



Memo to Council

Date: May 1, 2023

Subject: Transparency and Accountability: Live Streaming, Recording, and Archiving of the Land Use Committee – Motion Served by Councillor Lurbiecki

Motion Served

Notice of the following motion was provided at the April 25, 2023, Regular Council meeting:

THAT live streaming, recording, and video archiving be immediately reinstated for the Land Use Committee.

Background

As of April 2023, the Land Use Committee (LUC) ceased to be live streamed, recorded or archived for later public viewing after nearly ten years of video archiving. This change occurred without public notice or council discussion. This change also followed a previous motion of council in February 2019 (RC19/058) directing that the Community Planning Advisory Committee (the previous iteration of the LUC) continue to be livestreamed, archived and recorded. Attachment 1 provides the report with this recommendation that was discussed and voted on during the February 12, 2019, regular council meeting.

The LUC plays an important role in the development review process. It is an early opportunity for residents to learn about and understand what development applications are being made in the community. Comments from the LUC are included in staff reports to inform council decision-making on development projects. Unlike other committees, its role is enshrined in a bylaw (BL3312-C). Members are not selected at large like other committees but represent a specific neighbourhood in Port Moody, and applicants must include at least ten nomination signatures from their neighborhood to be considered.

Continuation of live streaming, recording and archiving of the LUC requires no additional budgetary or staff requirements as it has already been built into the base budget. In addition, technology has advanced since 2019 with Zoom allowing for meetings to be easily recorded in conjunction with the city's existing system for archiving recorded meetings.

Removing live streaming, recording and archiving of the LUC may result in public perception of reduced transparency and accountability.

Council Strategic Priorities

Recording of the LUC helps council achieve its strategic goal of Lead with Good Governance (under Sustainable Core Services), including the objective of ensuring public information is accessible.

Council Options

The following options are available for Council consideration:

1. Receive for information.
2. Refer to staff for a report back on the feasibility of the proposed motion considering budget, alignment with Council's Strategic Priorities, and work plan implications, including but not limited to operational capacity, policy, legality, etc.
3. Other.

Attachment(s)

1. Report titled *Transparency and Accountability: Holding of Committee Meetings in Council Chambers* dated January 27, 2019 from the office of Cllr Dilworth