

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 the Atrium Meeting Room on Wednesday, March 11th, 2015**

MINUTES

Present: D. Farley
M. Higgins
A. Jamieson
D. Marshall
P. McCann
T. Valente
B. Watt
Councillor Bell

Staff: S. Smith, Planner 2, Community Development
S. Kimm-Jones, Committee Clerk

Absent: M. Clark
M. Rahbar
M. Robinson
Councillor Back

A quorum being present, the meeting was called to order at 6:03 p.m.

1. Minutes of Meeting of the Advisory Planning Commission held February 11th, 2015

It was regularly moved and seconded

THAT the minutes of the meeting of the Advisory Planning Commission held February 11th, 2015 be adopted.

Carried Unanimously

2. Business Arising

A member suggested that acronyms and levels of certification related to energy efficiency in buildings e.g. LEED Gold, ASHRAE, should be reviewed at a future meeting as this is a topic often covered by APC.

Councillor Bell joined the meeting at 6:06 p.m.

3. Staff Update

S. Smith reviewed relevant planning development, project and policy items from previous Council meetings.

The Official Community Plan will be considered for final adoption on March 23rd; no new information can be received. Any questions should focus on points of clarification.

The question was asked about the removal Special Study Areas for North Vancouver School District lands. **A:** This removal was requested by School District. The letter requesting the change is on the City website. There are no land use changes for these properties.

It was regularly moved and seconded

THAT the agenda be amended to remove Item #5 "Official Community Plan Update – Next Steps".

Carried Unanimously

There was a discussion on the extra funds given to the waterfront art gallery. The funds will be disbursed from the remaining National Maritime Centre fund.

There was a question on whether the proposed Economic Commission will be short or long term.

Action: Staff to let members know.

4. Planning Overview

S. Smith gave Commission members an overview of tools and processes used in planning including the OCP Bylaw, Zoning Bylaw, Building Permits and the use of Development Permits.

There was a discussion on Building Permits versus Development Permits. The City has worked mainly with Comprehensive Development Zones rather than Development Permits but is now moving towards more Development Permit Areas and associated guidelines.

5. APC Workplan for 2015

S. Smith led a discussion on the 2015 Workplan. There will be Council-directed work such as OCP implementation, related policies and plans e.g. draft policies and guidelines, plan updates.

In a brainstorming exercise, members were asked to contribute ideas for other topics related to the Planning Commission mandate in categories including guest speakers, walking tours, workshops and general topics.

Action: Staff to summarize the input in conjunction with the Chair. The summary will be brought back to the April 8th meeting.

6. **Information Item**

There were no questions on the information item.

7. **Other Business**

None.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

The next regular meeting of the Advisory Planning Commission will be held on Wednesday, April 8th, 2015.



Chair

