

**DISTRICT OF NORTH VANCOUVER
REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL**

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council for the District of North Vancouver held at 7:02 p.m. on Monday, March 2, 2026 in the Council Chambers of the District Hall, 355 West Queens Road, North Vancouver, British Columbia.

Present: Mayor Mike Little
Councillor Jordan Back
Councillor Betty Forbes (via Zoom)
Councillor Jim Hanson
Councillor Herman Mah
Councillor Lisa Muri
Councillor Catherine Pope

Staff: Mike Fox, Chief Administrative Officer
Nicola Chevallier, General Manager – Engineering Public Works
Rick Danyluk, General Manager – Finance and Chief Financial Officer
Caroline Jackson, General Manager – Climate Action and Parks
Dan Milburn, General Manager – Planning, Properties and Permits
Tina Atva, Director, Community Planning and Housing
Genevieve Lanz, Director – Legislative Services and Corporate Officer
Andy Bell, Manager – Engineering Services
Yan Zeng, Manager – Development Planning
Sacha Jones, Section Manager – Financial Planning
Maria de Fatima Lazo, Policy Analyst
Taylor Jenks, Development Planner
Jessica Lee, Community Planner
Jason Smith, Senior Community Planner
Mackenzie Stonehocker, Development Planner
Kevin Zhang, Senior Development Planner
Kaitlin Hebron, Confidential Council Clerk
Mina Sami, Planning Assistant – Development Planning
Amanda Day, Administration Clerk

Mayor Little noted the District of Vancouver is home to a vibrant Iranian Canadian community and conveyed deep concern for the safety of their loved ones in Iran amid ongoing political unrest.

1. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

1.1. March 2, 2026 Regular Meeting Agenda

MOVED by Councillor BACK

SECONDED by Councillor MAH

THAT the agenda for the March 2, 2026 Regular Meeting of Council for the District of North Vancouver is;

- a) amended to withdraw item 8.8; and,
- b) adopted as amended.

CARRIED

2. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

2.1. January 26, 2026 Regular Council Meeting

MOVED by Councillor MAH

SECONDED by Councillor BACK

THAT the minutes of the January 26, 2026 Regular Council Meeting are adopted.

CARRIED

2.2. February 3, 2026 Public Hearing

MOVED by Councillor MAH

SECONDED by Councillor BACK

THAT the minutes of the February 3, 2026 Public Hearing are received.

CARRIED

3. PUBLIC INPUT

3.1. Karen Wlock:

- Noted she is a resident of Lynn Valley;
- Spoke regarding the closure of the Hastings Creek Trail;
- Noted frequent personal use of the trail;
- Referred to a letter outlining proposed changes and closures;
- Referred to a petition which began February 5, 2026 calling pause to the closure;
- Noted the petition has received 1,153 signatures to date;
- Noted the central section of the trail is permanently closed;
- Expressed concerns about a lack of community involvement in the decision;
- Highlighted increasing population pressures in Lynn Valley; and,
- Requested meaningful community engagement regarding the future of the trail.

3.2. Hazen Colbert:

- Stated he was speaking on behalf of the Persian community across the North Shore.

3.3. Catherine Lappe:

- Noted she is a resident of Lynn Valley;
- Spoke regarding the closure of the Hastings Creek Trail;
- Noted she is a former member of the Parks Advisory Committee;
- Expressed concern about the lack of consultation and community engagement;
- Highlighted increasing densification in the area and limited access to nearby off-leash dog spaces;
- Noted the absence of alternative spaces in close proximity;
- Expressed concern that residents may need to drive to other neighbourhoods to access similar amenities;
- Emphasized growing community needs in the area;
- Suggested partnerships with community groups to maintain accessibility; and,
- Expressed safety concerns, including potential after hours use by teenagers and increased risk of homelessness related impacts.

3.4. Rick Buchols:

- Noted he authored a book containing stories and historical accounts from across North Vancouver; and,
- Provided a copy of the book to Council.

3.5. Corrie Kost:

- Spoke to items 8.1 and 8.2 referring to AI feedback.

3.6. John Lesow:

- Noted he is a board member of the Edgemont Community Association;
- Commented on land acknowledgements;
- Recited the Canadian national anthem;
- Identified himself as a tax paying citizen of both Canada and the United States; and,
- Criticized Council for not accepting an abbreviated land acknowledgement.

3.7. Stephanie Wilson:

- Spoke regarding item 8.10;
- Expressed support for the North Shore Purple Chair campaign;
- Stated that many individuals who die from toxic drug poisoning are active members of the community with otherwise regular lives; and,
- Identified the primary issue as the toxic illicit drug supply and its unpredictable potency.

3.8. Richard Halpert:

- Spoke regarding the closure of the Hastings Creek Trail;
- Noted he uses the trail several times a week;
- Expressed concern about the estimated \$5 million cost to restore the trail;
- Noted the lack of a clear restoration plan beyond a small map;
- Questioned why other improvements were made at the top of the stairs;
- Stated that the bridge over Hoskins Creek is more stable than the one replaced;
- Highlighted heavy trail usage, including by dog walkers and students;
- Requested Council reconsider the closure; and,
- Requested clarification on how the \$5 million would be allocated.

3.9. Nancy Celetti:

- Spoke regarding park permit and bus parking fees at Lynn Canyon;
- Noted she is the owner of a small tour business operating since 1995;
- Noted the 2026 fee increase is intended to reflect Lynn Canyon Park usage, resulting in costs more than triple last year;
- Expressed concern that the increase is not sustainable for small businesses;
- Requested data on bus volume activity and is awaiting a response; and,
- Requested the fees be reduced to align with other parking rates or that 2025 rates be grandfathered.

4. RECOGNITIONS

Nil

5. DELEGATIONS

5.1. Intellectual Disabilities (North & West Vancouver) Society

Re: The Work of the Intellectual Disabilities (North & West Vancouver) Society

Len Slade, Board Chair, Anita Dalakoli, Board Member, and Tolga Nemultu, Executive Assistant, Intellectual Disabilities (North & West Vancouver) Society, provided an update on the organization, noting it supports approximately 250 individuals with intellectual disabilities on the North Shore, providing recreational, education, social and employment programs. Mr. Slade stated that they manage 10 group homes, offering 24/7 care in a secure, family-like environment, and oversee a social housing project. Mr. Slade stated a new group home is under construction in Lynn Valley, expected to be completed by the end of the summer. Mr. Slade invited community members to visit and learn more about their programs.

MOVED by Councillor BACK

SECONDED by Councillor MURI

THAT the delegation of the Intellectual Disabilities (North & West Vancouver) Society is received for information.

CARRIED

6. RELEASE OF CLOSED MEETING DECISIONS

Nil

7. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE REPORT

Nil

8. REPORTS FROM COUNCIL OR STAFF

MOVED by Mayor LITTLE

SECONDED by Councillor POPE

THAT items 8.3, 8.4 and 8.9 are included in the Consent Agenda and are approved without debate.

CARRIED

8.1. Budget Opening Remarks

File No.

Rick Danyluk, General Manager, Finance and Chief Financial Officer, noted staff are seeking direction from Council in regard to the budget.

8.2. Financial Plan Public Input

File No.

Public Input Opportunity

Lyle Craver:

- Commented on the Lynn Valley Youth Centre project;
- Noted that Lynn Valley remains the largest neighbourhood in the District without a youth centre;
- Referred to a former Councillor's framework "what we must do, should do, and would like to do";
- Expressed initial concern upon reviewing last years budget;
- Observed that the budget set an all time record for the District in recent years;
- Emphasized the need for careful prioritization;
- Noted that budgets are always somewhat restrained; and,
- Commented on cost overruns from Metro Vancouver.

8.3. Development Permit 41.23 – 1149 & 1155 Lynn Valley Road
File No. 08.3060.20/041.23

MOVED by Mayor LITTLE

SECONDED by Councillor POPE

THAT Development Permit 41.23 to allow for a six-storey rental apartment building at 1149-1155 Lynn Valley Road is ISSUED.

CARRIED

8.4. Development Permit 1.25 - 1310 Monashee Drive
File No. 08.3060.20/001.25

MOVED by Mayor LITTLE

SECONDED by Councillor POPE

THAT Development Permit 1.25 with a variance for a mixed-use development at 1310 Monashee Drive is ISSUED.

CARRIED

8.5. Bylaw 8756 and 8757: OCP Amendment and Rezoning for a 12-unit townhouse development at 1883-1901 Glenaire Drive
File No. 08.3060.20/007.024

MOVED by Mayor LITTLE

SECONDED by Councillor MURI

THAT "District of North Vancouver Official Community Plan Bylaw 7900, 2011, Amendment Bylaw 8756, 2025 (Amendment 60)" is given SECOND and THIRD Readings;

AND THAT "District of North Vancouver Rezoning Bylaw 1456 (Bylaw 8757)" is given SECOND and THIRD Readings.

CARRIED

8.6. Small-Scale Multi-Unit Housing (SSMUH) Extension Request Area
File No.

At the request of Council, the motion was bifurcated to consider the clauses as separate propositions.

MOVED by Mayor LITTLE

SECONDED by Councillor HANSON

THAT staff are directed to submit an application to the Province to request a time extension from June 30, 2026, to December 31, 2030, to rezone single-family properties to permit small-scale multi-unit housing in the area bounded by Hope Road to the north, Pemberton Avenue to the east, Sowden Street to the south, and

McGuire Avenue to the west as shown Attachment 1 of the report entitled Small-Scale Multi-Unit Housing Extension Request Area and dated February 16, 2026.

CARRIED

Opposed: Councillor MURI

Absent for Vote: Councillor FORBES

MOVED by Councillor HANSON

SECONDED by Councillor POPE

AND THAT staff are directed to prepare Official Community Plan bylaw amendments for Council's consideration to implement land use designations as provided in Attachment 2 of the report entitled Small-Scale Multi-Unit Housing Extension Request Area and dated February 16, 2026.

DEFEATED

Opposed: Mayor LITTLE, Councillors FORBES, MURI and MAH

8.7. Age-Friendly Strategy – Proposed Scope

File No. 09.3900.20/000.000

MOVED by Councillor MAH

SECONDED by Councillor BACK

THAT Council approve the proposed work plan for the development of the Aging and Older Persons Strategy, as described in the February 17, 2026, report of the Community Planner entitled Age-Friendly Strategy – Proposed Scope, including targeted engagement and preliminary strategic directions.

AND THAT Council support an application to the BC Health Communities Age-Friendly Communities Program Grant Stream 1: Planning for engagement resourcing up to \$25,000.

CARRIED

8.8. Residential Tenant Relocation Assistance Bylaw – Clarification on Eligible Tenants

File No.

This item was withdrawn from the agenda.

**8.9. UBCM 2026 Local Government Development Approvals Program (LGDAP)
Grant Application**

File No.

MOVED by Mayor LITTLE

SECONDED by Councillor POPE

THAT Council endorse the application for the 2026 Local Government Development Approvals Program grant in the amount of \$200,000 to fund the proposed activities and provide overall grant management.

CARRIED

8.10. North Shore Purple Chair Campaign – Request for Council Endorsement

File No.

MOVED by Councillor HANSON

SECONDED by Councillor BACK

THAT Council endorse The North Shore Purple Chair Campaign as a North Shore–wide community awareness initiative aimed at reducing stigma and raising awareness for the toxic drug crisis.

THAT Council support the display of purple chair installations in visible municipal spaces (e.g., libraries, community recreation centres, parks, and civic plazas) in coordination with the North Shore Homelessness Task Force and other community partners.

THAT Council direct relevant municipal departments (e.g. Parks, Facilities, Community Planning, and Communications) to coordinate internally and with campaign partners to support implementation where feasible targeting two to three locations within the District.

THAT Council direct the Communications Department to promote the campaign through municipal communication channels and include a link to the Purple Chair Campaign webpage hosted by the North Shore Homelessness Task Force.

THAT Council members be invited to participate in campaign events, including International Overdose Awareness Day on August 31, 2026, as schedules permit.

AND THAT staff report back after International Overdose Awareness Day on August 31, 2026, with information on impact and outcomes.

CARRIED

9. REPORTS

9.1. Mayor

Nil

9.2. Chief Administrative Officer

Nil

9.3. Councillors

Nil

9.4. Metro Vancouver Committee Appointees

Nil

10. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Councillor MURI

SECONDED by Mayor LITTLE

THAT the March 2, 2026 Regular Meeting of Council for the District of North Vancouver is adjourned.

CARRIED
(10:25 p.m.)



Mayor

Corporate Officer