

COUNCIL-IN-COMMITTEE MEETING

Monday, March 1, 2021

A Regular Meeting of the Council-in-Committee convened on Monday, March 1, 2021 at 2:03 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 3000 Guildford Way, Coquitlam, BC with the following persons present:

COMMITTEE MEMBERS: Mayor Richard Stewart (arrived at 2:04 p.m.)
Councillor Brent Asmundson
Councillor Craig Hodge
Councillor Steve Kim
Councillor Trish Mandewo
Councillor Dennis Marsden
Councillor Teri Towner
Councillor Chris Wilson
Councillor Bonita Zarrillo

STAFF: Peter Steblin, City Manager
Raul Allueva, Deputy City Manager
Keith Bramhill, Superintendent RCMP
Darren Carr, Inspector RCMP
Andrew Martin, Inspector RCMP
Jaime Boan, General Manager Engineering and Public Works
Nikki Caulfield, General Manager Corporate Services
Michelle Hunt, General Manager Finance, Lands and Police
Don Luymes, General Manager Parks, Recreation, Culture and Facilities
Jim McIntyre, General Manager Planning and Development
Jonathan Helmus, Director Utilities
Andrew Merrill, Director Development Services
Jeff Burton, Manager Real Estate
Darryl Lal, Manager Police Services
Caresse Selk, Manager Environmental Services
Graham Stuart, Manager Corporate Planning
Kathleen Vincent, Manager Corporate Communications
Mark Zaborniak, Manager Design and Construction
John Hill, Police Communications Manager
Doug Vance, Building Permits Manager – Inspections
Chris McBeath, Planner 3
Stephanie Lam, Legislative Services Manager
Kate Nasato, Legislative Services Clerk

Councillor Hodge, as per the Acting Mayor schedule, assumed the role of Chair.

CALL TO ORDER

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

1. Minutes of the Council-in-Committee Meeting held on Monday, February 8, 2021

The Committee, with the exception of Councillor Zarrillo, approved the Minutes of the Council-in-Committee Meeting held on Monday, February 8, 2021.

2. Minutes of the Council-in-Committee Meeting held on Monday, February 22, 2021

The Committee, with the exception of Councillor Zarrillo, approved the Minutes of the Council-in-Committee Meeting held on Monday, February 22, 2021.

DELEGATIONS

3. Darin Wong and Vanessa Connolly, FortisBC – FortisBC's Work to Reduce GHG Emissions: 30x30 Plan and Energy Pathways Report

Darin Wong, FortisBC appeared virtually before the Committee to provide a presentation entitled "Rethinking BC's Lower Carbon Future" with slides titled as follows:

- About FortisBC
- BC Policy Context
- What is 30BY30?
- Four Pillars of Our Clean Growth Pathway
- Energy Pathways Report

Discussion ensued relative to the following:

- The potential use of gasses derived from organic sources as a source of energy
- Clarification regarding the FortisBC Renewable Natural Gas program
- The province's GHG reduction goals and anticipated trends in BC's energy consumption

The Chair, on behalf of the Committee, thanked the delegation for their presentation.

REPORTS OF STAFF

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

Councillor Kim declared a potential conflict of interest with respect to the next item, as it concerns the area in which he resides, and left the meeting at this time (2:20 p.m.).

4. Report of the Director Development Services – Mass Timber Construction – Interim Approach and Policy

The Director Development Services provided introductory comments regarding the development of the City's approach to Mass Timber Construction and the interim policy options to facilitate this construction in the City.

The Planner 3 provided an onscreen presentation entitled "Mass Timber Construction – Interim Approach and Policy" with slides titled as follows:

- Background
- Current Challenges
- Interim Policy – Option 1
- Interim Policy – Option 2
- Interim Policy – Option 3
- Next Steps
- Comments and Questions

Discussion ensued relative to the following:

- Support for the introduction of mass timber development in the City
- The implementation of new forms of construction and the associated need for the City to review its development policies and practices
- The environmental benefits of mass timber development
- Appreciation for the work that staff have done regarding the implementation of mass timber development in the City
- The appropriate areas of the City to permit mass timber development
- The desire for the Corridor Development Strategy to be completed before introducing this housing form in these areas of the City
- The implementation of mass timber development in other municipalities and the incentives that they may be offering to encourage this form of development

Councillor Zarrillo left the meeting at this time (2:40 p.m.)

- Support for Interim Policy – Option 1
- The desire for broader consultation regarding the proposed interim policies
- Clarification regarding the proposed C-4 zone
- The desire to ensure that proposed developments are appropriate for the neighbourhood
- The desire for more information regarding the environmental impacts of mass timber development

Mayor Stewart left the meeting at this time (2:45 p.m.) and returned at 2:48 p.m.

The General Manager Planning and Development provided information relating to the next steps that staff will take regarding mass timber construction.

The Committee received the report of the Director Development Services dated February 22, 2021 and entitled “Mass Timber Construction – Interim Approach and Policy” for information.

Councillor Kim returned to the meeting at this time (2:51 p.m.).

CORPORATE SERVICES

5. Report of the General Manager Corporate Services – 2020 Final Trimester Report

The General Manager Corporate Services provided introductory comments regarding the 2020 Final Trimester Report, the City’s response to the COVID-19 pandemic, and the highlights of 2020 for the City.

Discussion ensued relative to the following:

- Appreciation for the work that staff have done to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic
- The status of the development of City’s Child Care Strategy

Councillor Asmundson left the meeting at this time (2:56 p.m.) and returned at (2:58 p.m.)

- Clarification regarding the number of purchase orders issued to vendors in the Tri-Cities
- Support for the proposed RCMP Strategic Plan Renewal
- The desire for more information relating to the types of businesses operating in the City

Councillor Zarrillo returned to the meeting at this time (3:02 p.m.).

- The proposed development of the Economic Development Strategy
- Opportunities for the City to support local businesses
- Appreciation for the new format of the trimester report
- The desire for the development and construction activity section to include information relating to the timeline of the development projects
- The desire for information relating to how many development projects took advantage of the City’s current extended construction hours

The General Manager Planning and Development undertook to provide information relating to the uptake of the extended construction hours by the development community.

Discussion continued relative to the following:

- Clarification regarding the construction value of the industrial, commercial and institutional streams
- Appreciation for the fact that Coquitlam is a leader in the region with the number of purpose built rental units underway

- The desire for future reports to highlight the many successes of the City
- Appreciation for leadership that the City has taken with respect to the COVID-19 pandemic
- The belief that long-term City planning, and the introduction of the SkyTrain, were factors that influenced the number of development applications received in 2020
- The recognition and awards that the City received in 2020

Councillor Towner left the meeting at this time (3:24 p.m.) and returned at 3:26 p.m.

- Clarification regarding the delays noted in the Healthy Community and Active Citizens section of the report
- The desire for more information relating to the City's Electrical Vehicle Charging program
- The understanding that some Business Plan items are delayed due to actions of third-parties and the desire for this information to be more clearly indicated in future trimester reports
- The proposed Community Mental Health Response and the appropriate parties to respond to mental health related emergency calls
- Appreciation for the community engagement measures that the City undertakes
- The scope of the RCMP Safe Place Initiative

The Committee received the report dated February 23, 2021 of the General Manager Corporate Services and entitled "2020 Final Trimester Report" for information.

FINANCE, LANDS AND POLICE

6. Report of the Officer-in-Charge Coquitlam RCMP Attachment – RCMP 2020 Year in Review (City of Coquitlam)

The Officer-in-Charge, Coquitlam RCMP Attachment, provided introductory comments regarding RCMP 2020 Year in Review.

In response to questions from members of the Committee, the Officer-in-Charge, Coquitlam RCMP Attachment and the Inspector RCMP provided information relating to the following:

- The RCMP's traffic enforcement measures
- The impact of COVID-19 on the RCMP's operations
- The new E-Ticketing and Online Crime Reporting business improvements
- The RCMP's equity, diversity and inclusions goals

Mayor Stewart left the meeting at this time (3:46 p.m.) and returned at 3:48 p.m.

- The measures that the RCMP are taking to improve their response to mental health incidents

- Clarification regarding the information contained within the report regarding persons crimes and assaults
- The impact that the COVID-19 pandemic has had on crime
- The type of information that the RCMP gather regarding those who commit crimes
- The increase in cybercrime, economic crimes, fraud and crimes of persuasion
- The diversity of the RCMP, including the Coquitlam detachment

Discussion ensued relative to the following:

- Appreciation for the mandatory Cultural Awareness and Humility training for police services staff and RCMP members
- Recent comments by the Provincial Health Officer regarding the RCMP response to mental health incidents
- The possible expansion of the Online Crime Reporting option
- The belief that a small number of people commit the majority of crimes
- The belief that increasing the diversity of the RCMP members is important but that it is also important to address the culture of the institution in order to ensure that it is inclusive

The Committee received the report of the Officer-in-Charge (OIC) Coquitlam RCMP Detachment dated February 17, 2021 and entitled "RCMP 2020 Year in Review (City of Coquitlam)" for information.

OTHER BUSINESS

NEXT MEETING DATE – March 8, 2021

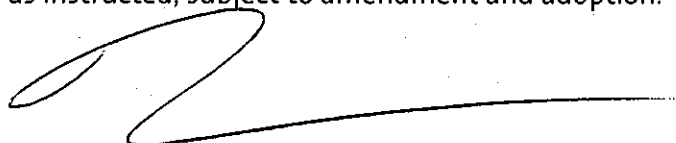
ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned 4:06 p.m.

MINUTES CERTIFIED CORRECT

CHAIR

I hereby certify that I have recorded the Minutes of the Council-in-Committee Meeting held Monday, March 1, 2021 as instructed, subject to amendment and adoption.



Kate Nasato
Legislative Services Clerk