



City of Port Moody

Minutes

Special Council Meeting

Electronic Meeting via Zoom
Tuesday, June 23, 2020
at 7:19pm

Present:

Mayor R. Vagramov
Councillor D.L. Dilworth
Councillor M.P. Lahti
Councillor A.A. Lubik (arrived at 7:22pm)
Councillor H. Madsen
Councillor S. Milani (arrived at 7:40pm)
Councillor P.Z.C. Royer (arrived at 7:23pm)

In Attendance:

Tim Savoie – City Manager
André Boel – General Manager of Planning and Development
Ron Coulson – Fire Chief
Karen Devitt – Environmental Coordinator
Lesley Douglas – General Manger of Environment and Parks
Devin Jain – Manager of Cultural Services
Joji Kumagai – Manager of Economic Development
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
Tracey Takahashi – Deputy Corporate Officer
Dejan Teodorovic – Planning Technician
Wesley Woo – Development Planner
Kate Zanon – General Manager of Community Services

1. **Call to Order**

Mayor Vagramov called the meeting to order at 7:19pm.

RC20/248

Moved, seconded, and CARRIED

THAT the meeting be recessed and reconvened at 7:40pm.

The meeting was recessed at 7:20pm and reconvened at 7:41pm.

Art at Council

1.1 Verbal Report: Councillor Zoë Royer, Chair, Arts and Culture Committee

Councillor Royer introduced the evening's Art at Council, an acrylic painting titled *Nature's Daughter* by artist Emilie Nunez. Councillor Royer noted that the artist was inspired by her mother's cancer treatment, and that the artist's work is currently part of a virtual exhibit titled *Igniting Hope* on the Port Moody Arts Centre website.

Emilie Nunez spoke about her work, which centres on women's connection to the natural world. Ms. Nunez also noted that she has a pottery studio, and that she is currently involved in fundraising projects for #BlackLivesMatter and for the Happy Herd Animal Sanctuary.

2. Public Input

Faustino Di Bauda (Port Moody) expressed concerns regarding potential drainage problems due to the current design of the retaining wall at the proposed development at 2025 St. Johns Street.

Hazel Mason (Port Moody) requested that Council begin their meetings on time, and that Public Input opportunities be available at every Council meeting. Ms. Mason requested that the City consider installation of a controlled intersection at Elgin Street and St. Johns Street.

Barry Sharbo (Port Moody) expressed concerns regarding the number of upcoming development projects in the City and suggested that the housing supply could exceed the population projection in the next 30 years. Mr. Sharbo noted that the City should adhere to the Regional Growth Strategy and curtail the number of developments.

3. General Matters

RC20/249

Moved, seconded, and CARRIED

THAT the following items be added to the agenda:

- **Emergency SOS Auto 911 Call Smartphone Technology; and**
- **Council Verbal Reports.**

Delegation – Morgan Crest Development Corp.

3.1 Presentation: Arian Soheili Delegation Request: Arian Soheili, Director, Morgan Crest Development Corp.

Arian Soheili gave a presentation on the progress of the remediation of the property at 3338 Dewdney Trunk Road and requested that Council reconsider the remediation action order to demolish the property. Mr. Soheili responded to questions from Council regarding the fines assessed against the property, project timeline, and affordable housing rental.

RC20/250

Moved, seconded, and CARRIED

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

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4. Adoption of Minutes

4.1 RC20/251

Moved, seconded, and CARRIED

THAT the minutes of the following meetings be adopted:

- **Special Council (to Close) – June 2, 2020;**
- **Public Hearing – June 2, 2020;**
- **Special Council – June 2, 2020;**
- **Special Council (to Close) – June 9, 2020;**
- **Public Hearing – June 9, 2020; and**
- **Special Council – June 9, 2020.**

5. Consent Agenda

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

- 5.2 – Development Variance Permit No. 2019-139 – 2811 Ivy Street;
- 5.3 – Development Variance Permit (RS1-S) – 2723 Henry Street (Carol and John Hightower);
- 5.4 – Donation of Little Library for Queens Street Plaza;
- 5.5 – Delegation Response – City of Port Moody Bird Week 2020 Planning Committee;
- 5.6 – Salmon-Safe BC;
- 5.7 – Ioco Bridge Rehabilitation;
- 5.8 – Slow Streets;
- 5.10 – Climate Action Award;
- 5.11 – Staff Costs to Assist in the Establishment of the Salish Sea Research and Education Society;
- 5.12 – Staff Comments on Proposed Arts and Culture Committee Online Artist Talks;
- 5.13 – Lighting Request – Worldwide Pneumonia Awareness Campaign “PneumoLight”; and
- 5.14 – Lighting Request – International Fragile X Awareness Day.

RC20/252

Moved, seconded, and CARRIED

THAT the recommendations contained in the following items in the June 23, 2020 Special Council Consent agenda be adopted:

- **5.1 – Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 3245 – Consideration of Third Reading and Adoption; and**
- **5.9 – Spring Street Traffic Pattern Change.**

The items and recommendations referred to above are as follows:

**Zoning
Amendment
Bylaw No. 3245 –
Consideration of
Third Reading and
Adoption**

5.1 Memo: Planning and Development Department – Policy Planning Division, dated May 19, 2020

Recommendation adopted on consent:

THAT City of Port Moody Zoning Bylaw, 2018, No. 2937, Amendment Bylaw No. 34, 2020, No. 3245 (Miscellaneous) be read a third time as recommended in the memo dated May 19, 2020 from the Planning and Development Department – Policy Planning Division regarding Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 3245 – Consideration of Third Reading and Adoption;

AND THAT Bylaw No. 3245 be adopted.

**Spring Street
Traffic Pattern
Change**

5.9 Report: Engineering and Operations Department – Infrastructure Engineering Services Division, dated May 1, 2020

Recommendation adopted on consent:

THAT the pilot project for a traffic pattern change on Spring Street between Douglas Street and Grant Street be implemented as recommended in the report dated May 1, 2020 from the Engineering and Operations Department – Infrastructure Engineering Services Division regarding Spring Street Traffic Pattern Change;

AND THAT the permanent measures be implemented for a traffic pattern change on Spring Street between Grant Street and Moody Street;

AND THAT the \$21,000 required to complete the traffic pattern change and associated communication plan be forwarded to the Finance Committee to identify a funding source.

6. Items Removed from the Consent Agenda

**Development
Variance Permit
No. 2019-139 –
2811 Ivy Street**

6.5.2 Report: Planning and Development Department – Development Planning Division, dated May 4, 2020

RC20/253

Moved and seconded

THAT this item be referred to staff to convey to the applicant that Council wishes to see an application with a proposed development whose building envelope does not exceed the top of bank of the watercourse.

RC20/254

Moved, seconded, and DEFEATED

THAT the foregoing motion be amended by replacing “exceed” with “come within less than one metre of”.

(Voting against: Councillors Dilworth, Lahti, and Lubik, and Mayor Vagramov)

RC20/255

Moved, seconded, and CARRIED

THAT the foregoing motion be amended by adding “AND THAT the City require a geotechnical engineering report to be completed immediately.”

The question on the main motion (RC20/253) as amended (by RC20/255) was put to a vote; the following motion was CARRIED:

THAT this item be referred to staff to convey to the applicant that Council wishes to see an application with a proposed development whose building envelope does not exceed the top of bank of the watercourse;

AND THAT the City require a geotechnical engineering report to be completed immediately.

Development Variance Permit (RS1-S) – 2723 Henry Street (Carol and John Hightower)

6.5.3 Memo: Planning and Development Department – Policy Planning Division, dated May 19, 2020

RC20/256

Moved, seconded, and CARRIED

THAT Development Variance Permit 3090-20-133 be approved as recommended in the memo dated March 9, 2020 from the Planning and Development Department – Development Planning Division regarding Development Variance Permit (RS1-S) – 2723 Henry Street (Carol and John Hightower);

AND THAT the Mayor and Corporate Officer be authorized to execute the necessary legal documents required in support of this application.

Donation of Little Library for Queens Street Plaza

6.5.4 Report: Arts and Culture Committee, dated May 14, 2020

RC20/257

Moved, seconded, and CARRIED

THAT the report dated May 14, 2020 from the Arts and Culture Committee regarding Donation of Little Library for Queens Street Plaza be referred to staff for action.

Delegation Response – City of Port Moody Bird Week 2020 Planning Committee

6.5.5 Memo: Environment and Parks Department – Environment Division, dated June 11, 2020

RC20/258

Moved, seconded, and CARRIED

THAT the memo dated June 11, 2020 from the Environment and Parks Department – Environment Division regarding Delegation Response – City of Port Moody Bird Week 2020 Planning Committee be received for information.

Salmon-Safe BC

6.5.6 Report: Environmental Protection Committee, dated May 19, 2020

RC20/259

Moved, seconded, and CARRIED

THAT Salmon-Safe BC standards be included in the Environmental Section of the Sustainability Report Card.

Loco Bridge Rehabilitation	6.5.7	<p>Report: Heritage Commission, dated May 19, 2020</p> <p><u>RC20/260</u> Moved, seconded, and CARRIED THAT the report dated May 19, 2020 from the Heritage Commission regarding loco Bridge Rehabilitation be referred to staff for action. (Voting against: Councillors Madsen and Milani, and Mayor Vagramov)</p>
Slow Streets	6.5.8	<p>Report: Transportation Committee, dated May 22, 2020</p> <p><u>RC20/261</u> Moved, seconded, and CARRIED THAT the report dated May 22, 2020 from the Transportation Committee regarding Slow Streets be referred to staff for action.</p>
Climate Action Award	6.5.10	<p>Report: Climate Action Committee, dated June 9, 2020</p> <p><u>RC20/262</u> Moved, seconded, and CARRIED THAT the draft Terms of Reference for the Climate Action Award be approved;</p> <p>AND THAT the Terms of Reference for the Environmental Award be amended to remove the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Greenhouse Gas Emission Reduction; • Energy Efficiency; and • Climate Change Resilience.
Staff Costs to Assist in the Establishment of the Salish Sea Research and Education Society	6.5.11	<p>Memo: Economic Development Office, dated June 9, 2020</p> <p>Mayor Vagramov declared a conflict of interest due to his spouse's involvement with the Salish Sea Research and Education Society and left the meeting at this point. Councillor Lubik assumed the role of Presiding Member.</p> <p><u>RC20/263</u> Moved, seconded, and CARRIED THAT the report dated June 9, 2020 from the Economic Development Office regarding Staff Costs to Assist in the Establishment of the Salish Sea Research and Education Society be received for information. (Voting against: Councillors Madsen and Milani)</p>

RC20/264

Moved, seconded, and CARRIED

THAT staff be directed to connect the Salish Sea Research and Education Society with Vantage Point and other organizations as staff deem appropriate;

AND THAT the City provide a letter of support to assist the Salish Sea Research and Education Society with partner and donor engagement.

Mayor Vagramov returned to the meeting and resumed the role of Presiding Member at this point.

**Staff Comments
on Proposed Arts
and Culture
Committee Online
Artist Talks**

6.5.12 Memo: Community Services Department – Cultural Services Division, dated June 5, 2020

RC20/265

Moved, seconded, and CARRIED

THAT the memo dated June 5, 2020 from the Community Services Department – Cultural Services Division regarding Staff Comments on Proposed Arts and Culture Committee Online Artist Talks be received for information.

**Lighting Request
– Worldwide
Pneumonia
Awareness
Campaign
“PneumoLight”**

6.5.13 Email: Catia Cillóniz, dated May 26, 2020

RC20/266

Moved, seconded, and CARRIED

THAT the meeting be extended by 30 minutes.

RC20/267

Moved and seconded

THAT lighting requests be required to be made in person.

RC20/268

Moved, seconded, and CARRIED

THAT the foregoing motion be amended by replacing “made in person” with “initiated by a resident from the local community”.

(Voting against: Councillor Lahti)

RC20/269

Moved, seconded, and CARRIED

THAT the foregoing motion (RC20/267) as amended (by RC20/268) be further amended by replacing “initiated by a resident from the local community” with “initiated by a resident within the Greater Vancouver Regional District”.

(Voting against: Councillor Lahti)

The question on the main motion (RC20/267) as amended (by RC20/268 and RC20/269) was put to a vote; the following motion was CARRIED:

THAT lighting requests be required to be initiated by a resident within the Greater Vancouver Regional District.

(Voting against: Councillor Lahti)

RC20/270

Moved, seconded, and CARRIED

THAT the City Hall theme lighting be illuminated blue on November 12, 2020 in support of the PneumoLight Campaign to increase the visibility of pneumonia worldwide and raise public awareness of its risks.

Lighting Request – International Fragile X Awareness Day 6.5.14 Email: Ellen Skala, dated June 15, 2020

RC20/271

Moved, seconded, and CARRIED

THAT the City Hall theme lighting be illuminated teal on July 22, 2020 to celebrate and recognize International Fragile X Awareness Day.

Committees, Commission, and Boards – Minutes 7.1

7. Information Items

- Youth Focus Committee – March 11, 2020
- Economic Development Committee – May 6, 2020
- Seniors Focus Committee – May 7, 2020
- Environmental Protection Committee – May 11, 2020
- Parks and Recreation Commission – May 13, 2020
- Heritage Commission – May 14, 2020

Council Correspondence 7.2

- Letter dated March 23, 2020 from Metro Vancouver Mayors to Premier Horgan and Minister Robinson re Local Government Collaboration and Support with Provincial Government
- Letter dated April 29, 2020 to Premier Horgan, Minister Heyman, Minister Popham, and Minister Fraser re Support for a BC Coastal Protection Strategy
- Letter dated June 3, 2020 from Minister George Heyman re Coastal Protection Strategy
- Letter dated June 8, 2020 from Minister Selina Robinson re Local Government Collaboration and Support with Provincial Government

Weekly Updates from the Mayor 7.3

- April 25-May 8, 2020
- May 9-22, 2020

Release of Items from Closed Council 7.4

The following resolutions were released from the Closed Council meeting held on May 12, 2020:

CC20/086

WHEREAS our society has been plagued by homelessness and a lack of support systems for those affected by addictions and mental illness for generations;

AND WHEREAS the state of homelessness in our region has only worsened over the course of decades and throughout multiple Provincial Governments;

AND WHEREAS an eventual economic rebuild is a good opportunity to make positive upgrades to our society;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City of Port Moody consider a return to the “normal” state of homelessness in our region, province, and nation after the COVID-19 emergency fundamentally unacceptable;

AND THAT the City of Port Moody call on the Metro Vancouver Regional District, the Government of BC, and the Government of Canada to use the post-COVID-19 recovery as an opportunity to “upgrade” our society by eliminating homelessness;

AND THAT the City of Port Moody support a return to large-scale supportive housing arrangements for those afflicted by mental illness, such as a revived facility at Riverview.

CC20/087

WHEREAS density in parks is an immediate concern in relation to the phased lifting of COVID-19 restrictions;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council support the immediate re-opening of Buntzen Lake recreation area, including swimming access - either in full, or on a walk-in/bike-in basis;

AND THAT Council support the safe continued operation of Sasamat Lake;

AND THAT staff be directed to implement a ‘no parking’ zone along Bedwell Bay Road adjacent to the entrance to White Pine Beach until further notice.

The following resolutions were released from the Closed Council meeting held on May 26, 2020:

CC20/101-102

THAT staff be directed to implement the Restart Port Moody – COVID-19 Service Adaptation Plan following the direction of the Provincial Restart Plan and WorkSafeBC Guidelines, with consideration for staffing capacity and financial feasibility within the 2020-2024 Financial Plan, as recommended in the memo dated May 12, 2020 from the City Manager regarding Restart Port Moody – COVID-19 Service Adaptation Plan;

AND THAT regular operations for the Rocky Point Boat Launch be resumed;

AND THAT staff be directed to reopen the Westhill Pool;

AND THAT this resolution be publicly released.

- Emergency SOS
Auto 911 Call
Smartphone
Technology**
8. **New Business**
- 8.1 On-Table Report: Councillor Diana Dilworth, dated June 15, 2020
- RC20/272
Moved, seconded, and CARRIED
- WHEREAS the significant rise in cell phone 911 pocket calls and dropped 911 pocket calls has resulted since the introduction of the Emergency SOS Auto 911 call feature in smartphone devices and watches;**
- AND WHEREAS Canada has over 12 million calls to 911 annually, with 30% of those from pocket dialed and dropped 911 calls, which are a significant drain on resources, both from a 911 call centre standpoint, but also in terms of first responder operational resources;**
- THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the federal government require the Canadian Radio and Telecommunications Commission (CRTC) that regulates and supervises broadcasting and telecommunications in the public interest, require carriers and companies that produce cellular products and services, be required to change the Emergency SOS default to ‘disabled’ as a much-needed safeguard against inadvertent or unintended 911 calls;**
- AND THAT the federal government require the Canadian Wireless Telecommunications Association (CWTA) who represents cellular and satellite carriers and companies that produce cellular products/services support the consumer’s right to intentionally opt-in to the Emergency SOS functionality in order to prevent unintentional auto-calling 911;**
- AND THAT the federal government require that Telus, Rogers, Bell and other cellular service provider take a more active role in public education with respect to the Emergency SOS feature by educating consumers of their option to opt-in at the point-of-sale of the device, and/or the services;**
- AND THAT this resolution be submitted for consideration at the 2020 Union of BC Municipalities Convention, the 2021 Federation of Municipalities Convention, with a copy forwarded to the federal Ministry of Justice for consideration.**
- Council Verbal
Reports**
- 8.2 RC20/273
Moved, seconded, and CARRIED
- THAT Council Verbal Reports be included as part of any open Special Council Meeting scheduled on Regular Council Meeting dates.**

9. Council Reports

9.1 Council Verbal Reports

Councillor Dilworth advised that Westhill Pool will be open with social distancing guidelines, and that the City is hosting online Canada Day celebrations.

Mayor Vagramov noted that he had successful discussions with ICBC about changing their vehicle salvage policies regarding electric vehicles.

Councillor Lubik noted that National Indigenous Peoples Day was June 21, 2020, and expressed gratitude for the Tsleil-Waututh First Nation's ongoing work on the successful Inlet Water Quality Objectives.

10. Adjournment

Mayor Vagramov adjourned the meeting at 10:26pm.

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

D. Shermer, Corporate Officer

Confirmed on the ___ day of _____, 2020.

R. Vagramov, Mayor