



Corporation of the City of NEW WESTMINSTER

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CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP

MINUTES

Monday, June 3, 2024

Immediately Following the Closed Council Workshop at 1:00 p.m.

Meeting held electronically and in Council Chamber

City Hall

PRESENT: Mayor Patrick Johnstone
Councillor Ruby Campbell
Councillor Tasha Henderson
Councillor Paul Minhas
Councillor Nadine Nakagawa

Hanieh Berg, Corporate Officer

ABSENT: Councillor Daniel Fontaine
Councillor Jaimie McEvoy

1. **CALL TO ORDER AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

Mayor Johnstone called the meeting to order at 1:25 p.m. and recognized with respect that New Westminster is on the unceded and unsundered 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. **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council adopt the June 3, 2024 Council Workshop agenda.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. **PRESENTATIONS**

3.1 **Affordable Housing Acceleration Work Plan**

With the aid of a PowerPoint presentation, Lynn Roxburgh, Manager of Housing, reviewed the proposed Affordable Housing Acceleration Work Plan, noting that the proposed initiative aims to remove barriers to new affordable housing projects. L. Roxburgh advised that the proposed Plan is anticipated to be carried out in phases, with Phase One focusing on zoning amendments and Phase Two focusing on Official Community Plan (OCP) amendments. Phase One would explore amending the Zoning bylaw to permit up to six storeys affordable rental housing projects for properties owned by a non-profit housing provider and where the form of the housing is captured in the OCP.

In reply to queries from Council, L. Roxburgh and Jackie Teed, Director, Planning and Development advised that:

- these projects would continue to be subject to other criteria including entering into a Housing Agreement, which requires Council consideration;
- focus will be on below and non-market affordable rental housing units in the form of supportive and transitional housing projects; and
- staff will ensure the process is clear and easy to navigate for organizations that wish to develop affordable and non-market housing.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council direct staff to proceed with the work plan for the Affordable Housing Acceleration work plan, as outlined in Table 1 of this report.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3.2 **Report Back on Provincial Electric Kick Scooter Pilot Program (Referred from the May 27, 2024 Regular Council Meeting)**

In reply to a query from Council, Gavin Hermanson, Transportation Planner II, advised that staff will focus on a communications plan to educate and inform the public regarding the safe and legal operation of electric kick scooters.

MOVED and SECONDED

1. **THAT** Council direct staff to begin preparations for the City to join the Provincial Electric Kick Scooter Pilot Program.

2. **THAT** Council direct staff to amend the Street and Traffic Bylaw (Bylaw No. 7664, 2015) to address the operation of electric kick scooters in the City.
3. **THAT** Council direct staff to prepare and implement a communications plan to educate and inform the public regarding the safe and legal operation of electric kick scooters.
4. **THAT** Council direct staff to develop a data collection program regarding electric kick scooter use in the City.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. **END OF THE MEETING**

Mayor Johnstone terminated the meeting at 1:58 p.m.

Certified a true and correct copy of the Minutes of the Regular Council meeting for Workshop of the Council of the City of New Westminster held on June 3, 2024.

Patrick Johnstone

MAYOR

Hanieh Berg

CORPORATE OFFICER