



# City of Port Moody

## Minutes

### Regular Council Meeting

Council Chambers

Tuesday, September 10, 2019

at 7:59pm

**Present:**

Mayor R. Vagramov  
Councillor D.L. Dilworth  
Councillor A.A. Lubik  
Councillor H. Madsen  
Councillor S. Milani  
Councillor P.Z.C. Royer

**Absent:**

Councillor M.P. Lahti

**In Attendance:**

Tim Savoie – City Manager  
Doug Allan – Manager of Development Planning  
André Boel – General Manager of Planning and Development  
Ron Coulson – Fire Chief  
Jess Daniels – Policy Planner  
Mary De Paoli – Manager of Policy Planning  
Lesley Douglas – General Manager of Environment and Parks  
Joji Kumagai – Manager of Economic Development  
Kim Law – Manager of Project Delivery Services  
Philip Lo – Committee Coordinator  
Robyn MacLeod – Manager of Building, Bylaw, and Licensing  
Jeff Moi – General Manager of Engineering and Operations  
Angie Parnell – General Manager of Corporate Services  
Paul Rockwood – General Manager of Finance and Technology  
Dorothy Shermer – Corporate Officer  
Kate Zanon – General Manager of Community Services

**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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## Introduction of Art at Council

### 1. Call to Order

Mayor Vagramov called the meeting to order at 7:59pm.

#### 1.1 Verbal Report: Councillor Zoë Royer, Chair, Arts and Culture Committee File: 18-7705-01

Councillor Royer introduced the evening's Art at Council, an assemblage named *The Station*, by artist Barbara Ferris.

Councillor Royer noted that this piece was created as part of the Heritage Society's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary exhibition, which invited artists to transform old and discarded materials into art.

### 2. Public Input

Shoshana Szlachter (Port Moody) expressed concerns about the cumulative effects of increasing development in the city, and expressed concerns about the lack of pet-friendly, affordable housing for seniors.

Ann Hulbert (Port Moody) thanked staff who work on the flower gardens in the city. Ms. Hulbert also requested an update on a development project.

Stirling Ward (Port Moody) suggested that the Mayor should be respectful of his office and abstain from conducting City business until after his legal matter is resolved. Mr. Ward reminded Council that staff had recommended that the David Avenue Connector Right of Way not be removed at this time due to cost concerns.

John Grasty (Port Moody) noted that several events are being held as part of the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Heritage Society, including an exhibit at the Port Moody Arts Centre, the loco Ghost Town Days, and the Venosta Radio Show. Mr. Grasty also suggested that transportation is a regional concern, and that advocacy for affordable housing should be directed towards senior levels of government.

Andrea Mattinson (Port Moody) spoke about a proposed development on Henry Street, and expressed concerns regarding traffic and safety issues due to new developments, especially developments near schools.

Gayle Carter (Port Moody) requested that Council keep Bert Flinn Park in its current state of wilderness, and to not spend money where it is not needed.

Mary Anne Cooper (Port Moody) expressed objection to the closing of the road Right-of-Way in Bert Flinn Park, and that resources should be put into the park to make it more suitable for more users.

RC19/369

Moved, seconded, and CARRIED

**THAT the Public Input period be extended by an additional 15 minutes.**

Dan Desantis (Port Moody) spoke regarding a proposed development on Henry Street, suggesting that developments in the city should adhere to what is currently in the Official Community Plan, and that affordability and liveability should be protected and maintained.

Hannah Hadden (Port Moody) expressed concerns about the Mayor's ability to fulfill his obligations under the mayoral oath and suggested that Mayor should continue his leave of absence until after his legal matter has been resolved. Ms. Hadden requested that Council act on these concerns.

Eric Wolfe (Port Moody) proposed a sign to express gratitude and recognition for 100 years of emergency first responder service in the city, as well as recognition for Eagle Ridge Hospital emergency care staff.

Barry Sharbo (Port Moody) expressed concerns regarding the tone of community discourse and noted that the accused are innocent until proven guilty under the Canadian legal system.

Dave Stewart (Port Moody) expressed concerns about the community discourse regarding the Mayor, and requested that Council work together to serve the City.

Sharon McRae (Port Moody) expressed concerns about the effect that the Mayor's early return may have on public perception of the seriousness with which sexual assault allegations are handled, and suggested that Mayor should not return until after his legal matter has been resolved.

RC19/370

Moved, seconded, and CARRIED

**THAT the Public Input period be extended by an additional 15 minutes.**

Gaëtan Royer (Port Moody) spoke about the fire on Clarke Street and thanked the City for its support. Mr. Royer welcomed community input on rebuilding the site as a potential cultural hub.

Joan Stewart (Port Moody) thanked the Mayor for his return from his leave of absence and thanked Council for its work.

Willy Martin (Port Moody) noted that the Mayor should respect the office he holds and resign.

Dave Worsley (Port Moody) expressed concerns regarding the Mayor's return before the charges are resolved, and suggested that some people may have difficulty working with the Mayor due to the ongoing case. Mr. Worsley urged Council to take action to resolve the situation.

Jeff Poste (Port Moody) thanked the Mayor for his return, and urged the Mayor to continue working on the agenda for which he was elected.

Alison Berg (Port Moody) suggested that Council has a responsibility to ensure a safe environment for women, and that the Mayor should not return to his duties until after the judicial process has been settled.

Tara McIntosh (Port Moody) noted that individuals are considered innocent until proven guilty under the Canadian judicial system.

Penny Bickerton (Port Moody) suggested that the Mayor's return should have been subjected to a review process.

Natasha Westover (Port Moody) suggested that a mayor currently dealing with charges before the courts should not be conducting business for the City.

RC19/371

Moved, seconded, and CARRIED

**THAT the Public Input period be extended by an additional 15 minutes.**

Dan Eaton (Port Moody) suggested that the Mayor's return before the charges are resolved could set a bad precedent for the City, and requested that the Mayor continue his leave of absence until the charges are resolved.

Yolanda Broderick (Port Moody) spoke about a proposed development on Henry Street, noting that it lacks affordable, accessible, and rental accommodations, especially for seniors, and suggested that the development application should be revised. Ms. Broderick also suggested that community discourse should remain civil.

James Robertson (Port Moody) suggested that Mayor should step away from his role until after the legal matter has been resolved, and that the Mayor should resign if he is not exonerated.

Lisa Allison (Port Moody) requested that the Mayor step away from his duties until his charges are resolved, and that the Mayor should step down if he is found guilty.

Laura Dick (Port Moody) suggested that Mayor should step away from his role until after the legal matter has been resolved, and that the City is currently unable to function due to this matter.

Willy Martin (Port Moody) cited sexual assault statistics, noting that the majority of assaults do not result in convictions.

Barry Sharbo (Port Moody) reiterated his support for the Mayor's return from his leave of absence.

Mitch Williams (Port Moody) suggested that, while the Mayor was elected to his position, the experiences of sexual assault and abuse victims should be taken into consideration in his decision to return.

Valerie Hamilton (Port Moody) suggested that Mayor should step away from his role until after the legal matter has been resolved.

Robert Simons (Port Moody) suggested that the Mayor should not return to his duties until the legal matter is resolved.

### 3. General Matters

### 4. Adoption of Minutes

#### Minutes

#### 4.1 File: 01-0550-05

##### RC19/372

Moved, seconded, and CARRIED

**THAT the minutes of the Special Meeting of Council (to Close) held on Tuesday, July 23, 2019 be adopted;**

**AND THAT the minutes of the Public Hearing held on Tuesday, July 23, 2019 be adopted;**

**AND THAT the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held on Tuesday, July 23, 2019 be adopted.**

### 5. Consent Agenda

At the request of Council, the following items were removed from the Consent Agenda for consideration under section 6:

- 5.4 – Sustainability Outreach – Cool It! Climate Leadership Training Workshops;
- 5.5 – 2019 Heritage Commission Budget; and
- 5.6 – BC Conservation Officer Service Funding.

##### RC19/373

Moved, seconded, and CARRIED

**THAT the recommendations contained in the following items presented in the September 10, 2019 Regular Council Consent Agenda be adopted:**

- 5.1 – Finance Committee Resolutions for Ratification;
- 5.2 – Fraser Mills Lounge Endorsement Liquor Licence Application; and
- 5.3 – Royal Canadian Legion Liquor Licence Application

**Finance Committee  
Resolutions for  
Ratification**

5.1

*Recommendation adopted on consent:*  
**THAT the following resolutions from the Finance Committee meeting held on Tuesday, September 3, 2019 be ratified:**

*Funding Source for Burrard  
Inlet Fish Festival 2019*

**FC19/066**

*THAT the budget of \$2,092 approved to support the Burrard Inlet Fish Festival 2019 be funded from Council Contingency as recommended in the memo dated August 15, 2019 from the Finance and Technology Department – Financial Services Division regarding Funding Source for Burrard Inlet Fish Festival 2019.*

*Funding Source for Tri-Cities  
Homelessness and Housing  
Task Group*

**FC19/067-068**

*THAT the \$2,564 approved for the Task Group Coordinator be funded from the Affordable Housing Reserve as recommended in the memo dated August 15, 2019 from the Finance and Technology Department – Financial Services Division regarding Funding Source for Tri-Cities Homelessness and Housing Task Group.*

*Funding Source for Bear  
Management Strategy  
Update*

**FC19/069**

*THAT the budget of up to \$5,000 approved to initiate Bear Management Strategy related tasks and outreach in 2019 be funded from Council Contingency as recommended in the memo dated August 15, 2019 from the Finance and Technology Department – Financial Services Division regarding Funding Source for Bear Management Strategy Update.*

**Fraser Mills Lounge  
Endorsement Liquor  
Licence Application**

5.2

Report: Planning and Development Department – Building, Bylaw, and Licensing Division, dated August 30, 2019  
File: 09-4300-04

*Recommendation adopted on consent:*

**THAT staff be directed to advise the Liquor and Cannabis Regulation Branch that the City of Port Moody wishes to opt out of the public consultation process for the Fraser Mills Lounge Endorsement Liquor Licence Application as recommended in the report dated August 30, 2019 from the Planning and Development Department – Building, Bylaw, and Licensing Division regarding Fraser Mills Lounge Endorsement Liquor Licence.**

**Royal Canadian  
Legion Liquor Licence  
Application**

5.3

Report: Planning and Development Department – Building, Bylaw, and Licensing Division, dated August 30, 2019  
File: 09-4300-04

*Recommendation adopted on consent:*

**THAT staff be directed to advise the Liquor and Cannabis Regulation Branch that the City of Port Moody wishes to opt out of the public consultation process for the Royal Canadian Legion Liquor Licence Application as recommended in the report dated August 30, 2019 from the Planning and Development Department – Building, Bylaw, and Licensing Division regarding Royal Canadian Legion Liquor Licence Application.**

**Sustainability  
Outreach – Cool It!  
Climate Leadership  
Training Workshops**

**6. Items Removed from the Consent Agenda**

- 6.5.4 Report: Planning and Development Department – Policy Planning Division, dated August 21, 2019  
File: 13-6870-01

RC19/373

Moved, seconded, and CARRIED

**THAT \$3,800 to fund six Cool It! Climate Leadership Training workshops be approved as recommended in the report dated August 21, 2019 from the Planning and Development Department – Policy Planning Division regarding Sustainability Outreach – Cool It! Climate Leadership Training Workshops;**

**AND THAT the budget of \$3,800 be forwarded to the Finance Committee to identify a funding source.**

**2019 Heritage  
Commission Budget**

- 6.5.5 Report: Heritage Commission, dated July 30, 2019  
File: 01-0360-20-09-01

RC19/374

Moved, seconded, and CARRIED

**THAT the \$1,500 budget for the Stone Marker Program be reallocated to the Pop-Up Banner Project in the 2019 Heritage Commission Budget as outlined in the report dated July 30, 2019 from the Heritage Commission regarding 2019 Heritage Commission Budget.**

**BC Conservation  
Officer Service  
Funding**

- 6.5.6 Report: Environmental Protection Committee, dated August 27, 2019  
File: 01-0360-20-04-01

RC19/375

Moved, seconded, and CARRIED

**THAT the Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy be requested to increase staffing and funding levels for the BC Conservation Officer Service to address responses to public complaints and requests for help in the region responsible for Port Moody.**

<b>Rezoning Application – 3105-3113 St. Johns Street – Third Reading</b>	<b>7. Legislative Matters</b>	
	7.1	<p>Memo: Corporate Services Department – Legislative Services Division, dated August 30, 2019 Bylaw No. 3195 Files: 09-3900-02-1 and 13-6700-20-178</p> <p><i>A Bylaw to amend City of Port Moody Zoning Bylaw, 2018, No. 2937 to rezone the properties at 3105 and 3113 St. Johns Street.</i></p> <p><u>RC19/376</u> Moved, seconded, and CARRIED <b>THAT Council go into Committee of the Whole</b></p> <p>The applicant answered questions regarding the potential pricing for the units in the project.</p> <p><u>RC19/377</u> Moved, seconded, and CARRIED <b>THAT City of Port Moody Zoning Bylaw, 2018, No. 2937, Amendment Bylaw No. 17, 2019, No. 3195 (3105-3113 St. Johns Street) (CD75) be read a third time.</b> (Voting against: Councillor Milani and Mayor Vagramov)</p>
	7.2	<p>Verbal Report: Mayor Vagramov File: 01-0360-07</p> <p><u>RC19/378</u> Moved, seconded, and CARRIED <b>THAT the following community members be appointed to the Youth Focus Committee for two-year terms beginning September 2019:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Nyah Courchesne;</b></li> <li>• <b>Chloe Goodison;</b></li> <li>• <b>Esme Harris;</b></li> <li>• <b>Rebecca Lyon; and</b></li> <li>• <b>Pedram Moshirfatemi.</b></li> </ul>
<b>Committee Appointments</b>	<b>8. Unfinished Business</b>	



## 9. New Business

### **Building Bylaw, No. 3200**

- 9.1 Report: Planning and Development Department – Building, Bylaw, and Licensing Division, dated August 30, 2019  
File: 09-3900-10-1

#### RC19/379

Moved, seconded, and CARRIED

**THAT City of Port Moody Building Bylaw, 2019, No. 3200 be read a first time as recommended in the report dated August 30, 2019 from the Planning and Development Department – Building, Bylaw, and Licensing Division regarding Building Bylaw, No. 3200.**

#### RC19/380

Moved, seconded, and CARRIED

**THAT Bylaw No. 3200 be read a second time.**

#### RC19/381

Moved, seconded, and CARRIED

**THAT Bylaw No. 3200 be read a third time.**

### **Climate Action Plan Update and the Climate Emergency Declaration**

- 9.2 Report: Planning and Development Department – Policy Planning Division, dated August 28, 2019  
File: 13-6870-02

#### RC19/382

Moved, seconded, and CARRIED

**THAT the report dated August 28, 2019 from the Planning and Development Department – Policy Planning Division regarding Climate Action Plan Update and the Climate Emergency Declaration be received for information.**

### **Audio and Video Streaming Options for City Hall**

- 9.3 Report: Community Services Department – Cultural Services Division, dated August 27, 2019  
File: 18-7715-01

#### RC19/383

Moved, seconded, and CARRIED

**THAT the report dated August 27, 2019 from the Community Services Department – Cultural Services Division regarding Audio and Video Streaming Options for City Hall be received for information.**

9.4 Report: Councillor Meghan Lahti, dated August 7, 2019  
File: 01-0530-01

RC19/384

Moved and seconded

**THAT up to six Council members be authorized to attend the 2019 Western Economic Development Course to be held in Richmond, BC on November 3-6, 2019 as recommended in the report dated August 7, 2019 from Councillor Meghan Lahti regarding 2019 Western Economic Development Course;**

**AND THAT the budget of up to \$10,680 be referred to the Finance Committee to determine a funding source.**

RC19/385

Moved, seconded, and CARRIED

**THAT the foregoing motion be replaced with:**

**THAT up to six Council members be authorized to attend the 2019 Western Economic Development Course to be held in Richmond, BC without accommodations on November 3-6, 2019 as recommended in the report dated August 7, 2019 from Councillor Meghan Lahti regarding 2019 Western Economic Development Course;**

**AND THAT the budget of up to \$6,690 be referred to the Finance Committee to determine a funding source.**

(Voting against: Councillor Milani)

The question on the main motion (RC19/384) as amended (by RC19/385) was put to a vote; the following motion was CARRIED:

**THAT up to six Council members be authorized to attend the 2019 Western Economic Development Course to be held in Richmond, BC without accommodations, on November 3-6, 2019 as recommended in the report dated August 7, 2019 from Councillor Meghan Lahti regarding 2019 Western Economic Development Course;**

**AND THAT the budget of up to \$6,690 be referred to the Finance Committee to determine a funding source.**

**Road Closure Bylaw,  
No. 3208 – 3227 and  
3239 St. Johns Street**

- 9.5 Report: Planning and Development Department – Development Planning Division, dated August 12, 2019  
File: 13-6700-20-182

RC19/386

Moved, seconded, and CARRIED

**THAT City of Port Moody Road Closure Bylaw, 2019, No. 3208 – 3227-3239 St. Johns Street be read a first time as recommended in the report dated August 12, 2019 from the Planning and Development Department – Development Planning Division regarding Road Closure Bylaw, No. 3208 – 3227 and 3239 St. Johns Street.**

RC19/387

Moved, seconded, and CARRIED

**THAT Bylaw No. 3208 be read a second time.**

RC19/388

Moved, seconded, and CARRIED

**THAT Bylaw No. 3208 be read a third time.**

RC19/389

Moved, seconded, and CARRIED

**THAT notice of Council's intention to remove the road dedication from an unopened portion of the St. Johns Street road allowance and to dispose of the closed road allowance be provided in accordance with sections 26(3) and 40 of the *Community Charter*.**

**Using the Online  
Business Directory as  
the Local Supplier List**

- 9.6 Report: Finance and Technology Department and Economic Development Office, dated July 12, 2019  
File: 03-1200-01/Vol 01

RC19/390

Moved, seconded, and CARRIED

**THAT the business directory on the new City website be approved to be used as the City's Local Supplier List as recommended in the report dated July 12, 2019 from the Finance and Technology Department and the Economic Development Office regarding Using the Online Business Directory as the Local Supplier List.**

**Opening the Side  
Curtains in the  
Theatre**

- 9.7 Memo: Acting Mayor Hunter Madsen, dated August 29, 2019  
File: 01-0530-01/2019

RC19/391

Moved, seconded, and CARRIED

**THAT staff be directed to draw back the curtains of the Inlet Theatre side window during Council meetings, while maintaining the privacy blind in place as recommended in the memo dated August 29, 2019 from Acting Mayor Hunter Madsen regarding Opening the Side Curtains in the Theatre.**

## 10. Other Business

### Delegation Response – Inlet Spring Regatta

- 10.1 Memo: Community Services Department – Cultural Services Division, date August 27, 2019  
File: 18-7715-35

RC19/392

Moved, seconded, and CARRIED

**THAT the Inlet Spring Regatta be authorized to hold the Inlet Spring Regatta event as requested on April 18, 2020, April 24, 2021, and April 23, 2022.**

### Lighting Request – Wrongful Conviction Day

- 10.2 Email: Santana Di Nardo, dated August 1, 2019  
File: 01-0230-01

RC19/393

Moved, seconded, and CARRIED

**THAT the City Hall theme lighting be illuminated yellow and white on October 2, 2019 in support of international Wrongful Conviction Day.**

## 11. Reports from Council

- 11.1 Council Verbal Reports

RC19/394

Moved, seconded, and CARRIED

**THAT the meeting be extended for an additional hour.**

Councillor Royer thanked Port Moody Fire Rescue, Port Moody Police, BC Ambulance Service, staff, and the community for their work and support during the Clarke Street fire.

Councillor Lubik requested Council action on the letter dated July 17, 2019 from the United Way re Municipalities can make a difference with United Way's Period Promise campaign included in item 12.4.

RC19/395

Moved, seconded, and CARRIED

**THAT staff be directed to provide a report regarding the cost and implementation of providing city facilities, including recreational spaces and libraries, working with homeless, street-involved, and low income and vulnerable girls, women, trans individuals and non-binary people access to free menstrual products in a manner that reduces menstrual stigma.**

**AND that the City endorse the United Way Period Promise campaign as a locally-built solution that promotes health, well-being, security and dignity in our community.**

Councillor Milani thanked the speakers at Council this evening, and also thanked Port Moody Fire Rescue, Port Moody Police, and Coquitlam Fire for their actions during the Clarke Street fire. Councillor Milani also noted that the Terry Fox Run will take place on Sunday, September 15, at 10:00am.

Councillor Dilworth expressed opposition to the Mayor resuming his duties at this time, citing possible contravention of the Council Code of Conduct Bylaw and noting the Mayor's current inability to fulfill the full scope of his duties, such as serving as the Chair of the Police Board. Councillor Dilworth also noted the community's concerns regarding the Mayor's return to his duties.

Councillor Dilworth submitted the following Notice of Motion for Council's consideration at the next Regular Council meeting:

**THAT, until and unless Mayor Vagramov is exonerated of the charges he faces, he be asked to continue his unpaid leave of absence;**

**AND THAT if he cannot be completely exonerated, he be asked to resign his position.**

Councillor Madsen noted that it was an honour to be able to serve as Acting Mayor.

Mayor Vagramov thanked the community for its input, and thanked Councillors Lahti and Madsen for performing Acting Mayor duties.

#### 11.2 Staff Verbal Reports

The City Manager thanked staff who were involved in Car Free Day. The City Manager also noted that the following construction projects are currently under way in the City:

- Heritage Mountain Boulevard paving project;
- Moody Centre SkyTrain access ramp; and
- Glenayre pedestrian-activated crossing.

#### 12. Information Items

##### **Outstanding Business List**

- 12.1 Outstanding Business List, dated August 2019  
File: 01-0530-25

##### **Metro Vancouver Board in Brief – July 26, 2019**

- 12.2 Metro Vancouver Board in Brief, dated July 26, 2019  
File: 01-0480-01

##### **Weekly Updates from the Mayor**

- 12.3
- Weekly Update from the Mayor – July 20-26
  - Weekly Update from the Mayor – July 27-August 3
  - Weekly Update from the Mayor – August 4-10
  - Weekly Update from the Mayor – August 11-17
  - Weekly Update from the Mayor – August 18-24
  - Weekly Update from the Mayor – August 25-30

**Council  
Correspondence**

- 12.4
- Letter dated July 17, 2019 from the United Way re Municipalities can make a difference with United Way's Period Promise campaign
  - Letter dated August 1, 2019 from the BC Utilities Commission re BCUC Municipal Energy Utilities Inquiry
  - Letter dated August 14, 2019 from Minister Selina Robinson re Property Sub-Class for Small Business Properties
  - Letter dated August 15, 2019 from the Green Communities Committee re 2018 GHG Emissions Reduction

**Committees,  
Commissions, and  
Boards – Minutes**

- 12.5
- Tourism Committee – May 22, 2019
  - Special Finance Committee (to Close) – June 18, 2019
  - Transportation Committee – June 19, 2019
  - Arts and Culture Committee – June 20, 2019
  - Library Board – June 20, 2019
  - Climate Action Committee – June 24, 2019
  - Community Planning Advisory Committee – July 2, 2019
  - Special Finance Committee (to Close) – July 16, 2019
  - Finance Committee – July 16, 2019

**13. Public Input**

John Grasty (Port Moody) indicated that he would like to see the Strategic Plan move forward.

Barry Sharbo (Port Moody) suggested that the Official Community Plan revision should begin immediately, and that this work should be the City's highest priority.

**14. Adjournment**

Mayor Vagramov adjourned the meeting at 10:19pm.

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

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D. Shermer, Corporate Officer

Confirmed on the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2019.

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R. Vagramov, Mayor