



City of Port Moody

Minutes

Regular Council Meeting

Council Chambers
Tuesday, March 28, 2023
at 7:00pm

Present:

Mayor M. Lahti
Councillor S. Agtarap
Councillor K. Knowles
Councillor A. Lubik
Councillor H. Lurbiecki
Councillor C. Morrison

Absent:

Councillor D. Dilworth

In Attendance:

Tim Savoie – City Manager
Stephanie Lam – City Clerk and Manager of Legislative Services
Stephen Judd – Acting GM of Engineering and Operations
Anna Mathewson – General Manager of Community Services
Angie Parnell – General Manager of Corporate Services
Paul Rockwood – General Manager of Finance and Technology
Tracey Takahashi – Deputy Corporate Officer
Vanessa Washington – Legislative Services Coordinator
Kate Zanon – General Manager of Community Development

1. Call to Order

Mayor Lahti called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

**Territorial
Acknowledgement**

1.1 Mayor Lahti provided the territorial acknowledgement.

***Council's Vision:** Port Moody, City of the Arts, is a unique, safe, vibrant waterfront city of strong neighbourhoods; a complete community that is sustainable and values its natural environment and heritage character.*

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Art at Council

1.2 Verbal Report: Mayor Meghan Lahti

Mayor Lahti introduced the evening's Art at Council, two StreetArts Community Banners that were painted in the Galleria over the weekend. Mayor Lahti noted that the theme of this year's design is "Renewal & Rejuvenation" a nod to 2022, which was a time of recovery and renewal post-COVID.

Mayor Lahti also noted that Jenny Tang is the artist behind the banner depicting a tree with a heart motif and Melissa Hoffman painted the other banner with a large flower, butterfly, and caterpillar. Both artists are long-time participants of the program.

2. Public Input

Laura Dick (Port Moody) expressed support for the World Press Freedom Day proclamation. The speaker noted that a free and unencumbered press is the foundation of a strong democracy and press freedom is currently being jeopardized.

Jeff McGuire (Port Moody) introduced himself to Council as a new resident and noted that he was previously an employee of the city.

3. General Matters

Delegation – Danielle Dagenais, Community Bat Programs of BC

3.1 Presentation: Danielle Dagenais Delegation Request: Danielle Dagenais, Regional Coordinator for the Bat Program

Danielle Dagenais gave a presentation on the Community Bat Programs of BC. The speaker noted that the program provides guidance and education to homeowners, businessowners, and cities regarding bat management and conservation.

The city was awarded a Bat-Friendly Community certification for practicing measures to be a bat-friendly city. Mayor Lahti posed with the presenter for a picture on-stage.

RC23/057

Moved, seconded, and CARRIED

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

Presentation – Council Strategic Plan 2023-2026

3.2 Presentation: Mayor Lahti

Mayor Lahti gave a presentation on Council's Strategic Plan for 2023-2026, including information regarding the strategic planning process, vision and mission, strategic priority areas, objectives, and goals, and next steps.

RC23/058

Moved, seconded, and CARRIED

THAT the presentation from Mayor Lahti regarding Council Strategic Plan 2023-2026 be received for information.

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4. Adoption of Minutes

4.1 RC23/059

Moved, seconded, and CARRIED

THAT the minutes of the Council meetings held on the following dates be adopted:

- **Special Council (to Close) – February 21, 2023;**
- **Special Council (to Close) – February 28, 2023;**
- **Special Council (to Close) – March 14, 2023;**
- **Regular Council – March 14, 2023; and**
- **Special Council (to Close) – March 21, 2023.**

5. Consent Agenda

At the request of Council, the following item was removed from the Consent Agenda to be considered under section 6:

- **5.6 – Request for Comments – Village of Belcarra Draft Official Community Plan.**

RC23/060

Moved, seconded, and CARRIED

THAT the recommendations contained in the following items on the March 28, 2023, Regular Council Consent Agenda be approved:

- **5.1 – Background – Bat Friendly Community Certification;**
- **5.2 – Bylaws 3394 and 3395 – Repeal of Heritage Commission Bylaw No. 3340 and Parks Commission Bylaw No. 3347;**
- **5.3 – UBCM 2023 Emergency Operations Centres and Training Grant;**
- **5.4 – Youth Focus Committee – Terms of Reference Update;**
- **5.5 – Fees and Charges Bylaw Housekeeping Amendment, Jan 2023, Adoption; and**
- **5.7 – Council Code of Conduct Bylaw, 2023, No. 3396 – Three Readings.**

The items and recommendations referred to above are as follows.

Background – Bat Friendly Community Certification

- 5.1 Memo: Community Services Department – Environment Division, dated March 17, 2023

Recommendation adopted on consent:

THAT the memo dated March 17, 2023, from the Community Services Department – Environment Division regarding Background – Bat Friendly Community Certification be received for information.

Bylaws 3394 and 3395 – Repeal of Heritage Commission Bylaw No. 3340 and Parks Commission Bylaw No. 3347	5.2	Memo: Legislative Services Division, dated March 21, 2023 <i>Recommendation adopted on consent:</i> THAT City of Port Moody Heritage Commission Bylaw Repeal Bylaw, 2023, No. 3394 be now adopted as recommended in the memo dated March 21, 2023, from the Legislative Services Division regarding Bylaws 3394 and 3395 – Repeal of Heritage Commission Bylaw No. 3340 and Parks and Recreation Commission Bylaw No. 3347; AND THAT City of Port Moody Parks and Recreation Commission Bylaw Repeal Bylaw, 2023, No. 3395 be now adopted as recommended in the memo dated March 21, 2023, from the Legislative Services Division regarding Bylaws 3394 and 3395 – Repeal of Heritage Commission Bylaw No. 3340 and Parks and Recreation Commission Bylaw No. 3347.
UBCM 2023 Emergency Operations Centres and Training Grant	5.3	Report: Fire and Rescue Services, dated March 6, 2023 <i>Recommendation adopted on consent:</i> THAT staff be directed to apply for the UBCM Emergency Operations Centres and Training Grant funding in 2023 as recommended in the report dated March 6, 2023, from Fire and Rescue Services regarding UBCM 2023 Emergency Operations Centres and Training Grant.
Youth Focus Committee – Terms of Reference Update	5.4	Report: Legislative Services Division, dated March 13, 2023 <i>Recommendation adopted on consent:</i> THAT the Youth Focus Committee Terms of Reference be approved as presented in Attachment 1 of the report dated March 13, 2023, from the Legislative Services Division regarding Youth Focus Committee – Terms of Reference Update.
Fees and Charges Bylaw Housekeeping Amendment, Jan 2023, Adoption	5.5	Memo: Community Development Department – Building, Bylaw, and Licensing Division, dated March 21, 2023 <i>Recommendation adopted on consent:</i> THAT City of Port Moody Fees Bylaw, 2022, No. 3383, Amendment Bylaw No. 3389, be now adopted as recommended in the memo dated March 21, 2023, from the Community Development Department – Building, Bylaw, and Licensing Division regarding Fees and Charges Bylaw Housekeeping Amendment, Jan 2023, Adoption.
Council Code of Conduct Bylaw, 2023, No. 3396 – Three Readings	5.7	Memo: Legislative Services Division, dated March 22, 2023 <i>Recommendation adopted on consent:</i> THAT City of Port Moody Council Code of Conduct Bylaw, 2023, No. 3396 be read a first, second, and third time as recommended in the memo dated March 22, 2023, from the Legislative Services Division regarding Council Code of Conduct Bylaw, 2023, No. 3396 – Three Readings.

**Request for Comments
– Village of Belcarra
Draft Official
Community Plan**

6. Items Removed from the Consent Agenda

6.5.6 Report: Community Development Department – Policy Planning Division, dated March 15, 2023

RC23/061

~~Moved, seconded, and DEFEATED.~~ Moved and seconded

THAT the following comments be provided to the Village of Belcarra regarding the community's Draft Official Community Plan:

- the City of Port Moody raises concerns over Belcarra's water system capacity and that this issue be addressed to ensure adequate fire response capability and that this occurs prior to proceeding with outlined changes to land use or increased development; and
- the City of Port Moody raises concerns around the need for a comprehensive transportation plan to address traffic issues related to development, regional population growth and access to Belcarra Regional Park and surrounding areas and expresses interest in working together on these and other regional issues.

RC23/062

Moved, seconded, and CARRIED

THAT this motion be referred to the April 18, 2023, Strategic Priorities Committee for discussion.

**Council Member
Appointments to
Committees**

7. Legislative Matters

7.1 Verbal Report: Mayor Lahti

Mayor Lahti shared the Council Member appointments to Committees:

- Seniors Focus Committee:
Chair: Cllr. Lurbiecki; Vice-Chair: Cllr. Lubik
- Parks and Environment Committee:
Chair: Cllr. Dilworth; Vice-Chair: Cllr. Morrison
- IDEA Committee:
Chair: Cllr. Lubik; Vice-Chair: Cllr. Dilworth
- Climate Action Committee:
Chair: Cllr. Agtarap; Vice-Chair: Cllr. Lurbiecki
- Transportation Committee:
Chair: Cllr. Morrison; Vice-Chair: Cllr. Lubik
- Arts, Culture, and Heritage Committee:
Chair: Cllr. Knowles; Vice-Chair: Cllr. Lubik
- Economic Development and Tourism Committee:
Chair: Cllr. Dilworth; Vice-Chair: Cllr. Agtarap

Mayor Lahti shared the following community member appointments to Committees:

Arts, Culture, and Heritage Committee:

- Jasvinder Kaur – Arts Centre Society Representative (April 2023-December 2024);
- Dianna Brown – Heritage Society Representative (April 2023-December 2024);
- Barbara Marynuik – Member at Large (April 2023-December 2024);
- Brenda Millar – Member at Large (April 2023-December 2024);
- Gaetan Royer – Member at Large (April 2023-December 2024); and
- Cassie Sakowicz – Member at Large (April 2023-December 2024).

Climate Action Committee:

- Gregory Millard – Member at Large (April 2023-December 2023);
- Nicole Blades – Member at Large (April 2023-December 2024);
- Poopah Morakkabati – Member at Large (April 2023-December 2024);
- Sandy Liles – Member at Large (April 2023-December 2024);
- Kyle Demes – Member at Large (April 2023-December 2024);
- Christine Schachtner – Member at Large (April 2023-December 2024); and
- Norbert Haunerland – Member at Large (April 2023-December 2024).

Economic Development and Tourism Committee:

- Lisa Beecroft – Member at Large (April 2023-December 2024);
- Nigel Brownlow – Member at Large (April 2023-December 2024);
- Aaron Demes – Member at Large (April 2023-December 2024);
- Heidi Hughes – Member at Large (April 2023-December 2024);
- Michael Scarcella – Member at Large (April 2023-December 2024);
- Leslie Courchesne – Chamber of Commerce Representative (April 2023-December 2024).

Inclusion, Diversity, Equity, and Accessibility (IDEA) Committee:

- Susan Bell – Member at Large (April 2023-December 2023);
- Darquise Desnoyers – Member at Large (April 2023-December 2023);
- Allan Fawley – Member at Large (April 2023-December 2023);

- Karen Hodge – Member at Large (April 2023-December 2023);
- Audrey Jun – Member at Large (April 2023-December 2023);
- Eunyoung Kwon – Member at Large (April 2023-December 2024);
- Craig MacLean – Member at Large (April 2023-December 2024);
- Nancy Owens – Member at Large (April 2023-December 2024);
- Tracey Schaeffer – Member at Large (April 2023-December 2024);
- Ramin Seifi – Member at Large (April 2023-December 2024); and
- Jeff Lynch – Member at Large (April 2023-December 2024).

Parks and Environment Committee:

- John Grasty – Member at Large (April 2023-December 2024);
- Trevor Kouyoumjian – Member at Large (April 2023-December 2024); and
- Cleone Todgham – Member at Large (April 2023-December 2024).

Seniors Focus Committee:

- John Crowther – Member at Large (April 2023-December 2023);
- Christine Felton – Member at Large (April 2023-December 2023);
- Holly Lee – Member at Large (April 2023-December 2024);
- Jim Millar – Member at Large (April 2023-December 2024);
- Joan Stuart – Member at Large (April 2023-December 2024); and
- Farid Zoldjalali – Member at Large (April 2023-December 2024).

Transportation Committee:

- Jonathan Baker – Member at Large (April 2023-December 2023);
- Hendrik Bertsch – Member at Large (April 2023-December 2024);
- Johann Contreras – Member at Large (April 2023-December 2024);
- Ian MacPhail – Member at Large (April 2023-December 2024);
- Liam Moran – Member at Large (April 2023-December 2024); and
- Robert Starcevich – Member at Large (April 2023-December 2024).

Youth Focus Committee:

- Valentina Doostdar – Member at Large (April 2023-August 2023).

Land Use Committee:

- Amanda Welsh – Moody Centre Representative
(April 2023-December 2023).

RC23/063

Moved, seconded, and CARRIED

THAT the following appointments be made to the Mayor's Arts and Business Coalition Task Force:

- Councillor Agtarap – Chair;
- Councillor Knowles – Vice-Chair;
- Mike Arseneault – Artist;
- Helen Daniels – Artist;
- Pauline Doyle – Artist;
- Jamie Cuthbert – Business Owner;
- Rick DeHart – Business Owner;
- Adina Diaconu – Business Owner;
- Deanna Kayne – Port Moody Arts Centre;
- Leslie Courchesne – Chamber of Commerce;
- Laura Dick – Heritage Society Representative;
- Paul Rockwood – General Manager of Finance and Technology;
- Joji Kumagai – Manager of Economic Development;
- Devin Jain – Manager of Cultural Services; and
- Lindsay Todd – Manager of Communications and Engagement.

8. Unfinished Business

9. New Business

10. Other Business

Proclamation – Green Shirt Day

- 10.1 Email: Anita Gojevic, BC Canadian Transplant Association, dated February 19, 2023

RC23/064

Moved, seconded, and CARRIED

THAT April 7, 2023, be proclaimed Green Shirt Day in the City of Port Moody.

Proclamation – World Press Freedom Day

- 10.2 Email: Laura Dick, dated February 28, 2023

RC23/065

Moved, seconded, and CARRIED

THAT May 3, 2023, be proclaimed World Press Freedom Day in the City of Port Moody.

	11.	Verbal Reports from Council and Staff
Council Verbal Reports	11.1	Councillor Morrison noted that it was an honour to attend with Council colleagues the Medal of Merit ceremony for Massimo Cerantola over the weekend. Massimo, an off-duty firefighter, suffered second- and third-degree burns while taking action to protect neighbours and their homes by putting out a car fire on their street using a garden hose. Councillor Knowles noted that a new wine bar opening in Port Moody is now taking reservations and that a presentation on the history of Port Moody by Ralph Drew is being held at the Port Moody Museum this week. Councillor Knowles encouraged residents to attend a bat walk and talk that is being held at Westhill Park on April 29, as part of the Tri-City Nature Challenge 2023. Councillor Lubik reported on attendance at the Columbia Institute’s Civic Governance Conference, which included sessions regarding workplace conditions assessment, affordable housing, reconciliation, and mental health, and noted that a festival is being held in Port Coquitlam this coming weekend to celebrate Sizdah Bedar. Councillor Agtarap noted that there was an important event to celebrate the launch of the Asian Impact Society’s book titled “Mina’s Lunch”, encouraged the public to attend the celebration of Softball event at Mundy Park on April 1, 2023, and offered congratulations to the Tri-Cities youth who competed in the Junior Olympic Weightlifting Championships, noting that Port Moody is home to the gold medalist in the female 49 category.
Staff Verbal Reports	11.2	There were no staff verbal reports.
	12.	Information Items
Committees, Commissions, and Boards – Minutes	12.1	• Youth Focus Committee – February 8, 2023 • Library Board – February 16, 2023

**Council
Correspondence**

- 12.2
- Letter from Crohn's and Colitis Canada re GoHere Washroom Access Program
 - Letter dated February 16, 2023, from BC Association of Farmers' Markets re BC Farmers' Market Nutrition Coupon Program

RC23/066

Moved, seconded, and CARRIED

THAT the letter from Crohn's and Colitis Canada re GoHere Washroom Access Program be referred to the IDEA Committee for consideration.

**Release of Items from
Closed Council**

- 12.3
- The following resolution was released from the Closed Council meeting held on March 14, 2023:

CC23/042

THAT the items contained in Attachment 2 be publicly released.

13. Public Input

There was no public input.

14. Adjournment

Mayor Lahti adjourned the meeting at 7:48pm.

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

S. Lam, City Clerk

Confirmed on the 11th day of April, 2023.

M. Lahti, Mayor