



Corporation of the City of
NEW WESTMINSTER

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SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP

MINUTES

Monday, September 25, 2023, 3:30 p.m.

Meeting held electronically and open to public attendance

Council Chamber, City Hall

PRESENT:

Mayor Patrick Johnstone
Councillor Ruby Campbell
Councillor Tasha Henderson
Councillor Jaimie McEvoy
Councillor Paul Minhas

ABSENT:

Councillor Daniel Fontaine
Councillor Nadine Nakagawa

STAFF PRESENT:

Ms. Lisa Spitale	Chief Administrative Officer
Mr. Peter DeJong	Corporate Officer
Mr. Rod Carle	General Manager, Electrical Utility
Ms. Jacqueline Dairon	Acting Director of Finance and Chief Financial Officer
Mr. Blair Fryer	Senior Manager of Communications
Mr. Dean Gibson	Director of Parks and Recreation
Mr. Jeff Gill	Deputy Fire Chief, New Westminster Fire and Rescue Services
Ms. Lisa Leblanc	Director of Engineering Services
Ms. Jennifer Miller	Manager of Public Engagement
Mr. Demian Rueter	Acting Senior Manager, Climate Action, Planning and Development
Mr. Patrick Shannon	Manager, Purchasing
Mr. Gary So	Senior Manager, Financial Services
Ms. Denise Tambellini	Intergovernmental Relations Manager
Ms. Jackie Teed	Acting Director, Climate Action, Planning and Development
Mr. Marius Miklea	Assistant Corporate Officer

1. CALL TO ORDER AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Mayor Johnstone opened the meeting at 3:30 p.m. and recognized with respect that New Westminster is on the unceded and unsurrendered land of the Halkomelem speaking peoples. He acknowledged that colonialism has made invisible their histories and connections to the land. He recognized that, as a City, we are learning and building relationships with the people whose lands we are on.

2. PRESENTATIONS

2.1 2023-2026 Strategic Plan – Template Development

Staff presented on the Strategic Priorities Template which staff will use to track and report progress on the 2023-2026 Strategic Priorities.

Discussion ensued regarding:

- Several goals in Council Strategic Priorities are long-term and use quality indicators. Such goals may be difficult to quantify and are part of the organization’s culture. One example would be the City’s Asset Management Plan which cannot be completed in one term of council due to its extremely large scale and cyclical nature;
- Potential to include a dashboard of ongoing projects and their line items in the City’s budget as live indicators for the public;
- This template will aid in creating an accountability framework which allows staff to transparently report progress updates and requirements – the City can swiftly pivot as necessary;
- If there is no update within to a strategic plan item, Council would benefit from seeing a “No Update” line rather than excluding that strategic item or project from the template.

MOVED AND SECONDED

THAT Council provide feedback on Strategic Plan Progress Template.

Carried.

All members voted in favour of the resolution.

3. END OF THE MEETING

The meeting ended at 3:53 p.m.

Patrick Johnstone

MAYOR

Peter DeJong

CORPORATE OFFICER