



City of Port Moody

Minutes

Special Council Meeting

Council Chambers

Tuesday, September 15, 2020

at 7:04pm

Present:

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

Absent:

Councillor P.Z.C. Royer

In Attendance:

Tim Savoie – City Manager
André Boel – City Planner
Tyson Ganske – Manager of Financial Planning
Ron Higo – General Manager of Community Services
Kim Law – Manager of Project Delivery Services
Liam McLellan – Social Planner
Jeff Moi – General Manager of Engineering and Operations
Paul Rockwood – General Manager of Finance and Technology
Dorothy Shermer – Corporate Officer
Chad Siemens – Project Manager
Kate Zanon – General Manager of Community Development

1. **Call to Order**

Mayor Vagramov called the meeting to order at 7:04pm.

Mayor Vagramov noted that the poor air quality due to the wildfires highlights the effects of climate change and fossil fuel dependence.

2. **General Matters**

**Resolution to
Go Into Finance
Committee**

2.1

RC20/353

Moved, seconded, and CARRIED

THAT Council go into Finance Committee.

Councillor Lahti assumed the role of Presiding Member at this point.

Divesting the City's Investment Portfolio Away from Fossil Fuels Analysis	3.	Finance Committee
	3.1	<p>Presentation: Peter Urbanc, Municipal Finance Authority Report: Finance and Technology Department – Financial Services Division, dated February 14, 2020</p> <p>Peter Urbanc, Chief Administrative Officer of the Municipal Finance Authority (MFA), gave a presentation on socially responsible and fossil fuel-free investing, including information regarding the MFA's function, eligible investments for BC municipalities, risks and lack of reporting standards for socially-responsible investments (SRIs), and currently-available fossil fuel-free funds. Mr. Urbanc answered questions regarding the role of local government advocacy and exclusion investing.</p> <p>Staff answered questions regarding the potential inclusion of investment percentages within Corporate Policy – 05-1860-01 – Investment of Available Funds, a potential investment strategy, and local government advocacy and exclusion investing.</p> <p><u>FC20/040</u> Moved, seconded, and CARRIED THAT the report dated February 14, 2020 from Finance and Technology Department – Financial Services Division regarding Divesting the City's Investment Portfolio Away from Fossil Fuels Analysis be received for information;</p> <p>AND THAT staff be directed to amend Corporate Policy – 05-1860-01 – Investment of Available Funds to include a percentage of investments in the Municipal Finance Authority's Fossil Fuel-Free Short-Term Bond Fund for Council's consideration.</p>
2020 Grant Funding Update – Second Quarter	3.2	<p>Memo: Finance and Technology Department – Financial Services Division, dated August 25, 2020</p> <p><u>FC20/041</u> Moved, seconded, and CARRIED THAT the memo dated August 25, 2020 from the Finance and Technology Department – Financial Services Division regarding 2020 Grant Funding Update – Second Quarter be received for information.</p>
Funding Request – Installation of Pedestrian-Controlled Signal at Elgin and Clarke	3.3	<p>Report: Engineering and Operations Department – Project Delivery Services Division, dated August 26, 2020</p> <p><u>FC20/042</u> Moved, seconded, and CARRIED THAT \$90,557 be allocated from the MTP Reserve and \$236,285 be allocated from the DCC Reserve to fund the construction of a pedestrian-controlled signal at the intersection of Elgin Street and Clarke Street as recommended in the report dated August 26, 2020 from the Engineering and Operations Department– Project Delivery Services Division regarding Funding Request – Installation of Pedestrian-Controlled Signal at Elgin and Clarke.</p>

Funding Source for COVID-19 Related Temporary Slow Zone and Road Reallocation Projects 3.4 Memo: Finance and Technology Department – Financial Services Division, dated September 4, 2020

FC20/043
 Moved, seconded, and CARRIED
THAT the up to \$9,000 required to implement the temporary slow zones and related communication plans be funded from the Capital Asset Reserve – Transportation Envelope as recommended in the memo dated September 4, 2020 from the Finance and Technology Department – Financial Services Division regarding Funding Source for COVID-19 Related Temporary Slow Zone and Road Reallocation Projects.

Resolution to Adopt Finance Committee Report 4. Rise and Report

4.1 Mayor Vagramov resumed the role of Presiding Member at this point.

RC20/354
 Moved, seconded, and CARRIED
THAT the recommendations approved at the Finance Committee meeting of September 15, 2020 be ratified.

5. General Matters

RC20/355
 Moved, seconded, and CARRIED
THAT item 9.1 – 2021 Permissive Tax Exemption Bylaw – First Three Readings as Amended be dealt with immediately.

RC20/356
 Moved, seconded, and CARRIED
THAT “Request to pull NEB4 AllonBoard Campaign from UBCM Voting Block” be added to the agenda for the Committee of the Whole meeting of September 15, 2020 as item 7.7;

AND THAT “UBCM Late Resolution – Rodenticide Ban” be added to the agenda for the Committee of the Whole meeting of September 15, 2020 as item 7.8.

2021 Permissive Tax Exemption Bylaw – First Three Readings as Amended 9. Legislative Matters

9.1 Memo: Legislative Services Division, dated September 9, 2020 Recommendation(s):

RC20/357
 Moved, seconded, and CARRIED
THAT City of Port Moody Permissive Tax Exemption Bylaw, 2020, No. 3275 be read a first, second, and third time as recommended in the memo dated September 9, 2020 from the Legislative Services Division regarding 2021 Permissive Tax Exemption Bylaw – First Three Readings as Amended;

AND THAT staff be directed to modify the public notice requirement of Council’s intention to adopt a Permissive Tax Exemption Bylaw reflecting an additional tax impact of \$18,784 for 2021, \$19,348 for 2022, and \$19,929 for 2023.

**Resolution to
Go Into
Committee of
the Whole**

- 5.1 RC20/358
Moved, seconded, and CARRIED
THAT Council go into Committee of the Whole.

Councillor Madsen assumed the role of Presiding Member at this point.

6. **Public Input**

Barry Sharbo (Port Moody) expressed concerns regarding stream daylighting and setbacks in development projects, suggesting that the City may be incurring unnecessary legal costs over this issue. Mr. Sharbo suggested that the City discuss the issue with stakeholders and take action, rather than attempting to resolve the issue through the courts.

7. **Committee of the Whole**

**Hybrid Council
Meetings**

- 7.1 Presentation: Corporate Officer
Memo: Legislative Services Division, dated August 31, 2020

The Corporate Officer gave a presentation on Hybrid Council Meetings, including information regarding meeting formats (in-person, electronic, electronic participation, and hybrid), participant types, the goals and constraints of hybrid meetings, and three hybrid meeting options. The Corporate Officer answered questions regarding hybrid meeting Option 3 and current examples of the various options being implemented in other jurisdictions.

CW20/067

Moved and seconded

THAT staff be directed to implement Hybrid Meeting Option #3 as presented at the Special Council Committee of the Whole Meeting held on September 15, 2020.

CW20/068

Moved, seconded, and CARRIED

THAT this item be postponed until staff can report back on the Metro Vancouver Hybrid Committee meeting model.

CW20/069

Moved and seconded

THAT staff report back on the implementation of Option 2 and its requirements.

CW20/070

Moved, seconded, and CARRIED

THAT the foregoing motion be amended by adding “AND THAT staff report back on the City of Coquitlam’s hybrid meetings.”

The question on the main motion (CW20/069) as amended (by CW20/070) was put to a vote; the following motion was CARRIED:

THAT staff report back on the implementation of Option 2 and its requirements;

AND THAT staff report back on the City of Coquitlam's hybrid meetings.

**loco Townsite
Bridge
Rehabilitation
Feasibility**

7.2

Report: Engineering and Operations Department – Project Delivery Services Division, dated August 14, 2020

CW20/071

Moved, seconded, and CARRIED

THAT the report dated August 14, 2020 from the Engineering and Operations Department – Project Delivery Services Division regarding loco Townsite Bridge Rehabilitation Feasibility be received for information.

(Voting against: Councillor Dilworth)

**Age-Friendly
Assessment and
Action Plan
2020-2030**

7.3

Memo: Legislative Services Division, dated September 4, 2020

Staff gave a presentation on the Age-Friendly Assessment and Action Plan, including information regarding the definition and themes of an age-friendly community, a community profile of Port Moody, the public engagement process, recommended actions, and the next steps of implementation.

Staff answered questions from Council about the number of recommendations already in progress, implementation timeline, and cost estimate.

CW20/072

Moved, seconded, and CARRIED

THAT the Age-Friendly Assessment and Action Plan be endorsed as recommended in the report dated June 22, 2020 from the Planning and Development Department – Policy Planning Division regarding Age-Friendly Assessment and Action Plan;

AND THAT the City seek formal recognition as an Age-Friendly British Columbia (AFBC) community.

**Early Input –
OCP-Rezoning
(Apartment) –
2505-2517
St. George
Street (Laidler
Development)**

7.4

Presentation: Development Planning Division
Presentation: Laidler Development
Report: Community Development Department – Development
Planning Division, dated July 31, 2020

Staff gave a presentation on the proposed OCP-Rezoning application, including site context, key features of the proposal, and key items for staff review.

The applicant team gave a presentation on the application, including information regarding site context, exclusion of affordable units from the fee and bonus density area calculations, and a proposed plan for a new platform for the Kyle Centre as an amenity contribution. The applicants answered questions regarding massing, reduced parking, construction frame material, density in relation to the proposed Kyle Centre project, green space and park space, traffic management, rental rates, and potential community benefits of the project.

CW20/073

Moved, seconded, and CARRIED

THAT the meeting be extended for one hour.

CW20/074

Moved, seconded, and CARRIED

THAT staff and the applicant consider the comments provided during the Committee of the Whole meeting held on September 15, 2020 as recommended in the report dated July 31, 2020 from the Community Development Department – Development Planning Division regarding Early Input – OCP-Rezoning (Apartment) – 2505-2517 St. George Street (Laidler Development).

CW20/075

Moved, seconded, and CARRIED

THAT staff be directed to report back to a future meeting of Council regarding rebuilding Kyle Centre, considering nearby properties and developments, and leveraging City-owned lands including roadways and pocket parks.

**Inlet Sports
Field – Investing
in Canada
Infrastructure
Program
(Community,
Culture, and
Recreation)
Grant
Application 2020**

7.5

Report: Engineering and Operations Department – Project Delivery Services Division, dated September 4, 2020

CW20/076

Moved, seconded, and CARRIED

THAT staff be directed to apply for grant funding under the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program (ICIP) for Community, Culture, and Recreation (CCR) for the field component of the Inlet Sports Field project as recommended in the report dated September 4, 2020 from the Engineering and Operations Department – Project Delivery Services Division regarding Inlet Sports Field – Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program (Community, Culture, and Recreation) Grant Application 2020.

CW20/077

Moved, seconded, and CARRIED

THAT staff report back to Council on alternate funding models to consider for Inlet Field Soccer Field Rebuild.

**Request to pull
Resolution
NEB8
Greenhouse Gas
Limits for New
Buildings from
UBCM Voting
Block**

7.6

Memo: Councillor Amy Lubik, dated August 31, 2020

CW20/078

Moved, seconded, and CARRIED

WHEREAS the resolution was updated in consultation with smaller communities to address the concerns that they raised during the 2019 UBCM resolution debate;

AND WHEREAS climate change is accelerating so the context for the resolution has shifted;

AND WHEREAS Port Moody has learned that approximately 46% of its emissions come from buildings and primarily their heating and hot water energy;

AND WHEREAS a Step 5 building with gas, heat, and hot water can have much higher emissions than a Step 1 building with zero-emissions energy heating and hot water;

AND WHEREAS building emission is a much more urgent issue than general building efficiency and where we have less than ten years to solve this urgent issue;

AND WHEREAS, over the last year, Port Moody has seen building proposals consistent with the Step Code, but still using high-emissions gas, water, and home heating;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City of Port Moody request that the UBCM Executive remove resolution NEB8 Greenhouse Gas Limits for New Buildings from the not endorse block;

AND THAT the City of Port Moody request that the UBCM Executive add resolution NEB8 Greenhouse Gas Limits for New Buildings to the debate;

AND THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the UBCM Executives.

**Request to pull
Resolution
NEB4
AllonBoard
Campaign from
UBCM Voting
Block**

7.7

On-Table Memo: Councillor Amy Lubik, dated September 9, 2020

CW20/079

Moved, seconded, and CARRIED

WHEREAS the conditions under which this resolution came forward have drastically changed due to a pandemic which is impacting the most marginalized members of our community;

AND WHEREAS access to jobs, health care, and mental health supports are critical to stemming a wave of homelessness which may come due to evictions;

AND WHEREAS Transit access is a matter of equity and poverty reduction;

AND WHEREAS the pandemic has given us an opportunity as a province to bounce forward in rebuilding a society that focus on wellbeing and climate justice;

AND WHEREAS not all communities have the resources to apply for pilot program and limited funding is available;

AND WHEREAS, under the current financial assistance model, those on social assistance and/or disability supports live considerably below the poverty line, meaning that many struggling families and individuals get no supports;

AND WHEREAS the COVID-19 pandemic has highlighted many holes in the social safety net which need to be fixed for resilience to unforeseen systemic shocks;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City of Port Moody request the UBCM Executive remove from the not endorse block resolution NEB4 AllonBoard Campaign;

AND THAT the City of Port Moody request the UBCM Executive add resolution NEB4 AllonBoard Campaign to the debate;

AND THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the UBCM Executives.

**UBCM Late
Resolution –
Rodenticide Ban**

7.8

On-Table Memo: Councillor Meghan Lahti, dated September 15, 2020

CW20/080

Moved, seconded, and CARRIED

THAT the following be submitted as a late resolution to the 2020 UBCM:

WHEREAS anticoagulant rodenticides are highly toxic, persistent and bio-accumulative compounds used to eliminate rodent populations that pose serious threats to BC wildlife (including raptors, songbirds, coyotes, snakes, raccoons, owls) and the environment (including aquatic ecosystems) through primary and secondary poisoning of non-target species placing owls and raptors at a particularly high risk of secondary poisoning because of their dependence on rodents as a food source;

AND WHEREAS anticoagulant rodenticides are an ineffective and counterproductive means of controlling rodent populations long-term because they fail to address the root of the infestation problems (i.e. access to food, shelter, and other attractants) and kill predators that serve as natural and chemical-free methods of pest control (e.g. a single owl eats around 1,000 rats per year);

AND WHEREAS municipal governments have passed motions to ban the use of anticoagulant rodenticides on city-owned property and have petitioned the BC government to implement a province-wide ban because existing risk mitigation measures implemented by federal and provincial governments are inadequately addressing the threats that anticoagulant rodenticides pose to the environment, wildlife, and human health;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Port Moody recommend and promote a Province-wide ban on the sale, purchase, and use of anticoagulant rodenticides, and call for the Minister of Health to initiate a special review of the regulation of anticoagulant rodenticides.

- Adoption of
Committee of
the Whole
Report**
8. Rise and Report
- 8.1 RC20/359
Moved, seconded, and CARRIED
THAT the recommendations approved at the Committee of the Whole meeting of September 15, 2020 be ratified.
9. Adjournment
Mayor Vagramov adjourned the meeting at 10.50pm.

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