



City of Port Moody

Minutes

Regular Council Meeting

Council Chambers
Tuesday, April 9, 2024
at 7:00pm

Present:

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

In Attendance:

Anna Mathewson – City Manager
Raman Braich – Manager of Information Services
Stephanie Lam – City Clerk and Manager of Legislative Services
Jeff Moi – General Manager of Engineering and Operations
Angie Parnell – General Manager of Corporate Services
Paul Rockwood – General Manager of Finance and Technology
Adam Shroff – Legislative Services Coordinator
Tracey Takahashi – Deputy Corporate Officer
Val Tepes – Acting GM of Community Services
Kate Zanon – General Manager of Community Development

1. Call to Order

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

2. Territorial Land Acknowledgement

Mayor Lahti provided the territorial land acknowledgement.

3. Adoption of the Agenda

3.1 Agenda

RC24/075

THAT the agenda of the April 9, 2024, Regular Council meeting be reordered to address item 10.1 immediately following item 6.1;

AND THAT the agenda of the April 9, 2024, Regular Council meeting be adopted as amended.

Moved, seconded, and CARRIED

4. Public Input

Robert Simons (Port Moody) expressed support for the request for a Grand Piano for Inlet Theatre being put forward by the delegation appearing in item 5.2.

Laura Mossey (Port Moody) expressed opposition to the motion contained in item 10.1, citing growing community division.

David Reimer (Port Moody) expressed opposition to the motion contained in item 10.1, citing lack of municipal jurisdiction over the matter.

Rebeka Breder (Port Moody) expressed opposition to the motion contained in item 10.1, citing growing community division.

Sarina (Port Moody) expressed opposition to the motion contained in item 10.1, citing growing community division.

Karen Weiner (Port Moody) expressed opposition to the motion contained in item 10.1, citing growing community division.

Pete Poulin (Port Moody) expressed opposition to the motion contained in item 10.1, citing lack of municipal jurisdiction over the matter.

Daniel Gollen (Port Moody) expressed opposition to the motion contained within item 10.1, citing divisiveness and lack of municipal jurisdiction over the matter.

Alistair Henry (Port Moody) expressed opposition to the motion contained within item 10.1, citing growing community division.

Alain Quinto (Port Moody) expressed support of the motion contained within item 10.1, citing lack of reason to rescind the prior motion.

Sharose Wilensky (Port Moody) expressed support of the motion contained within item 10.1, citing personal experience with their own Jewish heritage and the historical and ongoing violence in Palestine.

Michael Scott (Port Moody) expressed support for the motion contained within item 10.1, citing Council indecisiveness and support of the original motion passed.

Rosie Patterson (Port Moody) expressed support for the motion contained within item 10.1, citing growing support for the Free Palestine BC organization and the ongoing violence in Palestine.

Shireen Soofi (Port Moody) expressed support for the motion contained within item 10.1, citing support for the original motion passed at the March 26, 2024, Regular Council meeting and the importance of humanity.

RC24/076

THAT the Public Input period be extended by 15 minutes.

Moved, seconded, and CARRIED

Dan Medzen (Port Moody) expressed opposition to the motion contained within item 10.1, citing lack of trust and growing community division.

Jenna Bright (Port Moody) expressed support for the motion contained within item 10.1, citing lack of reason to rescind the prior motion.

Anthony Sandler (Port Moody) expressed opposition contained within item 10.1, citing growing community division and lack of municipal jurisdiction over the matter.

David Fox (New Westminster) expressed opposition to Council taking a position on the matter contained within item 10.1, citing lack of municipal jurisdiction and growing community division.

Mordecai Gurevitz (Port Coquitlam) expressed opposition to Council taking a position on the matter contained within item 10.1, citing lack of municipal jurisdiction and growing community division.

Neal Naiman (Vancouver) expressed support for Council's original resolution concerning the subject of item 10.1, citing the ongoing violence and humanitarian crisis in Gaza.

Sabian St. Prix (Port Coquitlam) expressed support for Council's original resolution concerning the subject of item 10.1, citing the ongoing violence and humanitarian crisis in Gaza.

RC24/077

THAT the Public Input period be extended by 15 minutes.

Moved, seconded, and DEFEATED

(Voting against: Councillors Dilworth, Morrison, and Knowles, and Mayor Lahti)

The meeting was recessed at 7:52pm.

The meeting was reconvened at 8:03pm.

RC24/078

THAT Written Public Input Submissions provided in the on-table package dated April 9, 2024, be received for information.

Moved, seconded, and CARRIED

5. General Matters

5.1 Art at Council

Verbal Report: Councillor Amy Lubik, Chair, Arts, Culture, and Heritage Committee

Councillor Lubik introduced an acrylic and ink on watercolour paper art piece entitled "Dex" by artist Jason Young and noted that there would be a free artist talk and exhibit tour on Thursday, April 11, 2024, from 7:00pm to 9:00pm at the Port Moody Arts Centre.

5.2 Delegation – Inlet Theatre Music Series – Piano Proposal

Presentation: Darlene Cooper, Helen Daniels, Eric Hedekar, Nancy Nickolai, and Bill Sample

Delegation Request: Darlene Cooper

The delegation gave a presentation entitled "A Grand Plan" and referred to slides contained within the on-table package.

RC24/079

THAT the delegation request be placed on a subsequent Council agenda for consideration with staff reporting back at a future meeting.

Moved, seconded, and CARRIED

6. Adoption of Minutes

6.1 Minutes

RC24/080

THAT the minutes of the following meetings be adopted:

- *Special Council (to Close) – March 26, 2024;*
- *Regular Council – March 26, 2024; and*
- *Special Council – March 28, 2024.*

Moved, seconded, and CARRIED

The agenda order was varied at this point to address item 10.1.

10.1 Postponed Motion Arising from March 28, 2024, Special Council Meeting

The following motion was moved and seconded at the Special Council meeting of March 28, 2024, and postponed to the April 9, 2024, Regular Council meeting for consideration:

SC24/006

WHEREAS the world needs a vision for peace in the Israeli-Palestinian conflict;

AND WHEREAS all lives are of equal worth;

AND WHEREAS we recognize that there is tremendous pain and grief in our city being caused by this conflict;

AND WHEREAS we will never tolerate what is going on in the world to be used as a justification for any form of discrimination, calls for violence, or hatred in our city;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City of Port Moody:

- *work to create safe spaces and opportunities for meaningful dialogue with all residents, so that they can share how this conflict is affecting them; and*
- *call on the Government of Canada to work towards helping end the Israel-Palestine conflict permanently, and to provide support to local communities to help address the pain and suffering resulting from this conflict.*

The motion (SC24/006) from the March 28, 2024, Special Council meeting was withdrawn by unanimous consent of Council.

RC24/081

THAT Council direct staff to report back on how the City might amend and strengthen Corporate Policy – 01-0530-2016-02 – Non-Jurisdictional Items to better prevent non-jurisdictional matters from being placed on Council agendas;

AND THAT the report include an environmental scan of best practices by other municipalities;

AND THAT the findings be shared for discussion at an upcoming Governance and Legislation Committee meeting.

Moved, seconded, and CARRIED

(Voting against: Councillors Lubik and Lurbiecki)

RC24/082

THAT Port Moody City Council recognizes and upholds the role of the government of Canada in developing and implementing foreign policy approaches and its official positions on the war in Gaza.

Moved, seconded, and DEFEATED

(Voting against: Councillors Dilworth, Knowles, and Morrison, and Mayor Lahti)

RC24/083

THAT Port Moody City Council recognizes hurt being experienced by many members of the community following the March 28 special council meeting and apologizes for any hurtful comments that were made.

Moved, seconded, and DEFEATED

(Voting against: Councillors Dilworth, Knowles, and Morrison, and Mayor Lahti)

RC24/084

That staff engage with community organizations such as the Library and PoMoArts on inclusion and inquire about opportunities to create events that foster interfaith and intercultural collaboration.

Moved and seconded

RC24/085

THAT the foregoing motion be amended by replacing “inquire about” with “explore” and by replacing “staff engage” with “staff report back on engaging”.

Moved, seconded, and CARRIED

The question on the main motion (RC24/084) as amended (by RC24/085) was put to a vote; the following motion was DEFEATED:

THAT staff report back on engaging with Community organizations such as the Library and PoMoArts on inclusion and explore opportunities to create events that foster interfaith and intercultural collaboration.

(Voting against: Councillors Dilworth, Knowles, and Morrison, and Mayor Lahti)

The meeting was recessed at 9:09pm and reconvened at 9:12pm.

The agenda order was resumed at this point.

7. Consent Agenda

At the request of Council, the following items were removed from the Consent Agenda for consideration under section 8:

- 7.3 – Establishing Criteria for Not Requiring a Public Hearing; and
- 7.4 – Arts, Culture, and Heritage Committee Recommendation – Archival Feasibility Study.

RC24/086

THAT the recommendations contained in the following items on the April 9, 2024, Regular Council Consent Agenda be approved:

- 7.1 – Rezoning (RS1-S) – 1035 Ioco Road (Grayden Developments Ltd.);
- 7.2 – Notification of Metro 2050 Land Use Designation Amendment Request – Yennadon Lands, City of Maple Ridge; and
- 7.5 – Tri-Cities Community Action Team Request – Purple Flags on April 14, 2024.

Moved, seconded, and CARRIED

7.1 Rezoning (RS1-S) – 1035 Ioco Road (Grayden Developments Ltd.)

Report: Community Development Department – Development Planning Division

Resolution adopted on consent:

THAT City of Port Moody Zoning Bylaw, 2018, No. 2937, Amendment Bylaw No. 91, 2024, No. 3451 (1035 Ioco Road) (RS1-S) be read a first, second, and third time as recommended in the report dated April 9, 2024, from the Community Development Department – Development Planning Division regarding Rezoning (RS1-S) – 1035 Ioco Road (Grayden Developments Ltd.);

AND THAT Bylaw No. 3451 not be referred to a Public Hearing.

7.2 Notification of Metro 2050 Land Use Designation Amendment Request – Yennadon Lands, City of Maple Ridge

Report: Community Development Department – Policy Planning Division

Resolution adopted on consent:

THAT Metro Vancouver be notified that the City of Port Moody has no objections to the proposed amendments in Metro Vancouver Regional District Regional Growth Strategy Amendment Bylaw No. 1376, 2024 as recommended in the report dated April 9, 2024, from the Community Development Department – Policy Planning Division regarding Notification of Metro 2050 Land Use Designation Amendment Request – Yennadon Lands, City of Maple Ridge.

7.5 Tri-Cities Community Action Team Request – Purple Flags on April 14, 2024

Memo: General Manager of Engineering and Operations

Resolution adopted on consent:

THAT staff be authorized to approve a Highway Use Permit, subject to receipt of an application satisfactory to staff, for the temporary placement of small purple flags along St. Johns Street associated with the Overdose Crisis' 8th Anniversary on April 14, 2024 as recommended in the memo dated April 9, 2024, from the General Manager of Engineering and Operations regarding Tri-Cities Community Action Team Request – Purple Flags on April 14, 2024;

AND THAT the fees associated with this Highway Use Permit be waived.

8. Items Removed from the Consent Agenda

8.7.3 Establishing Criteria for Not Requiring a Public Hearing

Memo: Community Development Department – Policy Planning Division

RC24/087

THAT the memo dated April 9, 2024, from the Community Development Department – Policy Planning Division regarding Establishing Criteria for Not Requiring a Public Hearing be received for information;

AND THAT the proposed criteria guide when not to hold a Public Hearing be endorsed as outlined in the memo dated April 9, 2024, from the Community Development Department – Policy Planning Division regarding Establishing Criteria for Not Requiring a Public Hearing;

AND THAT staff be directed to not hold a Public Hearing for the following Zoning Bylaw amendments:

- *to rezone Suter Brook Village to CD93;*
- *to rezone the southern portion of the Suter Brook Greenway to P1; and*
- *to comply with provincial adaptable dwelling unit requirements.*

Moved, seconded, and CARRIED

(Voting against: Councillor Lurbiecki)

8.7.4 Arts, Culture, and Heritage Committee Recommendation – Archival Feasibility Study

Memo: Arts, Culture, and Heritage Committee

RC24/088

THAT the recommendation from the Arts, Culture, and Heritage Committee regarding Archival Feasibility Study as provided in the memo dated April 9, 2024, from the Arts, Culture, and Heritage Committee regarding Arts, Culture, and Heritage Committee Recommendation – Archival Feasibility Study be referred to staff:

ACHC24/008-009

THAT the Arts, Culture, and Heritage Committee recommends:

THAT staff be directed to investigate options and approximate preliminary costs and engagement approaches to implement a City Archive Program and report back to the Arts, Culture, and Heritage Committee.

Moved, seconded, and CARRIED

9. Legislative Matters

10. Unfinished Business

11. New Business

12. Other Business

12.1 Proclamation Request – International Day Against Homophobia and Transphobia

Email: Fondation Émergence

RC24/089

THAT the proclamation be approved as requested.

Moved, seconded, and CARRIED

13. Verbal Reports from Council and Staff

13.1 Council Verbal Reports

Councillor Lurbiecki reported on concerns regarding the purpose and procedures of the March 28, 2024, Special Council meeting.

Councillor Lurbiecki served the following Notice of Motion:

THAT staff be directed to update the Council Procedure Bylaw so that:

- all agenda items for all meetings of council require at minimum a background memo if any action of council is requested (including for rescinding of motions and Mayor's verbal reports) so that all members of council and the public have equitable access to information,
- and that, Postponement or deferral of meetings shall not be permitted for reasons of council members having to leave a meeting or council members being late to a meeting as long as quorum is maintained.

Councillor Knowles reported on:

- the proceedings of the March 28, 2024, Special Council Meeting;
- Soroptimist Tri-Cities; and
- the importance of community unity.

Councillor Lubik reported on:

- the rezoning listed in item 7.1;
- concern over some procedures at the March 28, 2024, Special Council Meeting; and
- the importance of community unity.

Councillor Morrison reported on:

- lacrosse and hockey; and
- purpose and procedures at the March 28, 2024, Special Council Meeting.

Councillor Dilworth reported on the new Inlet Field and playground.

Councillor Agtarap reported on:

- appreciation for the input on the violence in Palestine; and
- a desire for peace in the Middle East.

Mayor Lahti reported on:

- the purpose and procedures of the March 28, 2024, Special Council Meeting;
- a desire for peace in the Middle East;
- the importance of community unity;
- the tree and shrub giveaway for residents to be hosted by the City on Tuesday, April 23, 2024, from 10am to 1pm at the Port Moody Civic Centre, as well as at the Port Moody Farmer's Market on Sunday, April 21, 2024, from 10am to 2pm in the Port Moody Recreation Complex Parking Lot; and
- combined Port Moody and Coquitlam softball tournaments.

13.2 Staff Verbal Reports

There were no staff verbal reports.

14. Information Items

14.1 Committees, Commissions, and Boards – Minutes

- Transportation Committee – November 15, 2023
- Parks and Environment Committee – January 15, 2024
- Library Board – February 15, 2024
- Transportation Committee – February 21, 2024
- IDEA Committee – February 28, 2024
- Economic Development and Tourism Committee – March 6, 2024

14.2 Metro Vancouver Board in Brief

Metro Vancouver Board in Brief, dated March 22, 2024

15. Public Input

RC24/090

THAT the meeting be extended until 10:30pm.

Moved, seconded, and CARRIED

Jada Gabriella Pape (Vancouver Island) expressed support for those who speak out against oppression, citing the treatment of First Nations people in Canada's history.

16. Adjournment

Mayor Lahti adjourned the meeting at 10:05pm.

Certified correct on the ____ day of _____, 2024, in accordance with section 148(a) of the *Community Charter*.

M. Lahti, Mayor

S. Lam, City Clerk