

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF NORTH VANCOUVER
Regular meeting of the Social Planning Advisory Committee
Held via WEBEX
On Wednesday, June 22, 2022 at 6:00pm

MINUTES

PRESENT:

Etienne Normandin-Poitras, Chair
Catherine Kingfisher
Kate Galicz, Vice Chair
Tina Parbhakar
June Maynard
Martyna Purchla

Angela Girard, Councillor

ABSENT:

Raashi Ahluwalia
Anna Boltenko
Timothy Hinkson

STAFF:

Cristina Rucci, Community Planner
Edytha Barker, Admin. Coordinator II
Mike Friesen, Manager, Strategic Initiatives,
Strategic & Corporate Services
Dianna Foldi, Senior Project Manager,
Strategic & Corporate Services

9 members – quorum = 5

1 Councillor (non-voting) 2 staff (non-voting)

1. CALL TO ORDER AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The meeting was called to order at 6:03 pm by the Chair.

The approval of the agenda was moved and seconded and the agenda was approved as circulated.

2. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF UNCEDED TERRITORY

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

The approval of the minutes of the meeting of May 25, 2022 was moved and seconded and the minutes were adopted as circulated.

4. PRESENTATION

a) Update on Harry Jerome Community Centre and North Shore Neighbourhood House

D. Foldi presented on the Harry Jerome project.

Key points included:

- D. Foldi is the senior project manager at CNV on the Harry Jerome project. There is also an outside project manager that reports through the Director of Strategic and Corporate Services.
- Last presented to SPAC in 2018 and SPAC made a resolution.
- In 2018, Council approval was not received to proceed with construction.
- In 2019, a public engagement survey was done regarding the HJC redevelopment
- A Community Recreation Strategy was completed and approved by Council in March 2020. This strategy helped inform next steps for the Harry Jerome project.
- Some goals were re-established for the project, such as zero carbon and net zero ready.
- There was a high standard set for accessibility and the Rick Hansen foundation provided input. Diverse change rooms and washrooms became a priority.
- Silver Harbour Centre will be part of the project and will be located off of St. Georges Avenue with the main access off of East 23rd Street.
- The siting is such that highway noise will be buffered.
- Large community plaza with low grade access for accessibility; access at grade to underground parking.
- The Green Necklace will carry on to 23rd street and will connect to the Neighbourhood lands to the south.
- Some contracts have now been awarded. Excavation is now underway til the end of September.
- The construction period is expected to last three years - to August 2025 with an opening in September 2025.

Comments and Questions from the Committee:

- How does the square footage compare with Delbrook Recreation Centre?
 - Delbrook is 90,000, Harry Jerome will be 200,000 sq. feet.
- Regarding Squamish and Tsleil-Waututh Nations, was there consideration on other ways of incorporating them into the space?
 - Nothing in formal project design but there may have been at a higher executive level.
- Will there be a coffee shop in the rec centre?
 - The main lobby will have a coffee shop; that will go out to RFP to select a vendor in the near future.
- Can you tell us more about the preschool? How many spaces will there be?
 - It is the NVRC program; not sure how many spaces. There is also a plan for a 57 space facility in the Neighbourhood lands.

M. Friesen presented on the North Shore Neighbourhood House project.

Comments and Questions from the Committee:

- City staff have done an incredible amount of work on these two projects; thank you.
- Can you tell us more about Derek Inman Park?
 - The park design has not yet been determined. There will be an increase in area, 4,000 square feet approximately. It is important to engage the community and our Parks department is undergoing a needs analysis.

- What is happening with the current community gardens?
 - Council has directed staff to help the community gardens relocate. This will be a phased approach so they can be moved one at a time. We have a new location at Alder and St. Patricks and the City will be undertaking the work. No location has been found as yet for the Charrois garden but staff are working with them on a broader strategy.
- Regarding NSNH's geographical location, has there been thought given to the growing population in that area?
 - The growing population of the North Shore is the impetus for this upgrade. This will be a large increase to the facility; almost double what it is now.
- The Emergency weather response centre is hosted at NSNH. Will that space be recreated to be more accessible?
 - We are doing an updated needs assessment as part of the design process.
- Has there been engagement with the First Nations community? Given the footprint on unceded land and how engaged they are, are they getting regular briefings rather than just being informed as the project moves along?
 - The City has been undertaking an effort to deepen the relationship and provide support. It needs to be part of a larger city initiative.

5. UPDATES

a) *Councillor*

- Council received a delegation from the North Shore Young Citizens Forum. We found out what they are hoping to see from Council; the staff representative on CNV4ME Task Force is going to connect with that group.
- Councillors Girard and Hu have been appointed to the new Multicultural Community Festival Task Force. The Task Force will work together to propose to Council an annual, multi-day, multicultural festival, for the celebration of cultural performances and presentations, offered by cultural organizations and societies, and utilizing a variety of City-wide community spaces and participation from community members.
- The Esplanade Complete Street project is on the last leg. We are excited about the completion and getting back to business. Esplanade will be safer for pedestrians and cyclists alike.
- Council approved the Metro Vancouver Regional Growth Strategy – 2050.
- Vancouver Coastal Health is building a new acute care facility on East 13th Street. The public hearing ran over two Council meetings. There will be 108 patient rooms and eight operating rooms between the HOpe Centre and current facility. Parking was not able to be provided on the campus; Council didn't feel ground parking acceptable.
- Council approved Phase 1 of the Dog Friendly Strategy. There was a robust response from the community calling for more enclosed off leash areas.
- The Mayor brought forward two Notice of Motions; one regarding pet friendly communities and homes and one regarding culturally specific cemeteries in the City.

b) *Staff*

- Busy working through all the strategies.

- As part of the Community Wellbeing Strategy, staff engaged with Sutherland Secondary's Global Initiatives class. We worked with students informing them of the strategies. Students were tasked with creating short films.

6. ROUND TABLE

- What are the plans for meeting in person again?
 - City Hall does not yet has hybrid capabilities in the conference rooms. Therefore, meetings currently have to be with all in members in person or all virtual. A survey will be sent out to members before the September meeting.

7. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:37 pm.



Chair

September 28, 2022

Date