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**THE CORPORATION OF THE DISTRICT OF WEST VANCOUVER  
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING MINUTES  
MUNICIPAL HALL COUNCIL CHAMBER  
AND VIA ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION FACILITIES  
OCTOBER 28, 2024**

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Council: Mayor M. Sager and Councillors C. Cassidy, N. Gambioli, P. Lambur, S. Snider, S. Thompson, and L. Watt.

Staff: S. Findlay, Municipal Manager; S. Ketler, Deputy Municipal Manager/Director, Parks, Culture & Community Services; H. Dallas, Senior Manager, Legislative Services/ Corporate Officer; J. Bailey, Director, Planning & Development Services; H. Keith, Senior Manager, Climate Action & Environment; and P. Cuk, Manager, Legislative Operations/Deputy Corporate Officer.

### **CALL TO ORDER**

1. The meeting was called to order at 4:30 p.m.

### **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

2. **Approval of October 28, 2024 Committee of the Whole Meeting Agenda**

MOVED by Lambur, seconded by Snider:

THAT the October 28, 2024 Committee of the Whole meeting agenda be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

### **REPORTS**

3. **Urban Forest Management Plan** (File: 0332-01)

Councillor Watt left the meeting at 4:30 p.m. and returned at 4:31 p.m. Councillor Thompson left the meeting at 4:49 p.m. and returned at 4:50 p.m.

Staff provided a presentation and responded to Council's questions. Council members commented.

T. Reinsch (address not provided) commented expressing support for reducing the minimum protection size for trees greater than 20cm in diameter, and provided other suggestions for implementing the Urban Forest Management Plan.

R. Fassler (address not provided) expressed frustration with the process, commented regarding climate change generally, and requested Council act on reducing the minimum protection size for trees greater than 20cm in diameter.

M. Gamel (address not provided) commented expressing support for reducing the minimum protection size for trees greater than 20cm in diameter, and provided examples of protected tree sizes in other jurisdictions.

G. Powroznik (address not provided) commented regarding safety concerns for existing trees on private and public lands, and support for education efforts around tree

protection.

D. Reinsch (West Vancouver resident) commented regarding tree protection on private property, reducing the minimum tree protection size, and referenced recent tree planting on the highway between exit 7 and 8.

Council members commented, and staff responded to Council's questions.

MOVED by Gambioli, seconded by Cassidy:

THAT the Committee of the Whole recommend that Council direct that staff focus efforts on actions from the Urban Forest Management Plan in the areas of:

1. Managing existing trees by:
  - a. improving tree protecting during construction;
  - b. lowering protected tree size on private property;
  - c. proactive tree maintenance of public trees, and replacement of dead/dying trees;
2. Growing urban forest by:
  - a. increasing tree replacement and planting requirements;
  - b. maintaining tree density pre/post construction via the zoning bylaw;
  - c. including provisions for tree replacement within the zoning bylaw;
  - d. implementing a tree give-away/discounted tree program, and work closely with residents to plant more trees on public lands; and

to bring forward for Council consideration.

Council members commented. The question was called on the motion.

CARRIED

#### **PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS**

##### **4. Public Questions and Comments**

There were not public questions or comments.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

##### **5. Adjournment of October 28, 2024 Committee of the Whole Meeting**

By unanimous consent, Council approved:

THAT the October 28, 2024 Committee of the Whole meeting be adjourned.  
(6:05 p.m.)

CARRIED

Certified Correct:

*[Original signed by Mayor]*

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MAYOR

*[Original signed by Corporate Officer]*

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CORPORATE OFFICER