



MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER AND ELECTRONICALLY (HYBRID) FROM CITY HALL, 141 WEST 14TH STREET, NORTH VANCOUVER, BC, ON MONDAY, MARCH 3, 2025

PRESENT

COUNCIL MEMBERS

Mayor L. Buchanan
Councillor H. Back
Councillor D. Bell
Councillor A. Girard
Councillor J. McIlroy*
Councillor S. Shahriari
Councillor T. Valente

**participated electronically*

STAFF MEMBERS

L. McCarthy, CAO
B. Pearce, Deputy CAO
P. DeJong, Acting Corporate Officer
A. Cifarelli, Corporate Officer
J. Peters, Manager, Legislative and Election Services
L. Sawrenko, Chief Financial Officer
D. Van Heerden, Manager, Financial Planning
H. Granger, City Solicitor
K. Magnusson, Director, Engineering, Parks and Environment
D. Hutch, Deputy Director, Parks and Public Spaces
B. Willock, Deputy Director, Infrastructure Management
J. Hall, Manager, Public Realm Infrastructure
M. Kwaterska, Manager, The Shipyards and Waterfront
S. Galloway, Director, Planning and Development
G. Schalk, Public Safety Director and Fire Chief
E. Doran, Director, People, Culture and Transformation
M. Trespalacios, Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Leader
A. Gibbs, Sr. Manager, Communications and Engagement
S. Peters, Manager, Projects and Initiatives
H. van Gelderen, Legislative Services Advisor

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by Councillor Back, seconded by Councillor Shahriari

1. Regular Council Meeting Agenda, March 3, 2025

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

R2025-03-03/1

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Moved by Councillor Bell, seconded by Councillor Girard

2. Regular Council Meeting Minutes, February 24, 2025

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

R2025-03-03/2

PROCLAMATION

Mayor Buchanan declared the following proclamation:

International Women's Day – March 8, 2025 – read by Councillor Back

PUBLIC INPUT PERIOD

Moved by Councillor Bell, seconded by Councillor Girard

THAT the Public Input Period be extended to hear all the speakers listed on the sign-up sheet.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- Mike Griffin, North Delta, spoke regarding Item 8 – Notice of Motion, Support for First Responder Resiliency.
- Jon Lundgren, North Vancouver, spoke regarding the skate park feasibility study and the bike park at Capilano Mall.
- Louise Nicholson-Woodward, North Vancouver, spoke regarding the quality of life in North Vancouver, traffic congestion and infrastructure for increased density.
- Patricia McClung, North Vancouver, spoke regarding the Translink development proposal on East 3rd Street (after signing up to speak regarding International Women’s Day and Item 5 – Financial Planning Update).
- Gerry Duke, North Vancouver, spoke regarding the Translink development proposal on East 3rd Street and high rise developments.
- Branden Curry, Port Moody, spoke regarding Item 8 – Notice of Motion, Support for First Responder Resiliency.
- Kathleen Murphy, North Vancouver, spoke regarding the Translink development proposal on East 3rd Street (and provided her notes to the Corporate Officer after speaking for 2 minutes).
- Brandon Steele, Vancouver, spoke regarding Item 8 – Notice of Motion, Support for First Responder Resiliency.

CONSENT AGENDA

Moved by Councillor Girard, seconded by Councillor Valente

THAT the recommendations listed within the “Consent Agenda” be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

START OF CONSENT AGENDA

REPORTS

3. 2025 UBCM Community Emergency Preparedness Fund Grant Application –
Emergency Support Services Equipment and Training – File: 14-7130-01-0001/2025

Report: Director, North Shore Emergency Management, February 12, 2025

Moved by Councillor Girard, seconded by Councillor Valente

PURSUANT to the report of the Director, North Shore Emergency Management, dated February 12, 2025, entitled “2025 UBCM Community Emergency Preparedness Fund Grant Application – Emergency Support Services Equipment and Training”:

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CONSENT AGENDA – Continued

REPORTS – Continued

3. 2025 UBCM Community Emergency Preparedness Fund Grant Application – Emergency Support Services Equipment and Training – File: 14-7130-01-0001/2025 – Continued

THAT the application submitted to the UBCM Community Emergency Preparedness Fund (CEPF), under the stream of “2025 Emergency Support Services Equipment and Training” for the “Modernizing Emergency Support Services (ESS) on the North Shore” project, in the amount of \$90,000 be endorsed;

AND THAT the District of North Vancouver, in partnership with North Shore Emergency Management (NSEM), be authorized to manage the project and funds.

(CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY BY CONSENT)

R2025-03-03/3

4. Disaster Resilience and Innovation Funding Program – Disaster Risk Reduction Action Plan for the North Shore – File: 14-7130-01-0001/2025

Report: Director, North Shore Emergency Management, February 12, 2025

Moved by Councillor Girard, seconded by Councillor Valente

PURSUANT to the report of the Director, North Shore Emergency Management, dated February 12, 2025, entitled “Disaster Resilience and Innovation Funding Program – Disaster Risk Reduction Action Plan for the North Shore”:

THAT the “Disaster Risk Reduction Action Plan for the North Shore” Full Proposal, submitted to the Disaster Resilience and Innovation Funding Program in the amount of \$997,000, be endorsed;

AND THAT the District of North Vancouver, in partnership with North Shore Emergency Management, be authorized to manage the project and funds.

(CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY BY CONSENT)

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END OF CONSENT AGENDA

PRESENTATIONS

- A. Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Framework – Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Leader

The Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Leader and the Director, People and Culture, provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding the “Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Framework” and responded to questions from Council.

- B. 2025-2029 Financial Planning Update – Chief Financial Officer

The Chief Financial Officer provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding the “2025-2029 Financial Planning Update” and, along with other staff, responded to questions from Council.

REPORTS

5. 2025-2029 Financial Planning Update – File: 05-1700-01-0001/2025

Report: Chief Financial Officer, February 12, 2025

Moved by Councillor Valente, seconded by Councillor Girard

PURSUANT to the report of the Chief Financial Officer, dated February 12, 2025, entitled “2025-2025 Financial Planning Update”:

THAT the following budgets and plans be endorsed:

- 2025 Draft Operating Budget;
- 2025-2029 Draft Capital Plan;
- 2025 Draft Shipyards Budget;
- 2025 Draft Cemetery Budget;
- 2025-2029 Draft Financial Plan;

AND THAT staff bring forward a Financial Plan Bylaw (2025 to 2029) that reflects an overall 2025 tax rate increase of 5.95%.

Moved by Councillor Bell, seconded by Councillor Back

THAT the following clause be inserted as the first active clause:

“THAT staff be directed to shift the \$50,000 feasibility study for a skate park roof from the 2027 Capital Plan to the 2026 Capital Plan;”

Amendment motion, **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

PURSUANT to the report of the Chief Financial Officer, dated February 12, 2025, entitled “2025-2025 Financial Planning Update”:

THAT staff be directed to shift the \$50,000 feasibility study for a skate park roof from the 2027 Capital Plan to the 2026 Capital Plan;

THAT the following budgets and plans be endorsed:

- 2025 Draft Operating Budget;
- 2025-2029 Draft Capital Plan;
- 2025 Draft Shipyards Budget;
- 2025 Draft Cemetery Budget;
- 2025-2029 Draft Financial Plan;

AND THAT staff bring forward a Financial Plan Bylaw (2025 to 2029) that reflects an overall 2025 tax rate increase of 5.95%.

Main motion, as amended, **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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REPORTS – Continued

6. 2025 Early Appropriations – File: 05-1705-30-0019/2025

Report: Chief Financial Officer, February 12, 2025

Moved by Councillor Valente, seconded by Councillor Bell

PURSUANT to the report of the Chief Financial Officer, dated February 12, 2025, entitled “2025 Early Appropriations”:

THAT (Funding Appropriation #2501) an amount of \$165,000 be appropriated from the General Capital Reserve for the purpose of funding the 2025-2029 Capital Plan;

THAT (Funding Appropriation #2502) an amount of \$4,171,268 be appropriated from the Growing Communities Reserve for the purpose of funding the 2025-2029 Capital Plan;

THAT (Funding Appropriation #2503) an amount of \$39,955 be appropriated from the Sustainable Transportation Reserve for the purpose of funding the 2025-2029 Capital Plan;

THAT (Funding Appropriation #2504) an amount of \$229,306 be appropriated from the Carbon Reserve for the purpose of funding the 2025-2029 Capital Plan;

THAT funding in an amount of \$1,400,000 be transferred from the “2024 Pavement Management Streets and Lanes” project to the “Casano Loutet Overpass” project;

AND THAT should any of the amounts remain unexpended as at December 31, 2028, the unexpended balances shall be returned to the credit of the respective reserves.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

R2025-03-03/6

NOTICES OF MOTION

7. Provincial Funding for Public Libraries: Overdue – File: 01-0230-20-0056/2025

Submitted by Councillor Valente

Moved by Councillor Valente, seconded by Councillor Girard

WHEREAS in the past 15 years, BC’s population has grown 29% while public libraries have continued to rely on stagnant funding to provide services in increasingly challenging circumstances, including addressing the province’s important goals of enhancing economic growth, reducing costs for families, and making communities safer;

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NOTICES OF MOTION – Continued

7. Provincial Funding for Public Libraries: Overdue – File: 01-0230-20-0056/2025
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AND WHEREAS public libraries continue to meet these goals by supporting the economic and social health of their communities, providing information and services for consumers, individuals seeking employment and career enhancement, entrepreneurs and small businesses, providing critical locations of refuge during emergencies, and supporting the process of reconciliation with Indigenous peoples;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that a copy of this motion be forwarded to UBCM to request that the provincial government recognize the evolving and challenging situation for public libraries as well as their unique role in keeping costs low for British Columbians and making communities safer, and increase the annual core provincial funding for libraries to \$30 million in keeping with the long-standing request made by the BC Public Library Partners and the recommendation of the province's Select Standing Committee on Finance and Government Services.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

R2025-03-03/7

8. Support for First Responder Resiliency – Health and Wellbeing of BC's Public Safety Personnel – File: 01-0230-20-0056/2025

Submitted by Councillor Valente

Moved by Councillor Valente, seconded by Councillor

WHEREAS psychological-only injury workplace claims have increased five-fold in British Columbia since 2018, particularly within the public safety sector, where fire and police personnel suffer from occupational stress injuries at rates four times that of the general population, including those resulting in symptoms of anxiety, depression, and trauma which, as a result the demands of their service to our communities, affect their work and personal lives;

AND WHEREAS since 2019, over 500 first responders from municipalities across BC have participated in the BC First Responder Resiliency Program (FRRP), an educational retreat operating in partnership between the University of British Columbia, Vancouver General Hospital, Vancouver Coastal Health, the British Columbia Professional Fire Fighters Association, the British Columbia Police Association, the Vancouver Police Union, and the Vancouver Police Department, resulting in positive, evidence-based outcomes lasting six months past program completion;

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NOTICES OF MOTION – Continued

8. Support for First Responder Resiliency – Health and Wellbeing of BC’s Public Safety Personnel – File: 01-0230-20-0056/2025 – Continued

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that a copy of this motion be forwarded to UBCM to request two years of funding for the BC First Responder Resiliency Program from the Government of British Columbia to ensure continuous support for first responders across the province while longer-term funding models are developed, ensuring program participants, their employee associations/unions, families and communities, do not bear the direct cost of providing occupational health and safety education for British Columbia’s public safety personnel;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that UBCM ask British Columbia’s Ministry of Health, Ministry of Labour, and Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General to collaborate with FRRP interest holder organizations to develop mental health and wellness policies, regulations, and funding mechanisms to ensure the long-term viability and expansion of this program for the benefit of all British Columbia first responders, in communities across the province.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

R2025-03-03/8

Moved by Mayor Buchanan, seconded by Councillor Valente

THAT the Mayor, on behalf of Council, write to the Minister of Health, Minister of Labour, Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General to collaborate with FRRP interest holder organizations to develop mental health and wellness policies, regulations, and funding mechanisms to ensure the long-term viability and expansion of this program for the benefit of all British Columbia first responders, in communities across the province.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

PUBLIC CLARIFICATION PERIOD

Nil.

COUNCIL INQUIRIES

Nil.

NEW ITEMS OF BUSINESS

Nil.

NOTICES OF MOTION

Mayor Buchanan advised of her intention to bring forward a Notice of Motion at the next opportunity regarding local tariffs.

RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION

Moved by Councillor Back, seconded by Councillor Bell

THAT Council recess to the Committee of the Whole, Closed Session, pursuant to the *Community Charter*, Sections 90(1)(a) [personal information], 90(1)(c) [labour relations] and 90(1)(k) [proposed service], and where required, Council considers that discussion of the matters could reasonably be expected to harm the interests of the City if they were held in public.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The meeting recessed to the Committee of the Whole, Closed Session, at 8:40 pm and reconvened at 8:58 pm.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE (CLOSED SESSION)

Moved by Councillor Valente, seconded by Councillor Shahriari

THAT the actions directed regarding the following items from the Committee of the Whole (Closed Session) of March 3, 2025, be ratified:

9. Labour Relations / Proposed Service – File: 07-2700-20-0001/1

Report: Manager, People and Culture, February 12, 2025

PURSUANT to the report of the Manager, People and Culture, dated February 12, 2025, regarding labour relations and a proposed service:

THAT the wording of the resolution and the report of the Manager, People and Culture, dated February 12, 2025, remain in the Closed session.

R2025-03-03/9

10. Proposed Service – File: 01-0360-20-0010/2025

Report: Acting Corporate Officer, February 19, 2025

PURSUANT to the report of the Acting Corporate Officer, dated February 19, 2025, regarding a proposed service:

THAT the wording of the resolution and the report of the Acting Corporate Officer, dated February 19, 2025, remain in the Closed session.

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CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADJOURN

Moved by Councillor Bell, seconded by Councillor Back

THAT the meeting adjourn.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The meeting adjourned at 8:59 pm.

“Certified Correct by the Acting Corporate Officer”

ACTING CORPORATE OFFICER