

City of Port Moody



Minutes

Public Hearing

Council Chambers
Tuesday, January 28, 2020
at 7:05pm

Present:

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

In Attendance:

Tim Savoie – City Manager
Doug Allan – Manager of Development Planning
André Boel – General Manager of Planning and Development
Mary De Paoli – Manager of Policy Planning
Lesley Douglas – General Manager of Environment and Parks
Joji Kumagai – Manager of Economic Development
Philip Lo – Committee Coordinator
Angie Parnell – General Manager of Corporate Services
Paul Rockwood – General Manager of Finance and Technology
Laura Sampliner – Sustainability and Energy Coordinator
Ian Smedley – Corporate Planning Advisor
Tracey Takahashi – Deputy Corporate Officer
Dejan Teodorovic – Planning Technician
Kate Zanon – General Manager of Community Services

1. Business

Mayor Vagramov opened the Public Hearing at 7:05pm.

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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**Official Community
Plan – loco Lands**

- 1.1 Notice of Public Hearing
Report Considered at November 26/December 3, 2019 Regular
Council Meetings
Public Input
Bylaw No. 3214

*A Bylaw to amend City of Port Moody Official Community Plan
Bylaw, 2014, No. 2955.*

Mayor Vagramov read the meeting procedures.

The Deputy Corporate Officer confirmed that the statutory requirements for this Public Hearing were met and that all written public input received before the advertised deadline was included in the on-table package.

Staff gave a presentation regarding the OCP Amendment Bylaw.

Mayor Vagramov called for public input.

Karen Rockwell (Port Moody) expressed opposition to the removal of the David Avenue Connector Right-of-Way (ROW) in Bert Flinn Park, citing financial concerns, potential traffic impact concerns regarding future developments in Anmore and Belcarra, and concerns about emergency first responder access.

Gayle Carter (Port Moody) expressed opposition to the removal of the ROW, noting that residents had previously voted to leave the ROW intact, and that removing the ROW is unnecessary and could exacerbate traffic issues along loco Road.

Terry Linburg (Port Moody) expressed concerns about the removal of the ROW, citing traffic safety concerns along loco Road and the lack of planning to distribute traffic impact to other areas of the City. Mr. Linburg also expressed concerns about the potential cost to widen loco Road.

Robert Simons (Port Moody) expressed concerns regarding potential long-term unintended consequences of removing the ROW without alternative plans in place. Mr. Simons also expressed concerns that removing the special study area would forestall further revitalization efforts in the loco Townsite, and requested that the City work with all stakeholders.

Penny Bickerton (Port Moody) expressed opposition to the removal of the ROW, citing financial concerns, its impact on planning for the future, potential traffic impact on loco Road, and the need for emergency first responder access.

Stirling Ward (Port Moody) urged Council to consider the need for emergency first responder access and an evacuation route, and the cost of altering long-standing plans. Mr. Ward also urged Council to work with neighbouring communities and the community.

Colin Burton (Port Moody) suggested that discussions about the ROW should be postponed until a formal public engagement process has taken place, and expressed concerns about a potential conflict of interest due to the proximity of Councillor Madsen's residence to the area being discussed.

Richard Biedka (Port Moody) noted that the removal of the ROW is premature and financially wasteful, as the decision can be reversed in the future.

Daphne Herberts (Port Moody) urged Council to keep the ROW in place, citing the potential traffic impact of increased density in Port Moody and neighbouring communities. Ms. Herberts noted that Alderside Road is not an alternative to easing traffic issues on loco Road.

Matthew Jauck (Port Moody) expressed opposition to the removal of the ROW, as the removal of emergency first responder access without alternate plans could be considered negligent. Mr. Jauck also expressed concerns about the cost and impact of building additional lanes on loco Road, including the need to expropriate lands and the impact on vehicular access to properties along loco Road.

Anthony Sandler (Port Moody) noted that the removal of the ROW at this time is short-sighted and selfish, and that more public input on this issue is necessary.

Willy Martin (Port Moody) expressed opposition to the removal of the ROW, and expressed concerns regarding the potential environmental and safety impact of additional traffic on loco Road and the removal of emergency access. Ms. Martin also expressed concerns regarding the potential cost and permanence of the decision.

Don Nonis (Port Moody) expressed opposition to the removal of the ROW, noting that the decision is not necessary at this time and could have significant impact in the future. Mr. Nonis noted that Council does not have control over developments in other cities.

Carl Severson (Port Moody) expressed safety concerns regarding the removal of the ROW, as Eagle Ridge hospital requires another access point to serve area residents. Mr. Severson also noted that there is potential for increased pedestrian safety risk with additional traffic on loco Road, and urged Council to take into account residents' support to retain the ROW.

Mohanad Abdul (Port Moody) noted that the removal of the ROW is selfish, short-sighted, and only serves personal agendas.

Laura Dick (Port Moody) expressed opposition to the removal of the ROW, as this could negatively and permanently impact the revitalization of the loco Townsite and the saving of its history.

David Lank (Port Moody) urged Council to accept the Finance Committee's decision to approve funding for the removal of the ROW.

Rami Mohammad (Port Moody) noted that residents need to be heard and deserve a vote on this issue, and expressed concerns about pedestrian safety on loco Road.

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Moved, seconded, and CARRIED

THAT City of Port Moody Official Community Plan Bylaw 2014, No. 2955, Amendment Bylaw No. 22, 2019, No. 3214 (loco Area) be referred to the Regular Council meeting of January 28, 2020 for consideration.

2. Close of Public Hearing

Mayor Vagramov declared the Public Hearing closed at 7:59pm.

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

T. Takahashi, Deputy Corporate Officer

Confirmed on the 11th day of February, 2020.

R. Vagramov, Mayor