



City of Port Moody

Minutes

Regular Council Meeting

Council Chambers
Tuesday, January 14, 2025
at 7:10pm

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: Anna Mathewson – City Manager
Tanya Bettles – Manager of Environment
Shareen Chin – Social Planner
Mary De Paoli – Manager of Policy Planning
Stephen Judd – Manager of Infrastructure Engineering Services
Stephanie Lam – City Clerk and Manager of Legislative Services
Jim McIntyre – City Planner
Jeff Moi – General Manager of Engineering and Operations
Darcey O’Riordan – Fire Chief
Angie Parnell – General Manager of Corporate Services
Julie Pavey-Tomlinson – General Manager of Community Services
Paul Rockwood – General Manager of Finance and Technology
Adam Shroff – Legislative Services Coordinator
Tracey Takahashi – Deputy Corporate Officer
Wesley Woo – Assistant Manager of Planning
Kate Zanon – General Manager of Community Development

1. Call to Order

Mayor Lahti called the meeting to order at 7:10pm.

2. Territorial Land Acknowledgement

Mayor Lahti provided the territorial land acknowledgement.

3. Adoption of the Agenda

3.1 Agenda

RC25/001

THAT the agenda of the January 14, 2025, Regular Council meeting be adopted as circulated.

Moved, seconded, and CARRIED

4. General Matters

4.1 Art at Council

Verbal Report: Councillor Samantha Agtarap, Chair, Arts, Culture, and Heritage Committee

Councillor Agtarap introduced the evening's Art at Council, an acrylic painting on paper titled *House Red Line*, by Valerie Pugh, an artist and arts educator who resides in the Tri-Cities. Councillor Agtarap noted that the Artist has participated in group and solo exhibitions at the Vancouver Art Gallery, the Surrey Art Gallery, the Art Gallery of Greater Victoria, and the POMO Arts Centre.

The Artist explores relationships between memory, reflection, and imagination through painting, collage, and sculpture, and recently opened *The Architecture of Memory*, a solo exhibition at The ACT Arts Centre in Maple Ridge. The artwork in her exhibition explores themes of memory, home, imagination and dreams. Inspired by Gaston Bachelard's book, *The Poetics of Space*, the Artist negotiates the distortion and formation of memory and explores how a lived experience is pieced back through the imagination. Memories, which are often abstract in form, are represented as gestural swaths of vivid colour and generous layers of mark making. These abstractions are then constructed into recognizable architectural forms.

The Artist spoke about their work, touching on the joyful nature, deep meaning of the structures, and the unique nature of homes.

4.2 Delegation – BC SPCA

Presentation: Kristen Jakub (Specialist, Farm Animal Welfare) and Nadia Xenakis (Specialist, Wild Animal Welfare), BC SPCA

Delegation Request: Sarah Herring, Government Relations Officer, BC SPCA

The delegation gave a presentation entitled "Mobile Petting Zoos" and referred to slides contained within the on-table package, and recommended that the City of Port Moody prohibit mobile petting zoos in City facilities and at City events to protect people and animals.

RC25/002

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

Moved, seconded, and CARRIED

5. Public Input

Judy Taylor Atkinson (Port Moody) expressed support for the prohibition of mobile live animal programs, citing a need for legislative improvements to protect exotic and domestic animals and a lack of data supporting the claim that such programs are educational opportunities for children.

Daphne Herberts (Port Moody) expressed support for the prohibition of mobile live animal programs, citing the fear and stress experienced by the animals and noting that such programs are cruel to the animals.

Carla Parr-Pearson (Port Moody) expressed support for the prohibition of mobile live animal programs, noting that the City is a leader in conservation and prohibiting such programs will further the City's leadership in ethical stewardship and support organizations working to enhance animal welfare.

Chantelle Archambault (Burnaby), Vancouver Humane Society, expressed support for the prohibition of mobile live animal programs, noting that such programs perpetuate the notion that animals exist for public entertainment to children and that transporting the animals to different locations causes stress and potential health issues for the animals.

Tracey Schaeffer (Port Moody) expressed support for the proposed noise camera pilot program, noting that noise pollution is becoming a significant issue that affects the livability of the city, which can lead to higher levels of anxiety, stress, and other health issues.

Charlene Loughlin (Port Moody) expressed concern regarding proposed changes to industrial lands being considered for residential developments, citing the need for industrial lands for the City's economic benefit and the need for more engagement.

Steve Milani (Port Moody) expressed concern regarding the proposed Moody Centre Transit-Oriented Community Design Guidelines, citing the involvement of developers in the funding of consultants and tower heights, and concern regarding the scope of the Port Moody 2050 OCP Update Engagement.

Jeff McLellan (Port Moody) expressed concern regarding misinformation in the community surrounding the discontinuation of the Port Moody Volunteer Firefighter program, citing the need for further information from the City about this topic.

RC25/003

THAT Written Public Input submissions provided in the on-table package dated January 14, 2025, be received for information.

Moved, seconded, and CARRIED

6. Adoption of Minutes

6.1 Minutes

RC25/004

THAT the minutes of the following meetings be adopted:

- *Regular Council – December 10, 2024; and*
- *Special Council – December 17, 2024.*

Moved, seconded, and CARRIED

7. Consent Agenda

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

- 7.1 – Development Cost Charges Bylaw Inflationary Update, Bylaw No. 3478 – Adoption;
- 7.10 – Council Agenda Setting Process;
- 7.12 – Short-Term Rentals – Rezoning and Business Licensing Bylaw Nos. 3482 and 3483 – Amended Second and Third Readings; and
- 7.14 – Approval of Road Closure Bylaw No. 3455 – Coronation Park (Wesgroup).

RC25/005

THAT page 1 of the report titled “2024 Annual Report – Seniors Focus Committee” be replaced with the updated page 1 provided on table.

Moved, seconded, and CARRIED

RC25/006

THAT the recommendations contained in the following items on the January 14, 2025, Regular Council Consent Agenda be approved:

- *7.2 – Coastal Flood Management Strategy – Public Education and Engagement Plan;*
- *7.3 – 2024 Annual Report – Arts, Culture, and Heritage Committee;*
- *7.4 – 2024 Annual Report – Climate Action Committee;*
- *7.5 – 2024 Annual Report – Economic Development and Tourism Committee;*
- *7.6 – 2024 Annual Report – Inclusion, Diversity, Equity, and Accessibility Committee;*
- *7.7 – 2024 Annual Report – Parks and Environment Committee;*
- *7.8 – 2024 Annual Report – Seniors Focus Committee;*
- *7.9 – 2024 Annual Report – Transportation Committee;*
- *7.11 – Notification of Metro 2050 Type 3 Amendment – Regional Affordable Rental Housing Target Implementation Guideline; and*
- *7.13 – Standards of Maintenance Bylaw No. 3467 – Amended Third Reading.*

Moved, seconded, and CARRIED

7.2 Coastal Flood Management Strategy – Public Education and Engagement Plan

Report: Community Development Department – Policy Planning Division

Recommendation adopted on consent:

THAT the proposed public education and engagement approach for the Coastal Flood Management Strategy be endorsed as recommended in the report dated January 14, 2025, from the Community Development Department – Policy Planning Division regarding Coastal Flood Management Strategy – Public Education and Engagement Plan;

AND THAT \$20,000 from the previously approved project budget allocated to complete the Coastal Flood Management Strategy be approved to support the proposed public education and engagement approach.

7.3 2024 Annual Report – Arts, Culture, and Heritage Committee

Report: Arts, Culture, and Heritage Committee

Recommendation adopted on consent:

THAT the report dated January 14, 2025, from the Arts, Culture, and Heritage Committee regarding 2024 Annual Report – Arts, Culture, and Heritage Committee be received for information;

AND THAT the 2025 Arts, Culture, and Heritage Committee be asked to review this report and bring forward its annual Work Plan in Spring 2025.

7.4 2024 Annual Report – Climate Action Committee

Report: Climate Action Committee

Recommendation adopted on consent:

THAT the report dated January 14, 2025, from the Climate Action Committee regarding 2024 Annual Report – Climate Action Committee be received for information;

AND THAT the 2025 Climate Action Committee be asked to review this report and bring forward its annual Work Plan in Spring 2025.

7.5 2024 Annual Report – Economic Development and Tourism Committee

Report: Economic Development and Tourism Committee

Recommendation adopted on consent:

THAT the report dated January 14, 2025, from the Economic Development and Tourism Committee regarding 2024 Annual Report – Economic Development and Tourism Committee be received for information;

AND THAT the 2025 Economic Development and Tourism Committee be asked to review this report and bring forward its annual Work Plan in Spring 2025.

7.6 2024 Annual Report – Inclusion, Diversity, Equity, and Accessibility Committee

Report: Inclusion, Diversity, Equity, and Accessibility Committee

Recommendation adopted on consent:

THAT the report dated January 14, 2025, from the Inclusion, Diversity, Equity, and Accessibility Committee regarding 2024 Annual Report – Inclusion, Diversity, Equity, and Accessibility Committee be received for information;

AND THAT the 2025 Inclusion, Diversity, Equity, and Accessibility Committee be asked to review this report and bring forward its annual Work Plan in Spring 2025.

7.7 2024 Annual Report – Parks and Environment Committee

Report: Parks and Environment Committee

Recommendation adopted on consent:

THAT the report dated January 14, 2025, from the Parks and Environment Committee regarding 2024 Annual Report – Parks and Environment Committee be received for information;

AND THAT the 2025 Parks and Environment Committee be asked to review this report and bring forward its annual Work Plan in Spring 2025.

7.8 2024 Annual Report – Seniors Focus Committee

Report: Seniors Focus Committee

Recommendation adopted on consent:

THAT the report dated January 14, 2025, from the Seniors Focus Committee regarding 2024 Annual Report – Seniors Focus Committee be received for information;

AND THAT the 2025 Seniors Focus Committee be asked to review this report and bring forward its annual Work Plan in Spring 2025.

7.9 2024 Annual Report – Transportation Committee

Report: Transportation Committee

Recommendation adopted on consent:

THAT the report dated January 14, 2025, from the Transportation Committee regarding 2024 Annual Report – Transportation Committee be received for information;

AND THAT the 2025 Transportation Committee be asked to review this report and bring forward its annual Work Plan in Spring 2025.

7.11 Notification of Metro 2050 Type 3 Amendment – Regional Affordable Rental Housing Target Implementation Guideline

Report: Community Development Department – Policy Planning Division

Recommendation 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 Growth Strategy Amendment Bylaw No. 1398, 2024, as outlined in the report dated January 14, 2025, from the Community Development Department – Policy Planning Division regarding Notification of Metro 2050 Type 3 Amendment – Regional Affordable Rental Housing Target Implementation Guideline.

7.13 Standards of Maintenance Bylaw No. 3467 – Amended Third Reading

Memo: Community Development Department – Policy Planning Division

Bylaw No. 3467, a Bylaw to prescribe standards for the maintenance of rental residential premises within the City of Port Moody.

Recommendation adopted on consent:

THAT third reading of City of Port Moody Standards of Maintenance Bylaw, 2025, No. 3467 be rescinded as recommended in the memo dated January 14, 2024, from the Community Development Department – Policy Planning Division regarding Standards of Maintenance Bylaw, No. 3467 – Amended Third Reading;

AND THAT City of Port Moody Standards of Maintenance Bylaw, 2024, No. 3467 be read a third time as amended.

8. Items Removed from the Consent Agenda

8.7.1 Development Cost Charges Bylaw Inflationary Update, Bylaw No. 3478 – Adoption

Memo: Legislative Services Division

Bylaw No. 3478, a Bylaw to amend the fees in Schedule A of Development Cost Charges Bylaw, 2019, No. 3054.

RC25/007

THAT City of Port Moody Development Cost Charges Bylaw, 2019, No. 3054, Amendment Bylaw No. 1, 2024, No. 3478 be now adopted as recommended in the memo dated January 14, 2025, from the Legislative Services Division regarding Development Cost Charges Bylaw Inflationary Update, Bylaw No. 3478 – Adoption.

Moved, seconded, and CARRIED

RC25/008

THAT annual inflation increases to Development Cost Charges be automatically applied and brought to Council each year;

AND THAT, should Development Cost Charges change in name or definition in the future, these same inflationary increases are applied on a yearly basis as permitted.

Moved, seconded, and CARRIED

8.7.10 Council Agenda Setting Process

Memo: City Manager

RC25/009

THAT the memo dated January 14, 2025, from the City Manager regarding Council Agenda Setting Process be received for information;

AND THAT the information contained in this memo or a link to this memo be provided on the City website for community reference.

Moved, seconded, and CARRIED

8.7.12 Short-Term Rentals – Rezoning and Business Licensing Bylaw Nos. 3482 and 3483 – Amended Second and Third Readings

Memo: Community Development Department – Policy Planning Division

Bylaw No. 3482, a Bylaw to amend City of Port Moody Zoning Bylaw, 2018, No. 2937 to allow for Short-Term Rentals in Port Moody.

Bylaw No. 3483, a Bylaw to amend City of Port Moody Business Licensing and Regulation Bylaw, 2015, No. 3000 to allow for Short-Term Rentals as a permissible business.

RC25/010

THAT second reading of City of Port Moody Zoning Bylaw, 2018, No. 2937, Amendment Bylaw No. 101, 2024, No. 3482 (Short-Term Rentals) be rescinded as recommended in the memo dated January 14, 2025, from the Community Development Department – Policy Planning Division regarding Short-Term Rentals – Rezoning and Business Licensing Bylaw Nos. 3482 and 3483 – Amended Second and Third Readings;

AND THAT City of Port Moody Zoning Bylaw, 2018, No. 2937, Amendment Bylaw No. 101, 2024, No. 3482 (Short-Term Rentals) be read a second time as amended;

AND THAT Bylaw No. 3482 be referred to a Public Hearing;

AND THAT third reading of City of Port Moody Business Licensing and Regulation Bylaw, 2015, No. 3000, Amendment Bylaw No. 6, 2024, No. 3483 (Short-Term Rentals) be rescinded;

AND THAT City of Port Moody Business Licensing and Regulation Bylaw, 2015, No. 3000, Amendment Bylaw No. 6, 2024, No. 3483 (Short-Term Rentals) be read a third time as amended.

Moved, seconded, and CARRIED

8.7.14 Approval of Road Closure Bylaw No. 3455 – Coronation Park (Wesgroup)

Memo: Community Development Department – Development Planning Division

Bylaw No. 3455, a Bylaw to close Buckingham Drive, Edinburgh Drive, Edinburgh Place, and a portion of Windsor Drive.

RC25/011

THAT City of Port Moody Road Closure Bylaw – Buckingham Drive, Edinburgh Drive, Edinburgh Place, and a portion of Windsor Drive, 2024, No. 3455 be now adopted as recommended in the memo dated January 14, 2025, from the Community Development Department – Development Planning Division regarding Approval of Road Closure Bylaw No. 3455 – Coronation Park (Wesgroup).

Moved, seconded, and CARRIED

(Voting against: Councillor Lurbiecki)

9. Legislative Matters

9.1 Committee Appointments

Verbal Report: Mayor Lahti

Mayor Lahti announced the following appointments to City advisory bodies:

Arts, Culture, and Heritage Committee:

- Megan Mackenzie – Member-at-Large (01/2025-12/2026);
- Erik D'Souza – Member-at-Large (01/2025-12/2026);
- John Grasty – Member-at-Large (01/2025-12/2026);
- Anu Garg – Member-at-Large (01/2025-12/2025);
- Roshni Naik – Arts Centre Society Representative (01/2025-12/2026);
and
- Dianna Brown – Port Moody Heritage Society Representative (01/2025-12/2026);

Board of Variance:

- Jeff Summers – Member-at-Large (01/2025-12/2027);
- Jim Atkinson – Member-at-Large (01/2025-12/2027); and
- Arnie Biswas – Member-at-Large (01/2025-12/2027);

City/CPKC Community Advisory Panel:

- Jennifer Kasuya – Member-at-Large (01/2025-12/2027);

Climate Action Committee:

- Norbert Haunerland – Member-at-Large (01/2025-12/2026);
- Bill Lawrie – Member-at-Large (01/2025-12/2026);
- Chris Tomlinson – Member-at-Large (01/2025-12/2026);
- Megan Tucker – Member-at-Large (01/2025-12/2026);
- Samantha May – Member-at-Large (01/2025-12/2026); and
- Soni Proctor – Member-at-Large (01/2025-12/2026);

Economic Development and Tourism Committee:

- Calvin Ramsson – Member-at-Large (01/2025-12/2026);
- Luke Faulks – Member-at-Large (01/2025-12/2026);
- Mark Malik – Member-at-Large (01/2025-12/2026);
- Yvette Cuthbert – Member-at-Large (01/2025-12/2026);
- Maddy Baker – Member-at-Large (01/2025-12/2026);
- Michael Hind – Member-at-Large (01/2025-12/2025);
- Michael Scarcella – Member-at-Large (01/2025-12/2025); and
- Leslie Courchesne – Tri Cities Chamber of Commerce Representative (01/2025-12/2026);

Inclusion, Diversity, Equity, and Accessibility Committee:

- Craig MacLean – Member-at-Large (01/2025-12/2025);
- Angeline Parker – Member-at-Large (01/2025-12/2025);
- Jenny Sidhoo – Member-at-Large (01/2025-12/2026);
- Carlos Alberto Salinas Ruiz – Member-at-Large (01/2025-12/2026);
- Nadia Bronk – Member-at-Large (01/2025-12/2026);
- Nadia Olynyk – Member-at-Large (01/2025-12/2026);
- Adila Ahmadi – Member-at-Large (01/2025-12/2026); and
- Maryam Arshi – Member-at-Large (01/2025-12/2026);

Land Use Committee:

- Dani Tao – College Park Representative (01/2025-12/2026);
- Sean Ogilvie – Glenayre Representative (01/2025-12/2026);
- Sarah Wellman – Heritage Mountain Representative (01/2025-12/2026);
- Tracey Schaeffer – Inlet Centre Representative (01/2025-12/2026);
- Salar Fathi – Inlet Centre Representative (01/2025-12/2025);
- Rebecca Gunderson – Moody Centre Representative (01/2025-12/2025);
- Stirling Ward – Pleasantside Representative (01/2025-12/2026); and
- Jacob Edenloff – Pleasantside Representative (01/2025-12/2025);

Parks and Environment Committee:

- Lydia Mynott – Member-at-Large (01/2025-12/2026);
- Stuart Doyle – Member-at-Large (01/2025-12/2026);
- Trevor Kouyoumjian – Member-at-Large (01/2025-12/2026);
- Nicki Forster – Member-at-Large (01/2025-12/2026); and
- Luke Stannard – Member-at-Large (01/2025-12/2026);

Seniors Focus Committee:

- Ruth Armstrong – Member-at-Large (01/2025-12/2026);
- Gwynne Cafik – Member-at-Large (01/2025-12/2026);
- Rebecca White – Member-at-Large (01/2025-12/2026);
- Carola Thompson – Member-at-Large (01/2025-12/2026);
- Jacquie Boyer – Member-at-Large (01/2025-12/2026); and
- Louisa Baker – Member-at-Large (01/2025-12/2025); and

Transportation Committee:

- Jeff Lynch – Member-at-Large (01/2025-12/2026);
- Carissa Konesky – Member-at-Large (01/2025-12/2026);
- Rob McCloskey – Member-at-Large (01/2025-12/2026);
- Zee Samnani – Member-at-Large (01/2025-12/2026);
- Steven Dragicevic – Member-at-Large (01/2025-12/2026); and
- Sheila Van As – Member-at-Large (01/2025-12/2026).

10. Unfinished Business

11. New Business

11.1 Moody Centre Transit-Oriented Community Design Guidelines

Presentation: Development Planning Division

Report: Community Development Department – Development Planning Division

Councillor Agtarap declared a conflict of interest due to a family business being in Moody Centre and left the meeting at this point.

Consultant Cillian Collins, Perkins + Will, gave a presentation entitled “Moody Centre TOD Guidelines” and referred to slides contained within the on-table package.

RC25/012

THAT staff be directed to look into incorporating dementia-friendly designs and guidelines into Moody Centre Design Guidelines;

AND THAT staff ensure that the cultural diversity of the city and the City's artists are reflected in the public art in the Moody Centre TOA;

AND THAT staff investigate options to mandate incorporation of public bathrooms in Moody Centre TOA;

AND THAT staff investigate opportunities for one-way traffic on Spring Street and building setbacks;

AND THAT the Moody Centre Design Guidelines be referred back to staff for a report back and discussion at a future CIPC meeting.

Moved, seconded, and CARRIED

(Voting against: Councillor Lurbiecki)

Councillor Agtarap returned to the meeting at this point.

11.2 Port Moody 2050 OCP Update Engagement Scope (2025)

Report: Community Development Department – Policy Planning Division

RC25/013

THAT the updated OCP engagement approach for 2025 be endorsed as recommended in the report dated January 14, 2025, from the Community Development Department – Policy Planning Division regarding Port Moody 2050 OCP Update Engagement Scope (2025).

Moved, seconded, and CARRIED

RC25/014

THAT staff be directed to investigate the Disagree Better tool program and guidance from Tempee, Arizona, and look for opportunities to incorporate applicable principles into OCP engagement.

Moved, seconded, and CARRIED

11.3 Noise Camera Pilot – Motion Served by Councillor Samantha Agtarap and Councillor Diana Dilworth

Memo: Councillors Samantha Agtarap and Diana Dilworth

RC25/015

THAT staff be directed to report back with a project plan that defines the potential development of a noise camera pilot program, with the goal of implementing such a program to monitor vehicular noise pollution in strategic key corridors in our community. The pilot program would help the City to better understand the use of technology in such a program, and then identify potential data and privacy issues.

Moved, seconded, and CARRIED

11.4 Strengthening the BC Poverty Reduction Strategy – Motion Served by Councillor Amy Lubik and Councillor Samantha Agtarap

Memo: Councillors Amy Lubik and Samantha Agtarap

RC25/016

THAT the meeting be extended by 20 minutes.

Moved, seconded, and CARRIED

RC25/017

THAT the following resolution regarding “Strengthening Poverty Reduction Strategy” in BC be endorsed by the City of Port Moody Council and that staff be directed to forward copies to the Premier of British Columbia, the Minister of Housing and Municipal Affairs, the Minister of Social Development and Poverty Reduction, and the Lower Mainland Local Government Association (LMLGA) and the Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM) Annual Conventions as recommended by the report dated January 14, 2025, from Councillors Amy Lubik and Samantha Agtarap:

WHEREAS in BC the rate of child poverty and the number of seniors at risk of, and experiencing, homelessness are increasing, and the number of residents who rely on food banks is also surging;

AND WHEREAS poverty-reduction grants for local governments have ceased;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Province of BC reinvigorate the provincial poverty reduction strategies and accompanying mental health strategy, including recommendations from the BC Human Rights Commissioner and evidence-informed best practices, including, but not limited to;

- *a timeline and actions for raising social assistance and disability assistance rates to at least 75% of the poverty line;*
- *examining and eliminating barriers to income such as clawbacks and restrictions;*
- *timelines and targets for reducing deep poverty;*
- *Indigenous-specific co-created poverty reduction strategies;*
- *food security and sovereignty strategies to support healthy people and local food economies; and*

- *specific programs to support seniors in staying in their homes, reducing the risk of homelessness and poverty, and prioritizing development of housing for unhoused seniors;*

AND THAT BC include a Basic Income Pilot in the Poverty Reduction Strategy;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Province of BC reinstate poverty reduction grants for local governments, including but not limited to, funding to create, enact, and/or strengthen and support established poverty reduction-related plans;

AND THAT the above resolution also be forward to the Federation of Canadian Municipalities for inclusion in the 2025 conference, the MP for Port Moody and Federal Minister of Families, Children, and Social Development requesting that the Federal government review the progress of the Federal Poverty Reduction Strategy and incorporate actions to strengthen and support Indigenous, Provincial, and Municipal poverty reduction programs, including reducing Federal Tax rules that disproportionately impact people living in poverty, those who live with disabilities, and the unhoused.

Moved and seconded

Separation was requested.

The question on the first part of the main motion (RC25/017a) was put to a vote; the following motion was CARRIED:

THAT the following resolution regarding “Strengthening Poverty Reduction Strategy” in BC be endorsed by the City of Port Moody Council and that staff be directed to forward copies to the Premier of British Columbia, the Minister of Housing and Municipal Affairs, the Minister of Social Development and Poverty Reduction, and the Lower Mainland Local Government Association (LMLGA) and the Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM) Annual Conventions as recommended by the report dated January 14, 2025, from Councillors Amy Lubik and Samantha Agtarap:

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- *timelines and targets for reducing deep poverty;*
- *Indigenous-specific co-created poverty reduction strategies;*

- *food security and sovereignty strategies to support healthy people and local food economies; and*
- *specific programs to support seniors in staying in their homes, reducing the risk of homelessness and poverty, and prioritizing development of housing for unhoused seniors;*

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Province of BC reinstate poverty reduction grants for local governments, including but not limited to, funding to create, enact, and/or strengthen and support established poverty reduction-related plans;

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The question on the second part of the main motion (RC25/017b) was put to a vote; the following motion was CARRIED:

AND THAT BC include a Basic Income Pilot in the Poverty Reduction Strategy.

Moved, seconded, and CARRIED

(Voting against: Councillor Morrison)

The following is the final resolution that was CARRIED:

THAT the following resolution regarding “Strengthening Poverty Reduction Strategy” in BC be endorsed by the City of Port Moody Council and that staff be directed to forward copies to the Premier of British Columbia, the Minister of Housing and Municipal Affairs, the Minister of Social Development and Poverty Reduction, and the Lower Mainland Local Government Association (LMLGA) and the Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM) Annual Conventions as recommended by the report dated January 14, 2025, from Councillors Amy Lubik and Samantha Agtarap:

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12. Other Business

12.1 Proclamation Request – International Purple Day for Epilepsy Awareness – March 26, 2025

Proclamation Request: Sonia Velji, Provincial Manager of Programs and Services, BC Epilepsy Society

RC25/018

THAT the proclamation be approved as requested.

Moved, seconded, and CARRIED

12.2 Proclamation Request – Amyloidosis Awareness Month – March 2025

Proclamation Request: Jennifer Enright, Volunteer, Canadian Amyloidosis Support Network

RC25/019

THAT the proclamation be approved as requested.

Moved, seconded, and CARRIED

13. Verbal Reports from Council and Staff

13.1 Council Verbal Reports

Councillor Knowles reported on public feedback.

RC25/020

THAT the City release two letters received from the Port Moody Career Firefighters over the holidays.

Moved, seconded, and CARRIED

Councillor Morrison reported on:

- the passing of a close family member;
- local firefighters tree chip fundraising event; and
- the tree chipper used for the event.

Councillor Lubik reported on the Committee Volunteer Appreciation Dinner.

Councillor Lubik delivered the following notice of motion:

THAT staff be directed to report back on potential policy opportunities to require or encourage developers to prioritize new strata unit sales and presales for people who would use them as their primary residence, potentially including a Port Moody Resident First component.

Mayor Lahti reported on the elimination of the Port Moody Volunteer Firefighter program.

RC25/021

THAT the meeting be extended by five minutes.

Moved, seconded, and CARRIED

13.2 Staff Verbal Reports

The Fire Chief provided information regarding the elimination of the Port Moody Volunteer Firefighter program.

14. Information Items

14.1 Committees, Commissions, and Boards – Minutes

- Library Board – October 17, 2024

14.2 Council Correspondence

- Letter dated December 17, 2024, from Minister of Housing and Municipal Affairs re Annual Housing Targets Progress Report

14.3 Metro Vancouver Board in Brief

Metro Vancouver Board in Brief, dated November 29, 2024

15. Public Input

RC25/022

THAT the meeting be extended by 10 minutes.

Moved, seconded, and CARRIED

Chad Fitz (Port Moody) expressed concern regarding the increased density and height of buildings in Port Moody, as well as traffic and the lack of infrastructure and services for the City.

Charlene Loughlin (Port Moody) expressed concern regarding the engagement process surrounding the conversion of industrial lands to residential land and the perception that public opinions are not heard.

16. Adjournment

Mayor Lahti adjourned the meeting at 10:29pm.

Certified correct on the ____ day of _____, 2025, in accordance with section 148(a) of the *Community Charter*.

M. Lahti, Mayor

S. Lam, City Clerk

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