



MEETING MINUTES

Minutes of the meeting held at City Hall in Conference Room A,
141 West 14th Street, North Vancouver, BC on Wednesday, November 27, 2024

The City of North Vancouver respectfully acknowledges that this meeting is held on the traditional and unceded territories of the Skwxwú7mesh Úxwumixw (Squamish Nation) and sə́ilwətaʔ (Tsleil-Waututh Nation).

Members Present

Anna Boltenko (Chair)
Farnoosh Fallah
Liza Feris
Olga Kens
Kathy McGrenera
Anahita Naeini
Tim Page
Charles Pan

Staff Present

Heather Evans, Community Planner
Edytha Barker, Administrative Coordinator
Eleanor Parrott, Committee Clerk – Secretary

Absent

Zeyus Spenta
Councillor Tony Valente

The meeting was called to order at 6:06 pm.

1. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

1.1 The Agenda for November 27, 2024 was adopted as circulated.

2. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

2.1 Minutes of the meeting held on October 23, 2024 were approved as circulated.

3. UPDATES

Councillor

3.1 As per the terms of reference, Councillor Valente did not attend the meeting as the substantive item was the grants allocation discussion. The following update was provided via a pre-recorded video:

- On November 4, 2024, Council held a Public Hearing for Money Services Businesses. Council carried the resolution at the Regular meeting on the same date, to adopt Zoning Bylaw, 1995, No. 6700, Amendment Bylaw, 2024, No. 9084 to restrict new Money Services Businesses from operating at ground floor level in order to preserve street vibrancy. At the same meeting, Council carried the resolution for the City to

become a member of the Living Donor Circle of Excellence by implementing a policy to provide wage support to employees who are living donors. The City is the first in British Columbia to join this initiative. Members of the public have expressed their support and gratitude for the organization.

- On November 18, 2024 Council received an update on the Parks and Public Space Comprehensive Plan. Staff are adopting a project approach to manage and grow parks and public spaces in order to meet the needs of the City's growing population. Council also received an update on the City's Mobility Network. A Midtown Connector and a Chesterfield Avenue mobility route are being developed to increase the City's sustainable mode of transport usage by providing safe and comfortable infrastructure.
- On November 25, 2024, Council received an update on the new No Right Turn on Red Light restrictions which are being implemented at five locations across the City. There were a number of casualty crashes at intersections within the City from 2018-2022. Restricting tight turns can help to protect vulnerable road users. Council also discussed shared micromobility. The current Lime e-bike pilot has been successful and will be extended for six months whilst procurement for the future operator takes place. Staff are undertaking research to consider the inclusion of an e-scooter pilot. Council approved budget reallocations to support the Chiba Garden restoration project and to increase funding to the Museum and Archives of North Vancouver.
- In 2025, Council will hold a Workshop meeting in place of one Regular Council meeting per month. Regular meetings will still take place at least twice a month. The Workshop meetings will provide greater opportunity for open discussion outside the more restrictive Council meeting format.

3.2 Members presented the following notable questions and comments:

- Is there are report available with further information on the Parks and Public Space Comprehensive Plan? **A:** Yes there is a report available on the City's website and the link will be circulated to members.
- Will there be opportunity for public engagement in the Council Workshops? **A:** Workshops will be open to the public. The schedule of Workshops is available on the City's website and the link will be circulated to members.

Action: The Committee Clerk – Secretary to circulate links to the Parks and Public Space Comprehensive Plan and the schedule of Council Workshops for 2025 to members.

Staff

3.3 The City receives funding from the Province to prepare an emergency weather response over winter. The funding is used to provide additional beds so that people living outdoors can sleep inside during extreme weather conditions. The response is coordinated by Lookout Housing and Health Society. The City acts as a facilitator by assisting with finding suitable locations for beds and providing the community context.

3.4 Presenters from local organizations and updates on City projects are being scheduled for meeting agendas in 2025.

3.5 In relation to minute 3.7 from the October 23, 2024 meeting, staff will share information or report, when available, related to the emergency response to the storm which impacted the City on October 20, 2024.

3.6 Members presented the following notable questions and comments:

- Is the trend of Emergency Weather Response bed usage tracked from year to year? **A:** Lookout Housing and Health Society provides an annual report to the City and shelters usually operate at capacity. The City's Public Safety team also track usage.

4. COMMUNITY GRANTS ROUND TWO ALLOCATIONS

- 4.1 The Community Planner presented the Community Grants Round Two Allocations matrix. Members discussed their suggested allocations and reasoning behind.
- 4.2 The Chair declared a conflict of interest as the Founder of the Wonder Wonders Foundation and was not present for any discussion pertaining to the allocation of funding to this organization.

7:20pm – A.Boltenko left the meeting.

7:53pm – A.Boltenko rejoined the meeting.

8:05pm – A.Naeini left the meeting.

8:07pm – T.Page left the meeting.

8:11pm – A.Boltenko left the meeting.

8:13pm – A.Boltenko rejoined the meeting.

- 4.3 The Committee unanimously agreed to allocate the full amount of \$80,869 of the Community Grants Round Two budget as follows:

Table 1 – Applications Recommended for Funding

Alano Club of the North Shore – Operating	\$10,000
Crisis Intervention and Suicide Prevention Centre of BC – Program – Crisis Intervention and Suicide Prevention	\$2,000
Hollyburn Community Services Society – Program – Life Success	\$500
Hollyburn Community Services Society – Program – North Shore Youth Safe House	\$2,000
Hollyburn Community Services Society – Program – Rewired	\$500
Hollyburn Community Services Society – Program – Seniors Safe House	\$1,000
Hollyburn Community Services Society – Program – Youth Education Navigator	\$1,500
Junior Achievement of BC – Program – Success Skills for North Vancouver Youth	\$4,000
Living Systems: Family Systems Counselling, Education, Training & Research Society – Program – Access Counselling	\$4,500
North Shore Alliance Church – Program – North Shore Community Christmas Dinner	\$3,000
North Shore Stroke Recovery Centre – Program – Art Therapy	\$2,500
North Shore Stroke Recovery Centre – Program – Exercise Therapy	\$3,000
Parkgate Community Services Society – Program – Youth Outreach	\$3,500
Pathways Serious Mental Illness Society – Program – Serious Mental Illness Awareness	\$3,000
Spectrum Mothers Support Society – Operating	\$5,500
BC International Seniors' Society – Program – Physical and Mental Wellbeing of Seniors	\$2,000
Free to Be Talks Society – Program – North Vancouver Classrooms	\$1,000

Gal Senior Care Foundation – Program – Senior Fraud Seminars	\$500
Leave Out Violence (LOVE) BC – Program – Art 4 Youth in North Van	\$3,000
Roundabout Urban Gardens – Program - Gardens for the Future	\$5,000
Vancouver Iranian Choir – Operating	\$2,000
Vancouver Iranian Choir – Program – Nowruz Celebration Concert	\$1,500
Wellwishers Professional Volunteer Society – Program – Seasonal Festivals	\$5,000
Wonder Wonders Foundation – Operating	\$2,169
Wonder Wonders Foundation – Program – North Shore Kids Festival	\$2,200
Lookout Housing and Health Society – Program – Peer Support Worker	\$10,000

Table 2 – Applications Recommended Not to Receive Funding

BC International Seniors' Society – Operating
Middlepeace Clinical Counselling Society – Operating
Middlepeace Clinical Counselling Society – Program – Train the Trainer: Tackling Barriers to Unemployment and Isolation for Newcomers
Shiraz Seniors Services Society – Operating
Vancouver Waldorf School – Operating
Vancouver Waldorf School – Program – Waldorf Community Gardens

5. ROUNDTABLE

5.1 No business was raised.

6. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

6.1 The next regular meeting is scheduled for January 22, 2025.

7. ADJOURN

7.1 The Chair adjourned the meeting at 8:14 pm.

“Certified Correct by the Chair”

Anna Boltenko, Chair