



**AGENDA FOR THE SPECIAL REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL,  
HELD ELECTRONICALLY FROM CITY HALL,  
141 WEST 14<sup>TH</sup> STREET, NORTH VANCOUVER, BC, ON  
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2021 AT 11:00 AM**

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**CALL TO ORDER**

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

1. Special Regular Council Meeting Agenda, September 8, 2021

**ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

2. Special Regular Council Meeting Minutes, July 28, 2021

**RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION**

THAT Council recess to the Special Committee of the Whole (Closed Session) pursuant to the *Community Charter*, Section 90(1)(c) [labour relations].

**REPORT OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE (CLOSED SESSION)**

**REPORT**

3. National Day for Truth and Reconciliation – September 30, 2021  
– File: 01-0620-03-0001/2021

Report: Deputy Chief Administrative Officer, September 7, 2021

**RECOMMENDATION**

PURSUANT to the report of the Deputy Chief Administrative Officer, dated September 7, 2021, entitled “National Day for Truth and Reconciliation”:

THAT the City wishes to commemorate the history and legacy of residential schools and honour Indigenous communities, family and survivors by observing a day for Truth and Reconciliation;

THAT the Chief Administrative Officer direct City employees to treat September 30, 2021 as if it were a statutory holiday;

AND THAT staff return to Council with information regarding how best to mark a Truth and Reconciliation Day in subsequent years.

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**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL, HELD ELECTRONICALLY FROM CITY HALL, 141 WEST 14<sup>TH</sup> STREET, NORTH VANCOUVER, BC, ON **WEDNESDAY, JULY 28, 2021****

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**PRESENT**

**COUNCIL MEMBERS**

Mayor L. Buchanan  
Councillor D. Bell  
Councillor A. Girard  
Councillor T. Hu  
Councillor T. Valente

**STAFF MEMBERS**

L. McCarthy, CAO  
K. Graham, Corporate Officer

**ABSENT**

Councillor H. Back  
Councillor J. McIlroy

The meeting was called to order at 4:40 pm.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Moved by Councillor Bell, seconded by Councillor Hu

1. Special Regular Council Meeting Agenda, July 28, 2021

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

Moved by Councillor Bell, seconded by Councillor Girard

2. Regular Council Meeting Minutes, July 19, 2021

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Moved by Councillor Valente, seconded by Councillor Bell

THAT the recommendations listed within the "Consent Agenda" be approved.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

## **START OF CONSENT AGENDA**

### **BYLAWS – ADOPTION**

- \*3. “Wharf Regulation Bylaw, 2005, No. 7665, Amendment Bylaw, 2021, No. 8861”  
(St. Roch Dock Hourly Moorage Fees)

Moved by Councillor Valente, seconded by Councillor Bell

THAT “Wharf Regulation Bylaw, 2005, No. 7665, Amendment Bylaw, 2021, No. 8861”  
(St. Roch Dock Hourly Moorage Fees) be adopted, signed by the Mayor and  
Corporate Officer and affixed with the corporate seal.

**(CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY)**

- \*4. “Bylaw Notice Enforcement Bylaw, 2018, No. 8675, Amendment Bylaw, 2021,  
No. 8862” (St. Roch Dock Hourly Moorage Fees)

Moved by Councillor Valente, seconded by Councillor Bell

THAT “Bylaw Notice Enforcement Bylaw, 2018, No. 8675, Amendment Bylaw, 2021,  
No. 8862” (St. Roch Dock Hourly Moorage Fees) be adopted, signed by the Mayor  
and Corporate Officer and affixed with the corporate seal.

**(CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY)**

- \*5. “Development Cost Charge (Parks) Reserve Fund Bylaw, 2021, No. 8865” (2021  
Capital Plan Funding)

Moved by Councillor Valente, seconded by Councillor Bell

THAT “Development Cost Charge (Parks) Reserve Fund Bylaw, 2021, No. 8865”  
(2021 Capital Plan Funding) be adopted, signed by the Mayor and Corporate Officer  
and affixed with the corporate seal.

**(CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY)**

## **END OF CONSENT AGENDA**

### **RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION**

Moved by Councillor Bell, seconded by Councillor Hu

THAT Council recess to the Special Committee of the Whole, Closed Session,  
pursuant to the *Community Charter*, Sections 90(1)(c) [employee relations], 90(1)(g)  
[legal matter], 90(1)(i) [legal advice] and 90(1)(m) [another enactment].

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

The meeting recessed at 4:42 pm and reconvened at 5:18 pm.

**REPORT OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE (CLOSED SESSION)**

6. Personnel Matter – File: 07-2740-01-0001/2021

Report: Chief Administrative Officer, July 23, 2021

Moved by Councillor Valente, seconded by Councillor Bell

PURSUANT to the report of the Chief Administrative Officer, dated July 23, 2021, regarding a personnel matter:

THAT the action taken by the Special Committee of the Whole (Closed Session) be ratified;

AND THAT the wording of the recommendation and the report of the Chief Administrative Officer, dated July 23, 2021, remain in the Closed session.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

7. Legal Matter – File: 01-0510-20-0003/2021

Report: Chief Administrative Officer, July 28, 2021

Moved by Councillor Valente, seconded by Councillor Bell

PURSUANT to the verbal report of the Chief Administrative Officer, dated July 28, 2021, regarding a legal matter:

THAT the action taken by the Special Committee of the Whole (Closed Session) be ratified;

AND THAT the wording of the recommendation and the verbal report of the Chief Administrative Officer, dated July 28, 2021, remain in the Closed session.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**ADJOURN**

Moved by Councillor Valente, seconded by Councillor Bell

THAT the meeting adjourn.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**


The meeting adjourned at 5:19 pm.

*“Certified Correct by the Corporate Officer”*

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The Corporation of **THE CITY OF NORTH VANCOUVER**  
**STRATEGIC & CORPORATE SERVICES DEPARTMENT**

**REPORT**

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To: Mayor Linda Buchanan and Members of Council

From: Barbara Pearce, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer

Subject: NATIONAL DAY FOR TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION

Date: September 7, 2021 File No: 01-0620-03-0001/2021

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*The following is a suggested recommendation only. Refer to Council Minutes for adopted resolution.*

**RECOMMENDATION**

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THAT the City wishes to commemorate the history and legacy of residential schools and honour Indigenous communities, family and survivors by observing a day for Truth and Reconciliation;

THAT the Chief Administrative Officer direct City employees to treat September 30, 2021 as if it were a statutory holiday;

AND THAT staff return to Council with information regarding how best to mark a Truth and Reconciliation Day in subsequent years.

**SUMMARY**

On June 3, 2021, the Government of Canada declared September 30<sup>th</sup> the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, passing legislation to make it a designated paid statutory holiday for federal public servants. On August 3, 2021, the Province of BC called on public servants to use September 30<sup>th</sup> as an opportunity to advance reconciliation and recommit to understanding the truth of shared history, to accept and learn from it and in doing so help to create a more inclusive British Columbia. To align with the Province and to advance Truth and Reconciliation, it is recommended that September 30, 2021 be treated as a statutory holiday and day of commemoration.

## BACKGROUND

In recent years, September 30<sup>th</sup> has been observed as Orange Shirt Day to recognize and honour residential school survivors and their families. In June of this year, the federal government declared September 30<sup>th</sup> a federal statutory holiday—calling it the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation—so that public servants could have an opportunity to reflect upon the legacy of residential schools and honour survivors. The designated statutory holiday for federal organizations addresses Call to Action #80 from the Truth and Reconciliation Commission: “We call upon the federal government, in collaboration with Aboriginal peoples, to establish, as a statutory holiday, a National Day for Truth and Reconciliation to honour survivors, their families, and communities, and ensure that public commemoration of the history and legacy of residential schools remains a vital component of the reconciliation process.”

Soon after the federal announcement, the Province of BC announced that September 30<sup>th</sup> will be marked as a day of commemoration and reflection for provincial public organizations. In the Province’s press release on August 3, 2021, they noted that:

- the Province will work with Indigenous leaders, organizations and communities on the best and most respectful ways to mark Truth and Reconciliation Day;
- many public services will remain open but may be operating at reduced levels. Most schools, post-secondary institutions, some health sector workplaces, and Crown corporations will be closed; and,
- public servants use this opportunity to consider what they can do to advance reconciliation with Indigenous peoples and to recommit to understanding the truth of our shared history, to accept and learn from it.

On August 10, 2021, the Coast Salish Territories—the Musqueam, Tsleil-Waututh, and Squamish Nations—announced an Indigenous-led investigation at former St. Paul’s Indian Residential School Site to find answers about the children who attended the school but never made it home. St. Paul’s Residential School was located next to a Squamish community called Eshhá7an and operated for 60 years by the Catholic Church until its closure in 1959. St. Thomas Aquinas Regional Secondary School in the City of North Vancouver, a private Catholic school, currently operates on the former St. Paul’s site. The announcement revealed that there will be an inquiry into St. Paul’s, including field investigation at the site, which may include the use of ground-penetrating radar. The inquiry will be developed collaboratively among the three Nations, with support from the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Vancouver. The process will be supported and sustained by Squamish culture and customs; however, it is essential for the City to recognize and honour the families and individuals impacted by St. Paul’s Indian Residential School and other residential schools across Canada. As such, and in line with senior levels of government, September 30<sup>th</sup> would mark the City’s commitment to participate in a process of Truth and Reconciliation.

## DISCUSSION

On June 7, 2021, Council unanimously agreed to develop an equity, diversity, inclusion and reconciliation (EDIR) action plan. Some priority action items identified were training for council and staff, the reviewing of hiring practices, engaging further training for



council and staff on reconciliation, and engaging local Nations to further develop partnerships and relationships. Through these actions, the City is committing to advancing Indigenous human rights through truth and reconciliation.

In one effort to redress the legacy of residential schools and advance the process of Canadian reconciliation, the City will be providing Indigenous-led training during the weeks around September 30 for staff. A key element of reconciliation is learning about Indigenous history, which is why the training will include fundamental aspects of the settler-Indigenous relationship, the ongoing legacy of residential schools, the Truth and Reconciliation Commission (TRC) Calls to Actions, UNDRIP, and more. In addition, an internal website will be launched with resources for staff to learn more about Truth and Reconciliation and its significance in our organization. The City's public website will provide resources available to our community. Following this and into next year, a small group of staff will be working to develop an Equity, Diversity and Inclusion (EDI) action plan to further advance this essential body of work.

The City must be committed to upholding the Calls to Action identified by the Truth and Reconciliation Commission, including taking time to acknowledge and reflect on the history of residential schools. It is important to recognize that reconciliation is not a single action, gesture or statement; however, marking September 30<sup>th</sup> as a statutory holiday for 2021 will provide public servants the additional opportunity to reflect on the intergenerational impacts of colonization, as well as time to honour survivors and their families. Taking this time is essential to forming a sustained relationship based on mutual respect with local First Nations including the Squamish, Musqueam and Tsleil Waututh Nations as well as urban Indigenous communities. Treating September 30<sup>th</sup> as a day of commemoration ensures that the learning and understanding of the history of colonization remains an essential component of reconciliation.

## **INTER-DEPARTMENTAL IMPLICATIONS**

Departments including Bylaws, Fire Suppression and RCMP support will not close on September 30 due to the essential services they provide and will instead receive a statutory holiday premium for working, and a day off in lieu later in the year around operational requirements.

## **STRATEGIC PLAN, OCP OR POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

Treating September 30, 2021 as a paid statutory holiday will provide an opportunity to better understand the continued trauma faced by Indigenous communities, will allow time to honour all those impacted by the residential school system, and will solidify the City's commitment to Truth and Reconciliation. Committing to Truth and Reconciliation is directly aligned with Councils' priorities in the Strategic Plan, specifically to be 'A City for People'.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'B Pearce', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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Barbara Pearce  
DCAO/Director, Strategic & Corporate  
Services