



CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP

MINUTES

Monday, November 15, 2021

Meeting held electronically and open to public attendance

Council Chamber, City Hall

PRESENT:

Mayor Jonathan Cote
Councillor Chinu Das
Councillor Patrick Johnstone
Councillor Nadine Nakagawa
Councillor Mary Trentadue

ABSENT:

Councillor Jamie McEvoy
Councillor Chuck Puchmayr

STAFF PRESENT:

Ms. Lisa Spitale	Chief Administrative Officer
Ms. Jacque Killawee	City Clerk
Ms. Emilie Adin	Director of Climate Action, Planning and Development
Mr. Rod Carle	General Manager, Electrical Utility
Mr. Kristian Davis	Superintendent, Solid Waste and Recycling
Mr. Dean Gibson	Director of Parks and Recreation
Mr. Dave Jansen	Chief Constable
Ms. Tobi May	Acting Director of Engineering Services
Ms. Jennifer Lukianchuk	Environmental Coordinator, Engineering Services
Ms. Lynn Roxburgh	Acting Supervisor of Land Use Planning and Climate Action
Ms. Harji Varn	Chief Financial Officer and Director of Finance
Mr. Eugene Wat	Manager, Infrastructure Planning, Engineering Services
Ms. Nicole Ludwig	Assistant City Clerk

1. CALL TO ORDER AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Mayor Cote opened the meeting at 4:00 p.m. and recognized with respect that New Westminister 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 Environmental Strategy & Action Plan - Actions Status Report

a. Presentation (On Table)

Jennifer Lukianchuk, Senior Environmental Coordinator, provided a presentation on the status of the Environmental Strategy and Action Plan (ESAP), and requested Council's feedback on possible next steps.

In discussion, Council members noted:

- There are many items in the "yellow" category and it may be worthwhile to recode this category into items that are still in progress and/or require ongoing advocacy, and items that have become part of City operations;
- Being impressed with the amount of work that has been done;
- Work on food systems and developing a food strategy should be elevate to a higher priority;
- Elevation of environmental and climate awareness and education to a higher priority;
- Possible inclusion of weighting certain items if they are one-time projects or ongoing;
- Development of a public facing document, that is easily understandable and shows what has and is being done;
- More work needs to be done on the adaptation piece, given the climate events of the last year; and,
- Determine why regional actions were in the strategy and what has been done to accomplish them.

In response to a comment, Eugene Wat, Manager, Infrastructure Planning, Engineering Services, advised that Metro Vancouver has brought forward a harmonized approach related single-use plastics and staff will be bringing it to Council along with a bylaw. Mr. Wat also advised that Ms. Lukianchuk would be leaving the City for another opportunity and that she would be missed. Council thanked Ms. Lukianchuk for her work over the years and wished her all the best for the future.

b. Environmental Strategy & Action Plan – Actions Status Report

This report is to provide Council with a status report on the progress made by staff on the ESAP actions (see Attachment 1) in conjunction with the presentation at the November 15th, 2021 Open Workshop.

MOVED AND SECONDED

THAT Council receive the November 15, 2021, report entitled "Environmental Strategy and Action Plan - Actions Status" for information and direct staff to:

- Return to Council with updates
- Ensure the information is communicated publically and
- Ensure items are correctly colour coded.

Carried.

All members present voted in favour of the motion.

3. END OF THE MEETING

The meeting ended at 4:29 p.m.

Jonathan Cote
MAYOR

Jacque Killawee
CITY CLERK