

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF NORTH VANCOUVER

Meeting of the Advisory Planning Commission
Held at City Hall, 141 West 14th Street, North Vancouver, B.C.
in Conference Room A on Wednesday, February 8th, 2012

MINUTES

Present: B. Curtis (Chair)
J. Jensen
P. McCann
D. Olson
B. Phillips
M. Robinson
C. Sacre

Staff: S. Smith, Community Development
S. Kimm-Jones, Committee Clerk

Guests: None

Absent: H. Goodland
J. Plato
M. Rahbar
Councillor Bell
Councillor Buchanan

A quorum being present, the meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

1. Election of Chair and Vice Chair

It was agreed to elect the Chair and Vice Chair by a show of hands.

S. Smith took the Chair and asked for nominations for the position of Chair. Bill Curtis was nominated and accepted. There being no further nominations, Bill Curtis was elected Chair by acclamation.

S. Smith asked for nominations for the position of Vice Chair. Helen Goodland was nominated in her absence and John Jensen was nominated and accepted. Following a show of hands, John Jensen was elected Vice Chair.

S. Smith reviewed the process for drafting the resolutions. Important items need to be included in resolutions so that applicants will act on them. It was recommended

that members make brief notes of key points during the discussion period to refer to when crafting the resolution.

It was noted that according to Bylaw No. 7671 "Any voting member who fails to attend (3) consecutive regular meetings of the Commission without leave of the Commission, shall herewith cease to be a member and his/her appointment shall be automatically terminated."

2. Minutes of Meeting of the Advisory Planning Commission held January 11th, 2012

It was regularly moved and seconded

THAT the minutes of the meeting of the Advisory Planning Commission held January 11th, 2012 be adopted.

Carried Unanimously

3. Business Arising

S. Smith reviewed the highlights from the population and dwelling release of the 2011 Census. The overall population of Canada increased by 5.9% from 2006 to 2011, the population of British Columbia increased 7% over the same five years, second only to Alberta's growth of 10.8%. North Vancouver City's population increased 6.7% to 48,196. An information report will be going to Council.

4. Staff Update

CityShaping Stage 2: Critical Issues and Community Engagement: On January 16th Council endorsed the issues and process outlined in the staff report.

North Shore Living Wage: The Districts of North and West Vancouver declined the City's invitation to gather information to determine what a living wage might be for the North Shore. Staff were directed to prepare a report.

East 29th Street Speed and Pedestrian Review: At the January 23rd meeting Council passed a motion endorsing the installation of two zebra crossings and three curb bulges on East 29th Street to improve pedestrian safety.

East 6th and St. David's Right of Way: Council directed staff to proceed with public consultation and a neighbourhood meeting to determine the level of community support for various uses of this open space. Staff have suggested planting an orchard.

Harbourside OCP Amendment: On January 23rd Council approved the Terms of Reference for a Harbourside Task Force. This decision was rescinded at the February 6th Council Meeting and a public consultation process with an information session and two Town Hall meetings was endorsed.

506 East 19th Street: Due to neighbourhood opposition, the proposal to retain the heritage home was withdrawn by the applicant and on January 23rd Council passed a

motion to allow the demolition of the home and construction of two single family homes.

Petition to Abstain from Installing Street lights: This petition led to discussion on the rights of residents compared to those of people passing through e.g. cyclists, pedestrians.

North Vancouver Museum: A resolution was passed at the February 6th Council meeting for Lot 4 on the waterfront to be considered for the museum.

Blue Communities Project: On February 6th Council supported the resolution to ban the sale of bottled water at public facilities and municipal events (this is already in effect.)

BC Building Code Renewal: on February 6th Council resolved to send a letter to the Provincial Government expressing the City's disappointment that proposed changes to the BC Building Code do not address improvements in energy performance in a meaningful way. Staff were directed to report back to Council with options for public consultation to consider options for further increasing the energy efficiency of new buildings in the City in 2013, should the Province fail to enact substantive energy performance improvements in the BC Building Code.

Seaspan: Seaspan will be requested to appear at a future Council Meeting to answer questions regarding their shipbuilding contracts and implications for the City.

Chesterfield House: Council approved the appropriation of \$60,000 from the Affordable Housing Reserve Fund to fund the City's partnership allocation with Chesterfield House.

Childcare Delegation: A delegation at the February 6th Council meeting asked for Council's support in including daycares in new developments and in calling upon the Federal Government to establish a national daycare program. Staff were directed to write a report identifying the barriers in City bylaws and policies which prevent the establishment of daycares.

5. CityShaping Stage 2: Critical Issues and Community Engagement

S. Smith gave a presentation on "CityShaping Stage 2: Critical Issues and Community Engagement" and reviewed Phase One results.

Critical issues were distilled into three integrating topics/themes: 1. Achieving environmental and financial security, 2. Integrating transportation and land uses. 3. Achieving a healthy and liveable community.

The new OCP will take into account the recently adopted Metro Vancouver Regional Growth Strategy which states employment, dwelling unit and population trends to 2041 for each municipality, as well as the context of the City on the North Shore e.g. with regard to the emerging North Shore transportation corridor. The new District of North Vancouver OCP will also have an impact on the City.

Comments and Questions from the APC included, but were not limited to:

What is the status of pedestrian connections on the Spirit Trail? Staff: Discussions are ongoing.

Action: S. Smith to get an update on the Spirit Trail for the next meeting.

There is no theme talking about the costs and constraints on developing or building e.g. tax base or population base. The City has a low average income. Staff: We will find ways to include this topic in future.

The overall economic development strategy for the city and municipality should be included. There is a focus on affordable housing; we can either try to increase affordable units or help people increase their income. Staff: We do have an economic development strategy. The area of responsibility will be absorbed into the Community Development Department.

Businesses in Lower Lonsdale are frustrated because they do not have space to expand either in building and or in parking.

The type of floorplate needed by many small businesses e.g. high ceiling warehouse space is cheaper by about \$10-12 sq ft in Burnaby. The City has lots of small start up spaces but companies often move to other municipalities when they outgrow the space.

The group then reviewed CityShaping Workbook 2. It was decided to discuss Issue 2d "Land Use and Population."

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What components are there in place for growth? We need to identify potential growth areas; there is the question of how people might respond to more density in areas other than Central Lonsdale. Is there a way of spreading density out to more neighbourhoods? Staff: The City is trying to follow TransLink's plans and have density where they are planning to improve transit. The question is do you spread the growth or have pockets? Single family areas do not want a lot of development.

The quality of life in dense areas must continue to be attractive.

There is no statement for economic and employment opportunities? Staff: It was referenced previously.

Parking is a problem with duplexes in some areas.

People who live near Marine Drive have fewer cars.

Simplifying the layout and wording of the workbook was recommended. It was noted that the cover photo should be updated to show new development on Lower Lonsdale.

How do the questions affect the City's relationship with the environment? There should be a map showing green spaces in the city. How important is it to preserve natural areas?

6. M-4 Industrial-Commercial Zone Bylaw Amendment

S. Smith reviewed the report presented to Council on January 9th, 2012.

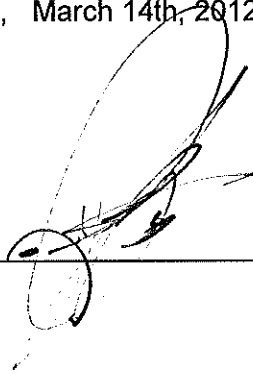
7. Other Business

S. Kimm-Jones reminded the group that the March meeting of the Advisory Planning Commission fell during Spring Break and that she would be checking for quorum early in March.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

The next regular meeting of the Advisory Planning Commission will be held on Wednesday, March 14th, 2012.

Chair

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