1 <u>RC22/085</u> Moved, seconded, and CARRIED THAT the recommendations approved at the Committee of the Whole meeting of March 1, 2022 be ratified.</p>
Support for Ukraine – Lighting Request	<p>5.2 Memo: Office of Councillor Amy Lubik, dated February 28, 2022</p> <p><u>RC22/086</u> Moved, seconded, and CARRIED THAT Port Moody light City Hall blue and yellow until at least March 17, 2022, as a sign of solidarity and support for Ukraine and all peoples impacted by war and displacement.</p>
Support for Ukraine	<p>5.3 Report: Office of Mayor Rob Vagramov, dated March 1, 2022</p> <p><u>RC22/087</u> Moved and seconded THAT staff be directed to work with the Ukrainian Canadian Congress of British Columbia to coordinate facility rentals for the purposes of fundraising, including fee waivers up to \$3,000 to be forwarded to Finance Committee for a funding source;</p> <p>AND THAT the City of Port Moody call on the Government of Canada to support the Ukrainian people at home and abroad by considering:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • expedited visa and immigration processing, formal refugee designation, and expedited family sponsorship, for people fleeing the Russian attack on Ukraine; • safe military transport of people and families between Ukraine and Canada; • increased military support (weaponry, technology training, assistance, and logistics) to Ukraine; • maximum sanctions against the Russian Federation, and its allies in the war against Ukraine such as Belarus, including full removal from western financial infrastructure; • an exemption to sanctions for industries related to medicine and the provision of food; • an immediate directive against investment of any public funds (including pension funds and provincially- or municipally-managed investments) in Russian firms: private or state-owned; • an emergency directive against investment of private capital in Russian firms: private or state-owned; • an immediate halt on Russian imports, including energy and raw materials;

AND THAT the City of Port Moody call on the Government of British Columbia to:

- **immediately divest any public funds (including pensions and Municipal Finance Authority funds) from Russian firms: private or state-owned; and**
- **halt Russian imports for Provincial and Municipal infrastructure projects, including energy and raw materials.**

RC22/088

Moved, seconded, and CARRIED

THAT the foregoing motion be amended by adding “AND THAT the City of Port Moody support House of Commons Petition 3889.”.

The question on the main motion (**RC22/087**) as amended (by **RC22/088**) was put to a vote; the following motion was CARRIED:

THAT staff be directed to work with the Ukrainian Canadian Congress of British Columbia to coordinate facility rentals for the purposes of fundraising, including fee waivers up to \$3,000 to be forwarded to Finance Committee for a funding source;

AND THAT the City of Port Moody call on the Government of Canada to support the Ukrainian people at home and abroad by considering:

- **expedited visa and immigration processing, formal refugee designation, and expedited family sponsorship, for people fleeing the Russian attack on Ukraine;**
- **safe military transport of people and families between Ukraine and Canada;**
- **increased military support (weaponry, technology training, assistance, and logistics) to Ukraine;**
- **maximum sanctions against the Russian Federation, and its allies in the war against Ukraine such as Belarus, including full removal from western financial infrastructure;**
- **an exemption to sanctions for industries related to medicine and the provision of food;**
- **an immediate directive against investment of any public funds (including pension funds and provincially- or municipally-managed investments) in Russian firms: private or state-owned;**
- **an emergency directive against investment of private capital in Russian firms: private or state-owned;**
- **an immediate halt on Russian imports, including energy and raw materials;**

AND THAT the City of Port Moody call on the Government of British Columbia to:

- immediately divest any public funds (including pensions and Municipal Finance Authority funds) from Russian firms: private or state-owned; and
- halt Russian imports for Provincial and Municipal infrastructure projects, including energy and raw materials.

AND THAT the City of Port Moody support House of Commons Petition 3889.

**Accessible
Bereavement Services
to Be Included in the
BC Mental Health Plan**

5.4 Memo: Office of Councillor Amy Lubik, dated February 4, 2022

Councillor Royer left the meeting at this point and did not return.

RC22/089

Moved, seconded, and CARRIED

THAT the following resolution regarding Support for Bereavement Services to Be Included in the BC Mental Health Plan be endorsed by the City of Port Moody and forwarded for consideration at the 2022 Lower Mainland LGA and subsequent UBCM convention as recommended in the report dated February 4, 2022 from Councillors Lubik and Dilworth:

WHEREAS BC is currently experiencing a mental health crisis;

AND WHEREAS there is a lack of publicly funded and accessible bereavement services for adults, young adults, and youth in our community despite the enormous toll the loss of loved ones has on mental health;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT UBCM call on the Province of British Columbia to include funding for non-profit, publicly accessible bereavement services in the BC Mental Health and Addictions Strategy Plan.

6. Legislative Matters

7. Adjournment

Mayor Vagramov adjourned the meeting at 10:11pm.

Certified correct in accordance with section 148(a) of the *Community Charter*.

D. Shermer, Corporate Officer

Confirmed on the ____ day of _____, 2022.

R. Vagramov, Mayor